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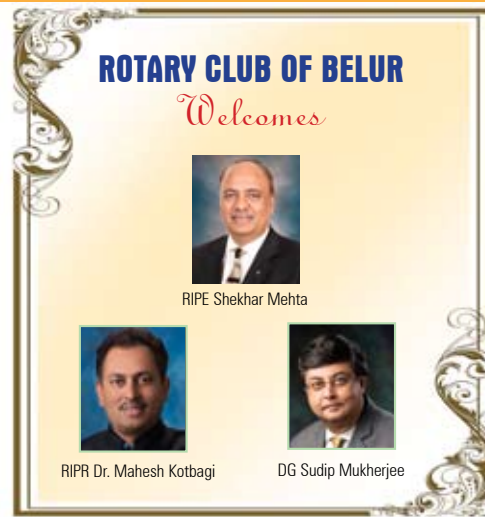
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PROGRAMME

**4-WAY TEST
AWARD**

**to be presented to
DR RAVI KANNAN
at Rajkutir, Swabhumi
Kolkata.**

21st March, 2021

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MESSAGES

Dear President and Members of Rotary Club of Belur,

Let me take the opportunity of congratulating you for Organising the 4 Way Test Award at the Plenary Session of Vocation Service at 'SAMAGAM' for the 27th consecutive year.

Conferring the Award to a Non Rotarian like Dr. R. Ravi Kannan also enhances the Public Image of Rotary.

Wish you all the best.

Sudip Mukherjee, *District Governor*

Dear Alope ji, It gives me immense pleasure to find Rotary Club of Belur is offering the Vocational Excellence Award to Padma Shri Ravi Kannan, a Medical messiah from Assam who has devoted his life for the Cancer patients in remote Barak Valley.

Every year Team Rotary Belur presents the most coveted Vocational Excellence Award to an individual for maintaining excellent quality standards and Served to Change Lives through his/her chosen Vocational Field. I congratulate Rotary Club of Belur for taking this initiative. Thank you & keep up the good work.

Yours-in-Rotary,
Prabir Chatterjee, *District Governor 2021-22*

List of Donors - 4 Way Test Award

- Rtn. Anil Jhavar - 25,000/- ● Rtn. Shankar Ramalingam - 25,000/- ● Rtn. Sunil Kr Jain - 25,000/-
- Rtn. Sunil Sobti - 15,000/- ● Rtn. Diwakar Sharma - 15,000/- ● Rtn. Subhash Agarwal - 15,000/-
- Rtn. Vishnu Dhandhanian - 11,000/-
- Rtn. Kishan Kejriwal - 10,000/- ● Rotary Club of Belur Community Service - 10,000/-



2021

4 Way Test Awardee

DR RAVI KANNAN – *an inspiring story*

Dr Ravi Kannan is an Indian Surgical oncologist based in Assam, India. He is the Director of Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (CCHRC), a nonprofit hospital that treats cancer patients and the former Head of Department of surgical oncology at Adyar Cancer Institute in Chennai.

In the year 2006, Dr Ravi Kannan visited the Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre for the first time for a consultation on the request of a colleague and that's when he met the then director of CCHRC who offered him to head the centre. Dr Kannan who was then heading the surgical oncology department of Adyar Cancer Institute left his practice in Chennai and moved to Assam with his family in 2007. Not only did he convince his wife and daughter to leave with him and build a hospital from the ground in Assam, he also inspired several young professionals to follow him to Assam and help him manage the hospital and provide basic healthcare facilities to the people of Barak Valley.

The commitment of the hospital staff is commendable despite the fact that the young professionals, live in very simple residential quarters. They bond like a family, working into the night and celebrate festivals with staff and patients. The Cachar Cancer Hospital pretty much runs like a close-knit family. As a matter of fact, he has treated around 70,000 cancer patients free of cost till now.

In this year's list of the Padma Awardees, an unsung hero like Dr Ravi Kannan who left his the comforts of his home in Chennai to take the less travelled road to Silchar to serve the underprivileged was honoured with the fourth highest civilian honour of Government of India- "Padma Shri". He has also received several other awards and citations from various institutions and organisations.

He has been rightly described as "Medical Messiah for Cancer Patients in Remote Barak Valley".

