



CALCUTTA ROWING CLUB

15 RABINDRA SAROBAR, KOLKATA – 700 029

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Dear Members,

Warm greetings for the festive season and enjoy your Puja holidays with your family & friends. Durga Puja is the biggest festival of the year in Bengal. The City of Joy never fails to prepare itself in its most vibrant hues, where the very essence of 'Bangaliana' is deeply rooted in the emotions of the people. Durga Puja is a festival of togetherness; it brings families and friends closer to share the inexplicable bliss. Puja has remained the time to reconnect with people, who matter the most.

Durga Puja is considerably one of the most elaborate and grand affairs that the Bangali indulges in, wherever they live around the world. With the passing of time, we might have left behind certain elements but the essence of festival has remained above all unchanged.

We wait throughout the year for this festive time, when we get the chance to meet our near and dear ones who come from the different parts of India and abroad. We do puja pandal hoping together and indulge ourselves with tireless addas. This time of the year we feel the change in the weather with clouds floating in the clear blue sky like cotton flakes! The 'Kaash' flower blooms on the river banks and green fields. The sweet fragrance of the 'Siuli' phool hangs in the air. The first few dew drops fall on the blossoms spread on the ground early morning.

But this year, owing to the outbreak of the pandemic, our lives have gone through a metamorphosis during the last six to seven months which has brought in many changes in our lifestyles too. We are adjusting to the 'New Normal' phase and trying our best to adapt to the bio safety norms to protect ourselves as well as our near and dear ones.

This year we have to enjoy the Durga puja virtually or, digitally by all means to protect and safeguard ourselves from the onslaught of Covid-19. The overall economic picture is also quite grim at present with several turned jobless and the GDP and growth rate taking a nosedive as a result of the prolonged lockdown period practically all over the country. As a result, one can hardly see any smile on the faces of the people and the news of losing near and dear ones owing to the pandemic during the past few months have left us deeply shocked and numb with grief.

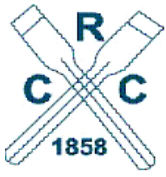
As you are aware, we have started a few facilities at our club w.e.f. 17th September, 2020 after the planned repairing and renovation of long pending work in the club. A lot of our members have enquired over phone about the functioning of the club but, footfalls have been minimal even during the weekends, which is quite understandable given the present surge in the number of daily infections and the various safety norms and advisories.

We have waived the minimum billing charges of 1st & 2nd and quarters (April to June & July to September 2020). But, we had to pay all fixed costs and salary for the last six months. We also paid the annual bar licence fee to keep the bar operation and all statutory fees as per rule. Under such circumstances, we would request our members to utilize the available facilities (at least off shop liquor purchase & take away of food) if they are unable to visit the club for a few drinks, socializing and dining. At least, that will help the club financially to meet the monthly fixed expenses. We are also trying to open a few more facilities after puja everything remaining well and hope that the approaching winter months will be more pleasant and more productive.

During this pandemic situation, we are trying our best to organize a few cultural programme virtually on digital platforms and intend to keep on doing so till it is safe to have live programme at the club premises. If you wish to show your hidden talent in this virtual media, please contact our committee member Mr. Argha Mitra (9830047907), for future programme and other details.

As you are aware, the liquor prices have increased from April-2020. Our Bar Member Mr. Dipankar Ghosh (9830910046) is trying his best to work out with different liquor companies for various offer schemes to be made available to our members. Please come and enjoy the offers and the ambience of both the reunited bar maintaining physical distance. We have already started accepting small party bookings to give a boost to our receding income which has been more or, less zero during the last 6 months. So, your visit to the club and utilization of available facilities is very important to enhance our food and liquor sales.

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From 13th October physical excises and Ergo Meter activity have started for CRC trainee rowers led by our Captain of Boats Mr. Benoy Chatterjee. The new renovated Multi- Gym will be opened from 1st of November, 2020 for members and their guest. Table Tennis, Billiards & Dart will also be available to members only. For details, follow the notice board.

There has been considerable value addition to our upstairs hall with installation of lift. Great effort by our Vice – President Sudip Dakshy. Now you may book small party at upstairs hall.

Our Club Kitchen renovation is complete and it has the latest equipment keeping hygiene and food standards in mind. Our Catering Member Mr. Caesar Sen has assured us off mouthwatering delicacies in the coming monts.

Please note that during Durga Puja the club will remain open on all days and food & drinks will be available. Dress code will be relaxed w.e.f. 21st October, 2020 to 31st October, 2020. Please strictly adhere to the SOP circulated earlier by the club committee for your health safety and maintaining both personal and public hygiene when you visit the club.

You may be aware that Calcutta Rowing Club as part of its initiative to honour Senior Members has been organizing **SANGAM** this **ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER** for last six consecutive years. This annual event is an exclusive forum for members, like you, who get an opportunity to interact with other fellow members of this group, who have contributed over 25 years for the development and welfare of the club and regularly come to the club despite their growing years. But due to this un-precedent situation, we had to call off this annual get-together for this year.

Gentle Reminder

1) **Bill Payment:** A gentle reminder dear member you are requested to please clear your outstanding dues. You may pay online (details in website) or Club Office is open from 11 am to 7 pm daily (except Sunday). Your co-operation is highly expected for doing the needful at the earliest. For further enquiry about billing, **please call to Md. Ishaque (M) 9433610910 / Mr. Rajnarayan Majumder (M) 7003994728 / Mr. Mrinmoy Mondal (M) 8777050568 or 9748857387.**

Our **online payment** details: - www.calcuttarowingclub.org.

Bank transfer details: Banker's Name : **INDIAN BANK, Southern Avenue Branch, Kolkata – 29**
Current Account No : **799091454**, IFS Code : **IDIB000S03**, CBS Code : **00537**

After making transfer, please mail to hony.secy@calcuttarowingclub.co.in or to hony.treasurer@gmail.com given payment reference number.

For off shop liquor purchase, please contact Md. Siraj (M) 9836808308 / Md. Phiroj (M) 9007979507.

2) If you wish to have your monthly bill by email only, please register your details by mail to hony.secy@calcuttarowingclub.co.in, so that we will not courier your monthly bill.

3) Our attire is our distinction. Our dress is indicative of our attitudes. Strictly observe club dress code. You must inform your guests also before their visit.

4) Refrain from tipping to service personnel on any occasion.

5) Members bringing guest to the club are requested to sign the Guest Register and do not bringing the same guest every day.

Please stay safe, stay healthy and enjoy Puja.

Chandan Roy Choudhury
Honorary Secretary

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Dated: 19th October, 2020