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August is the month of Membership Development & Retention

Next RWM
Friday, 27th August

Upcoming Club Event

*Antakshari Fellowship on
Saturday, 14th August 2021
at Haldiram's'
Flag Hoisting at Vocational
Center, Tangra on
15th August*

**Rotary Day of Service
on 15th August**

**1st Board Meeting
21st August**

Know Our Guest Speaker

Dr. Prem Pillay



Dr Prem Pillay, Neurosurgeon who spent many years working for the Cleveland Clinic, a top hospital in the United States, where he was the Chief Resident Neurosurgeon and won the Lower Award and the Pudenz Award for his neuro research.

Dr Prem Pillay completed a fellowship in neurosurgical oncology (Brain+Spine) at MD Anderson Cancer Center where he was taught by Dr Raymond Sawaya. Subsequently, he completed a fellowship in pediatric neurosurgery at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. He also worked with Dr Joe Maroon, a spine neurosurgeon in Pittsburgh and a pioneer and leading neurosurgeon for Minimally Invasive Spine and Percutaneous Spine procedures.

Dr Prem Pillay is now practising at the Singapore Brain-Spine-Nerves Center at Mount Elizabeth Hospital and at the Advanced Spine Center at Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital in Singapore.

Dr Prem Pillay is an award winning neurosurgeon in the areas of less invasive Brain and Spine treatments/surgery. He is an old boy of ACS where he was a top student and a recipient of the SeowPohLeng Medal. He is a graduate of the National University of Singapore Medical School where he was awarded the Singapore Medical Association medal for being one of the top students in his graduating class. He has served as a Military Doctor and was a Senior Surgeon at a Combat hospital during his reservist period. He was also the Head of the Department of Neurosurgery and Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon at the Singapore General Hospital and involved in the teaching and training of medical students, young doctors and neurosurgical trainee. He has introduced many new technologies and techniques in Neurosurgery to Singapore and the Region, including computer aided/Image guided surgery for the brain and spine, 3D microsurgery, and radiosurgery including the gamma knife epilepsy surgery, neuro endoscopy and Pain treatments. He was awarded the Mahaley Award (USA/ International) for innovative work on endoscopic tumor surgery in the area of neuro oncology. He also received the National Brain Tumor Foundation (USA) award for his work in helping individuals with tumors.

Dr Prem Pillay has presented at about 100 international/local meetings and written for journals, textbooks and public talks.

Rotary   SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES

**EACH ONE
BRING ONE**



Shekhar Mehta
Shekhar Mehta
President, Rotary International

Report of RWM held on 30th July 2021



Sandip Paul owner of Paul Studio and designpreneur was invited for the RWM on 30th July. A keen observer with engineering background could notice the flaws and worked on rectifications. He has thus improved upon many designs of products and operations thus earning applauds and recognitions. The session was keenly attended by members generating great ideas about styles and designs. This was followed by recognitions of sterling performance of children of rotarians in class 10 and 12 board exams. PP Sanjay Dugar anchored the show very well posing relevant issues with the children. Each and every child spoke proficiently. Guest Vidhi Nahata a student of PP Chitra Agarwal also attended and was applauded for achieving 96.8%. The meeting was attended by many members. RI President Shekhar Mehta attended the meeting and encouraged the children with his words of wisdom. The meeting was largely applauded by members. Secretary Payal Agarwal proposed the vote of thanks.

By : PP Chitra Agarwal

Healing Little Hearts



Two-year-old baby Ismail from Afghanistan, had a hole in his heart and was in serious condition requiring immediate surgery. If delayed the survival chances of the baby was very low. His

father contacted the President over phone from Afghanistan and Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar arranged for his surgery in Delhi. The child along with his parents reached Delhi and the child was admitted in hospital and yesterday surgery was done without any hustle bustle under our project Healing Little Hearts. According to Doctors child is out of danger and responding well.

Friends, that's the power of ROTARY.
Wishing the child, a speedy recovery.



MHM Project



In our Project Menstrual Hygiene Management RED PRIDE, aiming to empower women, on 31st July we had an awareness programme with 40+ girls/women at Tiljala where we also distributed them Menstrual

Hygiene Kit. Anu Vidhawan also spoke about Nutrition to them.

The Project was attended by President Ashok Agarwal, Chairman Usha Agarwal, Co. Chairman Anu Vidhawan, and Rtn Mahinder Singhal.

Umbrella Distribution



We are happy to inform that the umbrellas under the banner of Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar and it has been received by all our Club Members. Showing the hands on service, our members have presented these umbrellas to their drivers, domestic help, security guards and office staffs. They are overwhelmed to have received it.

Homeopathy

Our Homeopathy Clinic at Bhowanipore is running successfully. In the last week around 24 patients were treated on 31st July and on 4th August, 11 patients were treated.



Morning Adda

We celebrated successful completion of one month of Rotary year 2021-2022 along with Friendship Day Celebration with Chai and Toast at Share Market on Sunday, 01.08.21.



Project Food Bank



On Sunday, 1st August, Mahanagar have distributed Oreo Biscuits, Tetra pack of Milk Shake & Koki Krunch from Nestle to 1100 Girls of Arya Parishad Vidyalaya For Girls, Khidderpore, Port Area. President Rtn Ashok Agarwal & First Lady Usha Agarwal were present there for distribution.



