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October is Economic and Community Development Month

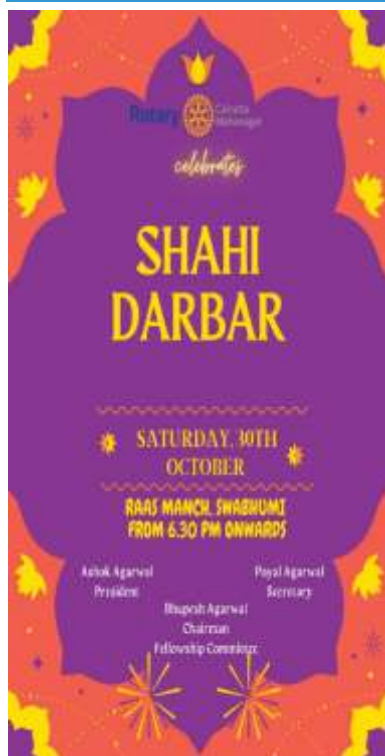
Upcoming Club Events

Next RWM on
30th October

Diwali Fellowship -
Shahi Darbar
on 30th October at
Ras Manch, Swabhumi
from 6.30 pm onwards.

District Events

District Diwali meet on
12th November at Eastern
Metropolitan Club
from 6 pm onwards.



PROJECT AFFORESTATION



On 3rd October 2021, we visited mega afforestation project launch in Karindi village, Bharatpur. Total 500 plants of Mahogany and Sonajhuri were planted with the help of RC Nabadiganta and local RCC. Elaborate arrangements were made by land donor Mr. Alamgir Chowdhury there. He invited MLA, Councilor and other Government officials to the program site. Around 150 villagers including children and ladies were present and were very enthusiastic about the project. There after we did biscuit and Cadbury distribution among 300 villagers. From our club, President Ashok Agarwal, Usha Agarwal, Mahendra Singhal, Pramila Dugar and myself were present. Overall it was a major leap towards sustainable environment effort.

Report by PP Sanjay Dugar

Self - Defense Workshop

On 8th October, Friday, we had 30 girls receiving training at our Self defence workshop at our Tangra vocational centre.

On 11th October, Monday, our self-defense workshop at Tangra vocational center was held. 30 girls received training at the workshop.

On 22nd October, Friday, another workshop of Self defense held where 30 girls took training.



The 1st Club Assembly

On 24th September, the first club assembly of Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar for the current year had fantastic attendance and participation. The entire scale of service projects, fellowship and club activities were preserved by President Ashok Agarwal through PowerPoint presentation and it was noteworthy that so many endeavors have already taken place.

Compliments to the team 2021-22 led by President Ashok Agarwal for relentless activities. The striking point was the involvement and participation of new members in so many of them. The new venue Royal Calcutta Turf Club with the beautiful view of racecourse and Victoria Memorial was a feast for the eyes and the sprawling menu was a pleaser to the appetite.

By Ritu Choudhury



Report of RWM held on 1st October 2021

PADHARO SHEKHAR-RASHI



On 1st October at our RWM at Haldiram's, we had the pleasure of hosting our Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta & First Lady Rashi Mehta. District Governor Prabir Chatterjee and Spouse Rubena were also present to grace the occasion.

President also showcased all the projects done by Mahanagar from 1st July 2021 onwards. The meeting witnessed the launch of our much awaited afforestation Project at Murshidabad. We also had the pleasure of unveiling our Souvenir 2021-2022. Thereafter we had the opportunity to see the introduction of Mahanagar Gen Z Club with all new, young and energetic members. We also welcomed new members by pinning them. Surendra Jain, Sanjay Bhandari and Pradeep Agarwal were inducted.

The speech that RI President Shekhar Mehta delivered was not only inspiring but overwhelming as he discussed about his experiences and the different cultures of the various countries he visited recently. We look forward to many more such positive initiatives & humanity growth for years to come.

