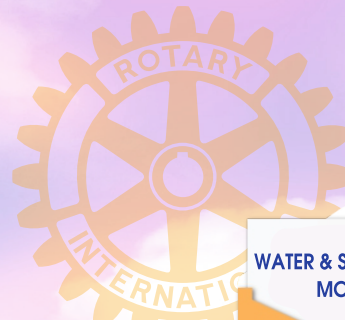




# Mahanagar

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WATER & SANITATION MONTH

FEBRUARY



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*It is the day of celebration  
of womanhood all around the world,  
Those who dared to dream big  
Achieved what was thought to be unscalable.  
With courage and determination prevented things from falling apart,  
Has vision and stood up for every cause close to heart.  
Have taken up every role  
be it home or work front with a smile,  
Don't underestimate her desire to go that extra mile.  
Set paths for themselves and others to follow,  
Inspired everyone for a better tomorrow.*



Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar

Save the Date

A PROGRAM OF PROJECT

Udaan

Providing wings to Dreams

21.04.2024  
AT TEN IN THE MORNING

President: Jyoti Mahipal  
Convenor: Rita Jhawar  
Secretary: Ritu Choudhury

**NEXT RWM**  
22nd March, 2024

**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS**

AG Visit on 22nd March  
Holi Meet on 25th March

08.03.2024

BEAUTY IS A WAY OF LIFE

INTERNATIONAL EQUALITY WOMEN'S DAY



Dear friends,  
We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.  
International Women's Day is celebrated every year to spread the message of gender equality to create a better society free of gender bias. The day celebrates women and addresses issues such as women's equal rights, violence and abuse against women. And this change is possible when women can lean on each other. As Maya Angelou rightly said "Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women." Taking caring of women's health and education is definitely a first step to empower her. Keeping this year theme "Invest in women; Accelerate progress" our club has initiated a flagship project of cervical cancer vaccination for 100 girls. WHO recommends HPV vaccines as part of routine vaccination in countries, along with other prevention measures.  
During March which as per Rotary calendar is Water and Sanitation Month, we're celebrating our commitment to create healthier communities by inaugurating water kiosk on 22nd March and installing water purifier in schools.  
We are excited to welcome our Assistant Governor Ajay Agarwal to our club on 22nd March. District has planned few events. In March. Foundation symposium and recognition will be held on 7th March at ITC Sonar where Barry Rassin, Trustee Chair of TRF will be the chief guest. District has planned Holi meet on 30th March and I request Mahanagar members to attend this event in a large number.  
Let's make this March month a motivating month to bring positive change and create Hope in the world.

- Rtn. Jyoti Mahipal

## HIGHLIGHTS

President's Message | Last RWM | Car Rally For Polio | Projects | Spotlight | Minutes | Happy Birthdays | Puzzle 16

## Last RWM “Utsukta” -aao quiz karen ...

A quiz competition is a platform where curiosity and intelligence converge.

The -RWM was held on the 29th of February, at the HHI. The special day of the year which we get one in 4 years (leap year) was celebrated by testing the knowledge of the members with “Utsukta”.

Rtn. Arijit Sen, an eminent quiz master who has won a lot of laurels in his career, conducted the quiz at our last RWM. He engaged the participants and audience in an entertaining and informative session of fun and knowledge. The teams were divided into the seven notes -Sa, Re, Ga, Ma, Pa, Dha, Ni - forming the Saptasur. Each team comprised a team leader, one past president, one new member, one member, and a student. This was done to make it a fair game as there were questions on rotary, politics, general knowledge, movies, current affairs, and much more. Rtn. Naresh Jalan coordinated the whole event smoothly; he formed a page of 70 questions to help the members revise about rotary and managed the scoreboard too.

All the team were excited and pulled each other’s legs on wrong answers, and a lot of school children-style banter took place between adults on the whole the five rounds of questioning and entertainment went hand in hand. Each team had their twists and turns but the main motive was participation. Team Ni was the second runner-up; Sa was the first runner-up and Dha was the winner. As the saying goes “None of us is as smart as all of us”, team efforts and bonding is the essence of Mahanagar.

*by Rtn. Anuradha Agarwal*



## CAR RALLY FOR POLIO AWARENESS TO KEEP INDIA POLIO FREE

Polio Day, observed annually on 3rd March, serves as reminder to the importance of global effort to eradicate polio.

District 3291 organised a car Rally to raise awareness of the importance of polio vaccination to protect every child from this devastating disease and to keep India Polio free. We were the leading Host club for this event. It was also the celebration of 10 years of Polio eradication by Rotary. It was heart-warming to see the presence of Mahanagar members in a large number.

A car rally was aimed to raise awareness and funds for eradication of polio. The vehicles were adorned with polio awareness messages and symbols. A designated route was planned from Rotary Sadan to circulate information on prevention and vaccination. This initiative serves as a platform to unite all city Rotarians on one ground.

I express my sincere gratitude towards’ Rtn Jyoti Mahipal’ for organising an exclusive breakfast event. It was a great opportunity to gather with fellow members over a delicious breakfast, discussing as our ongoing effort to eradicate polio was truly impressive. your dedication is creating meaningful experiences.

