

**Rotary**  
Club of Belur  
Dist 3291



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# Friendship



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## Installation Agenda 2025-26

Installation Chair : PP Amitabh Mohan  
Master of Ceremony : Ms Shambhavi Dugar

- Registration
- Meeting called to order
- National Anthem
- Inauguration by watering of the plant
- Invocation of God – Ganesh Vandana / Dance
- Address by Installation Chair Amitabh Mohan
- Address by Outgoing President Anand Agarwal
- Annual Report by outgoing secretary Rotarian Sundeep Choraria
- Poem recitation by PP Nirmal Shah
- Introduction of Incoming President by IPP Anand Agarwal
- Installation Ceremony of Rotarian Sharad Dugar as President and Charter and Pin Exchange by IPP Anand Agarwal
- Address by President Sharad Dugar & Club Vision for 2025-26
- Introduction of Team 2025-26 by President Sharad Dugar
- Launch of Roster 2025-26
- Felicitations of AKS Bhagwan Das Agarwal
- New member's introduction of Director Membership PP Indra Goenka
- Introduction of International Guest's by Director International Services PP Ramesh Tiwari
- Flag Exchange and Felicitations of International Guest's
- New Interact Initiation by Director Youth Service PP Kishan Kejriwal
- Club Business by Secretary Prashant Maheshwari
- Introduction of District Governor Nominee Purnendu Roychowdhury
- Address by DGN Purnendu Roychowdhury
- Handover of TRF and Polio Fund by CRFC Ajay Agarwal
- Introduction of District Governor Ramendu Homchaudhuri by PDG Ravi Sehgal
- Address by DG Ramendu Homchaudhuri
- Vote of Thanks by President Elect Suresh Khunteta



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## MESSAGE

### President, Rotary International, 2025-26



Cari amici,

Two weeks ago, I was in my living room playing with my grandchildren. A few days later, I was on a plane to Calgary, suddenly carrying the responsibility of leading this incredible organization. Life comes fast, but so often, it brings us exactly where we're meant to be.

We begin this year with a clear message: Unite for Good. It is a simple phrase, but a powerful one. Because behind every successful Rotary effort, every act of service, every new member welcomed, every global challenge met – there are two things that matter most: friendship and trust.

This is how we build strong clubs. It's how we create meaningful partnerships and transform global problems into local solutions. It's also how we lead—not through titles or applause, but with humility, humanity, and heart. But let me be honest with you—this kind of leadership is not always easy. We're human and yes, we make mistakes. We sometimes disagree, but in Rotary, we are called to something greater. Let us reflect on the full vision of Rotary:

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

That last part is essential, because transformation doesn't start with strategy. It starts with character and the way we treat one another. It starts with how we listen, how we support, and how we serve.

This year, I ask you to lead with that spirit. To grow Rotary through relationships. To make your clubs more welcoming, more flexible, more open to new ideas. To think big—but also to think beyond one year. Our term is

short, but our impact can be lasting if we plan and act with continuity and vision.

Let us remember our key priorities: membership, polio, and peace. We are closer than ever to ending polio. We cannot stop now. We must keep the promise we made to the children of the world. And as for peace—Rotary has been building it for over a century. Every clean water system, every youth exchange, every maternal health project is a step toward peace.

I joined Rotary as a young professional, eager to help but terrified of public speaking. My fellow Rotarians believed in me and encouraged me to take on new roles, and in doing so, Rotary changed my life. It gave me courage and purpose, but above all, it gave me you: my friends, my team, my family around the world.

So now, my friends... take out your dreams tucked away in a drawer, especially those you thought were too big or bold to achieve. Let's bring them into the light. Let's Unite for Good—for our clubs, our communities, and our world. And let's make this a year not only of service, but of joy, of connection, and of love.

With gratitude and affection,

**FRANCESCO AREZZO**

President, Rotary International, 2025-26

**FRANCESCO AREZZO** is an orthodontist in private practice and owns an agricultural enterprise that produces extra virgin olive oil in Sicily.

Arezzo is a graduate of the University of Padua and a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations, as well as the Italian and European lingual orthodontics associations. He is a dentistry graduate of the University of Cagliari, where he also received a master's in lingual orthodontics.

He has served as vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the Ragusa delegation to the National Trust for Italy.

Arezzo is also the owner of an agricultural enterprise and producer of extra virgin olive oil in the Monti Iblei region of Sicily. He has been vice president of the administrative council of the consortium controlling and regulating quality production of oil in that region. He owns two boutique hotel settlements there. He enjoys modern art and opera.

A Rotary member for 36 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, chair of the 2023 Melbourne Convention Committee, learning facilitator, and district conference presidential representative, among other roles.

He is married to Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. His daughter Raffaella spent a year in Florida as part of a Rotary Youth Exchange. Francesco and Anna Maria are Benefactors and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

## KNOW YOUR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2025-26



July is Rotary Maternal and Child Health Month



## Message from our President

### UNITING FOR GOOD

*“Coming together is beginning  
Keeping together is progress  
Working together is success”  
- Henry Ford*



My Dear Belurians

As we embark on this exciting new Rotary year, it's with immense pride and anticipation that I extend my warmest greetings to each of you. July marks not just the beginning of a new chapter for our club, but a renewed commitment to our overarching message for the year: "Unite for Good." This message truly encapsulates the spirit that will drive us forward.

First and foremost, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the immense confidence you have placed in me by making me your President. This is a tremendous honor, and I look forward to the great experience and much I will learn from this journey. I am fully committed to upholding the responsibility to keep the name of Belur flying high throughout this term.

I'm thrilled to see so many new members join our ranks this year, and it's been wonderful to witness how quickly you've bonded with our long-standing members. This natural synergy is a testament to the welcoming spirit of the Rotary Club of Belur. Our new Board perfectly embodies this blend, consist-

ing of both esteemed Past Presidents and enthusiastic new faces. This unique combination ensures we bring together fresh perspectives and invaluable experience, guiding us with wisdom and innovation.

Our club is proud to be known as a family club, where members and their spouses come together, not just for impactful service, but also for vibrant fellowship. This collective effort strengthens our bonds and amplifies our ability to work for the betterment of our community.

We are indeed a significant club, renowned for undertaking impactful Global Grant projects that make a tangible difference in the lives of many. Our ongoing Cervical Cancer Vaccination initiative is a shining example of this commitment. Your participation is vital as we continue to launch new health initiatives, environmental projects, Art for a Cause Project and more.

I look forward to working alongside each and every one of you as we serve our community and build lasting friendships.

Regards

**SHARAD DUGAR**, *President 2025-26*

## Know your President



Born on November 1st in Kolkata, Sharad Dugar is the son of Udaypat Singh Dugar and Kanti Dugar. Originally hailing from Kishangarh in Rajasthan his family moved to Murshidabad in Bengal, about 200 years ago. Known for their devoutness, they have built many temples and dharamshalas including a famous one at the foothills of Shatrunjay Teerth Palitana which is recognised as the world's first pure vegetarian city.

After completing his schooling, Sharad graduated with a degree in Commerce from Kolkata. He began his career in the jewellery trade at Mumbai in 1997 where he submerged himself in the diamond and jewellery industry, gaining important experience and global exposure.

Eventually in the year 2004, Sharad returned to Kolkata, drawn by his passion for art and antiques. He started a successful business centered on curating exquisite artwork, specialising in vintage miniature cars and antique ashtrays. His love for culture and heritage drives him to blend his artistic interests with his entrepreneurial spirit. This shift from the fast-paced diamond trade to the more creative world of art reveals his diverse interests and talents.

In 2019, Sharad joined the Rotary Club of Belur under then-President Rtn Ramesh Tiwari, contributing to various initiatives within the club over the years. He is married to Anu, who operates a women's boutique and they are proud parents to their son, Samkit, who is in his third year at St. Xavier's College and their daughter, Shambhavi, who is studying in Class 11 at Lakshmipat Singhanian Academy.



## Message from our District Governor



*Dear Rotarians,*

*It is with great pride and heartfelt warmth that I extend my congratulations to the incoming President, Secretary, and the newly installed team of [Club Name].*

*A club installation is not merely a ceremonial transition; it is a reaffirmation of our commitment to Service Above Self. As each new team takes charge, it carries forward the legacy of leadership, fellowship, and impactful service. I urge you to dream boldly, act compassionately, and lead inclusively—ensuring that your club becomes a lighthouse of hope and change in your community.*

*Let us embrace innovation while cherishing Rotary's timeless values. Work hand-in-hand with your members, reach out to the youth, collaborate with partners, and most importantly—listen to your community. The world needs Rotary now more than ever.*

*Wishing you a successful and meaningful Rotary year ahead.*

*Yours in Rotary*

**Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri**

*District Governor, RID 3291*

*Rotary Year 2025–26*

## Know our District Governor



A passionate philanthropist, *Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri* has dedicated his life to better health, education, and wellness for all. His journey in Rotary International began in 2006 with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City, where he served as President for two consecutive terms (2009-2011). A Level 2 Major Donor, his commitment to service has led to impactful projects that transform lives.

*A Visionary in Thalassemia Eradication* : Recognized for his work in Thalassemia Awareness and Prevention, Dr. Homchaudhuri has conducted seminars, screening programs, and awareness campaigns across West Bengal, Assam, Odisha, and Bangladesh. His goal is to eradicate this 100% preventable genetic disorder through early screening and genetic counseling.

*Leadership and Recognition in Rotary* : In recognition of his service, Dr. Homchaudhuri was unanimously elected as District Governor Nominee and will assume office as District Governor of Rotary District 3291 in 2025-26. His vision includes expanding healthcare, strengthening education, and enhancing community welfare programs.

*A Distinguished Medical Career* : Despite his humanitarian commitments, Dr. Homchaudhuri continues to practice as a highly respected Orthopedic Surgeon. He holds degrees from Gauhati University (MBBS, 1970), Calcutta University (DGO), and Banaras Hindu University (MS – Orthopedics).

*Family: The Pillar of Strength*: Dr. Homchaudhuri is supported by his wife, Dr. Bandana Hom Chaudhuri, a renowned pediatrician and fellow Rotarian. She has served as President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City and actively contributes to District 3291 administration. They are proud parents of a doctor daughter and a post-doctoral research scholar son in the USA.

