



# Friendship



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CLUB MEETING (RCM) NO. 2569  
DATE: 28TH FEBRUARY 2026 TIME: 6:30 PM  
VENUE: HOTEL HINDUSTAN INTERNATIONAL (HHI)

The 2569th Regular Club Meeting of the Rotary Club of Belur, District 3291, was held on February 28, 2026, at Hotel Hindustan International, commencing at 6:30 pm with the National Anthem. A solemn minute of silence was observed in memory of Late Shri Sundar Lal Damani, father of Rtn. Sree Damani, followed by a graceful invocation to the Almighty by Mrs. Sarita Mohta, wife of Rtn. Santosh Mohta. The minutes of the previous meetings (RCM 2566, 2567, and 2568) were formally confirmed by PP Amitabh Mohan and seconded by PP Aloke Kanodia. During the business segment, updates were provided on the Cervical Cancer Vaccination project, and the club celebrated the sponsorship of marriages for 11 couples by its dedicated members. It was also noted with pleasure that Rtn. Annu Agarwal was recently inducted during a Joint Meeting and Fellowship held at a Barge Party.

The highlight of the evening was an insightful session by Guest Speaker Vijay Jain, an Astro-Vastu Consultant, who spoke on the topic: "Why Vastu

Sometimes Fails... and Astrology Completes the Remedy." His discourse emphasized that while Vastu governs the energy of a physical structure, Astrology addresses the unique energy of the individual residing within it. He explained that a one-size-fits-all Vastu approach often falls short because personal planetary alignments can override environmental factors; therefore, integrating astrological remedies ensures a more precise and effective correction for the occupant's well-being. The meeting concluded with a vibrant exchange of ideas. A sunshine of rupees 1200 was collected from members for the Birthdays and Anniversaries.



Rtn Sharad Dugar, President

Rtn Prashant Maheshwari, Secretary



## Today's GUEST SPEAKERS



PRIYANKA SHAH  
(Celebrity Nutritionist)

### "WALK YOUR WAY TO WELLNESS"

Priyanka Shah is a renowned clinical and celebrity nutritionist with over 20 years of excellence in healthcare and wellness. A respected columnist and influential voice in nutrition, she is closely associated with premier schools and colleges along with various corporates.

Having transformed the lives of more than 15,000 individuals, she is driven by a powerful purpose -to build strong foundations, ignite lifelong health, and create a healthier nation, one person at a time.

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CLUB MEETING (RCM) NO. 2570

DATE: 15TH MARCH 2026 TIME: 6:30 PM VENUE: SILVER SPRING APARTMENTS BANQUET

The 2570<sup>th</sup> Regular Club Meeting of the Rotary Club of Belur, District 3291, was held on March 15, 2026, at the Silver Spring Apartments Banquet, Tower 10, beginning at 6:30 pm with the National Anthem. The house observed a minute of silence to honor the memory of the mother of team member Rtn. Hrishikesh Bhattacharya, followed by a spiritual invocation by Rtn. Santosh Mohta. Project Chair PP Tarun Pal shared the monumental update that the Cervical Cancer Vaccination project is set to cross the 5,000-vaccination mark within March 2026. Further service updates included the construction of a school boundary wall in Jhargram by Rtn. Rashmi Patwari's

company, Rashmi Ispat, and the launch of a Joint Happy School Project. The latter saw an overwhelming response, with members immediately pledging ₹75,000. The formal proceedings concluded with a joyous cake-cutting ceremony celebrating the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Rtn. Pradeep and Preetam Bothra.

The evening then transitioned into a vibrant "Bollywood Extravaganza," a theme-based fellowship fully conceptualized by First Lady Anu Dugar. The session was a spirited celebration of Indian cinema, where members and their spouses took to the stage in elaborate fancy dress to enact iconic scenes and showcase their

hidden performing talents. From the legendary dialogues of Gabbar to the grit of Bhuvan, the performances were executed with remarkable grace and humor, keeping the audience thoroughly entertained. The festive atmosphere was further elevated by a special appearance by President Subhashish Roy from the Rotary Club of South City, who enthralled the gathering with his beautiful rendition of classic Bollywood songs, making the night a truly memorable blend of service and "Filmy" fellowship.

A sunshine of rupees 1500 was collected from members for the Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Rtn Sharad Dugar, *President*

Rtn Prashant Maheshwari, *Secretary*





# CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION REPORT



The Rotary Club of Belur is proud to announce a **historic milestone in its Cervical Cancer Prevention Project, having successfully administered the first dose of the HPV vaccine to over 5,000 girls within just two years**, a feat officially achieved at Bidhannagar Government High School through the vital connection provided by the Rotary Club of Salt Lake City. This monumental achievement was catalyzed by the extraordinary vision and support of AKS Rtn Bhagwan Das Agarwal, whose immense contribution of over \$80,000 and commitment to vaccinating 2,000 girls empowered the club to scale this project in a major way and remain at the forefront of this vital health initiative. This success stands as a testament to the collective dedication of our members and the inspired leadership of Past Presidents Rtn Amar Malhotra and Rtn Anand Agarwal, current President Rtn Sharad Dugar, and Global Grant Chair

Rtn Vishnu Dhandhanian, with profound gratitude to Project Chair PP Tarun Kanti Pal, whose relentless follow-up and personal presence since Day 1 were the driving forces that saw this project reach its ambitious target. Through such unwavering teamwork and significant philanthropic support, we continue to make a lasting, meaningful impact on the health and future of our community.



