



# Friendship



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## Today's GUEST SPEAKER



RUTHLINE SAHA

### THEME : MUSIC TRIVIA QUIZ

Ruthline Saha, a creative professional with over 25 years of experience in radio, television, and stage. She specializes in voiceover, anchoring, acting, and scriptwriting, with a passion for engaging audiences through storytelling and performance. She is a creatively driven production professional and performer with 15+ years of industry experience. Work effectively under pressure and in high energy production settings. Extensive knowledge and experience about radio music programming, production, and presentation. Exceptionally skilled in script writing, and building show formats. Provide direction and inspiration to colleagues in order to achieve a higher quality of work, increased responsiveness, and commitment. Utilize creativity and out-of-the-box thinking to enhance efficiency and results.

Ruthline Saha is daughter of Rtn Nirmal kumar saha and has many facets to her career

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CLUB MEETING (RCM) NO. 2571 DATE: 28TH MARCH 2026 TIME: 4:30 PM VENUE: HOTEL HINDUSTAN INTERNATIONAL (HHI)

The Regular Club Meeting (RCM) No. 2571 of the Rotary Club of Belur was held on March 28, 2026, at Hotel Hindustan International, beginning at 4:30 PM under the leadership of President Rtn. Sharad Dugar and Secretary Rtn. Prashant Maheshwari. The meeting commenced with the National Anthem and a minute of silence observed for the departed souls of Kiran Almal's mother and Ajay Agarwal's sister. Following the ceremonial adorning of the club jewel by PP Rakesh Bhatia and an invocation by Rtn. Vijay Sharma, the minutes from previous meetings were approved by PP Alope Kanodia and IPP Anand Agarwal. President Dugar shared a significant update on the Cervical Cancer Vaccination Project, noting that 5,038 first doses were completed by mid-March. He expressed gratitude to the project team and announced that with new CSR funds, the club looks forward to launching the fourth phase of the initiative after the current project concludes in June. Additionally, it was noted that the MoU for the Jhargram project is finalized, and a celebratory presentation for the vaccination drive is scheduled for April 4th.

The meeting transitioned to a focus on personal well-being with a 43-minute keynote address by Ms. Priyanka Shah titled "Health is your Wealth." Ms. Shah delivered an engaging speech on the fundamentals of nutrition, emphasizing that small, sustainable adjustments to one's diet are the cornerstone of a healthy lifestyle. She shared practical advice for everyday living, such as choosing whole, nutrient-dense foods over processed alternatives, maintaining consistent hydration, and utilizing portion control to manage energy levels without deprivation. Her insights resonated deeply with the audience, leading to a vibrant interactive session where she answered numerous questions from members regarding specific dietary choices. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from PP Shankar Ramalingam, after which the members joined for Hi-Tea.

A sunshine of Rupees One Thousand was collected from members for Birthdays and Anniversaries.

**Rtn Sharad Dugar, President**  
**Rtn Prashant Maheshwari, Secretary**



**April is the Rotary Environment Month**

## CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION - PRESENTATION AND FELICITATION

The celebratory event for the Cervical Cancer Vaccination Project was held at the auditorium of Susrut Eye Hospital, courtesy Dr. Ratish Chandra Paul and Sri Shiv Shankar Bagchi marking the triumphant conclusion of a landmark health initiative that successfully vaccinated a total of 5,000+ girls. This significant milestone was reached through 166 vaccination camps, which delivered a combined total of 5,108 first doses and 3,633 second doses. The gathering saw a robust turnout of more than 90 participants, including club members, fellow Rotarians, and representatives from the 80 partner schools and a wide network of associate clubs. The occasion was further distinguished by the presence of the District Governor Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri and the First Lady Dr. Bandana Homchaudhuri, alongside Past District Governor Shyamasree Sen, and her spouse, Rotarian Sunando Sen and from Bungesu Hari Laxmi Foundation,

Founder Sri Girdhari Lal Sultania was also present. During the event, the District Governor spoke highly of the project's success and requested that the same spirit of service be extended to conducting Thalassemia awareness programs across the 80 schools involved in the drive.

The presentation and felicitation segment on April 4th was expertly conducted by MC PP Ajay Agarwal. The program commenced with a warm welcome address by President Sharad Dugar, followed by the formal acknowledgment of associate clubs and the welcoming of dignitaries and celebrities. Mr. Tarun Paul delivered a moving impact statement regarding the lives touched by the initiative. He spoke about the way camps were conducted along with his team of PP Rtn Chitra Das, Hrishikesh Bhattacharya and Preetika Sarkar. It was practically every other day camp was being held. His dedication and tireless effort made it possible for vaccinating 5000+ girls in under two years.

Later PP Vishnu Dhandhanias provided a comprehensive project overview, detailing the journey from "Vision to Reality." A significant portion of the event was dedicated to the felicitation of the project team, associate clubs, and medical partners for their unwavering support. The initiative was made possible by the dedicated support of donors and partners, such as AKS Bhagwan Das Agarwal, and formal collaborations with associate clubs. Funded by a combination of three Global Grants, two Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partnerships, and an 80G donation project, the drive successfully reached its goal. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Past District Governor Ravindra Prakash Sehgal and a final signing off, celebrating the collective effort that ensured a safer and healthier future for thousands of young women in the community.