*A Legacy of Service and Inspiration* : Dr. Homchaudhuri's life is a testament to selfless service, leadership, and humanitarian dedication. His ever-smiling, energetic persona continues to inspire, leaving a profound impact on countless lives.

## Messages



Dear President Sharad,

Congratulations on taking over the mantle of leadership of your club Rotary Club of Belur. Your club is one of the leading club in the district serving the community. You have excellent members with great fellowship and even greater service attitude. Your club has very meaningful projects that serves the community and change their lives. The legacy of your club is outstanding. Each of your past presidents have set a benchmark of excellence. Yet as you lead your club this year, set higher goals and cross new milestones. YOU with your sincerity, dedication and hard work will also motivate your club members to put in their best efforts to Unite for Good.

Wish you and all your club members a very purposeful Rotary Year.

With regards,

**SHEKHAR MEHTA**

President, Rotary International 2021-22

Dear Rtn. Sharad,

I am extremely happy to know that you are taking over the mantle of leadership of your esteemed Club in 2025-26 where Francesco Arezzo is taking over as the President of Rotary International. At the same time you have a very energetic and passionate District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri to lead our District. I take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt greetings and congratulation to you and your dedicated team and I am sure that with your pro-active leadership and involvement of all your Club Members, you will live up to the RI President's Message "Unite for Good" and will do your best in the coming Rotary year.

Rotary, my friend, is an organization, which gives you immense opportunity to prove yourself as an exemplary leader and also to serve the society to the best of your ability with your fellow Rotarians, other Partners-in-Service and Associates within a friendly and professional environment. Rotary is also the best place to make new friends and to have excellent family bonding amongst your Club members, other Rotarians and Rotary family in our District as well as throughout the world.

I am sure that your Club will achieve more laurels in the coming year and you and your Club members will feel proud to be a part of making new history. My wife Jaya and daughter PP Rtn. Adrija also join me in wishing your Installation Ceremony both enjoyable and memorable. We also wish you and your team a great Rotary Year 2025-2026 and are looking forward to work together.

With best wishes,

**ANGSUMAN BANDYOPADHYAY**

District Governor 2011-2012

RI District 3291, India

Chairman, RIZones4567.org

Zonal Action Plan Champion, RI Zone 6



## Messages

Dear President 2025-26 Sharad,

Congratulations for being selected to lead our dynamic club RC Belur (RCB) in the Rotary Year 2025-26.



Leadership is a journey that brings forth the qualities like integrity, courage, justice and humility that inspires trust, motivates others and brings positive outcomes for the Team. All the Past Presidents of our Club have contributed immensely to the Club's strengthening and I am sure that you will not only continue that legacy but bring about some new projects and new ideas to grow. IPP Anand has set high bench marks coming after PP Amitabh and PP Amar and now after a wave of Triple A (AAA) - you are taking over to set the "S" series in place with Sharad you , then Suresh and Sundeep ...Swati. It is now upon you to shift gears and take the Club to the next level.

RI District 3291 has several Clubs who are the gems that make the District shine and our's is one of them. Now is the time to set your goals to shine even brighter - add members, form a Satellite Club or a new Regular Club, contribute to the Rotary Foundation and plan your projects now. Continue the existing successful and meaningful projects and plan out your unique project for the year, take help from Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust, CSR Grants and Global Grants besides the Club's own Resources.

Remember that you have only 365 days as the President of the Club and they shall fly and as you take your Club Members on this flight which is designated as the "Unite for Good" Flight - build friendship, serve well and reach out to the communities that you serve. In your journey take time to reflect upon two of these quotes of our Founder Paul Harris which reflect the ethos of Rotary :

- "The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood."
- "Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."

Best wishes to you and your Team (which includes me) for a wonderful year ahead !!

**PDG RAVI SEHGAL**

Vice Governor - 2025-26, RI District 3291

Dear President Sharad Dugar,

Greetings!

My hope in sharing this note with you is that it will inspire and motivate you to be all that you can be; that even when you face challenges to persevere; to encourage you to set your goals and stay focused on achieving them; and a reminder to realize that you are born to succeed. And, most importantly as you work to achieve your goals enjoy life!

With the awakening of a new dawn on 1st July 2025 the Team 2025-26 will commence its journey onto the world of service ceremoniously under your dynamic leadership. Work hard in silence & let success make the noise.

I am reminded of those wonderful words of Elna Rae "Where Hope Grows – Miracles Blossom".

Papia & I wish you and the inspiring members of your Club a great journey ahead as you celebrate the Mantra for the year – Unite for Good.

Stay Safe – Stay Blessed.

Warm regards

**PDG DEBASISH MITRA**

National Committee Member-India National Polio Plus Committee,  
Indo German Inter Country Committee





## Messages



Rtn. Sharad Dugar

Rotary Greetings.

I am happy to learn that you have been elected as the 59th Club President and taking the command of a vibrant Club for the Rotary Year 2025-26 under the dynamic leadership of District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri.

Dear President Sharad, you are the class of Inspired Leaders. In the journey called Rotary, you can count on me, whenever and wherever you require my services to UNITE FOR GOOD.

Wishing you and all your wonderful Club members, best wishes for a successful Rotary year ahead.

**RAJENDRA KHANDELWAL**

District Governor, 2010-11, RI District 3291

Dear President Sharad

At the outset I would like to congratulate you for taking up the mantle of leadership of your esteemed Rotary Club of Belur.

Our POLIO PLUS PROGRAM is the humanitarian initiative every taken but any NGO in this world to support mankind . We promised a Polio free world to the children we have achieved 99.9% success with the sincere support of our partners in service. But still there are two endemic countries and number of polio cases are increasing day by day. We Rotarians have invested our money and millions of voluntary hours to see a POLIO FREE WORLD and fulfill our commitment to the children and no way but we have to achieve it. The need of the hour is strict surveillance , create awareness and raise fund to support the program.

Hope your club with your able leadership will support the program whole heartedly as previous Rotary years.

Wish you all the best for a great Rotary year ahead.

Regards

**PDG UTTAM GANGULI**

End Polio Now Co-Ordinator, Zone 6 (2024-2027)



Dear President Sharad ji,

Heartiest congratulations for having the opportunity to lead a cause as great as serving the needs of the community.

Rotary stands on the ethos of development , both individual and community. Without an enriched individual, we can not have an improved community.

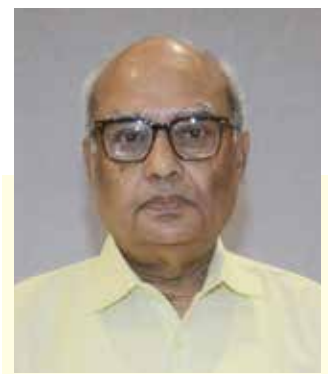
Since dynamics of social service are changing manifolds, it is pertinent to frame the best plans for most effective achievements.

I sincerely wish best for you and your club members & their families in the coming rotary year and beyond. we should combine with bonding of hearts: Then only we all can Unite for Good to weave the Magic of Rotary.

Yours in Rotary,

**JHULAN BASU**

Asst. Rotary Coordinator, Zone 6, Rotary International,  
Rotary District Governor ( 2015-16), Rotary District 3291



## Messages



Dear Rtn President Sharad Dugar,

Greetings to you Rtn Sharad Dugar ! It is a very special day to become the President of a wonderful club, Rotary Club of Belur. Your club started the journey of Rotary from 5th August 1967. Indeed, many years of hard work and service as well as friendship has made your club a wonderful organization ~ something akin to a temple of service. Having attended all the different training modules, I am sure you are all set to give every bit of your free time to Rotary! This is the time that will find you in the front – seat so that all the 75+ members can work in harmony towards all the meaningful projects and entertaining programs for the Rotary Club of Belur! I must mention, the name of PDG Ravindra Prakash Sehgal who kindly gave me the position of Chair for Inter City Meetings and Seminars. It was a great learning opportunity. I am really grateful to him and all in RC Belur for being so kind to me.

Your club has truly been wonderful and I must appreciate the fascinating, life-changing projects taken up by each one of you! Year after year your club has excelled in projects and also enjoys great friendship which leads to a great bonding in the club. Your club has the most hard-working and intelligent members who created some of the best projects over the years. I am sure that you will be just like that in your commitment to service.

Wishing you success in 2025-26,

Yours in Rotary Service and Friendship,

**PDG SHYAMASHREE SEN**

R.C. Calcutta Metro City, R.I.D. 3291

Dear President Sharad,

Let me congratulate you for taking up the mantle of leadership of your club in the 59th year. You are aware that we are essentially in Rotary for hands on service projects. I am sure you will take up meaningful sustainable project based on 7 Areas of Focus and also stress upon three important Verticals namely Foundation, Membership and Public Image.

I am sure as President you will make your members 'UNITE FOR GOOD'

Regards,

**PDG SUDIP MUKHERJEE**

Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Co-ordinator (ARRFC),  
Zone 6 (RID 3240 & 3291) COL Representative (RY 2023-26)



Dear Sharad,

Congratulations for leading Rotary Belur during RY 2025-26.

Polio is one area where we Rotarians have excelled in our Service worldwide.

Being the DPPC (2025-26) I urge your Club to participate in Polio Plus activities during your tenure as President.

Request your Club members to contribute a minimum of \$ 100 each towards the Polio Plus Fund of Rotary Foundation.

Wish You and your Club members to Unite for Good and serve the community with great passion as in past.

Love and regards.

Sincerely Yours

**PDG MUKUL SINHA**

District Polio Plus Chair (1999-2001 & 2025-26)

DLCC (2021-25), RFI Bequest Committee Member (2025-26)



## Messages

Dear President Sharad,

Rubena joins me in congratulating the respected and ever-enthusiastic Rotary Belur family on this wonderful occasion.

I wish each one of your Club Members the same Joy and fulfillment that I have personally enjoyed over these many years as a Rotarian.

Rtn. Sharad, you are elected by the members of your Rotary Club to guide its affairs during the year 2025-26, and as the President of this prestigious club, you need to be thinking ahead to the coming year(s) as well, which will help and shape your Club's future. Through selfless service and global cooperation Rotary Club of Belur will bring hope, dignity and sustainable change to communities in need.

