



Friendship



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CELEBRATING 59 YEARS OF INSPIRATIONAL ROTARY EXCELLENCE!

Each year on August 5th, Rotary Club of Belur reflects upon its rich history and the remarkable journey which began in the year 1965. This date is not merely an anniversary - it is a testament to the visionary aspirations of our founding members who worked tirelessly to lay the foundation of our revered club.



Bus stand shelter donated by the Club in 1968

The beginnings of our club tell a story of determination and resilience. The road to achieving Rotary club status was filled with challenges that tested the commitment of our founding members. Through unwavering dedication and unison, they navigated hindrances with a shared vision of creating a vibrant club. A significant milestone was reached on January 14, 1967 when we received our provisional charter after much perseverance. With 30 enthusiastic members onboard, this achievement kindled a renewed sense of purpose, as we set out to make a meaningful difference within and beyond our community.

In those early days, communication relied on traditional methods (Post Office) with news (Letters) often taking time to arrive. After a five-month wait, we finally received confirmation of our official membership with Rotary International on June 16, 1967. This milestone symbolised not just a membership but the culmination of our dedication to service.

The anticipation did not end there - the Charter certificate itself took 51 days to arrive at our doorstep in Calcutta. When it finally reached us, it

was met with immense pride and joy by our founding president and members, each celebrating the hard work that had gone into this achievement. It was decided unanimously to designate **August 5th** as a day of celebration—a tribute to the enduring spirit and accomplishments of Rotary Club of Belur.

As we commemorate 59 years of service, we honour the legacy of our founders and the countless contributions made by members over the years. This enduring commitment continues to inspire new generations of Rotarians to strive for excellence and community service.

CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS AND VACCINATION DRIVE DURING JULY '25

Our Club made significant strides in community health in July 2025 through its comprehensive Cervical Cancer Awareness and HPV Vaccination Campaign, conducted under Global Grant Projects #2572076, #2459371, #2454823, and a CSR initiative. The month-long campaign combined awareness sessions with on-ground vaccination drives, benefitting hundreds of adolescent girls and their families across West Bengal.

Awareness Camps

The club organized seven awareness camps, drawing 80 to 120 guardians per session and featured:

- Educational talks on cervical cancer and HPV prevention
- Visual PowerPoint presentations with simple, explanatory graphics
- Interactive Q&A and counselling sessions for guardians
- Distribution of consent forms for HPV vaccination

The camps were hosted at the following locations across multiple districts, including Howrah, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, and Kolkata:

1. Ramkrishnapur Balika Vidyalaya, Shibpur, Howrah – 7 July
 2. Ushagram Trust, Birnagar, Nadia – 11 July
 3. Sarada Prasad Institution, Ultadanga, Kolkata – 18 July
 4. Santragachi Bhanumati Girls High School – 23 July
 5. Gopalpur Girls High School, Haroa – 24 July
 6. Dasnagar Chapala Devi Balika Vidyalaya – 25 July
 7. Bantra Rajlaxhmi Balika Vidyalaya – 28 July
- 579 Girls Immunized

Alongside awareness programs, six vaccination camps were conducted in collaboration with Narayana Health, strictly adhering to medical safety protocols. Beneficiaries were monitored post-vaccination and issued official certificates. *Contd. Page 2*

ART FOR A CAUSE – A THOUGHTFUL INITIATIVE ON INSTALLATION DAY

Rotary Club's Installation Day this year was not only a celebration of new leadership but also a reflection of our commitment to service through creative expression. Adding a unique and meaningful touch to the event, an exclusive display of paintings was organized at the venue. These artworks, created by talented local artists and well-wishers, were put up for sale during the program.

What made this initiative even more special was the cause it supported. A portion of the proceeds from the painting sales is being directed toward Thalassemia Awareness — a noble initiative and one of the focus areas of our incoming District Governor (DG) for the Rotary year. This gesture was our humble effort to align with the DG's vision and further strengthen the club's role in supporting health-related causes in the community.

Additionally, beautifully designed thank you cards were distributed to all the dignitaries and *Contd. Page 2*

RCM Minutes Rotary Club of Belur Minutes of the 2557th Regular Club Meeting held on 19th July 2025 at Hotel Hindusthan International, Kolkata

Members and guests were registered at the reception counter. Welcoming materials including name tags were distributed.

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was formally called to order by President Sharad Dugar at 7:15 PM.

National Anthem

The audience stood in honor as the National Anthem was played.

Inauguration by Watering of the Plant

As a symbol of growth and sustainability, the event was inaugurated with a ceremonial watering of the plant by District Governor Rtn. Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri in presence of senior members and dignitaries.

Invocation of God – Ganesh Vandana / Dance

A graceful Ganesh Vandana was performed by Adhya Mohan to invoke blessings and mark an auspicious beginning.

Address by Installation Chair – PP Amitabh Mohan

PP Amitabh welcomed District governor, DGN, all dignitaries, members, guests, and international delegates. He outlined the evening's significance and expressed appreciation for outgoing and incoming leadership.

