

MAHANAGAR Magic

April is
Environmental Month

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Dear Mahanagar,

Today is a proud and meaningful day for our club as we welcome our Assistant Governor, Rtn. Pramod Dayal Rungta, for his official visit. Along with this, we hold our Club Assembly — a moment to reflect, realign, and celebrate the journey of Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar.

As we recently celebrated Poila Boishakh, a time for fresh starts, our club too has embraced new hopes and dreams. Our new board has recently returned from Shillong, recharged and inspired with new energy and fresh ideas after an enriching Leadership Seminar.

This Rotary year has already been filled with impactful initiatives:

- Nav Shakti Awards, honouring women changemakers
- A memorable RWM with legendary story teller and director Mahesh Bhatt

The Tridhara Dialysis Centre was also inaugurated this year and is now fully functional, serving those in need

- Heart-filling Buddy Marathon, promoting inclusivity
- Formation of a new RCC
- Launch of a Vocational Training Centre
- Nearly 20 medical camps, including cancer screenings
- The successful Bloom & Blend Lifestyle Exhibition
- We helped in forming a new club - Rotary Club of Calcutta Elite

Looking ahead:

- Project Udaan is ready to soar
- A new Water Kiosk at A.K. Pal School, Jadavpur, to benefit over 1500 students
- Two more computers to be donated to our vocational centre
- A heartfelt Mother's Day Plantation Drive – "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam"
- Health and cancer check-up camps for women inmates across three correctional homes

Engaging RWMs lined up
And soon, the opening of another Physiotherapy Centre to expand our reach in healthcare

We are still in the process of fulfilling all our commitments, and every milestone reflects the guidance of our seniors, the dedication of our members, and the generous support of the Mahanagar family.

As John C. Maxwell says, "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

We're truly grateful to our AG for his time and guidance as we continue to grow and serve.

With deep gratitude and warm wishes,

Pramila Dugar, President, Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB ASSEMBLY



WELCOME OUR ASSISTANT GOVERNOR 

Friday, 18 APRIL 2025
09:30 PM
1811 Baganjhal Hall

PRAMILA DUGAR President
SANDEEP BAGRECHA Club Secretary

Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar  **THE MAGIC OF ROTARY**

CANCER TESTING CAMP

IN ASSOCIATION WITH **HCG** The Specialist in Cancer Care

VENUE
Boynala Tribal Village
Boynala Durga Mandir

DATE
Sunday, 20th April 2025

TIME
10 am

Pramila Dugar President
Sandeep Bagrecha Club Secretary

A CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

We warmly invite you to experience a mesmerizing program of dance and drama, where we express our sincere appreciation to our valued donors. Delight in the captivating performances presented by the talented students of UDAAN.

Chief Guest
DIG AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta

Guest of Honour
Mr. Pradip Chopra
Chairman, UDAAN

DATE
SUNDAY 27 TO SUNDAY 28 APRIL

READ Auditorium
1111 Mahabharata Road, Off Park Road, Seagram Hotel, Taporis
Kolkata 700046
Valet Parking Available

PRAMILA DUGAR President
SANDEEP BAGRECHA Secretary
DR. AKS DR. KRISHNENDU GUPTA Chief Guest
MR. PRADIP CHOPRA Chairman, UDAAN

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Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar organised its biggest fund-raising event – Bloom & Blend, a fashion and lifestyle exhibition – on 22nd & 23rd March at Rajkutr, Swabhumi.

It was a one-of-its-kind exhibition and served as a one-stop destination for all shopping enthusiasts. Spread over a wide area, Bloom & Blend offered a diverse range of products – furniture, jewellery, poshak, beauty products, artefacts, fashion apparels, crockery, toys, customised items and more.

The Flea Market, a new concept this year, drew great attention for its affordability and variety. Big brand jewellery stalls were also a major hit, showcasing unique designs in gold and diamond jewellery that dazzled the shoppers.

The main attraction was the bustling Food Court with over 100 dishes, offering a delicious spread of street food and multi-cuisine options that delighted every palate.

The event was inaugurated by popular celebrity Ms. Rituparna Sengupta, who also happens to be the brand ambassador of our flagship project Life Beyond Cancer, supported by Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar.

The presence of celebrity drape artist Dolly Jain added a dash of glamour to the event. Both days saw participation and support from well-known celebrities and social media influencers.

An hourly lucky draw for exhibitors and visitors added to the excitement and fun, keeping the energy high throughout.

The tireless efforts of Team Bloom & Blend under the chairmanship of Rtn. Sanjay Bhalotia, along with the dedicated support of Rotarians Ashok Agarwal, Pranay Agarwal, and Kavita Bhalotia, made the event the talk of the town.

