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Rotary Mahanagar
Invites all its
Vibrant members to Celebrate

**Awadh me Holi
Khele Raghuveera**

Time : 9:30 am - 1 pm
Date : 25th March

Venue :
PS ASTORIA
12A , RAWDON STREET,
KOLKATA - 700017

Coordinators:
Neelam Singhi
Sonali Tibrewal
Kavita Bhalotia

President
Jyoti Mahipal

Secretary
Rita Choudhury

**Happy
Holi**

Rotary Calcutta
Mahanagar

ऐसे मनाना होली का त्यौहार,
पिचकारी से बरसे सिर्फ प्यार,
यह मौका अपनी को गले लगाने का,
तो गुलाल और रंग लेकर हो जाओ तैयार।

NEXT RWM
12th April, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Water Kiosk Inauguration
on 22nd March
Holi Meet on 25th March
District Holi Meet on 30th March
Precots 2024-25 on 7th April
MahanagarPlay on 11th April
DG Visit on 19th April
Program of Udaan on 21st April



We WELCOME our Assistant Governor Ajay-Swati Agarwal

Ajay, a pioneer in the logistics industry, is a Director in the CTI group. Prior to joining his family business of logistics in 1999, Ajay worked in the capacity of a Finance Manager in Blue Dart Express, Mumbai, where he had started his career in 1997. He holds a postgraduate

degree in Business Development from CRKIMR Mumbai,

wherein he had majored in finance and holds a Bachelors of Commerce degree from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.

His journey in Rotary started in the year 2013, when he joined the Rotary Club of Calcutta South City Towers as a charter member. During the past 11 years of his association with the Rotary Family, he has served the club in the capacity of President in 2020-21, has donned the hat of Treasurer twice, and has served the club in the capacity of Sergeant at Arms once. He is also a charter trustee of the Calcutta South City Towers Rotary Trust and has served the trust in the capacity of a Treasurer for 4 years and is currently the Convenor of the same. He is currently serving as Assistant Governor for Zone 29 in Rotary District 3291 for the year 2023-24, and has served as Assistant Governor for Zone 31 in the year 2022-23, and as Zonal Secretary for Zone 29 for the year 2021-22.

During the past 11 years, Ajay has, on several occasions, been recognised for his continued commitment to serve and give back to the society. In 2020-21, during his tenure as a president of his Rotary Club, the Club was awarded and recognised by DG Sudip Mukherjee for public image, senior citizen welfare, total TRF contributions, Outstanding President, Outstanding Secretary, DG Citation, and RI Citation.

Ajay is married to Swati, a home maker. Ajay and Swati have two children. Their daughter, Srika, is currently working as a corporate lawyer at IndusLaw, Bengaluru, and has graduated from Jindal Global Law School, Sonapat, Haryana, with a BA LLB degree. Their son, Nirmaan, is currently pursuing a BBA degree at Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies, Pune.

Ajay is passionate about driving, and also takes keen interest in photography. He also enjoys watching movies in his spare time.

HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome of AG | President's Message | Last RWM | Public Image | Upcoming Events | Colourful Holi | Projects
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

आसमान टेसू हुआ, धरती सब पुखराज;
मन सारा कैसर हुआ, तन सारा ऋतुराज..
होली राधा-श्याम की, और न होली कोय;
जो मन राचे परेम रंग, फरि रंग चढ़े न कोय....

ऋतुराज बसंत के आगमन और परकृति के नवशरूंगार एवम रंगोत्सव के पवतिर और पावन अवसर पर आप सभी को हृदय से बधाई और शुभकामनाएँ

As March fades away, spring flowers have started to bloom. Vasant Utsav is a way to welcome the spring season. This joyful festival marks the arrival of spring, a season of renewal and rebirth celebrated throughout India. Rotary Mahanagar celebrates this festival of colors on 25th March with fun and galore at PS Astoria. Presence of members in a large number will make this festival joyful.

Today is a significant day for the Mahanagar as we are excited to welcome our Assistant Governor Rtn Ajay Agarwal and his gracious wife Swati Agarwal. We all are looking forward to an enriching and informative RWM with our special guest.

