

# MAHANAGAR Magic

## February is Peace & Conflict Prevention Month

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### PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

February is a month of transition—a time when winter slowly bids us farewell, making way for the vibrant bloom of spring. It's a season of new beginnings, of warmth replacing the chill, and of hearts opening up to express love and gratitude. But beyond romance, February holds a deeper meaning. In Rotary, it is the month of Peace and Conflict Resolution, a reminder that kindness,

understanding, and unity can heal wounds and bridge divides.

No matter how many seasons change, our purpose remains the same. Service before Self is not just our motto; it is the essence of everything we do. Every project, every initiative, and every small act of service bring us closer to a world where compassion leads the way.

I'm especially excited to welcome our guests from the USA, who are here on their India tour, spreading the Rotary mission. Their support in many of our projects strengthens our vision and reminds us that service knows no borders.

The fundraising event of LBC is also scheduled for 15th February. Calcutta Mahanagar is always there to support life beyond cancer.

And of course, we have our much-awaited Buddy Marathon this month! This isn't just a run; it's a celebration of inclusivity, energy, and the unstoppable spirit of our community. Every step you take in this event contributes to a greater purpose, reinforcing the impact we can create together. We anticipate this as our fundraiser also. That fund we can use for our various projects.

So let's embrace this month with open hearts, spreading peace, love, and the joy of service—because together, we make a difference!

Warm regards,

**Pramila Dugar**

President, Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**Nurture the Nature**  
Picnic with meeting with US delegation  
AT  
**Botanical Garden**  
Shibpur, Howrah

9th Feb Sunday | 8:30 AM onwards

See you there!

Pramila Dugar (President) | Sandeep Bagrecha (Joint Secretary)



**DIL SE DIL TAK**

Celebration of love and romance

Date: 14th February  
Venue: Godrej platinum  
Time: 6:30

Let's sing, dance, and relive those beautiful moments

Pramila Dugar (President) | Sandeep Bagrecha (Secretary)



**Buddy Marathon '25**

An inspiring event for differently abled individuals

16th Feb, 2025  
7 am to 9 am

A step towards an inclusive society

Supported by: Affinity, ARIYA

Start: Police Athletic Club, Via: Red Road, End: Vijay Dwar

**Join us for a truly heartwarming initiative, the Buddy Marathon for specially-abled children on Sunday, 16th February 2025! With Kolkata Police on board, this event is set to be spectacular, but we need YOU to make it truly grand. Your involvement is key! Walk or run alongside these incredible children, offering them support, encouragement, and joy as they take each step with confidence and pride. Encourage your friends and family (especially the young and energetic!) to register as volunteers and be part of this incredible journey.**

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# PROJECTS



## Annadan Mahadan



The Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar organized two Anna-Dan Mahadan events, feeding 800 people in need. On 23rd January 2025, Rtn. Shashi Agarwal led the initiative at Sambhunath Hospital, and on 5th February 2025, Sanjay-Pinki Sinha led it at Dhakuria Bridge, each serving 400 people. These efforts reflect Rotary's commitment to social service, with gratitude to all organizers and volunteers.



## Netralaya



Between 20th January and 4th February, Rotary Mahanagar Netralaya conducted a total of 217 eye surgeries, providing critical ophthalmic care to patients. Out of these, 203 were free Small Incision Cataract Surgeries (SICS), reaffirming the hospital's commitment to serving underprivileged patients.



Additionally, 10 paid SICS procedures were performed, along with 3 Phaco surgeries, which are known for their advanced cataract removal technique. Apart from these, 1 other surgery was also conducted.



## Homeopathy



At a homoeopathy clinic, an eye camp was conducted on the 21st of January, during which 5 male and 7 female patients were provided with spectacles to help them improve their vision. Following this, regular eye treatments continued at the clinic. On the 25th of January, 7 patients received treatment, followed by 11 patients on the 30th of January. The number of patients further increased on the 2nd of February, with 19 individuals receiving eye care. Continuing this trend, 17 more patients received treatment on the 6th of February.



## Vivakanand School



Books and bags are distributed at Vivekanand School.



## Republic Day celebration -Medical Camp - Food Bank



On 26th January, Republic Day, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar organized a series of impactful community outreach initiatives, reinforcing its commitment to service. The day began with a flag hoisting ceremony at RCC Shikharpur SS Sangha, followed by a prosthodontic-dental check-up and awareness camp, conducted by Dr. Uday Gandhi and Dr. Nipa Gandhi, along with their team. This initiative provided essential healthcare services to the local community, ensuring better dental awareness and access to medical consultations.

