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July is New Leadership Month



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# **Installation Ceremony**

The 34th Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar hosted on 7th of July at Taj Bengal, Kolkata. IPP Jyoti Mahipal handed over the reigns of the club to President Pramila Dugar.

























# **The New Board**

# Team Mahanagar

President Pramila Dugar



2024-25



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Advisor **Pranay Agarwal** 



**Iyoti Mahipal** 



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Good evening, Mahanagar family,

New year, new start, new me, same dreams!

Today marks the beginning of a new chapter in our journey, the Rotary leadership journey.

Mark Twain once said, "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." Last week was pivotal for me, as destiny revealed my life's purpose. I believe our purpose is to make a difference in someone's life. Bringing positive change to another person is the essence of our existence.

Let me share a story:

Once, the ego asked the soul, "How can I find my life's purpose?" The soul replied, "There are two keys: First, identify what brings you pure joy, what makes your soul smile, and what fills your heart with deep content. Second, ask yourself how this joy can serve others, and how it can uplift another soul. When you combine these two, you will find your true purpose in life."

My friends, we are all here with the same purpose: to make a positive impact on someone's life. If we set aside our egos and join hands, we can achieve true joy. Whatever we can do, however small, we should do it wholeheartedly. For this rotary year, we are on a journey together, and we should make the most of it. Never forget we are Rotarians, and Service Above Self is our motto.

I humbly request everyone to attend our weekly meetings. There will be something valuable for each of you. Participate in our hands-on service projects, which will bring you immense fulfillment. Attend our fellowship events, where you will find friendships that last a lifetime. As we all know, Rotary stands on two strong pillars: service and friendship.

Let's walk this path together and create the magic!

It is indeed an honor for us that we have Mr. Utpal Chatterjee as our speaker this evening. Mr. Chatterjee needs no introduction, as we all know him as the former Sheriff of Calcutta, journalist, Global Peace Ambassador, committed Rotarian, and distinguished professor!

It is all the more a privilege for us as we at Mahanagar honor him with the Lifetime Achievement Award here today. So friends, let's have a great evening with Mr. Utpal Chatterjee.

## THE NEW CHANGEMAKERS

# Welcome!

STEPHANIE URCHICK
Rotary Internation President 2024-25



DR. KRISHNENDU GUPTA
District Governor 2024-25
and
First Lady Dr. Simran Gupta



## **KEYNOTE GUEST SPEAKER**

Our Keynote Guest Speaker from Malaysia who graced the occasion of the 34th Installation of the Club Officers of the Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar



Dato' Bindi Rajasegaran is a distinguished Rotarian and Past Governor of District 3300, Malaysia (2021/22). She serves as Chairman of the Council of Past Governors and Chairman of the Rules and Procedures Committee (RY 2023/24). Internationally, she is the Asia Regional Representative for the Presidential Peace Conference, London 2024, and Organizing Chairman for the ASEAN Peace Builders Conference 2024. An active member of the Rotary Club of Ipoh Central, Dato' Bindi is also the Founder & Director of the National Coalition for Mental Well-being and Advisor to the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives in District 3300. She is a partner at Raja Segaran Consultants. Her accolades include the People of Action Award (2024), the Rotary

Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, and recognition by the Indian High Commission as one of the 8 most outstanding women in Malaysia (2024). She has been honored with the Pingkat Pekerti Terpilih (PPT) and the Darjah Indera Mahkota Pahang (DIMP), conferring her the title of "Dato".

