



# Rotary Club of Sonarpur

Rotary District : 3291



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## My child and my cattle

*GPEI joins with livestock authorities to protect the health of nomadic families and that of their herds*

In January 2013, thousands of livestock owners are waiting in the camp of Hadjer Lamis close to the border with Cameroon. They are



preparing to cross the border to move their herds in search of new grazing for the next few months. "We are staying there for few days to vaccinate our livestock before crossing the border, and will stay in Cameroon for three or four months," said Adoum, one of the nomadic leaders in the camp.

In Chad, the mobility and the dispersion of mobile livestock owners lead to difficulties in reaching them with health services as well as with information and education. The prevalence of fully immunized nomadic children and women is extremely low, exposing them to a wide range of preventable diseases.

"Outreach human vaccination services rarely exist for nomadic groups. Reaching them is vital. Analyses show that preventable diseases disproportionately affect nomadic children. This is an under-served segment of the population," has expressed the Governor of Hadjer Lamis. The Chadian Ministries of Health and of Livestock Production (in charge of veterinary services), together with Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, non-governmental organizations and the nomadic communities organized joint human and livestock vaccination campaigns in this region where nomadic groups are seasonally located. Pastoralist communities highly value the combined approach that considers the health of their family members and of their livestock.

"It is the first time my children get vaccinated. I was aware about this campaign through the social mobilizers deployed in the camp. I need my children to be protected, as I am concerned and scared about deaths as a result of preventable diseases. As parents, I have the responsibility to ensure my children are healthy," said Amina Brahim, 20, and mother of two children. During the 10-days intensive immunization campaign, thousands of children under five years of age have been vaccinated and received routine immunizations, a simple and highly effective way to protect them from polio, diphtheria, tetanus and measles-rubella. Women between 15 to 49 years of age have been vaccinated against tetanus. Mobile teams have been posted in the camp to make sure not a single child is missed. "We found out that there were communities that were never being reached, either by the supplementary days or by the routine immunizations. The public health sector should use this kind of campaign as a gateway to the pastoralists. This may become a model for others who face similar difficulties in reaching remote livestock keepers" stated Gianluca Flamigni, UNICEF Chief of Polio in Chad.

Chad authorities and partners need to double efforts to reach populations that are entirely cut-off from health and other social services. The joint vaccination campaign approach is innovative, appreciated by nomadic pastoralists and less expensive than separate vaccination. By using the mobility of veterinarians in remote zones far from health care facilities, vaccination can be provided to nomadic children and women in countries with limited resources.

## Rotary International and PhRMA team up for "The World's Biggest Commercial"

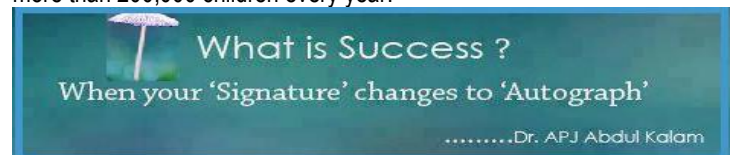
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Rotary International's innovative campaign to develop the World's Biggest Commercial to raise public awareness about polio eradication has struck a chord with the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

To help spur participation in the commercial, the largest pharmaceutical trade group in the United States has donated \$50,000 to Rotary's PolioPlus program – enough to provide oral vaccine to protect more than 83,000 children against this paralyzing disease.

Participants in the World's Biggest Commercial simply upload photos of themselves making the "this close" gesture with their fingers – as in, "We are this close to ending polio" – to the ever-expanding promotional spot at Rotary's End Polio Now website. In doing so, they'll rub "virtual shoulders" with such celebrities and notables as Bill Gates, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Jane Goodall, Amanda Peet, Jack Nicklaus, Jackie Chan, PSY and other high-profile Rotary Ambassadors for Polio Eradication. Since launching the campaign on World Polio Day (Oct. 24, 2012), more than 4,500 people in over 116 countries have joined the online initiative by adding their names and photos to the World's Biggest Commercial. Beginning February 1, highlights from the "The World's Biggest Commercial" will air in Times Square, one of the world's busiest locations. "Rotary International's effort to end polio is seen as one of the world's greatest public health advances," said John Castellani, President and CEO of PhRMA. "PhRMA and its members are pleased to have played a part in supporting Rotary in the effort to eradicate polio." Castellani said he also encourages PhRMA employees and PhRMA member companies to participate in the World's Biggest Commercial. In addition to helping Rotary set a new Guinness World Record, every person who joins the commercial can choose to add their name to a petition urging the world's governments to provide the \$5.5 billion needed to finish the job and end polio forever.

Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985, and in 1988 became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, now led by Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for disease Control and Prevention and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Since then, more than 2.5 billion children have received the oral polio vaccine, and the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent. Fewer than 300 cases were reported worldwide in 2012, down from 350,000 annually in the 1980s. Today, polio remains endemic to only three countries: Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan. However, experts warn that if the eradication initiative falls short, polio could rebound rapidly, affecting more than 200,000 children every year.