Friends, March was a meaningful month where we have initiated meaningful projects and conducted club Assembly. We celebrated Women's Day by launching a flagship project for cervical cancer vaccinations for 100 girls. Today we celebrated World water day by inaugurating Water kiosk at RG Kar Hospital and by launching installation of 50 water filters at various schools in Kolkata. Thank you Mahanagar members for contributing generously for the projects which will bring a positive change in many lives. District 3291 will celebrate Holi on 30th March at EM Bypass club and I request members to register for this event. Also, a gentle reminder to register for the Rotary International convention to be held in Singapore from 25th to 29th May 2024 as 31st March is the last date to register at the promotional rate.

Mahanagar calendar for April is buzzing with the activities. For the first time Mahanagar members will put up a Theatre performance on 11th April at Gyan Manch. Rehearsals are going on in a full swing. We will inaugurate our much-awaited Physiotherapy Unit on 14th April. We are gearing up to welcome our DG Hiralal Yadav on 19th April at Fort William and Udaan fundraising event will be held on 21st April at ICCR.

May the spirit of HOLI bring you JOY. The gladness of HOLI gives you HOPE.

The warmth of HOLI grant you CHEER!!

HAPPY HOLI to Mahanagarfamily!!

- Rtn. Jyoti Mahipal

Last RWM

The RWM which was held on 6th March 2024 commenced with Mrs. Jyoti Mahipal extending a warm welcome to all attendees, including board and committee members. She emphasized the significance of addressing water and sanitation needs in the upcoming month, outlining various plans and strategies.

Following Mrs. Mahipal's address, Treasurer Sanjay Bhalotia provided insights into the club's financial aspects, detailing income, expenditures, and budget allocation. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks extended to all participants for their valuable contributions and engagement.

By Rtn Kavita Bhalotia



PUBLIC IMAGE

GUEST OF HONOUR

CHIEF GUEST

CONVENOR

District TRF Symposium

On 7th March, President Jyoti Mahipal attended TRF Symposium & Recognition at ITC SONAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Let's Play होली



Bura Na Mano Holi hai!!

1. What does Gabbar say when he shoots someone?
"Bura Na Mano Goli Hai."
2. What does one say when you spot a middle finger on the cricket field?
"Bura Na Mano Kohli Hai."
3. What does one say when they burp and it smells like crazy?
"Bura Na Mano Mooli Hai."
4. What do you say when you fall for a girl who used to tie rakhi in school?
"Bura Na Mano Muh-Boli Hai."
5. What does the wife say when the husband runs with a lot of luggage at the station?
"Bura Na Mano Coolie Hai."
6. What do you say when a kid accidentally sh*ts his pants?
"Bura Na Mano Peeli Hai."
And when that same kid pees his pants?
"Bura Na Mano Geeli Hai."

May this Holi you get, Vivah's wife, Dhoom's bike, Don's life, Krrish's josh, Babul's dular and Umravjaan's love.

~Compiled by Rtn. Pradeep Agrawal



ऐसा रंग तू रंग दे सांवरिया
जो उतरे ना जनम जनम तक
नाम तू अपना लखि दे कन्हैया
मेरे सारे बदन पर

~By Suman Kedia

होली के ये दिन, बेरंग हैं आपके बनि जो मसूती
आप के साथ हैं, वो हैं अनमोल और अभिन्न
खेलेंगे फूलों से, पीकर साथ ठंडाई, साथ में
खाएँगे - बड़ा, कचौड़ी और रसमलाई मारेंगे प्रेम
की पतिकारी, लगायेंगे गाल पे गुलाल, करेंगे
डांस, भूल कर सारे मलाल, ज्योतबिला के घर
हैं इस साल होली का धमाल

~By Rtn Vikash Tibrewal



Holi Hues

लाल हो या पीला,
हरा हो या नीला,
सुखा हो या गिला,
एक बार रंग लग जाये
तो हो जाये रंगीला।