## JHARGRAM CSR PROJECT

In a significant step toward enhancing the safety and security of underprivileged tribal students, IPP Anand Agarwal, Rtn Rashmi Patwari, and President Sharad Dugar recently visited the Pandit Raghunath Murmu Memorial Primary School in Jhargram to initiate a vital infrastructure project. The visit was highlighted by a formal Bhoomi Pujan ceremony, conducted in the presence of the Local MLA, school teachers, and students, marking the official commencement of the construction of a 200-meter boundary wall. This essential security measure is being executed as a CSR initiative by Rashmi Ispat, the steel plant owned by Rtn Rashmi Patwari, whose dedicated support for community welfare is providing a protected and secure environment for the residential campus. After the Bhoomi Pujan Fruits and Biscuits were distributed to the students.



## Cleanliness Drive Report – Ahiritola Ghat

A cleanliness drive was conducted at Ahiritola Ghat with the participation of over 75 volunteers. The team cleaned plastic waste, flowers, and other litter, significantly improving the condition of the ghat. Visitors present for bathing and rituals were sensitized about maintaining cleanliness. The response was very positive, with several people appreciating and even joining the effort. While the ghat looked clean and beautiful after the program, it highlighted the need for continuous public awareness and regular cleaning to create a lasting impact.

**Rtn Santosh Mohta**, Concern for Earth, Nurture the Nature



## Rotary Restores Hope for Children Living with Hole in the Heart



Through compassion, partnership, and service, Rotary continues to change lives. Children born with congenital heart defects often described as a “hole in the heart” are being given a renewed chance at life through life-saving medical care made possible by Rotary. What once seemed like a hopeless situation has now become a story of courage, care, and restored hope. By connecting families to critical treatment and support, Rotary is helping these young hearts beat stronger and brighter for the future. God’s-Love Chukwuma, Hamzat Adeyeri, and Unoma Guobadia are three young beneficiaries whose lives were transformed through this Rotary Foundation global grant project named- Gift of Life program of Rotary International District 9111 under the leadership of Immediate Past District Governor, Dr. Oluwole Kukoyi in collaboration with districts 3310, 3291, 1145, and 9104.

The Rotary Club of Belur is honored to have facilitated the life-saving Gift of Life program, a Global Grant initiative that brought three children from Nigeria to Kolkata for critical heart surgeries. Accompanied by their parents, the families stayed in Kolkata for a full month while the children underwent successful procedures at Narayana Super Specialty Hospital to correct congenital “hole in the heart” defects.

This provided a renewed chance at life for these young beneficiaries who had previously faced a hopeless situation. Following a month of expert medical care and dedicated recovery, the families returned home filled with immense joy and gratitude.

At a welcome reception held at the Rotary Centre in Ikeja, Lagos on Monday, March 16, 2026, emotions ran high as parents expressed deep gratitude to Rotary. In heartfelt testimonies, they shared how the intervention restored hope to their families.

“My son couldn’t walk on his own before now. I always had to carry him on my back while his younger sibling walked beside us. It was always overwhelming,” Mrs. Adeyeri shared, as she attended the reception with her husband.

“God’s-Love is our only son. We had almost lost hope after months of searching for help, but Rotary showed up for us,” Mr. Chukwuma said with gratitude.

District Governor, Prince Henry Akinyele, congratulated the beneficiaries and commended the Gift of Life Committee, led by its Chairman, Dr. Hassan Adelakun, for their dedication to saving young lives and bringing hope to families. In the same vein, Dr. Alaba Oladimeji and Dr. Ajibade were specially appreciated for their selfless contributions to the success of the Gift of Life Project. Dr. Ajibade is also set to benefit from the second phase of the project,

# Empowering Education: Bridging the Digital Divide through Technology

Today, in the presence of several fellow Rotarians, PP Kunal Ved of the Rotary Club of Belur donated a laptop to the father of a young girl to support her journey into higher education. This vital contribution is designed to equip her with the essential tools needed to complete academic assignments and gain the digital skills necessary for a successful future career. By removing this significant financial hurdle, the initiative ensures that she can focus entirely on her studies and compete on an equal footing with her peers. This act of service reaffirms the club's commitment to empowering youth and ensuring that bright students have the resources they need to thrive in an increasingly digital world.



