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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

26th January-Republic Day Celebration

Rotary **Calcutta Mahanagar**

Celebrates

REPUBLIC DAY

Date: 26 th Jan 2024
Time: 9.00 am

Venue:
Residence of
Rtn Dharpal - Mona Ajitsaria.
55, Nimtala Ghat St, Ahintola, Jorabagan, Kolkata,
West Bengal 700005

PRESIDENT: JYOTI MAHIPAL SECRETARY: RITA CHOUDHURY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On the occasion of 75th Republic Day I extend my heartiest greetings to one and all. When we celebrate the Republic Day, we celebrate what we have achieved together as a nation. Such a vast and diverse multitude of people coming together as one nation remains unprecedented. We are looking forward to celebrate this special day together by doing flag hoisting at our member Rtn Dharpal's residence.

It was wonderful experience to attend the District Conference UTKARSH held on 6th and 7th January at beautiful venue Taal Kutir. It was a great confluence of Rotarians, esteemed speakers and artists from various fields. I convey my heartfelt thanks to the members of Mahanagar for contributing generously for TRF at the conference. Election for the post of District Governor for year 2026-27 was held on 5th January and Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya from Rotary Club of Dum Dum is being elected. Heartiest congratulations to our DG Hira Lal Yadav and team for presenting an excellent conference.

It was very inspiring to hear from multifaceted Atul Satya Kaushik at District conference and we are glad that he accepted our invite to be our guest speaker at RWM. Our next RWM will be held on 1st Feb at HHI along with other 3 clubs where Mr. Kaushik will be our guest speaker.

Today is a special occasion to conduct a joint meeting at our adopted school- Rotary Vivekanand school. I am sure together we will lighten the lamp of literacy and create Hope in the lives of 400 children. Education is not preparation for life; "education is life itself." —John Dewey.

- Rtn. Jyoti Mahipal

Rotary **Calcutta Mahanagar**

Chalo School Chalein!

LET'S VISIT OUR
ROTARY VIVEKANANDA SCHOOL
ON JANUARY 23

VENUE
SHARE CHAI AT 8 AM
AFTER CHAI ADDA WE WILL PROCEED TO KULTALI

PROGRAMME
JOINT RWM WITH ROTARY CALCUTTA METRO SOUTH
DISTRIBUTION OF SHOES TO CHILDREN
SEEING THE NEW FACILITIES PROVIDED
MEETING THE NEW BATCH OF STUDENTS

PRESIDENT: JYOTI MAHIPAL CHAIRMAN: MANISH BIYANI SECRETARY: RITA CHOUDHURY

NEXT RWM
1st February 2024

District Conference - UTKARSH



It was an enriching experience to attend UTKARSH, Rotary District Conference at Taal Kutir where Mahanagar was one of the lead clubs.

Highlight of this conference was a confluence of excellent speakers, showcase of Mega projects, Launch of Adult literacy and Asha Kiran by Mahanagar by PRIP Shekhar Mehta, Contribution of 25000 US dollars to Rotary foundation by our kind-hearted members -Pradeep Agrawal, Mahinder Singhal, Ashok Singhvi, Anand Sureka, Deepak Chowdhury and Sanjay Bhalotia, wonderful anchoring by Aparna Biyani, Audio visual management by PP Pranay Agarwal.



HIGHLIGHTS

District Conference | Charter Day | Projects of Mahanagar | Spotlight | Rotary Quiz – 2 | Congratulations Birthdays | Anniversaries | Thank you

CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION

जशने महानगर!