India needs more people like Dr Kannan to change the face of India's medical industry.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3291

and

ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR

Presents Rotary's

THE FOUR WAY TEST – PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD 2020

to

Dr Ravi Kannan

The Four Way Test embodies the ideals of Rotary- Truth, Fairness, Goodwill, Friendship, Peace and better understanding among human beings. Dr Ravi Kannan not only believes but also practices these ideals in his life and he is a living example of these values.

1. Is it the TRUTH

Dr Ravi Kannan, an Oncologist by profession, is driven by the mission of providing free treatment to Cancer Patients. He is illuminating hope in the lives of Cancer Patients who otherwise would have lived in despair awaiting death from the day of diagnosis due to lack of affordability of adequate treatment. He is incarnating '**Service Above Self**' in true sense of the word.

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned

Dr Ravi Kannan has treated more than 70,000 patients without taking a single rupee from them. Besides providing free treatment to cancer patients, his hospital also provides accommodation, food, and employment. He exemplifies fairness to the patients from all socioeconomic background.

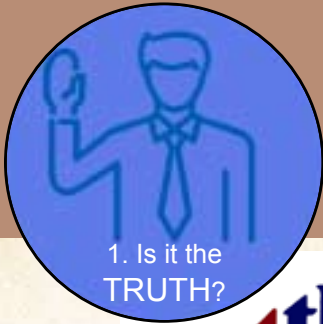
3. Will it Build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIP

He has devoted his entire life for the treatment and care of Cancer patients and was conferred the **PADMA SHRI** Award. He still continues to help his patients fight cancer. He has generated the chain and the bond and created an institution with a Team of equally committed professionals that is already building the goodwill and better friendship.

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned

Dr Ravi Kannan has whole heartedly worked to serve the cause of Cancer Patients and his institution is governed by the operating belief " Cancer doesn't discriminate – Neither does the hospital". His hospital Chachar Hospital provides modern cancer care for adults and children despite their socio-economic status. Under Dr Ravi Kanan's stewardship, professionals are with the patients- right from their admission, through the treatment- caring for them, helping them make relevant decisions and assisting them and their families approach cancer with confidence. This work is BENEFICIAL to all concerned.

Rotary's The Four Way Test is awarded to
Dr Ravi Kanan 21st of March 2021.



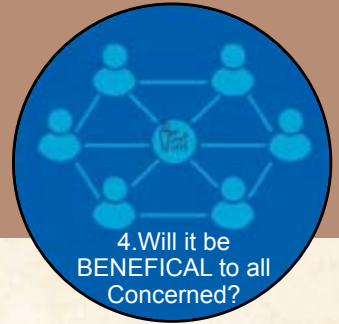
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TRUTH?



2. Is it FAIR to all
concerned?



3. Will it build GOODWILL
and BETTER
FRIENDSHIP?



4. Will it be
BENEFICIAL to all
Concerned?

the 4 Way Test Narrative

This is a narrative every Rotarian should know - In 1932, **Herbert John Taylor** crafted a simple measuring stick of ethics for employees of his struggling cookware company, a short code its 250 workers could easily memorize. The guidelines' embrace helped rescue the business by marking it as a company with integrity. Eleven years later, in 1943 **The Four-Way Test** was adopted as one of Rotary's guiding principles.

Herbert J Taylor, RI's 44th President championed the code in all aspects of life. "Let us apply The Four-Way Test to our relations with youth, he wrote, *"and then I am certain we will all become more determined to give as much as possible of our time"*.

The Four-Way Test is one of Rotary's central principles. It is of special interest in the current day, when truth — or, more precisely, truthfulness — seems to be losing its prestige in public life.

Everywhere you turn, the first of the Four Ways — **"Is it the truth?"** — seems to be more and more in danger of getting lost in the realm of time. Saying "the thing that was not" has become a minor specialty, almost a profession. What else is "spin" — that word much revered by politicians, godmen, public relations experts, and others for whom truth is often a serious inconvenience — but twisting the truth in a manner that favours one's own position, needs, or motives of the moment.

And let us not forget the contemporary notion of "reinventing" oneself, as if people could easily shed their personality, their character, all that has gone before in their life, by changing jobs, neighbourhoods, etc. Thus let's not forget an important fact about ourselves "Anywhere you go, there you are."

