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September is the month of Basic Education & Literacy

Next RWM
Friday, 24th September

1st Club Assembly
Friday, 17th September

Upcoming Club Event

MHM – Saturday, 11th Sept.

Rotary Day of Service –
Sunday, 19th September

Welcometh new memb'rs

'The appurtenance of welcome is fashion and ceremony.'

Yes, a welcome should always be grand to be remembered till eternity. But we cannot do so, due to the current situation. But that doesn't stop us, from diminishing the illuminance of this welcome. We welcome the new members of the Mahanagar Family from the bottom of our hearts, with a try to welcome them in a way they never forget, with not the decorations of the halls, but with the decoration of words. Not with the sumptuous food, but with the food of joy. Not with handshakes, but with a million-dollar smile. Not with the togetherness of being together, but with the togetherness of being far from each other. Cherishing all the memorable moments created with our 'puraatan' family members and with the light of hope of creating unforgettable moments with the 'nutan' members, we add on to our family.

'Growth is the only evidence of life.' And with this, we stand by the side of our very own, RI President Shekhar Mehta, in his #EachOneBringOne, to remind us all of the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion, in our community.

So, now let's cheer from our own sides for the new members of our family.



Amrita Ghosh



Prashant
Chakraborty



Pramila Dugar



Usha Agarwal



Bharti Bangur



Priti Ray



Purushottam
Thakur



Surendra Jain



Sunita Singhal



Laxmikant
Balasaria



Sanjay Bhalotia



Sunil Agarwal



Anuja Banthia



Puja Agarwal

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'MAAN' OF MAHANAGAR

RI President Shekhar Mehta in Egypt



It was a proud moment for all Mahanagaris, when our own, RI President Shekhar Mehta, member of Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar, met the ambassador of Egypt, discussing with him the various projects. He also made India proud, as the Indian Flag was found at the Institute Inaugural at Yaoundé. He was also with John, the convention chair, and Shannon, who heads the RI events, at the Houston Convention Centre. He also met the Prime Minister of the Ivory Coast, Africa. They discussed about the developmental issues there on literacy, water and sanitation, empowerment of girls' health etc.

RI President Shekhar Mehta in Nigeria and Ghana

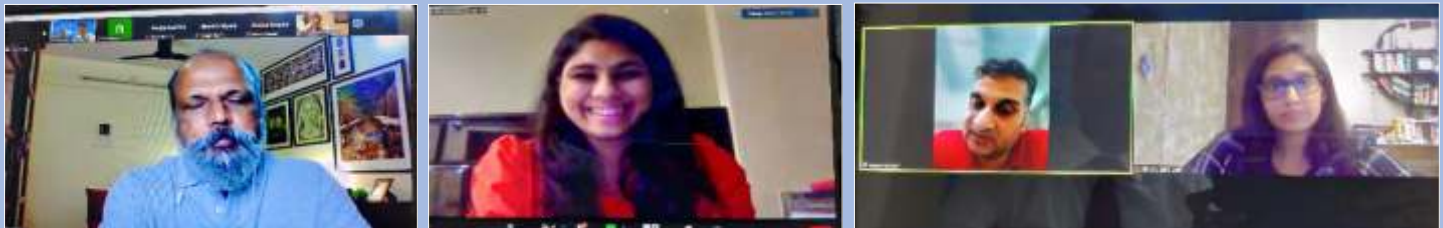


Thelma interviewed our very own RI President Shekhar Mehta, on the popular breakfast show in Ghana, on the National Television. He was happy to have inspired her to become a member of Rotary. He has committed to bring one member each month under EACH ONE BRING ONE. With her, he has brought 2 members in 2 months.

#EOBO. We are so proud of him.

President of Nigeria, MuhammeduBuhari played host to Rotary International President and his spouse. He was accompanied by PRIVP Yinka Babalola, the Governors of D91 10 Remi Bello, D91 25, Ayo Oyedokun, D91 41 Andy Uwejean and D91 42 Okey Okonkwo and other senior rotary leaders.

REPORT OF RWM HELD ON 27th AUGUST



CAMERA IS THE NEW PEN...

It was indeed an honour to share an interactive screen space with Oscar Nominee and National Award winning Cinematographer and Director - Mr. Amitabha Singh. Being an Artist, it was the most wonderful learning experience, I've ever had. It took me by surprise to see how an award winning Director and Cinematographer is open to new ideas and inputs from young actors and implements them besides his own direction.

Apart from me, there were other club members asking relevant questions. Mahanagar has always been a family to me and it was good to meet all uncles and aunties virtually after so long and that too on an interactive screen space.

Interestingly, Mr. Singh brought up the concept of films redefining the learning system of children in India. A power point presentation on Cinevidya, highlighted the aims of his social enterprise, as it benefits children by imparting knowledge and skills through film making with latest technology and equipments.

