



Friendship



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DISTRICT CONFERENCE "RAMDHANU"

The Ramdhanu Rotary District 3291 Conference was held on January 9, 10, and 11, 2026, at the East Side Pavilion, Nicco Park, Kolkata. Guided by the theme "Unite for Good," the event served as a "family festival" for Rotarians to celebrate fellowship, exchange innovative ideas, and renew their commitment to community service.

Fellowship and Reflection: Providing a platform to reflect on shared achievements and deepen bonds within the Rotary family. Focusing on growing Rotary, bringing the Action Plan to life, and tackling new challenges beyond ending polio. Highlighting initiatives like Mission O Thalassemia and ongoing work in health, education, and environment.

The conference was Led by Conference Chair Santanu Dutta and District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri. Rotary International Representatives RIPR PDG N.S. Saravanan was present in the conference. Chief Guests Lions International President A.P. Singh and Ambassador Dr. Deepak Vohra were there as Guest Speakers. PDG Ravindra Prakas Sehgal from Belur Hosted the Talk Show with Lions International President A.P. Singh.

From Rotary Club of Belur Thirty Seven members registered. This year the District Conference saw 1000 plus registration.

The conference was inaugurated by a parade of dignitaries, flag hoisting and a panel discussion on "Synergy in Service" featuring Lions and Rotary leaders.

In the Plenary Sessions Discussions on Thalassemia prevention, cardiac care innovation took place and the lifetime achievement award for legendary pediatric surgeon Dr. Subir Chatterjee was given

There were sessions on Technology & Branding: where child prodigy Raul John Aju and public image strategies with branding veteran Bharat Dabholkar spoke about the future of Artificial Intelligence and the necessity and importance of Branding. Cultural programs included an inaugural dance by the Kohinoor Sen Barat group, there was an Antaksari session was hosted by Rtn Rajat Baid of Calcutta Mayfair. Belur came second with the participation of Anu Dugar, Heena Ved and Nivedita Mohan. A musical evening featured Indian Idol winner Manasi Ghosh.



Today's GUEST SPEAKERS



Dr. Jayanta Datta

*Consultant - Nephrologist &
Transplant Physician
MBBS, MD (General Medicine),
DM (Nephrology)*

Areas of Expertise :

- + Supervising different Dialysis Units in and around Kolkata.
- + Numerous CAPD patients under follow-up.
- + Various patients undergo Renal Transplants every year and also numerous post-transplant patients are under follow-up.



Dr. Piyali Sarkar

*Consultant - Nephrologist &
Transplant Physician
MRCP (UK)
MRCP (London)*

Areas of Expertise :

- + Worked as specialist registrar in Nephrology in Leicester General Hospital, UK.
- + Worked as specialist registrar in Nephrology in Kings College Hospital, London.
- + Worked as specialist registrar in Nephrology in St. Helier Hospital, London

January is the Rotary Vocational Service Month





Art for a cause Thalassemia Exhibition and live art workshop at District Conference:



Belur set up a stall in the conference for the cause of Thalassemia. An Art Exhibition was put up with an Art Camp where Four artists did live paintings. Seven areas of focus brochures and Thalassemia awareness card was distributed to the visitors.

MINUTES OF ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR REGULAR CLUB MEETING NO. 2565 HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2025 AT HOTEL PARK PRIME, KOLKATA

The 2565 Regular Club Meeting was called to order by President Rtn Sharad Dugar. To begin the formal proceedings, Manish Bhattar was requested to adorn the club jewel. The assembly then rose for the National Anthem, followed by a solemn minute of silence observed in memory of Late Radha Krishna Bubna Ji. Past President Vishnu Dhandania Ji did the invocation to God and Past President Gauri Shankar Sarada Ji, shared heartfelt words in memory of the Bubna Ji. Additional tributes were paid by PDG Ravi Ji and Past President Indra, who shared her reflections on her regular visits to Bubna Ji during his period of ill health. Following these tributes, the minutes of the previous meeting, RCM No. 2564, was formally approved by IPP Anand Agarwal and Rtn Sundeep Choraria.

The President then reviewed the club's extensive project work over the preceding two weeks. He highlighted the successful Annual Function held at Bal Vikas Kendra, thanking Lohia Ji and Kishan Ji for their

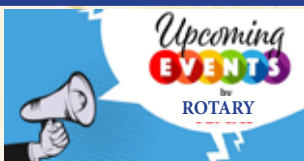
contributions. Significant progress was reported in the community service sector, including 30 wheelchair distribution involving 18 members and their families—with specific thanks to Rtn Sarat Ji, Anita Ji, and Devansh—and a food distribution drive led by Secretary Prashant. The club also celebrated the inauguration of the Wash project at Shree Sarada Vidyalaya which was a Joint Project by five clubs which included RC Belur, RC Calcutta Mayfair, RC Calcutta Metro City, RC Calcutta Pointers and RC Calcutta Yuvis. Renovation of Toilets with underground water tank and Overhead Tank was completed. District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri along with PDG Shyamashree Sen inaugurated the facility. DG announced One Lac from the District fund for future project done jointly.