**We meet every Friday, 7.30pm at Hotel Park Palace, 49/2, Gariahat Road, Kolkata 700019**



## District Programme

16<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> March, 2013: Multi-District International RCC Conference – 2013 “SANDIPAN” at GEETANJALI AUDITORIUM, BOLPUR-SANTINIKETAN

19<sup>th</sup> March, 2013: ICM on “PEACE THROUGH SERVICE” at 6 pm at Royal Bengal Hall, City Center-I Salt Lake, Kolkata.

Key note speaker: RIP Sakuji Tanaka

## Minutes

## Meeting no 1178 Dated 08.03.2013

President, Rtn. Rana Safui called meeting no. 1178 to order.

National Anthem led by Rtn. Swapan Kr. Paul. Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

## Discussions:

- President and members discussed the modus operandi for execution of ‘Extension of school building’ at Ashram Anandam, the project which has been sanctioned by EIRWT.
- President and the members present fine tuned the programme and arrangements of Veterinary check up camp and Cervical Cancer Awareness camp, to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March at Ashram Anandam premises.
- Members present handed over an educational sponsorship to Suvronil Banerjee, a 9<sup>th</sup> standard student of Naktala High School, and deputed Rtn. Chandan Goswami to track the utilization of the fund.
- Members present expressed their concern about dwindling attendance in club meetings and urged for immediate constructive measures for rejuvenating the club.

President handed over the business to Secretary Rtn. Gautam Ray, who announced the receipt of bulletins from neighboring clubs, and upcoming District/ Club events before announcing the Birthdays in the ensuing week. Secretary handed back the meeting to the President.

Having no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members Present: 7

Sunshine Collected: Rs. 140/-

## Health Corner

## Important Tips +:

- Answer the phone by left ear.
- Don't take medicine with cold water.
- Don't have heavy meals after 5pm.
- Drink more water in morning, less at night.
- Best sleeping time is from 10 pm to 4 am.
- Don't lie down immediately after taking
- When battery is down to last bar,
- Don't answer the phone, as the radiation is 1000 times stronger.



## Club Programme

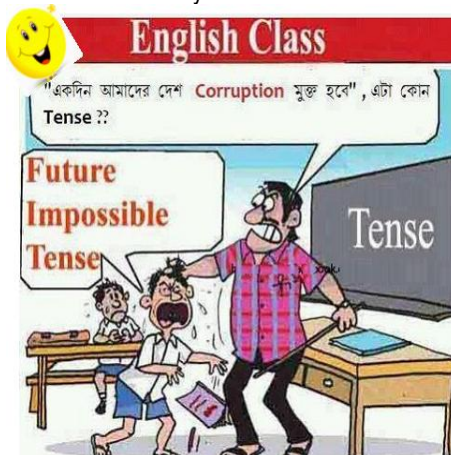
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## Rotary receives more than 2.5 million United airline miles for humanitarian projects

Rotary International News -- 8 January 2013

For the United's 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway, Rotary International officially came in second place and will receive 2,501,338 charity miles from United. Rotarians will use the miles for humanitarian missions, such as transporting sick children to hospitals and National Immunization Days for polio eradication. Last year, Rotary received 2,488,070 charity miles from the giveaway. Miles aren't used for travel for RI staff or Rotary senior leaders.



## Lucknow roads witness women car rally

TOI, Lucknow | Feb 24, 2013, 01.52 AM IST

The annual Lucknow women car rally organized jointly by Lucknow Times, Rotary Club of Lucknow Rajdhani & Inner Wheel Club of Lucknow was held at MB Club on Sunday. The rally celebrated the theme of women empowerment & women safety. Winners across received prizes in different categories including best decorated car, youngest driver and senior most driver among others.

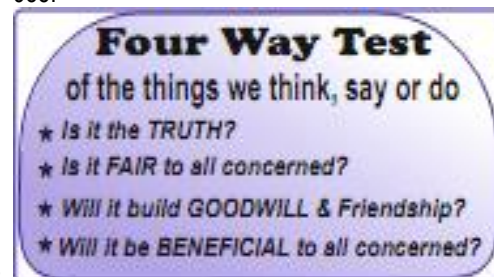


## Did You Know?

## Longest conclave was 33 months, youngest Pope was 18

In 1268, a conclave began that lasted nearly three years — 33 months to be exact. Pope Gregory X was elected pope, but not before residents of Viterbo, north of Rome, tore the roof off the building where the cardinals were staying and restricted their meals to bread and water to make them hurry up. Hoping to avoid a repeat, Gregory decreed in 1274 that cardinals would only get one meal a day if the conclave stretched beyond three days, and served bread, water and wine if it went beyond eight. While the meals served these days at the Vatican's hotel are by no means gourmet, the cardinals won't go hungry — no matter how long they take picking a pope.

Pope John XII was just 18 when he was elected in 955.



## Putting health first

TOI, Kolkata | Feb 25, 2013, 02.13 AM IST

West Bengal State finance minister Amit Mitra inaugurated two major projects of Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar in Kolkata recently.

The programme was held to commemorate the 108th anniversary of Rotary International and the 1000th meeting of Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar.

## Meeting overseas



From his office, Sakuji Tanaka, 2012-13 President of Rotary International, attends and speaks at a regular meeting of The Rotary Club of Cleveland, Mississippi, USA. It is the first time an RI president has attended a club meeting through a Skype Internet video call. The president discusses how important it is for Rotarians to embrace the next generation and new technology. 26 September 2012.

