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Report on Club Programme held.



Cervical Cancer Vaccination

RC Kamarhati conducted a **Cervical Cancer Vaccination and awareness program** on 11 Jan'25 Saturday evening at Club premises prior to RWM. Cervical cancer is 2nd most common cancer among ladies next to Breast Cancer. This cancer develops in women who got infected with Human Papilloma Viral infection. Vaccination against this infection can protect more than 90% girls from this deadly disease. We have vaccinated today 22 adolescent girls with quadravalent vaccine CERVAVAC from Serum Institute of India. Serum institute manager made this vaccine available to us in a much cheaper rate as per MOU between Rotary and Serum Institute. District Secretary Projects(Medical) Rtn. Dr. Minakshi Banerje was present on the occasion and addressed the Girls and their parents about this cancer and its prevention with this vaccine.

Kumbh Mela, the world's largest public gathering.. The Kumbh Mela is one of the most sacred pilgrimages for Hindus and is recognized by [UNESCO](#) on its [Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity](#). The main festival is celebrated among four sacred sites in [India](#), each located along the banks of a holy river, in a 12-year cycle. These sites are: [Haridwar](#) on the [Ganges River](#), [Ujjain](#) on the Shipra in [Madhya Pradesh](#), [Nashik](#) on the [Godavari](#) in [Maharashtra](#), and [Prayagraj](#) in [Uttar Pradesh](#) where the Ganges, the [Yamuna](#), and the mythical Saraswati rivers converge. Each site's celebration is based on a distinct set of astronomical positions of the [Sun](#), the [Moon](#), and [Jupiter](#), the holiest time occurring at the exact moment when these positions are fully occupied.

Types of Kumbh Melas The Kumbh Melas, each lasting several weeks, are observed at various times and locations according to the Hindu tradition. These gatherings hold great spiritual significance and attract millions of devotees from across the world. The frequency of the melas varies, some occurring annually and the Maha Kumbh Mela taking place every 144 years in Prayagraj.

Tradition ascribes the Kumbh Mela's origin to the 8th-century philosopher [Shankara](#), who instituted regular gatherings of learned [ascetics](#) for discussion and debate. The founding [myth](#) of the Kumbh Mela—attributed to the [Puranas](#)—recounts how the gods and demons fought over the pot of [Amit](#), produced by their joint [churning of the milky ocean](#). **Samudra Manthana**.

To prevent the demons from winning the [Amrit](#), enchantress Mohini, an [avatar](#) of [Lord Vishnu](#), seized the pot and carried it to heaven. As she did so, drops of the amrit fell on the Kumbh Mela's four earthly sites (Haridwar, Nashik, Prayagraj, and Ujjain). At the climactic moment of each mela, it is believed that the rivers at those holy sites transform into vessels of that [primordial](#) nectar of immortality that conveys benefits to pilgrims. Another mention of the Kumbh Mela can be found in the accounts of renowned Chinese traveler [Xuanzang](#), who documented the magnificence of the Kumbh Mela during his visit to India during 629–645 CE. His writings highlight King [Harsha's](#) generous acts at the sacred [confluence](#) of rivers, where the king bestowed gifts and donations upon scholars and [ascetics](#). King Harsha was also noted for organizing a grand quinquennial gathering at the holy confluence in Prayag, during which he donated all his possessions. The term kumbh comes from the [Sanskrit](#) word kumbha, or "pitcher," the Sanskrit name for [Aquarius](#), the sign of the [zodiac](#) in which Jupiter resides during the Haridwar mela.

Happy Anniversary

PP Rtn. Dr. Samir Kr Ghosh &
.Dr. Mrs. Mita Ghosh : 18 January

Rtn. Ranjit Shaw
& Mrs Soni Shaw : 21 January



Upcoming Club Program At last Club Picnic will be on 26th January'25, Sunday at Green View Picnic Garden, Seuli, Sibtala on Barrackpore Barasat Road. Picnic spot already booked. Please ensure your participation.