A detailed report was provided on the ongoing Cervical Cancer Awareness project, which has been active since June 2024. To date, the club has conducted 133 camps across 74 schools, administering 4,299

first doses and 1,710 second doses of the vaccine. The project remains on track for completion by June 2026, and the President extended his gratitude to Past President Tarun kanti Pal and Past President Vishnu Dhandania for their dedication and involvement in the project. Regarding upcoming activities, members were reminded that the 15th is the final date for conference registration.

During the latter half of the meeting, Secretary Prashant Maheshwari conducted the essential club business and highlighted key dates for the membership. IPP Anand took over the proceedings to present the Accounts for the year 2024-25 which was approved. President-Elect Suresh Ji was invited to the floor and he introduced his incoming team and outlined his vision for the 2026-27 Rotary year. After the final announcements were made, Suresh Ji provided the official Vote of Thanks,

Rtn Sharad Dugar, President
Rtn Prashant Maheshwari, Secretary



Upcoming Cervical Cancer Vaccination programmes

27.1.26 (Tuesday)- 2nd dose vaccination at Dumdum Road Govt Sponsored High School for Girls (HS)(11:00 AM)

2.2.26 (Monday)- 2nd dose vaccination at Ananda Ashram Balika Vidyapeeth, Naktala (11:00 AM)

9.2.26 (Monday) - 2nd dose vaccination at Ushagram Trust, Nadia (12:00 PM)

16.2.26 (Monday) - 2nd dose vaccination at Santragachi Bhanumati Girls High School (11:30 AM)

24.2.26 (Tuesday) - 2nd dose vaccination at Sarada Prasad Institution for Girls (11:00 AM)

02.3.26 (Monday) - 2nd dose vaccination at Hanspukuria Vidyapith, Nadia (1:00 PM)

5.3.26 (Thursday)- 2nd dose vaccination at Bagh Bazar, Multipurpose Government sponsored girls, High School (11:30 AM)

Upcoming RCM Dates AND PROGRAMMES

31.02.2026 - RCM

08.02.2026 - Solemnises Samuhik Vivah (Purvanchal Kalyan Ashram)

14.02.2026 - BARGE PARTY

28.02.2026 - RCM



Rakesh Bhatia -

26th January

Santosh Sharma -

27th January

Rita Doshi - 31st January

Madhu Khunteta -

2nd February

Anirudh Saraf -

2nd February

Subhas Agarwal -

9th February

Together Through the Years:



Ashok & Manju Kedia 25th January

Pratibha & Manmohan Damani 27th January

anand 7 Preeti Garg 29th January

Manish & Pooja Tibrewala 31st January

Arun & Kanchan Mandhana 1st February

Subhas & Prabha Agarwal 5th February

Aloke & Anita Kanodia 6th February

Manoj and Ruby Agarwal 10th February

Food Distribution on the occasion of MAKAR SANKRANTI.

On the occasion of Makar Sankranti Food distribution was initiated by Rtn Manorama Pathak and her spouse Pritam Pathak near Kalighat Temple. Many Belurians also contributed to the cause. More than 400 Devotees coming to the temple took the prasad.



Nigeria-India Global Grant Project

In a powerful testament to international humanitarian collaboration, the Nigeria-India Global Grant project successfully facilitated life-saving heart surgeries for three children at Narayana Super Specialty Hospital in Kolkata, India. Despite facing months of daunting visa delays and administrative bottlenecks, the unwavering dedication of the Rotary Club of Belur and their Nigerian counterparts ensured

that Chukwuma Godslove Kamsiyochukwu, Guobadia Enoma Andre, and Hamzat Adeyemi (also referred to as Master Hamzat Okuwapelumi Adeyemi) received the critical medical intervention they required. This milestone mission not only restored the health of these young beneficiaries but also stands as a "beautiful milestone" for the joint efforts between the two nations, providing a beacon of hope for future medical collaborations. Following their successful treatment and recovery, the children were reported to be departing safely back to Nigeria in January 2026, marking the triumphant conclusion of this phase of the project.



A TRIBUTE TO NARENDRA KUMAR MEHTA



We fondly remember erstwhile past President, a renowned lawyer and a true gentleman, who was member for over 45 years of our Club. Known for his soft-spoken nature and humility, he exemplified the values of kindness and integrity in every aspect of his life. He departed to his heavenly abode on 18th January, 20206. We pray to the almighty to grant Sadgati to his departed soul.

TRIBUTE TO NIRMAL AGARWAL MOTHER OF PP MANOJ AGARWAL



She left for her heavenly abode on 18th January, 20206. We pray to the almighty to grant moksha to her departed soul.

