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From President's Heart



It is with immense gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility that I step into the role of President for the Rotary year 2025–26. Our journey this year will be driven by purpose, compassion, and impactful service.

Rooted in Rotary's values, my vision is to build bridges of hope, inclusion, and sustainability — reaching the unreached, empowering the underserved, and nurturing youth with opportunity. We will focus on meaningful action in health, education, and women's empowerment, while expanding our thalassemia outreach with renewed energy and innovation.

As the renowned words go:

(Service is the truest religion, and compassion its soul.)

Let this year be one where every project carries our soul, every act of service echoes with empathy, and every member feels deeply connected to the legacy we are building — together.

"Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth." – Shirley Chisholm

सवा का जय ह पुर हृदय स एव भवता। कसा जयदा क। कसा जार का पाड़ा का अपना पाड़ा समझ कर उस काम करना।

(Service means easing someone else's pain as if it were your own — wholeheartedly, without expectation.)

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." – Jane Goodall

"बूँद बूँद से सागर बनता है एवं एक दिया अंधकार को मिटा सकता है"

(An ocean is formed drop by drop, and a single lamp can dispel darkness.)

This year, I invite each Rotarian not just to participate, but to lead from the heart. Leadership today is not about power or protocol — it is about presence. Being available where the pain is, standing up where the silence is, and reaching out where the need is greatest.

Let us lead with empathy. Let us serve with soul.

Let us not ask, "What can I do today?" but rather, "Whose life can I quietly change today?"

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." – Mother Teresa

"जब इरादे नेक होते हैं तो रास्ते खुद ही बन जाते हैं"

(When intention is pure, the path always reveals itself.)

Rotary, to me, is not just a service organization — it is an emotion. It is the hand held in silence, the warmth behind a meal served, the hope behind a medical camp, the quiet strength of community.

As we walk this path together, I thank each member of Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar for your trust, your time, and your tireless commitment. May we build a year that reflects the best of who we are — and inspires the world around us to believe in the power of selfless service.

With hope, humility, and heart.

Sanjay Bhalotia

President (2025-26), Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar

Installation Ceremony

The 35th Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar hosted on 5th of July at Taj Bengal, Kolkata. IPP Pramila Dugar handed over the reigns of the club to President Sanjay Bhalotia.





Words That Inspire, Presence That Elevates



At the landmark 35th Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar, the presence of Shri Vivek Tankha Ji — Hon'ble Member of Rajya Sabha, Senior Advocate, and a torchbearer of humanitarian service — was nothing short of momentous. Deeply moved by the club's impactful work, Shri Tankha Ji bestowed generous praise upon Mahanagar, calling it "one of the foremost clubs of the world," and appreciating its commendable focus on health, especially in the area of thalassemia — a cause close to his heart.

In a gesture of faith and solidarity, he announced a grant of ₹5 lakhs from his MP-LAD funds for the club's adopted village, reinforcing his belief that Rotary's service truly transforms lives. His words were not just acknowledgment, but a heartfelt endorsement that elevated the morale of every Rotarian present.

Tankha Ji also highlighted the incredible work of RAHAT (Relief and Hope for the Ailing and Troubled) — his own NGO offering critical medical and legal aid across India. His message on RANAYAT (Rise Above Negativity And Yes to Active Transformation) echoed deeply with Rotary's values, urging society to embrace positivity and meaningful action.

Adding to the evening's inspiration was the screening of his internationally acclaimed biopic, *Renaissance Man*, a compelling film that chronicles his journey of justice, compassion, and relentless public service. The story of a man who doesn't just speak change — but becomes the change — Shri Vivek Tankha Ji's presence was a true celebration of leadership, trust, and legacy.

Dear Rotarians,

It is with great pride and heartfelt warmth that I extend my congratulations to the incoming President, Secretary, and the newly installed team of Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar.

A club installation is not merely a ceremonial transition; it is a reaffirmation of our commitment to Service Above Self. As each new team takes charge, it carries forward the legacy of leadership, fellowship, and impactful service. I urge you to dream boldly, act compassionately, and lead inclusively—ensuring that your club becomes a lighthouse of hope and change in your community.