I wish you, along with your Rotary Belur family members, a meaningful Rotary year and assure my unending support to create & promote UNITE FOR GOOD.

Yours in Rotary

**PRABIR CHATTERJEE**

*District Governor 2021-22*

*Asst. Rotary Public Image Coordinator (ARPIC) 2024-25*



Dear President Sharad Dugar and  
Esteemed Members of the Rotary Club of Belur,

Warm greetings from the Rotary Club of Singapore and District 3310!

It brings me great joy to extend my heartfelt congratulations on the momentous occasion of your Club's 59th Installation. This milestone is not just a celebration of leadership renewal, but a testament to your Club's unwavering spirit of service and the impact you have consistently made over the years.

Since our early collaboration—dating back to my presidency in 2013—our Clubs have shared a strong and meaningful connection, grounded in mutual respect, shared values, and a common purpose: to serve humanity and inspire hope. It has been a privilege to witness how your Club embodies the ideals of Rotary through thoughtful projects, passionate commitment, and exceptional leadership.

The work you do continues to uplift communities and make a meaningful difference in the lives of many. Your energy and vision serve as a beacon, guiding others toward service above self and inspiring us all to pursue bold, compassionate action in the world.

As you embark on another promising Rotary year, I am confident that your Club will continue to set new benchmarks in service and fellowship. May this year be filled with purposeful initiatives, meaningful connections, and continued success in all your endeavors.

As I begin my journey as District Governor for Rotary Year 2025-26, I look forward to building on the legacy of our friendship and finding new ways to collaborate for the greater good.

Let us move forward with unity and resolve—together, we can be a powerful force for positive change.

Congratulations once again and best wishes for a successful year ahead.

Let us continue to UNITE FOR GOOD!

Warm regards,

**DR. SHAHUL HAMEED**

*Past President, Rotary Club of Singapore*

*District Governor RY 2025-26*

*Rotary International District 3310*

## Messages



Dear Rtn. Sharad Dugar,

Warm congratulations on taking charge as President of Rotary Club of Belur for the Rotary Year 2025–26.

Your journey of service and dedication to Rotary’s mission makes this a well-deserved moment, and I am certain your leadership will bring new energy and direction to the club.

Each Rotary year brings fresh opportunities—to serve more deeply, to connect more meaningfully, and to lead with both compassion and clarity.

Under your capable leadership, I have no doubt that Rotary Club of Belur will not only sustain its legacy but also achieve new milestones that leave a lasting impact on the community.

You have a legacy of dynamic leadership and I am sure every leader in your club will be your support base.

Wishing you and your members of the club a rewarding and fulfilling year ahead as you lead with vision, compassion, and integrity.

Thanking You,

Warm Regards,

**PURNENDU ROYCHOWDHURY**

DGN 2025-2026, RID 3291

Dear Rtn Sharad

I like to congratulate you for taking over the mantle of club leadership as President of RC Belur. I am sure you and your team will Unite for good to change the lives of the suffering humanity and the community as well. At the same time I like to congratulate the outgoing President Rtn Anand Agarwal and his team for their outstanding service to show the magic of Rotary in the community for a better tomorrow.

I do hope you and your club members will work together to develop practices and tools for measuring and sharing Rotary’s positive, long-term change using your club resources for the programs that have the potential for the greatest impact, applying lessons learned through various projects implementation efforts to how club approach other partnerships. You will do wonders implementing Programs of Scale to provide with a new framework for thinking about how you bring about change in the world and identifying projects you can use to explore and practice measurement. Connecting with other clubs you can apply similar Programs of Scale principles to your own projects and grants. Embracing and exemplifying diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in everything and exploring new products and participant models you will create an environment so that people can join and take action, no matter where they live and make your club more inclusive and you will be proactive, asking people how they want to engage with you. You will make your club more vibrant looking at ways to measure member engagement and satisfaction by doing survey your members to learn what’s important to them in their club experience and how they want to grow and develop through Rotary. I am confident that improving your club operations to become more agile and more responsive and consider small changes you can make to improve how your club operates you will lead your club to reach a greater height.

With best wishes

Yours-in-Rotary

**TAPAS BHATTACHARYA**

District Governor 2026-27

Rotary International, District 3291



## Messages

Dear President Rtn. Sharad Dugar and the 2025–26 Team of Rotary Club of Belur,  
Warm greetings and my heartiest congratulations as you step into this new Rotary year with renewed purpose and energy.

As Assistant Governor of your club, it gives me immense pride and joy to witness a dynamic and compassionate leader like you take the helm of one of our most committed clubs. Sharad, your dedication to service, your calm leadership, and your inclusive spirit have always stood out. I am confident that under your stewardship, Rotary Club of Belur will soar to even greater heights.

To the entire team — may this year be a journey of meaningful service, strong fellowship, and impactful change. Let compassion be your compass, teamwork your strength, and the Rotary motto “Service Above Self” your guiding light.

Remember, leadership is not just about doing things right — it’s about doing the right things with heart. Let every project touch lives. Let every fellowship build bridges. Let your term be remembered not just for the work done, but for the spirit in which it was done.

You have my full support and best wishes for a successful, joyous, and fulfilling Rotary year ahead.

Yours in Rotary,

**DR. RINA MALPANI**

Assistant Governor 2025–26  
Rotary International District 3291



Dear President Sharad Dugar and the Distinguished Board of Directors of Rotary Club of Belur,

Warm greetings from the Rotary Club of Singapore!

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Singapore, I have the honour to extend our most sincere congratulations on your appointment to lead the Rotary Club of Belur for Rotary Year 2025-26. We applaud the outstanding leadership at the helm of your esteemed club, steering it with vision, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to Rotary’s motto of “Service Above Self.”

We would also like to extend our profound appreciation to Immediate Past President Anand Agarwal and his board of directors for their exemplary stewardship during the preceding Rotary year.

As we begin this new Rotary year, I’m filled with both humility and hope. Humility—for the legacy we inherit as Rotarians. And hope—for the power we hold, together, to shape a better world. The bond between our clubs is not just a formal tie—it is a living expression of Rotary’s greatest strength: our global fellowship rooted in shared purpose. Across oceans and borders, we are united not just by ideals, but by action.

In the months ahead, I hope we find ways to deepen our collaboration—through joint projects, mutual visits, or even simple acts of solidarity. Let’s serve boldly. Let’s lead with heart. Let’s remind the world that hope is not naïve—it is powerful, when backed by action.

Wishing your club a meaningful and impactful Rotary year ahead.

Yours in Rotary Service,

**SONALI SINHA**

President 2025–26, Rotary Club of Singapore

## International Guests Profile



**Mr Ram Krishna Jaiswal,**  
Hony. Consulate,  
Republic of Maldives in Kolkata  
West Bengal



**PDG Sam Showket Hossain**-member of  
Rotary Club of Dhaka Central. Renowned  
social worker and philanthropist, International  
master trainer, writer, editor, Past District  
Governor, Regional leader of Rotary  
International and professional artist.



**Rtn Lalit Sharma** holds a post graduate  
degree in commerce and joined Rotary  
Club of Singapore Heartlands in 2016 and  
is the president for 2025-26. Together with  
his wife, Rohini, an MBA graduate, they run  
a business providing strategic support and  
solutions to help establish companies in  
Singapore and abroad.



**Rtn Lekpha Phuti Sherpa,** from Rotary Club  
of Kathmandu Circle, is the first Nepalese  
women to scale Mount Everest, Mt Iceland  
Peak, Mt Mera Peak, Mt Amphu Lapcha, etc.  
and the first Nepalese women to ski from  
the top of Mount Blanc, France. Alaline Horn  
Switzerland, Grand Paradiso Italy, Alpebel and  
Petit Combain, Switzerland. She is involved in  
social work and teaches deprived children.



**Rtn Kundan Muktan,** from Rotary club of  
Kathmandu Durbar marg, is involved in the  
business of "Rudraksha" and "Handicrafts in  
Nepal and Rishikesh. She is an active social  
worker for the past 30 years and is involved in  
women welfare and children's education.



**PP Rtn Shusanta Kumar Talukdar**  
Rotary Club of Uttara, Bangladesh

## Rotary Club of Belur - 2025-26 Team

### EXECUTIVE CORE

Mentor	PDG Ravi Sehgal
Advisors	PP Shankar Ramalingam
	PP Shashi Seth
	PP Subhash Agarwal
Club Resource Foundation Chair	PP Ajay Agarwal
Club Facilitator	PP Amitabh Mohan
Chair - District Coordination	PP Pramod Sharma
Editor	Rtn Ajay Khanna
CIGC	PP Manoj Agarwal
	Rtn Nivedita Mohan
Sergent At Arms	Rtn Sanjay Bajaj
	Rtn Kirti Harlalka

### PROJECT TEAM

TRF	PP Sunil Jain
	PP Pramod Sharma
Club Resource Committee	PP Manoj Agarwal
	PP Aloke Kanodia
Global Grant Co-ordinator	PP Vishnu Dhandhania
EIRWT	PP Amar malhotra
Corporate Social Responsibility	Rtn Anil Jhawar
	Rtn Arun Mandhana

### DIRECTORS

Club Service	Rtn Kailash Tekriwal
Community Service Non Medical	Rtn Rashmi Patwari
Community Service Medical	PP Kunal Ved
Vocational Service	Rtn Rakesh Almal
Youth Service	PP Kishan Kejriwal

International Service	PP Ramesh Tiwari
Membership	PP Indra Goenka
Public image	Rtn Piyush Doshi
Women Empowerment	Rtn Divisha Banthia
Environment	Rtn Santosh Mahta

### ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

President	Rtn Sharad Dugar
Imm. Past President	IPP Anand Agarwal
President Elect	Rtn Suresh Khunteta
Vice President	Rtn Sundeep Choraria
Secretary	Rtn Prashant Maheshwari
Joint Secretary	Rtn Swati Malhotra
Treasurer	Rtn Sanjay Rampuria
Joint Treasurer	Rtn Ammit Bhutoria
Aide to President	PP Aloke Kanodia

### CHARITABLE TRUST

Chairman	PP Sreegopal Daga
Secretary	PP Gauri Shankar Sarda
Treasurer	PP Kishan Kumar Kejriwal
Trustee	PDG Ravi Sehgal
	PP Shiv Kumar Lohia
	PP Subhash Agarwal
	PP Naveen Khandelwal
	PP Shashi Seth
	PP Diwakar Sharma
	Rtn Bhagwan Das Agarwal

## Message from Incoming Secretary

*At the onset, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Secretary of our esteemed club. I am deeply honoured and humbled by the trust and confidence you have placed upon me.*



*As I step into the role of Secretary for our Club, I am filled with excitement and a deep sense of responsibility. I am committed to approaching my duties with passion and enthusiasm, recognising that together, we have the power to create positive change in the lives of those around us.*

*I look forward to collaborating with all of you to bring our collective vision to life. By fostering a spirit of unity and mutual support, we can enhance the impact of our initiatives and inspire others to join our cause.*

*Let us embark on this journey together, embracing the challenges ahead while celebrating our successes. With your support and teamwork, I am confident that we will make this year one of the most memorable and productive until now.*

*Thank you once again for your support.*

*With warm regards,*

**PRASHANT MAHESHWARI,**  
Secretary 2025-26



## Message from our outgoing President

**Dear Family of Rotary Club of Belur,**

My heart is filled with immense gratitude as I look back to the year gone by.

