


# MAHANAGAR

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## August is the month of Membership Development & Retention

Next RWM  
Friday, 10th Sept 2021

### Upcoming Club Event

MHM Project at Tiljala on  
28th August

### Upcoming District Events

Rotary day of Service for  
Blood Donation on  
Saturday, 4th September

### Board Meeting

Friday, 3rd September

### RIP SHEKHAR MEHTA AND RASHI AT ONE ROTARY CENTRE



A dream come true for Rotary Mahanagar and each one associated with Rotary India.

## Felicitation by Army

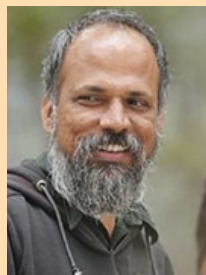


'Good deeds brings in good gestures'... Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar had the honour of being felicitated by the Eastern Command Military Hospital, Ballygunge, on 9th August 2021 at an event.

Our Club was honoured for our continuous support to the Military Hospital, Panagarh and Eastern Command Ballygunge in the form of providing Oxygen concentrators and Jumbo Oxygen Cylinders.

President Rtn. Ashok Agarwal received the honour on behalf of Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar.

## Know our Guest Speaker



Amitabha Singh is a cinematographer and producer in the Indian film industry who is known for Khosla Ka Ghosla, National Award winning Chillar Party, etc. He started his career as a cinematographer in 1994. The Good Road a 2013 Indian (Gujarati) film produced for NFDC by Amitabha Singh fetched numerous accolades and was screened at various international film festivals. Amitabha is also the founder of 'Cinevidya' - an initiative that aims to redefine the present Learning Ecosystem for Children in India by using tools of Films effectively. Under this initiative of Amitabha Singh, country-wide Film Making Workshops and Festivals are being organised in multiple Cities so that more and more Children receive hands-on training in Film Making using the latest in technology and equipment.



Cinevidya is a path breaking Social Enterprise bringing direct benefit to Children, imparting knowledge and skills of a highly accomplished and renowned team of film makers at their door steps.

# Antakshari- Back to College



The 2021-22 year began with a bang on First Fellowship on 14th August, 2021 at Haldiram's. On the occasion of Independence Day, the members, spouses and children of Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar together celebrated this auspicious day from 5 pm. The theme was - "Back to College".

Snacks and tea were served with the arrival of the guests. The event commenced with the welcome speech by Rtn. Ashok Agarwal which was followed by a beautifully improvised Chatur Speech from 3 idiots by Rtn. Sanjay Dugar, which filled the audience with laughs and giggles reminding them of their college days. This later became the highlight of the day and the act was commendable.

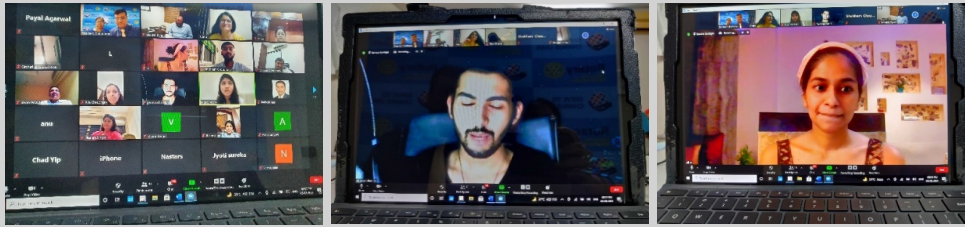
The Chairpersons of the event, Rtn. Bhupesh Agarwal and Shalu Agarwal, beautifully put together a series of dance musicals involving other members and spouses. This brought back old memories with the 90s songs such as PehlaNasha, Koi Mil Gaya and some latest Bollywood songs such as Ratta Maar and epic songs from The Student of The Year, that were cherished and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Succeeding the skit, was the main event of the day - Antakshari, that was well-coordinated and taken over by RajatBaid who took all the members, spouses and children on board the musical journey. They were divided into 4 groups that replicated the different streams in colleges - Anari College of Science, Lukha College of Commerce, Chichore College of Arts and Fukrey College of Law. There were various rounds that tested everyone's musical knowledge and a special round of patriotic songs. The entire set was fun and everyone danced on some soulful and melodious songs.