गजलों की मेहफलि सजी,
सितारों का आगमन हुआ॥
रुचि भोज के साथ,
जाम का साधन हुआ॥
एसारे दोस्तों से मलि,
महानगर का जन्मदिन हुआ॥



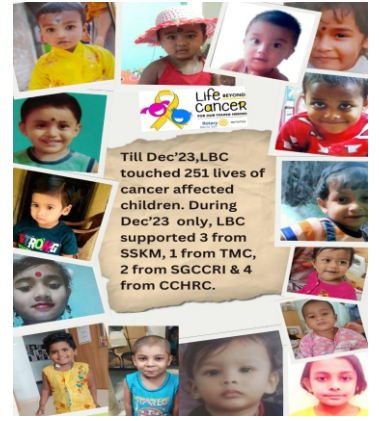
The 33rd charter day of Rotary Mahanagar was celebrated on the 5th of January at the Vivara Terrace. The event kickstarted with welcoming the Galaxy of Mahanagar; a rose for the men, and a Pasha for the women to grace the occasion. The stage was dimly lit with lanterns to the relaxing mood of melodious ghazals by none other than Rudra Roy and his team who accompanied the singer with some dialects and poems of Firdaus. The President-Jyoti, the Secretary-Ritu, the Editor Usha along with the Treasurer-Sanjay Bhalotia, and a handful of other enthusiastic dancers set the stage on fire with the happening tunes of the decade. Each past president was called upon to receive a token of acknowledgment but in a very unique way. President Jyoti recited a few shayaris and meaningful lines to quote each star's achievements, keeping the evening's theme in mind. The generous contributions to the Rotary Foundation and endowment funds were recognized and much appreciated. The evening ended with the delicacies from Gokul Shree and words of thanks from the President, Jyoti Mahipal.

By Rtn Anuradha Agarwal



Project Paediatric Cancer

Under project Paediatric Cancer, we have touched 251 lives of cancer affected children till Demember'23. Only during this month, LBC supported 3 from SSKM, 1 from TMC, 2 from SGCCRI and 4 from CCHRC.



Project Food Bank

- On 5th January, team Rotary Mahangar distributed ready to drink Nestle coffee and other food item to 600 bustee people in front of Vivekanand Park on Southern Avenue.
- On 14th January, food items from Food Bank have been distributed by team Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar at Heath camp being organised for village people at Gems city.



- We have undertaken School Nutrition Kitchen Garden project at South Calcutta National School, 3, Lansdowne Road, Kolkata - 26, in collaboration with **Indian Food Banking Network**, in which we shall be planting vegetable seeds and saplings and the students will be maintaining the plants. The vegetables grown there will be consumed by students in their mid-day meal program.



The vision of the project is to empower children with knowledge and skills to make healthy lifestyle choices which will positively impact their health and nutrition status.



Homeopathy

On Wednesday, 10th January, total 19 patients have visited our homeopathy clinic and given free medicines.





Medical Check-up Camp

On 14th January, a medical check-up camp was held at Gem City for 200 beneficiaries.



Bloodline

During this period (21.12.2023 to 03.01.2024) our Club carried out two Blood Grouping Camps and registered 45 SOS donors for our Bloodline.



Mahanagar Virtual Blood Line also met the need for a close friend of Rtn Mahendra Kedia.

A message from Spouse Suman Kedia...

Myself and my Husband are so grateful to Mahanagar Blood Line for arranging Blood for our Chachiji who was in a very critical state in Belle Vue Hospital and has come from Ranchi in Ambulance for treatment overnight. Heartfelt thanks to my dear friend Aparna Biyani for coordinating so smoothly and Raja Sen Bakshi ji for being a Blood Donor and helping it.



Healing Little Hearts

Baby Moushree Paul, 11 months old girl, Village - Rabidaspur, PS - Daspur, District - West Medinipur, West Bengal., went VSD Closure due to cardiac disorder with an estimate of Rs. 2,33,180/-. His father works as a farmer and his monthly income is Rs 5,000/-. Rotary Mahanagar is happy to help with the surgery cost and the surgery was done on 11th January at Narayana Super Specialty Hospital.