By Kavita Bhalotia



VACCINATION DRIVE

On 27th September, our Vaccination Drive, for Transgender and sex workers turned out to be a successful one. We had the kind presence of Hon'ble Judge of City Civil Court, District Governor



Prabir Chatterjee and Rtn. Avijit Mitra. Vaccine was administered to 200+ people. The beneficiaries were happy and felt safe after receiving the vaccines. Members present from our club were Rtn. Mahindra Singhal, Rtn. Sunita Singhal, Rtn. Surendar Agarwal, Rtn. Sashi Agarwal, Rtn. Usha Agarwal & President Ashok Agarwal.

The project was sponsored by Rtn. Mahindra Singhal and we thank him that he came forward for this Nobel cause. Rotary Club of Nabodiganta jointly volunteered with us on this project.

HOMEOPATHY CLINIC

On 25th September, Saturday, 18 patients were treated and given free medicines in our homeopathy clinic.

On 29th September, 18 patients were checked and given free medicines at the clinic.

On 2nd October, on the day of Gandhi Jayanti, 24 patients were treated and given free medicines at our homeopathic clinic at Bhowanipur.

On 6th October and 9th October, 11 patients and 30 patients were treated respectively.



EYE HOSPITAL

Date	Free IOL	Paid IOL
20th Sept	9	
23rd Sept	26	
25th Sept	8	
26th Sept	50	
30th Sept	21	
2nd Oct	13	
5th Oct	24	6
7th Oct	28	
8th Oct	7	
18th Oct	15	
22nd Oct	6	

We have completed first quarter of this Rotary year 2021-2022.

Our Eye Hospital is running fine and since the last three months we had good number of surgeries giving Gift of Sight to the beneficiaries. We are pleased to inform the development of last three months.

In July - 30 Surgeries

In August - 79 surgeries

In September - 171 Surgeries



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On 26th September 2021, a Polio drive was carried out by Rotary Mahanagar in Borough IV area of Kolkata Municipal Corporation, starting from Ganesh Talkies to Nimtolla Ghat street by mobile van.

PROJECT MHM - RED PRIDE

On 25th September, we organised our Project MHM for 50+ girls/women at our vocational centre at Tangra.

We celebrated the birthday of our new member Bharti Bangur and she was also kind enough to sponsor the project, on the occasion of her birthday. Food materials were also distributed to the girls there, under our Project Food Bank.

On 9th October, we organized another Menstrual Hygiene Management RED PRIDE Awareness camp followed by distribution of MHM kit to around 50 girls/women at Hastings, under flyover, opposite Syed Baba Mazar.

We are thankful to **Sonal Tibrewal** for sponsoring this camp. Chairman Usha Agarwal was present.



BOOKS DISTRIBUTION ON LITERACY DAY

On 10th October, to commemorate the Literacy Day, we distributed books to the underprivileged students of Class 11 and 12 of Arya Parishad Vidyalaya for Girls, in Nimak Mahal Road. Thanks to our sponsors PP Rtn. Deepak Chowdhury, Rtn. Priti Ray, Rtn. Usha Agarwal and Rtn. Shyam Modi

Members attended the project were Rtn. Ashok Singhvi, Rtn. Shyam Modi, Rtn. Pradeep Agarwal, Manju Agarwal and President Rtn. Ashok Agarwal



PROJECT HAPPY SCHOOL



Happy to share that under project Happy School, we have commenced renovation work in South Calcutta National School, 3 Lansdowne Lane. This is a 101 year old heritage school, founded by Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das. This project is being done under the Global Grant. We hope to complete this renovation work by mid of November.

MAAN OF MAHANAGAR

Very proud to announce on 1st October, RI President Shekhar Mehta and Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) were awarded the "Mahatma Award 2021". The award is supported by the Aditya Birla Group and was awarded at a major National CSR event at India International Centre, New Delhi.



Khama Ghani Shekhar!

Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta and Rashi Mehta were with the Royal hosts. They were welcomed at Bhavnagar Airport. On 25th September, they were at Umaid Bhavan, Jodhpur for a dinner hosted by His Highness Maharaj Gajsinghji and Rani Sahiba.