This lifestyle exhibition successfully brought together artisans, designers, entrepreneurs, and food enthusiasts. The funds raised through this grand exhibition will be used to support various charitable projects, reinforcing Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar's unwavering commitment to service.



Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar's

BLOOM & BLEND

A Grand Success



BLOOM & BLEND

Media Coverage



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Eastern Chronicle

Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar hosts 'Bloom & Blend' lifestyle exhibition





Star News

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Voices of Kolkata

Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar Hosts 'Bloom & Blend' Lifestyle Exhibition





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Kolkata Mirror

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KNOW YOUR ASSISTANT GOVERNOR



**Pramod Dayal Rungta*, born on 15th May 1965, is a distinguished Chartered Accountant with qualifications including M.Com., LL.B., ACMA, FCA, DISA (ICAI), and several specialized diplomas in CAAT, Concurrent Audit, and Forensic Audit. He is the Managing Partner of P.D. Rungta & Co., Chartered Accountants, headquartered in Kolkata with offices across major cities such as Ahmedabad, Bhagalpur, Delhi, Khatima, and Mumbai. Mr. Rungta is also an entrepreneur with significant involvement in the manufacturing of disposables through companies like Spinaroo Commercial Pvt. Ltd., Spino Poly Products Pvt. Ltd., Spino Paper Products Pvt. Ltd., and Elpeeda Paper Pvt. Ltd., along with running a business centre, KwicDeskZ, under Goodfaith Agencies Pvt. Ltd. His leadership roles include being Past Chairman of the ICAI Eastern India Regional Council (2015–16), President of Rotary Club of Central Calcutta (2021–22), Association of Corporate Advisors & Executives (2022–23), and Vice President of the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce (2022–23). He has actively contributed to several professional and cultural bodies including the Direct Taxes Committee of the Merchants' Chamber of Commerce and various chartered accountant associations.*

Mr. Rungta is married to Puja Rungta, a B.Com (Hons.) graduate from Calcutta University and an Investment Consultant. They are proud parents of two accomplished sons—CA Pushp Deep Rungta, a Chartered Accountant and CFA, and CA Prashan Deep Rungta, also a Chartered Accountant. The family resides at Manikaran Apartment in Kolkata. Apart from his professional endeavors, Mr. Rungta is actively involved in multiple social and cultural organizations such as the Paschim Bang Pradeshi Marwari Sammelan, Bombay Chartered Accountants Society, and more. He is also associated with several prestigious clubs including the Cosmopolitan Club, Outram Club, Royal Calcutta Turf Club, and Springfield Club. He can be contacted via email at pramod.rungta@pdrungta.com or through his website [www.pdrungta.com] (<http://www.pdrungta.com>).



FANTASTIC NEWS!



PRIP Shekhar Mehta and Rashi Mehta had a meaningful 45-minute meeting with Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar and Sudeshji. They discussed the Rotary Literacy Mission, the upcoming Rotary Convention in India, and other key initiatives. The Vice President appreciated Rotary's impactful work.

HOLI MEET



District Holi Meet – 26th March: The District Holi Meet held on 26th March was a vibrant celebration of fellowship and festive spirit. President Pramila Dugar, Past President Sanjay Dugar, and Rotarian Pranay Agarwal represented our club at the event, adding to the joy and camaraderie of the occasion.

Mind Marathon Quiz **LAST RWM**



The annual quiz contest of Rotary Mahanagar held on 11th April at HHI, witnessed the thrilling battle of brains. Six brilliant teams each with enthusiastic team captains left no stone unturned to outreach the other.

The cheerful and jovial quiz master Arijit Sen, in his kitty had questions from different topics like Rotary, politics, entertainment, food & drinks, audio-visual and many others.

Each team member adhered to the dress code given to their team. Bonding was at its peak as the teams had members, partners, kids, past presidents all together.

The scoreboard was flawlessly managed by PP. Rtn. Ashok Agarwal and the entire quiz turned out to be full of fun and play. The six teams were Brainy Knights, Mind Masters, Edgy Explorers, Knowledge Crusaders, Tough Challengers and Wisdom Warriors. Though each team scored well, Mind Masters with team captain Rtn. Pradeep Agarwal turned out to be the winner and were presented with medals. All in all, it was a quiz of different kind which made the evening super enjoyable.

By Payal Agarwal



COTS 2025-26



Hearty compliments to Team 2025-26 on the successful COTS at Shillong! Wishing President Sanjay Bhalotia, Secretary Pradeep Agrawal, and the entire team a purposeful and inspiring Rotary year ahead. May your Sankalp lead to impactful service and lasting fellowship.

