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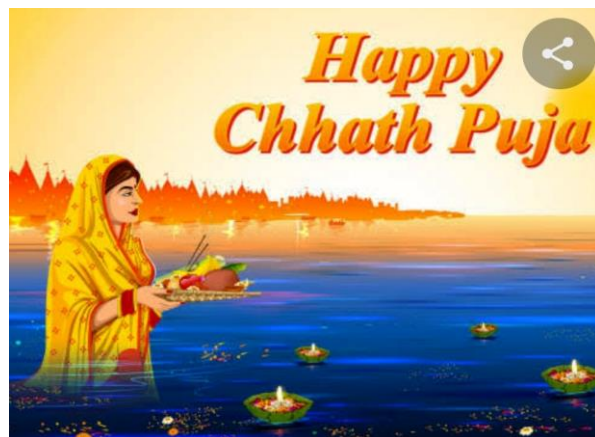
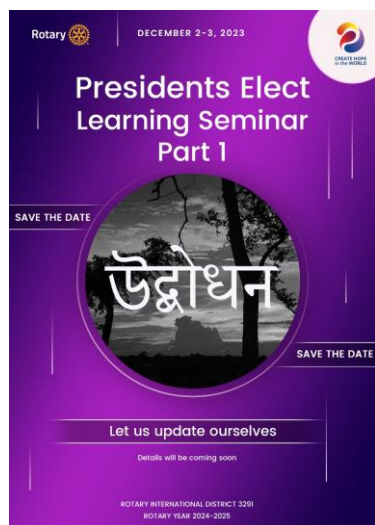
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**NOVEMBER ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

Date 18 NOV' 23

## Upcoming District Programs



**Chhath Puja** It is a Vedic festival that is dedicated to the Sun God (Lord Surya) and Chhathi Maiya (another name for Goddess Usha and a known sister to Lord Surya). The festival is called 'Chhath' because it means the number 6.

## Rituals and Traditions of Chhath Puja

The age-old celebration of Chhath Puja is dedicated to Bhagwan Surya (Sun God). It is celebrated to thank Surya for showering blessings and sustaining life & energy on earth.

The rituals and traditions of Chhath Puja are very hard as the Vratti fasts for 36 hours without a single bite of the food or a single drop of water.

**Day First:** Naha Khay (Bath and Eat) - The very first day of the Dala Chhath is called Naha Khay. On this day, the Vratti takes a bath particularly in the river Ganga & bring the holy water of the river to make Prasad at home.

**Day Second:** Kharna- A long day fast (without water) is observed by the devotees. They fast for a whole day and end it in the evening after worshipping Chhathi Maiya and eating Prasad.

Offering also called Prasad, are made of Rasiao- kheer, puris or chapattis and bananas. The Prasad is distributed among other family members and neighbors.

**Day Third:** Sandhya Arghya: On third day Vrattis observe the fast without taking water and food. The whole day is spent in the preparation of the puja offerings. All the offerings (Arghya) are kept in Dauri (a basket made of bamboo sticks), Supali (made of fine bamboo sticks) or in metal basket. The offerings are comprised of Thekua, Puri, Coconut, Banana, Apple, Orange, and other seasonal fruits. To perform evening rituals, people go to the banks of the river or pond or other clear water bodies.. >>>

- 1). District Bijoya Diwali meet -18Nov'23 at PIRATE BAY- Nicco Park . Regd. Rs 1600/
- 2) AG-ZS (24-25) Learning Seminar 25-26 Nov'23 at Digha
- 3) Presidents Elect Learning Seminar Part 1 2 & 3 Dec 2023 at The Creek Santiniketan
- 4) RLI GOA 24 on 19-21 Jan'24 at Goa

## Happy Anniversary

PP Rtn. Sunil Biswas &  
Mrs. Sampa Biswas: 20 Nov



## Get Well Soon our friends

- . PP Rtn Pradip Chaudhary from Diabetic leg ulcer
- . Mrs. Santa De from Respiratory Infection
- . Mrs Shyamali Pandit undergone Total Knee Replacement



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Shyamali Pandit : 13 Nov (Belated)  
Mrs. Namita Ghosh : 14 Nov (Belated)  
Mrs. Chandra Dutta : 24 Nov.