It was a year which was a Roller Coaster ride complete with Thrills and Emotions, Expectations and the Unknown. The excitement of becoming the President of an esteemed club like Rotary Club of Belur came with responsibilities which was made simple with the support of the entire Team. The family atmosphere in our club made the term as President very enjoyable. The active participation of all the members, who were always ready to move a mountain with just a phone call is something which reiterates the strength and togetherness of our Belur family. Never in the year, during the worst of the Sun or the best of the Moon, did I ever feel the stress and pressure in leading the club.

The presence, support and engagement of our members all the year round in District programs, Regular Club meetings, Projects and even Fellowships, has given immense confidence in the club's functioning and the way the club has shaped up during the past few years.

The reflection on the execution of the most difficult and remarkable project during the year of undertaking the Cervical Cancer prevention Vaccination overwhelms me. The regular coordination with various stakeholders, schools, other partner clubs of our district, partner hospital and of course our own project team was immaculately led by PP Vishnu Dhandhanian and PP Tarun Pal. There was never a morning, day, or night, despite personal challenges, that the issues of this project were not resolved. I should also acknowledge the active and constant support of our Rotary Club of Belur Charitable Trust office bearers and the support staff led by PP Kishan Kejriwal who despite the increased work load did not blink an eye in constantly monitoring the financial controls of the projects.

A year where we had our club's First AKS member in the respected Rotarian and now AKS Shri Bhagwan Das ji Agarwal whose large-hearted fatherly love and support allowed us to DREAM BIG. A year where our Hospital project at Uluberia has regained momentum and a year where we started with 3 Open Global Grants and Closed with 10 Open Global Grants.

Another unique project which added feathers in the cap of Rotary Club of Belur was the upgradation of the facilities at

the Accessible Library for the Visually challenged at Jadavpur University, Kolkata. This project was envisaged by our Honorary member PP Ranjit Chakravarti. RC Belur was chosen as the trusted partner to execute the implementation together with support of Global JU Alumnus and Rotary Clubs from USA and District 3291. This project was completed from the receipt of funds to the inauguration on 2nd of May 2025 within less than 3 months, one of the fastest in recent memory with a global grant project. The project was well reported was covered in Rotary News, PRID Rtn Aniruddha Roychiwchury's mouthpiece and various other magazines and newspapers. The support to students that the equipment supplied under this project would go a long way in the service of visually challenged brothers and sisters of the society.

Our club's family bonding was showcased in our Excursion trip to Varanasi and Ayodhya where 70 members and their family joined together for a unique spiritual trip. The aura and the soul enriching experience mesmerized one and all. The icing on the cake being the divine Darshan of Shree Ram Lalla followed by an evening of enchanting bhajans on the FLUTE and lip smacking dinner.

I can see the vision and dedication in the new leadership of our club led by the perfectionist in Rtn Sharad Dugar and I feel proud to hand over the baton to a fantastic human being in him who is filled with compassion and empathy. A few pages have been added in the journey of Rotary Club of Belur and I am sure that you will add few more Chapters in the journey ahead in showing the Club the way to UNITE FOR GOOD.

I, together with my spouse Rtn Chhaya would like to sign off by saying that Rotary Club of Belur has given us a family which has always stood by us, supported us and helped us in experiencing the "MAGIC OF ROTARY" for which we shall always be ever grateful.

Congratulations once again to the President Rtn Sharad Dugar and his Team 25-26 of Rotary Club of Belur!

Warm regards,

**RTN CA ANAND AGARWAL**  
President 2024-25  
Rotary Club of Belur # 16150  
Rotary Dist 3291



## Message from our outgoing Secretary



Dear Belurians, Rotary Partners & Friends,

As I reflect on this extraordinary Rotary year, my heart is filled with immense pride, gratitude, and emotion. What we set out to achieve seemed like a Herculean task — and yet, here we stand, not only having met our goals, but having created history for the Rotary Club of Belur.

This was more than a year of service — it was the realisation of dreams. Most notably, the Cervical Cancer Vaccination Initiative, the dream project of our visionary AKS DG Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, which we embraced with passion, precision, and purpose. Today, as thousands of young girls march toward a healthier future, we know we have honoured his dream.

We proudly rolled out 10 impactful Global Grants, a first in the club's history, reaching communities across health, education, and sustainability. Each grant was a labour of love, crafted with care and driven by compassion. We also welcomed 11 vibrant new members, bringing fresh energy, ideas, and dedication into our fold — a clear sign that our legacy is growing stronger.

And in what shall forever be a golden chapter in our story, we witnessed the rise of our own beloved Rtn. Bhagwan Das Agarwal as an Arch Klumph Society (AKS) member — a living embodiment of Rotary's spirit of giving. His generosity has touched lives we may never meet, yet his impact will echo through generations.

This journey would have been impossible without the selfless support of:

- Rotary International
- Our esteemed International Partners
- District Governor, AG, AS, TRF Chair, and the entire District 3291 leadership
- And most importantly, each and every Belurian, who gave their time, talent, and heart to our mission.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to our Club President, Rtn. Anand Agarwal, for his steadfast belief in me and his unshakable support throughout this incredible journey. His leadership, trust, and encouragement made everything possible.

To all of you — thank you. Thank you for believing in the power of service. Thank you for standing shoulder to shoulder when it mattered most. Thank you for making this year unforgettable.

As I pass the baton forward, I do so with faith — that we will keep soaring higher, serving deeper, and shining brighter.

With gratitude and Rotary love,

**RTN. SUNDEEP KUMAR CHORARIA**  
Secretary, Rotary Club of Belur, 2024–2025

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*“Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much.”*

*– Helen Keller*

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## Secretary's Report

Dear Members, Partners, and Friends of Rotary,

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present the Annual Report of Rotary Club of Belur for the Rotary year 2024–2025. This has been a year of deep impact, enthusiastic service, and meaningful partnerships across Rotary's focus areas. From empowering communities to nurturing education and safeguarding health, our club has worked relentlessly to uphold Rotary's motto: Service Above Self.

### 1. BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

- Independence Day Celebration (15.08.2024): Distributed school supplies at RCC Uluberia and hosted a patriotic cultural programme.
- 76th Republic Day (26.01.2025): Celebrated with 220 children at Aashiyana Happy Home, donated Rs. 30,000 for the education of 51 girl children.
- New Classroom Construction (12.02.2025): Collaborated with Rashmi Ispat Ltd. to build a classroom at Baladduba JR High School, Jhargram.
- Accessible Library Upgrade (02.05.2025): Supported a Rs. 38 lakh Global Grant project at Jadavpur University to modernise the library for visually impaired students.
- E-Learning Project – 26th September 2024 at Rani Benode Manjari Girls' School, Jhargram
- Accessible Library for Visually Challenged (Global Grant Project) – Jadavpur University (in collaboration with RC of Danville San Ramon with support of Rtn. Dr. Ranjit Chakraborty, (USA)

### 2. COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Inauguration of RCC Jaduberia (15.07.2024): Launched to foster civic participation, education, and livelihood programs in rural Uluberia.
- Sewing Machine Distribution (28.05.2025): Enabled economic empowerment for underprivileged women through self-employment tools.

### 3. DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

- Blood Donation Camp (24.07.2024): 105 units collected in partnership with Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre.
- Eye Screening & Spectacle Distribution (08.09.2024 & 05.12.2024): Vision care for over 148 individuals; 103 received spectacles; 30 identified for cataract surgery.
- Cervical Cancer Vaccination Campaign: A three-phase awareness and HPV vaccination drive for girls aged 9–14 across five districts, reaching 2,000+ girls.
- Blood Donation Camp – 19th August 2024, Nehru Children's Museum

#### CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTIVE VACCINATION INITIATIVE:

This initiative was the dream project of our esteemed AKS District Governor, Rtn. Krishnendu Gupta, whose vision to combat cervical cancer through prevention and awareness continues to inspire us all. With dedication, collaboration, and compassionate service, we believe we have taken meaningful strides towards fulfilling his dream—and in doing so, safeguarding the health and future of thousands of young girls.

#### OVERVIEW:

Cervical cancer remains one of India's most preventable yet deadliest diseases, claiming over 200 lives each day. Social stigma, low awareness, and limited access to preventive care have kept the disease in the shadows for too long.