# SPEAKER OF THE DAY

Rtn.Utpal Chatterjee, Rotary Ambassador in Chief, RID 3291 (2024-2025)



Mr. Utpal Chatteriee, now the Global Ambassador for Peace and a Global Peace Icon, is among the most internationally acclaimed of Indian journalists and public speakers. As a journalist, he has worked for several leading Indian dailies including THE TIMES OF INDIA where he was the National Deputy Editor. Abroad, he became the India Editor of a popular New York based journal. He then joined BBC, London on the panel of experts since 1997. He has been recognized as the most outstanding Honourable Sheriff of Calcutta since Independence and its first citizen. So far, he has been the only journalist to have been appointed the Sheriff in India. He has interviewed among others 21 Heads of State, including U.S. Presidents, British Prime Ministers, the great Mikhail Gorbachev in a cold '89 Moscow (and so many more), 10 Nobel Laureates and travelled with three

Indian Prime Ministers as part of their respective media delegations. He has also met and spoken at length with the likes of, say, the late Princess Diana on her initiative. Having done his fellowship in Journalism from Oxford under the mentorship of the fabled Sir Neville Maxwell, he has travelled abroad on other official assignments more than 55 times across all the continents except Africa and Australia.

He has been recognised for being an OUTSTANDING INDIAN for "his contribution to enriching National values, public service and international journalism" by NIFI (National Integration Forum of India). Now also a "Distinguished Professor"(the highest rank a Professor gets in countries like the U.S. and the U.K.) with the St.Xavier's University, Kolkata, he was recently bestowed with the National Education Leadership Award.

Incidentally, for the seventh year running, he is the Chief Rotary Ambassador and was earlier the Goodwill Ambassador for the Department of Income Tax, Government of India. The All India Human Rights Council has also recognized him as the LEGEND OF BENGAL.



# प्रत्येक भारतीय साक्षर होण्यासाठी

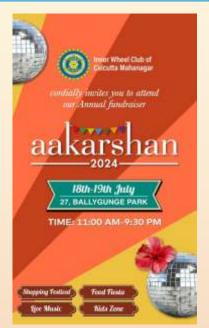
Pride of our Club





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# **Achievements 23-24**



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#### 1st PRIZE - 9

- \*Adult literacy
- \*Vocational training
- \*Water and sanitation
- \*Family of rotary
- \*Basic education
- \*Heart surgery
- \*Cancer support
- \*Polio
- \*Support to District

#### 2nd PRIZE - 4

- \*Blood donation
- \*Public image
- \*Bulletin
- \*menstrual hygiene

#### 3rdPRIZE-6

- \*Disease prevention and treatment
- \*4 way test promotion
- \*Environment care
- \*Community support
- \*Eye care
- \*Interact

#### **ROLLING TROPHIES - 5**

- \*Overall best Club awards
- \*Vocational services
- \*Working on all Seven areas of Focus -Projects as per designated months
- \*Empowering Girls
- \*Outstanding Club

(Four Lions)

#### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - 5**

- \*Computer literacy
- \*Rtn. Rita Jhawar for committee chair
- \*Rtn. Sanjay Dugar

Assistant governor- Administration

\*Rtn Dr.Rampal Vidhawan -

Calcutta Mahanagar for economic and community development

## **PROJECTS**







GST ( grow and save trees) at Hari Charan Garg Eye Hospital 15 fruit trees were planted in the hospital complex, contributing to a greener and healthier environment for the community.



#### Netralaya



Netralaya at Hari Charan Garg Eye Hospital. A total of 30 cataract surgeries were conducted at the hospital. Out of which 6 were sponsored by our member Anuja Banthia. We celebrated Doctor's Day by felicitating our doctors at the hospital.



## Project Food Bank

01.07.2024



As part of our Food Bank initiative, cereals were distributed to the children and staff members at the Hari Charan Garg Eye Hospital, providing essential nutrition and support.

12.07.2024



Chocolate were distributed to slum children by our President Pramila Dugar.

14.07.2024



Food Bank at Star Welfare Society. Chocolates and cereals were distributed among children. The children put up a very heart-warming performance to welcome the new team.



## **Healing Little Hearts**

01.07.2024



doctors were applauded and facilitated.

Our team dedicated their time to visit baby Rizwan, who underwent an operation on that very day. The club sponsored the operation and

08.07.2024



provided mental support to the family. The pediatric ward surgery was sponsored by the club.