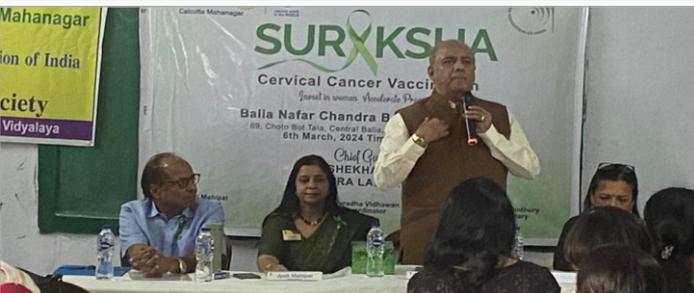
PROJECTS OF MAHANAGAR



Suraksha- A project on Cervical Cancer

Rotary Mahanagar celebrated Women's Day by launching flagship project Cervical Cancer Vaccination programme "SURAKSHA" in association with Cancer Foundation of India for 100 girls in two phases. On 6th March, 50 girls aged between 9 to 14 years were vaccinated at Balia Nafar Chandra Vidyalaya, Garia and rest will be vaccinated at the end of March.

Mahanagar is thankful to its Donors: Rtn Kamlesh-Nidhi Agarwal, Rtn Pravin-Veera Jain, Rtn Dipak - Rtn Ritu Chowdhury, Rtn Mahinder - Rtn Sunita Singhal and Anshuman - Rtn Ritu Kajaria.



Homeopathy

21 beneficiaries were treated on Saturday, 16th March 2024 in our homeopathy clinic in Bhawanipore.



Bloodline

During this period (29.02.2024 to 06.03.2024) our Club Carried out Blood Grouping Camp and registered 102 SOS donors for our Bloodline.

Camp conducted at "Magrahat Samaj Kalyan Samity" Magrahat Purba Belaria, 24Parganas(S) on 3rd March 2024.

We also met need for 04 patients.



Netralaya

A screening camp was organized jointly with DTC, a real estate company near Gosaba of Sundarbans. 27 surgeries have been performed on 14.03.24 under the partnership of DTC and Mahanagar Netralaya.



From 1st March to 19th March, 7 Phaco surgeries, 16 paid SICS, 7 Yag Laser, and 187 free surgeries were done at our Mahanagar Eye Hospital.



Project MHM

On 16th March, an awareness session conducted for 100 girls at Jagatpur Rukmini Vidyamandir. We distributed biodegradable pads to girls and also initiated project FOUR WAY TEST which was explained by our Anu Vidhawan to students. One page of Four-way Test has been added to Meri Kitaab.





Food Bank

Distribution from food bank at Jagatpur Rukmini Vidyamandir, Behala on 16th March.



Project Mangrove

Team Mahanagar visited to newly developed Waste Management Plant of Gurguria Bhubaneswari GP of Kultali Block. Two Partner of this Grant and Engineer of Panchayat were present along with Niloy. This place will be used for plastic segregation after collection from the area. It will protect plastics to go to the rivers of Sundarbans coastal area. Value of this component of GG 2236761 is Rs 12,52,000 for two years.



SPOTLIGHT ON SHELTER KIT

To those struck by natural calamities
10,000 Kits distributed so far....

Chairman- PP Rtn Ajay Lodha

During any natural calamities a family is deprived of basic amenities and equipment. Shelter kit is one which comes to their rescue. It is the most valuable possession, perhaps the only one, for the family displaced by disaster at the time of their need. One kit takes care of all emergency needs of a family of four when they have no home or other possessions. These are non-perishable items which will aid survival of the displaced family. The kit contains 50+ essential items to manage day to day life for a family of 4. One single kit helps the making of makeshift tents, clothing, cooking and eating, sanitation and storage and has brought immediate relief to distraught families.

We are fully conscious and ready to deal with natural calamities by keeping shelter kits ready at all times. We have 100 shelter kits readily available with us which can be sent to disaster struck areas when needed. We have in the last 20 years distributed more than 10000 Shelter Kits in all parts of India.

A trunk to act as container for all the materials. This one box stores 52 vital items and takes care of the basic needs one homeless family and lives up to their hopes.

