



# Friendship



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## Cervical Cancer Vaccination Project Status as on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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We have done projects in 78 schools 4205 girls have been vaccinated out of 3 Global Grant Funds and 698 girls have been vaccinated out CSR Fund and donations.

### CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION PROJECT SUMMARY

Between January 27 and February 16, 2026, the Rotary Club of Belur successfully conducted a series of cervical cancer vaccination camps across five schools. These initiatives were primarily supported by international partner Rotary Club of Singapore Heartland under the Urmila Devi Agarwal Memorial Cervical Cancer Vaccine Program, with additional support from G.D. Memorial for specific sites. The programs were executed through Global Grants #2572076 and #2459371, in collaboration with local partners including the Rotary Club of Calcutta Sutanuti, Rotary Club of Calcutta South City, and the Garia Welfare Society.

The vaccination drive prioritized completing the immunization schedule for students aged 9–14 years. Second-dose camps were held at Dumdum Road Government Sponsored High School for Girls (150 girls), Ananda Ashram Balika Vidyapeeth (61 girls), and Santragachi Bhanumati Girls High School (43 girls). Additionally, first-dose camps were inaugurated at Bally Girls High School (27 girls) and Bally Banga Sishu Balika Vidyalaya (12 girls). To commemorate the partnership at Bally Girls High School, a plaque was presented to Headmistress Ms. Swati Banerjee.

Narayana Health, Howrah served as the dedicated medical partner for all camps. The medical team was led by Dr. Spandan Medya and Camp Coordinator Ms. Bandana Mohanty. On-ground coordination for the Rotary Club of Belur was managed by Project Chair PP Tarun Kanti Pal, Executive Assistant Ms. Preetika Sarkar and Field Staff Mr. Hrishikesh Bhattacharjee. Each camp concluded with the distribution of certificates to beneficiaries, marking the successful completion of their vaccination schedules.

#### Project Statistics at a Glance

| Date         | School Name                             | Dose     | Beneficiaries    |
|--------------|---|----------|------------------|
| Jan 27, 2026 | Dumdum Road Govt. Sponsored High School | 2nd Dose | 150 Girls        |
| Jan 30, 2026 | Bally Girls High School                 | 1st Dose | 27 Girls         |
| Jan 30, 2026 | Bally Banga Sishu Balika Vidyalaya      | 1st Dose | 12 Girls         |
| Feb 02, 2026 | Ananda Ashram Balika Vidyapeeth         | 2nd Dose | 61 Girls         |
| Feb 16, 2026 | Santragachi Bhanumati Girls High School | 2nd Dose | 43 Girls         |
| <b>Total</b> |   |          | <b>293 Girls</b> |



## Today's GUEST SPEAKERS



Vijay Jain

Master of Astro-Vastu & Holistic Sciences

### Topic : “WHY VASTU SOMETIME FAILS.. AND ASTROLOGY COMPLETES THE REMEDY”

With over two decades of professional excellence, Vijay Jain is a premier Astro-Vastu Consultant, Astrologer, and Numerologist known for his “result without demolition” approach. A first-rank Master’s graduate from Belford University, Germany, and a professionally certified Graphologist from Canada, he seamlessly blends ancient wisdom with modern practicality. His award-winning expertise—recognized by the Economic Times and Dr. Jiten Bhatt—has made him a trusted advisor for diverse sectors, including Tata Motors, major steel industries, hospitals, and educational institutions. Vijay focuses on delivering simple, non-invasive remedies to enhance financial stability, business profitability, and family harmony, ensuring success through balance rather than structural change.

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CLUB MEETING (RCM) NO. 2566

DATE: 24TH JANUARY 2026 TIME: 4:30 PM VENUE: HOTEL HINDUSTAN INTERNATIONAL (HHI)

President Sharad Dugar called the 12th Regular Club Meeting of the 2025-26 Rotary Year to order at 4:30 PM. The proceedings commenced with the assembly rising for the National Anthem, followed by the formal donning of the club jewel by Rtn Kailash Tekriwal. In a solemn moment of reflection, the club observed a minute of silence to honor the memory of Late Smt. Nirmal Agarwal, mother of PP Manoj Agarwal and former member Late Sri Narendra Kumar Mehta. Ann Geeta Bhatia then led the members in the invocation of God. Following these traditions, the President welcomed several guests, including Ms Urvi Agarwal, a Counselling Psychologist, Rtn Kaushik Sen from the Rotary Club of Benevolence, and guest speakers from Charnock Hospital.

