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MAHANAGAR WELCOMES DG - HIRALAL YADAV AND SMT . DEEPALI YADAV



Hira Lal Yadav joined Rotary Club of Hooghly in the year 1995. He served as the President of Rotary Club of Hooghly from the year 1998 to 2000. He is a past Rotaractor. He graduated from Calcutta University. He is a flourishing plywood manufacturer.

He revived the sick club which was recommended to be closed by the District Governor. He established Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital (West Bengal) in the year 2000 with only 8 members in the rented building. The Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital became so popular that a more spacious building was required. He is also the Chief Advisor/Technical Advisory of 17 Rotary Eye Hospitals.

Presently 55,000 to 60,000 surgeries are being done in these eye hospitals and 4,00,000 to 4,50,000 patients are being treated in the OPD & in Out Reach camps. His dream is to arrange eye check-ups for 30 lacs patients Eye Surgeries for 3 lacs patients each year.

He has served Rotary District 3291 in different capacities and was invited as Guest Speaker in training sessions and conferences of the district RI District.

He is a great supporter of the "Rotary Foundation" & was instrumental in successfully completing 82 Global Grants Projects for different Rotary Clubs in India, Bangladeshi, Singapore & UK. He had made arrangements to construct many tube-wells to provide safe drinking water in the remote villages of Hooghly. He also gave new Life to 27 needy children by arranging heart surgery in R.N. Tagore Heart Research Kolkata & at Narayana Hriduyalaya - Banglore. He was instrumental in setting up a Primary school at Hooghly Railway Station for disadvantaged Children in the year 2014.

He also supported an orphanage "Vivekananda Ashram". For the last 23 years. He has worked with district administration of Hooghly in the implementation of the Central Government Development Scheme and was nominated Member of the District Vigilance and Monitoring Committee from 2012 to 2019.

He is a major donor and a recipient of the highest award of the Rotary International - "Service Above Self Award". DG HiraLal Yadav who is Sagittarius is married to Deepali Yadav, a Libra.

She is an active member of Rotary Club of Hooghly. They are blessed with four children. They are Harshid Yadav (Software Engineer), Shreya Yadav (Software Engineer), Preeti Yadav (HR Executive), Akansha Yadav (M.Com).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Shubho Nobo Barsho, Baisakhi and Ram Navami greetings to all !! Festivals are occasions to empower ourselves in the course of humanity - they are the occasions to rekindle the promise of humanity in our hearts. Baisakhi and Nobo barsho were special for Mahanagar this year as we inaugurated our much-awaited Project - Physiotherapy Unit at the subsidised rate in association with Punjabee Bradree on 14th April. One year ago we dreamt about this project and organised a unique fundraising event Bhagwat Katha for setting up the Physiotherapy unit for the needy section. Heartfelt thanks to the untiring efforts of our member Dr Vidhawan and team, finally our dream came true. At this juncture, I acknowledge the contribution of all the donors to this cause. We are glad that we are associated with like-minded partners. Mahanagar is blessed with talented members in various fields. This time we had taken an initiative to encourage aspiring members of Mahanagar to embrace the stage and let their talent shine. Performance by our members in front of an audience of 400 is a remarkable achievement for Mahanagar. It was the culmination of a journey that started three months ago. I sincerely appreciate the untiring efforts of Director Vineet Bhatia, Anu Vidhawan and Rashi Mehta for weaving threads of different textures to put up a

memorable enactment by our members. Today is a special day for Mahanagar as our District Governor along with his gracious wife Deepali Ji are our chief guest. We are looking forward to getting motivated and inspired by the visit of our beloved District Governor Hira Lalji Yadav. It's a great coincidence that Rotary world is celebrating the birthday of Paul Harris today a founder of Rotary, a worldwide organisation with the motto 'Service above self' "Perhaps dreaming is not so bad if one dreams good dreams and makes them come true."-Paul Harris. Yes, he dreamt and with his vision, he gave the firm foundation of Rotary. Today we take immense pride in being a Rotarian!!

- Rtn. Jyoti Mahipal

Know your DG Hira Lal Yadav

1) How Would you describe yourself in one sentence? **Ans:** Love to Live for others.

2) Who has been your role model?

Ans: My Grandfather

3) Which is your all-time favourite movie and all time favourite song?

