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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

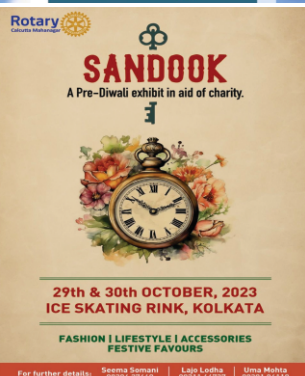
- Annadaan Mahadaan- 26th September
- Celebration of Joy of Giving week from 2nd to 8th October
- A joint meeting with ROTARY AVYANA at Conclave
- Fundraiser Sandook- 29th-30th October

NEXT RWM 4th October

A Fellowship Trip

To Runn of Kutch
&
Kevatia (Statue of Unity)

17 th Dec -21 st Dec



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Mahanagar family and friends of Rotary,

There is no season as vibrant as fall. The sky, the leaves, and the landscape together create a symphony of colors. When we appreciate the things around us, we will find that we already have the most precious things in the world. A grateful heart will guide us to discover more wonders in life.

My heartfelt thanks to all the Guest speakers and Mahanagar members for making Hindi Diwas Celebration a memorable event for Mahanagar.

Every year world celebrates 21st September as World Peace Day and World Gratitude Day!!

Rotary gives us an ample opportunity to be thankful to world by doing our little bit of good where ever we are; it is those little bits of good put together that create Hope in the world.

September is the month of Basic Education and Literacy. Mahanagar with various projects with RILM and its own projects strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We are also in continuous work with Life Beyond Cancer for children suffering with Paediatric Cancer. Mahanagar celebrated world leukaemia day by joining hands with other clubs for counselling session for parents.

As we are at the onset of month October, let's celebrate this amazing month of festivities by participating in Daan Utsav also called the Joy of Giving Week which gives every Indian an opportunity to give back to society. Daan Utsav is India's festival of giving that was first launched in 2009 and is held every year during the first week of October (Oct 2-Oct 8). Let's donate generously to make a difference in the lives of those who are not as fortunate as us. Let's come together once again, let our hearts beat to the rhythm of generosity, and let every step be a dance of gratitude. Mark your calendars for Oct 2-8th and helping those in need is one of the best ways to acknowledge the abundance in our lives. The world is big enough for everyone to shine.

- Jyoti Mahipal

VISHWAKARMA PUJA CELEBRATION AT EYE HOSPITAL



On 18th September, Vishwakarma Puja was celebrated at our Rotary Netralaya and we also inaugurated the Generator which was donated by Rtn Pradeep Agarwal. He also gave a Laser Printer to the Eye Hospital. We thank you Pradeep Bhaiya for being so generous. Excellent arrangements were done by Hospital Team for visiting members.

HIGHLIGHTS

President's Message | Vishwakarma Puja Celebration At Eye Hospital | Last Rwm - Hindi Diwas Projects Of Mahanagar | Spotlight | Minutes | Puzzle | Puzzle Answer | Public Image | Obituary

LAST RWM - HINDI DIWAS



The last Rotary Weekly Meeting was conducted on the 15th of September in HHI. It celebrated Hindi Diwas. The meeting was brought to order by President Jyoti Mahipal and Secretary Ritu Choudhary. After discussing the projects done the last week, and the upcoming projects, the proceedings were handed over to Rtn Pramila Dugar. Different members of the Club and people associated to them came up and recited their self-written Hindi Poems and articles.



The Guest Speaker was Mrs. Rajshree Shukla, the Head Professor of the Hindi Department at Calcutta University and Mr. Bishambhar Newar, the editor of the Chhapte Chhapte magazine and the director of Taaza TV, the only National Hindi News Channel from Eastern India. Professor Rajshree Shukla talked about the importance of Hindi Language and how the world seeks Hindi. She also talked about the growth and how we should appraise and help in the growth of our Rajbhasha. Mr. Bishambhar Newar talked about how the most sought-after newspapers in India are not the English ones. Instead, they are in Hindi or other Regional Languages. In fact, the English Newspapers come in the 8th number. He also explained how Hindi is regaining its fame.

-By Rtn Rooplekha Singh

PROJECTS OF MAHANAGAR



Healing Little Heart

Rifah Akhtar, 6 years old girl, from North 24 PGS, did PDA Device Closure. Father left them. Mother is a tailor with having monthly income of Rs 6,000/-. She is the only earning member of the family. Rotary Mahangar is happy to help with the surgery cost and the surgery was done on 14th September at RN Tagore Hospital, Kolkata.



Project Dignity

Under Project Dignity, a training was conducted to 185 beneficiaries who received household toilets on 16th September at Bunarati and Berachampa (North 24 Pgs).



Project Food Bank

On 17th September, biscuits were distributed at Vivekanand Park to 600 beneficiaries from Food Bank. Project was attended by Rtn Mahendra-Uma Mohta, Rtn Satish-Pushpa Bansal, Rtn Ashok Singhvi, Rtn Naresh Jalan, Rtn Vinod-Jyoti Mahipal.