**-By Sushma Singhnia**



## PROJECTS



### Pulse Polio

Polio drops were administered to nearly 560 children at Ward No. 21 and 22 covering 5 kms area on mobile van passing through Ganesh Talkies, Malapara, Nimtolla Ghat Street on 3rd March 2024.



### Adult Literacy

Stepping strongly but steadily towards our goal of Making India Totally Literate.

Happy to share the cheerful faces of the Neo-Literates from the ground. They have completed almost 60 sessions under the Adult Literacy program of Rotary India Literacy Mission. Around 1000 non-literate adults are being transformed into literate citizens through 25 'Vidya' centres of Canning II block from South 24 Pgs, West Bengal.



# SPOTLIGHT ON PROJECT FOOD BANK

Mahanagar food bank was started in collaboration with "Indian food banking network" in 2014 -15 under the presidentship of Vikram Doogar who is also chairman of the food bank.

Corporates viz Britannia, Nestle, ITC, HUL, Mondelez (Cadbury), Sodexo, Protoviti, KFC etc support this food bank and give processed food to be distributed to the underprivileged.

We under the Food Bank committee are committed to end Hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition in and around city of Kolkata, Howrah and Hooghly district of West Bengal.

The beauty is this program is that there is no cash involvement, and the distribution network now extends to almost 100 Rotary clubs, Inner Wheel clubs and corporates, who give hands on service so that food can reach to each needy person.

The main achievements of the food bank are:

1. 4 crores of food material is not wasted and channelized to the hungry
2. Gardens have been made at schools for children to grow organic food with funds from us.
3. There are ration kits which are given regularly to the underprivileged.

The credit of the running and expansion of this program goes to Rtn Raj Somani co-chair of the food bank, who ensures fair distribution within norms as decided by the committee.

He has contributed by giving his own warehouse, person, and meticulous reporting to IFBN on the distribution single handed. While, giving him and members credit, the platform of Mahanagar and its members involvement make the food bank, a thriving and contributing project to Mahanagar.

This year from July 23 to Feb 24 we have distributed goods worth Rs. 72.5 lakh. We are first among equals in 50 plus food banks in the country.



**MINUTES OF THE 1363rd WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD ON 29th FEBRUARY 2024 AT HOTEL HINDUSTAN INTERNATIONAL.**

1. President Jyoti Mahipal called the weekly meeting to order.
2. National Anthem was recited by members.
3. Minutes of the last weekly meeting was confirmed by Rtn. Sanjay Bhalotia
4. President congratulated partner Jyoti Sureka whose committee of Annadaan featured in District GML. Also congratulated LBC team led by PP Ashok Agarwal for the successful event on 23rd February at Rabindra Sadan.
5. President welcomed March and the incoming warmness in weather. She also announced the setting up of another Water Kiosk, another Homeopathic Clinic and another vocational centre which were in the pipelines. Also announced about Mega Health Camp on 3rd March and District Polio events also on 3rd March. She also announced about cervical cancer vaccine to 100 girls in two phases with first 50 girls getting vaccination on 6th March and rest later in the March.
6. President announced about AG visit on 22nd March and Holi Meet on 25th March.
7. President announced about three short plays on 11th April at Gyan Manch to be performed by members and partners of Mahanagar.
8. Acting Club Secretary Sandeep Bagrecha carried the Club Business and wished birthday and anniversary greetings.
9. President welcomed members, partners and children participating to Utsukta, the quiz with 7 teams SA RE GA MA PA DHA NI. President also welcomed Quiz Master Arijit Sen.
10. Rtn. Naresh Kumar Jalan kept scores and also compiled questions for Rotary round while the Quiz Master conducted the quiz.
11. President Jyoti thanked Kavita Bhalotia and Anuradha Agarwal for helping with gifts and arrangements and proposed the vote of thanks.
11. There being no other business, the meeting was terminated.

*Happy Birthdays*

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|------------|--------------------|
| 9th March  | Rtn Mahendra Kedia |
| 11th March | Rtn Vikas Agrawal  |
| 12th March | Uma Mohta          |
| 19th March | Roshni Jain        |
| 22nd March | Anushree Sehgal    |

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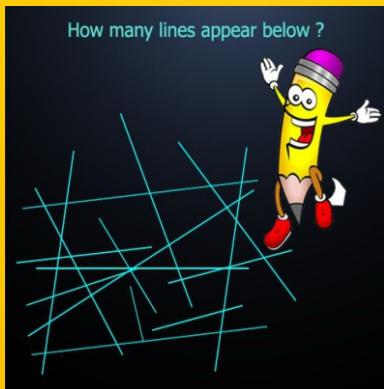
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Countdown to Singapore 2024

**Puzzle 16**

It always seems impossible until it's done.

- A. 15   B. 14   C. 16   D. 17**



**Answers of Puzzel 15**

1. In dictionary. Alphabetical order
2. Shuttlecock or tennis ball
3. Son in law

Members who participated are:  
*Neelam Jalan and Savita Kothari*



**Medical Camp**

On 3rd March 2024, a medical check-up camp Aarogya was held at our Vocational Centre, Tangra for 117 beneficiaries. It was sponsored by a Pawan Gupta, a friend of Rtn Mahinder Singhal.



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