Following the medical camp, members visited the Happy School near Vedic Village, where students and teachers warmly welcomed them with a heartfelt cultural program, expressing their gratitude. The day's events concluded with a visit to Devprasth Mandir, where members experienced a moment of spiritual serenity and enjoyed a well-organized lunch, thoughtfully arranged by President Pramila Dugar and past president Sanjay Dugar.

Prominent Rotarians, including President Pramila Dugar, Sanjay Dugar, Sandeep and Pooja Bagrecha, Sanjay and Kavita Bhalotia, Mahendra and Sunita Singhal, Dr. Uday Gandhi, Jitendra and Anju Surana, Bhupash and Shalini Agarwal, and Vivek Choudhary, actively participated in the program. The celebration beautifully blended patriotism, healthcare, education, and cultural connections, making a lasting impact on the community while strengthening the Rotary spirit of service and fellowship.



## Bloodline



As part of our ongoing commitment to saving lives through blood donation, two successful camps were organized on 5th and 6th February 2025 in different locations across Kolkata. On 5th February, a camp was held at Hari Saha Hat, where 45 individuals registered as SOS donors, demonstrating their dedication to this noble cause. The next day, 6th February, another camp took place at Garia Station Byabsayee Samity, drawing 29 SOS donor registrations. These camps not only reinforced the importance of blood donation but also directly contributed to saving lives.

One such instance was meeting the urgent need of patient Shubhasree Dey at Kothari Medical Centre, who required one unit of B+ blood on 30th January 2025. A heartfelt thank you to all donors, organizers, and volunteers for their invaluable contributions to this life-saving initiative. Your generosity continues to make a real difference in times of need.





## Vocational Centre

On the 30th of January, we had the pleasure of visiting Star Welfare Society, our vocational service centre, for a special occasion—the certificate distribution ceremony for children who completed their computer training. The kids gave us a heartwarming welcome with a beautiful dance performance and a cheerful welcome song, filling the atmosphere with joy and enthusiasm. We spent time interacting with them, learning about their aspirations, dreams, and what excites them the most. It was inspiring to see their determination and curiosity for the future. To add to the celebrations, we distributed packets of Maggi and chocolates, bringing smiles to their faces. It was truly a rewarding and memorable experience!




On 2nd February 2025, we visited Jalaram Vocational Centre, where we offered puja to Ma Saraswati and assessed the progress of trainees learning computers, stitching, and beautician courses. It was inspiring to see their dedication, and we provided them with clothes to support their stitching practice.


As part of our ongoing community service, we distributed 150 ration

kits from our food bank to needy individuals in the area. Special thanks to Rtn Raj Somani for efficiently organizing and managing the project. The visit was attended by Rtn Raj Somani, Sanjay Dugar, Secretary Sandeep Puja Bagrecha, and President Pramila Dugar.


Additionally, the remaining 150 ration kits were distributed in Rajarhat with the help of our RCC team, ensuring support reached the most vulnerable communities. A big thank you to Rtn Ratan Agarwal for his dedicated efforts in making this possible.



**Life Beyond Cancer**  
FOR THE BOLD HEART



**Rotary**  
District 3291



**Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar**

Presented by


**5th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER CONCERT**

FOR THE CAUSE OF KIDS WITH CANCER


**LIVE ACT**

**15th FEB 6 PM**


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SARBJANA



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**Support the Cause**

**DONATE TO LBC**

To help Children with Cancer; for their treatment, care and Life Beyond Cancer.

**Rs 15,000/- for one child**

**Contact:**  
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**Life Beyond Cancer**  
**Account of Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar Trust**  
A/C No. 037201004801  
IFSC : ICICI0000372  
Bank : ICICI Bank,  
Sarat Bose Road Branch,  
Kolkata- 700029

**NO CHILD SHOULD DIE OF CANCER**



## Adult Literacy



9 NGO partners started the Vidya Centers under Adult Literacy Grant GG 2459210. RCM Mahanagar provided one time center setup cost Rs 30 for each adult learners. There are 40 learners in each centers. Target to reach 11000 Adult Learners.

Saraswati Puja at Vidya centres by the Adult Learners at Basirhat. On 2nd February, Saraswati Puja was celebrated with devotion. Students and teachers offered prayers, participated in cultural activities, and received prasad, making it a meaningful occasion.



## Mangrove



Nypa palm fencing completed. Under Mangrove Grant 236761. Cost of protection of 7000 nypa plants Rs 250000. Completed on 3rd February 2025.

## VISIT TO FELIX SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Report on Visit to Felix School of Education (FSE), Purulia

Date of Visit: 25th January 2025

Visiting Team:

- \* Shekhar Mehta, Past Rotary International President & Advisor, Rotary Vivekananda School Committee
- \* Rtn. Manish Biyani, Chairman, Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar
- \* Rtn. Shyam Modi, Co-Chairman, Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar
- \* Rtn. Anup Guha, Rotary Club of Calcutta Metro South
- \* Aparna Biyani, CEO, Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM)
- \* Renu Modi, Past President, Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Mahanagar

Purpose of Visit:

The visit to Felix School of Education (FSE) aimed to explore potential collaborations for enhancing Rotary Vivekananda School (RVS), Kultali, including transitioning to an English-medium curriculum and seeking CBSE affiliation.