In alignment with Rotary International's focus on Disease Prevention and Treatment, the Rotary Club of Belur launched a multi-year, multi-phase mission in June 2024 to vaccinate 5,000 adolescent girls (aged 9–14) against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV)—a major cause of cervical cancer. The project also aims to drive large-scale awareness among parents, schools, and communities.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES:**

- Vaccinate 5,000 schoolgirls with both doses of the HPV vaccine
- Raise awareness among adolescent girls, parents, and school authorities
- Ensure full documentation, follow-up, and health monitoring
- Build a scalable model for wider adoption across regions

**PROJECT PHASES & PROGRESS:**

**Phase 1:**

**Global Grant No.: 24-54823**

- Targeted Beneficiaries: 1,120 girls
- Start Date: June 2024
- Status:
  - Awareness campaigns and 1st dose completed for all
  - 2nd dose completed for ~600 girls
- Expected Completion: December 2025

**Phase 2:**

**Global Grant No.: 25-72076**

- Targeted Beneficiaries: 2,000 girls
- Start Date: January 2025
- Status:
  - Awareness campaigns completed
  - 1st dose administered to 900 girls
  - 2nd dose completed for 200 girls
- Expected Completion: April 2026

**Phase 3:**

**Global Grant No.: 24-59371**

- Targeted Beneficiaries: 950 girls
- Start Date: April 2025
- Status:
  - Awareness and 1st dose completed for 200 girls
  - 2nd dose yet to commence
- Expected Completion: June 2026

**Cumulative Impact (as of July 2025)**

- Total Girls Covered: 3,070

- 1st Dose Completed: 2,220 girls
- 2nd Dose Completed: 800 girls
- Target by 2026: 5,000 girls fully vaccinated

**KEY MILESTONE:**

On 22nd February 2025, the Urmila Devi Agarwal Memorial Cervical Cancer Vaccine Programme was launched at Sibpur Bhabani Balika Vidyalaya, Howrah, in memory of Late Urmila Devi Agarwal, with a generous Rs. 65 lakh contribution by AKS Rtn. Bhagwan Das Agarwal (Bhanu Babu), enabling free vaccinations for 2,000 girls.

The event saw wide community participation and powerful testimonials from survivors and parents, reinforcing the importance of preventive care. Medical partner Narayana Health continues to provide full clinical support.

**PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Partnered with schools and medical institutions across five districts
- Supported by Global Grants, CSR donations, District 3291, and international partners
- One of Rotary Club of Belur’s largest and most impactful health outreach projects
- Scalable and replicable model with strong documentation and follow-up protocols

**LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION:**

- Project Chair: Rtn. Tarun Kanti Pal
- Technical Guidance & Global Grants: Rtn. Vishnu Dhandhanania
- Project Execution Support: Past Presidents Rtn. Amar Malhotra, Rtn. Anand Agarwal, Rtn. Sharad Dugar
- CSR & Expansion Initiatives: President-Elect Rtn. Suresh Khunteta

Special recognition goes to Rtn. Swati Malhotra, Rtn. Kunal Ved, Rtn. Manish Bhattar, Rtn. Kailash Tekriwal, and Rtn. Chitra Das for their exceptional contributions on the ground.

**OUTLOOK & GOALS:**

- Achieve full two-dose coverage for all 5,000 girls by mid-2026
- Expand to underserved rural and tribal areas through new grants
- Continue awareness and education efforts in schools and communities
- Develop long-term partnerships for post-vaccination monitoring

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

These initiatives stand as a testament to what Rotary service, vision, and compassion can achieve. The Rotary Club of Belur sincerely thanks its members, partner clubs, NGOs, medical teams, grant advisors, and all donors—especially Rtn. Bhagwan Das Agarwal—for their unwavering support in protecting the health and future of our daughters.

## 4. MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

- Sanitary Napkin Distribution Drive (01.09.2024): Promoted menstrual hygiene among orphaned girls at Soumyaloke Biswaseva Niketan, empowering them with dignity and awareness.

## 5. SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- Plastic-Free Planet Rally (05.06.2025): In collaboration with Concern for Earth and ICAI EIRC, mobilised 175+ participants including school students for a plastic cleanup and awareness drive at Nivedita Park.
- A seed ball project was conducted on September 26, 2024, to engage the children of Rani Benode Girls School in Jhargram and enhance their understanding of environmental awareness.
- Tree Plantation Drive – Held at Sunderbans on 1st December 2024

## 6. PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION

- Mahishasuramardini Cultural Programme (02.10.2024): A unique live adaptation of the iconic oratorio revived cultural harmony and community spirit, blending heritage and inclusivity.
- Diya Lighting (29.10.2024): One thousand and one Diyas were lit, illuminating the surroundings on the eve of Diwali to promote both celebration and harmony.

## CLUB ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE

- All Board and General Meeting were held regularly with excellent attendance and active participation.
- Minutes were maintained and circulated promptly.
- Club records, membership data, and project documentation were digitised for greater efficiency and accessibility.
- Compliance with Rotary International reporting timelines and guidelines was strictly adhered to.

## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- We added 11 new members this year.
- Member engagement was strengthened through fellowships, recognitions, and informative weekly programs.
- Retention remained strong, with over 90% member continuity.

## FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

### Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) Projects

- New Toilet Block + Hand Wash Station constructed at Kulkamini High School for Boys, Liluah – 10th August 2024.
- Borewell Drinking Water Facility built at Jhargram in collaboration with Rashmi Ispat Pvt. Ltd. – 15th October 2024, benefiting rural communities.
- Women's Toilet Complex with Baby Care Room operational at Mirza Ghalib Street under KMC's "10 Diganta" initiative – 5th June 2025. This benefits 300+ women daily and is maintained by our club.
- WASH III in collaboration with RC of Danville San Ramon with support of Rtn. Dr. Ranjit Chakraborty, USA

### Cervical Cancer Vaccination Camp

- Conducted in partnership with Rotary Club of Aabahamaan Kolkata and Narayana Super speciality Hospital.
- Held in two phases (25th June & 2nd July 2025) at Ultadanga Govt. Girls School.
- A total of 277 adolescent girls received their 1st dose of the HPV vaccine under Global Grant No. 2459371.

### Youth & Education Initiatives

- Supported scholarships and provided school kits to underprivileged students.
- Conducted a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program engaging 100+ young minds.
- Actively collaborated with Rotaract and Interact clubs through joint projects and mentoring sessions.

### Health Camps & Community Welfare

- Organized general and specialist medical camps in underserved areas.
- Distributed hygiene kits and awareness materials as part of the WASH program.
- Supported elderly care through donations and visits to local old-age homes.

### Public Image & Digital Outreach

- Maintained a strong presence in local media and Rotary newsletters.
- Revived the monthly club bulletin and strengthened our digital presence via social media updates and project showcases.

### District Engagement

- Participated in all key District 3291 events: Assembly, PETS/SETS, District Conference, and Governor's Visit.
- Club received recognition for excellence in WASH and cervical cancer awareness initiatives.
- Membership Growth Programme – 5th April 2025
- President & Secretary Meet 1 (Samagam 1) – 14–15th September 2024, Mayapur
- President & Secretary Meet 2 (Samagam 2) – 17–18th May 2025, Bishnupur
- District Conference 3 - 4th December, 2024
- Visit to the Governor's House – 5th January 2025

### Club Assemblies:

- COTs (Club Officers' Training Seminar) of the club were held on 10.06.2024 to impart knowledge to the incoming club officers and members.
- The Installation Ceremony was held at a glittering ceremony wherein many overseas Rotarians from different countries participated.
- The Club Charter Day celebrations were held on August 3, 2024, in an enjoyable and festive manner.
- The AGM of the club was conducted on 28th December, 2024.
- Winter Assembly and a specially curated Quiz for members was held on 24th January 2025.
- AG & ZS Official Visit – held on 26th April 2025, (Health-related reviews and discussions)
- DG Official Visit – was held on 3rd May 2025, (Project assessments including health initiatives)

### Club Meetings and Fellowship:

- The club's Diwali meet was organised and celebrated with great enthusiasm on November 9, 2025, with members actively participating in the festivities.
- The club picnic was held with great fanfare on February 2, 2025.
- A colourful Holi meet was arranged on 15.03.2025
- RCM – Women's International Day Celebration – 8th March 2025.
- Joint Club Meeting with (RC Victoria and RC Chowringhee – 23rd November 2024.
- Joint meeting with JCI.

### International Service & Relations

- Singapore International Conference – 24th June 2024
- President's Visit to Gladstone East, Melbourne, Australia
- Singapore Club Visit – 20th March 2025
- Sister Club Agreement Signed with Singapore

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Club President Rtn. Anand Agarwal the Board, project chairs, and all fellow Rotarians for their unwavering support throughout the year.

Together, we have lived the Rotary theme — “Magic of Rotary” — and left a meaningful impact on lives near and far.

### Closing Remarks:

This year was a testament to what compassionate service and collaboration can achieve. From classrooms to cleanups, from vaccines to vocational training—each initiative reflects the spirit of Rotary and the dedication of our members.

We express heartfelt thanks to our donors, partners, and each Rotarian who contributed time, energy, and heart to these causes. Together, we are shaping a more inclusive, empowered, and peaceful world.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
**SUNDEEP KUMAR CHORARIA**  
 Secretary, Rotary Club of Belur  
 Rotary Year 2024–2025

# CHARTER NIGHT

*Honouring our Past - Shaping our Future*



## DIWALI MEET

*Diyas, Delights and Dhamakas!*



## Activities of Interact Club

### INTERACT CLUB – MCKV VIDYAPEETH

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Parent Club: Rotary Club of Belur

#### BLOOD DONATION CAMP

24 July 2024 | 80 Participants | 142 Beneficiaries  
In collaboration with Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Alumni Association – a noble effort supporting cancer and emergency patients.



#### BAN PLASTIC INITIATIVE

14 August 2024 | 10 Participants  
Awareness campaign for eco-friendly living by Classes X & XII – promoting sustainability among parents and peers.



#### COMPUTER LITERACY PROGRAMME

Weekly (All Year) | 4 Volunteers |  
15 Specially-Abled Beneficiaries  
Empowering children at Bal Vikash Kendra with essential digital skills and confidence.

#### KAL RUN (5 KM)

7 January 2024 | 196 Participants  
Supporting tribal children's education with energy, spirit, and strong fundraising – organized by Ekal Yuva.



#### VISIT TO LILUAH COWSHED

20 November 2024 | 12 Participants  
Hands-on learning about animal care, diet, and sustainability. A compassionate outreach for Class XI.



#### VISIT TO SEBA OLD AGE HOME

14 October 2024 | 5 Participants |  
21 Elderly Beneficiaries  
Students from Classes VII & XI celebrated Mahalaya with the elderly – sharing joy, meals, and performances.