Address by Outgoing President – Rtn. Anand Agarwal

Rtn. Anand Agarwal thanked the club for its support during his tenure and highlighted key initiatives and accomplishments of the past year. He highlighted upon the various projects completed and mentioned the ongoing 10 global grant projects, a remarkable achievement by club during the last year. He thanked the AKS member Shri B.D Agarwal and other major donors whose significant contributions made this possible.

Annual Report by Outgoing Secretary – Rtn. Sundeep Choraria

The Secretary presented a detailed annual report summarizing the club's service projects, fellowship activities, and membership growth during the previous Rotary year. He gave a comprehensive audio visual presentation highlighting the the above activities.

Poem Recitation – PP Nirmal Shah

PP Nirmal Shah recited an inspiring original poem dedicated to Rotary values and leadership transition.

Introduction of Incoming President by IPP Anand Agarwal

IPP Anand Agarwal gave a warm and detailed introduction of the Incoming President, Rtn. Sharad Dugar, highlighting his leadership journey and commitment to Rotary.

Installation of Rtn. Sharad Dugar as President

The formal installation of Rtn. Sharad Dugar was conducted, along with charter and pin exchange by IPP Anand Agarwal in presence by DG, DGN and senior club members. Applause followed the ceremonial handover. *Contd. Page 2*



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8.8.25 - 1st Dose Vaccination Camp at *Ushagram Trust, Nadia - 12:00 noon

12.8.25 - 1st Dose Vaccination Camp at *Hanspukuria Vidyapith, Nadia - 12:30 p.m.

13.8.25 - 1st Dose Vaccination Camp at Baghbazar Multipurpose Girls High School - 11:30 a.m.

14.8.25 - 1st Dose Vaccination Camp at Santragachi Bhanumati Girls High School - 11:30 a.m.

15.8.25 - Independence day celebration

23.8.25 - RCM



Address by President Rtn. Sharad Dugar & Club Vision for 2025-26

In his first official address, President Dugar laid out the club's vision for the year, focusing global collaboration, and sustainable community projects. He highlighted upon various projects which club will continue to undertake in the coming year including Cervical Vaccination, Wash, Hospital project and Thalassemia Awareness Campaign which shall be a major project under the District Grant in current year.

Introduction of Team 2025-26

President Dugar introduced the Board and Committee members for 2025-26, expressing confidence in their collective leadership.

Launch of Roster 2025-26

The updated club roster was formally launched and distributed among the members and guests.



Felicitation of AKS - Rtn. Bhagwan Das Agarwal

Rtn. Bhagwan Das Agarwal was felicitated by IPDG Rtn Dr Krishnendu and DG Rtn Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri for his contribution as an Arch Klumph Society (AKS) member, recognizing his generous support to The Rotary Foundation.

New Member Introduction - PP Indra Goenka

PP Indra Goenka introduced new members who joined the club recently, sharing brief bios and welcoming them into the Rotary family. Following five new members were formally inducted in the club :

- 1) Amit Baradia (2) Upendra Mehta (3) Bishnu Kedia (4) Abhishek Dhariwal (5) Manorma Pathak

Introduction of International Guests - PP Ramesh Tiwari

International guests from Singapore , Nepal and Maldives were introduced by PP Ramesh Tiwari, Director of International Services, highlighting their contributions and Rotary collaboration.

Flag Exchange and Felicitation of International Guests

Flags were exchanged as a token of international friendship, and international guests were felicitated with mementos.

New Interact Club Initiation -

A newly formed Interact Club "Salt Lake Shihsha Niketan" was introduced under the club's guidance, inducting new youth members into the Rotary family.

Club Business - Secretary Rtn. Prashant Maheshwari

The new Secretary, Rtn. Prashant Maheshwari, shared administrative updates, meeting schedules, and upcoming project plans.

Introduction and Address of District Governor Nominee - Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury

DGN Purnendu Roychowdhury was introduced with a brief bio and his Rotary journey was shared with the audience. He spoke about the importance of continuity and innovation in Rotary and encouraged clubs to embrace future-ready projects.

Handover of TRF & Polio Fund - CRFC Rtn. Ajay Agarwal

CRFC Rtn. Ajay Agarwal formally handed over the collected funds towards The Rotary Foundation and the Polio campaign. The amount contributed towards The Rotary Foundation was USD 10,000 and towards Polio campaign was USD 1000.

Introduction of DG - Rtn. Ramendu Homchaudhuri by PDG Ravi Sehgal

PDG Ravi Sehgal introduced DG Rtn. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, emphasizing his achievements and vision.

Address by District Governor - Rtn. Ramendu Homchaudhuri

DG Homchaudhuri delivered an inspiring keynote address, highlighting the need for collaborative service and the Rotary theme for the year. He appreciated Rotary Club of Belur's efforts towards executing meaningful projects in the community and urged the club to continue with the good work being done.