FOOD BANK

On 25th September, we have distributed food material for 1100 beneficiaries from our Food Bank to the Labours, Security, Peons, Sweepers, Marker & other staffs of Royal Calcutta Turf Club. Rtn Amit Agarwal and his daughter Melika and President Ashok Agarwal attended the project.

On September 26th at Port Area, Khidderpore, Rtn Bharti Bangur distributed Orio Biscuits & Chocolates to 1000 underprivileged children. Such initiatives by Rotarians makes us all at Mahanagar very proud and keeps everyone motivated. Thanks to Rtn. Bharti for the initiative.

On 3rd October, sarees and food were distributed at Joka and was arranged by Rtn. Sanjay Bhalotia & spouse Kavita Bhalotia. The project was attended by IPP Rtn. Pranay Agarwal, Rtn. Shyam Modi & spouse Renu Modi.



MINUTES OF 1303RD RWM & FIRST CLUB ASSEMBLY OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD AT RCTC ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

- President Ashok Agarwal called the 1303rd meeting to order.
- National Anthem was rendered by all present.
- President Ashok Agarwal welcomed all the members and spouses.
- President spoke about the club activities and service projects in the past few weeks.
- Acting Secretary Bhupesh Agarwal asked for the confirmation of minutes. The minutes was confirmed by PP Deepak Choudhury.
- Acting Secretary Bhupesh Agarwal spoke about club business - upcoming club events, upcoming service projects and birthday wishes for the coming week.
- President Ashok Agarwal terminated the RWM.
- The first Club assembly was then called to order by President Ashok Agarwal.
- President then gave a report on all the projects and activities done from 1st July 2021 to 24th September 2021, with all facts, figures and value.
- The members present appreciated the work and project which have been done this Rotary year, till date.
- Feedback and suggestions were then sought from all the members and spouses present.
- Regarding **Food Bank**, Chairman PP Vikram Doogar informed that our Club is doing great job and the project is gaining momentum.
- In terms of **Homeopathy Clinic**, we have one clinic at Bhowanipore and that is running successfully. However Rtn. Bharti Bangur suggested that we can open up clinics in other locations of the City too, where there is no such facility of homeopathy clinic.
- It was decided that appropriate locations would be selected to set up a new homeopathy clinic.
- For Project **Annadaan Mahadaan**, PP Ajay Lodha suggested that our Club should have its own mobile van which can be used for preparing and distributing cooked food and it can go in various locations.
- Our **Mahanagar Netralaya** at Rajpur is running fine and it has been proposed to include IPP Pranay Agarwal and Rtn. Sanjay Bhalotia in the Eye hospital committee.
- Our new **Vocational center** at Tangra is running in full swing with self-defense workshop for Girls, being held regularly every week. It has been proposed that very soon we would be starting Beautician course in the Centre for the benefits of Girls.
- Discussion was done for **Project Udaan**. President Ashok informed that for the first quarter of Rotary Year 2021-2022, Rs.75000/- has been transferred to the Udaan account. Members present asked about the number of students currently under Udaan and the amount present in the account. On this, President Ashok informed all that currently we have 80 students in Udaan and an amount of Rs. 8.5 lac is present in the account from 1st July 2021.
- Members raised objection on why Rs.75000/- was transferred to Udaan account when the account already has sufficient fund for the entire year for 80 students. Rs. 75000/- can be utilized in other projects that are to be done in the year. **However, neither the Chairman nor any of the committee member of Project Udaan were present.**
- **Project Urja**, our dialysis project is running fine. However, we still need more footfalls of patients and it was observed

that lack of publicity was there. So in order to cater this, it was decided that we would create awareness about Project Urja through stickers and pamphlets that would be stick in auto-rickshaws and other public transports.

- The new grant for **Project E-Learning** has come and after distributing and setting up of the E-learning kits at different Government schools, the grant would be closed.
- In **Healing Little Hearts**, we have applied for new grant. It is expected that the grant will be approved soon.
- On the fellowships and RWM front, the members appreciated our fellowships done till date and they also were happy with the new venue of our RWM, the Royal Calcutta Turf Club. Members are liking the ambience, food and set up of the new venue.
- After projects and events discussions, Treasurer Shyam Modi presented the accounts. It was noticed that some of our members have not yet paid the subscription amount and it was decided that it would be collected immediately as it has already been too late.
- Other discussions relating to accounts were also done.
- Vote of Thanks was proposed by Rtn. Bhupesh Agarwal.
- There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.