## HAPPY SCHOOL PROJECT

### Current Status

- Repair work of the school building and class rooms has been completed.
- Fitting of shade cover on the terrace has been completed.
- Safety wire netting on the 1st floor balcony not yet done and should be completed by 5th April.
- Breaking of the existing ramp near the school entrance, removal of mud and debris from the school ground, construction of a small ramp near the girls toilets, levelling of the school ground is expected to be completed by 15th April.
- Planting of grass and beautification of the school ground is to be taken up only after the State elections and expected to be completed by 15th May.
- Painting of the school building outside areas has been completed.
- First coat painting of class rooms walls and ceilings has been completed.
- Final Painting of the class rooms is to be taken up after 5th May once the State elections are over and is expected to be completed by 15th May.
- RC Belur is expected to start work on the construction of new toilets and hand wash station soon and complete by 15th May.
- Fitting of electrical wires, lights and fans in class rooms is expected to be completed by 15th April.
- The next Happy School Project meeting is planned to be held on Tuesday, 12th May, at 11 AM at the school.
- The inauguration of the Happy School by the DG has been planned for Sunday, 24th May, at 11 AM at the school."



## DISTRICT RYLA



*Rotary Club of Belur Participated as the Associate Host for the Event*

## Rotary Changemakers Conclave At IIM Calcutta, Joka



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*Four members from Belur attended a one day training at IIM Kolkata, Joka. Members attended were PP Kishan Kejriwal, PP Shankar Ramalingam, PP Indra Goenka and Rtn Sandip Pitty.*



*PDG Ravindra Prakash Sehgal from Rotary Club of Belur giving the welcome address*

## PAYING OUR TRIBUTE TO LATE KANAN DIDI OF BRAMAKUMARIS



Today evening at Brahmakumaris many from our club gathered to offer a heartfelt Shraddhanjali to the late Kanan didi. A 10 minutes of collective meditation was done by us and all others present to honor her memory in peaceful silence. During this moving tribute, Bhanu Babu and Amitabh bhai shared reflections on her life. Then we gathered in the room she once occupied to speak with Anjali Ben. Being in her personal space added a sense of connection to the visit.

## CELEBRATION OF WOMEN AND GIRL'S EMPOWERMENT

**Rotary** RID: 3291 **INAUGURATION OF DISTRICT WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPOWERMENT CENTRE** ON 23RD MARCH 26, 11AM **UNITE FOR GOOD**

By **RTN DR RAMENDU HOMCHAUDHURI DG**  
LEAD PARTNER  
**RC AABAHAMAAN KOLKATA**  
IMPLEMENTING PARTNER  
**MUKTI**

**HOST CLUBS**  
RC Behala  
RC Belur  
RC Calcutta Amory  
RC Calcutta Metro City  
RC Calcutta Samaritans  
RC Greater Calcutta

**COHOST CLUBS**  
RC Calcutta Harmony  
RC Calcutta Laban Hrad  
RC Calcutta Metro South  
RC Calcutta Park Point

**ASSOCIATE COHOST**  
RC Ankuram Kolkata  
RC Calcutta Charnock City  
RC Calcutta East Central  
RC Calcutta Universe  
RC Garden Reach  
RC Salt Lake Central

Supported by:  
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Rtn Vijayanti Bose Advisor Rtn Bibek Kundu Chair Rtn Pratima Saraf Co Chair  
RID 3291 WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE



Rotary Club of Belur Participated as Co-Host for the event.



**4th April 2026** - Cervical Cancer Vaccination Presentation & Celebration  
**18th April 2026** - Regular Club Meeting  
**2nd May 2026** - AG ZA Visit (Date Changed from 11th April 2026)  
**9th May 2026** - DG Visit (Date changed from 18th April 2026)

**॥ रावलवासिया परिवार में शोक ॥**



अत्यंत दुःख के साथ सूचित करना पड़ रहा है कि हमारी पूजनीय माताजी **श्रीमती कस्तूरी देवी रावलवासिया** (धर्मपत्नी : स्व. आत्माराम जी रावलवासिया) का स्वर्गवास मंगलवार, दिनांक 24.03.2026 को हो गया है।  
**बैठक रविवार, 29.03.2026 को दोपहर 2 बजे से सायं 5 बजे तक**  
**टीका रस्म सोमवार, 30.03.2026 को सायं 4 बजे**  
**स्थान : 'नंदन बिल्डिंग' 17/1डी, अलीपुर रोड, कोलकाता-27**

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एवम् समस्त रावलवासिया परिवार

Mother of Ann Kiran Almal

### Honouring Our Birthday Stars

Preeti Bhutoria 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Jimmy Tangree 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Sailesh Chowdhury 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Santosh Kumar Mohta 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Usha Tiwari 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Renu Kheria 6<sup>th</sup> April  
Madhu Todi 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Susmita Agarwal 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Pramod Kumar Sharma 15<sup>th</sup> April

Together Through the Years:

### Happy Anniversary

Amar & Swati Malhotra 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Seema & Salies Chowdhury 17<sup>th</sup> April

### THREE LIGHTS OF HEALTHY FOOD SIGNAL

**STOP**

Before you eat  
junk food



**WAIT**

And think about  
nourishing diet



**GO....**

For healthy food  
alternatives



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