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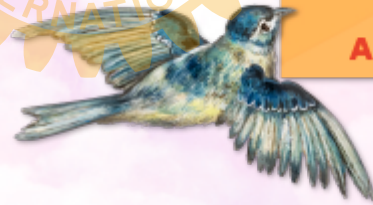
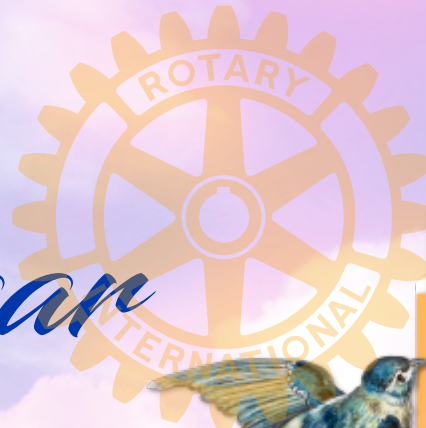
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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- Trust Meeting - 27th Aug
- Annadaan Mahadaan - 27th Aug
- Board Meeting - 29th Aug
- Annadaan Mahadaan - 2nd Sept
- MHM Project - 7th Sept



## NEXT RWM 8th September



## RWM - A FRIENDSHIP DAY CELEBRATION

“Friendship  
isn't a big thing  
it's a million  
little things.”



A great great achievement and a very proud moment for all of us, our scientists have given us this proud moment. **Jai Hind Jai Bharat**

## CONGRATULATIONS

The First Country to land on the Lunar South Pole



On August 6th, we hosted our RWM & merged it with Friendship Day Program at the Double Down Brewpub and Cafe. The event was impeccably organized, featuring a multitude of games and exciting prizes for all our members. The venue boasted a delightful ambiance, contributing to a thoroughly enjoyable experience with our cherished friends on Friendship's Day. Moreover, the food arrangements were meticulously planned and extremely delicious, adding to the overall success of this fun-filled program.

-By Rtn Nikhita Shah

## HIGHLIGHTS

Friendship Day | President's Message | Antakshari | Flag Hoisting | Projects | Spotlight  
Puzzle | Minutes | Congratulations!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**“Flatter me, and I may not believe you, criticise me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will always remember you.”**

- William Arthur Ward

My dear Mahanagar family my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for encouraging us in our journey to Create Hope in the world with your active participation, kind words and unflinching support. Our RWM on 6th August strengthened our bonding and recharged our friendship. Fellowship Chairmen Pramila Dugar and Roshni Jain made the day special with well thought games for us. Independence Day reminds us to honour our past and to look forward future with Hope. Mahanagar celebrated this year with the children of Star welfare society and 100 kits for children suffer from paediatric cancer. Appreciation goes to the Super team of PRIP Shekhar da and Savita Kothari presented a ravishing retro flavoured Antakshari “Jhoom Barabar Jhoom” at Dhana Dhanyo. Presence of DG Hira Lal Yadav and AG Ajay Agarwal made this evening a star studded. In last 15 days it was heart-warming to see that the members celebrating their special days with doing Annadaan and making difference in lives by various medical projects. August is a month for New Membership development and we feel happy that our Mahanagar family have been extended by 15 new dynamic members. It was my privilege to meet a Rotary President of Male on my visit to Maldives and discuss the activities of both the clubs in detail. Dear friends, just thinking about how different our lives would be if we could not read or write makes us shiver. Our literacy is a treasure for which we are always grateful. Looking forward to more projects based on education as September month is dedicated to education and literacy. Let's celebrate this special month at our next RWM on 8th September which is an International Literacy Day!!

**Rtn Jyoti Mahipal**



On 15th August, the Independence Day celebration of our club was celebrated with much fanfare at Dhono Dhanye auditorium where an exciting Antakshari competition was held among the members. The event was a nostalgic journey through different eras, as participants were divided into four teams, namely, the Forever 50s led by team leaders Nisha Padia and Ritu Choudhury, Swinging 60s led by Neena Agarwal and Nikita Shah, Soulful 70s led by Kavita Biyani and Neelam Singhvi and Electrifying 80s led by Rashmi Jain and Pramila Dugar. The four teams represented the decades of 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s respectively.

The atmosphere was vibrant and filled with enthusiasm as members dressed up in styles that reflected their respective eras. The 50s team donned the classic retro look in black and white, complete with polka dots and slicked-back hair. The 60s team brought back the flower power era with merry colours, while the 70s team embraced disco fever with bell-bottoms and glittering outfits. The 80s team rocked neon colors and iconic pop culture references.