The meeting provided a platform to reflect on the successful participation of the Rotary Club of Belur in the "Ramdhanu" District 3291 Conference held from January 9th to 11th at Nicco Park. The club was well-represented with thirty-seven members in attendance, notably securing second place in the Antaksari session through the team of 1st Lady Anu Dugar, Ann Heena Ved, and Rtn Nivedita Mohan. President Sharad Dugar was specially recognized for his service as an aide to the RI President's Representative (RIPR), PDG N.S. Saravanan, who announced to contributed ₹25,000 toward the club's

ongoing projects. The club's commitment to health was showcased through a Thalassemia awareness Art stall and live art workshop at the conference, distributing educational brochures and cards to visitors. Additionally, First Lady Bandana Homchaudhuri was commended for her dedication in conceptualizing and coordinating the Rotarian's Ramp Walk.

The meeting highlighted significant international impact through the Nigeria-India Global Grant project, which successfully facilitated life-saving heart surgeries for three Nigerian children at Narayana Super Specialty Hospital. Despite administrative and visa delays, the children recovered and were prepared to return home in January. Domestically, the club remained active with winter relief efforts, distributing 130 blankets to the elderly at Sarsuna Vivekananda Anudhyan and another 70 blankets and 10 sarees in Azimganj. Other activities included a food distribution drive for over 400 devotees at Kalighat Temple for Makar Sankranti, led by Rtn Manorama Pathak, plantation drive by Rtn Santosh Mohta and Sarita Mohta on the banks of the Bhagirathi River.

The technical session, "Your Kidney Your Health," featured Dr. Piyali Sarkar and Dr. Jayanta Dutta from Charnock Hospital, who emphasized that kidneys are the body's primary filtration system, essential for removing waste and balancing fluids.

The doctors detailed that maintaining kidney health requires proactive care, such as staying hydrated, controlling blood sugar levels, and monitoring blood pressure, as these are the leading causes of chronic kidney disease. They warned against the over-usage of painkillers and stressed the importance of regular check-ups, especially for those with a family history of renal issues. This enlightening session underscored that early detection and a healthy lifestyle are the most effective ways to protect these vital organs. Following the presentation, the speakers and PR Manager Ms. Swati Hirawat were felicitated by Rtn Pratima Saraf, PP Rakesh Bhatia, and 1st Lady Anu Dugar.

Before concluding, the President announced upcoming initiatives, including Cervical Cancer Vaccination programs and the upcoming fellowship calendar of highly anticipated Joint meeting of four Clubs (RC Belur, RC Mayfair, RC Cal Presidency and RC Cal Metropolitan) with a Barge Party on February 14th 2026. The meeting was officially terminated by the President after a vote of thanks by PP Indra Goenka, followed by a session of fellowship.

A Sunshine of Rupees Fifteen Hundred was collected from members for Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Rtn Sharad Dugar, *President*

Rtn Prashant Maheshwari, *Secretary*



# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CLUB MEETING (RCM) NO. 2567

DATE: 1ST FEBRUARY 2026 TIME: 6.30 PM VENUE: TERRACE RESIDENCE OF PDG RAVINDRA PRAKASH SEHGAL JI.

The fellowship meeting of the Rotary Club of Belur was a grand success, bringing together over 60 members and spouses for an evening of nostalgia and celebration. The proceedings commenced with the meeting being formally called to order, followed by the rendering of the National Anthem and a soulful invocation to the Almighty performed by Ann Namrata Maheshwari. The atmosphere was enriched by the presence of senior leadership, as Charter Member Shreegopal Daga Ji, PP Gauri Shankar Sarda Ji, and PDG Ravindra Prakash Sehgal Ji shared heartfelt reflections on their journey in Rotary. They spoke eloquently about how fellowships were conducted in their times, offering the younger generation a glimpse into the club's

enduring traditions.

Transitioning to club business, Secretary Prashant Maheshwari managed the official updates and announced the birthdays and anniversaries of members, keeping the spirit of the Rotary family alive. The highlight of the evening then unfolded as First Lady Anu and Rtn Swati took over the stage to host a meticulously prepared Award Night. With great enthusiasm, they recreated the glamour of a professional awards ceremony, announcing nominations for each category and presenting awards to members and spouses in a lively, theatrical fashion that captivated the audience.

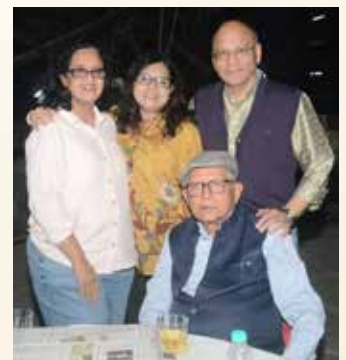
The evening of celebration was hosted on the beautiful terrace of PDG Ravi

Ji, and the club extended its sincere gratitude to him and his spouse for their warm hospitality and for personally overseeing the elegant decor. The fellowship was further supported by the generous sponsorship of PP Diwakar Sharma, PP Aloke Kanodia, PP Amar Malhotra and Rtn Kailash Tekriwal. As the formal program concluded, members enjoyed a delicious spread of Chaat and Indian Food prepared by Ann Kiran Almal, while the night transitioned into a vibrant session of music and dance, making it a truly wonderful and memorable fellowship evening.

