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Note from Rtn Rubali Chakraborty

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A chance meeting with Rtn Sutapa Roy in August, 2024, brought me in touch with Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers consisting of a group of wonderful people who were the classmates of my brother.

My journey in RCCP has been both enriching and inspiring. From the very beginning, I was welcomed into an environment that values service, leadership, and meaningful connections. Being part of RCCP has given me the opportunity to actively contribute to initiatives that create a positive impact in the community.

A very important aspect has been participating in various service projects in the areas of education, women empowerment, and medical awareness camps. Organizing events, and working as part of a cohesive team, taught me again the importance of collaboration and empathy. These experiences have not only helped me grow as an individual but also made me more aware of the needs of others.

A significant gift of this journey has been the friendships that I have struck during the last one and half years. Interacting with like-minded individuals who share a passion for service has been truly motivating. The sense of unity and shared purpose within the group makes every effort feel meaningful. The short Fellowship programs are the most enjoyable events with lovely memories and unlimited fun.

Overall, my experience in RCCP so far has been a journey of growth, learning, and service. It has reshaped my outlook, strengthened my values, and inspired me to continue contributing positively to society. I look forward to many more opportunities to learn, lead, and serve through RCCP.



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A preventable killer: Why so many people are still dying of cervical cancer, and what Rotary is doing about it

Women diagnosed with cervical cancer are almost twice as likely to die than those diagnosed with breast cancer. Yet cervical cancer is a disease that is preventable and treatable. What's going on?

About 90 percent of the women killed by cervical cancer — more than 340,000 in 2020 — live in low- and middle-income countries, where access to prevention, screening, and treatment is severely limited. And reproductive care remains a taboo topic, even when it means people are dying as a result.

116 global grants awarded to fund cervical cancer projects since 2014.

91% share of cervical cancer deaths in low- and middle-income countries, where access to prevention, screening, and treatment is severely limited

604,127 number of people diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2020

The Rotary Foundation has awarded more than \$10.3 million in global grant funding for cervical cancer projects since 2014, and other Rotary projects, such as an initiative in Alabama, have tackled this issue outside of global grant funding. In addition, \$2 million was awarded to United to End Cervical Cancer in Egypt as part of the third annual Programs of Scale competition. The Foundation awards these grants to evidence-based programs that align with at least one of Rotary's causes and are ready for expansion to create larger-scale change.

The four-year program in and around Cairo will vaccinate more than 30,000 girls ages 9 to 15 to prevent infection with the human papillomavirus, which causes the disease. It will provide cancer screenings for 10,000 women — allowing for early detection and treatment — and launch a public awareness campaign to reach 4 million people, helping address cultural misconceptions that may deter people from seeking care.

For Cervical Cancer Awareness Month in January, we examined the state of the disease around the world, and what Rotary members are doing about it.

Your Foundation money at work

Countries and geographical areas where global grants have funded cervical cancer projects in the past 10 years

How HPV infection can lead to cervical cancer?

Cervical cancer is primarily caused by the human papillomavirus, a group of more than 200 related viruses, some of which are sexually transmitted. Nearly all sexually active people will be infected with HPV at some point in their lives; most of these infections are harmless, but some high-risk HPV viruses can progress to cancer. HPV vaccinations before a young person becomes sexually active can prevent infection, and therefore cervical cancer. The cancer develops slowly, with five to 20 years between the first cellular changes to the actual development of cancer. Screening for abnormal cells and treatment when necessary can stop the disease from progressing and save lives.

Normal cervical cells -- Vaccination opportunity: 11-12 years old.

HPV Infection (Most infections do not turn into precancers) -- Screening opportunity 21-65 years old.

Precancers (May still go back to normal)

Cervical Cancer

(This story originally appeared in the January 2024 issue of Rotary magazine)

Monthly Projects

THALASSEMIA AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT SALT LAKE

A Thalassemia Awareness program was carried out at AE Block of Salt Lake on 1st February 2026. DG Rtn Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri and RCCP's Dr. Rtn Sujoy Majumdar did the honours of conducting the session. Special attention is being given to eradication of Thalassemia this year under the leadership of Rtn Dr. Homchaudhuri. This is a genetic disease whose treatment is very expensive and cumbersome but can be prevented by awareness and detection of couples planning for a baby. About 50 people attended the programme.

The project that cost Rs 5000, benefitted 50 people, and took 18 hours to complete, was led by Rtn Sanjukta Majumdar. She was assisted by Rtn Nabanita Khan, Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee, Rtn Sujoy Majumdar, Rtn Soumya Priya Mukherjee, Rtn Utpal Pal and Rtn Sarbari Ghose. Mahua Sengupta was present on the occasion.

COMMEMORATION OF WORLD CANCER DAY

On 7th February 2026, World Cancer Day, Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers joined hands with Indian Cancer Society to "rise against cancer" and marked it with a powerful demonstration of commitment towards preventive healthcare and early detection, by organizing a Cancer Awareness and Detection Camp. The camp was held at Ekta Floral apartment complex on Christopher Lane, Kolkata, and it witnessed impressive participation from more than 40 residents. In an insightful and impactful awareness session, the distinguished panel of doctors emphasised the importance of early detection, lifestyle awareness, and timely medical intervention. Detection tests were conducted ensuring that participants received immediate, evidence-based medical guidance. On-site facilities for screening and diagnostic support were provided by the esteemed Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, enabling seamless access to expert care. The project was covered in multiple news portals. The project which cost Rs 20,000, took 30 hours to complete, and benefitted 40 people, was led by Rtn Nabanita Khan. She was assisted by Rtn Sachindra Rao, Rtn Utpal Pal, Rtn Sarbari Ghose, Rtn Gargee Dutta and Rtn Rubali Chakraborty. Mousumi Rao and Mahua Sengupta were present.

CPR DEMONSTRATION & TRAINING PROGRAMME AT SALT LAKE

A CPR demonstration and Training programme was conducted on 1st February 2026, Sunday, from 11 am at Salt Lake AE block. This was a project for enhancing awareness about the requirement of CPR with the support of STEMI. Before brain death 30% patients can be revived with proper administration of CPR. A live demonstration was carried out in front of around 50 people. A dummy was used by 2 volunteers for this purpose. Our DG Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri graced the occasion. Those present appreciated RCCP for this novel endeavour. Quite a few from the audience volunteered for the practical demonstrations. The project which cost Rs 5000, took 18 hours to complete and benefitted 50 people, was led by Rtn Sanjukta Majumdar. She was assisted by Rtn Nabanita Khan, Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee, Rtn Sujoy Majumdar, Rtn Soumya Priya Mukherjee, Rtn Utpal Pal and Rtn Sarbari Ghose. Mahua Sengupta was present on the occasion.



HAPPY Birthday

Birthdays

Rtn Babita G. Saha

4th February

Rtn Jayanta Banerjee

25th February



Heartfelt Thanks to our Donors

Rtn Arunava Dasgupta

Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee

Rtn Sarbari Ghose

Rtn Sachindra Rao

Rtn Sujoy Majumdar

Rtn Nabanita Khan

Rtn Subrata Chatterjee

Rtn Rubali Chakraborty

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Rtn Gargee Dutta

Rtn Jayanta Banerjee

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Upcoming Projects

1. International Women's Day
celebration

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