

# Mahanagar

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## Today's Speaker



**Atul Satya Koushik**

**Occupation:**

**Actor • Director • Speaker  
Trainer • Writer**

Atul Satya Koushik is a celebrated playwright, director, producer and actors' trainer. He is also a leadership and motivational speaker and is an example of a person who has been able to combine profession and passion immaculately. He is a graduate in commerce with honours from Asia's most prestigious commerce college i.e., Shri Ram College of Commerce. He is a qualified Chartered Accountant and holds a Degree in Law from the Faculty of Law. But the theatre has always been his passion and today he runs one of India's most performing theatre companies i.e. The Films and Theatre Society. He has done more than 1000 shows of his 20 plays with actors such as Nitish Bharadwaj (Krishna from Mahabharat), Arun Govil (Ram from Ramayan), Puneet Issar, Annup Sonni, Rakesh Bedi, Kavita Kaushik, Himani Shivpuri and many others. His famous plays are Chakravayuh, The Legend of Ram, Draupadi, Ballygunge 1990, Raavan Ki Ramayana etc. He is a published author and a seasoned speaker. He has read various versions/interpretations of Ramayana and Mahabharata thoroughly and is a revered orator of inspiring talks on these texts.



Rotary Club Of Calcutta Avyana  
Rotary Club Of Calcutta Chowringhee  
Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar  
Rotary Club Of Calcutta Mayfair

Invite you for a Life Changing Session

**Thursday**  
**1st February, 2024**

Joint Regular Meeting  
**7pm - 7.30pm**

Oration by  
Motivational Speaker



**Atul Satya Koushik**

**7.30pm - 8.30pm**  
followed by dinner

**Hotel Hindustan  
International**  
AJC Bose Road, Kolkata

**NEXT RWM**  
**5<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Welcome February, a special month and more special this year being a Leap year !!*

*The month of February, even though the shortest month of the year, is packed with various important festivals and days- Budget presentation, Sarswati puja, Valentine's Day, World Cancer awareness Day and many more. The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar because it includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated as the World Understanding Month and area of focus is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution. Rotary's goal today is to create environments where peace can be built and maintained. Peace building remains a cornerstone of our mission as a humanitarian service organization.*

*Today on this special day we are privileged to have with us an outstanding motivational speaker Atul Satya Kaushik ji at our joint Rotary weekly meeting. We express our gratitude to him for accepting our invite to be amongst us. I extend my heartiest welcome to Atulji, his spouse Latikaji, Presidents and members of Rotary club of Avyana, Chowringhee and Mayfair and esteemed guests. Dear friends, let's gear up to welcome a delegation of 15 Rotarians led by Nancy Barbee visiting our city of Joy from 3rd to 5th February. It will be great to interact with these Rotarians specially Nancy Barbee who is a great friend of our club and instrumental in getting grants for Heart Surgeries, Eye Hospital and Eye Surgeries, Hundreds of toilets, hundreds of e learning for schools, happy schools etc. It will be a great opportunity for all of us to meet them at RWM to be held on 5 th Feb at HHI. Looking forward to the presence of members at meeting and projects.*

*"When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace."*

*Have a peaceful blissful February!!*

**- Rtn. Jyoti Mahipal**

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Today's Speaker | President's Message | A Visit To Rotary Vivekananda School | Republic Day Celebration  
| Projects | Spotlight | Minutes | Quiz - 3 | Happy Birthday | Congratulations | Thank You.**



## A Visit to Rotary Vivekananda School

On 23rd January, we visited Rotary Vivekananda School which is a joint project of Rotary Calcutta Metro South and Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar. Our members assembled at Share Chai and we had great fellowship on a lovely winter morning. We went by bus to the school located at Kultali. Members of Rotary Calcutta Metro South also had come to the school for the project. The school's infrastructure is being upgraded by a joint committee of both clubs led by PRIP Shekhar Mehta. The school has 410+ children from class PP1 to 5

We were greeted by happy faces of the children at the entrance. All of the members paid homage to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on his Birthday. A joint RWM was conducted and efforts of the committee and school staffs were appreciated.