- 2 pcs tarpaulin-1 as floor cover & other one as a roof cover.
- 4 blankets & 4 sheets of linen
- 4 stainless steel plates & 4 stainless steel glasses
- 1 kerosene stove & 1 lantern
- 1 jerry can for water & 1 jerry can for kerosene
- 3 cooking utensils with 3 serving spoons
- 500 chlorine tablets
- 1 bucket & 1 mug
- 2 sets of cloth for men and women
- Candles and matchboxes
- Soap and tooth powder
- 1 mosquito net



CLUB ASSEMBLY MINUTES OF MEETING:

ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE	:	NO SUGGESTIONS /
SOUVENIER COMMITTEE	:	CALLS TO BE MADE TO COLLECT THE OUTSTANDING DUES BULLETIN FRONT PAGE AD DISCUSSION FOR SANDEEP SONI
PROGRAMME COMMITTEE	:	HOLI CULTURAL PROGRAME DIST MEET
FUND RAISING	:	CSR BHAGWAT: FUND SPENT TO THE RATIO OF FUNDS RAISED WAS HIGH. NEED TO CHECK ON THAT. NEED TO PLAN ALL FUND RAISERS ACCORDINGLY. COST OF EXPENDITURE SHOULD BE 25 – 30 % OF FUNDS RAISED
FELLOWSHIP	:	VENUE CHANGE FOR SANDOOK
MEMBERSHIP	:	NEED TO ADD 4 MORE NEW MEMBERS IN THIS TERM
GLOBAL GRANT	:	URJA: DISCUSSED ON DIALYSIS CENTRE AT TRIDHARA ALONG WITH. OUR EXISTING MAYOR'S CLINIC. ALL MATCHING GRANTS TO BE. DISCUSSED & PLANNED IN THE CLUB MEETINGS. NEED TO HAVE CLEAR. REPORTS OF THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS BENEFITED FROM THE DIALYSIS CENTRE. REPORTS NEEDS TO BE TABULATED FOR FUTURE & EXISTING. GRANTS.
ACCOUNTING	:	CLARITY IN ACCOUNTS TO BE MADE. CENTRALISED ACCOUNTING TO BE IMPLEMENTED. NEED OF A PROPER ACCOUNTANT FOR DAY TO DAY. ENTRY UNDER THE TREASURER SUPERVISION AND OUTSOURCE THE COMPLIANCE WORK TO AN AUDITOR. INTRODUCTION OF VOUCHER. SYSTEM. NEW SOFTWARE INSTALLATION TO BE DISCUSSED. FINANCE COMMITTEE SETUP DISCUSSED. NAMES RECOMMENDED: ASHOK AGARWAL, PRADEEP AGARWAL, JYOTI MAHIPAL, SANJAY BHALOTIA, NARESH JALAN. GLOBAL GRANTS ACCOUNTS TO BE AUDITED & INTERGRATED THIS YEAR

DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN MATTERS OF EMPOWERING GIRLS, MHM, CERVICAL CANCER, SKILL DEVELOPMENT. FAÇADE OF EYE HOSPITAL WAS DISCUSSED WHICH NEEDS TO BE RENEVOATD FOR GETTING MORE PAID CLIENTS DISCUSSION WERE HELD ON UDAAN, IF THE CLUB SHOULD PAY OR NOT. EYE HOSPITAL: NEW SOFTWARE FOR EYE HOSPITAL DISCUSSED.

Puzzle 17

It always seems impossible until it's done.

1. Arrange four nines (9) and a one (1) and only one mathematical symbol to make it equal to 100?
2. How can you add eight 8's to get the number 1,000? (Only use addition).

Answers of Puzzel 16

Members who participated are: Neelam Jalan, Karishma Jalan, Suman Kedia, Pradeep Agarwal, and Ashok Singhvi, Sweta Choudhary

And the winners are:

1. Karishma Jalan
2. Suman Kedia

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Happy Birthdays

<p>25th March Kallol Ghosh</p> <p>27th March Rtn Puja Agarwal</p> <p>28th March Rtn Mukund Bhattar</p> <p>29th March Rtn Prashant Chakraborty</p> <p>2nd April Rtn Anil Bothra</p> <p>2nd April Rita Poddar</p>	<p>3rd April Rtn Bhupesh Agarwal</p> <p>4th April Rtn Pancham Surana</p> <p>6th April Rtn Lalit Bhutoria</p> <p>9th April Rtn Raj Somani</p> <p>10th April Shashi Makharia</p>
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