Under relativism, one opinion may not be as well-informed as another, but no one point of view, religion, or philosophy holds the monopoly on

truth. It's all, so to say, relative, dependent on a person's time, background, or position in life. Truth? For the relativists, who play a major role in contemporary higher education, the word carries little weight, has no real authority. All the more reason, of course, for those of us who believe in the truth to defend it, which, surely, is one of the chief intentions behind The Four-Way Test.

The Second Way — **"Is it fair to all concerned?"** — is of course inextricably lashed to the First Way. Truth may be difficult, trying, painful, and much else, but if it is unfair it isn't quite truth. For truth is impartial, disinterested, by its very nature without favouritism — and hence fair. If you are unfair in your judgments or pronouncements, you are, ipso facto, being less than truthful, and if you are truthful you are, again ipso facto, fair. The two, truth and fairness, do not so much follow, one after or from the other, but travel, like well-trained horses, in tandem. A third horse, making a troika, is to ask, **"Have I succeeded in treating my subject with the complexity it deserves?"**

Often when we think we are being truthful, we are being less than fair. This seems especially so in politics. Politics has never provided fruitful ground for truth; quite the reverse. No single group is perhaps less noted for consistent truthfulness than politicians. The reason for this is that politics does not seem to allow for neutrality; in politics people are regularly asked — "forced" may be closer to it — to choose sides. Once they do, their version of truth takes on a coloration that is likely to preclude fairness to people with politics different from their own.

What, then, is to be done? One thing to do is keep in mind the aspirational impulse behind the Third and Fourth Ways. We are likely to build goodwill and better friendships, to be beneficial to all concerned only if we keep our eyes on the goals of truth and fairness.



Rotary Club of Belur 4 Way Test Award - Sequential

The 4 way Test Award was first initiated in in our district by Rotary Club of Belur way back in the year 1994. The award is presented to the selected person for his/ her Vocational Excellence and adherence to the principle of The 4 Way Test



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Kiran Bedi was the first recipient awardee who was incidently the first female IPS officer of India. An Indian politician, social activist and former tennis player, who was the 24th Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry.

T S Seshan was the 10th Chief Election Commissioner of India (1990–96) who became known for his electoral reforms. He also won the Ramon Magsaysay Award for government service in 1996.

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Medha Patkar, an advocate of human rights, her campaigns are founded on two basic tenets in the Indian constitution: the rights to life and to livelihood. She is an alumnus of TISS, a premier institute of social science research in India.

Nanaji Deshmukh, was a social activist who worked in the fields of education, health, and rural self-reliance. He was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan in 1999. He was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award in 2019 by Government of India.

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S R Rao, is an Indian civil servant and the former Municipal Commissioner of the Surat, a large metropolitan city in Gujarat. He is best known for his developmental efforts during the 1994 epidemic of plague and for transforming it from a dirty city into one of the cleanest and greenest in India. He was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India, in 1998 for his endeavour.

Ramanand Sagar was a famous Indian film director. In his illustated career he made the famous the Ramayan television series on Lord Ram and as Devi Sita which is immensely popular even today. The Government of India awarded him the civilian honour of Padma Shri in 2000.

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Dr. S. N. Subba Rao was instrumental in realizing the importance of constructive educational module for the youth of Chambal and thus founded Mahatma Gandhi Sewa Ashram in Chambal valley at Jaura. It was this ashram, which later on hosted the historic surrender of the most notorious dacoits like Mohar Singh, Madho Singh and others on 14 April 1972.



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Rajendra Singh is a water conservationist and environmentalist from Alwar district, Rajasthan in India. Also known as "Waterman of India", he won the Magsaysay Award in 2001 and Stockholm Water Prize in 2015. He runs an NGO called 'Tarun Bharat Sangh' (TBS), which was founded in 1975.



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Dr. Verghese Kurien is known as the "Father of the White Revolution" in India was a social entrepreneur whose "billion-litre idea- Operation Flood", made dairy farming India's largest self-sustaining industry. It made India the world's largest milk producer and increased milk output four-fold in 30 years. He was awarded the Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan besides being conferred with the Ramon Magsaysay Award.

Maneka Gandhi is an Indian politician, animal rights activist, and environmentalist. She is a member of the Lok Sabha, the lower house of the Indian. She has been a minister in four governments besides having authored a number of books in the areas of etymology, law and animal welfare.

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N.R. Narayana Murthy is the legendary co-founder and retired chairman of Indian tech giant Infosys, in which he continues to hold a minority stake. He has been honoured with the Padma Vibhushan and Padma Shri awards.