On 3rd August, Nutri kits were distributed at a bustee in CIT road. Thanks to Anu Vidhawan for the initiative.

A Proud Moment for Mahanagar



Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta and Rashi had a great meeting with the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, courtesy PDG Ashish Desai and PDG Vivek Tankha, MP. Discussed development issues where Rotary can work with the Government. Excellent interaction for 45 minutes. Proud to be a Rotarian.

Public Image



The clippings of the meeting between Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta and Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi was published in all leading dailies across the country.

Gift of Sight!



Under our Gift of Sight Project, 12 Cataract Surgeries were done on 4th August at our Netralaya. Patients were from Old Age Home, Little Sister of the poor, AJC Bose Road, Kolkata.

Mahanagar Bloodline

From 28th July to 4th August, we met the need of blood of eight people. Both the donor and donee are doing fine. Thanks to our Mahanagar Bloodline for their round the clock service.



Our very own Rtn. Raj Somani has donated Rs. 6 Lakhs (approx. 8000 US\$) towards Rotary Foundation India.

With this he has become a Major Donor.

Mahanagar thanks and congratulates Rtn. Raj Somani for this noble gesture.

Let's Meet Our New Generation



Shubham Choudhury

My name is Shubham Choudhury, S/o Deepak – Ritu Choudhury, and I recently completed my 5 year law course from Jindal Global Law School (BBA LLB). I am currently working at DSP Law Associates, Kolkata.

Yashvardhan Jain



Yashvardhan Jain, S/o PP Raakesh-RashmiJain, has graduated with distinction ~ Magna Cum Laude from Ashoka University with a B.Sc. (Hons) in Computer Science and Entrepreneurial Leadership. He also has a concentration in Economics. He has completed all these courses in mere three years, and also received Student Entrepreneur of the Year Title.



Riya Singhvi

I am D/o Ashok – Neelam Singhvi, a sophomore studying in Singapore Management University and pursuing a Bachelor's in Business Degree with my first major in marketing. I completed my high school from La Martiniere for Girls, Kolkata in 2019. Currently I am working with one of the largest e-commerce companies in southeast Asia called Shopee as a Regional Marketing Solutions intern.

Prachi Todi



Hi I'm PrachiTodi, D/o Hulas – Babita Todi. Currently I'm working with Amazon as a program manager leading the grocery space in India from a customer experience point of view. Prior to this I have worked with Bira as a business development manager and also done my MBA from Indian School of Business, Hyderabad. My undergraduate was from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore where I graduated with bachelors in electrical and electronics engineering. I was also a project manager with Singapore Mass Rapid transit before I moved on to pursue a MBA.

MINUTES OF 1299TH RWM OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD ON ZOOM ON 30th July 2021

- President Ashok Agarwal called the 1299th meeting to order.
- President Ashok Agarwal welcomed the Guest Speaker Mr.Sandip Paul, all the members, spouses, Inner Wheel members, Rotaractors and other guests.
- President spoke about the club activities and service projects in the past few week
- Club Secretary Payal Agarwal spoke about club business - upcoming club events, upcoming service projects and birthday wishes for the coming week
- The Five Star Kids who excelled academically were welcomed along with their proud parents.
- Guest speaker Mr.Sandip Paul was introduced by NishaPadia and invited to address the audience.
- Mr.Paul spoke about how his company Paul Studio and how they design different equipment and what specialization has given them the title of Designpreneur.
- The members present asked him different questions which he answered with ease.
- The proceedings was then taken over by PP.SanjayDugar to conduct the session with the Five Star kids.
- Each of the kids were asked few questions which they answered with so much zeal and perfection.
- The impromptu questions by RIP Shekhar Mehta and PP.Chitra Agarwal made the session even more interesting.
- The Five Star Kids were Harshit Jain, Pall Agarwal, PadmaakshiKajaria, Varidhi Jain and AryamanPadia.
- Vote of Thanks was proposed by Club Secretary Payal Agarwal
- There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Birthday

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| <i>Rtn Chitra Agarwal</i> | <i>7th Aug</i> |
| <i>Rashmi Doogar</i> | <i>7th Aug</i> |
| <i>Rtn Mahesh Sonthalia</i> | <i>10th Aug</i> |
| <i>Rtn Amrita Ghosh</i> | <i>11th Aug</i> |
| <i>Aruna Balasaria</i> | <i>11th Aug</i> |
| <i>Rtn Dr Rampal Vidhawan</i> | <i>12th Aug</i> |
| <i>Renu Modi</i> | <i>13th Aug</i> |
| <i>Sanju Dokania</i> | <i>14th Aug</i> |
| <i>Rtn Laxmikant Balasaria</i> | <i>15th Aug</i> |
| <i>Rtn Naresh Jalan</i> | <i>15th Aug</i> |
| <i>Sudha Rawat</i> | <i>17th Aug</i> |
| <i>Rtn Sanjay Bhalotia</i> | <i>20th Aug</i> |
| <i>Jyoti Sureka</i> | <i>24th Aug</i> |
| <i>Sandeep Kedia</i> | <i>27th Aug</i> |

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