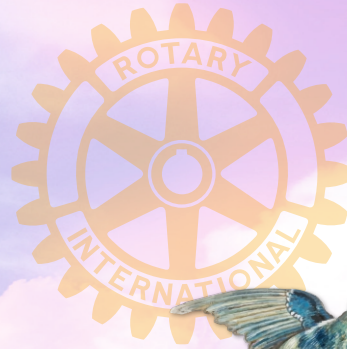


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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- 14th October** : Annadaan Mahadaan
- 15th October** : Mega Health checkup Camp at Chetla club
- 22nd October** : Puja Parikrama with Senior Citizens (10-3pm)
- 29th-30th October**: Sandook
- 1st November** : Board Meeting
- 8th November** : Diwali Meet at 4A, Short street

NEXT RWM
 3rd November



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"Success is not something sold, Only meant for the bold. Heroes never quit neither do they stop, Heroes never fear to flop, they work nonstop. And that's why they are on top." What apt lines for our own Shekharda!! How awesome an inspiring his Rotary Journey is!! He is the Shining star of our club and took Rotary to glorious heights by adorning the ultimate position of Rotary International President in 2021-22. A person instrumental in planning, implementing and garnering funds for various Flagship projects of Mahanagar. Mahanagar takes pride in his achievement and for us he is always 'Neighbours' envy Owner's Pride.' On his birthday eve, Mahanagar feels elated to have SPOTLIGHT on our own Shekharda. We are privileged that Our DG Hira Lal Yadav has joined us today at this special evening. It was a learning experience to attend the 'First Meet' organised by District 3291 to review and revise our plans for the next 9 months. 'O ayre chute aay, pujor gondho esheche, dhang kur kur dhang kurakur, batti bejeche, gache shiuli futecheIt is time to welcome Maa Durga and celebrate for all the glory and blessing – she has blessed us throughout the year! Let's make this Durga Puja a memorable one. On the auspicious occasion of Durga Puja, Mahanagar has planned a project 'Pujo Parikrama' with the senior citizens on 22nd October. Members are most welcome to join. We have joined hands with Rotay club of Avyana for their project 'Tejaswini Samman' in association with Supportact supported by Crafts Council of West Bengal during Durga Puja to felicitate and encourage women power. Our fundraising event SANDOOK will be held on 29th-30 th October at Ice skating rink . I request you all to save the dates and please do visit the exhibiton with your friends and family. May the festivities bring immense joy and happiness to you and your family. Happy Navratri and Shubho Bijoya !!

- Rtn. Jyoti Mahipal



HIGHLIGHTS

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Rotary Mahanagar Celebrates



7 DAYS OF DAAN UTSAV WHICH BROUGHT JOY TO MANY



Water Kiosk (Jaldaan)

On **2nd October**, Bhumi puja of water kiosk was done by Rtn Vinay Agarwal. This project is sponsored by Shri Hariprasad ji Bhuwania and water kiosk is expected to be ready by this month end.



Annadaan Mahadaan

Joy of giving week, we organised Project Annadaan Mahadaan on **5th October** near Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital. Sponsored by PP.Rtn.Vinod Mahipal, it benefitted nearly 300 people. Another project was held on 8th October at Maddox Square benefiting 100 people.



Project MHM

On **3rd October**, an awareness session on MHM was held for 120 girls at School at Thakurpukur. We also distributed 120 MHM kits along with biscuits and chocolates from Food Bank. Project was collectively sponsored by Rtn Anuja Banthia, Rtn Ritu Choudhury, Sushma Singhania and Shruti Agarwal.



Vastradaan

On **6th October**, new clothes were distributed to 60 children of Shaishob. Project was sponsored by our member Rtn Jyoti Kumar Bajaj.



Vidyadaan

- On **4th October**, we distributed 100 copies of Meri Kitaab, an informative copy for children at Chetla Girls School. Also explained the content of each page to the children. It has been planned to distribute 5000 copies throughout the year to the students of primary sections. The sponsors are Ashok-Neelam Singhvi - 500 copies, Shruti Bhalotia- 500 copies and PP Rita Jhawar - 1000 copies. We are thankful to them for their kind gesture.
- On **8th October**, we distributed Meri Kitaab to the children who come to attend special classes held at Maddox square every Sunday.