My friends, TamannaSinghvi, AyushiBiyani, Srishti Agarwal and MuditDugar were also speakers in a separate session held the same evening and all of them shared their well written stories. Unfortunately, due to poor network issues, I was unable to attend their session but I'm sure they spoke quite well.

It was enlightening to attend such an informative interactive meeting with Mr. Amitabha Singh. I would like to thank Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar for this wonderful opportunity. As a budding Actor, I look forward to meet more and more artists from The Bollywood Film Industry, through RWMs, as it would be a learning experience for others as well, who could think of taking acting and film making as an alternate career option.

Yukta Shah

d/o Rtn. Sandeep and Bhawna Shah

MENSRUATION HYGIENE MANAGEMENT - EMPOWERING GIRLS



On the **28th of August**, 50 beneficiaries participated in our Project Menstrual Hygiene Management, "**RED PRIDE**", aiming to Empower Women. We had an awareness programme at Tiljala, where we distributed among them, Menstrual Hygiene kits, containing reusable sanitary pads, along with accessories and biscuits from our Food Bank. That day's camp was sponsored by **Sunita Singhal, spouse of Rtn. Mahindra Singhal**. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts. We also show gratitude to spouse **Reena Bhandari**, for sponsoring Dupattas for the beneficiaries.



On the **4th of September**, 50 beneficiaries participated in our Project Menstrual Hygiene Management, "**RED PRIDE**" aiming to Empower Women. We had an awareness programme at Tiljala, where we distributed among them Menstrual Hygiene kits containing reusable sanitary napkins, along with accessories and Cake & Biscuits from our Food Bank. Three of our Rotractors from Heritage Institute of Technology, President Pranav, Secretary Adhirajand Director Vidisha also joined the camp. That day's project was sponsored by **Neelam Singhvi, spouse of our Member Rtn Ashok Singhvi**. We thank Neelam for this noble cause.

FIRST BOARD MEETING



THE FIRST BOARD MEETING of this tenure was held on 4th September, 2021, at The South Club. 10 board members were present at the meeting. The meeting was comprehensive and well prepared. There were some discussions, and some important decisions were taken. It will not be wrong to say that it was an excellent meeting.

VOCATIONAL CENTER – WORK SHOP ON SELF DEFENCE



On the **27th of August** and on **3rd September**, 2 workshops have been done during the period. 30 Girls in each workshop participated for Self Defence for Girls, at our vocational centre at Tangra. They all are in high spirits.

FOOD BANK



On **27th of August**, Oreo Biscuits under our Food Bank Project worth 1 lac, were distributed to different organisations, NGOs, Old Age Homes, Streets of Kolkata & so on. We thank Rtn. Raj Somani, Rtn. Dharampaul for their help in this service.

On the **29th of August**, Oreo Biscuits were distributed under our Project Food Bank to 600 + beneficiaries, at Vivekananda Park.

On the **30th of August**, we distributed Oreo Biscuits among 800 + beneficiaries, under our Food Bank Project, at the Bhawanipore Sitla Mandir, S.N.Pandit Street, Kolkata.

On **5th September**, on behalf of RCC Mahanagar, Bhawna Shah and Yukta Shah, daughter of Rtn.Sandeep and Bhawna Shah, distributed "Food hampers" comprising Choco bakes, Choco Bricks, 5 Stars, Chips, Oreo chocolate biscuits and Yippee Pasta, to 233 families, ineco-friendly paper bags. 25-30 Bournvita packs were distributed selectively among the beneficiaries, who had 2 children and /or elderly parents at home.The beneficiaries included daily labours, van cart pullers, gardeners, masons, house maids, garbage cleaners, vegetable vendors, fruit sellers, painting labours, water body cleaners, peons, security etc.



On the **5th of September**, members of RCCM went approximately 50 km away from the city, to bring a smile on the faces of the, village children by distributing different food items from our Food Bank to more than 500 + beneficiaries, at the Ramrampur Village, IndraPolly, Diamond Harbour Road, organised by our member,RtnShyam Modi.

The members to participated in this were, Shyam Modi, Renu Modi, Mahindra Singhal, Sanjay Bhalotia,Pranay Agarwal, Usha Agarwal and President Ashok Agarwal.

HOMEOPATHY



On **28th of August**, 22 patients were attended to in our homeopathy clinic.

On **1st September**, 17 patients were attended to in our Homeopathic Clinic. First Lady Usha Agarwal & Anu Vidhawan visited the clinic with her Grandson.

On **5th of September**, 16 patients were attended to and provided with free medicines, at our Homeopathic Clinic.

We are thankful to Rtn Ashok Singhvi, for sponsoring the Homeopathic clinic.

EYE HOSPITAL



On the **29th of August**, 44 surgeries were conducted under the new GG 2120241 at our Eye Hospital. President Ashok Agarwal and first lady Usha Agarwal, visited the Eye Hospital and had some good time with the beneficiaries, doctors and members of the staff.

