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We meet every alternate Thursday at THE ANTELOPE, 3, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata - 700071 at 8.00 pm.		
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ROTARY COMMITS FUNDS TO POLIO OUTBREAK RESPONSE IN GAZA

By Rotary International

The recent detection of variant poliovirus type-2 isolates in environmental samples and the confirmation of a 10-month-old child who has contracted polio in Gaza is a stark reminder that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere.

The ongoing crisis in Gaza has contributed to reduced routine immunization rates and an increased risk of vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio. The crisis also poses a significant challenge to fully implementing disease surveillance and vaccination campaigns.

The World Health Organization (WHO) considers there to be a high risk for the spread of this polio strain within Gaza and internationally, particularly given the current situation's impact on public health services.

A humanitarian pause allowed a two-round polio vaccination campaign to begin in Gaza. The first round was successfully implemented from 1-12 September 2024 and vaccinated 559,161 children, or an estimated 95% of eligible children at the governorate level, according to independently conducted post-campaign monitoring.

The second round of the emergency polio vaccination campaign in Gaza began on 14 October. The campaign started in Central Gaza, vaccinating children under ten years old with nOPV2, where children aged between 2-9 years old were also offered Vitamin A.

As of 23 October, the Polio Technical Committee for Gaza, including the Palestinian Ministry of Health, WHO, UNICEF, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), and **partners have been compelled to postpone the third phase of the polio vaccination campaign.** This final phase aimed to vaccinate 119,279 children across northern Gaza.

The current conditions, including ongoing attacks on civilian infrastructure, continue to jeopardize people's safety and movement in northern Gaza, making it impossible for families to bring their children for vaccination safely and health workers to operate.

Rotary committed US\$500,000 to bolster the initiative, channeling these funds through a dedicated Polio Outbreak Response Fund. This contribution represents Rotary's sustained support to the WHO in combating polio globally.

Rotary will continue to work with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and other agencies as vaccination efforts unfold.

Financial contributions to the PolioPlus fund will help Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners achieve a world in which no child is paralyzed by polio again.

Follow the latest on the polio vaccination campaign in Gaza.

— October 2024



PP Rtn Saumendra at Interact Stall at Winter Carnival organised by DPS Megacity

Wedding Greetings

18 Jan : Rtn Ram Prasad & Madhuri Chattopadhyay
20 Jan : Rtn Chandra Kr. & Rtn Angana Paul
21 Jan : Rtn Kamal & Madhumita Paul



Demonstration given to the young girls on Self Defence techniques

Birthday Greetings

01 Jan : Bhoomika, D/o Rtn Srikanta & Rtn Dr Indrani Basu Mallik

01 Jan : Rtn Tapas Kumar Adalder

02 Jan : Madhuri Chattopadhyay,
W/o Rtn Ram Prasad Chattopadhyay

05 Jan : Mahuya Mondal,
W/o Rtn Tapas Kumar Adalder

07 Jan : Rtn Dr Binayak Chanda

11 Jan : Paulomi Ghosh, W/o Rtn Subhashis Ghosh

14 Jan : Dibyani Garg, W/o Rtn Hara Prasad Garg

FAMILY TIES - A GLIMPSE INTO THE PERSONAL LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS



On the 20th of December, 2024, Offbeat CCU was abuzz with excitement as a budding **Chef Suvankhi**, daughter of PP Rtn Shubadip and Sohini showcased her remarkable culinary skills to an eager audience of around 50 people. This young chef not only impressed the crowd with her talent and creativity in the kitchen but also demonstrated a heart of gold by dedicating the proceeds of the event to **CRY (Child Rights and You)**, an organization committed to protecting and advocating for children's rights in India. The event was a

heartwarming blend of gastronomy and philanthropy, leaving a lasting impact on all who attended. It was a night to remember, where food became a medium for hope and change.



