

# Friendship Bulletin

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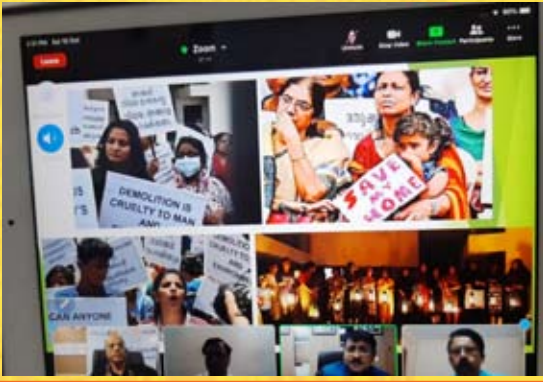
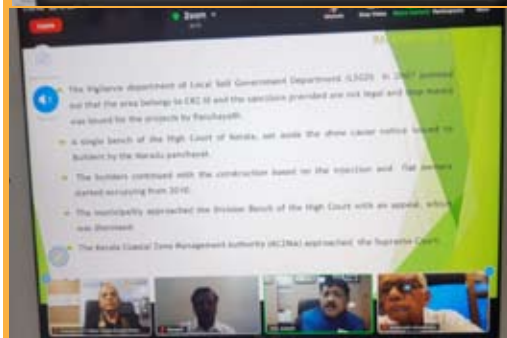
नमो देव्यै महादेव्यै शिवायै सततं नमः।  
 नमः प्रकृत्यै भद्रायै नियताः प्रणताः स्म ताम् ॥

Namo Devyai Mahaa-Devyai Shivaayai  
 Satatam Namah ।  
 Namah Prakrityai Bhadrayai Niyataah  
 Prannataah Sma Taam ।

**ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR**  
 wishes its members and their families a  
 happy and prosperous  
**Durga Puja and Navratri.**




October is  
 Economic & Community  
 Development Month



**Today's**  
 SPEAKER



**Mr. C. N. Singh**  
 Chief Electrical Engineer (Rolling Stock)  
 Metro Railway

**Joint Meeting with  
 Rotary Club of GUILDFORD  
 CHANTRIES and Rotary Club  
 of Dhaka Central, Dist.3281**

**Topic: Metro Railway  
 Present and Future**

Shri C. N. Singh belongs to Indian Railway services of Electrical Engineering of 1993 batch. He has done his graduation from NIT and was engaged in project work on reliability at IIT/Kharagpur. He has a working experience of six years in Metro Railway Power Supply, HVAC & System Design. He is presently working as CEE in-charge of Rolling Stock, Maintenance and Operation at Metro Railway, Kolkata since last 3 years.

He has served as member of the AITC Committee to reframe syllabus for the Electrical Diploma Course. He received Minister of Railway Award for facilitating Railway to win security deposit dispute, leading to large savings.

He is a Past President of Interact Club of St. Xavier's School, Patna. He spent his early childhood in Aararia and has done his schooling from St Xavier's, Patna.

## DEMOLITION OF LIVING STRUCTURES - A SUMMATION

Anil Joseph an engineer gave an inside report to the demolishing of 2 high rise buildings covering an area of almost 200000 square feet in Maradu at Cochin under the orders of Supreme Court for violation of coastal regulation zone norms. A highly demanding task both in sense of its sheer magnitude at the same time the emotional connect he had with these very building which he had built few years ago. Finally despite many odds he and his team successfully completed the assignment in this congested area.

## ROTARY NEWS

### Global Handwashing Day on 15 October 2020



Dear WASH Warrior,

Global Handwashing Day (GHD), celebrated on 15th October every year, is a global advocacy day dedicated to increasing awareness about the importance of hand hygiene, especially through handwashing with soap, and triggering lasting change from the policy-level to community-driven action. The 2020 GHD theme is 'Hand Hygiene for All', a call to action to make hand hygiene a reality for all.