A Sunshine of Rupees 1500 was collected from members for Anniversaries and Birthdays.

Rtn Sharad Dugar, *President*

Rtn Prashant Maheshwari, *Secretary*



### Upcoming Cervical Cancer Vaccination Programmes

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

**06.03.26 (Friday)** - 2nd dose vaccination at Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Sister Nivedita Girls School (11:00 AM)

**09.03.26 (Monday)** - 2nd dose vaccination at Hanspukuria Vidyapeeth, Nadia (1:00 PM)

**10.3.26 (Tuesday)** - 1st dose vaccination at Howrah Ramkrishna Adarsha Balika Vidyalaya (11:00 AM)

**11.03.26 (Wednesday)** - 2nd dose vaccination at Krishnachandrapur High School, Mathurapur (1:00 PM)

**12.03.26 (Thursday)** - a) 2nd dose vaccination at Jujersa Vivekananda Balika Vidyalaya, Kuldanga, Panchla (12:30 PM)

b) 2nd dose vaccination for Howrah Vivekananda Siksha Kendra Dhumda

### Upcoming RCM Dates and Programmes

**07.03.2026** - Regular Club Meeting

**15.03.2026** - Holi Milan

**28.03.2026** - Regular Club Meeting

**11.04.2026** - AG Visit

**18.04.2026** - DG Visit

### Honouring Our Birthday Stars

Vijay Kumar Sharma - 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Shilpa Baradia - 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Manish Kumar Bhatner - 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Kabita Tekriwal - 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Animesh Roy - 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Shailja Bhatner - 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Pooja Tibrewala - 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Govind Das Agrawal - 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Vikash Kumar Agarwal - 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Anirudh Khemka - 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Dr. Ratish Ch. Paul - 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Pratima Pathak - 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Amarnath Choudhary - 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Chitra Das - 6<sup>th</sup> March

### Together Through the Years:

## Happy Anniversary

Rajesh & Poonam Berlia 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Kishan & Sangita Kejriwal 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Kailash & Kabita Tekriwal 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Amit & Shilpa Baradia 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Shashi & Minoo Seth 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Gouri Shankar & Puspita Sarda 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Dr. Shahul & Michelle Hameed 5<sup>th</sup> March





# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CLUB MEETING (RCM) NO. 2568

DATE: 14TH FEBRUARY 2026 TIME: 6:30 PM VENUE: THE BENGAL PADDLE BARGE

HOST CLUBS: RC BELUR, RC CAL PRESIDENCY, RC MAYFAIR, AND RC CAL METROPOLITAN.

It was a matter of great pride and joy to welcome everybody to the vibrant joint meeting of the Rotary Club's of Belur, Cal Presidency, Mayfair, and Cal Metropolitan.

The President of RC Cal Presidency Rtn Rajesh Bothra officially called the meeting to order. All attendees were requested to rise for the singing of the National Anthem.

Presidents from each participating club provided updates on recent or ongoing projects and announced upcoming events.

RC Belur's Club Service was presented by the Secretary Prashant Maheshwari. Upcoming projects for cervical cancer vaccination was announced. The Project Details on Cervical Cancer Vaccination was Announcement by PP Tarun Pal where he gave the No. of vaccinations completed till date, with total no of schools covered.

RC Belur conducted one new member induction of Rtn Annu Agarwal who was pinned by AG Rinal Malpani. Her spouse and daughter were present to witness the Zinduction ceremony.

Official flag exchanges took place between RC Belur and both RC Mayfair and RC Presidency. Official Vote of Thanks was delivered by President Sharad Dugar to express gratitude to all participants. The formal meeting was officially adjourned.

The meeting concluded with a session of fellowship for all members.

A Night of Magic: Valentine's Day Fellowship on the Ganges

The spirit of Rotary reached new heights as four Rotary Clubs came together for a spectacular joint fellowship on the Barge. Set against the romantic backdrop of Howrah Bridge the evening offered an experience that was as unique as it was memorable.

The atmosphere was nothing short of enchanting. Under a perfectly cool evening sky, members were treated to the breathtaking sight of the Calcutta skyline, beautifully illuminated and reflecting off the ripples of the Ganges. The highlight of the journey was the awe-inspiring experience of the barge gliding gracefully under the iconic Howrah Bridge, a perspective that left everyone in attendance truly mesmerized.