The Antakshari competition was a perfect blend of music, camaraderie, and friendly competition. Each team showcased their musical and dancing prowess by performing songs from their designated eras. The melodies ranged from soulful classics to foot-tapping hits, and the energy in the room was infectious.

As the competition progressed, members cheered for their respective teams, creating an electric atmosphere. Laughter,

music, and the spirit of unity filled the air. The judges had a tough time deciding the winner as each team presented an exceptional performance that captured the essence of their era. The event was not only a celebration of Independence Day but also a tribute to the rich musical history of our nation. It provided a platform for members to relive the past and appreciate the diversity of Indian music

across different eras. The Antakshari competition successfully fostered a sense of belonging and togetherness among the club members.

In the end, while a winning team was declared, the real victory was the shared memories, the joy of singing together and the celebration of India's freedom in a unique and harmonious way. The Independence Day celebration and the Antakshari competition will be remembered as a heartwarming and melodious event that brought us all closer in the spirit of patriotism and music.

The success of the event wouldn't have been possible without the dedicated efforts of the organizing committee led by Rotary International Past President Shekhar Mehta. His guidance, meticulous planning, attention to detail, and commitment to creating a memorable event truly shone through. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the organizing committee led by Rotary International Past President Shekhar Mehta and the club President Jyoti Mahipal for their exceptional efforts in making this event a resounding success.

**-By Rtn Monolina Dutta**











# FLAG HOISTING

Our club celebrated Independence Day at Star Welfare Society with 100 children. We distributed chocolates from our foodbank, copies and pencils. The event was attended by 15 members, Raj Somani, PP Anand Sureka, PP Deepak Choudhury, Pramila Dugar, Monolina Dutta, Sanghamitra Ghosh and others.



## BLOODLINE

During this period (28.07.2023 to 02.08.2023), our Club carried out Blood Grouping Camp and Registered 46 SOS donors for our Bloodline. Camp conducted at "Amherst Street Sadharan Sri Sri Kalipuja Committee, Somen Mitra Foundation, Young Sporting Club" 46 Amherst Street, Kolkata-700009 on 2nd August 2023.

We also met the need for 03 Patients.

During this period (10.08.2023 to 17.08.2023), our Club carried out Two Blood Grouping Camps and registered 84 SOS donors for our Bloodline.

We also met need for 08 Patient



## PROJECT SAARTHI

On 20 August, under Service Project Medical, our club carried out a service project titled Saarthi at Mukrasal, Harish Mukherjee Road. Project was attended by members PP Ajay Lodha, Girish Soni, PP Pranay Agarwal, Secretary Rita Choudhury, PRIP Shekhar Mehta, Sunita Singhal and partners Anu Vidhawan. 15 wheelchairs were donated to needy people.







## PROJECT MHM

On 7th August, our club held the first project on MHM of this Rotary year at Adarsh Hindi School Alipore for 55 girls. Heartfelt thanks to Sunita Singhal for sponsoring kits for the girls. It was great to have 11 members in the early morning. It was attended by Kavita Bhalotia, Rtn Sunita Singhal, Rtn Pooja Agarwal, Uma Mohta, Rtn Savita Kothari, Shalini Surana, Babita Todi, Neelam Singhvi, Suman Kedia and Rtn Ritu Choudhury.



## HEALING LITTLE HEART

Happy to inform you that we have received the funds of our Global Grant for undertaking 33 heart surgeries valued at USD 36000.

On 21st July, Kritika Mondal underwent heart surgery at R N Tagore Hospital under our project Healing Little Heart. Rtn Mahinder Singhal and Rtn Shweta Choudhury visited the hospital on 26th July.



## HOMEOPATHY



On 9th and 12th August, 19 and 15 patients visited and were given free medicines at our homeopathy clinic.



## EYE CAMP

On 9th August, free spectacles were given to the beneficiaries at the eye camp held at our Bhawanipore Clinic.



## PROJECT AAROGYA

On 20th August, 5 wheel chairs were distributed at Chaitanya Library.

2 wheel chairs distributed physically & 3 against photos, adhaar card & disabled certificates. Project was attended by members PP Deepak Choudhury, Girish Soni, Kamlesh Agarwal, Mahinder Singhal, Ratan Agarwal, Secretary Rita Choudhury, Sanghamitra Ghosh and partners Kallol Ghosh, Urvi Agarwal.