Minutes of the 1613th Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta North East held at The Antelope, 3, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata - 700071 on 11.12.24 at 8.00 PM.

- ❖ President Rtn Subasish Halder called the meeting to order followed by National Anthem lead by PP Rtn Haraprasad Garg. President welcomes all the members and their family in the meeting.
- ❖ President then, informed about the upcoming project “ Virangana “, a district lead program on Empowering Girls through Self Defence Awareness Workshop, it will be held at RCC Kankinara. One coordinator, one physical trainer and one counsellor will be representing Dist. 3291. RCCNE will arrange lunch to all the participants and pay for Rs. 2000 to District expenses.
- ❖ President then informed about that RCC Kankinara is also going to organise “Yuva Utsav” on 19th Jan 2024. Drawing/ Painting competition will be sponsored by RCCNE. Rs. 3000 and Drawing paper will be provided by President.
- ❖ President then announced about the District Conference “Sammelan” scheduled on 3rd, 4th, and 5th of January 2025. He insisted and requested all the members to attend the program.
- ❖ President then announced the Annual picnic day of RCCNE. Date is proposed as 23rd January 2025 and the venue will be PP Rtn Vivekananda Bhowmick Madhyamgram House.
- ❖ President announced the next Board meeting date as 22nd December 2024 at the residence of PP Rtn Subhashis Ghosh.
- ❖ President then requested PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul to give the status of “Maa” project accounts. The final account is yet to be made since there are few more donations in the pipeline.
- ❖ Secretarial Business was done by the Club secretary Rtn Swapnamita Roy. The next Regular meeting will be held on 9th January 2025. President will try to organise a joint meeting with one of RCCNE close associate Club of Dist 3291.
- ❖ President then called for the Annual meeting, started with IPP Rtn Vivekananda Bhowmik. The Final audited accounts of 2023-24 were presented in front of club members.
- ❖ President handed over the stage to PE Rtn Angana Paul to declare the Board and planning for the upcoming year 2025-26.
- ❖ PE Rtn Angana presented her Team of 2025-2026.

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Sergeant at Arms	Rtn Swapnamita Roy
Membership Screening Committee	PP Rtn Subhashis Kar, PP Rtn Srikanta Basu Mallik, PP Rtn Sudip Kr Dutta
- ❖ PE then placed the Budget and Projects planned for the year 2025-26. She mentioned about Thalassemia Awareness Camps detection, Project at schools, School building renovation and repair, Dhoni Project, Maa project, Eye treatment setup, etc.
- ❖ PE also declared PP Rtn Ramprasad Chattopadhyay as the chairman of “Maa” and PP Rtn Vivekananda Bhowmick as Co-chairman.
- ❖ PE then proposed to increase the Annual Subscription to Rs. 17000/- since the expenses like meeting venue cost is increasing. She also proposed the Charter night charges as Rs. 2500/-.
- ❖ PE announced the Installation day on 19th June 2025, AG Visit on 30th October 2025, DG visit 14th November 2025 and 11th May as District Training.
- ❖ President then terminated the Regular meeting with no other agenda left and invited all the members to join for fellowship.
- ❖ Family Fellowship and dinner was sponsored by PE Rtn Angana Paul.



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**PE Rtn Angana with Interact Coordinator Keya Ghosh
at winter carnival of DPS Megacity**



**President Rtn Subasish and PP Rtn Biswajit at
District Conference Samellan**

Project Report : Urangana

Date : 21st December, 2024

Venue : Swami ji Sangha, Kakinara (RRC)

President Subasish Halder and Treasurer Sukanta Khan joined the project with Instructor Mr. Anindya Banerjee, Dietitian Miss Albira Aziz, and Psychologist Miss Srijita Kar Gupta. Self defence was taught to the teenager girls. 40 girls took interest in the project. RCCNE arranged for their breakfast and lunch. The approximate cost for the project was Rs. 10,000.

As reported by Rtn Subasish Halder



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