*With Gratitude To:*

**MCKV Management & Chairman Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal**  
Rotary Club of Belur, Interact District 3291

*Report Compiled by:*

*Rishu Kumar Singh & Neel Khandelwal*

# Jadavpur University Upgraded Accessible Library

## *A Library That Sees Beyond Sight*

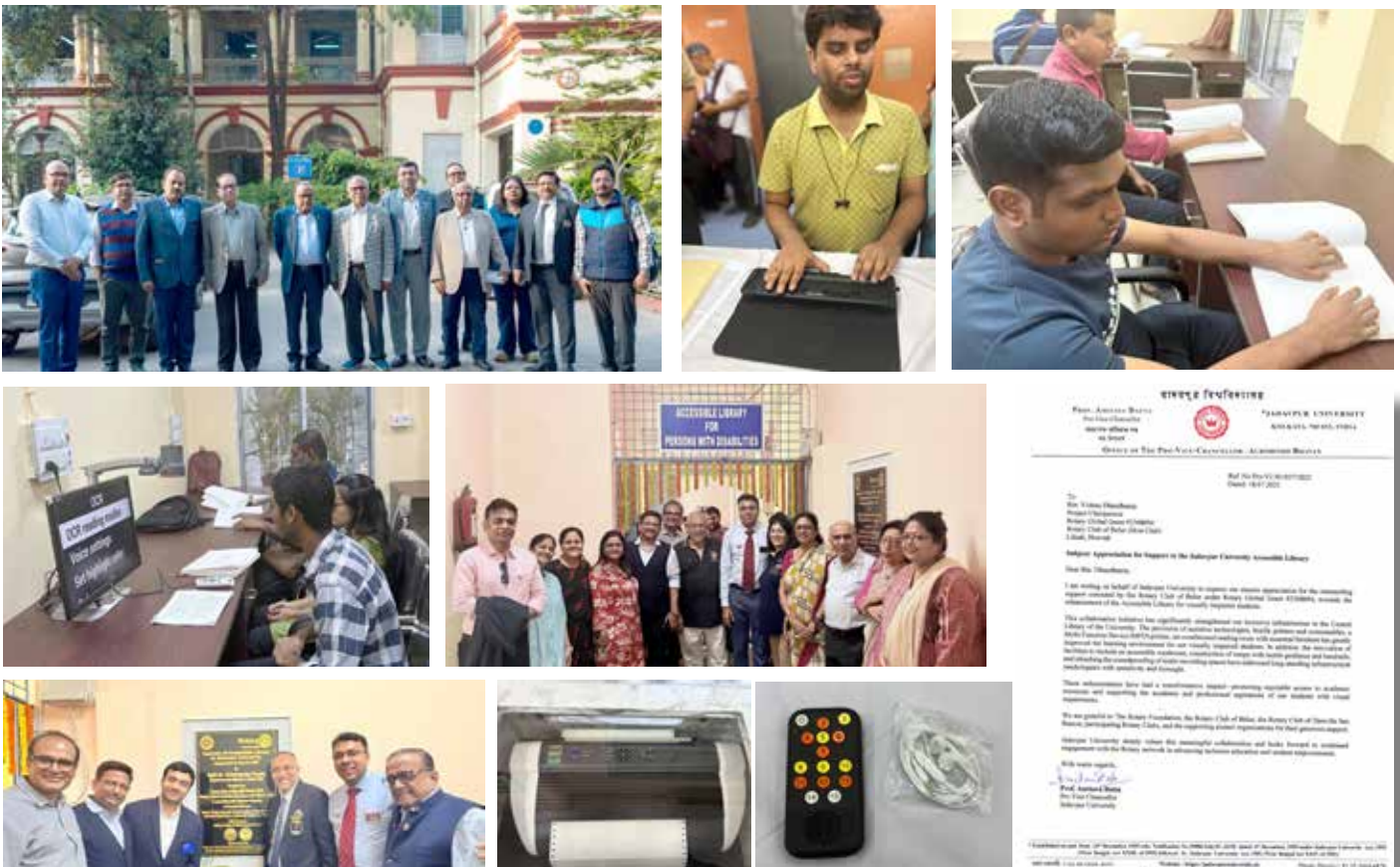
Jadavpur University has unveiled Eastern India's first fully accessible academic library for visually impaired learners—a groundbreaking initiative born from student resilience and realized through global collaboration.

What began in 2018 with just a single outdated Braille printer has, over the years, transformed into a state-of-the-art inclusive library. This milestone was achieved through a Rotary Global Grant project, spearheaded by Dr. Ranjit Chakravorti, an esteemed alumnus and member of the Jadavpur University Global Alumni Association. The initiative was brought to life in partnership with Rotary Club of Belur, under the leadership of President Anand Agarwal, PP Vishnu Dhandhanian, and PP Amitabh Mohan, alongside several Rotary Clubs across India and the U.S.

With Rs. 38 lakh in funding, the library has been equipped with cutting-edge assistive technology—Braille devices, audiobook players, high-speed scanners, embossers—as well as accessible infrastructure such as ramps, tactile signage, and specially designed restrooms.

Inaugurated on May 2, 2025, this facility is more than just a library. It's a symbol of inclusion and empowerment, designed in close consultation with visually impaired students, ensuring their needs shaped the outcome. Presently focused on arts and humanities, there are ambitious plans to expand into the technical education domain.

This upgraded library stands as a model of inclusive education—a place where access meets agency and purpose becomes the true measure of vision.



Sister Club - Rotary Club of Singapore



DINNER MEET WITH SISTER CLUB - RC SINGAPORE



## Land Registration at Uluberia, Howrah

*Signing of a Landmark Deed for New Beginnings!*



## RCM Minutes

# Minutes of the 2556<sup>th</sup> Regular Club Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Hotel Hindustan International, Kolkata

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Club President Rtn. Sharad Duggar, who warmly welcomed all members and guests present. He requested everyone to rise for the National Anthem, marking a solemn and respectful beginning to the proceedings.

### CONDOLENCE

A minute of silence was observed in memory of Late Shri Ram Bilas Mehmia Ji, who was a family and father figure to IPP Rtn. Anand Agarwal, as a mark of respect and solidarity with the bereaved family.

### INVOCATION

Rtn. Rakesh Almal was invited to lead the gathering in an invocation prayer, seeking divine blessings for the meeting and the club's endeavors.

### SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Secretary Rtn. Prashant Maheshwari took the floor to conduct the club's official business. He shared updates and announced the upcoming birthdays and wedding anniversaries of fellow Rotarians, which were warmly acknowledged by the members.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

President Rtn. Sharad Duggar briefed the house on the club's recent and upcoming activities. These included:

Doctor's Day Celebration

Lord Jagannath Darshan Visit

Cervical Cancer Vaccination Camps

Future Projects such as the Thalassemia Initiative and the Hospital Infrastructure Project

His address reflected the club's vibrant activity calendar and ongoing commitment to community welfare.

### FOCUS ON GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS

The meeting was specially dedicated to the Global Grant Projects undertaken by the club.

Rtn. Vishnu Dhandhanian presented a detailed session highlighting:

Ongoing and upcoming global grant projects

Processes for obtaining various types of grants, including CSR grants, District Grants, International Rotary Grants, and support from the Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust

The club's achievement in becoming a Double Paul Harris Fellow (MPHF) Club

His presentation was fact-rich, insightful, and appreciated by all members for its clarity and depth.

### CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION PROJECT UPDATE

Project Chair Rtn. Tarun Pal provided an encouraging update on the Cervical Cancer Vaccination Project.

Key highlights included:

Over 800 schoolgirls successfully vaccinated with both doses

The club is well on track to achieve the target of vaccinating 5,000 girls within the coming year

This impactful initiative was met with appreciation and support from the members.

### UPCOMING SOCIAL PROJECT - TRIBAL GROUP MARRIAGES

Rtn. Divisha Banthia and Rtn. Manoj Agarwal shared a proposal to organize group marriages for economically disadvantaged tribal couples. These couples, although living together, are not formally recognized in their communities due to the inability to afford proper marriage ceremonies.

The noble concept was met with overwhelming support, and many members spontaneously pledged financial assistance to sponsor one or more marriages, reflecting the true spirit of Rotary.

### VOTE OF THANKS

The meeting concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by Rtn. Ramesh Tiwari, who expressed gratitude to all speakers, participants, and guests for making the meeting impactful and meaningful.

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:45 PM

Rtn Sharad Dugar, President

Rtn. Prashant Maheshwari, Secretary



## Inspiring Change Through Humble Generosity



Rtn. Bhagwan Das Agarwal\* is a dedicated Rotarian whose journey began with a powerful purpose: building lasting friendships while making a meaningful difference in society. A committed supporter of The Rotary Foundation, he generously contributes to initiatives that spark global change.

Deeply devoted to fighting life-threatening diseases like cervical cancer and thalassemia, he believes that no one should endure suffering from preventable illnesses. His vision is to uplift thousands of lives through Rotary's Global Grant projects, focusing particularly on disease prevention and WASH programs in schools.

Reflecting on a moment that inspired him, he shares: "A moment that left an indelible mark on me was participating in an awareness camp at a government girls' school near Kolkata, India, where over 300 parents gathered to learn about cervical cancer prevention. I was so excited that this awareness among parents could pave the way for vital vaccinations and a healthier future for young girls."

