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Minutes of the RWM 2784 held at the Mahendra Smriti Sabhaghar RC Dumdum on 02.05.25 at 6.30 pm

ADDRESS:

President **Rtn. Sanjib Roy** called the meeting to order and extended a warm welcome to **Mr. Kallol Sarkar** from VLCC Health Care Ltd., his team, and all attending members.



BEGINNING:

The meeting commenced with the National Anthem, led by **Rtn. Suman Guha** at the President's request.

CLUB BUSINESS:

Secretary **Rtn. Chinmay Roy** conducted the club's business:
a) Advanced birthday greetings were conveyed to **PP Rtn. Julie Saha**, celebrating her birthday on May 8th. Members joined in the congratulations.
b) The receipt of the newsletter 'METRO VOICE' from RC Calcutta Metropolitan was announced.



c) To assess the current status of

Project NIA and conduct a refresher workshop for future progress, Prof. Dr. Krishnendu Achariya and his team visited the field at *Majhergram, Nadia*, on May 1st. Fourteen Rotarians participated in the program, which was attended by over 50 farmers. The progress was found to be highly satisfactory, and participants expressed their happiness and welcomed the next steps.

d) Members attending the visit were requested to contribute ₹500.00 each to reimburse the logistical expenses.



Samagam III

**Saturday & Sunday
17 & 18 May
2025**

President
Team
Meet
Secretary
Zonal Secretary
Assistant Governor

**Hotel Sonar Bangla
Joypur Forest**

Registration:
Double Sharing: Rs 5700/-
Single Accommodation: Rs 9000/- | Triple Sharing: Rs 4700/-
(Inclusive of Two Lunches, One Dinner, One Evening Snacks, One Breakfast and accommodation as per registration)

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e) It was announced that the District Meet 'SAMAGAM III' would be held on May 17th at Hotel Sonar Bangla, Joypur Forest, for Assistant

Governor, Zonal Secretary, President, Secretary, and their teams to participate. The registration fee, inclusive of accommodation, is ₹9000 for single, ₹5700 for double, and ₹4700 for triple sharing.

DISCUSSION:

a) The President informed that **PE Rtn. Sekhar Chatterjee** had been admitted to the hospital for minor surgery scheduled for May 2nd. Members wished him a speedy recovery.



b) Upon request, **Rtn. Indranil Sengupta** and **Rtn. Sanchita Sarkar** shared updates regarding the progress of the Project NIA. Both expressed happiness with the project's advancement and thanked everyone involved, especially Prof. Dr. Achariya, Project Director PP Rtn. Rupankar Sengupta, and Mr. Tarasankar Banerjee, Secretary of RCC *Dipsankar Memorial Welfare Trust*.



A hidden 'army' is on the frontlines of immunization in Pakistan

What it takes to manage 400,000-plus polio eradication workers

By Etelka Lehoczky, April 2025

c) **Mr. Kallol Sarkar** and his VLCC team were invited for their scheduled presentation on lifestyle and fitness. They emphasized the importance of a healthy lifestyle and suggested simple ways to achieve feasible fitness, also showcasing some of their products. The guests were thanked for sharing their knowledge and were greeted with a round of applause. Members were highly enlightened by their presentation and interacted enthusiastically.



d) The President informed members that **Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury**, International Projects Chairman of RC Calcutta, would be speaking on the Global Grant Project at the next RWM and requested all members to attend.

ENDING:

The minutes of RWM 2783 were circulated via email and WhatsApp. Eleven members attended the meeting. Sunshine contributions were collected through billing. The President concluded the meeting by wishing to see all members at the next RWM on Friday, May 9th.

You may never have seen a community health worker. You may not even have heard the term before. But these individuals, many of them volunteers, play increasingly important roles in health care systems around the globe. And they're essential to Rotary's health initiatives — especially the fight against polio and other diseases.

Community health workers are usually women. They have expansive personal networks that enable them to identify and connect with underserved people living around them. They often go from house to house, providing basic medical interventions and advice. In many countries, they're the main workforce administering polio vaccinations.

Another common focus of their work is maternal and child health, but even that can involve immunization support, says Svea Closser, a medical anthropologist and a professor at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

"They will do some basic checks, prenatally, and often accompany women to the hospital when it's time to give birth. Then they'll follow up after the baby is born to encourage the mother to get the baby vaccinated," says Closser, who has studied community health workers in Ethiopia, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and other countries. "And besides working with the polio campaigns in almost every country, they will also provide additional support for other vaccines: getting people to the places where the vaccines are being given, allaying parents' fears about vaccines, things like that."

Administering vaccines and educating people about the need for them are among the most important parts of a community health worker's job. That's particularly true in Pakistan, one of only two countries where the wild poliovirus still circulates. (The other is Afghanistan.)

More than 400,000 community health workers are deployed across Pakistan, including in the most remote regions. It's a squad that's second in size only to Pakistan's real army, says Israr Ul Haq, who has a key role in overseeing the vast group. He's a social and behavioral change specialist for UNICEF, one of Rotary's core partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Ul Haq recently talked about the demands of finding, training, and managing nearly half a million community health workers. In Pakistan, they're divided into frontline workers and social mobilizers.