Pt. Birju Maharaj is a Indian dancer, a master of the kathak form and a leading exponent of the Kalka-Bindadin gharana (community of musicians sharing a distinctive musical style) of Lucknow. His mastery of the dance form has won him the coveted Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, besides being honoured with Padma Shri and Padma Vibhushan awards.

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Shashi Tharoor is an Indian politician, writer and former international diplomat who has been serving as Member of Parliament from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, since 2009. He was formerly Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and is an acclaimed writer, having authored 19 bestselling works of fiction and non-fiction.



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Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty, MS, FRCS is an Indian cardiac surgeon and entrepreneur. He is the chairman and founder of Narayana Health, a chain of 21 medical centers in India and has performed more than 15,000 heart operations. In 2004 he was awarded the Padma Shri, followed by the Padma Bhushan in 2012 for his contribution to the field of affordable healthcare.



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Dr. Elattuvalapil Sreedharan is credited with changing the face of public transport in India with his leadership in building the Konkan Railway and the Delhi Metro. Known as the Metro Man, he was awarded the Padma Shri in 2001, the Padma Vibhushan in 2008, the Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur in 2005 by the French government and was named one of Asia's Heroes by TIME magazine in 2003.



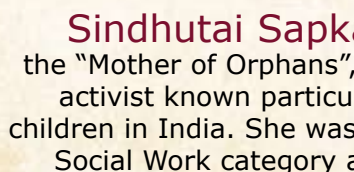
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Aruna Roy is a social activist known for her efforts to fight corruption and promote government transparency. A supporter of the movement for public access to information, Roy was instrumental in the enactment of legislation in India guaranteeing the rights of citizens to scrutinize official records.



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Sanjit "Bunker" Roy is the founder of Barefoot College, which helps rural communities become self-sufficient. In 2010 he made it to the list of Time -100 most influential personalities for his work in educating illiterate and semi literate rural Indians. He has also been awarded the Padma Shri.



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Sindhutai Sapkal (Maai), affectionately known as the "Mother of Orphans", is an Indian social worker and social activist known particularly for her work in raising orphaned children in India. She was conferred the Padma Shri in 2021 in Social Work category and the Nari Shakti Puraskar in 2017.



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Minutes of 2432nd E- RCM of Rotary Club of Belur held on 20th February, 2021 at 5pm at Hotel Hindusthan International.

The 2432nd Regular club meeting was called to order by President Aloke Kanodia at HHI. He asked the members to rise for the national anthem. After that Invocation to God was done by Anne Nivedita Agarwal.

Rtn. President Aloke updated the members with current working and Secretary Amar announced the Birthdays Anniversaries and other club business.

More than 33 members and spouses, and RCM.

Our first Guest speaker Miss Nidhi Kurian was introduced by Rtn KP Sajan. She is a solo traveller on a nationwide tour to experience first hand how safe the country is for women. Her mantra to live

life chasing your dreams and do what makes you happy raised the spirits of members.

Our next Guest Speaker was an eminent personality, mind therapist and tarot card counsellor who was introduced by Rtn Sunil Sobti. She kept the audience on their toes with her interactive session of question answers and written exercise which opened room for an introspection on our own identity. Rtn Amitabh Mohan gave the vote of thanks.

With no other business pending the meeting was terminated and President called upon all present to join for snacks, tea and fellowship.

Rtn Aloke Kanodia, *President* **Rtn Amar Malhotra**, *Secretary*



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INAUGURATION OF TOILET,
HAND WASHING STATION,
INSTALLATION OF WATER
PURIFIER STATION FOR
PROVIDING SAFE DRINKING
WATER AT SARDAPALLY
G.S.F.SCHOOL AT
BHADRESWAR HOOGHLY
UNDER GLOBAL GRANT
PROJECT BEING JOINTLY
TAKEN BY R C BELUR &
CHANDANNAGAR.



CLUB EVENTS

22nd March, Monday World
Water Day Awareness
Programme.

27th March, Saturday
- Club Holi Meet.

