



# Presidency



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## FROM THE EDITORS DESK:

Hope you all have had a happy and safe Durga Puja.

Though the Pujas were very damp, but I am sure the Goddess blessed us all and pray the Virus is defeated soon.

We at Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency had quite an exciting month of projects, webinars and a zoom fellowship which added a fun and festive flavor to the puja holidays.

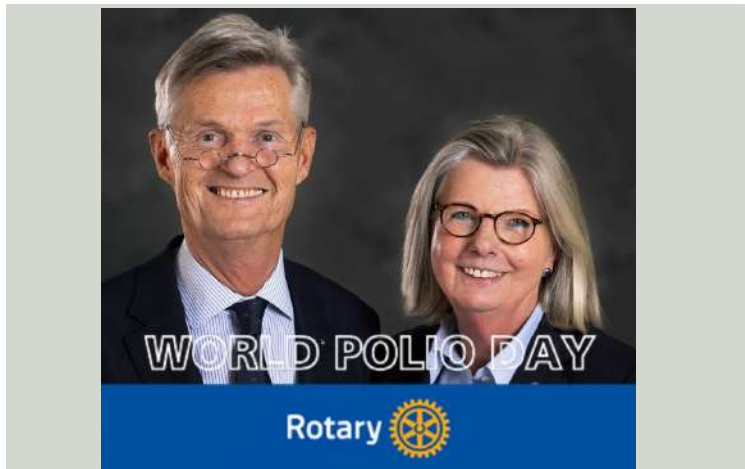
In the past couple of months we have been digitally active with quite a few zoom meetings; with impressive speakers on board. Due to the digital platform our outreach to speakers and fellow Rotarians from world over, has become limitless.

Amidst all the impressive webinars we also had on field physical projects; it was like SUNSHINE after Long Cloudy Days.

We at RCCP are inching towards the New Normal of course strictly by the rules.

We have a lot more lined up digitally and on field for the upcoming months.

Presidency Times is the face of our club and to represent true opinions, feedback from members is essential. We want to 'Engage' every reader and 'Change' the editorial for the better.



24th October is marked as the **WORLD POLIO DAY**- Rotary International observed this day with the theme "A win against polio is a win for global health"

Rotary's 2020 World Polio Day Online Global Update program on 24 October hails this year's historic achievement in polio eradication: Africa being declared free of the wild polio virus.

2.5 billion children across 122 countries have been immunized against polio virus. 99.9 polio cases have been eradicated but the fight continues.

Rotary's challenge now is to eradicate the wild polio virus in the two countries where the disease has never been stopped: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Routine immunizations must also be strengthened in Africa to keep the virus from returning there.



## Inching towards New Normal.....

On 18 October at 11 am we visited Ishwar Sankalp centre in Chetla. Six of our club members physically participated in this project strictly following rules. DGE Prabir Chatterjee was there to inspire us. Our club distributed gifts for Durga Puja : New clothes for 90 inmates with 2 almirahs, 3 weighing machines, suitcases and bags of goodies for all inmates. Inmates were happy to receive them. A small effort to bring a Smile on their weathered faces. It was a very satisfying experience for members who attended the project.

On 21st Oct visit to \*Premashraya\*:TMC Rajarhat, to give pre puja goodies to 33 Cancer Children .

Another physical project.

New Dress and Goodies in Bag for all 33 children.As the cancer children as highly prone to infection we refrained from entering the wards and handed over the stuff tobe distributed to Sudeshna Dutt , Operations Head at Premashraya ,TMC.

Farewell to Honorary Member Dr Ramanan who retired from TMC this month.

Message of Appreciation received from Tata Medical Centre

Greetings from Tata Medical Center. Every member of the Tata Medical family is ever so grateful to both of you & other members of your Club for having seamlessly 'adopted' our Premashraya and it's residents into your loving embrace. You have been donating such lovely gifts specially to the children residing there that they keep looking forward to festivities & the return of Rotarians as their Santa!! We wish everyone of you & your family members the very best of health & happiness for the upcoming Pujo & future ahead.

Take care & stay safe,  
Dr Ramanan,  
TMC, Kolkata.

Greetings from Premashraya, Tata Medical Center! All of us here are collectively grateful to you all for the donation of beautiful dresses and lovely bags with biscuits ,corn flex, Amul Lassi, Masks and Savlon Soaps for 33 children of Premashraya. Today we have distributed new dresses among all our kids staying in Premashraya , St Jude Child Care Center and few needy patients who are admitted in our hospital. We appreciate your wonderful initiative to spread happiness among our little patients just before Durga puja. Thank you once again & wishing you all a very happy and Safe Navaratri/Durga Puja.