GHD was initiated in 2008 by the Global Public Private Partnership for Handwashing with Soap, and is endorsed by a wide array of governments, international institutions, civil society organizations, NGOs, companies and individuals around the globe.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the critical role hand hygiene plays in disease transmission. The theme reminds us of the need to take immediate action on hand hygiene across all public and private settings to respond and control the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand hygiene must become everybody's business. It also reminds us of the need to build on the current momentum to make hand hygiene a mainstay in public health interventions beyond the pandemic and create a culture of hand hygiene.

Governments around the world are taking action to promote handwashing with soap on Global Handwashing Day and throughout the year. In India, GHD has been integrated by the government into its cleanliness campaigns to promote handwashing in schools, Anganwadis and communities. Millions have been reached with the message of handwashing

with soap through these initiatives. We as Rotarians in India have taken a pledge to support "Swachh Bharat Mission" and have been engaged various activities to promote the cause of WASH with a focus on hygiene in our communities through WASH in schools, healthcare facilities and community projects where behavioral change communication activities (BCC), hygiene education and promotion of handwashing with soap form an integral part of Rotary WASH projects .

Every Rotary Club & District is encouraged to celebrate the Global Handwashing day on 15th October or during this week.

There are many ways to celebrate the Global Handwashing Day. Some suggestions include inauguration of handwashing facilities, organizing virtual seminar on the importance of handwashing with soap, launching- hygiene, handwashing learning, and media events, organizing essay and drawing competitions on importance of handwashing, creating hygiene awareness through social media, celebrities and leaders as handwashing champions, online school behavior change competitions, radio campaigns, photo contests and distribution of hand, water drop, or soap bar-shaped stickers to people reminding people to wash hands with soap.

Looking forward to your participation in the Global Handwashing Day in a big way.

Thanks, and regards

Rtn. Ramesh Aggarwal

B. Arch (Hons) M. Arch (UCLA, USA), M.C.A, A.I.I.A.

Contributed by PDG Ravi Seghal

## CLUB NEWS :



Rotary  
District 2232



Rotary Youth  
Leadership  
Awards



### CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

This is hereby granted to

**Aloke Kanodia**

for participation in International event Rotary  
Youth Leadership Awards District 2232

District 2232 SCA Director  
**Peter Mejer-Rasmussen**

District 2232 Governor  
**Vira Sryyamina**

Our club is organising a project - *Suraksha* jointly with Khalna Vivekananda Dishari Pally Unnayan Samity at Vivek Bhaban, Khah, Joypur, Howrah on 18.10.2020. Members are requested to participate in this event.

**DISTRIBUTION OF MOSQUITO NET TO NEEDY PERSON**

**PROJECT : SURAKSHA**

Donated by :

**ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR**

Club # 16150 \* District : 3291

Date : 18.10.2020, Time : 4.00 P.M.

Venue : **VIVEK BHABAN**

Organised by :

**KHALNA VIVEKANANDA DISHARI PALLY UNNAYAN SAMITY**

**Khah - Joypur - Howrah**

**Ready for the answer?** As it turns out, all that's required to solve the puzzle is the ability to spell. Yes, the creator ordered the numbers in alphabetical order as they're spelled. So, the missing last five numbers would be 10, 13, 3, 12, and 2 in that order.

**Minutes of 2420<sup>th</sup>  
e- RCM ( Joint  
Meeting) of Rotary  
Club of Belur held  
on 10<sup>th</sup> of October  
at 5 p.m.**