Key Observations:

The delegation was impressed by FSE's infrastructure, modern classrooms, well-equipped labs, and use of Finnish pedagogy. Discussions with Dr. Ranjana focused on RVS's curriculum shift, teacher recruitment, and board exam preparation.

Action Points for Collaboration:

1. Teacher Recruitment:
  - Recruit at least three English-medium teachers with FSE's assistance.
2. Teacher Training & Support:
  - FSE will train and mentor the new teachers, ensuring a smooth transition.
3. Curriculum & Books:
  - Adopt FSE's recommended curriculum and books.
4. Board Exam Collaboration:
  - Facilitate CBSE board exam preparation through FSE's guidance.

Additional Opportunity:

Dr. Ranjana proposed a partnership to establish a Teacher Training Institute at FSE, aligning with Rotary's educational goals.

Conclusion:

The visit was productive, and we thank Dr. Ranjana and the FSE team for their hospitality. This collaboration offers significant potential to enhance education at RVS, and we look forward to a successful partnership.



# LAST RWMS



The Rotary Mahanagar family gathered on 23rd January to celebrate Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birth anniversary with great enthusiasm. The evening was made even more special with our Regular Weekly Meeting (RWM) and the introduction of the new board in a vibrant and melodious manner.

A major highlight was Special 26—a lively segment themed “Kashti Me Masti,” where members and their spouses introduced themselves in creative and entertaining ways. Heartfelt lines were dedicated to our Navy crew members, and the enthusiasm in the room was truly contagious.

The seamless execution of the event was credited to the dedicated backstage team, whose efforts reflected in the joyous atmosphere. President Rtn. Pramila Dugar and Secretary Rtn. Sandeep Bagrecha congratulated and motivated President-elect Rtn. Sanjay Bhalotia, Rtn. Pradeep Agarwal, and their newly introduced team.

Adding to the celebrations, we proudly recognized Rtn. Naresh Jalan for securing third position in a marathon—a testament to his dedication and enthusiasm. Congratulations to him for this commendable achievement!

Our esteemed mentor, Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, further inspired the gathering, boosting the spirits of the new leadership team with his best wishes. The evening also saw the celebration of birthdays and anniversaries, making it a well-rounded, joyous.

With the dynamic Special 26 team at the helm, Mahanagar is poised for an exciting future. As the saying goes, “Kashti me ho jab aisi hasti, toh safar me hogi masti hi masti!”

**-Rtn Sushma Singhania**



The Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar's recent RWM, themed “Bring Your Own Story,” was an inspiring and enriching session where members shared their personal journeys, leaving everyone motivated. The meeting commenced with the Shanti Mantra, invoking peace, followed by the National Anthem and club business discussions.

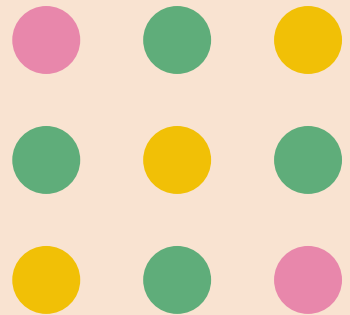
Rotarian Payal Agarwal introduced the session, after which Pradeep Agarwal spoke about resilience, his entrepreneurial journey in electronics, and the power of perseverance. Pankaj Malhu highlighted his passion for blood donation—having donated 73 times—and his dedication to tree planting, emphasizing the importance of purpose. Neeraj Kakkar shared valuable financial insights, making complex money management seem simpler. Ashok Agarwal, in an



impromptu speech, delighted everyone with the heartwarming story of his journey from an arranged marriage to a strong, loving bond with his wife, Usha Agarwal. Sarla Totla, a dedicated mentor, spoke about her efforts in guiding underprivileged children toward education and a brighter future.

The session was a reminder that within our club, every member holds a treasure trove of experiences worth sharing. With high attendance and enthusiastic participation, President Pramila Dugar and other members agreed that such storytelling sessions should be a regular feature, as they offer immense learning and inspiration from within our own community. The meeting concluded with Past President Sanjay Dugar delivering a heartfelt vote of thanks, wrapping up an evening of reflection, inspiration, and camaraderie.