Let us embrace innovation while cherishing Rotary's timeless values. Work hand-in-hand with your members, reach out to the youth, collaborate with partners, and most importantly—listen to your community. The world needs Rotary now more than ever.

Wishing you a successful and meaningful Rotary year ahead.

Yours in Rotary,

Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri

District Governor, RID 3291, Rotary Year 2025–26



Congratulations on embracing the torch of leadership in this new Rotary year.

As you step into this journey, remember—Rotary leadership is a sacred trust. You now hold the flame that must shine brighter with each act of service before it is passed on. May your efforts light countless lamps across unknown pathways, bringing hope, warmth, and sunshine into the lives of others.

Let your year be guided by Rotary's eternal truth : "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth."

Stay rooted in purpose, lead with humility, and dream big. In Rotary, we are not just members—we are changemakers, bound by a shared commitment to do good in the world.

Together, let us remain united for good, making every moment of service count.

With best regards,

Shekhar Mehta

Past Rotary International President

Gratitude Beyond Words



As the sun sets on your inspiring year of Rotary presidency, we stand in deep gratitude and quiet awe. You led with Meraki—pouring your soul, your love, and your spirit into every action, every cause, and every heart you touched.

“योगः कर्मसु कौशलम्”

(Excellence in action is true yoga)

You brought excellence not just through your work, but through the intention behind it—uplifting others with quiet strength and endless grace.

Whether it was in community service, health initiatives, women’s empowerment, youth engagement, or cultural enrichment—you infused each project with meaning and purpose. Under your leadership, Rotary was not just an organization, but a living,

breathing movement of compassion.

“न दैन्यम् न पलायनम्”

(Neither cowardice nor escape)—you faced challenges with courage and chose always to lead from the front, heart open, eyes focused on the greater good.

Your presidentship was not just a year—it was a legacy lived through Meraki. You reminded us that true service comes not from duty alone, but from devotion.

From all of us whose lives you’ve touched through your kindness, vision, and relentless effort, we offer our heartfelt thanks:

“सर्वेषां जनानां कृते यत् सेवा कार्यं, तत् यथार्थं पूज्यते। धन्यवादाः प्रमिला जी, समाजस्य हिताय आत्मा अर्पिता।”

(The service done for the welfare of all is indeed sacred. Thank you, Pramila ji, for offering your soul in service of society.)

Renaissance Man



“Renaissance Man” was a biopic that portrayed the inspiring journey of Shri Vivek Tankha, Senior Advocate, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), and a devoted humanist and Rotarian. The film highlighted his contributions to nation-building through his legal acumen, political service, and unwavering humanitarian efforts. Celebrated for its depth and impact, the biopic had earlier been screened at prestigious venues including New York and other international film festivals.

A special screening of the film was hosted on Sunday, July 6th, 2025, by Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar in collaboration with the India Humanity Foundation. The event took place at Spring Club, Kolkata, and was attended by an invited audience comprising dignitaries, Rotarians, and well-wishers. The morning began with refreshments, followed by the film screening, which captivated viewers with its powerful storytelling and emotional resonance.

The screening concluded with an engaging interaction between Shri Vivek Tankha and Mr. Shekhar Mehta, providing deeper insights into the motivations behind his life’s work. The session was facilitated by Mr. Sanjay Bhalotia, President of Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar, and Ms. Aparna Biyani, CEO of India Humanity Foundation. The event left attendees deeply moved and inspired by Shri Tankha’s remarkable dedication to justice, service, and social transformation.