President Rtn. Alope Kumar Kanodia Called to order the RCM and welcome the guest Speaker and other guests. Invocation of God was offered by Rtn. Kailash Kumar Tekriwal which was followed by recorded national anthem. The meeting was started by President Alope with the Golden words of ‘Confucius’. Minutes of RCM No.2419 was confirmed by the members. President has thanked to Rtn. P. K. Sharma, PDG Ravi Sehgal, and Rtn. Amitabh Mohan for their contribution to the club bulletin and he also requested other members to come forward with interesting material. As secretary Amar Malhotra was unable to attend the meeting so club business was conducted by President Alope. Introduction of Guest speaker Rtn. Anil Joseph was done by Rtn. K. P. Sajan. In his address the speaker informed the audience about the process of demolition of illegal construction at Mardau Kerala which was once a hot discussion of the media. He reflected that the mission was a real life challenge for the Government and person in charge to demolition of 24000 metric ton structure of two Highrise building of 14 floor each. For this the whole management team surveyed deeply every technique of the structure like “Conventional Top Down”, Wrecking Ball”, “Hydraulic Pressure”. He had to study Implosion, Building Plan, Remove Toxic Substance, Remove Non Load Bearing Walls, Covered INR 125Cr. For 40 old small house nearby the complexes, Special Explosive Expert were invited from South Africa and finally it has been decided that there will be “Blasting Vibration of 1000/1500 tons on the ground at a time, and in this manner work has been completed. Vote of thanks has been given by IPP Rtn. Ramesh Tiwari.

**Rtn Alope Kanodia, President**

**Know the World**

**NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE**  Germany

Neuschwanstein Castle known in German as Schloss Neuschwanstein (श्लॉस नॉइशवानस्टाईन) is a 19th-century Romanesque Revival palace on a rugged hill near Füssen in south west Bavaria, Germany. The palace was commissioned by King Ludwig II as a retreat out of his own fortune. The castle's perch on a hill gives it an imposing silhouette. It wears a serene surrounding of hues in green, white and gold in Spring, Winter and Autumn and is a travelers' dreams. More than 1.3 million people visit annually and more than 61 million people have visited this Castle. According to plans, the castle was meant to have more than 200 rooms but just over a dozen were finished before funds for the project were cut. Estimates put the total square footage at roughly 65,000 sq. ft. Neuschwanstein Castle was one of the final 21 world's landmark sites in the race to become one of the seven wonders of the world.

CONCEPT & CREATION: ROOPESH NAIDU

Contributed by Rtn Amitabh Mohan

**RIDDLE**

For some people, math comes naturally. For others, not so much. But this number riddle is stumping even the savviest mathematicians. In his riddle, the creator wrote down the numbers 1 through 19 out of numerical order. To solve it, you need to figure out the specific way he ordered the first 14 numbers and finish the riddle by adding the last five. See if you can pass this elementary school math test. It's a lot harder than you would think.

Here it is: 8, 18, 11, 15, 5, 4, 14, 9, 19, 1, 7, 17, 6, 16, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?



Confused? Here's a hint: you don't actually need to be a mathematician to solve this.

If you're still stuck, here's another hint. Which five numbers are missing? 2, 3, 10, 12, and 13. We just need to figure out which order those should be in. It can't be numerical since the rest of the riddle is out of order... so, what is it? - Please find the answer in this issue.



# Durga Puja Navratri and Dussehra

## 10 Lesser known Facts about Durga Puja

**10 is synonymous with Durga Aradhana as we worship her for 10 days.**

*Durga, Jagdamba or Mahishasura Mardini*, are few of her names or the form we worship her. Goddess Durga is an embodiment of shakti, courage, love and care. A powerful goddess who symbolizes the victory of **good over evil** and at the same time a mother who devotes her all to her children.

*Maa Durga* or simply *Maa*, as she is lovingly called by her worshippers, is one of the fiercest and widely worshipped deities of the Hindu religion. But despite all that we presumably are aware of Durga Puja, listed below is few lesser known facts about this amazing festival.

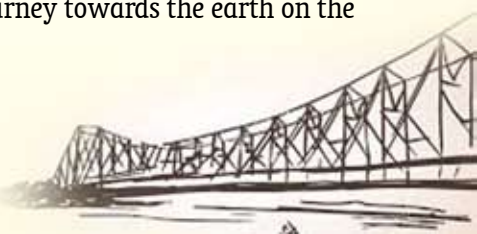
**1. Worshipping of Mahishasura Mardini:** Durga Puja commemorates **Rama's** offering to Maa Durga before going to war with the demon king Ravana. **Lord Rama** first worshiped the '**Mahishasura Mardini**' (the other name for the Goddess) or the assassin of the buffalo-demon, by offering **108 blue lotuses** and **lighting 108 lamps**.

