



Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



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CONGRATULATION —INDIA IS 1 YEAR POLIO FREE

Polio free year, India's greatest public health achievement: WHO Washington: The United Nations, leading world organisations, including the Bill and Milinda Gates Foundation celebrated India's first polio free year and termed it as a major milestone in their fight against this dreaded disease.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General Margaret Chan, termed it as the "greatest public health achievement" of India, the Bill Gates, of Bill and Milinda Gates Foundation described it as a major milestone in the global fight against polio.

"This is a major milestone in the global fight against polio. Children in India are now protected against this debilitating, but preventable disease, bringing us one step closer to saving and improving the lives of all children," Gates said.

Gates in particular congratulated the Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, the Union Health Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad, and the Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal on this achievement.

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Celebrating the occasion, the World Health Organisation said, if all pending samples for the virus test negative, India – once regarded as the world's epicentre for polio – will become free of the disease for the first time in its history, reducing the number of polio-endemic countries to three: Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

"India's success is arguably its greatest public health achievement and has provided a global opportunity to push for the end of polio," WHO Director General, Margaret Chan said.

UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) Executive Director Anthony Lake attributed India's remarkable progress to strong leadership at a national and state level, which pushed for the launch of a comprehensive polio eradication programme that enabled very poor and populous states to have high immunisation coverage.

"India's achievement is proof positive that we can eradicate polio even in the most challenging environments – in fact, it is only by targeting these areas that we can defeat this evil disease," Lake said.

Remembering Swami Vivekananda on his 150th Birth Anniversary



First get rid of the delusion "I am the body". then
only we will want real knowledge

Swami Vivekananda

Headquartered in the US, Rotary International, which was majorly involved in the polio-eradication campaign in India, termed it as a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate the crippling disease polio.

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organise and carry out the National Immunisation Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," Rotary International President, Karlan Banneker, said.

Rotary launched its polio eradication program in 1985 and in 1988 became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, with the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, and the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Since then, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 per cent, from more than 350,000 cases a year to only 604 in 2011.

The 12-month milestone in India — where the last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal on Jan 13, 2011 — continues the progress of 2010, when the country recorded only 42 polio cases out of 1,352 worldwide.

However, UN health officials still felt the need of being vigilant. In spite of the current progress, WHO warned that there is no room for complacency.

"It is a very welcome milestone, but it is not the end of the road," WHO's spokesperson for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Sonia Bari, told the UN Radio.

Bari said the Indian Government must remain vigilant and respond very rapidly to guard itself against any importation of polio from other countries.

We meet every Friday, 7.30pm. at ' HARMONY ', 20A, Kali Mohon Banerjee Lane, Kolkata 700025

Minutes

Meeting no: 1034 dated 30.12.2011
 President called meeting no. 1034 to order.
 National Anthem led by Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta
 Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions:

- President informed the club that members of Santyasree Ashram visited him and submitted an estimate for repairing of the roof of a room which houses the school run by them and also proposed a Veterinary camp. The members discussed the proposals and decided to organise the Veterinary camp on 23rd January.
- President mooted the proposal of distributing Blankets to the poor and the members decided to contribute for the project. It was decided that the Blanket distribution may be held on 15th January 2012 at our RCC, Usthi Janakalyan Samity along with the SNID.
- President reminded the members that a committee of two members had been formed for verifying and finalising the estimate of an extension of school building by our RCC, Usthi Janakalyan Samity. Member, Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta differed and discussed about the modus operandi and suggested that the RCC should submit the estimate prepared by a competent person and then only our committee personnel should visit the building to verify the estimate. Members present discussed the pros and cons and decided to scrap the previous estimate and advice the RCC to submit a revised estimate prepared by a competent person.
- Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta proposed a dialogue with the school authorities where we constructed toilets in the previous Rotary year whereby we may take up or participate in the management and do some developmental work there.

President announced the receipt of Bulletins from the neighbouring clubs.

Having no other business the President terminated the meeting

Members present: 9

Sunshine collected: Rs.180.00

Obituary

On 31st Of December, 2011 Late Santasree Sen mother of PP Rtn Dipankar and on 11th January 2012, Late Gobinda Chandra Ghosh father of President Rtn Santanu passed away for heavenly abode, lets pray for the departed soul to lay in peace.

Club Programme

A blanket distribution programme will be held on 15th January instant at RCC Janakalyan Samity, Usthi in the morning, members are requested to join the event.

District Programme

RLI GRADUATE COURSE - PART I

At Rotary Sadan, Kolkata 700 020, Sunday 15 Jan, 2012; 9am to 4.50 pm
 Please register at Rotary Sadan / DG's office / Rajani Mukerji-98300-88881
 Registration Fee: 600/- (Includes Breakfast, Lunch, Tea and Course Material)

Health Corner

Super Foods for Keeping your Bones Healthy Orange Juice

Oranges are packed with essential nutrients like vitamins, minerals and calcium. They are a must-have for healthy bone growth. They can be especially used by individuals who have intolerance to lactose and cannot obtain their daily calcium requirements from dairy products. So next time you help yourself with a serving of fruits, make sure you have enough oranges in that.

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?**