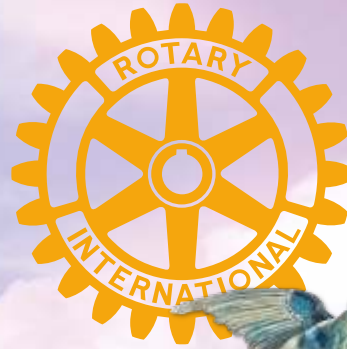


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OCTOBER

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- 2nd Oct. : Jaldaan: Bhumi puja of water kiosk sponsored by Shri Hariprasad Bhuwania
- 3rd Oct. : MHM PRGM: Distribution of 100MHM Kits at Behala.
- 4th Oct. : Vidyadaan: Distribution of 500 Meri Kitaab at Chetla sponsored by Rtn Ashok Singhvi
- 5th Oct. : Annadaan
- 6th Oct. : Vastradaan at Shaishab. 50 new sets for children sponsored by Rtn Jyoti Kr. Bajaj
- 7th Oct. : Raktadaan
- 8th Oct. : Vrikshdaan at ISKCON, Newtown.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

Welcome October - Welcome Autumn which is more the season of the soul than of nature. Sharad Ritu is a time of the year when nature displays its warm hues and starts changing colour. It symbolises renewal and sets the mood for Festivals -much awaited Durga Puja, Navratri and Diwali. Mahanagar is all set to make October an outstanding month by celebrating Daan Utsav week by doing various meaningful projects from 2nd -8th October. We are thankful to our donors for their generosity and kindness. Heartfelt gratitude to the chairmen of various committees to make this week truly a Joy

of Giving week.

As per Rotary Calendar October is an Economic and Community Development Month, a perfect opportunity for us to work as community for Development for the society. Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day. We Mahanagar support community through skill development programme and setting up its own vocational centre is in pipeline.

Today we are excited to have a joint meeting with Rotary club of Avyana and looking forward to more joint meetings with other clubs in future.

Friends, our fundraising event Sandook is around the corner and I invite one and all for your gracious presence on 29th and 30th October at Ice Skating Rink.

There is no season as vibrant as fall. The sky, the leaves, and the landscape together create a symphony of colors. When we appreciate the things around us, we will find that we already have the most precious things in the world. A grateful heart that will guide us to discover more wonders in life.

-Rtn Jyoti Mahipal

Last RWM - 'GEET GATA CHAL'

The last RWM was held on 22nd September at the community hall of Godrej Platinum. The meeting was organised by Rtn Raakesh Singhania who resides there. The meeting was brought to order by President Jyoti Mahipal and Secretary Ritu Choudhury, they discussed the projects done and informed us about the incoming projects. Rtn Pradeep Agarwal was declared as shero of the week and Rtn Rooplekha and Sweta Choudhury were the winners of the puzzle of the week.

After this the floor was opened to members to sing their hearts out (Gaata Rahe Mera Dil). It was a well-attended meeting which turned into a fellowship. Most of the members got the opportunity to sing their favourite numbers. It was a pleasure to watch and hear all the members especially Anuradha and Nikita, whom we had not heard before. Dr Viren was another quiet person who surprised us by singing a beautiful song for Geeta Bhabhi.

The food was sumptuous, we also celebrated the birthday of seven members by cutting cake. It was a relaxed evening well spent with friends.

-By Jyoti Sureka



HIGHLIGHTS

President's Message | Last Rwm | Projects Of Mahanagar | Project Udaan | Spotlight | Minutes
Congratulations | Sandook | Puzzle | Birthday | Anniversary

PROJECTS OF MAHANAGAR



Healing Little Heart

- On 21st September, Rajanna Saha, an 8 years old boy underwent Heart Surgery at R N Tagore Hospital under our project Healing Little Hearts. Rtn Mahinder Singhal and Secretary visited the hospital on 22nd September.
- On 25th September, Md. Huzair Khan, a 7-year-old boy, from Kolkata, was admitted to RN Tagore Hospital for PDA Device Closure.



Bloodline

During this period (21.09.2023 to 27.09.2023) our Club Carried out Two Blood Grouping Camps and registered 58 SOS donors for our Bloodline.

1st Camp conducted at "Srini Sahayata Kendra" (ChaterjeeParibar) Durgapuri, Barasat, Kolkata-700124 on 24th September 2023 and Registered 13 SOS donor.

2nd Camp conducted at "Kankurgachi CIT Bazar Babsayee Samiti" P-298-CIT Road, Kolkata-700054 on 25th September 2023 and Registered 45 SOS donor.

We also met need for 02 Patients.

Under *Bloodline App* we registered donors on 30th September at Paharpur Cooling Towers, Mominpur.