The evening was filled with rhythm, featuring high-energy music and dance. Celebrating love and friendship among four clubs created a powerful sense of bond. The combination of the lighted city views and the river breeze made for a perfect celebratory setting. It was truly a night where fellowship met the stars, leaving every "Belurian" and guest with memories to last a lifetime. More than 50 members and guests from Belur attended.

Rtn Sharad Dugar, *President*

Rtn Prashant Maheshwari, *Secretary*





## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



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 Wedding Date : 30.06.2006  
 Spouse DOB : 6th July  
 Contact Number : 9830163307  
 Introduced by : Amit Bhutoria  
 Joining Year : 2025-26  
 Blood group : A positive

श्री हरि  
 नैनं किन्दन्ति शम्बाणि नैनं ददति पायकः ।  
 न चैनं क्लेदयन्त्यापो न शोषयति मारुतः ॥

अत्यंत दुःख के साथ सूचित करना पड़ रहा है की हमारे प्रिय  
**श्री सुंदर लाल दमानी**  
 (1944 - 2026)  
 (सुपुत्र स्वर्गीय श्री गोपाल दमानी)  
 का स्वर्गवास मंगलवार, दिनांक 24 फरवरी 2026 को हो गया।  
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 आन्या (पह-दोहित्री), आर्यन (पह-दोहित्र)

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# SAMUHIK VIVAH CEREMONY AT NALHATI

Date: 7th and 8th February 2026

Members of Belur undertook a Club project visit to Nalhati to attend the Samuhik Vivah ceremony of 61 couples from the Tribal Belt, organized by Purvanchal Kalyan Ashram. The Club sponsored 11 couples, made possible through generous donor support.

The team departed on the morning of the 7th. President Sharad Dugar and Rtn. Ammit Bhutoria were present to see off and cheer the team at the time of departure. En route, members had a brief darshan of Maa Tarapith. The team reached Nalhati by evening, where arrangements were well-organized.

On the 8th, members attended the ceremony, where AKS Bhanu Babu shared the dais with dignitaries. During the return journey, PP Rtn. Manoj Agarwal facilitated a visit to a hostel run by Kalyan Ashram. The team returned safely to Kolkata the same night.

**Donors:** PP Subhash Agarwal, Rtn. G.D. Agarwal, PP Kishan Kejriwal, PP Ramesh Tiwari, PP Pramod Kumar Sharma, IPP Anand Agarwal, PP Amar Malhotra, Rtn Sanjay Rampuria, Rtn Shveta Sharma.

Special thanks to Purvanchal Kalyan Ashram and PP Manoj Agarwal for their support.

**Rtn. Divishha Bantia**

## Why Collective Marriages for Vanvasi (Tribal) Couples?

Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram has been continuously working for the holistic development of the tribal community and the preservation of their traditions. Organizing collective marriages is an extremely important step toward keeping tribal families connected with their society and cultural practices.

India's tribal population of around 140 million deeply respects its traditions and rituals and follows them with great seriousness. Marriage is one such significant life event, which must be performed according to established customs and must include hosting a community feast for all members of the clan or village. Without fulfilling these rituals, the marriage is not socially recognized by the community.

Due to financial constraints, many couples—often with the consent of their families—enter into marital relationships, but are unable to complete the required social and traditional formalities. As a result, society does not formally accept them as husband and wife. Many such couples already have children, yet in the absence of traditional marriage rites, they and their families face social exclusion and discrimination. In such circumstances, several families are misled by external influences and end up converting their religion.

Keeping this situation in mind, Kalyan Ashram organizes collective marriage ceremonies to help reintegrate such families into society and keep them connected to the national mainstream. Field workers of Kalyan Ashram visit tribal villages to identify couples whose marriages took place years ago but who continue to live in social isolation due to lack of formal recognition. Lists of such couples are obtained from village heads, priorities are set based on need, and the couples are invited to complete the prescribed marriage process.

The marriages are conducted according to traditional rituals, and members of the couples' clans and villages are invited for a communal feast.

These collective marriage ceremonies help couples live with dignity and gain full acceptance within society. They not only preserve traditional customs but also protect families from social discrimination and divisive influences such as religious conversion.



**Haldi Ceremony:**  
Haldi being applied to the couples an evening before the marriage.



Approx. 5000 families and villagers  
being given lunch and dinner.



AKS Bhagwan Das Agarwal Ji  
being honoured.



Anita Kanodia putting  
ceremonial scarf on the grooms.



Wedding ceremony

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