Next in line were the rewards and gifts awarded to the members and spouses for their incredible act and contribution. With the district awards 2020-21, which took place in the month of August, Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar bagged 15 awards and recognitions under the leadership of IPP. Pranay Agarwal. The beautiful evening came to an end with the distribution of the honours and awards to the recipients that brought in smiles and encouragement among the members and spouses. Dinner was served, which marked the end of an extraordinary evening.

*By Pall Agarwal*

## REPORT OF RWM HELD ON 6TH AUGUST



It was our privilege to have a very renowned neuro-surgeon, Dr. Prem Pillay, from Mt. Elizabeth Hospital, in Singapore, as our Guest Speaker, in the RWM on the 6th of August. He enlightened us with a session on how to maintain our Brain Health. He gave us tips like to eat healthy, do exercise

and yoga regularly, to get proper sleep, and also suggested to have the brain health check up after a certain age. There is also a DIGITAL BRAIN FUNCTION SCREENING SCAN PACKAGE, which includes the Brain Health Test and Doctor telemedicine consult to explain the report and to give advice. Following this, we had with us, Four Star Kids of the Younger Generation, Shubham Choudhury, Yashvardhan Jain, PrachiTodi and Riya Singhvi, with their stories, moderated by PP Chitra Agarwal. The meeting was held via the Zoom Platform. With a satisfactory discussion with the members, the meeting was concluded.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY



The day 15th August causes goose bumps with the thought of the innumerable lives laid for the cause of the motherland. We, at Mahanagar, planned to celebrate this day with the children of this motherland who need a helping hand to reach out to their dreams. Friends, we revered the day at the Tangra Vocational Centre. More than 100 children enthused with bubbling energy were present, proudly dressed in the shades of the tricolour and in other vibrant shades. The entire centre was decorated with balloons and festoons in vivid colours. These children, filled with limitless dreams in spite of innumerable hurdles, can truly impart great courage and excitement. The program began with flag hoisting followed with martial art performances of girls, sit and draw competition and cultural programme. Prizes for creativity were given away. Food and beverages were later distributed. The event was attended by President Ashok Agarwal, spouse Usha Agarwal and AG Chitra Agarwal.

## Homeopathy



Our Homeopathy Centre at Bhawanipore, is running successfully. We are having camps twice a week. Patients are checked and given free medicines.

- On 7th August, Saturday, 23 patients were checked
- On 11th August, Wednesday, 12 patients were checked
- On 14th August, Saturday, 17 patients were Checked
- on 18th August, Wednesday, 22 patients were checked
- On 21st August, Saturday, 17 patients were checked
- On 25th August, Wednesday, 20 patients were checked.

## Eye Clinic

Our Eye Clinic at Bhawanipore is still serving. On 10th August, 40 Patients were checked at our Eye Clinic and free spectacles were distributed to the needy patients.



## GIFT OF SIGHT

'Everyone has the right to see the world with their own eyes and interpret it.' On 12th August, 15 cataract surgeries were done and on 20th August, 5 cataract surgeries were done at our Netralaya



## Menstrual Hygiene Management-Empowering Girls



Under our Project, 'Menstrual Hygiene Management RED PRIDE', aiming to empower women, on 21st August, we had an awareness programme, with 50 girls and women, aged 25-40 years, at Knowledge Prabhat School, Belguria Express. We also distributed among them, some menstrual hygiene kits, containing reusable sanitary napkins and also raised awareness about Nutrition among them.

## Annadaan Mahadaan

- On 16th August, Food was distributed for 400 beneficiaries under our Project AnnadaanMahadaan. Freshly made Rotis and sweets were distributed to around 400 people near Kalighat. This was sponsored by President Rtn Ashok and Usha Agarwal on the occasion of their both the son's birthday.
- Spreading smiles and happiness all around is what Rotary Calcutta Mahangar aims in this new year. The food was sponsored by Rtn Pradeep jiRawat on the occasion of Birthday of Sudhaji. Freshly made Rotis and sweets were distributed to around 360 people near Bengal chemical basti.