Adult Literacy and Asha Kiran

Education is the guiding light to knowledge. It's so fulfilling to inform that during District conference, we launched 100 learning centres of Adult Literacy, benefitting 4000 adult learners. These centres are spread in Jayanagar and Canning area of Bengal. We also launched 25 centres of Asha Kiran project, which will benefit 500 children going back to school. Five beneficiaries of both projects were present during program. We also inaugurated 2 AL centres virtually by RIPR Jitendra Bhandari from Nepal. These centres shall be managed by the help of Rotary India Literacy Mission.



Skill Development

On 11th January, a meeting was held with Bandhan Bank at their office for the Skill Development Project. They are working with us for the training and placement of 700 beneficiaries under the Global Grant.



Project Dignity

On 6th January, two awareness sessions on Water Sanitation and Hygiene were organized for the 44 beneficiaries by RI-approved resource person at Sarbuz Sangha and Begumpur jointly at Horwa Block.





Rtn Anuradha Agarwal

SPOTLIGHT

Hello friends glad to introduce our new member, Abhishek Kajaria. His wonderful wife Suman Kajaria and daughters Aanya, Aradhya and Amaira are the reason behind the wonderful smile he carries.

This successful 45years old businessman's hobbies and interests are in Entrepreneurship, running a real jewelry designer store (Avama Jeweller), managing a club (Octa), and overseeing a rooftop bar called Hammer. Recently joined the Rotary Club, indicating an interest in community service. He believes is serving the society and to fulfill his dream he joined the Mahanagar family.

By Rtn Anuradha Agarwal

Test Your Knowledge of Rotary and Win

Rotary Quiz - 2

1. Name the four Rotarians who started the Rotary movement?
2. What are the official mottos of Rotary?
3. When was Rotary membership opened to women?
4. Name at least one Rotarian who was a Noble Laureate?
5. When is Inner wheel Day celebrated around the world?

Answers of Rotary Quiz 1

1. 2nd January, 1991
2. Rotary Club of Barabazar
3. Anand Sureka & Naresh Jalan
4. Nisheeth Totla 2001-02
(he was from Mahanagar..... others were not presidents of Mahanagar)
5. Rita Jhawar, 2006

Participants are:

Anand Sureka, Payal Agarwal, Pushpa Bansal

And the winner is: Anand Sureka

Happy Birthdays

- 21st Jan Sandhya Passari
- 23rd Jan Rtn Shashi Agarwal
- 26th Jan Rtn Mohit Jain
- 27th Jan Suman Kedia
- 29th Jan Rtn Girish Soni
- 30th Jan Reena Bhandari

Happy Anniversaries

- 21st Jan Rtn Sunil & Rita Poddar
- 27th Jan Rtn Anil & Sarita Bothra
- 28th Jan Rtn Ashok & Neelam Singhvi
- 29th Jan Niraj & Ujjwal Kakkad
- 30th Jan Binod & Kiran Lata Dalmia
- 31st Jan Ashok & Usha Agarwal

Thank you!!

So happy to inform you that our club program Managers, Nilay Modak and Arpita Pal both have contributed Rs. 14,650 each to the Rotary Foundation for an Eye Grant of our eye Hospital.

The gesture is so unique and unprecedented. Deeply appreciate and thank both of them.

Congratulations

Rotary Mahanagar Team 2022-23 for receiving numerous District 3291 Awards:

- Outstanding President to Manish Biyani
- Outstanding Secretary to Shyam Modi
- 1st Prize for Highest TRF Percentage
- 2nd prize for Membership Growth
- 2nd prize for Highest TRF in Quantum
- 3rd Prize in Membership Growth
- DG Citation 2022-23 for Outstanding Performance



PP Rita Jhawar for being screened 3 of her movies at Nandan III. She has acted in two movies, a very pivotal role in Death of Spring and Titular role as Jenny Adam in Notes to a Lover from Jenny Adam and her beautiful family. This is a silent movie. Both are feature films and have won lot of awards and the entire movie is shot using iPhone.



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