Annadaan Mahadaan

- Date: 26.09.23
Direct Beneficiaries: 300
Venue: Chittaranjan Hospital
- Date: 29.09.23
Direct Beneficiaries: 200
Venue: Chittaranjan Hospital
Sponsor: Rtn Vinay Agarwal



Project Mangrove

On 28th September, saplings of Mangrove Plant are being shifted to the Nursery at Patharpratima.



Project Food Bank

- On 30th September, biscuits from Food Bank and Moong Daal packets were distributed at Vivekanand Park to 600 beneficiaries. Project was attended by PP Satish -Pushpa Bansal, Naresh Jalan, Ashok Singhvi, President Jyoti Mahipal and guest Dolly Dabriwal.
- On 30th September, Mahanagar distributed Cadbury Biscuits at Tangra Nabodisha.



Vocational Centre

On 1st October, we celebrated 2nd birthday of Shaisha Singhal, grand daughter of Rtn Mahinder Singhal by distributing 100 food packets, biscuits and chocolates from food bank and donated a Carrom Board at our Vocational Centre, Tangra. Project was attended by Rtn Mahinder - Sunita Singhal, their son Naman Singhal, RtnPradeep Agrawal and President Jyoti Mahipal.



E-Learning

On 23rd September, our E-learning Kit is being used by school NETAJI SUBHAS VIDYAPITH, Madhyamgram. They are using this for training of Teachers in presence of School Inspector.



Homeopathy

On 30.09.2023 total 09 patients have visited our homeopathy clinic, being treated and given free medicines.



NEXT RWM 13th October, 2023

Project Udaan Empowering Dreams, Transforming Lives.

It is with immense pride and gratitude we appraise you about the incredible journey of our flagship project - Udaan.

For the past decade, Udaan has been a beacon of hope and opportunity for countless girls from underprivileged backgrounds, providing them with the wings to soar towards a brighter future. Udaan has been instrumental in granting scholarships to those young minds who dare to dream of quality education, yet face formidable barriers. One of the highlights of our endeavour is the annual cultural event, where our beneficiary children showcase their talents, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of all attendees - Rotary members, partners, donors, and the proud parents of these gifted individuals. Through Udaan, we've witnessed remarkable success stories - children supported by our initiative have gone on to become Chartered Accountants, pursued careers in hotel management, and even joined the noble ranks of our armed forces.

This year, we've set an ambitious target - to support at least 150 children. Each child's education comes at an average annual cost of Rs. 10,000/-, amounting to a total project cost of Rs. 18 lakhs. I'm delighted to share that we've already made significant strides, with Rs. 7 lakhs contributed by dedicated members like Rtn Rita Jhavar, Rtn Amit Agarwal, Rtn Vinod Mahipal, Rtn Ashok Singhvi, Rtn Deepak Choudahury, Anu Vidhawan, Rtn Ashok Agarwal, Rtn Mahinder Singhal, Rtn Vinay Agarwal, Rtn Vikash Tibrewal, Rtn Mahender Mohta, Veera Jain, Rtn Pawan Goenka, Rtn Harkesh Gupta, Rtn Mahesh Shah and many more. Additionally, we've also received commitments of another Rs. 2 lakhs from Rtn Sanjay Bhalotia and some other generous members.

Now, I invite each and every one of you, both new and longstanding members, to join hands in supporting this wonderful cause. Together, we can make a profound impact on the lives of these young individuals, providing them with a chance to not only dream but to thrive.

Every contribution count, and every act of kindness reverberates far beyond the immediate moment. Let's continue to be the change we wish to see in the world. Should you have any queries or wish to pledge your support, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the Udaan team. Your generosity and dedication are the cornerstone of our success.

Thank you for being the guiding light that illuminates the path for these deserving young souls.

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LET SPOTLIGHT SHINE A LIGHT ON YOU.



Rtn Saurav Agarwal

Hello!!

My Name is Saurabh Agarwal
 I am the Director of our family business Asia Pacific Marbles which is into import of premium Italian marbles & tiles.

Rishika Agarwal is my better half and we have a lovely

daughter Advika Agarwal.

It's my passion to Travel and Read books. I am a Foody too.

I have joined Rotary just recently, a few weeks back.

We have been blessed with all the comforts of this material world. I personally feel that we are the minority. But still, we are greedy and unsatisfied- it's basic human nature. But when we see these less fortunate, we realize how fortunate we have been. It's my deepest desire that through my association with Rotary we together can bring equality and dilute this greed and bring equality so there is peace and harmony for all. God has given us this life and world to respect, love and celebrate life, rather than fighting and competing with each other for this temporary happiness.

We need to strive for eternal Happiness. Love and live life happily.

