



# Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



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## Rotary partners with world's largest postgraduate water education institution

*By Arnold R. Grahl and Wayne Hearn  
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Rotary clubs will be helping train engineers and scientists to solve problems in water and sanitation, particularly in developing countries, through a new strategic partnership between The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education.

Through the partnership, the Foundation will offer packaged grants that Rotary clubs may use to select and sponsor scholarships for professionals in the water sector. Up to eight students a year may be chosen for any of three master of science programs at the institute in Delft, the Netherlands.

Both the institute and Rotary share a vision of making water and sanitation more accessible and more sustainable for all people, particularly the poor. The partnership directly supports Rotary's water and sanitation area of focus.

"This strategic partnership with UNESCO-IHE enables Rotary to work with a globally recognized leader in the training of water professionals at a time when such experts are desperately needed in many parts of the world," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair William B. Boyd. "By identifying high-quality, high-potential candidates for these scholarships, Rotary clubs will play an important role in addressing a serious global problem."

"Eighty percent of diseases in the developing world are caused by the lack of water and appropriate sanitation," said UNESCO-IHE rector András Szöllösi-Nagy. "The cooperation with Rotary is an important milestone in the large-scale, global capacity building required to tackle this crisis."

Since 1957 UNESCO-IHE, the world's largest postgraduate water education facility, has provided master of science degrees and promoted PhDs to more than 14,500 water professionals from over 160 countries. The institute also promotes research and capacity building projects, manages a worldwide network of educational

institutions and organizations in the water sector, provides professional expertise on water education, and plays a role in setting international standards for postgraduate water education and continuing professional training.

### Sustainability

By focusing on postgraduate degree programs, The Rotary Foundation is making a long-term investment in water and sanitation, helping equip students with the research, managerial, and technical skills they will need to solve domestic problems by thinking globally. Working with the institute is a particularly good investment for the Foundation: most of the institute's students are from developing and emerging countries where the need is the greatest, and 87 percent of the program's graduates are still active in the field a decade later.

Rotary Foundation packaged global grants support large, international projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. Because the initial work of finding a strategic partner and designing the general framework of the project has already been done, Rotarians can focus their talents and energies on the implementation.

One hundred Rotary districts are participating in the Future Vision pilot, a three-year test of the Foundation's streamlined grant structure, which began 1 July 2010. All districts will begin using the model on 1 July 2013.

The Foundation has previously approved strategic partnerships with Mercy Ships, Aga Khan University, and Oikocredit International. Pilot clubs and districts interested in packaged global grants with UNESCO-IHE can find more information, which will be posted online soon.

### The 2012 Rotarian photo contest is open

**D**o you have a great shot from a fundraiser, international project, the RI Convention, or a local club event?

*The Rotarian*'s 2012 photo contest is now underway. Enter up to three photos that illustrate the spirit of Rotary. The best photos will appear in the June 2012 issue of the magazine.

## District Programme

12th December : PRESIDENT SECRETARY – AG, ZS, CO-ORDINATORS MEET The next very important meet will be held at Rotary Sadan on Saturday, from 6 pm onwards followed by Fellowship and Dinner where we will discuss about our Annual District Conference ANANDAMELA, DGN Election and other forthcoming Programs. Since, it will be a formal meeting, we are not inviting spouses. Registration is Rs. 300/- only including Dinner. Please keep that date free.

11th December 2011: PROGRAM ON HERITAGE AWARENESS & FAMILY VALUES from 3 pm to 6 pm at Sovabazar Rajbari Natmandir (near Sovabazar Metro Station), we are inviting eminent personalities, heritage families to take part in the program along with musical program. Zone 24 Clubs with other Rotary Clubs are organizing the event. RC Calcutta Old City is the Lead Club. You are invited to join this program as Host Club (Rs. 10,000/-) or Co Host Club (Rs. 5,000/-). Please contact Lead Club President Rtn. Balaka Das.

### Birthday Greetings

*15th December*

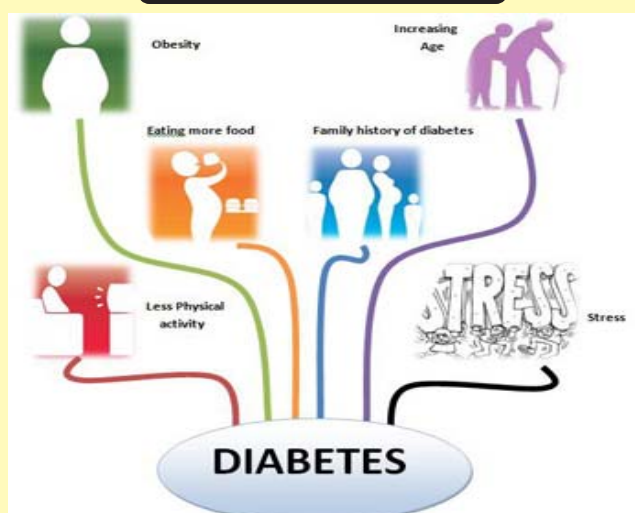
*Rtn. Sanjay Ghosh*

### Wedding Anniversary

*9th December*

*Rtn. Bivas Kr. Roychowdhury & Ann Rita*

### Health Corner



## Minutes

Meeting no: 1030

dated 02.12.2011

President called meeting no. 1030 to order.

National Anthem led by Rtn. Amal Bhattacharya

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- o President discussed the letter received from PDG Anirudha Roy Chowdhury, written in the capacity of Chairman, COL. President also announced that the club has to convey its opinion before 24<sup>th</sup> December.
- o The members present discussed the upcoming District event on Disaster management and also discussed the probability of c o hosting the same.

President handed over the meeting to Secretary Rtn. Sajal Dutta for announcements.

- o Secretary announced the Birthday of Rtn. Samir Ray on 5<sup>th</sup> December and Wedding Anniversary of Rtn Dipankar Sen & Anne Anjana on 6<sup>th</sup> December.
- o Secretary announced the receipt of Bulletins from neighbouring clubs..

Having no other business the President terminated the meeting

Members present: 8

Sunshine collected: Rs.160.00

## Rotary Information

Rotary in India started from this district in 1920 with the formation of Rotary Club of Calcutta. At present, District 3291 comprises of 130 Rotary Clubs with around 4000 Rotarians in 11 revenue districts of West Bengal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. We are in R.I. Zone 6A (with 7 Rotary Districts). All the three Rotary International Presidents from India had their roots within our District.

### Four Way Test

Is it the TRUTH ?  
Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
Will it build GOODWILL and better  
FRIENDSHIP?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all **concerned?**