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CHANGE OVER CEREMONY

As the clock struck 11 o'clock on the Sunday morning the 5th of July, Rotary Club of Belur entered the records of history by conducting its first virtual Installation Meeting. With a consummate attendance of Rotarians spread across several countries, numerous PDGs, Guests, members and spouses. The event eventually got off to a start with President 2019-20 Rtn Ramesh's gong of the bell at around 11:30 am and the passing of the baton to Rtn Alope Kumar Kanodia. Interspersed with address by Chief Guest, DG Sudip Mukherjee, DGE Prabir Chatterjee and DGN Ajoy Kumar Law. The most important part of the event was that it was conducted in a flawless manner with practically no hitches and was brilliantly handled by President's family members, son Ankit and his lovely wife Nikita who as a compere of the programme received many accolades for her ingenious approach.

Congratulations!

President Rtn ALOKE KANODIA and
Secretary Rtn AMAR MALHOTRA
and Team 2020-21!



All the best President Alok ,secretary Amar and entire team for 20-21 .My best wishes and please excuse me as I could not make it in today's installation due to an urgent work.
... **Kishan Kejriwal**

Excellent efforts put in Alope and Nikita as MOC was a great. Few small glitches but the meeting went off smoothly. Congratulations to you, Amar & Belur Team for the journey ahead IPP Ramesh & Indra - you both made Belur shine ab Alope eisey aur roshan karega
Best wishes to all
PDG Ravi

The compliments for the excellent and smooth conduct of the installation proceedings goes to the entire technical back stage support team comprising of PE Indra, Ankit and Nikita (son and daughter in law of president Alope), Amitabh and Amar. Kudos to all of them and Congratulations to President Alope for a great start.... **Rtn Manoj Agarwal**

Fantastic Beginning Alope Bhaiya. Amar wonderful. Congratulations to the whole Team and all BELURIANS. All of you have begun to open opportunities for the next 360 days.... **Nirmal Saha**

Congratulations Alope Bhaiya. Today you looked like Justice Rohinton Fali Nariman. Best wishes for the year 2020-21 to you and your team...
Ajay Agarwal
Congratulations and best wishes to president Alok & secretary Amar and Alokji conveye my blessings to Nikita doing a great job of anchoring...
Dr. Raj Rani Agarwal

ACCOLADES GALORE!

Very well organised installation.never felt, was attending a virtual meeting. great job by whole team and specially nikita.kudos to her... **Ashok Kedia**

Welcome President Alok & Secretary Amar & my best wishes for taking club further to new heights....**Bhanu Babu**

Hearty congratulations to the new team Alope Kumar Kanodia & Amar Kumar Malhotra... **K P Sajan**

Alok dear, a big congrats to you and your team for being officially coronated today. we shall all work together to bring all round success. ... **Sunil Jain**

Let on this auspicious Guru Purnima Day ... write a splendid 20-21 Beginning in our Rotary Chapter
Piyush Doshi

Three cheers to Bulletin editor Rtn Ajai khanna for the fabulous start by bringing out a memorable 1st bulletin of the year under your leadership and all the inputs from outgoing team gems.~**Rtn Amarnath Chowdhury**

Alope and Amar
Wish you all the success for today's first virtual INSTALLATION of Rotary Belur ...
Rtn G L Agarwal

Wish president Alok, secretary Amar and team all the best for the year and today's meeting. God bless us all. ...
Rtn Subhash Agarwal

Congratulations dear president Alope Kanodia and secrecy amar Malhotra and team 20-21 Rotary year god bless you all...
Rtn HK Prasad

Congratulations and Best Wishes to President Alok Secretary Amar and TEAM Belur ...
Rtn Anand Agrwal

Congratulations aloke ji , amar ji and entire team.. ... **Rtn Vijay Sharma CSPL**

Congratulations President Alok ji and Secretary Amar and his team all the best ...
Rtn Manju Banthia

Start was really grt..very encouraging Installation. Congratulations to President Alope ,Secretary Amar & the entire team.
Nikita was really good ...
Rtn Indra Agarwal

Congratulations !!
What a wonderfully organised Installation. Nikita was splendid. Badhaiyan to GD for becoming the Major Donor ...**Rtn Shashi Seth**