## Vocational center - Work shop on Self-Defence



Every day, either on social media or on Television, you are hearing about women being victimized. The world is changing and becoming more unpredictable particularly for women. As such, self-defence training is one of the most needed and must for every woman's to-do list. So here Rotary CalcuttaMahanagar is doing workshops every Friday on Self Defence for girls at our Vocational Center at Tangra.

- On the 6th of August, 30 girls participated in the workshop for Women Defence. They will be taught Karate, over there.
- On 13th August, 30 girls were there.
- On 20th August, a batch of 30 girls were trained for self-defence.

## PROJECT FOOD BANK – Fighting against hunger



Food banks meet the needs of the hungry by efficiently redistributing the food already available in the country. We at RotaryMahanagar provide an essential link between the food supply chain and the underprivileged.

- On 21st August, Rtn. Sanjay Bhalotia and KavitaBhalotia, distributed chips, Hershey's milkshakes, and Hershey's chocolates, to 150 children, at Kandagaon, Newtown.
- On 16th August, we distributed nutri kits worth Rs. 3 lacs to workers in AmtaJoka.



## BLOODLINE



Our Club carried out a Blood Grouping Camp on 8th August, and registered 21 SOS donors for our Bloodline. Camp was conducted at R K Chaterjee Road, SabijSangha, Kolkata. We also met the need for 2 patients.

Our Club carried out a Blood Grouping Camp on 15th August, and registered 37 SOS donors for our Bloodline. Camp was conducted at Diamond Harbour Road, Kolkata. We also met the need for 2 patients.

Another Bloodline Camp was conducted on 22nd August, Sunday at " JannagarAriyan Boy's Sporting Club", Jannagar Road, Kolkata, where 36 SOS Donors were registered. We also met the needs of 4 Patients.

## MAAN' OF MAHANAGAR



RI President, Shekhar Mehta (our beloved ShekharBhaiyya), met the Hon. Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Pushkar SinghDhami Ji, on the 7th of August.

## District Awards ('Samman')

District 3291 Samman Awards for year 2020- 21 was held at the Banquets of Taj Vivanta on Sunday 8th August in presence of Senior Dignitaries of the District including Past District Governors, District Governor Sudip Mukherjee and the entire District Committee along with Presidents of Category C of OurDistrict.

Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar was blessed with 16 awards including the Best Club in Category C and The District Governor Citation.

It was a proud moment for Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar to receive the Best Club Award in the presence of Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta, who himself received the award on behalf of our Club.

Happy to share that ClubSecretary ManishBiyani was awarded Outstanding Club Secretary and Club President Pranay Agrawal was awarded Outstanding President at the Ceremony.

Although we received the awards, they were only on behalf of the Chairperson's, Club members and Spouses who worked so much during theyear!

The List of awards and categories and the Chairpersons of the Projects and Services are as below;

**Best Club**

**District Citation**

**Best Club - Community Service Non Medical**

**Outstanding President**

**Outstanding Secretary**

**Water Sanitation**

**Eye Surgery**

**Happy School**

**New Membership**

**Economic Development**

**Women Empowerment**

**Heart Surgery**

**E Learning**

**Welfare of Senior Citizen**

**Basic Education and Literacy**

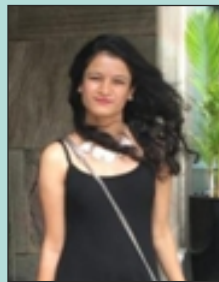
I want to dedicate these lines to each and every Member and spouse of our Club 'Abhi to NaapihaiMuthibhar Zameenhumne, Abhi to Sara Aasmanbakihai!!'



By IPP. Pranay Agarwal

## Let's Meet Our New Generation

### Srishti Agarwal



Srishti has completed her MBA and her CFA. She is currently involved in Financial planning and Analysis and is associated with a Fintech firm. Srishti enjoys racket sports and has played Table Tennis at the National level. She also enjoys reading and yoga.