Bloodline

From daughter of a patient who received two units of blood from Mahanagar Virtual Bloodline.



I am really very grateful to you for your kind help at the most critical time when I require blood for my father for his open-heart surgery, I have shared a number which may come in your help too and also shared your no. With my cousin sister who is a dentist and also participates as well as organizes blood camps with the NGO she is attached with. Thank you once again

*With Regards
Joitaa Bhowmik*



Vrikshadaan

On **8th October**, we did tree plantation at ISKCON, New Town.



Homeopathy

- On **23rd and 27th September**, 24 and 19 patients were treated respectively and given free medicines in our homeopathy clinic in Bhawanipore.
- On **7th October**, 17 beneficiaries were treated and given medicines. Homeopathy chairperson Neelam Singhvi visited the clinic to meet the patients and doctor.



Project Dignity

A total of 650 Household toilets are being provided to the Beneficiaries under Grant 2236224. 70 toilets are yet to be completed. The training was organized for 550 beneficiaries.



Healing Little Heart

- On **5th October**, Abhishree Das, a 5 years old girl from Maheshtala, South 24 Pgs. underwent Heart Surgery at R N Tagore Hospital under our project Healing Little Hearts. Rtn Pradeep Agarwal and Secretary Rita Choudhury visited the hospital on 6th October.
- On **7th October**, Srimoy Sardar, a 6 months old boy, from Kolkata, underwent PA Band surgery (Heart) at RN Tagore. His father is a tailor having monthly income of Rs. 6,000/-.



Food Bank

- On **6th October**, we distributed Biscuits, Bournvita and chocolates from Food Bank at Vocational Center and our Food Bank Team of Rotary Mahanagar also distributed Cadbury products at various locations and on different dates in and around Kolkata like Calcutta Medical College, Maddox Square, Shaishob, Ranikuthi, Chetla Girls High school, Thakurpukur Girls School etc.
- On **11th October**, we distributed Meri Kitaab, biscuits and chocolate from Food bank at Govt. Multi-Purpose School to 100 beneficiaries.



Vocational Center

Self-defense classes and computer classes are going on at our Vocational center at Tangra on regular basis.



Day out with Children

On 10th October, 60 children of our vocational Center attended the International Clown festival held at Science City by Prabha Khaitan Foundation. Children truly enjoyed the show and they were very happy for attending this event. We are thankful to Rtn Savita Kothari for taking an initiative for the children.



Project Mangrove

On **7th October**, Apiary Project was done at Kultali Deualbari and nursery of Nypa plant, started with 1200+ plants at West Dwariakpur, Patharpratima.





Project GST

Mahanagar team Planted 30 Chattim Trees duly covered with iron guards on a stretch of AJC Bose Road. Trees were sponsored by Kaybee Industrial Alloys, Syam Metallic and Anant Jain. They will also take care of the maintenance.



Paediatric Cancer

Under Project Paediatric cancer, we supported 28 children in the month of September.



FIRST MEET

On 8th October, District official PP Pranay Agarwal, President Jyoti Mahipal, Club secretary Ritu Choudhury, and AG Sanjay Dugar attended First Meet of Presidents, secretaries, AG and ZS at Utsari at ECO Park.

Our PRIP Shekhar Mehta was one of the speaker motivating Presidents to review the work done in three months and to set goals for the next 9 months. DG Hira Lal Yadav appreciated our club Projects and spoke highly about our Antakshari fellowship he attended. He also spoke about TRF and motivated members to come forward for contribution to Foundation.

Our club was recognized for

- 1) Membership Growth
- 2) Hosting District Pre -Independence Day event
- 3) Co-host for the First Meet.



Last RWM - with Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna

Our last RWM held on 4th October at Conclave was a remarkable event, as it marked a joint gathering of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna and the Rotary Club of Mahanagar. The meeting brought together the respective club presidents, Jyoti Mahipal and Mandira Mukherjee.