RI President Holger Knaack announces two new RI directors for 2022-24

The RI director challenges for Zones 1B and 14 concluded on 1 March. A balloting committee met by correspondence on 3 March to certify the results. President Holger Knaack announced the following Rotary members to serve on the RI Board in 2022-24:

Zone 1B: Muhammad Faiz Kidwai, Rotary Club of Karachi Karsaz, Pakistan

Zone 14: Ezio Lanteri, Rotary Club of Treviso-Terraglio, Italy



Source: Rotary International

LEG FOR LEGLESS PROJECT

Leg for legless project took place very successfully at Mahavir Seva Sadan on Sunday 14th March. This was first of at least 20 such camps on Sunday basis in next few months. Our member Rtn Anil Jhawar announced a contribution of Rs 5 lacs towards the project. Members please come forward with more contributions. CSR funds are welcome. Each jaipur foot will cost Rs 2500/-, while hands will cost between Rs 5000 to 7000.

Young Indians, our partners were lead service providers, committing 10,000

beneficiaries under the project. Our club was represented by PDG Ravi Sehgal, Rtn Anil Jhawar and PP Vishnu Dhandhania.



PRE-COTS 2021 of RC BELUR

Pre Cots 21-22 was organised on Sunday 7th March, 5.30PM at Punjab Club.

President Alope Kanoria welcomed the incoming board and called the meeting to order.

PE Indra Goenka evoked the essence of Rotary among all present.

Trainer PP Manoj Agarwal started his presentation with animated slides throwing light on the importance of team work and distribution of responsibility. Accompanied by more visuals. During the coaching he intelligently explained how each Individual Director and club official has to work in harmony with each other and simultaneously play their own individual roles. Some handouts were also distributed by him that clearly stated duties and responsibilities of each. The session was very motivating and interactive.

Rtn PP R. K. Bubna announced club's E Learning project and due to his initiative the club was able to collect the desired fund with the support of following members IPP Ramesh Tiwari, PDG Ravi Sehgal, Rtn G.D Agarwal, SE Rashmi Patwari & PN Amitabh Mohan, Rtn P. Doshi, PP Ajay Agarwal, Rtn S. Khunteta .

Rtn PP Ramesh Tiwari as a District Coordinator stated that he was already coordinating and doing what was required. As the club mentor, in his friendly speech Rtn PDG Ravi Sehgal shared his experience as to how he was unexpectedly entrusted with the responsibilities of DG and then he accepted the same as he believes that every Rotarian must be prepared to serve when asked for.

Vote of Thanks was delivered by PN Amitabh Mohan.

The session was followed by Fellowship & Dinner.

Reported by SE Rashmi Patwari



ROSHNI



On 28th February 2021 – Rotary Club of Belur RID 3291 with initiative of R C Singapore and R C Salt Lake launched the very 1st Eye camp ROSHNI, at Khardadh under GG No: 1990112 which will benefit 50,000 heads in over 50 areas at a total cost of \$51,500 in partnership with Susrut Eye Foundation & Research Centre. This project was inaugurated by DGE Prabir Chatterjee

~ A report by PP Rakesh Bhatia

PRE-PETS 2021

"TALIM".....PRE-PETS 2021-22 was organised by DGE Prabir Chatterjee at Hotel Sonar Bangla, Kolaghat on 21-22 February 2021 for incoming Presidents & AGs for 2 days. RC Jadavpur Kolkata was the lead host with 3 other clubs as co-host.

The seminar was attended by IPP Ramesh Tiwari as AG, PP Naveen Khandelwal & PP Rakesh Bhatia were also present with their families as part of District core team. Myself, PE Indra Goenka attended the seminar on both days.

We were given the President's directory and T-shirts during registration. Sessions of ZUMBA and AIKIDO were organised in the morning to convey the importance of fitness among all Rotarians. On a more serious note, sessions were organised on "Promoting Rotary" by DG Sudip, "Leading Volunteers" by PDG Ravi Sehgal, "Presiding over Club Meeting" by PDG R.K Rajgaria, "Successful Service Projects" by PDG Angsuman Bandyopadhyay and "Planning the year" by PDG Rajani Mukherji. DGE Prabir Chatterjee Introduced his core team for the upcoming year after the welcome address by the host club on the 1st day. I was invited by DGE on the stage to brief the other clubs on the GG #1990112 Roshni .

The Purpose of the seminar was explained by PDG Brojo Gopal Kundu. Vote of Thanks was given by DGND Hiralal Yadav. DGE of District 3262 and DGE of 3250 was also present on 22nd February.

It was a very Motivating and Educative Seminar .

Reported by-PE INDRA GOENKA