Congratulations to President Alope and Secretary Amar Malhotra. ... **Rtn Vijay kr Sharma**

I also agree fully with dear Nivedita A great suces was seen throughout the installation prgm. Congratulations to president Alope with Anita n sec Amar with Swati. Special love n blessings to young couple Ankit with Nikita for their efforts ... **Rtn Santosh Singhal**

Congratulations Alopeji, First lady Anita, Amar, Swati, and the new team. All the very best to you. Hard work and preparation to make the event successful was clearly visible. And it was very heartening to see the efforts put in by Ankit and Nikita! ... **Anne Nivedita Agarwal**

Congratulations & Best Wishes to President Alok bhaiya, Secretary Amar and Team Belur. God bless you. ... **Anne Usha Tiwari**

CLUB EVENTS

July 18, 2020 at 4.30 p.m. : RCM - Speaker- Dr. Dolly Gupta
~Celebrity Dermatologist, Hair Transplant & Cosmetic Surgeon
Topic ~ Beauty Inside Out

DISTRICT EVENTS

Aranya Saptaha commencing 14th July to 21st July is an excellent opportunity for all Clubs of Dist 3291 to engage in mass tree plantation drive

COMING EVENTS!

What's NEWS

Rotary News

“Opening the doors of opportunity quite literally.”

Holger Knaack,

Rotary International President and his fellow member of Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany.



District news



We are delighted to share that our very own DG Sudip Mukherjee is selected as the **SECRETARY** of the **Governors Council of Rotary News Trust for 2020-21.**

Club News

WASH GG project # 18-69981 report has been submitted. Rtn Ranjit has appreciated the report as the best ever report from anywhere in the world in his Rotary career of last 25 years. Members will be mailed the report file. They can go through and learn how reporting is done in Global grant reports

ALL TRAILBLAZING PRESIDENTS OF RY 20-21

I wish you all Hearty Rotary Greetings and on behalf of Dist 3291 Environment Committee, wish you all the very best for a wonderful year ahead Opening Opportunities

As you all are aware, Tree Plantation is one of the major thrust areas of Dist 3291 Environment Committee, and the upcoming Aranya Saptaha commencing 14th July to 21st July is an excellent opportunity for all Clubs of Dist 3291 to engage in mass tree plantation drive, as all varieties of saplings more than 3ft height are on sale at heavily discounted rates and even free in some cases. Our Committee members have been engaging with West Bengal Forest officials, Pollution Control Board, Botanical Survey of India etc over the past few weeks, and we are all looking forward to

leveraging the Aranya Saptaha to meet the tree plantation targets of the District (planting more than 5 lakh trees)

The addresses and contacts of the various Government Nurseries under the West Bengal Forest Department can be found from the Department website, but for ready reference I would like to suggest the following nurseries :

Central Park Banabitan Nursery in Salt Lake ,

Lake Town Nursery next to meeting venue of Rotary Club of Calcutta Lake Town,

Tall Tree Nursery near New Town Thana etc.

Our Environment Committee will provide other ready references well before the commencement of Aranya Saptaha

In addition to the Aranya Saptaha, we would like to plant around 5000 saplings in CRPF premises as part of their tree plantation drive, for which I request whole hearted support from all the District Clubs . We can source all these saplings during Aranya Saptaha. I will share more details about this Project shortly and the budget required

Please feel free to contact me any time as I look forward to your support and co-operation for a hugely successful Aranya Saptaha providing the much needed impetus for mass tree plantation, so critical for clean environment

Yours in Rotary

PP Sudip Sen, Chair, Dist 3291 Environment Committee

ROTARY CITATION RECIPIENTS REPORT 2019-2020



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- Citation Recipient (3 of 3) 1
- Required Activities (2 of 2) 2
- Unite People (3 of 9) 8 ● Take Action (3 of 9) 9
- Presidential Distinction (Up To 3) 4

Birthdays

Rtn Kailash Kr. Tekriwal on 13th July, 2020
Rtn R K Bubna on 17th July, 2020

Minutes of 2410 RCM & 54th Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Belur on the 5th July, 2020

The 54th virtual installation meeting got underway with the welcoming of Rotarians, members, guests and spouses by MC Nikita graciously. More than 75 Rotarians including PDG's and international Rotarians attended this first ever installation meeting. MC Nikita then requested Anne Anita Kanodia to come forward for the auspicious lighting of lamp which was followed by Ganesh Vandana. She was joined by Anne Nivedita Agarwal, Ruby Agarwal and Swati Malhotra.