It was a significant occasion that featured a guest speaker, Ritwika Banerjee. Her presentation delved into various facets of the cyber world, focusing particularly on the critical subject of cyber security. It is worth noting that her session was truly enlightening and mind-opening, leaving a lasting impact on all those in attendance.

In conclusion, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the members who contributed their valuable insights and perspectives during this joint meeting.

-By Rtn. Kavita Bhalotia



LET SPOTLIGHT SHINE A LIGHT ON YOU.

My first day in the club, I noticed a balding handsome person who carried an aura of owning the place. I was awestruck; people greeted and hugged him with immense respect... my thoughts, "Yeh banda Marwadi lagta hai" He was the Rotary International President'21, Shekhar Mehta.

His theme was "Serve to Change Lives". Whether it was empowering girls or eradicating polio, working for the environment or literacy, water or sanitation, operation eyesight or healing little hearts, paediatric cancer, disaster management or shelter kits, he did it all and much more. Touching lives of the people of 40 countries in 46 weeks of the Rotary International tenure and meeting 30 Heads of States is an extraordinary achievement. But coming home to Rotary Mahanagar, where his heart is always a pleasure for him. In his 38 years in Rotary this philanthropic person has worked in numerous aspects and is still bringing up new ideas to make this world a better place. He says, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space we occupy on the earth, and I want to be a good tenant." He is a great leader and achiever for the world but for me at Mahanagar he is the 'Bapu' to whom we go for guidance and help, his favorite line being, "Main Hoon Na!" True to his word, he is always there for his friends and everyone around him.

A big movie bluff and crazy love for old Bollywood songs is another one of his talents. He conducts the Antakshari session for Mahanagar on the 15th of August every year with spectacular energy and joy.

Rashi, his wife is the one who keeps him rooted. She is a social worker and a stage artist. They are major donors and members of the Bequest Society and have two endowments having contributed more than 50 lacs to The Rotary Foundation. Their Son, Chirag and daughter-in-law, Geeta believes that, "Dad has lived and breathed Rotary." They try to instill compassion, knowledge, self-awareness and humbleness in their son Veer too. His daughter, Chandni, a professor in Delhi, truly says, "He exudes energy and warmth and wins people over with his sense of humor and thoughtfulness... a free soul with an undying spirit for life and action."

He is the chairman of the Skyline Group, a real estate development company he founded. He is also a Chairman of Operation Eyesight

Universal (India), a Canada-based organization.

He has been actively involved in disaster response and was a trustee of Shelter Box, UK. After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, he helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the disaster. Since then, he has been involved in helping survivors of every major disaster in India. He pioneered a program that has performed more than 2500 life-changing heart surgeries in South Asia. He has helped set up 20 eye hospitals in India and abroad. He has helped set up 7,000 rural toilets and many other national level programs.

At the club level he started the Eye Hospital, Udaan, Bloodline, Shelter Kits, E-learning, Rural Toilets program, dialysis center and so many other initiatives. He is also the architect of the TEACH Program, which promotes literacy throughout India and has reached thousands of schools and crores of students. His life's mission also is to make India totally literate by 2030 and he works more than 15 hours for his mission

A Rotary member since 1985, Shekhar has served Rotary as Director, member or chair of several committees, zone coordinator, training leader, member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district governor.

He was also the:

- Chair of Rotary Foundation (India).
- Chair of Rotary India Literacy Mission.
- Chair of Rotary India Centennial celebration.
- Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust and many other foundations

Presently the Chair of India Humanity Foundation.

Shekhar Mehta has received Rotary's Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards.

He received the Mahatma Award for Global Social Impact

He was awarded the World Peace Icon Award 2022.

He was conferred honorary Doctorate for his stellar contribution made in the field of literacy.

He has a sharp eye to see the potential of each individual. His leadership is directional and motivating. A great leader!!

His new focus is to save the mangroves, for which he is working diligently. He says he has more work to do till he sleeps and more work for us till we sleep ... so rise and shine for a better world.