MINUTES OF 1304TH RWM OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD AT HALDIRAM'S ON 1st OCTOBER, 2021

- President Ashok Agarwal called the 1304th meeting to order.
- National Anthem was rendered by all present.
- President Ashok Agarwal welcomed RI President Shekhar Mehta and Spouse Rashi. He also welcomed DG Prabir Chatterjee and spouse Rubena.
- President Ashok Agarwal welcomed all the members and spouses and guests.
- President spoke about the club activities and service projects done from 1st July till date, through a power point presentation.
- Acting Secretary Pranay Agarwal asked for the confirmation of minutes. The minutes was confirmed by Ajay Lodha.
- Acting Secretary Pranay Agarwal spoke about club business - upcoming club events, upcoming service projects and birthday wishes for the coming week.
- Thereafter the afforestation project was officially launched by Shekhar Mehta and DG Prabir Chatterjee along with PP Sanjay Dugar.
- Mahanagar Gen Z Club was introduced too and all were very happy for this.
- New members Surendra Jain, Pradeep Agarwal and Sanjay Bhandari were inducted and pinned RIP Shekhar Mehta.
- Souvenir 2021-2022 was unveiled by the dignitaries.
- DG Prabir Chatterjee addressed the gathering.
- World First Lady Rashi Mehta shared her experienced with all.
- A video presentation was shown featuring the international journey of RI President Shekhar Mehta and Rashi, after joining the office.
- RI President Shekhar Mehta then gave an inspirational speech.
- Vote of Thanks was proposed by President Ashok Agarwal.
- There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.

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
- LIVES SERVED TO CHANGE

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Belated Birthday	
Rtn. Ashok Singhvi	01st Oct.
Neelam Singhvi	01st Oct.
Rtn. Giriraj Binani	02nd Oct.
Rtn. Sahil Jain	02nd Oct.
Alka Jain	08th Oct.
Rtn. MK Mohta	08th Oct.
Rtn. Purushottam Thakur	10th Oct.
Rtn. Govind Binani	14th Oct.
Rtn. Sanjay Dugar	14th Oct.
Rtn. Shekhar Mehta	14th Oct.
Rtn. Vinay Agarwal	14th Oct.
Mrs. Dipthi Chopra	15th Oct.

PP Rtn. Rajendra Makharia has completed 50 glorious years in Rotary. He was 10 years in Rotaract and 40 years in Rotary Club of Central Calcutta and Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar.

Mahanagar congratulates PP. Rajendra Makharia for his dedicated service.

Birthdays

- Mrs. Anu Vidhawan - 22nd Oct.
- Mrs. Suman Agarwal - 22nd Oct.
- Mrs. Neena Agarwal - 24th Oct.
- Mrs. Sunita Soni - 25th Oct.
- Mrs. Babita Todi - 26th Oct.
- Rtn. Savita Kothari - 27th Oct.
- Mr. Bikash Das - 28th Oct.

Belated Anniversary

Rtn. Dr. Rampal & Anu Vidhawan - 9th Oct.

Wish you both many more years of marital bliss

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship at Gokulshree, New Alipore

Fellowship on the way to Murshidabad for the Afforestation Project

STAR ROTARIAN

Our Past President Rtn. Pranay Agarwal was presented by an award by the Computer Association of Eastern India (COMPASS) in appreciation for his invaluable contributions.

PUBLIC IMAGE

One more step towards public image. Our news of Vaccination Drive for Transgender and Sex workers held on 27th September, Monday, was published in YUVA SHAKTI newspaper of 29th September.

The Project was sponsored by Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar and jointly volunteered with Rotary Club of Nabodiganta.

KUDOS!

2020-21 ROTARY CITATION

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