Under the project we distributed

- Books and uniforms to the students.
- Shoes worth Rs.10,00,000/- to the children.
- Biscuits and Maggi under our Project Food Bank
- Children Play area on the terrace spanning 4500/- sq ft with turf and complete boundaries was inaugurated
- We inaugurated e-Learning facility at the school where Television sets have been installed in all the classrooms with e-Learning content
- We handed over 2 Nos on Totos which will add to the fleet of existing 10 Totos which are being used ferry children to school
- We inaugurated the new website of the school [www.rotaryvivekanandaschool.org](http://www.rotaryvivekanandaschool.org)

In the afternoon we were joined by RID Aniruddha Roy Choudhary and District Governor Hira Lal Yadav. They appreciated and applauded the efforts made by both clubs towards the school.

During the meeting it was informed that members can sponsor a child for the entire year for Rs.10000/- and they were requested to come forward for the cause. It was heartening that many members have already committed their contribution for the cause.

All the members had a lovely fresh cooked mid-day meal at school canteen.

Members attended: 17

Shekhar -Rashi Mehta, Manish -Aparna Biyani, Mahinder Singhal, Shyam -Renu Modi, Pradeep -Manju Agarwal, Mahendra -Uma Mohta, Mahinder -Suman Kedia, Ratan -Urvi Agarwal, Kamlesh Agarwal and Ritu Chowdhary.

-By PP Rtn Manish Biyani



## Republic Day Celebration

The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with much enthusiasm by the club members at the residence of Rtn Dharampal-Mona Ajitsaria. Around 50 members and spouses assembled on this occasion. The celebrations started with the unfurling of the "Tricolour" by the club president Rtn Jyoti Mahipal followed by the National Anthem. Everyone joined in to sing few songs symbolizing patriotism for our motherland. The session was followed by sumptuous breakfast.

Chocolates, biscuits and cold coffee were distributed to more than 100 underprivileged children under the Food Bank project.

-By Mona Ajitsaria





# PROJECTS OF MAAHANAGAR



## Project Food Bank

On 26th January, we distributed food items from Food Bank to 300 mentally challenged patients of Calcutta Pavlov Hospital.



## Homeopathy

Saturday, on 27th January, total 17 patients have visited our homeopathy clinic and have been given free medicines.



## Bloodline

During this period (11.01.2024 to 17.01.2024) our Club Carried out Blood Grouping Camp and registered 110 SOS donors for our Bloodline. We also met need for 01 Patient.



## Healing Little Hearts

On 25th January, Master Debpriyo Sarkar, 4 years old boy, from Canning, South 24 PGS, had heart surgery (Sam Excisions+VSD) held at R N Tagore Hospital, Mukundpur. Father is a daily labourer with having monthly income is Rs. 10,000/-.

The approximate cost of surgery was Rs. 3,30,000/-.



## Paediatric Cancer

We are here once again with our much-awaited annual fund raiser concert for the cause of kids with cancer- LIFE BEYOND CANCER

Yes Friends! On 23rd February we shall witness our event- 'LIFE BEYOND CANCER', the fund-raising event to raise funds for the treatment of Little Children suffering from Cancer. Our Project Ambassador, highly acclaimed Miss Rituparna Sengupta along with her team, are leaving no stone unturned

to make this event a successful one. But your support is of utmost importance to us. Last year, with your cooperation we were able to raise funds for the treatment of 111 children and our target this year also is the same. Your small contribution can give a new lease of life to these little angels. The cost of treatment is just Rs. 15000/- per child.

Requesting you all to come forward and support the cause generously.



Rtn Pankaj Maloo

## SPOTLIGHT

Pankaj Maloo, a Chartered Accountant by education, is the driving force behind a globally recognized design and marketing agency. Leading with vision and innovation, he also guides DesignMadari.com, a pioneering platform offering unlimited design and digital marketing services through a fixed monthly subscription. Running Design and Digital marketing studio by the brand name Kreative Fingers for over 19 years, serving clients globally.