## PROJECT ANNADAAN MAHADAAN

Under this Project, food was distributed at Little Sister of the Poor on 13th August by Rtn Jyoti Bajaj.



On 17th and 18th August, food was distributed to beneficiaries at Jain Mandir, Paddapukur by Madhu Agarwalla and at Chittaranjan Hospital, Hazra by Mahesh Sonthalia respectively.

On 20th Aug, our Club carried out again project Annadaan Mahadaan where food was sponsored by PP Dipak-Ritu Choudhury for 100 beneficiaries at Navnir, a home for the elderly. Project was attended by members Ashok Kumar Singhvi, PP Deepak

Choudhury, Kavita Bhalotia, Mahinder Singhal, Ratan Agarwal, Secretary Rita Choudhury, Sanjay Bhalotia and partners Anu Vidhawan, Jyoti Sureka, Neelam Singhvi, Ratan Agarwal, Urvee Agarwal.



## PROJECT PAEDIATRIC CANCER

On 10th August our member Rtn Sanghamitra Ghosh distributed books to the children in the Paediatric Cancer Ward handed over by our President Jyoti Mahipal.

On 17th August our member Rtn Sanghamitra Ghosh distributed 14 Smile Kits to the children in SSKM Hospital which included a drawing copy, pencil box and a ball. They were so happy to get these kits that one of the girls soon opened it and drew a picture.

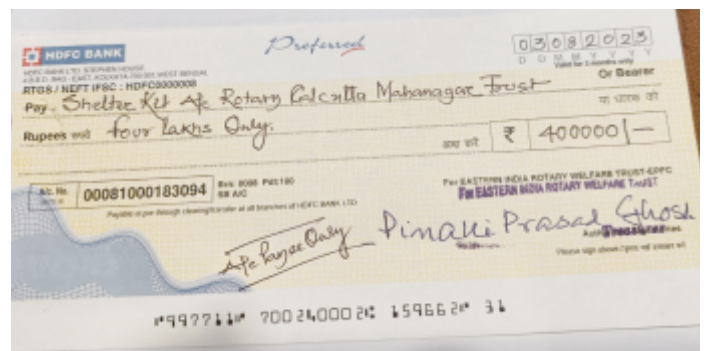


## NETRALAYA



On 30th July, 44 free IOL Eye Surgeries were done at our Eye Hospital.

## SHELTER KIT



Received this as a donation for Shelter Kits from EIRWT.



## RWM merged with Aakarshan

Aakarshan a mega fundraising event of the Inner Wheel Club Calcutta Mahanagar, was held at Ice Skating Rink on 8-9-10th August. It's a tradition of Mahanagar to merge their meetings at Aakarshan to show our support and love for this event.



## LET SPOTLIGHT SHINE A LIGHT ON YOU.



Rtn. MONOLINA DUTTA

It's my pleasure to introduce the new member Monolina Dutta Gupta. Welcome to the family. By Profession she is a Translator of literary works in Bengali to English. She has been in the Inner Wheel for the last five years. She acted as the President of her club, IWC Calcutta West for two years.

Her husband Dr. Utpal Dutta Gupta is a specialist in Internal Medicine and Critical Care. They have a beautiful and intelligent daughter who is also a doctor. She is currently in Glasgow pursuing MRCP in Psychiatry. She is an avid reader and finds solace in written words, a humanitarian and would love to see an egalitarian society around her. She thinks Rotary would provide her a platform to work towards the concept of equality and humanity among people. She would love to do whatever possible to bring smiles on people's faces. She is sure Rotary will also introduce her to like-minded people and thus help her in making enriching friendships.

Behind her soft look and gentle smile hides the sharpest mind I have ever come across. She is a beautiful person inside and outside. She is a poet too, so get your tea ready to enjoy with some amazing pieces from her soon.

*-By Rtn Anuradha Agarwal*

I'm so delighted to give the new members an insight about the handsome dude, PP Vikram Doogar. He is deeply rooted into his stock market and real estate business. A hardcore businessman who enjoys finding profitable companies and ventures with them. His way of relaxing is a good swim after which he winds up with a hot coffee and his passion for reading cozily in the scenic atmosphere from his abode in Urbana.

His beautiful and ever smiling wife Rashmi is a stunner who keeps him and herself well in shape. Their two daughters are simply brilliant, Anshika studies in Flame University, Pune, younger one Yutika is in all newspapers, she was part of a team from LSA which won the NASA design competition.