MINUTES OF 2728th RWM OF ROTARY CLUB KAMARHATI HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2025 AT ROTARY CLINIC BUILDING, BASANT BIHAR, 22& 23 FEEDER ROAD ,BELGHORIA, KOLKATA-700056

- In absence of President, IPP Rtn Dr.Amal Khan took the chair and called the 2728th RWM to order and requested PP Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Sarkar to lead the National Anthem.
- Acting President wished happy birthday to Mrs.Laxmi Shaw(11Jan) and Mrs.Rajni Goel(14Jan).
- Being requested by President, Secretary Rtn. Amit Kumar Bhattacharyya conducted the Club business and readout the minutes of last RWM and got that confirmed proposed by PP Rtn.Govind Singhal and seconded by PP Rtn. Sanjit Mukherjee.
- Being requested by President PP Rtn. Dr.PK Pandit spoke on today's Cervical Cancer Vaccination and awareness program. Cervical cancer is 2nd most common cancer among ladies next to Breast Cancer.This cancer develops in women who got infected with Human Papilloma Virus.Vaccination against this infection can protect more than 90% girls from this deadly disease. We have vaccinated today 22 adolescent girls with quadravalent vaccine CERVAVAC from Serum Institute of India. Serum institute manager made this vaccine available to us in a much cheaper rate as per MOU between Rotary and Serum Institute. District Secretary Projects(Medical) Rtn.Dr Minakshi Banerje was present on the occasion and addressed the Girls and their parents about this cancer and it's prevention with this vaccine.
- Treasurer PP Rtn Dr PK Pandit requested members to pay their promised amount of sponsoring at least one girl child's vaccine cost (Rs.2520). He also requested those members who haven't yet paid their RI & Club dues for the year to pay immediately.
- PP Rtn Ratna Ghosh spoke on District Conference SAMMELAN , held on 3rd ,4th & 5th Jan'25 at East Side Pavilion of Niccopark.About 700 Rotarians participated in the conference. On first day I.e On 3 Jan was election of **DGND for 2027-28** and Nominating Committee Member in which Rtn **Purnendu Roy of RC Calcutta** and **PDG Ajoy Agarwal** elected respectively. Many thought provoking speeches by speakers like. Swami Kripakarananda, Prof. Anand Ranganathan, Management Consultant Jaiprakash Kabra, Filmmaker Anir, AI expert Biswajoy Chakraborty,Air Marshal Vikram Singh, Dr.Partha Basu ,head of Cancer early detection and prevention at France based International Agency for Research on Cancer, Jainab Patel-Trans Gender activist, Uday Kumar a para athlete spoke on Contemporay issues like, Artificial Intelligence , Cancer prevention, Thalasemia & Polio eradication, diversity,equity and inclusion and services of our defence sector were among the talking points. Good food with live music with vibrant house of fellowship made the conference memorable one.
- Secretary Rtn Amit Kumar Bhattacharyya reported about two back to back Health Check Up camp on 7 Jan'25 at Uday Villa Junior Basic School and On 8th &10th Jan'25 at Jatiya Vidyaniketan(Aided) Primary School. PP Rtn Dr. J.B.Ganguly, PP Rtn. Dr.PK Pandit and our Club Secretary Rtn. Amit Kr Bhattacharyya attended the camps. About 50 students of Uday Villa School and 300 students of Jatiya Vidyaniketan School were examined.
- 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. P K Pandit on behalf of President, Secretary and members of RC Kamarhati offered a toast of Goodwill and friendship to members of RC VIRAT NAGAR, NEPAL, RID 3292, ZONE-6	Rotarians : 12	Gen .Medicine! : 20

IPP Rtn.Dr.Amal Kumar Khan
Acting President

Rtn Amit Kr Bhattacharyya
Secretary 2024-25

N.B. Those who are yet to pay their Dues, please pay immediately before Annual meeting. Six members yet to pay their Dues