Homeopathy



Saturday, on 16th September, total 20 patients visited our homeopathy clinic and have been given free medicines.



Bloodline

During this period (07.09.2023 to 13.09.2023), our Club Carried out two Blood Grouping Camps and registered 57 SOS donors for our Bloodline.



LET SPOTLIGHT SHINE A LIGHT ON YOU.



PP Rita Jhavar

An ode to fearless women. Defined by no man, you are your own story, Blazing through the world, turning history into history. And what they dare to tell you about, all the things you cannot be, you smile and tell them "I am both war and woman and you cannot stop me." - Nikita gill

She joined Rotary in the RY 2006-07. She was introduced by Ann Sarla Totla. Two times she served Mahanagar as Club Secretary, in the year 2007-08 and 2008-09. She was adjudged Best Club Secretary of District 3291 in the RY 2007-08. She became Club President in the year RY 2011-12. All along she has been a

Project Person. In the year of joining only she had been instrumental in putting up Pay & Use Toilet which we see on Park Street. Thereafter, water Kiosk on Golpark. She was the Project Chairperson of Project Dignity where our Club had made toilets for girl children in several KMC schools. She is a believer of permanent projects and in fact in her 1st COTs meeting she had expressed the same, result, Mahanagar got its 1st permanent project "Eye Hospital". She has been Chairperson of Mahanagar Bloodline ever since its inception, almost 12 years back. For two years she served as Chairperson Udaan Project and now continue as Committee Member. She has also served as Assistant Government of Mahanagar. Presently she is Advisor to Board and the major donor.

By Qualification, Rita is a Chartered Accountant. She is the Group President and Director of Buildwell Group and Trustee of Three Trusts and a school in Rajasthan. By Profession she is a builder and by Passion she is Film Producer and Actor. With equal ease she handles her Business and Passion. Her Production House NEZ Moving Pixels has produced several Award-winning Hindi, English, Silent and Bengali Feature Films and Short Films. It is the only Production House which has made Five Feature Films just by iPhone. Rita has acted in a few films. Though her Acting Career started with Hindi Feature film "PARADISO" where she played a very small character of a Pianist, her major work started from "DEATH OF SPRING", an English Feature Film, where she played a Business Tycoon. The movie was shot in France. She is the Protagonist in "NOTES TO A LOVER FROM JENNY ADAM AND HER BEAUTIFUL FAMILY", a Black and White Silent movie for which she has won several Awards as Best Actor, both Domestic and International. In "DREAMS AND RHAPSODY OF GOD" she has played the titular role, "GOD", is presently under Post production. Presently her two movies "UMFORMUNG-THE TRANSFORMATION" & "PARADISO" are being streamed on USA based OTT - Movie Saints.

She is a vociferous reader, a Yoga Enthusiast; love to play Lawn Tennis and Pet Lover. She loves travelling and adventure sports. She is a Pianist, 4th Grade Certificate holder of Associate Board of Royal School of Music (ABRSM) and presently preparing for her Debut Performance in 2024.

The grass always seems greener on the other side of the fence. This woman has cried, fallen, hurt and may be sacrificed a lot but she has made her garden green and beautiful. Proud of this feminist and optimistic person.

-By Rtn Anuradha Agarwal



Rtn Sweta Choudhary

I'm immensely grateful to the editorial team of Rotary Mahanagar for bestowing me with the opportunity to introduce myself in this week's bulletin.

I, Sweta Choudhary am born and brought up in Kolkata and am an independent woman who loves exploring new places, meeting people and building meaningful relationships. With a good balance of head and heart, I'm a loving wife to Saurav and a doting mother to our toddler Jeeyaansh and have been providing my professional services since more than a decade as a Senior Chartered Accountant to one of the best organizations in the Tea Industry. This along with supporting Saurav in his ever expanding business of battery and agricultural equipment.

I also find in Saurav, my biggest cheerleader and critique. His deep interest in sports, meditation and training sessions on moving onward and upward in life and his strive to be an equal parent to our boy has been my biggest support system since long.

I strongly believe in women empowerment and that women should strive to achieve financial independence at all times by exploring their inherent talent and passion. Having said that, it is equally important for us- the society to create a strong and safe support system for women to find their sky. Also, in light of the above, what better year to join Rotary than 2023 when it's being so ably led by two wonder women.

With all current and planned projects of the club, I am highly motivated and enthusiastic about the long and fulfilling journey with Rotary that has just begun. Looking forward to work with all of you.