Pankaj Maloo's multifaceted contributions also extend to addressing blood deficiency in the system. An avid supporter of this cause, he is a regular blood donor and has completed 70 whole blood donations. His belief in the philosophy of "Kabhi kisi ke ragon mein daud ke dekho, aacha lagta hai" reflects a deep commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of others through the act of giving. He spearheaded a food distribution program for daily wage earners, providing over 500,000 meals. Addressing the shortage of safety equipment, he took the lead in a citizen initiative, personally crafting and distributing more than 5000 face shields to the entire Kolkata Police force.

Beyond his professional and philanthropic pursuits, Pankaj is a passionate advocate for environmental conservation. As the founder of the "Each One Plant One" initiative, he has played a pivotal role in planting over 60,000 trees in and around Kolkata. Additionally, he collaborated with the Forest Department and Kolkata Corporation to replant over 200 trees uprooted during Cyclone Amphan in Kolkata.

Happily Married with his soulmate Shashi Maloo for 21 years. They have been blessed with two children son Dhimant and daughter Pahal.

He was introduced to this amazing inspiring platform by Mr. Pradeep Agarwal. He attended one of the Annual meetings of Rotary Mahanagar and was awestruck with the number of social initiatives and actual work is being done by this club and immediately made his mind to be part of this elite group of like-minded people.

# MINUTES OF THE 1359TH WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD ON 23RD JANUARY 2024 AT ROTARY VIVEKANAND SCHOOL, KULTHALI (JOINT MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF ROTARY CLUB OF METRO SOUTH)

1. Past President Manish Biyani called the weekly meeting to order.
2. PP Manish Biyani and Rtn Anirudh Guha welcomed the members of Rotary Metro South.
3. PP Manish Biyani welcomed R I Director Anirudha Roychowdhury and District Governor Hira Lal Yadav as well as PRIP Shekhar Mehta and partner Rashi.
4. Homage was paid to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on the occasion of his forthcoming birthday.
5. The efforts of committee of both clubs in respect of the school and the working of teachers and school staff was well appreciated.
6. Club secretary Rita Choudhury briefed all present about the upcoming events including Republic Day celebration at the residence of Rtn. Dharampal Ajitsaria,
7. RID Aniruddha Roy Choudhary and DGHiralal Yadav spoke and appreciated the participation of both the Clubs towards the School.
8. PRIP Shekhar Mehta spoke and motivated members to get more and more involved. He informed that sponsorship for one student for one year could be done by donating Rs.10000/-. Commitment for sponsorship of 42 children for one year were received with thanks for this noble cause.
9. At the School books were distributed and students were provided uniforms, shoes, school bags, biscuits, Maggie by our Club.
10. At the School we inaugurated children play area, television for E- learning, Totos and the new website of the school.
11. There being no other business meeting was terminated.

## Test Your Knowledge of Rotary and Win

### Rotary Quiz – 3

#### 1. Match the following: -

#### Column A

- a) Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Month
- b) Youth Service Month
- c) Rotary Foundation Month
- d) Vocational Service Month
- e) Basic Education & Literacy Month

#### Column B

- (I) January
- (ii) March
- (iii) May
- (iv) September
- (v) November

2. Name all Indians who became President of Rotary International and what was the Theme during their year?
3. When is Rotary Family Week celebrated?
4. Who is known as the Marco Polo of Rotary?
5. At the RI Board meeting in October 2023 the Board agreed to eliminate the creation of an Annual Presidential Theme and Logo. This will be effective from which Rotary year?

## Answers of Rotary Quiz 1

1. a) Paul Percy Harris  
b) Sylvester Schiele  
c) Hiram Shorey and  
d) Gustavus Loehr
2. a) Service Above Self, and  
b) One profits most who serves best
3. 1989
4. a) Rtn Guglielmo Marconi, Balagna (Physics 1909)  
b) Rtn Thomas Mann, Munich (Literature 1929)  
c) Rtn Arthur Holly Crompton, USA (Physics 1927)  
.... they were all Noble Laureates
5. 10th January

#### Participants are:

Payal Agarwal, Ajay Lodha

#### And the winner is:

1. Payal Agarwal, 2. Ajay Lodha



## Congratulations

**Rtn Pradeep Agarwal for receiving Crystal and two pins for becoming Major Donor level 2.**



## Happy Birthday

**2nd Feb Rtn Ramakant Lakhota**

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*Thank you!!*

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