## PLANT SAPLING DISTRIBUTION

A wonderful and impactful Plant Sapling Distribution Drive was successfully conducted on 4th April 2026 at Rabindra Sarovar early morning from 7:00 AM onwards.

More than 300 saplings were distributed to enthusiastic morning walkers within a short span of just one and a half hours, reflecting strong public interest and awareness towards environmental sustainability.

Saplings distributed included:

Tomato, Moringa, Periwinkle, Tulsi, Lotus Cactus, Fairy Castle, Dragon Fruit, Mentha, Rhoeo, Purple Queen, Fire-on-Stick, Alamanda, Snake Plant and many more.

The drive witnessed active participation from over 20 dedicated volunteers from:

- Concern for Earth
- Rotary Club of Belur
- Beejam

The response from the public was extremely encouraging, with all saplings being taken quickly, highlighting a growing inclination towards urban gardening and green living. Such initiatives not only promote plantation but also inspire individuals to take small yet meaningful steps towards a greener and healthier environment.



**“Nurture the Nature”**

## CLEANING DRIVE



Rtn Santosh Mohta had a wonderful Sunday, 12.4.2026, Morning with the Clean Kolkata drive at the Maidan. Over 50 volunteers came together and removed over 60 bags of garbage from the area. While the effort was satisfying, it also reminds us how much more civic sense we need to build as citizens of Kolkata.

Let's hope we all become a little more responsible towards our city. Cleaning once is an effort, but maintaining cleanliness is a mindset and we need to change the mindset.

# DLA 2026

## District Learning Assembly

Host  
**Rotary Club of Belur**

17th May 2026  
Sunday

- Registration  
8.30 - 9.30 am
- Inaugural Session  
9.45 - 11.15 am
- Coffee Break  
11.15 - 11.35 am
- Breakaway Session  
11.45am - 1.45 pm
- Lunch Break  
1.45 - 2.45 pm
- Closing Session  
2.45 - 4.45 pm
- TEA TIME



Registration  
Fee  
₹ 2200

Venue  
**HYAT T REGENCY KOLKATA**

Tapas Bhattacharya  
District Governor  
2026-27

PDG Debashish Mitra  
District Learning Facilitator  
2026-27

Sharad Dugar  
HOST PRESIDENT  
2025-26



**CHIEF GUEST**

**Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri**  
District Governor 3291

A talk on careers by five prominent speakers



Mr Pradip Chopra  
Chairman, iLEAD



Brig Yajuvender  
Singh, Indian Army



Rtn Anindam Sil  
Filmmaker



Dr Amitabh  
Mohan, Rtn



Rtn Prakash  
Nahata

The Billion Dollar  
Bin - Resource  
Revolution

Life in the Armed  
Forces: Serving the  
Nation with Pride

The Director's Chair -  
Lights Camera  
Career

Careers by  
Choice,  
Not by Chance

The Psychometric  
Edge - Design  
your Destiny

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 | 9:00 AM  
Venue: iLead Campus, Topsia  
Quiz: Preliminary Round: 8:30 AM

Quiz Master



Registrations Close: 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

Rtn Abhenav Khettry



PARTICIPATING ROTARY CLUBS of ZONES 13, 19 & 27

- Belur
- Calcutta Chowringhee
- Kolkata Urbana
- Calcutta Presidency
- Calcutta Pointers
- Calcutta South East

QUIZ PARTNER  
**VISHNA**

Rooted in Tradition, Growing in Kindness.



Subho  
*Nobo Barsho*  
15th April

**ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR**

Rotary International Dist. 3291

rotaryclubofbelur

Let's Pledge to keep our World Safe



Susmita Jhawar 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Pratibha Damani 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Suresh Ch. Khunteta 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Pushpa Sarda 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Together Through the Years:



Seema & Sailesh Chowdhury 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Vijay & Annapurna Sharma 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Amitabh & Nivedita Mohan 29<sup>th</sup> April  
Hare Krishna & Archana Prasad 30<sup>th</sup> April



## UPCOMING CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION CAMPS

- 6.5.26 (Wednesday) - 2nd dose vaccination at Satyabharati Baniniketan Girls High School, Barasat (11:30 AM)
- 7.5.26 (Thursday) - 2nd dose vaccination at Ghasiara Vidyapith (Higher Secondary), Ghasiara, Sonarpur (11:30 AM)
- 12.5.26 (Tuesday) - 2nd dose vaccination at Kalikapur Basanti Devi Balika Vidyalaya (H S) (11:30 AM)

<b>24<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	Baisakhi Sandhya at Urbana Club House, 6:00 pm onwards
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026</b>	AG Visit followed by Hi-tea at HHI, 4.30 pm
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	A career guidance program & Quiz for Interactors at iLead, 9:00 am
<b>9<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	DG Visit followed by Dinner, 7:00 pm
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	DLA 2026 at Hyatt Regency