MURSHIDABAD TRIP

From December 19th to 21st, members of the Rotary Club enjoyed a memorable excursion to the historic towns of Azimganj and Jiaganj, traveling by train for a journey that was a first-time experience for many. Staying at the Jal Chabi Resort, nestled directly on the banks of the River Bhagirathi, the group embraced the misty winter chill, beginning their mornings with fresh dates juice before exploring local temples, palaces, and shopping for authentic Jiaganj silk sarees. The trip was highlighted by unique river crossings involving Totos and cars on boats, and a festive evening barge ride filled with music, dancing, hot tea, and snacks. This cultural immersion was further enriched by traditional delicacies like Neemas, Peetha, Bhapia, Kheere ki Kachori, and Lal Mirch pickle, making for a perfect heritage trip.





Ramp Walk District Conference

The success of the evening was rooted in the belief of First Lady Bandana Homchaudhuri., whose conceptual brilliance brought the Rotarian's Ramp Walk to life. Her dedication was nothing short of extraordinary. By attending every rehearsal despite the physical challenge of a fractured foot, she set a standard that inspired everyone involved. Together with her exceptional coordination team, she ensured every detail was seamless, creating a captivating flow that kept the audience completely glued to the stage. It was her passion and the team's tireless effort that transformed a simple walk into a masterpiece of style.



Report on Medicinal Plant Garden Inauguration

VENUE: MAHAVIR SEVA SADAN, JOKA

Project: Medicinal Plant Garden

Organised by: Rotary Club of Belur jointly with Concern For Earth & In association with: Mahavir Seva Sadan

While most people welcomed the New Year with Celebration and Entertainment, members of Rotary Club of Belur, supported by Concern For Earth in association with Mahavir Seva Sadan chose to Celebrate the New Year with Purpose and Responsibility by Inaugurating a Medicinal Plant Garden at the Joka project premises of Mahavir Seva Sadan.

As part of this Meaningful Initiative, more than 50 Medicinal Plants comprising over 9 Different Varieties were planted to create a Dedicated Medicinal Plant Garden.

The Primary Objective of the Project was to create awareness about the Importance of Medicinal Plants and to Promote Environmental Vonsciousness, while encouraging a deeper connection with Nature.

Each medicinal plant has been provided with an information placard, which includes a QR code.

The QR code, when scanned, provides detailed information about the plant in Three Languages — English, Hindi, and Bengali, making the garden educational, inclusive, and easy to understand for visitors of all age groups.

The event was meaningful and purposeful, and was attended by around 30 senior members and children, along with their spouses and friends, who actively participated in the plantation activity and appreciated the initiative.

All the plants planted during the programme were sponsored by Concern For Earth.

During the event, Rotarian Santosh Mohta, President of Concern for Earth and Environment Director of Rotary Club of Belur, announced that as part of this ongoing initiative, over 500 more medicinal plants of different varieties would be planted within one year, subject to availability of space. This announcement was warmly appreciated by all present.

Following the Plantation Activity, all present, visited the Various Dedicated and Commendable Activities and facilities run by Mahavir Seva Sadan, including programmes for specially abled children and initiatives supporting less fortunate individuals requiring artificial limbs.

The Visitors Expressed Deep Appreciation for the Impactful and Selfless Work being carried out by Mahavir Seva Sadan.

The programme Concluded on a Positive and Inspiring Note, marking a New Year celebration rooted in Service, Sustainability, Education, and Social Responsibility.



Three Projects and Azimganj (Murshidabad)

On 20th Dec. 2025 Seventy Blankets and Ten sarees were contributed by Members and Spouses and distributed at Azimganj (Murshidabad) to the needy. During the Murshidabad Trip, members and spouses contributed to Three Projects , Blanket and Saree Distribution, Plantation on the Banks of Bhagirathi River and donating to the Gaushala. The plantation drive was initiated by Rtn Santosh and Sarita Mohta.



BLANKET DISTRIBUTION

On the 10th of January, we witnessed the true essence of compassion and service as we distributed 130 blankets to the needy elderly at Sarsuna Vivekananda Anudhyan, Behala.

In this chilling winter, many poor souls are enduring the biting cold, and with your generous support, we were able to bring warmth and comfort to those who need it the most. Seeing the smiles on their faces as they wrapped themselves in the blankets was a reminder of why we do what we do.

Together, as a community of loving hearts, we made a difference in their lives today. Let's continue to spread warmth and kindness in every corner of our society.



Congratulations to **Sunita Bhabhi** on successfully completing the QFPF course and earning the distinction of a Qualified Personal Finance Professional. This remarkable achievement reflects her dedication and expertise, enabling her to provide holistic and well-informed guidance on personal finance, including investments, retirement planning, insurance, and estate planning. Wishing her continued success as she helps individuals make thoughtful, secure, and confident financial decisions.



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