~Sushma Singhania

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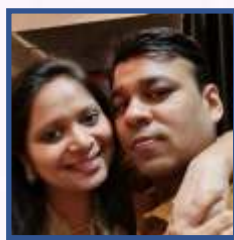
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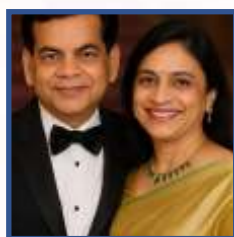
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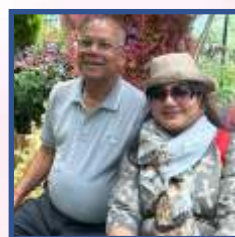
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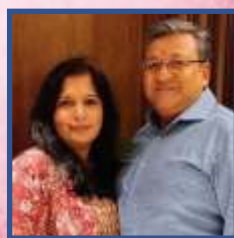
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Adoption of Boynala Village - Pride of Rotary





The Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar marked the first day of the new Rotary year, 1 July, with impactful service and community transformation as we formally adopted Boynala Village under the leadership of our new President, Rtn. Sanjay Bhalotia, Secretary, Rtn. Pradeep Agrawal and the Chief Guest DGE Rtn. Purnendu Roychoudhary.

Nestled in the South 24 Parganas district near Kolkata, Boynala is a tribal village rich in cultural heritage but still grappling with poverty and underdevelopment. The village faces challenges such as a lack of proper healthcare, limited access to quality education, unemployment, and poor infrastructure.

In a day filled with purpose and promise, several initiatives were inaugurated, laying the foundation for long-term development and empowerment in the village –

- Community Clinic : A step towards accessible healthcare for the villagers, ensuring basic medical support for both Allopathy and Homoeopathy.
- Vocational Centre : Launch of beauty and sewing courses to empower local women with skills and opportunities for self-reliance.
- Computer Training Centre : Bridging the digital divide by enabling youth to become tech-savvy and job-ready.
- Adult Literacy Program : As learning has no age limit, this initiative aims to educate and uplift those who missed out on formal education.
- GST : Promoting environmental consciousness through tree plantation and greenery drives.
- Annadaan Mahadaan : Serving fresh and nutritious food to 1000 beneficiaries- carrying forward our mission to fight hunger.
- Food Bank : 250 Cadbury chocolates and biscuits were distributed to children through the food bank initiative.

This milestone day stands as a testament to the dedication of the new leadership and the unwavering spirit of Rotary in serving humanity. It sets a powerful tone for the year ahead, promising meaningful change, one project at a time.

A huge thank you to our 35 dedicated Rotarians attendees who made this project a success.

~Shalini Surana

Projects



Annadan Mahadan



- On 4th July 2025, Sunita and Girish Soni sponsored Annadan for 300 people at Bhootnath Mandir, Strand Road.
- On 6th July 2025, Shalini and Pancham Surana provided meals to 250 people at Chetla Lock Gate.
- On 9th July 2025, Sanghamitra and Kallol Ghosh sponsored Annadan for 250 people near Chittaranjan Hospital.
- On 13th July 2025, two offerings took place :
- Nidhi and Kamlesh Agarwal fed 250 people at Bhootnath Mandir, Strand Road.
- Manju and Pradeep Agarwal offered meals to 200 people.
- On 15th July 2025, Shalu and Bhupesh Agarwal sponsored Annadan for 200 people.
- On 17th July 2025, Seema and Mahesh Sonthalia continued the noble cause by feeding 200 people.
- On 18th July 2025, Saroj & Mahesh Shah continued this noble cause near Kalighat Police Station.



Bloodline



Between 3rd and 13th July 2025, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar strengthened its Bloodline initiative with impactful outreach and timely service. On 6th July, a Blood Grouping Camp was held at Metropolitan Charitable Trust, Metro Politan Durgabari, where 64 SOS donors were registered. The club also promptly met the blood needs of five patients through effective coordination. Further amplifying awareness, a Blood Grouping and Bloodline Awareness Drive was organized at Jesus Prayer House Church, Howrah, engaging the community and promoting the spirit of voluntary donation. The momentum continued with another Bloodline camp on 13th July at CST, Shreebhumi, Laketown, drawing active participation and commitment.



Adult Literacy

9/7/25 - Our Adult Literacy Centre of NGO Roynagar Society aims to improve adult literacy rates and empower communities through education.