Warm Regards,  
Sudeshna Dutt  
Head Operations, Premashraya  
Tata Medical Center

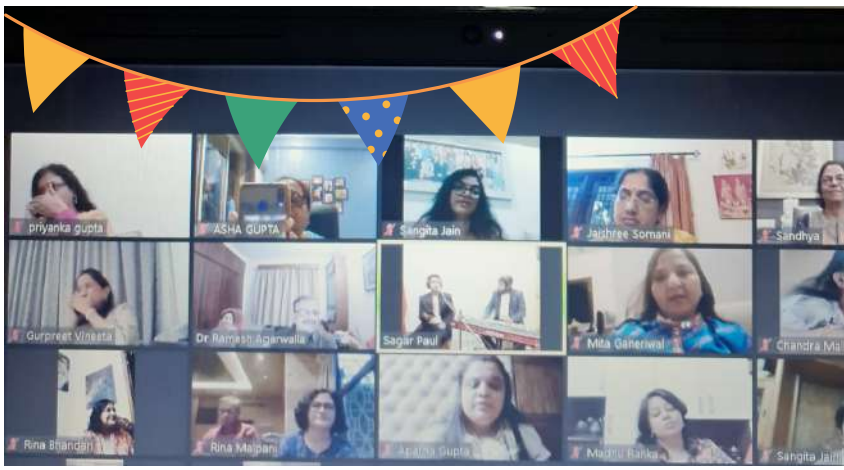


On 11 Oct RCCP in association with RCC Champahati celebrated their founder's day.Scholarships were handed to 12 meritorious students of Rs 2000 each , Rs 10000 was given for stationery for children , 500 t-shirts and 100 mosquito nets were distributed .



Under our Project Akashargyan Sponsor and Educate a child.

Cheques distributed to the parents for their children at Khelaghar School Bhagawatipur village, near Laxmikantapur



On 25th Oct a zoom fellowship, an evening of fun and frolic during the Puja's  
 A well conducted event of music, interactive games and loads of prizes to be won.



On 11 October webinar on Zoom with India famous lawyers -Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas .  
 Topic : 'Family succession- wills, trust and HuF.  
 Shishir. Bajoria ,entrepreneur , spoke very lucidly with his experience of building his family business and the succession plan .  
 Mr Cyril,Mr Rishab and Mrs Vandana Shroff threw legal light of issues of Family Succession and Wills Trusts and HUF.  
 A very well attended and informative Webinar.



on 26th September Webinar on Zoom supported by live on Facebook .  
 Topic of discussion was "Save Water Save Life" under the signature project of RCCP "The Water Story".  
 Main guest speaker was Dr.Rajendra Singh popularly known as Water Man of India who threw light on ways to harness rain water and make a difference.  
 Mr.Gurmit Singh Arora from President All India Plumbing Association -gave practical views and ways to save water in city settings.  
 It was a very insightful and informative session.  
 The session was thoroughly appreciated by various clubs who joined from Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhubneshwar Metro.



Rotary Calcutta founded on 26th September 1919 is the first Rotary Club in Main-land Asia. Huge achievement indeed !

Our Salutation to the great leader - first Rotary President from India in 1962-63 PRIP Nitish C. Laharry member Rotary Calcutta - who gave us the most inspiring mantra "Kindle the Spark Within".

Serving Humanity and Doing Good in the World through the Rotary Foundation. Celebrate the Rotary Foundation month of November through giving and sharing to the Rotary Foundation.

**How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"?**

There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians. There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more descriptive qualities.

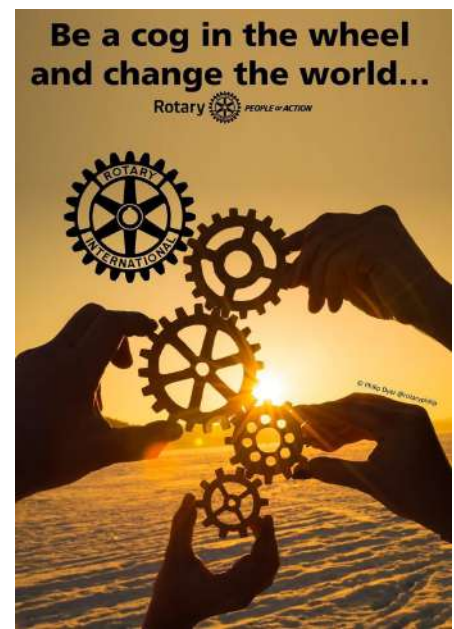
A one-sentence definition of Rotary is "Rotary is an organization of business and professional person united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world." Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"



"No one can tell us what Rotary will be tomorrow, but one thing is certain: What Rotary will be tomorrow depends upon what Rotarians do today."  
 — Arch C. Klumph



"We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others."  
 — Arch Klumph, founder of The Rotary Foundation



**Minutes of 121 RWM of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency on 17 October 2020 on Zoom Platform.**

Meeting was Presided by PE Rtn Asha Gupta in absence of Prestident Rtn Vinod Bhandari .

The members highlighted and discussed progress on going projects and webinars accomplished.

