



Rotary Club Of Sonarpur

R.I. District - 3291



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Rotary International and Gates Foundation join hands to boost polio eradication

Sumitra Deb Roy, TNN | Jun 27, 2013, 10.59 PM IST

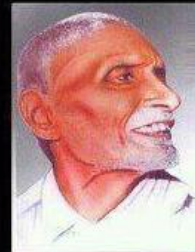
MUMBAI: Rotary International and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) joined hands to address the funding gap in the new strategic plan announced by Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) towards polio eradication. BMGF has announced to contribute twice the amount raised by Rotary International to stall polio from making a comeback. The projected cost for eradicating polio in the next six years is \$5.5 billion.

"Going forward, the Gates Foundation will match two-to-one, up to \$35 million per year, every dollar Rotary commits to reduce the funding shortfall for polio eradication through 2018," said Jeff Raikes, CEO, BMGF. The estimated cost of the initiative's 2013-18 polio eradication and endgame strategic plan is \$5.5 billion and a funding commitment of \$4 billion has been announced at the Global Vaccine Summit in April 2013. But unless the current deficit is met, the anti-polio campaign is not foolproof.

The campaign can be affected to an extent as the immunization efforts need to be sustained throughout the globe. The joint effort is called End Polio Now - Make History Today. "The value of this new partnership with Rotary is more than \$500 million (approx 3,000 crores). In this way, your contributions to polio will work twice as hard," added Raikes. Analyzing the critical phase at which 'Polio end game is at present, Deepak Kapur, Chairman Rotary's India National Polio Plus Committee (INPPC), who has been leading the effort for Rotary in India for more than a decade said, "GPEI's six-year end polio strategy is a global immunization plan with the goal of ending polio while improving efforts to protect all children, including the most vulnerable, with life-saving vaccines."

India has gone over two successful years without a case of polio and the surveillance and monitoring report indicate another strong year for India

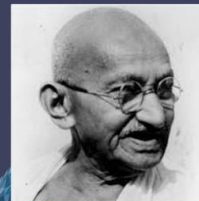
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He is the designer of our National Flag



Pingali Venkayya



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"There is no way to peace.
Peace is the way."

Mahatma Gandhi

to finally clinch the regional polio-free certification in 2014. However, the danger of virus importation exists because of the neighbouring polio endemic countries looms large. The eradication effort in Pakistan has been sabotaged time and again by radical groups, who have targeted polio volunteers, even killing some. "Polio can rebound and affect 2,00,000 children worldwide. More so in countries like India where a child is born every second and needs protection," Kapur said. Globally, polio has decreased by 99% to just 69 cases this year. Three countries - Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria - remain endemic for the disease.



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

Club Project Report

Members and Anne of the club assembled at Ballygaunge Bidyalaya & Shilpa Sikshayatan to attend the Independence Day celebration. President Rtn. Gautam Ray hoisted the National Flag and received Guard of Honour. Sweets were distributed among the school children after completion of cultural programme



Mrinal Smriti Scholarship awarded to four needy meritorious students of Ballygaunge Bidyalaya & Shilpa Sikshayatan. Club awarded another seven scholarships to seven more Interactors judging by same criterions.

Rotary International District 3030 distributes school kits to 1,700 children

By Snehlata Shrivastav, TOI | Jun 30, 2013, 08.30 PM IST

NAGPUR: Rotary International District 3030 distributed school kits, including school bags, uniform, shoes, note-books, water bottles etc, to 1,700 children from 17 schools in Nagpur under the project CAFE (Child Adoption for Education) from standard I to IV.

Speaking to TOI, Rotary International District 3030 secretary Dilip Chauhan said that this project had become an annual event for the Rotary now. "This project is implemented under a matching grant project of The Rotary Foundation. Rotary District 3030 India, along with District 4440, Brazil, have joined hands for this project and the Rotary Foundation pools in equal amount for this project costing Rs 11 lakh," he said.

The Rotary International District president Sanjay Meshram explained that Childline, an NGO working for rights of children first identifies the beneficiaries. Another institution, CAFE, run by Helplink Trust, provides the kits and other logistic support for this project. All Rotary Clubs also contribute in identifying needy students.

Jagdish Khatri, the project-in-charge for this project, Dr Madhusudan Sarda, Vijay Naidu and chairman and founder of CAFE Hemant Lodha and Ravindra Laskare also from CAFE helped in implementing the project.

BREAKING NEWS

K.R. Ravindran of Rotary Club off Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka, is the selection of Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2015-2016. Ravindran will become President nominee on 1st October, 2013 if there are no challenging candidates.

Ravindran's top priority for Rotary will be to increase membership. Also it is important for Rotarians to speak with a consistent voice and share their stories, especially through Social media so others can see the impact of Rotary.

PDG Dr. Manoj D. Desai, a spine surgeon from Vadodara and a Charter Member of Rotary Club of Baroda Metro since 1985 - 1986, is the choice of Zone IV Nominating Committee, as the Rotary International Director 2015-2017. After becoming President of his club in 1985-86 he became District Governor of District 3060 in 1997-98. Thereafter he served Rotary International in various capacities

**Upcoming District Event**

District Meet on Membership on **31 August** at Rotary Sadan at 3.30pm

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting no. 1198

Dated 02.08.2013

President Rtn. Gautam Ray calls meeting no. 1198 to order

National Anthem led by Rtn. Sarbendu Kr. Dutta

President Rtn. Gautam Ray welcomes Ann Sarbari Das and Guest Mr. Amitava Biswas

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions

- President discussed Club's participation in the Independence Day celebration of Interact school, Ballygaunge Bidyalaya & Shilpa Sikshayatan. Members conveyed their consent and endorsed President's proposal to distribute sweet packets among Interactors.
- Members present discussed and agreed to award 'Mrinal Smriti Scholarship' to 4 needy and meritorious students of Ballygaunge Bidyalaya & Shilpa Sikshayatan on 15th August 2013. Members present also endorsed President's proposal to award equivalent scholarship to 7 more Interactors on the same date and venue from the club's own fund.
- Rtn. Sarbendu Kr. Dutta informed members present that representatives of Kheadaha Jubak Sangha contacted him for club's intended visit to explore the possibilities of adopting the organization as a RCC. Members discussed and favored immediate inspection.
- President and members present discussed and decided in favour of disbursing the club's designated fund for Micro Credit loan to self help groups through RCC, Janakalyan Samity Usthi.
- Members of the Club discussed and agreed to host a Health Check up Camp at Janakalyan Samity, Usthi on 31st August 2013 subject to the requirement of the RCC.
- President enlightened members present about his discussion with DGSC regarding Club's District Grant application for distribution of Sewing Machines, whereby he was told that decision is pending in the District level.
- Members discussed upcoming projects of the club and requested concerned Club Officials to submit the Final Accounts and Completion Certificate of 'Helping Grant 0162', which has long been handed over, facilitating preparation and submission of a new project to EIRWT. President handed over the business to the Secretary who announced the receipt of letters, bulletin from neighboring clubs, the upcoming District events and Anniversary of Club Member before handing back the meeting to the President.

There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members present: 11

Sunshine collection: 220