- By Rtn. Anuradha Agarwal



PRIP Shekhar Mehta



MINUTES OF THE 1352nd WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR HELD ON 4th October, 2023 AT CONCLAVE 216, Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Rd, Kolkata 700017

1. President Jyoti Mahipal called the weekly meeting to order.
2. President welcomed the guest speaker Ritwika Banerjee and also welcomed Club Avyana's President Mandira, Secretary Aparna and members of Rotary Avyana.
3. President briefed members about the projects called Daan Utsav week from 2nd October to 8th October and was thankful to the donors and chairman of various committees for their generosity and kindness and making it a truly a joy of giving week.
4. President announced about the incoming Fund-raising event Sandook and requested members and partners to participate in large numbers.
5. President Jyoti Mahipal also announced of another fund-raising event, Golf tournament for Rotarians from 23rd to 25th November and invited PRIP Shekhar Mehta to tell the details about the same.
6. President said about the 2 new events to be introduced Karaoke-Geet Gata Chal and another group for members interested to participate in play.
7. Anu Bhabhi proposed the vote of thanks.

Happy Birthday

<i>Rtn. PRIP Shekhar Mehta</i>	<i>14th Oct</i>
<i>Rtn. Sanjay Dugar</i>	<i>14th Oct</i>
<i>Rtn. Vinay Agarwal</i>	<i>14th Oct</i>
<i>Rtn. Jitendra Surana</i>	<i>15th Oct</i>
<i>Dipti Chopra</i>	<i>15th Oct</i>
<i>Anu Vidhawan</i>	<i>22nd Oct</i>
<i>Suman Agarwal</i>	<i>22nd Oct</i>
<i>Neena Agarwal</i>	<i>24th Oct</i>
<i>Sunita Soni</i>	<i>25th Oct</i>
<i>Babita Todi</i>	<i>26th Oct</i>
<i>Rtn. Uttam Bagaria</i>	<i>27th Oct</i>
<i>Rtn. Savita Kothari</i>	<i>27th Oct</i>
<i>Dipali Bhandari</i>	<i>27th Oct</i>
<i>Rtn. Rakesh Singhania</i>	<i>28th Oct</i>
<i>Bikas Das</i>	<i>28th Oct</i>
<i>Rtn. Subrata Saha</i>	<i>28th Oct</i>
<i>Anshuman Kajaria</i>	<i>31st Oct</i>
<i>Veera Jain</i>	<i>31st Oct</i>
<i>Ujwal Kakkad</i>	<i>01st Nov</i>
<i>Sujata Chakraborty</i>	<i>01st Nov</i>
<i>Rtn. Pawan Kr Goenka</i>	<i>02nd Nov</i>
<i>Rtn. Aditya Almal</i>	<i>02nd Nov</i>
<i>Sunita Kanoria</i>	<i>02nd Nov</i>
<i>Manjari Dolawat</i>	<i>02nd Nov</i>
<i>Khusum Goenka</i>	<i>03rd Nov</i>

Congratulations
Rtn Mahinder Singhal and Sunita bhabhi
On the Arrival of your Grand Son
ROTARY MAHANAGAR

Puzzle corner

Crack This Logical Puzzle

Monday	IF	=	617
Tuesday		=	729
Wednesday		=	9312
Thursday		=	8412
Friday		=	6511
Saturday		=	8614

Then,
Sunday = ????

Puzzle 8
Crack the logical puzzle?

A) 6713

B) 9415

C) 9515

D) 842

Answer for Puzzle 7

A) 169 & 81

Explanation:
Observe that in each column, square of sum of digits in the first row = Respective second row elements. In the same way, square of sum of digits in the second row = Respective third row elements.
 $(6+4)^2=10^2=100$
 $(4+9)^2=13^2=169$
 $(8+1)^2=9^2=81$.

The members who participated are: Vishal Agarwal, Mona Ajitsaria, Karishma Jalan, Pushpa Bansal, Nikhita Shah, Savita Kothari and Renu Bhatler.

And the winners are:
 1. Renu Bhatler
 2. Pushpa Bansal

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 Club Secretary 2023-24 : Ritu Choudhury

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