Ans: Upkar by Manoj Kumar & Classicals.

4) What is your favourite destination to travel?

Ans: I don't like Mountains.

5) Project closest to your heart?

Ans. To improve Quality of life of underprivileged girls by supporting them with required healthy & and hygienic conditions, sanitary napkins, proper health Check ups, Cervical Cancer Vaccinations and proper education with Skill development for employment.

6) Best take away from Rotary?

<u>Ans.</u> Rotary gives us many opportunities to develop our Leadership Qualities, opportunities to make friends around the world and by joining hands with friends can address urgent issues of our communities and of the world.

7) Your Mantra For Relaxing?
<u>Ans.</u> Through Pranayam & light music after completing the assignments.

8) One Thing Which You Cannot Do Without? <u>Ans.</u> I can't do anything without the people whom I love and admire.

9) What Instantly Brings A Smile On Your Face? **Ans.** As & when I can bring Smile on the faces of others.

10) Message for Rotary Mahanagar

<u>Ans.</u> Continue the Friendship and strong relationship you have with your fellow Rotarians and continue to set examples through your Sustainable Humanitarian Projects.





Inauguration of Physiotheraphy Unit











"A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality." President Jyoti Manipal started her tenure with a vision of setting up a physiotherapy unit for the needy. With her dedication and conviction, she made it the dream of every Mahanagarian. Her unique idea of collecting funds through the

रोटरी क्लब महानगर की फिजियोथेरेपी यूनिट



कोलकाता, 14 अप्रैल (निप्र)। रोटरी बलब ऑफ कलकता महानगर ने पंजाबी ब्रैड्डी के सहयोग से एक नई किजिबोधेंगी यूनिट के उद्घाटन के साथ एक महत्त्वपूर्ण उपलब्ध हासिल की। इस कार्यक्रम में सम्मानित अतिथियों और समुदाय के गणमान्य व्यक्तियों की उपस्थिति देखी गई। यह उद्घाटन सामृहिक प्रवासों की

शक्ति पर जोर देते हर सामदायिक स्वास्थ्य देखभाल आवश्यकताओं को संबोधित करने की दिशा में एक उद्धेखनीय कदम है। फिजियोथेरेपी युनिट का लक्ष्य समदाय के भीतर स्वास्थ्य और कल्याण को बढावा देने, महत्वपूर्ण पुनर्वास सेवाएं प्रदान करना है। रोटरी क्लब ऑफ कलकता महानगर की अध्यक्ष ज्योति महिपाल ने आभार व्यक्त करते हुए कहा, फिजियोधीपी यूनिट का उदारन सामदायिक सेवा के प्रति हमारी प्रतिबद्धता में एक महत्वपू मील का पत्थर है। हम इस परियोजना को साकार करने में उनके समर्थन के लिए पंजाबी ब्रैडी और सभी भागीदारों को धन्यवाद देते हैं। साथ मिलकर, हम पुनर्वास सेवाओं के माध्यम से जीवन पर सकारात्मक प्रभाव डालने का प्रयास करते हैं।116 सदस्यों के साथ, रोटरी क्लब ऑफ़ कलकत्ता महानगर ने स्वास्थ्य देखभाल, भूख, आपदा राहत, शिक्षा और पर्यावरण संरक्षण को संबोधित करते हुए प्रभावशाली सेवा पहल का नेतृत्व किया है। पोइला बैशास्त्र के शुभ अवसर पर, क्लब गर्व से बहुप्रतीक्षित फिजियोधेरेपी यूनिट का उद्घाटन करता है, जो अध्यक्ष ज्योति महिपाल का एक डीम प्रोजेक्ट है। श्री अशोक अरोड़ा के नेतृत्व में पंजाबी ब्रेड़ी के समर्थन के लिए धन्यवाद, इकाई रियायती दरों पर चिकित्सा की पेशकश करेगी, जिससे समाज के जरूरतमंद वर्ग को लाभ होगा।