Vote of Thanks - President Elect Rtn. Suresh Khunteta

President Elect Rtn. Suresh Khunteta delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, members, performers, volunteers, and guests. The evening concluded with fellowship and dinner. Members expressed appreciation for the well-organized event and enthusiasm for the year ahead.

Rtn Sharad Dugar, President Rtn. Prashant Maheshwari, Secretary



Blood Donation Camp for Thalassemia Awareness at the MCKV Campus.

A successful Blood Donation Camp accompanied by a Thalassemia Awareness initiative was organised on the 24th of July 2025 at the MCKV Campus, in honour of Past President Kishan Kejriwal's birthday. The event saw an enthusiastic turnout, with over 200 donors and a large number of students participating in the noble cause.



The Rotary Club of Belur, continuing its annual tradition, played an active role in the organization and management of the camp. The venue was abuzz with energy as volunteers and donors gathered to support the cause. A total of 190 units of blood were collected, as officially recorded.

To appreciate the donors, the Rotary Club of Belur presented each with useful Tupperware containers having Thalassemia awareness card with scan code of Thalassemia Video and a Note of thanks to the Donor.

The event was attended by: PP Kishan Kejriwal Ji , Rtn Sharad Dugar, Rtn Kailash Tekriwal and Rtn Rakesh Almal.

Honouring Our Birthday Stars

- 10th August, 2025 Rajesh Agarwal
10th August, 2025 Kushal Jasoria
11th August, 2025 Aditya Neotia
18th August, 2025 Usha Bubna
18th August, 2025 Nirmal Kedia
20th August, 2025 Hare Krishna Prasad
21st August, 2025 Piyush Doshi
22nd August, 2025 Sanjay Bajaj
22nd August, 2025 Anju Bajaj

Together Through the Years:

Happy Anniversary

14th August, 2025 Rtn Jaya and Ashok Butta

Breakdown of Vaccination Drives:

- 1st Dose - 5 no.of Camps - 522 girls - 9-14 yrs
2nd Dose - 1 no.of Camps - 57 girls - 9-14 yrs

Vaccination Sites Included:

- Hemnagar Hemchandra Smriti Vidyamandir, Howrah - 1 July (1st Dose)
Ultadanga Govt. Sponsored H.S. School for Girls School - 2 July (1st Dose)
Howrah Ramkrishna Adarsha Balika Vidyalaya - 10 July (1st Dose)
Ananda Ashram Balika Vidyapeeth, Garia - 17 July (1st Dose)
Dum Dum Road Govt. Sponsored High School for Girls - 22 July (1st Dose)
Madurdaha Satyavritti Vidyalaya, Dakshini Prayash - 29 July (2nd Dose)

Rotarian Participation

Rotary leadership and volunteers were deeply involved in every stage of the campaign:

- Rtn. Sharad Dugar (Club President), Rtn. Tarun Kanti Pal (Project Chair) and Rtn. Vishnu Dhandhanian (Global Grant Chair) oversaw the strategic direction for all projects.
PDG Rtn. Rajani Mukherjee presented vaccination certificates at the 2nd Dose camp, boosting community morale.

Rtn. Shiv Kumar Lohia, Rtn. Kunal Ved, Rtn. Sanjay Rampuria, Rtn. Divishha Banthia, Mr. Samkit Dugar, and Rtn. Shankar Ramalingam and guest Mr Pradip Bothra attended the camps.

Preetika Sarkar managed presentations and guardian counselling, while Hrishikesh Bhattacharjee ensured seamless school-level coordination.

Medical Team and Safety Protocols

Narayana Health was represented by: Dr. Rupam Pal, Dr. Balaji K, Dr. Mohammad Ajmal, and Dr. Arun. Camp Coordinator: Ms. Bandana Mohanty. Support Staff: 2-3 nurses and administrative staff per camp. From vaccination to documentation, the medical team ensured compliance with all health and safety standards.

Impact and Outlook

In total, the July 2025 campaign reached 579 adolescent girls through vaccinations, while hundreds more were educated about cervical cancer prevention.

Since 19 June 2024, 86 Camps (50 Awareness Camps and 36 Vaccination Camps) have been conducted. Till end of July 2025, 2694 girls have been vaccinated out of which 552 girls have been administered 2nd dose also. The initiative reflects the Rotary Club of Belur's commitment to "Service Above Self", laying the foundation for a cervical cancer-free future in the region.



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members present at the event. These cards not only conveyed our gratitude for their presence and support but also served as tokens of appreciation for being part of a day that combined celebration with purpose.

The art display and sale were very well received, with several members expressing interest in contributing to such creative fundraisers in the future. The initiative was a small but significant step toward combining art, community, and compassion — values that Rotary stands for.

As we move forward into the new Rotary year, our club remains committed to supporting impactful causes and finding innovative ways to serve society.

Rotary Club of Belur banner with Odia text celebrating the 19th July anniversary. Includes a list of names and a poem by Rtn Nirmal Kumar Saha.