Members also visited RN Tagore Hospital's paediatric ward, where everyone met Baby Rizwan, a 5month-old boy, who was operated on 1st July 2024. The



#### **Dialysis Centre**



Members visited our Mayor's Clinic at Chetla Dialysis Centre with our chief guest from Malaysia, PDG Bindi Rajasegran.



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#### Bloodline



#### 02.07.2024

Patient Nandini Dhar received 1 unit of blood from Tata Medical through Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar Bloodline. Her relative Shantanu Dhar conveyed heartfelt thanks to our club Rotary Mahanagar and Mr Ariffuzzaman for donating the blood.





#### **Vocational Center**

14.07.2024



Children completing their three months of basic computer courses were provided with certificates. It was a great feeling among members to see

children benefiting from the organization.



#### **Annadaan Mahadaan**

01.07.2024



Through our "Roti on Wheel" van, meals were provided to 200 people in the locality, ensuring that those in need received nutritious food. The project was sponsored by Neelam Singhvi.



#### **Life Beyond Cancer**

13.07.2024



care of children.

Rtn Sanghamitra Ghosh visited the Kolkata Police Hospital's Pediatric Cancer Ward to look after the children at Pediatric Ward. Thanks to Sanghamitra Ghosh who regularly visits once a week at NRS and SSKM, taking full

16.07.2024



President Pramila Dugar, PRIP Shekhar Mehta and PP Ashok Agarwal visited the Paediatric ward of the SSKM Hospital. Team Life Beyond Cancer is doing a superb job serving them. Rtn Shekhar Mehta, along

with President Pramila Dugar, has decided to install a TV for the kids and an AC in the help desk room. A next visit is planned in the next week again.



# MINUTES OF THE 34TH INSTALLATION AND 1374TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR, HELD ON SUNDAY, 7TH JULY 2024 AT TAJ BENGAL

- The ceremony started at around 07:00 pm with the welcome speech delivered by our past president Manish Biyani and a very melodious presentation by our Rotarians Aparna Biyani, Ritu Choudhary, Sanghamitra Ghosh, and Rakesh Singhania.
- Meeting was called to Order by our IPP Jyoti Mahipal and National Anthem of Malaysia and India was sung by all. Jyoti Mahipal addressed the members, all the Rotary Dignitaries and guests present for the Installation ceremony were especially welcomed. A video on the club activities in the year 2023-2024 was also presented.
- A welcome address was done by the Installation Chairman Mr Sanjay Bhalotia, after which change over ceremony took place.
- Handover of collar, charter, bell, and hammer was done by IPP Jyoti Mahipal to the new President Pramila Dugar, appreciation gifts were also exchanged.
- The new President of Rotary Mahanagar Pramila Dugar recited a very beautiful self-written poem based on the theme of Rotary Mahanagar for the year 2024-25 Meraki "Do it with your Soul"
- Introduction of new club officers were done with the video presentation and group pictures with board members and spouses were also taken thereafter.
- New Members were introduced by Rtn Kavita Bhalotia and Rtn Mohit Jain and pinned by District officials. Thereafter, major donors and endowments were recognised and appreciation tokens were also presented to them.
- Souvenir for the year was also released and team efforts was also recognised.
- PRIP Shekhar Mehta was introduced and an effortless speech was delivered by him. An address was also done by our District Governor Dr. Krishnendu Gupta. The most awaited keynote address by our Chief Guest PDG Bindi Rajasegaran was delivered and was felicitated with shawl, gift, bouquet, and plaque.
- A vote of thanks was given by our Club Secretary Sandeep Bagrecha.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Medical Health Camp on 21st of July, Sunday from 11:00 am onwards. Location: Shree Mairdh Kshatriya Sabha, 1 Devendra Dutta Lane, Near Jain Medical Store, Kalakar Street, Kolkata- 7

**NEXT RWM**28th of July 2024, Sunday