## Rotary Club of Belur Bal Vikas Kendra - A school for 'Special' Children

*Rotary Club of Belur Bal Vikas Kendra, a dedicated school for specially challenged children was established in 1999 with the invaluable support of Dr. Sharda Fatehpuria and Manovikas Kendra. Nestled in Round Tank Lane, Howrah, the school began its journey with just four students but as word spread about its mission, the number of eager learners grew steadily. Recognising the need for more space to accommodate these growing numbers, Rtn S. S. Kejriwal generously stepped forward to provide few rooms at his institution, M. C. Kejriwal Vidyapith at Liluah.*

*The school has completed a proud 25 years and hosts around 50 students, offering a range of essential classes including physiotherapy/occupational therapy, speech therapy, Physiological assistance, parents counselling and training, yoga, behavior modification through therapeutic intervention, training of mothers for activities of daily living such as feeding, bathing, toilet care and so on. The curriculum goes beyond academics as students also receive training in music and dance therapy and various vocational skills, nurturing their talents and enhancing their self-esteem. Children between the age of 3 and 25 years are eligible for admission.*

*In addition to their educational pursuits, the Kendra organises regular picnics, sports activities and an annual function that showcases the incredible talents of the children. These events not only promote joy and companionship but also provide opportunities for the children to shine at various district events, allowing them to share their achievements with the broader community.*

*Through its unwavering commitment to inclusivity and empowerment, the Rotary Belur Bal Vikas Kendra continues to transform lives, creating a nurturing environment where every child has the chance to grow, learn and thrive.*

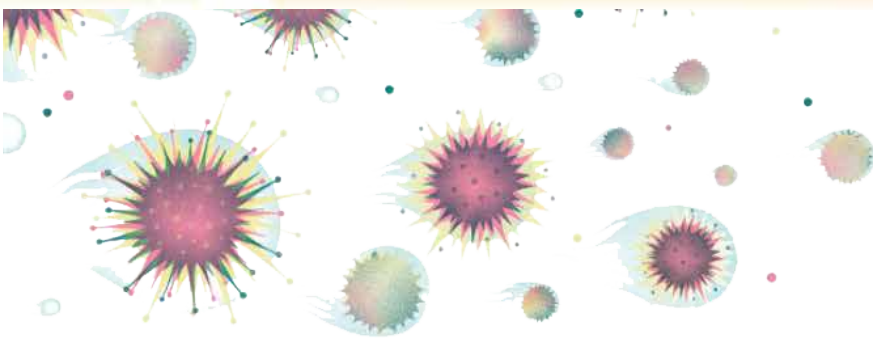


Police Commissioner of Howrah, D P Singh, IPS



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# CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATIONS

## ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR LEADS BOLD INITIATIVE AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER

Cervical cancer remains one of India’s deadliest yet preventable diseases, claiming over 200 women’s lives daily and accounting for around 16% of the global burden. Social stigma, lack of awareness, and limited access to preventive care continue to fuel this public health crisis.

Determined to change this narrative, the Rotary Club of Belur has launched an ambitious mission to vaccinate 5,000 girls aged 9–14 over three years, aligning with the World Health Organization’s goal to eliminate cervical cancer through vaccination.

### MISSION TO VACCINATE 5,000 GIRLS

Under the leadership of Project Chair Vishnu Dhandhanias, Rotary Belur and partner clubs have already made significant progress. Since launching in June 2024, they have conducted awareness sessions in numerous government schools and communities across Howrah, Hooghly, Kolkata, and North and South 24 Parganas. Nearly 2,500 girls have received their first dose so far.

Vaccinations follow WHO protocols, using Cervivac, the HPV vaccine developed by the Serum Institute of India, administered in two doses six months apart. Narayana Health is the initiative’s medical partner, managing logistics and clinical support.

### A TRIBUTE WITH IMPACT: URMILA DEVI AGARWAL MEMORIAL PROGRAMME

A key milestone was the launch of the Urmila Devi Agarwal Memorial Cervical Cancer Vaccine Program on February 22, 2025, at Sibpur Bhabani Balika Vidyalaya in Howrah. The project is sponsored by Rtn. Bhagwan Das Agarwal (Bhanu Babu) in memory of his late wife, who succumbed to cancer. His generous donation of Rs. 65 lakh is funding free vaccinations for 2,000 girls.



At the inaugural event, District Governor Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, a noted gynaecologist, shared how he vaccinated his daughter in 2008, urging parents to protect their children similarly. Bhanu Babu affirmed, "Prevention is better than cure. If this initiative saves even one girl, it will have served its purpose."

The camp witnessed strong community involvement, with around 300 parents attending. Project Manager Alokeparna Ghosh led an informative session, followed by an engaging Q&A with Dr. Supraja TV from Narayana Hospital. Parents overwhelmingly pledged to vaccinate their daughters.

A poignant moment came from Antara, mother of a Class VI student, battling cervical cancer herself. She shared, "I do not want my daughter to suffer like me. I will get her vaccinated and encourage my family and friends to do the same."

### SCHOOLS JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Sibpur Hindu Girls' High School, established in 1867, hosted an awareness camp with nearly 500 parents, resulting in over 300 signed consent forms—a significant step toward combating misinformation.

On April 24, 2025, Rotary Belur and Narayana Health administered the first vaccine dose to more than 300 girls at the school. The second dose is planned for October 2025, completing their protection against HPV.



### **BREAKING NEWS: Our Historic 50<sup>th</sup> Awareness Camp**

The journey continues with passion and commitment. On 23rd July 2025, the Club will celebrate a key milestone by hosting its 50th Awareness Camp at Santragachi Bhanumati Girls High School, Howrah marking yet another chapter in this impactful mission.

### A SCALABLE, PROVEN MODEL

Rotary Belur's structured vaccination model is designed for easy replication:

- Partner Institution Identification
- Planning & Permissions
- Awareness Sessions
- Vaccination Drives
- Documentation & Follow-Up
- Second Dose Administration



Targeting girls aged 9–14 ensures the highest immune response, offering over 90% protection if vaccinated before exposure to HPV.

### COLLABORATION ACROSS CLUBS

The initiative has gained strong support from partner clubs, including Hooghly, Chowrenghee, Chandannagar, and Visionaries. Newer partners like RC Abahaman and RC Victoria have joined to further expand the reach.

Progress across phases so far includes:

- **Project 1** – 1,100 girls received the first dose; 332 completed both doses.
- **Project 2** – 653 girls vaccinated with the first dose; another 1,031 girls lined up across eight schools.
- **Project 3** – Commenced in April 2025, already vaccinating over 100 girls with the first dose.

Three successive Presidents—Amar Malhotra, Anand Agarwal, and Sharad Dugar—have actively supported the project. President-Elect Suresh Khunteta has secured CSR contributions and donations totaling Rs. 15 lakh, benefiting over 500 additional girls.

A senior Rotarian, **Rtn. Ajay Khanna**, shared his thoughts:

“This is the best project initiative RC Belur has undertaken, and one that will extend well beyond two years. Over 20 members have actively visited various camps and personally helped bring in more beneficiaries.” He specially acknowledged **Rtn. Swati Malhotra, Rtn. Kunal Ved, Rtn. Prashant Maheshwari, and Rtn. Chitra Das** for their outstanding contributions.

As **Project Co-Chair Tarun Kanti Pal** noted, “We remain deeply committed to expanding the reach of this life-saving initiative. Together, we can eliminate cervical cancer and empower our girls with a healthier future.”

### A CALL TO ACTION

Rotary Belur's efforts demonstrate how coordinated community action can save lives and protect future generations. The fight against cervical cancer is winnable—with awareness, vaccination, and collective resolve.

**Let's unite to ensure no girl's future is cut short by a preventable disease.**



## PROJECTS AT A GLANCE

<b><u>CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTIVE VACCINATION</u></b>						
SL NO	GG NO	Project Name	No of Beneficiary	Project Start Date	Present Status	Project Completion Date
01.	24-54823	Cervical Cancer Preventive Vaccination – Phase 1	1120 Girls	June'2024	Awareness Campaign & 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose Vaccination completed for all beneficiaries. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose Vaccination complete for about 600 beneficiaries.	December'2025
02.	25-72076	Cervical Cancer Preventive Vaccination – Phase 2	2000 Girls	January'2025	Awareness Campaign & 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose Vaccination completed for 900 beneficiaries. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose Vaccination complete for about 200 beneficiaries.	April' 2026
03.	24-59371	Cervical Cancer Preventive Vaccination – Phase 3	950 Girls	April' 2025	Awareness Campaign & 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose Vaccination completed for 200 beneficiaries. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose Vaccination yet to start.	June' 2026
<b><u>WASH IN SCHOOLS</u></b>						
SL NO	GG NO	Project Name	No of Beneficiary	Project Details		
04.	23-50427	Wash 3 (Clean Schools)	12 Schools	While wash 3 project has already been approved for 12 Schools. The application has been submitted for Wash 4 and is under process for the final grant.		
05.	25-80943	Wash 4 (Wash in School Phase Four)	10 Schools	Wash 3 & Wash 4 Projects aim at basic Hygiene & Sanitation in schools by providing Proper Toiles, Handwash Station & Drinking Water facilities. These projects will also provide training to girls for the menstrual hygiene and training to all students for the behavioural changes.		



**CARDIAC SURGICAL TREATMENT**

SL NO	GG NO	Project Name	No of Beneficiary	Project Details
06.	24-54258	To provide free cardiac surgical treatment in Kolkata to poor beneficiaries of Nigeria.	10 Children	This project aims to provide Heart Surgery to 10 Poor Children form Nigeria. Already three beneficiaries have been identified and their VISA is under process. The beneficiaries will stay for about a month in city for their treatment & recovery.

**Library for visually impaired students**

SL NO	GG NO	Project Name	Project Details
07.	25-68694	Upgrade of accessible Library for visually impaired students at Jadavpur University.	An accessible primitive library for the blind was completely modernized at Jadavpur by providing state of the art equipments. This will benefit not only student from Jadavpur but also from other part of Kolkata & West Bengal and provide accessibility to all. An O&M Committee has also been formed to look into the operation & maintenance of the equipments for next 5 years.

**Ex-offenders Skill Training**

SL NO	GG NO	Project Name	Project Details
08.	25-73765	Skills training for ex-offenders	This project was done in Singapore in association with Rotary Club of Singapore. Under this project the Jail Prisoners after their release where given training to drive commercial vehicle and were helped in obtaining License. They were also helped in getting suitable jobs as per their skill.

**Upgrade Surgical facilities**

SL NO	GG NO	Project Name	Project Details
09.	25-78241	Upgrade Surgical facilities at Ramkrishna Mission Seva Pratishthan	Under this project Laparoscopic advance surgical apparatus & instruments are being provided to the Gynecology department at Ramkrishna Mission. This will help more complex & advance surgeries with least blood loss.



## New Members Induction



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**Joining Year** 2025-26  
**Blood group** AB+  
**Introduced by** Sharad Dugar



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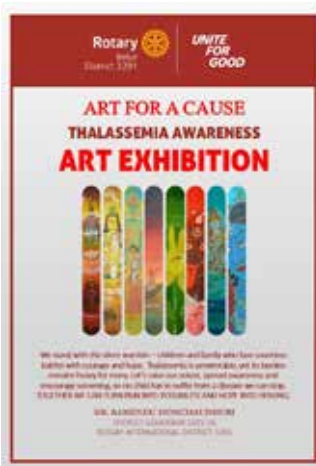


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## Art for a Cause



Our project at Academy of Fine Arts on Friday 11th July attended by DG Ramendu da and Vice Governor Ravi Sehgal besides President Sharad, IPP Anand, VP Sandip Choraria, PP Vishnu Dhandhania, Rtn Kailash Tekriwal and guest Pradip Bothra. Several prominent artists were present.