He has been a part of the Rotary Club for the past 20 yrs and each day he expresses his gratitude for the same. Rotary Mahanagar is a family to him, it's his place of magic where what one thinks is processed into action and the results are amazingly great. He holds immense respect for the members who work tirelessly for the society. He has been a president of the club in the year 2014 -15, and feels that it was the best experience of his life.

He has held many other positions and helped build the rock solid base for the club with his hard work and dedication. As of today he is the chairman of the food bank, a project that was started by him and is very close to his heart.

He wishes the very best to all the members of Mahanagar family, the unity and bonding is the essence of the club.

*-By Rtn Anuradha Agarwal*



PP VIKRAM DOOGAR



## Puzzle corner

There are three boxes on a table. One of the boxes contains Gold and the other two are empty. A printed message is in each box. One of the messages is true and the other two are lies. The first box says 'The Gold is not here'. The Second box says 'The Gold is not here'. The Third box says 'The Gold is in the Second box'. Which box has the Gold?



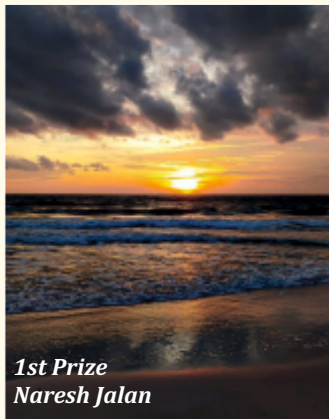
**MINUTES OF THE 1346TH ROTARY WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD ON 6TH AUGUST, 2023 AT DOUBLE DOWN, SARAT BOSE ROAD AT 11.30AM**

President Jyoti Mahipal called the weekly meeting to order.  
 The National Anthem was recited by Rtn. Rakesh Singhania.  
 President welcomed members and partners.  
 President briefed members about the projects and activities of the Club in the last weeks.  
 President announced the Aakarshan and MHM project and requested members and partners to participate in large numbers.

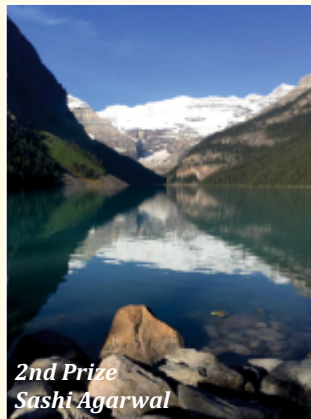
Club Secretary carried out Club Business and wished birthday and anniversary greetings.  
 President handed over the proceedings to Rtn. Pramila Dugar and Partner Roshni Jain to conduct the friendship day celebration and who conducted the same with lots of fun and gifts and everybody enjoyed.  
 Vote of thanks was proposed.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

€ Congratulations to Sanjay-Reena Bhandari on the arrival of their beautiful granddaughter to Shruti-Raghav Kanoria.  
 € Congratulations to Sunil-Rita Poddar on the arrival of their beautiful granddaughter to Ayush-Shivangi Poddar.  
 € Congratulations to Sanghamitra for Shero of the last week for her continuous work for children suffering from pediatric cancer.  
 € Congratulations to the winners of the Photography Contest.



1st Prize  
Naresh Jalan



2nd Prize  
Sashi Agarwal



3rd Prize  
Prasant Chakroborti

**SISTER SHIVANI -DISTRICT EVENT AT SCIENCE CITY ON SAT, 19TH AUG**



*Happy Birthday*

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|-----------------------|----------|
| Jyoti Sureka          | 24th Aug |
| Saurabh Choudhary     | 27th Aug |
| Pooja Bagrecha        | 1st Sep  |
| Rtn. Payal Agarwal    | 2nd Sep  |
| Sangita Poddar        | 2nd Sep  |
| Aparna Biyani         | 3rd Sep  |
| Rashi Mehta           | 5th Sep  |
| PP Ajay Lodha         | 5th Sep  |
| Rtn. Sandeep Bagrecha | 6th Sep  |

**Puzzle corner**

ANSWER FOR 6TH JULY  
 Answer: C) 1 time

EXPLANATION: How many times can you subtract 10 from 100, for this if we go through logically, it is only 1 time. For the first time if we subtract 10 from 100, then there will be no 100 to subtract from.

**Winners of Puzzle-2**

1. Rtn Naresh Jalan
2. Rtn Sweta Choudhury

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