President Pramila Dugar

PROJECTS



Homeopathy



The Homeopathy Clinic continued to provide consistent and compassionate care to the community. Patient footfall over recent sessions was as follows:

- 22nd March: 24 patients
- 27th March: 19 patients
- 29th March: 23 patients
- 3rd April: 11 patients
- 5th April: 25 patients
- 10th April: 14 patients

On 15th April, an Eye Camp was conducted at the Homeopathy Clinic in collaboration with Eye Camp. A total of 21 patients were screened—7 males and 14 females. Spectacles were distributed to all 21 individuals, with no cases requiring surgery.



Annadaan Mahadaan



On 6th April, an Anna-Dan Mahadan was organized by Rtn. Alok and Neha Mukim at Shambhunath Panditiya Hospital, under the leadership of Chairman Neelam Singhvi. Around 400 people were fed as part of this noble initiative, reflecting the spirit of selfless service and community care.



Life Beyond Cancer



Life Beyond Cancer is Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar's initiative to support cancer survivors, especially underprivileged children, in rebuilding their lives. It offers emotional support, vocational training, and guidance.



Adult Literacy



RILM is now ILM

Before



Now



*'likhenge hum
phir se nayi kahani'*





Between 20th March to 12th April 2025, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar remained actively engaged in its Bloodline initiative, providing timely support to patients and promoting voluntary blood donation.

During this period, blood was arranged for ten patients, with donors stepping up across various locations and hospitals. Special recognition goes to Ms. Susmita Mondal, who donated AB Negative blood at Medical Bank, Kolkata, for patient Biswanath Barman from Purba Bardhaman, ensuring his life-saving surgery could take place. The gratitude expressed by his family, including a heartfelt note from Prof. Biswajoy Chatterjee, Vice-Chancellor of UEM, was a touching reminder of the impact of our work.

Three Blood Grouping Camps were organized:

- 28th March at Chetona, Rajarhat – 46 SOS donors registered
- 30th March at Ramdhanu Charitable Trust, Azadgarh – 78 SOS donors registered
- 12th April at Ashar Alo Club, Muraripukur Road – a well-attended camp that further strengthened our SOS donor base.

Our forthcoming projects will continue to build on this momentum, with a focus on increasing awareness and participation in blood donation.





Literacy, Four Way Test & Foodbank



As part of our continued commitment to literacy, ethics, and nourishment, several impactful initiatives were carried out this April:

1. Arya Vidya Mandir (3rd April):

The Rotary Four-Way Test was introduced to students, with permanent display boards installed on each floor. Cadbury chocolates from our food bank were distributed. Special thanks to Rtn. Raj Somani for managing logistics.

2. Bhaggu High School, Rajarhat (6th April):

A Four-Way Test session was conducted, and Oreo biscuits were distributed to 1,300 students through the food bank.

3. Arya Vidya Parishad, Khidderpore (8th April):

The Four-Way Test was presented to students, followed by biscuit distribution. Grateful to Manju Agarwal and Usha Agarwal for their enthusiastic support.

4. Maa Bhuturini Seva Trust:

An engaging Four-Way Test session was held to instill values and ethical thinking among children.

5. Maddox Square Literacy Initiative:

Books, bananas, and pens were distributed to underprivileged children, enriching both minds and bodies through our literacy outreach.

6. Saptagram Sarveshwar School:

The Four-Way Test was introduced, reinforcing the importance of truth, fairness, goodwill, and benefit to all.



Senior Citizen's Welfare & Food Bank



On 29th March 2025, Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar, in collaboration with Protiviti, distributed ration kits to 87 beneficiaries at Star Welfare Society. This initiative brought essential support and comfort to senior citizens, reflecting Rotary's ongoing commitment to care and service.



Vivekananda School



The visit to Rotary Vivekananda School on 21st March 2025 was a heartwarming and impactful event, marked by collaboration between the Rotary Clubs of Calcutta Mahanagar and Singapore. The delegation was warmly welcomed with a school band performance and a tour showcasing key infrastructure upgrades—terrace play area, e-learning facilities, and a canteen. Over 500 students received Plaeto shoes and chocolates, adding joy to the day. A formal meeting followed, featuring impactful addresses by PRIP Shekhar Mehta, President Tom Wolf, DGE Shahul Ahmed, Rtn. Tapan Rao, and Project Chairman PP Rtn. Manish Biyani, among others. Attendees included Rtn. Shyam Modi, Aparna Biyani, Rtn. Rakesh & Sushma Singhanian, Rtn. Girish & Sunita Soni, Rtn. Anup Guha, Rtn. Vinita Somani, Rtn. Amit Jain, Rtn. Vivek Jalan, and Rtn. Dipen Ghelani. The event concluded with felicitations, light refreshments, and heartfelt conversations, celebrating the shared Rotary spirit and strengthening global ties in support of education and literacy.