### Art with Heart: Painting Hope for Thalassemia

When art meets empathy, magic happens. That's exactly what unfolded, as the Rotary Club of Belur teamed up with a passionate group of artists for an "Art for a Cause" exhibition, all dedicated to raising awareness for Thalassemia. It was more than just paintings on a wall; it was a heartfelt plea, a vibrant call for understanding and support.

Brushes for Thalassemia The initiative, inaugurated by the esteemed District Governor, marks the beginning of an ambitious campaign to spread vital knowledge about this genetic blood disorder across India. He also lauded the collaborative spirit between Rotary and the artistic community. He spoke not just of the art, but of the human stories behind the need for awareness, emphasizing how every brushstroke could touch a life.

Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri with PDG Ravi Sehgal and members of Belur, radiated warmth and commitment for this Noble Cause.

The dream is grand: to take this wave of awareness across India, with the Rotary Belur President Sharad Dugar envisioning 30 to 40 such exhibitions. Imagine, art breaking barriers, painting hope in every corner of the nation! This isn't just about charity; it's about building a compassionate India, one canvas at a time. The power of these exhibitions lies in their ability to engage people on an emotional level, fostering empathy and encouraging

them to learn more about Thalassemia, its challenges, and how they can contribute to a healthier future for those affected.

"Brushes for Thalassemia" is more than an exhibition; it's a movement. It's a testament to how kindness, creativity, and community can illuminate even the darkest corners, bringing light and hope to those battling Thalassemia.

With the momentum generated by this inaugural show, the Rotary Club of Belur and its artist partners are poised to paint a brighter future for Thalassemia awareness across India.



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## Basic Education and Literacy



### Classroom Development at Baludubba Junior High School Jhargram



## Basic Education and Literacy

Scholarship to Children 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Easy School



## Community and Economic Development



### Deep Tubewell at Jhargram



### Distribution of clothes on Diwali



### Distribution of clothes on Durga Puja



## Community and Economic Development

### Distribution of ration on Swami Vivekanand Birthday



### Distributions of blankets & Gau seva at Adyapith



### Sewing Machine Distribution





## Disease Prevention and Treatment



### Blood Donation



### Eye Camp at Khalna



### Spectacles Distribution at Kulkamini HS School



## Supporting Environment



### Plastic Free Planet



### Sunderban Tree plantation



# Maternal and Child Helath



## Cervical Cancer Vaccination



## Maternal and Child Helath

### Distribution of goodies at Life Beyond Cancer centre



### Sanitary Napkins Ditrubution



## Water Sanitation and Hygiene



### Womens Toilet Complex



### Toilet Block & Hand Wash Station



# Peace Building and Conflict Prevention



## Diya Lighting



## Mahisasur Mardini



## Fellowships and RCM

1st RCM Jimmy Tangree | 3th July 2024 - RCM 2529



## 25th Year Celebration of Bal Vikas Kendra



Fellowships and RCM



58<sup>th</sup> Installation - 28th June, 2024



## Fellowships and RCM

Dr Vivek Sharma Orthopaedic RCM 2532



## Independence day and Distribution of goodies to Children



## Fellowships and RCM

### Club Officers Training Seminar



### Induction of members | 4th December 2024



## Fellowships and RCM

Janmashtmi 24th August 2024



Woman Empowerment 7th September RCM 2534



## Fellowships and RCM

### Joint RCM with JCI 10th May 2025



### Thanksgiving 22nd June 2025



### Winter Club Assembly 24th December 2024





## Historic Trip to Varanasi & Ayodhya 26 - 29 March 2025

*Rotary means family and that's exactly Rotary club of Belur (RID3291) practices along with various Global grants involving Rotarians and their families. Each year our Presidents plan an outstation fellowship trip where family bonding and ideas are shared. The club becomes strong and membership sees growth.*

*President Anand Agarwal alongwith 1st Lady Chhaya and his team planned a wonderful trip to Varanasi and Ayodhya from 26th ~ 29th March 2025. The response was so high that a line of regret had to be drawn due to logistics limitation. The youngest in the group was Jevii Saraf, daughter of our member PP Pratima Saraf, she won the hearts of all by her vibrant activities and the senior most was PP Diwakar Sharma, adored by all. The count was 57.*





**26<sup>th</sup> March** – All reached Kolkata airport where each was welcomed by President and his team with a breakfast packet, to board Indigo flight 6E822 from Kolkata, scheduled at 9:30am, to Varanasi. The Rotary logo was flashing everywhere at the airport as all were in their Rotary attire. On arrival in 85 minutes of flying to Varanasi two luxury buses were there to receive us. Thereafter we checked into the hotel. All reassembled in the hotel corridor to seek blessings of Lord Shiva at Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple. This is one of the most powerful temple in Varanasi, also known as the Golden temple. It was constructed in the year 1780 by the Maratha monarch, Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar of the Indore.



**27<sup>th</sup> March** – All joined in for the breakfast at the hotel’s dining hall. A fleet of local totos arrived in the hotel to transfer all to Sankat Mochan Hanuman Temple dedicated to the Hindu deity Hanuman, in his form as “Sankat Mochan,” meaning the “reliever from troubles”. The temple was established by the Hindu preacher and poet-saint Tulsidas in the early 16th century and is situated on the banks of the Assi river. Thereafter, it was free time for all and to again to reassemble at the hotel in the evening to move together to NAMO ghat. Namoo Ghat is a newly constructed ghat in Varanasi on the initiation of our Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who laid the foundation stone for this project in 2018. The ghat is located on the banks of the Ganges River and is spread over an area of 21,000 square meters. It is a modern ghat with facilities for tourists, including a viewing deck, a cafeteria, and a parking lot. This riverfront’s main appeal are three huge sculptures in the form of folded hands depicting ‘Namaste’ which showcases the idea of “Atithi Devo Bhavah” i.e. welcoming the guests always and treating them with respect adhering to Gods.

The child came out of all in this NAMO ghat as all rushed to the toy double decker bus and toy train. Now all braved the walk on the uneven river bank to embark the white steamer on the river Ganges. As the steamer sailed another surprise



popped up – a guide cum singer. He briefed us that the city has 88 ghats and gave details about the construction and importance of each of the ghats. Most of the ghats are bathing and puja ceremony ghats, while two ghats are used exclusively as cremation sites which leads to Moksha

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**28<sup>th</sup> March** – After a quick breakfast all were in the bus for Ayodhya. It was nearly a four hours drive. Ayodhya is regarded as one of the seven sacred cities of the Hindus, revered because of its association in the great Indian epic poem Ramayana with the birth of Rama and with the rule of his father, Dasharatha. As we embarked on the city, trust me, we all felt a purity in the air. The air was light and so fresh.

In the evening we all assembled in the corridor and fleets of Golf carts awaited us for the Ayodhya city tour. These vehicles are so smooth and stable on road. We headed towards Ram ki Paidi at Saryu Ghat with a quick stop at the 40-foot-long, 14-tonne Veena, designed by Ram Sutar (who also designed the Statue of Unity), installed at the Lata Mangeshkar Chowk as a tribute to the legendary singer. Saryu Ghat is where the Aarti takes place in the evening. Ram Ki Paidi is the ghat where one can bathe in the holy river Saryu. This is also the place which has the Guinness record of lighting of the highest number of earthen oil lamps – Diyas – 2.51 Million together. This area of the city has a new look with wide and planned roads. Now all hearts throbbing together as we move towards the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi mandir. The temple was inaugurated on 22 January 2024, by our Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, after a prana pratishtha ceremony. The temple is yet to be completed but construction is in full swing.

We walked in and in no time reached Ram ji. Our eyes could not blink, we kept looking and looking at the idol of Balak Ram. As the rush behind me multiplied I kept holding on to the railing there and feeling the vibes till a security came and asked me to move. I did not and politely told him that can’t you see we are talking, he looked back to Ramji and left me alone. Suddenly I see a priest handing me a white barfi Prasad. With my eyes wet, I took leave from the power there. On coming out of the premises I observed that all of us had similar experiences as they hugged each other in joy of blessings. True there’s an unseen power here which can only be felt when you are there. He is there. He lives there. We all received a pack of special Peda Prasad followed by a group photograph on the steps of the ShreeRam Janmabhoomi Temple.


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**29<sup>th</sup> March** – We boarded our flight to back home was at 9:00pm from Lucknow and reached Kolkata at 11:35pm.

*Reported by- PP Rakesh Bhatia*







**03/08/25 : Charter Day Celebrations 11:00 a.m. onwards**

**03/08/25 : Art Camp for Thelesamia awareness**

**06/08/25 : Inauguration of project at Ramkrishna Mission Seva Pratisthan at 11:45 a.m. (where we are donating advanced equipments for laparoscopic surgery instruments to the Gynaecologist department.)**

**Upcoming Cervical Cancer Prevention Camps :**


**22.7.25 - 1st Dose Vaccination at Dum Dum Road Govt Sponsored High School for Girls (HS)(2:00 PM)**

**23.7.25 - Awareness Camp at Santragachi Bhanumati Girls High School (2:30 PM)**

**24.7.25 - Awareness Camp at Gopalpur Girls High School, P. S. Haroa, 24 Parganas (North )(2:00 PM)**

**25.7.25 - Awareness Camp at Dasnagar Chapala Devi Balika Vidyalaya (2:00 PM) (2 Sessions)**

**29.7.25 - 2nd Dose Vaccination camp at DAKSHINI PRAYAS (Madurdaha Satyavritti Vidyalaya, Madurdaha, Kolkata)(2:30 PM)**



Rakesh Almal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	19 <sup>th</sup> July
Santosh Singhal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	21 <sup>st</sup> July
Namrata Mahashwari ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	23 <sup>rd</sup> July
Kishan K Kejriwal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	24 <sup>th</sup> July
Reena Khandelwal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	28 <sup>th</sup> July
Anu Dugar ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	31 <sup>st</sup> July
Cherry Kejriwal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	31 <sup>st</sup> July



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