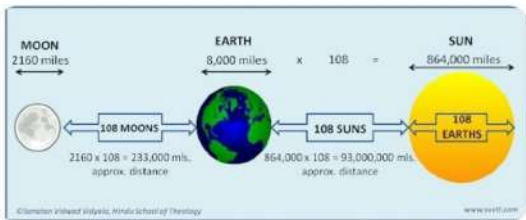
And also plans were discussed for the execution of the upcoming projects ; Ishwar Sankalp Visit an on field project after a long time ;the Premashraya- Tata Medical Centre project Visit was discussed and participating members confirmed .

Birthday Greetings for month of Oct extended.

Meeting adjourned with all looking forward to the upcoming physical project at Ishwar Sankalp and Premashraya. under New Normal guidelines.

**Did You Know**

Rig Veda is considered the oldest known text on the planet at pre 10,000 BC. It reminds us that the Dharmic culture of India knew the average distance from the Earth to both Moon and Sun were 108 times their diameters. How extraordinary and yet mysterious culture. 108.



**An Excellent one : A must read for all Rotarians**

In a telephone interview, the radio announcer asked his guest, a millionaire, \* "What made you happiest in life? "\*

The millionaire said:

I have gone through four stages of happiness in life and finally I understood the meaning of true happiness.

The first stage was to accumulate wealth and means.

But at this stage I did not get the happiness I wanted.

Then came the second stage of collecting valuables and items.

But I realized that the effect of this thing is also temporary and the lustre of valuable things does not last long.

Then came the third stage of getting big projects.

Like buying a football team, buying a tourist resort, etc.

But even here I did not get the happiness I had imagined.

The fourth time a friend of mine asked me to buy a wheelchair for some disabled children.

At a friend's request, I immediately bought a wheelchair.

But the friend insisted that I go with him and hand over the wheelchairs to the children.

I got ready and went with it.

There I give these chairs to these children with my own hands.

I saw the strange glow of happiness on the faces of these children.

I saw them all sitting on chairs, moving around and having fun.

It was as if they had arrived at a picnic spot.

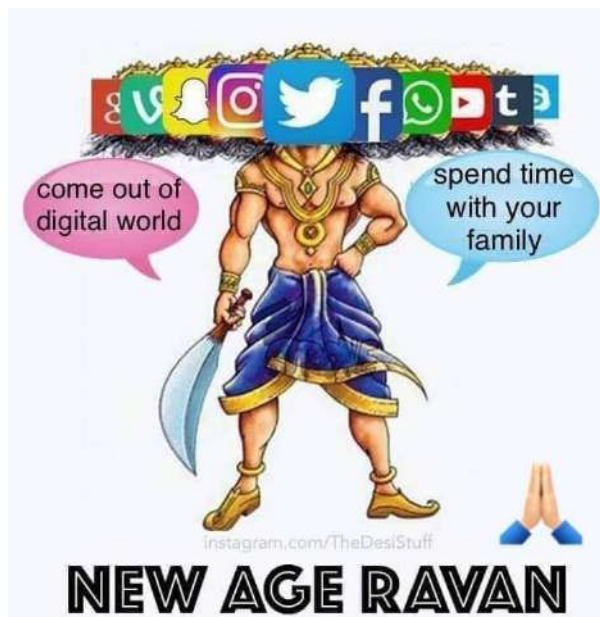
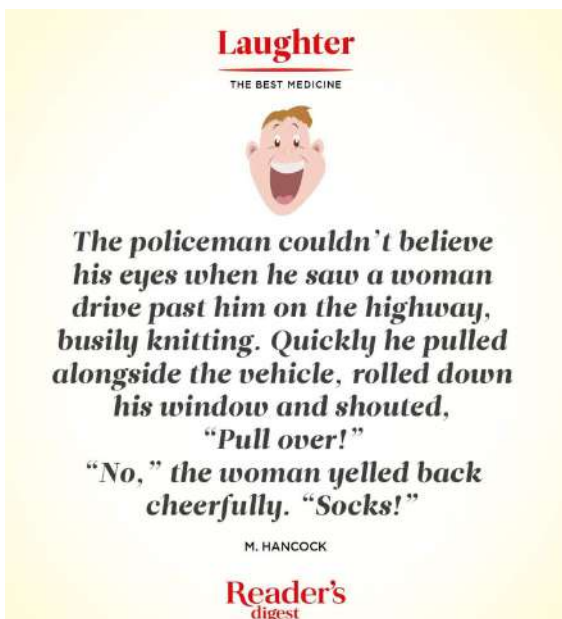
But I felt real joy when I started to leave and one of the kids grabbed my leg.

I gently tried to free my legs but the child stared at my face and held my legs tightly.

I bent down and asked the child: Do you need anything else?

The answer that this child gave me not only made me happy but also changed my life completely.

This child said: \* "I want to remember your face so that when I meet you in heaven, I will be able to recognize you and thank you once again" \*



Meet twice a month