2410th regular club meeting was called to order by 2019-20 President Ramesh Tiwari with a request to all to rise for the national anthem. The proceedings were passed on to Rotarian Manoj Kumar Agarwal to deliver the welcome address which he consummated effectively. Taking the event forward Rotarian Ramesh Tewari gave an excellent power point presentation about our the global Grant project. MC Nikita then requested Rotarian GD Agrawal to do introduction of our incoming president Alok Kumar Kanodia which he completed with assuredly. Rtn Alope in his address emphasised the need to work together with members by grabbing opportunities to take our club even higher in coming times. As has been a customary practice of our club Rotary Nirmala Saha recited a poem in the honour of Rtn Alok Kanodia taking over as president of this esteemed club.

It was time for the final change over to take place and Rtn Ramesh Tiwari presented the collar, charter president certificate, twin hammer and gavel to install President Alok Kumar Kanodia. President Alok thanked IPP Ramesh Tiwari for all the support extended to him on becoming a successor and expressed his happiness about the diversity of age in a club. On this great occasion, Rotarian G.D. Agrawal and spouse Nivedita together contributed 1600 dollars to

the club for Rotary Foundation and were thus become Major Donors. They were both congratulated by most for having achieved this enviable feat.

President Alope now invited Secretary, Rotarian Amar Malhotra to take the floor and conduct the club business which he concluded in a befitting manner. MC Nikita now requested Rtn Manoj Agarwal to introduce DGN Ajoy Kumar Law who spoke about Rotary values. It was now the turn of Rotarian Anand Aggarwal to introduced guest of honour, DGE Prabir Chatterjee who was quite vocal in expressing the friendliness amongst club and motivated all to use the social platform in an opportune manner for its benefit.

Finally it came upon our PDG Ravi Sehgal to introduce chief guest DG Sudeep Mukherjee is his inimitable style which has over the years has become his hallmark. DG Sudeep emphasised on using Rotary India app for the benefit of club members as it had come up with new applications. He proudly announced that PDG Ravi ji had been selected as a member of nominating candidates to choose the Rotary international President of 2022-23 and mentioned that he truly deserved the honour. It was left to President-elect Indra Goenka to Propose the vote of thanks on the conclusion of it. President Alope terminated the meeting

Rtn Alope Kr. Kanodia, President
Rtn Amar Malhotra, Secretary

Total 372 patients were treated at Club Clinic in June'2020.

WHAT ARE ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS AND OUR ROLE IN SAVING NATURE?

“Environmental ethics is the discipline in philosophy that studies the moral relationship of human beings to, and also the value and moral status of, the environment and its nonhuman contents.”

-Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

The definition of environmental ethics rests on the principle that there is an ethical relationship between human beings and the natural environment. Human beings are a part of the environment and so are the other living beings. When we talk about the philosophical principle that guides our life, we often ignore the fact that even plants and animals are a part of our lives. They are an integral part of the environment and hence cannot be denied their right to live. Since they are an inseparable part of nature and closely associated with our living, the guiding principles of our life and our ethical values should include them. They need to be considered as entities with the right to co-exist with human beings. Thus, it is essential that every human being respect and honor this and use morals and ethics when dealing with these creatures.

As per Nature.com, “Environmental ethics is a branch of applied philosophy that studies the conceptual foundations of environmental values as well as more concrete issues surrounding societal attitudes, actions, and policies to protect and sustain biodiversity and ecological systems.”

According to Wikipedia, “Environmental ethics is the part of environmental philosophy which considers extending the traditional boundaries of ethics from solely including humans to including the non-human world. It exerts influence on a large range of disciplines including environmental law, environmental sociology, ecotheology, ecological economics, ecology and environmental geography.”