Bhagwat Katha was a super hit. God blessed us for all the hard work and dedication and soon the work on a physiotherapy unit started. Dr Rampal Vidhawan curated the entire process of meeting the right people and finally coming to the fulfilment of the centre. On the auspicious occasion of Baisakhi, the 14th of April, the inauguration of the day unit materialised. Partnership with Punjabee Biradree was fruitful as they provided us with the space we needed to set up the machines and other devices. The unit will run under the guidance of physiotherapist Neha Singh Rajput. The treatment will be provided at subsidized rates making physiotherapy affordable to the masses. This grand occasion was marked by the gracious presence of PRIP Shekhar Mehta, DG Hiralal Yadav, DGE Krishnendu Gupta, chairperson Dr Vidhawan, Punjabee Biradree president Ashok Arora, secretary Manoj Agarwal and almost all the members of the Rotary Mahanagar. The presence of 60 members at the project was heartwarming. Merrymaking and laughter filled the air with the overjoyed members, their excitement was to welcome a new baby project of their own. Wonderful arrangements with delicious food, keeping Navratri in mind, was open to all. So gear up guys because the more you dream, the more you can do!!!

Mahanagar Theatre





Acting is a platform through which we can live many lives in one life and members of Rotary Mahanagar got this beautiful opportunity when President Jyoti Mahipal took the initiative to organise a Theater performance for us. We have been immensely fortunate to have Writer, Director and Actor Mr Vineet Bhatia to train us with his team. Actor & Director Mamta Mohnot whom we lovingly call Badi Bua and Choti Bua Shubra Agarwal who is also an excellent Actor & Director herself. Two Plays "Tathastu" and "Haramkhor " were chosen, both had a very relevant and current topic, a very strong script punched with humour. Finding actors for these two plays was definitely not an easy task for Vineet. After a lot of audition, permutations and combination cast for "Tathastu" was finalised whereas "Haramkhor" cast was finalised from the workshop itself. Tathastu absorbed Rtn Ajay Lodha, Rtn Kavita Bhalotia, Rtn Sanjay Dugar, Rtn Monolina Dutta Gupta, Rtn Mahinder Singhal, Rtn Pradeep Agrawal and Rtn Shalini Surana into the depths of each character they played. Haramkor had none other than Vineet, the director himself along with wellable actors Rtn Rita Jhawar and Dr Vidhawan along with Rtn Usha Agarwal and Vinod Manipal. The third play was by Rtn Raashi Mehta an acclaimed theatre artist. "Yagnaseni " a monodrama, written by Atul Kaushik was conceptualised and enacted by Rashi and the narration was done by Rtn Aparna Biyani. The music which gave us goose bumps was designed by Neha Sethia. Each play had its ethos and left the audience thinking. Performance was remarkable and this first attempt was a grand success. Rtn Anu Vidhawan made all this possible with her coordination and management behind the scenes. Rtn Anuradha Agarwal

and Rtn sanghamitra ghosh helped the team to perform with their attentive support behind the stage.

We always say the process is more interesting than the final product. We thoroughly enjoyed our practice session where Vinod and Jyoti Mahipal not only made their home but also the 1st floor community hall available for practice. They made each day memorable by pampering us with lavish snacks and dinner.

The cherry on top was the evening dinner and show at Surender and Alka Jain's residence on the 16th where we all relived the memories. Any creation which receives wonderful appreciation brings immense satisfaction to everyone who is part of it. A cheerful audience of 400 applauded and showered appreciations in abundance. The DG Hiralal Yadav, his gracious wife and DGE dr Krishnendu Gupta and many more prominent dignitaries were delighted with the show.