Homeopathy



RCCM continued its consistent community healthcare service through the Homeopathy Clinic initiative. On 10th, 12th, and 17th July 2025, three clinic sessions were held, directly benefiting 36 patients across these dates, with a total of 5 man-hours dedicated by volunteers. In addition, an Eye Camp was conducted at the clinic premises on 15th July 2025, where 30 patients were screened. Of them, 26 were prescribed spectacles (13 male and 13 female), and 4 cases were identified for further eye operations. This initiative reflects the club's sustained commitment to accessible healthcare for all.



Netralaya



1st Camp (02/07/25) – Garia, Dhalai Bridge, 160 screened | 11 cataract cases identified. 2nd Camp (13/07/25) – Hogolpuria, Bahabak Para, 35 screened | 3 cataract cases identified. Clinical Outcomes (1–15 July): SICS (Paid): 13, SICS (Free): 54, NPCB Surgeries: 23, Phaco: 4, Other Procedures: 1 (Terigium), OPD Consultations: 18, Camps Held: 2. NETRALAYA stands as a beacon of Rotary's vision to restore sight and serve with care.



Health Kiosk



Promoting Preventive Healthcare in a meaningful step toward Rotary's focus on Disease Prevention and Treatment, Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar inaugurated a Health Kiosk on 4th July 2025, sponsored in honour of Jyoti Mahipal, President of the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India. This initiative aims to provide accessible basic health services and foster a culture of early detection and wellness in the community.



Menstrual Health Management



A successful Menstrual Health Management (MHM) project was conducted on 13th July 2025 at Boynala Village, sponsored by Rtn. Kavita Sanjay Bhalotia. The project involved two hours of dedicated manpower and was executed at a cost of ₹14,000/-. The session was attended by Rtn. Kavita Bhalotia, Rtn. Sanghamitra Ghosh, Dr. Anuradha Vidhawan, and Rtn. Madhu Agarwalla, who collectively worked towards raising awareness and promoting menstrual hygiene among the local community.



Rural Toilet



Rural Toilet construction



Dialysis Centre



Tridhara Dialysis outside construction as on 07.07.25.



Skill Development & Women Empowerment



Satellite Club

Rotary mahanagar Calcutta is excited to announce the upcoming launch of the Satellite Club, a new initiative designed to make Rotary membership more accessible and flexible. 15 members have been registered in the club

Developed by Rotary District 6200, the Satellite Club model will provide an opportunity for smaller groups—starting with just eight members—to form their own club under the guidance and sponsorship of an existing Rotary Club. This innovative approach will offer flexible meeting formats and reduced financial commitments, making it easier for individuals from diverse backgrounds and communities to engage in Rotary's mission of service, fellowship, and leadership.

The Satellite Club model reflects Rotary's ongoing commitment to inclusivity and adaptability, and it is poised to open new pathways for people who are passionate about making a difference but have been unable to participate due to traditional club structures.

Members Achievements



Heartiest Congratulations!

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar proudly congratulates Past President Jyoti Mahipal on her remarkable achievement of becoming the Association President of Inner Wheel India.

Her dedication, leadership, and commitment to service continue to inspire us all. We are confident she will steer the association to greater heights with grace and vision.

Wishing her a successful and impactful tenure ahead!

Congratulations Rtn. Seema Sonthalia!

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar extends heartfelt congratulations to Rtn. Seema Sonthalia on becoming the District Chairman of Inner Wheel India.

Her dedication to service and dynamic leadership are truly commendable. We wish her a successful and inspiring journey ahead in this prestigious role.

Proud moment for all of us!



Happy Birthdays



21st July

Rtn. Bhawana Giria



23rd July

Isha Chawla

Spouse of Rtn. Prateek Chawla



24th July

Rtn. Sandeep Kumar Soni



24th July

Rtn. Kavita Bhalotia

**Received Global Grant
Rs 47 lacs for Women Empowerment
and Rs 59 lacs for Netralaya**



MINUTES OF THE 1401ST REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING & 35TH INSTALLATION CEREMONY ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR

Venue: Taj Bengal, Kolkata

Date: Saturday, 5th July 2025

Time: 6:30 PM onwards

Meeting Highlights:

1. Meeting called to Order.
2. National Anthem by all attendees.
3. Emcees welcomed Chief Guest Shri Vivek Tankha, PRIP Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, DG Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri and all PDGs, DGE, DGN, AGs, and district officials.
4. Acknowledgements were made for club members, family, and guests of President Rtn. Sanjay Bhalotia and Secretary Rtn. Pradeep Agrawal.
5. Welcome Address - By Rtn. Usha Agarwal, Installation Chairperson.
6. Review of Past Achievements - A video showcased the impactful journey of the club over the years.
7. Outgoing President Rtn. Pramila Dugar reflected on her successful tenure and thanked her team and members.
8. Introduction of Incoming President - Given by Shruti, Srishti, and Saksham Bhalotia.
9. Installation Ceremony
 - o Formal handover of collar, charter, bell, and hammer to Rtn. Sanjay Bhalotia.
 - o Secretary Rtn. Pradeep Agrawal was formally badged by outgoing Secretary Rtn. Sandeep Bagrecha.
10. In Acceptance Speech President Sanjay Bhalotia presented his theme "Spandan – Evoking New Energy" and shared his vision for the year.
11. Introduction of 2025–26 Board - Board members were introduced and felicitated.
12. New Member Induction
 - o 25 new members were inducted, taking the club strength to 145.
 - o Induction performed by senior district dignitaries and PDGs.
13. Major Donor Recognition
 - o Donors like PRIP Shekhar & Rashi Mehta, Rtn. Pradeep & Manju Agrawal, and others were acknowledged for their significant contributions to The Rotary Foundation.
 - o New endowments were announced.
 - o Target of \$200,000 was set of total contribution to RFI this year.
14. Souvenir 2025-26 was released. We raised funds upwards of ₹40 lakhs through Souvenir. Appreciation given to Rtn. Saurav Agarwal and Rtn. Usha Agarwal.
15. Booklet showcasing projects by Rotary Mahanagar with club roster was also released.
16. Addresses by Dignitaries
 - o PRIP Shekhar Mehta shared an inspiring message.
 - o DG Dr. Ramendu Homchowdhury was felicitated and pledged with 3 heart surgeries in his honour.
 - o Chief Guest Shri Vivek Tankha, MP, addressed the gathering and was felicitated with a pledge of 5 heart surgeries in his honour.
17. Vote of Thanks

Proposed by Club Secretary Rtn. Pradeep Agrawal, thanking all dignitaries, members, guests, sponsors, and volunteers for their contributions in making the evening a grand success.

Meeting Adjourned

The official proceedings concluded at 9:30 PM, followed by dinner and fellowship.

Upcoming Events

PROJECTS

- Medical camp
- Annadan Mahadan
- GST
- Food bank
- MHM
- Cancer awareness prog
- Water kiosk
- Mother child health care camp
- Opening of Rotary Mahanagar community clinic (RMCC) at star welfare, Tangra

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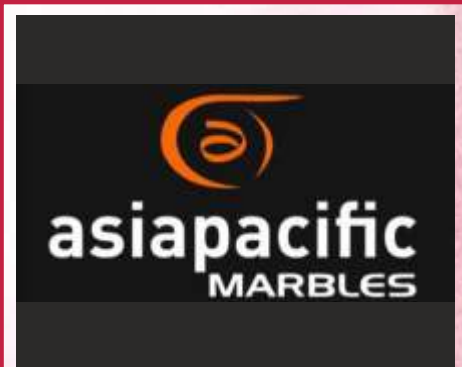
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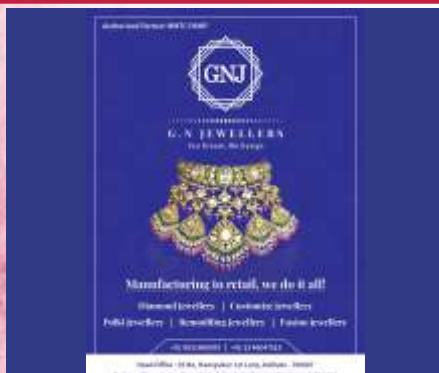
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