Vocational Centre



Continuous computer classes at Star Welfare Society.



Interact Club



Say No to Drugs Campaign

The Interact Club of Arya Vidya Mandir organized a powerful campaign on No Drugs, No Alcohol on 27th March at the school premises. The young Interactors spread awareness through impactful posters carrying strong anti-addiction slogans. A short speech was presented highlighting the harmful effects of addiction and sharing practical ways to stay away from drugs and alcohol. A poster competition was also held, and the best entries were awarded.

The event was graced by Interact Chairman Savita Kothari, President Pramila Dugar, and Payal Agarwal. Special thanks to Savita Kothari for her excellent coordination and encouragement to the Interactors.



Food Bank



1. Chocolates were distributed to the children of South Calcutta National School.
2. On 8th April, chocolates were also shared with children at the Tisha Foundation.
3. Maggi was distributed to underprivileged individuals at Vivekananda Park, bringing warmth & smiles.



Netralaya and Food Bank



Netralaya Report (20th March – 17th April 2025)

Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar's Netralaya project continued its impactful work through two eye screening camps held during this period. With dedicated outreach and medical care, the team brought clarity and hope to many.

Camps Organised: 2, Total Screenings: 115, Total Surgeries: 248, OPD Patients: 39.

These efforts reaffirm our commitment to restoring vision and improving lives in the community



Healing Little Hearts



On 16th April, two life-changing surgeries were successfully performed under the "Healing Little Hearts" initiative at RN Tagore Hospital. Purna Das, a 3-year-old girl, and Musaddi Sk, a 3-year-old boy—both from Nadia—underwent critical heart operations, giving them a new lease on life and renewed hope for a healthy future.



**MINUTES OF THE 1390TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR
HELD ON FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH 2025 AT SWABHOOMI**

1. President Pramila Dugar led the meeting.
2. Key projects carried out in the last fortnight were highlighted along with discussions on ongoing and upcoming initiatives.
3. The President, Pramila Dugar appreciated the success outcome of the fund raiser exhibition, Bloom & Blend and Felicitated all the members who were involved in the event.
5. The Meeting was Adjourned by the President.

**MINUTES OF THE 1391ST REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR
HELD ON FRIDAY, 11TH APRIL 2025 AT HHI**

1. The Meeting commenced with a warm prayer by President Pramila Dugar followed by National Anthem.
2. Details of all the projects undertaken in the last week were shared.
3. Club Secretary Sandeep Bagrecha addressed the gathering, sharing the club business and acknowledging the enthusiastic participation of the members in the “Mind Marathon Quiz”.
4. Six teams comprising of members, spouses and their kids participated in the quiz event with full zeal and enthusiasm.
5. Special thanks was given to the Quiz Master Arijit Sen who made the event very interactive, engaging, and encouraged team collaboration.
6. The meeting concluded with closing words by President Pramila Dugar.
7. The Club Secretary Sandeep Bagrecha thanked all the participants and encouraged members to attend future events with the same zeal.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED



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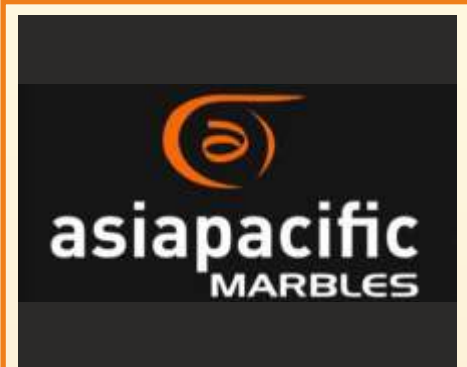
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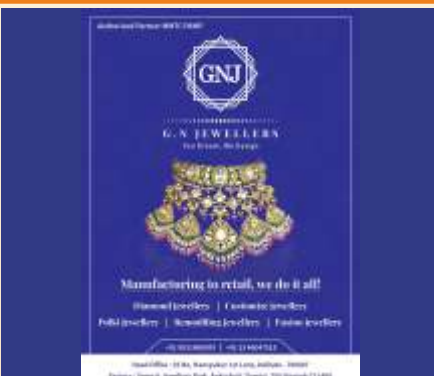
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