- By Rtn. Rita Jhawar & Rtn. Anuradha Agarwal

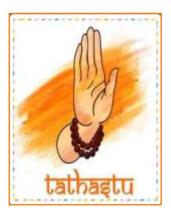
रंगमंच की शानदार नाटक शाम प्रस्तुत



कोलकाता, 12 अप्रैल (निप्र)। रोटरी कलकत्ता महानगर अपने सम्मानित सदस्यों की प्रतिभाओं को प्रस्तुत करते हुए एक आकर्षक नाटकीय कार्यक्रम, 3 लघु नाटकों का एक मेला की घोषणा करते हुए रोमांचित था। शाम को नाटक, कलात्मकता और कहानी कहने के क्षेत्र के माध्यम से एक आकर्षक यात्रा होने का वादा किया गया, जिसमें तीन सम्मोहक प्रस्तुतियों का प्रदर्शन किया गया: हरामखोर, यज्ञसेनी ए मोनोड्रामा, और तथास्तु। कुशल विनीत भाटिया द्वारा लिखित और निर्देशित, प्रत्येक नाटक एक अद्वितीय कथा परिप्रेक्ष्य प्रस्तुत करता है, जो मानवीय भावनाओं, सामाजिक बारीकियों और अस्तित्व संबंधी दुविधाओं की गहराई को उजागर करता है। दूरदर्शी राशि मेथा द्वारा परिकल्पित और विपुल अतुल सत्य कौशिक द्वारा लिखित यह कार्यक्रम रचनात्मकता, नवीनता और समुदाय की स्थायी भावना का उत्सव था। शाम के सम्मानित मुख्य अतिथि डीजी हीरा लाल यादव थे, जिनकी उपस्थिति ने इस अवसर पर विशिष्टता और प्रतिष्ठा की आभा जोड़ दी। डीजी हीरा लाल यादव की भागीदारी ने हमारे समाज के भीतर एकता, सहानुभृति और सामाजिक सामंजस्य को बढ़ावा देने में कला के महत्व को रेखांकित किया।



























PROJECTS



Homeopathy



Project Mangrove



20 benificiaries were treated in Homeopathy clinic in Bhawanipore.



Happy to inform that the seeds we have sown for Mangroves just 9 months back have germinated.

Vivekananda School



Children having sweets and celebrating New Year (Subho Nababorsho).



Happy School



Four way test practice by students of South Calcutta School everyday.



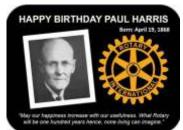
Netralaya



Eye hospital - OPD 24, Phaco 3, Paid SICS 7, Free SCIS 76.



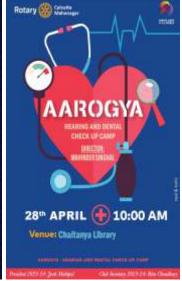
Upcoming Events







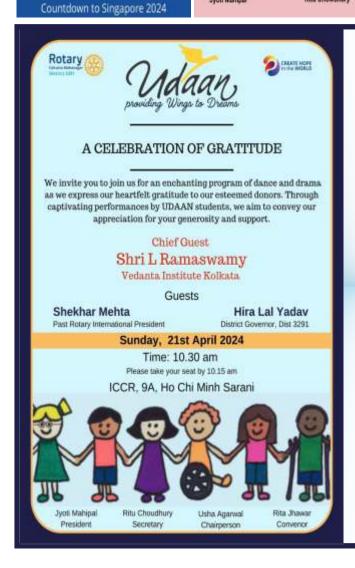












We invite you to join us for Our Annual Program of "UDAAN PROJECT", is on this Sunday, 21st April at ICCR, where we express our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed donors through captivating performances by our beneficiary students. We aim to convey our appreciation for your generosity and support. Let's join and celebrate their growth. Please join with spouse and children.

Dress Code: Top White and Bottom Black.

Looking forward to your presence.

Happy Birthdays

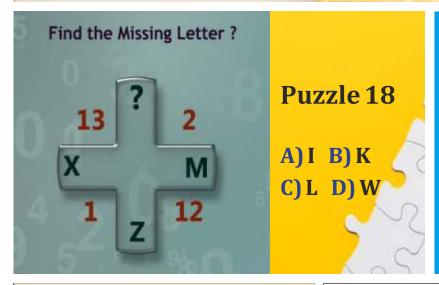
22nd April - Rtn. Mona Ajitsaria & Pushpa Bansal

23rd April - Rtn. Manish Biyani 28th April - Rtn. Viren Mehra

Happy Anniversaries

30th April Rtn. Nisheeth & Sarla Totla 30th April Rtn. Sanjay & Pramila Dugar RCC Interact Club of Auja Vidya Mandir

President Sanjana Kumari Secretary Riya Yadav



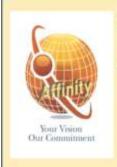
Answers of Puzzle 17

- 1. MINIMUM
- 2. cascade

Members who participated are: Sweta Choudhury, Neelam Jalan, Suman Kedia, Pradeep Agarwal, Savita Kothari, Nikhita Shah

And the Winners are...

- 1.Sweta Choudhury
- 2.Savita Kothari



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