**2. It was Basanti Puja:** Originally, Durga Puja was celebrated during Spring as **Basanti Puja**. The ritual during autumn (September-October) is different from the conventional one. So, this Puja is also known as '**Akal-Bodhan**' or out-of-season meaning ('Akal') and worship which mean ('Bodhan').

**3. Diverse forms of celebrations in different states:** The period of Durga Puja is celebrated as **Navrati** in the form of **Garba-Dandiya** in the western part of India, as **Ramlila** cumulating as **Dushhera** in the north and as **Golu or Bonalu** down South. Only in eastern India it is celebrated as **Durga Puja**.

**4. Interesting way West Bengal celebrates it:** Traditionally erstwhile Bengal was the hub for this festival. The **first Durga Puja** in Bengal was started by the zamindars of Dinajpur and Malda during late 16<sup>th</sup> and early 17<sup>th</sup> century. 12 friends or '**Baaro yaari**' or the **Sarbojanin Puja** was conceptualized in 1790 at Guptipara in Hooghly as the friends collected funds from locals to perform the puja, while this tradition made its way to Kolkata in 1909.

**5. Devi Paksha:** The phase of ascending to Durga Puja is known as '**Devi Paksha**' (Fortnight of the Goddess). It marks the end of 'Pitri Paksha' which is dedicated to deceased forefathers. It is said that Maa Durga alongwith her children starts her journey towards the earth on the first day of the Devi Paksha period.





**6. Soil from Courtesan's House:** The soil or the clay used for making the idols is collected from the banks of the river Ganges, or Hooghly as it is known in West Bengal. Tradition says, this clay should be mixed with soil taken from **nishiddho palli**, or forbidden areas, like the courtyard of a courtesan's house.

According to folklore, a priest should visit the courtesan's house and beg for the **punya matti** (pure soil). The reason behind this tradition is that the Divine Mother doesn't discriminate between her children. Therefore, Durga Puja is **sarbajanin**, that is for everyone.

**7. Making of Durga Idols:** According to tradition, the idol or **pratima of Durga** is made of clay and the accompanying gods and goddesses (four in number) are called **ek chala** (one cover). The eyes of the goddess are supposed to be painted last and in complete darkness, in the presence of only one sculptor. This important ritual is called **Chokku daan** (offering the eyes) and is one of the most touching moments for the sculptor who spends months creating the pratimas. The Chokku daan ceremony marks the beginning of the Divine Mother's journey in the mortal world.



**8. Different Forms of Pratima:** Various forms of **pratima** or Durga idols are worshipped during Durga Puja but the oldest and most conservative form are known as '**Sholar Shaaj**' and '**Daaker Shaaj**'. Sholar Shaaj idol is decorated with the white core of the shola pith (Indian cork). The tradition of Daaker Shaaj began when wealthy devotees came up with the idea of adorning the idol with beaten silver or '**rangta**' imported from Germany. Since in those days Rangta was delivered by the postal service or 'Daak' as it is known in India thus it got the name of "**Daaker Saaj**".

**9. Tradition of Kumari Puja:** '**Kumari Puja**' (worshipping young and 'eligible' girls), is a tradition started by Swami Vivekananda in 1901 at Belur Math. Kumari Puja is an inherent part during Durga Puja and signifies the divine feminine power. Food and gifts are offered to young girls by those who observe fast. Up North in the state of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh similar rituals of '**Kanjikas**' worshipping young and 'eligible' girls mostly upto the age of 10 years is widely celebrated.



**10. Preparations of Kola Bou:** '**Kola Bou**' or the banana tree bride, more popularly known as Lord Ganesha's wife, is prepared by adorning a banana plant. On **Saptami**, the seventh day of Durga puja, Kola Bou is bathed in the morning as a part of rituals and placed on the right side of Maa Durga's son, Ganesha.

## Birthdays

- ☀ Ramesh Tiwari on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2020
- ☀ Manish Bahety on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2020
- ☀ Manju Banthia on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020
- ☀ Jateen S Kapoor on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2020