On **4th of September**, 5 free surgeries were done in our eye hospital.

On **6th September**, at our Eye Hospital 16 cataract surgeries were conducted.

MORNING ADDA FOR CHAI N TOAST



On 29th August, it was CELEBRATION TIME, as 2 months of this new tenure, finished successfully. It was a happy-go-lucky experience, spending the morning with your friends, chai and toast. What can be better?

ROTARY DAY OF SERVICE – BLOODLINE



Blood Grouping Camp was conducted at “Netaji Subhash Engineering College” Techno City, Garia, Kolkata–700152 on the 29th of August, 2021.

36 SOS Donors were registered and the need of 1 patient was met.

On the 4th of September, under THE ROTARY DAYS OF SERVICE, Mega Blood Donation & Grouping Camp was done by our club Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar. PDG Mukul Sinha and two other District Members visited our camp.

We thank our Bloodline Committee for this Nobel cause.

IFRM District 3291 Charter Installation – 'SUBHARAMBH'



On the 1st of September, Aparna Biyani and Aditi Ray participated in the event. RI President Shekhar and Rashi Mehta attended and encouraged the members. Many district members also participated. It was a grand success

STAR ROTARIAN



Congratulations to PP Raakesh Jain for the Recognition by the District for Leadership and Dedicated Service to the Rotary Foundation in 2020-21.

PUBLIC IMAGE 2

It was a matter of pride and honour, that our very own, RI President Shekhar Mehta, highlighted our MHM 'Red Pride' Programme, through social media.

Our very own RI President Shekhar Mehta gave his interview to this newspaper.

“Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth.” – RI President Shekhar Mehta.



INSTALLATION CEREMONY of Rotractors - 'THE EBULLIENCE'

RC-HITK conducted 'The Ebullience', the official installation ceremony, to welcome the newly elected board, a new generation of young minds to take up the responsibilities and take our club to greater heights by transcending all horizons.

The 13th installation witnessed the presence of District Rotaract representative of RID 3291, Rtn. Arka K. Nag, the President of our parent Rotary Club (Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar), Rtn. Ashok Agrawal, representatives from ASWB (Autism Society of West Bengal), Ms. ShreyaBhattacharya, Ms. Arpita Chatterjee and Ms. Amrita Bhawal, teachers in charge Mr. Clayton M. Moses, Arvind Srivastav, Himadri Ghosh and Commander Sir. The chief guest for the ceremony was Mr. Pranabesh Maiti from the SGEA (Sunderban Green Environment Association). The meeting started with the National Anthem and then it was called to order by the Immediate Past President. Due procedures took place where the outgoing board members shared their insightful messages, the current board members were presented with their appointment letters and proceeded with the board members taking the oath to abide by the rules and serve to change lives. The meeting proceeded with the presentation of the theme, motto and logo for the Rota Year 2021-2022, the secretarial report and the new year plan for the upcoming term. Participants enjoyed a musical performance put together by the members and were felt motivated by the wise words shared by our Chief Guest Pranabesh Maiti and Teacher-in-Charge Mr. Clayton. M. Moses. Last but not the least, the meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks.

Rtr. Pranav Singh

President of RC-HITK



Birthday

<i>Rtn. Om Prakash Jhajharia</i>	<i>11th Sept.</i>
<i>Rtn. Dr. Nipa Gandhi</i>	<i>13th Sept.</i>
<i>Spouse Kishore Kothari</i>	<i>13th Sept.</i>
<i>Rtn. Amit Agarwal</i>	<i>14th Sept.</i>

MINUTES OF 1301st RWM OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD ON ZOOM ON 27th August 2021

- President Ashok Agarwal called the 1301st meeting to order.
- President Ashok Agarwal welcomed the Guest speaker, cinematographer and Director, Mr. Amitabha Singh, along with all the members, spouses, Inner Wheel members, Rotaractors and among guests.
- President spoke about the club activities and service projects that were conducted in the last few weeks.
- Rtn. Manish Biyani spoke about the Club Business-upcoming club events, upcoming service projects and birthday and anniversary wishes for the coming week.
- Guest speaker, Dr. Amitabha Singh, was introduced by PP Rtn. Anuja Banthia and was then requested to address the audience.
- Mr. Singh brought up the concept of films and how it is redefining the learning system of children in India. A power point presentation on Cinevidya highlighted the aims of his social enterprise as it benefits children by imparting knowledge and skills through film making with latest technology and equipment.
- The members present asked him different questions which were answered by him with ease.
- The proceedings were then taken over by PP Vikram Doogar to conduct the session with five kids.
- Five star kids, who have excelled in their career, were welcomed along with their proud parents.
- Each of the kids was asked a few questions, which they answered with zeal and perfection.
- The Five star kids were Tamanna Singhvi, Ayushi Biyani, Srishti Agarwal and Mudit Dugar.
- Vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. Manish Biyani.
- There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.



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