11 November 2023

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

"With great grief, we are to inform you the sad demise of **Rtn. Shankar Kumar Agarwal**, who has left for his heavenly abode on 10 Nov'23. One minute silence was observed to pay homage to the departed Soul. Members of Rotary Club Kamarhati convey their heartfelt condolences for the bereaved family members.  
Om Shanti."

Meeting was adjourned for the day after the Condolence meeting..

**MINUTES OF 2674<sup>th</sup> RWM OF ROTARY CLUB KAMARHATI HELD ON 04 NOVEMBER 2023, SATURDAY AT 6-30pm AT ROTARY CLINIC BUILDING, BASANTBIHAR, BELGHORIA, KOLKATA-56**

1. In absence of President, Vice President Rtn Rohit Goel took the chair and called the 2674<sup>th</sup> RWM to order and requested PP Rtn Dr. S.K. Ghosh to lead the National Anthem.
2. Acting President conveyed Bijoya greetings for all Rotarians and families
3. He also wished Happy Diwali greetings in advance to all.
4. Being requested by Acting President, Secretary Rtn. Amit Kumar Bhattacharya conducted the club business and got the minutes of last RWM confirmed, proposed by PP Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Sarkar and seconded by PP Rtn. Govind Singhal
5. Upcoming program: Annual Picnic was discussed and probable date fixed for 7 Jan'24 as desired by President. President requested PP Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Sarkar to contact and book last year's venue of Deoulti Nirala Resort. PP Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Sarkar informed that, this year rate hiked a little. If we book for minimum 50 persons a picnic spot will be provided free of cost. Our attendance in picnic is also around 50. So its suits us. If members agreed to this, then he will confirm the booking. We will require a transport vehicle. As desired by our President, so members agreed and requested PP Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Sarkar to do the needful.
6. Being requested by acting President, PP Rtn. Dr SK Ghosh spoke about their Basant Bihar Abason's Durga Puja. They celebrated their Puja as usual with cultural programs and community Bhog for all the residents of Abason for all the four days of puja. And they had their Immersion of Idols on the day of Dashami itself.
7. As there were no other points to discuss, President terminated the meeting after attendance, Clinic report and International toasting.

INTERNATIONAL TOASTING	ATTENDENCE	CLINIC REPORT
PP Rtn. Dr. S K Ghosh on behalf of President, Secretary and members of RC Kamarhati offered toast of Goodwill and friendship to members of RC ACTONIN, CANADA, RID 7080, Zone 22.	Rotarians : 10	Gen. Medicine : 29

Rtn. Rohit Goel  
Acting President

Rtn. Amit Kr Bhattacharya  
Secretary 2023-24

>>>>>**Kosi (Kosiya):** Kosi bharna or Kosiya is one of the most glowing and beautiful events during Chhath Pooja. After the Sandhya Arghya, in angna or the courtyard of the house, kosi is celebrated. Kosi is usually earthen pots or lamps that are kept under the shade of five sugarcane sticks or twenty four sugarcane sticks tied with a yellow cloth. The same ritual of kosi is celebrated on the ghats early in the morning before Bhorwa, Bihani or Morning Arghya.

**Day Four:** Bhorwa Ghat (Morning Arghya): This is the last or can say the final day of this auspicious and holy festival. The devotees gather at the bank of the river with their family and friends to offer bhorwa arghya (morning offerings) to the rising Sun. After arghya, devotees knee-down at the ghat to worship Chathi Maiya, distribute thekua and then come back to home. After their return from the ghat, the devotees or the vrattis take blessings of the elders and break their fast by eating ginger with water. This is the most important part of the ritual. During the festival, the female folks spend their night by singing traditional Chhath songs