- By Rtn. Saurav Agarwal

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The member whose objective is to bring smiles to all, Deepak Choudhary. He wins hearts and loves to sing with all.

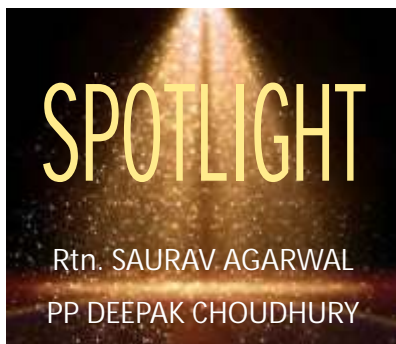
Married to the super vibrant Rita Choudhary, both oozes out love and friendship like teenagers. Although they have been married for 26 years but that's the age they look like.



PP Deepak Choudhury

Deepak is lawyer by profession and his firm is DSP Law Associates.

His two eligible bachelor sons Shubham and Pranav are too dashing to be lawyers too. His passion to learn from the learned people of the society has made him more graceful and mature. He loves to sing, especially romantic songs for his chirpy wife who spontaneously joins him. He has been a Rotarian for the past 21 years where he has also tried to touch and get touched by the people in need in the Society. He was the president for the year 2016-17 where he connected with all members and partners.



Some of his favorite projects are Rural Sanitation, Shelter Kit, and he treats polio immunization like his own baby. He has donated to The Rotary Foundation, which he believes benefits the mankind through several projects around the globe through TRF supports and grants. He is one person who loves to be a part of the team be it be scripting, editing, organizing, executing and implementing club programs. He is the backbencher who endeavors through his background work to bring color and magic in the project and fellowships that we have. His contribution to the team is the backbone of any show. He loves each moment he shares with his Rotarian friends and cherishes them as memories.

- By Rtn Anuradha Agarwal

MINUTES OF THE 1351st WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD ON 22nd September, 2023 at 21/A, Burdwan Road, Alipore, Kolkata-27

1. President Jyoti Mahipal called the weekly meeting to order.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Payal Agarwal and rendered by all.
3. Minutes of the last weekly meeting was confirmed by Rtn Deepak Choudhury.
4. President welcomed members and partners to the special meeting of Karaoke singing.
5. President briefed members about the Projects held during the week.
6. President announced about World Leukemia Day on 22nd September, upcoming projects and about joy of giving week from 2nd to 8th October and requested all to come forward for Annadaan, vastradaan, raktadaan and vrikshadaan.
7. President announced about joint meeting with RC Avyanna on 4th October.
8. President announced Rtn Pradeep Agarwal as Hero of the Week and Puzzle winner Sweta Chowdhary and Rooplekha Singh.
9. President asked the members to promote and publicize the fund-raising event "Sandook" in their respective circle and confirmed of 14 members in the trip to "Rann of Kutch" and "Kevatia".
10. President informed about an auditorium workshop led by Partner Rashi Mehta for people interested to act or perform in play.
11. President announced about a Karaoke Club in the Club for monthly singing.
12. Club Secretary Ritu Choudhury conducted club business.
13. Karaoke evening was spent with lots of singing by club members and lot of enjoyment.
14. Cake cutting was followed by Vote of Thanks and dinner.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations Rtn. Dr. Rampal Vidhawan for creating awareness on media on World Heart Day!!



Congratulations to Matrika Bhandari, one of the founder of Inkriti for the coverage in t2. She is the daughter of Rtn Sanjay - Deepali Bhandari.

Dear all,
only one month to go for Sandook - our fundraising event at ice skating and we need efforts from all our members to book the stalls.



Happy Birthday

Rtn. Mahendra Kr. Mohta	08th Oct
Alka Jain	08th Oct
Rtn. PRIP Shekhar Mehta	14th Oct
Rtn. Sanjay Dugar	14th Oct
Rtn. Vinay Agarwal	14th Oct
Rtn. Ashok Agarwal	16th Oct

Happy Anniversary
Rtn. Dr Rampal & Anu Vidhawan
9th October

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Puzzle corner

Guess the missing number?

44	25	36
64	49	81
100	??	??

Puzzle 7

- A) 169 & 81
- B) 67 & 121
- C) 64 & 115
- D) 70 & 110

Answer for Puzzle 6

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(Each letter represents the first letter in the written numbers: One, Two, Three, Four, Five, etc.).
The members who participated are: Nikhita Shah, Anu Vidhawan, Vishal Agarwal, Mona Ajitsaria, Karishma Jalan, Pradeep Agarwal, Pushpa Bansal and Savita Kothari.
And the winners are:
1. Nikhita Shah
2. Vishal Agarwal

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