### Ayushi Biyani



Ayushi has a background in Economics from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, and a postgraduate diploma in Liberal Studies from Ashoka University. Passionate about creating social impact, she taught in a government school in Mumbai as a Teach for India fellow. She is currently working as a Design Researcher that is geared towards creating human-centred innovations and solutions especially for the low-middle income countries. Her vision is to work towards creating a more equitable world by providing equal opportunity to the less privileged through her work.

### Mudit Dugar



Graduating as an economics student, Mudit has previously worked as an investment banker and in a tech start up accelerator. He is now heading for his MBA at HEC Paris for the next 2 years.

### Tamanna Singhvi



Tamanna is a working at a design and consultancy studio called The Space At 9/2 as a Senior Designer and Head of Business Development. She completed her Masters in Management from Germany, she went onto work as a Marketeer in the German FMCG market. She has an eye for all things creative and she is always eager to learn.

Rotary  
**SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS**  
"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION  
DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT  
WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE  
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH  
BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY  
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
ENVIRONMENT  
SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

**MINUTES OF 1300TH RWM OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA  
MAHANAGAR HELD ON ZOOM ON 6th August 2021**

- President Ashok Agarwal called the 1300th meeting to order.
- President Ashok Agarwal welcomed the Guest Speaker DrPremPilley, all the members, spouses, Inner Wheel members, Rotaractors and other guests.
- President spoke about the club activities and service projects in the past few weeks
- Club Secretary Payal Agarwal spoke about club business - upcoming club events, upcoming service projects and birthday wishes for the coming week
- The Four Young Gen Star Kids were welcomed along with their proud parents.
- Guest speaker DrPremPilley was introduced by RenuBhatter and invited to address the audience.
- DrPilley spoke about how to maintain our Brain Health. He gave us tips like to eat healthy, do exercise and yoga regularly.
- The members present asked him different questions which he answered with ease.
- The proceedings was then taken over by PP.Chitra Agarwal to conduct the session with the Four Star kids.
- Each of the kids were asked few questions which they answered with so much zeal and perfection.
- The Five Star Kids were Yashwardhan Jain, PrachiTodi, Shubham Choudhury, and Riya Singhvi
- Vote of Thanks was proposed by Club Secretary Payal Agarwal
- There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.



**Birthday**

- Sangeeta Poddar - 2nd September*  
*Rtn. Payal Agarwal - 2nd September*  
*Aparna Biyani - 3rd September*  
*Rashi Mehta - 5th September*  
*Rtn. Ajay Lodha - 5th September*

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**EACH ONE  
BRING ONE**

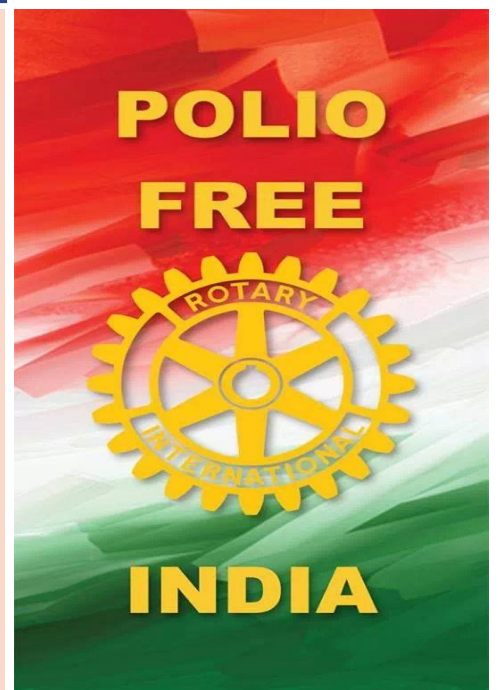


*Shekhar Mehta*  
**Shekhar Mehta**  
 President, Rotary International

**BON VOYAGE**

RI President, Shekhar Mehta, with First Lady Rashi Mehta, departed for Chicago, on 15th August. We, at Mahanagar, are proud of you.

"It is a different kind of thrill to do the impossible. ALL THE BEST!"



  
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