-By Rtn Sweta Choudhary

MINUTES OF THE 1350th WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD ON 15th September, 2023 AT HOTEL HINDUSTAN INTERNATIONAL

- President Jyoti Mahipal called the weekly meeting to order.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn Rooplekha Singh and rendered by all.
- Minutes of the last weekly meeting was confirmed by Rtn Naresh Jalan.
- President welcomed Guest speaker Smt. Rajshree Shukla, Professor and Head of Hindi Department at Calcutta University and Shri Bishambhar Newar, Director of Taaza TV and Chief Editor of Chhapte Chhapte Hindi Daily and guests Smt. Manju Poddar and Smt. Seema Kedia.
- President informed members about the various projects and activities which took place last week and asked the members to promote and publicize the fund-raising event "Sandook" in their respective circle.
- President also presented an audio visual and details of the trip to "Rann of Kutch" and "Kevatia" and requested members to confirm their participation at the earliest.
- Rtn. Pramila Dugar conducted the entire programme and several members spoke beautifully about Hindi and also narrated poems and articles.
- President invited Smt. Manju Poddar who introduced our Guest Speaker Smt. Rajshree Shukla
- Smt. Rajshree Shukla spoke eloquently and also about the importance of Hindi and Hindi Language and its versatility.
- Upon introduction of Chief Guest Shri Bishambhar Newar spoke on the global reach of Hindi and several other aspects.
- Club Business was conducted by Club Secretary Ritu Choudhury.
- There being no other business and President terminated the meeting.

Puzzle corner

What are the next three letters in this combination?

OTTFSS

This question asks you to determine the relationship between the letters. They seem random: a vowel, two consonants from the tail of the alphabet, two from the front, then two more. What could they mean? What's the pattern?

पहेली 5 का उत्तर

ग्यारह।

चूंकि रीता ज्योति से तीन गेम हार गई थी, इसलिए उसे 300 रुपये (100 रुपये प्रति गेम) का नुकसान हुआ था। इसलिए, उसे तीन और गेमों के साथ उस 300 रुपये को वापस जीतना था, फिर 500 रुपये जीतने के लिए और पांच गेम जीतना था।

भाग लेने वाले सदस्य हैं: रूपलेखा सिंह, मोना अजितसरिया, श्वेता चौधरी, अनुराधा अग्रवाल, करिश्मा जालान, प्रदीप अग्रवाल, नीना अग्रवाल, और सुमन केडिया

और विजेता हैं:

1. रूपलेखा सिंह
2. श्वेता चौधरी

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रोटरी क्लब महानगर में हिंदी दिवस का उत्सव

छपते छपते समाचार सेवा

कोलकाता, 17 सितम्बर। रोटरी क्लब महानगर को साप्ताहिक सभा में हिंदी दिवस का उत्सव मनाया गया। इस अवसर पर मुख्य अतिथि कलकत्ता विश्व विद्यालय की हिंदी विभागाध्यक्ष डॉ. राजश्री शुक्ला ने कहा कि हिंदी दुनिया की तीसरी सर्वाधिक बोली जाने वाली भाषा है। हिंदी भारत में राष्ट्रीय एकता की सबसे मजबूत कड़ी है। डॉ. शुक्ला ने कहा कि अभिव्यक्ति में हिंदी के उपयोग से हम अपने व्यक्तिगत विकास कर सकते हैं। यह हमें राष्ट्रीय गौरव का अहसास कराती है। अतिथि वक्ता छपते छपते हिंदी दैनिक व ताजा टीवी के प्रमुख श्री विश्वम्भर नेवर ने कहा कि राजभाषा के रूप में हिंदी का शासकीय उपयोग न सिर्फ देश के विकास का मार्ग प्रशस्त करेगा अपितु देश के सामाजिक विसंगतियों एवं आर्थिक विभक्तता को भी दूर करेगा व हमारी प्रगति निरर्थक साबित होगी। उन्होंने बताया कि इंटरनेट पर डिजिटल दुनिया में हिंदी सबसे बड़ी भाषा है। श्री नेवर ने यह भी बताया कि भारत में प्रथम दस सबसे अधिक पढ़े जाने वाले समाचारपत्रों में अंग्रेजी का अग्रधार अत्यंत न्यून पर है। प्रथम सात या तो हिंदी के पत्र हैं या भारतीय भाषाओं के। श्री नेवर ने कहा कि भाषा का उपयोग हो उसकी सबसे बड़ी सम्पत्ति है। उपयोग के अभाव में भाषा को दो सौ भाषाएँ विलुप्त हो चुकी हैं। कल के सदस्यों के स्वर्णिम कविताओं को पाठ किया। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता श्रीमती ज्योति महिपाल ने की एवं क्लब की गतिविधियों पर प्रकाश डाला। सचिव रितु चौधरी ने भावी कार्यक्रमों की शरारत प्रस्तुत की। कार्यक्रम संचालन श्रीमती प्रमिला दूगड़ ने किया। आयोजन में श्रीमती मंजु पौडार की विशेष भूमिका थी।

On 15th September, our Rotary Weekly Meeting on Hindi Diwas was covered in the Hindi daily Chhapte Chhapte and was reported on Taaza TV channel also.

Happy Birthday

Rtn Ashok Singhvi 1st October
Neelam Singhvi 1st October
Rtn Sahil Jain 2nd October

OBITUARY

We are saddened by the news of the passing away of
Smt. Raj Rani Bagrecha on 14th September 2023,
mother of Rtn Sandeep-Pooja Bagrecha.



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