## OUR UPCOMING EXHIBITION



# bloom & blend

A FASHION & LIFESTYLE EXHIBIT

**CATEGORIES**

- fashion
- lifestyle
- accessories
- fine jewellery
- beauty & wellness
- ethnic apparel
- western clothing
- men's apparel
- art & craft
- home decor
- car display
- food & beverage

**22&23 MARCH, 2025**  
**RAAJKUTIR (SWABHUMI)**  
**KOLKATA**

**STUDIO DETAILS**

- premium plus**  
 Rate: Rs. 1,10,000+GST  
 Dimensions: 4m x 3m  
 2 sides open  
 2 Tables measuring 5ft by 3ft with Cover  
 4 Chairs  
 6 Spotlights  
 2 Dustbins  
 2 Electricity points
- deluxe**  
 Rate: Rs. 45,000+GST  
 Dimensions: 3m x 2m  
 1 Side open  
 1 Table measuring 5ft by 3ft with Cover  
 2 Chairs  
 3 Spotlights  
 1 Dustbin  
 1 Electricity point
- premium**  
 Rate: Rs. 55,000+GST  
 Dimensions: 3m x 2m  
 2 sides open  
 1 Table measuring 5ft by 3ft with Cover  
 2 Chairs  
 5 Spotlights  
 1 Dustbin  
 1 Electricity point
- flea market**  
 Rate: Rs. 20,000+GST  
 1 Table measuring 5ft by 3ft with Cover  
 2 Chairs/Stools  
 Adequate Lighting  
 1 Dustbin  
 1 Electricity point

Note: Any items beyond the above mentioned list shall be chargeable. Charges would be informed upon request.

**BANK DETAILS**

**FOR GENERAL CATEGORY**

Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar  
 ICICI Bank  
 Sarat Bose Road Branch  
 A/C No: 037205094455  
 IFSC: ICIC00000372

**UNDER 800/CSR**

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 IFSC: ICIC00000372

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**PRAMILA DUGAR**  
 President

**SANJAY BHALOTIA**  
 Chairman

**SANDEEP BAGRECHA**  
 Secretary



**MINUTES OF THE 1386th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD ON FRIDAY, 23RD JANUARY 2025 AT HALDIRAM'S BALLYGUNGE**

1. The meeting was called to order by our President Pramila Dugar.
2. Members were welcomed and the national anthem was sung.
3. An overview of the current and upcoming projects in this month were shared by the President.
4. Our member Mr. Sanjay Bhalotia gave an update on the upcoming "Bloom and Blend" exhibition discussing its planning and execution.
5. The President-elect Sanjay Bhalotia along with Kavita Bhalotia introduced the new board members for the Rotary Year 2025-26 in a unique and engaging manner.
6. The Club Secretary Mr Sandeep Bagrecha conducted the club business session, announcing members' birthdays and anniversaries.
7. The meeting was adjourned by the President.

**MINUTES OF THE 1387th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD ON FRIDAY, 31ST JANUARY 2025 AT HHI**

1. The meeting was called to order by our President Pramila Dugar.
2. Members were welcomed and the national anthem was sung.
3. The theme of the meeting, "Bring Your Own Story," encouraged members to share personal and professional experiences.
4. Several members of the club such as Pradeep Agrawal, Pankaj Maloo, Neeraj Kakkar, Sarla Totla etc presented inspiring stories, making the session insightful and enriching.
5. The evening concluded with a vote of thanks by Past President Sanjay Dugar, appreciating the contributions and participation of all members.



*Rtn. Sandeep Soni*



*Rtn. Sanjay Bhandari*



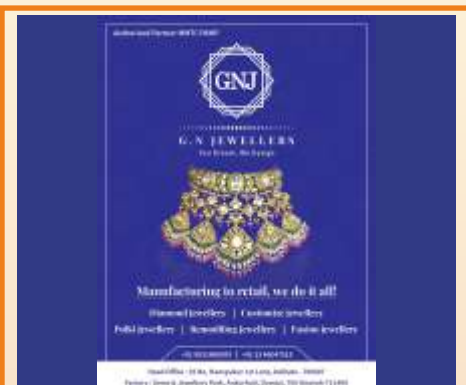
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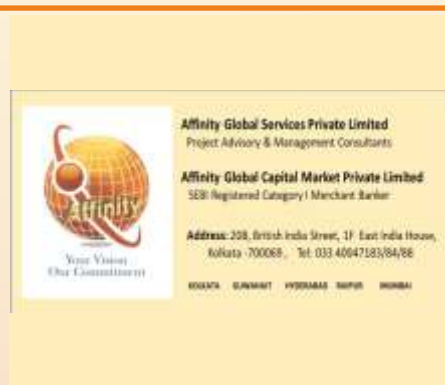
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*Rtn. Saurabh Agarwal*



*Rtn. Girish Soni*



*Rtn. Sanjay Bholotia*



*Rtn. Surendra Agarwal*