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Recognition of TRF contribution to \*Rotary club of Belur\* at the Foundation Symposium and Recognition at ITC sonar Kolkata, on



Rtn Bhagwan Das Agarwal, Our own Bhanu Babu has been Felicitated to join the Endowment Club, "Urmila Devi Endowment" committing a contribution of 25000 dollars to the ROTARY FOUNDATION.

Heart felt Congratulations on giving our Belur this GIFT.  
This will be added in golden letters in the legacy of Rotary Club of Belur.

## TODAY'S PROGRAMME



On Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March District 3291 organised a POLIO car rally starting from Rotary Sadan. Around 12 members and spouses from Rotary club of Belur participated with their cars to spread the message to **END POLIO**.



MARCH is WATER AND SANITATION MONTH



## Report on Aashiyana Computer Literacy 2.0 Programme

The Aashiyana Computer Literacy 2.0 programme, initiated by the Rotary Club of Belur, aimed to provide computer literacy to the students. To start with Bhattanagar Kulakamini Vidyamandir (H S) and Liluah T R G R Khemka High School (H S) were identified. The programme intended to empower students by enabling them to utilize computers effectively for their academic pursuits.

The Rotary Club of Belur donated 12 computers to the participating schools, with 2 computers allocated to Bhattanagar Kulakamini Vidyamandir (H S) and 10 computers to Liluah T R G R Khemka High School (H S). The computers were provided under the Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust (EIRWT) Helping Grant Project #0450 (2023-24), Rotary International District 3291. This initiative directly benefited a total of 1300 students across both schools.

The inauguration ceremonies took place at both the schools on 16th March 2024. Dr. Sudha Kankaria, Nobel Peace Prize - Nominee, and the pioneer organizer of Save Girl Child in India, graced the occasion as Guest in Chief. Representatives from the Rotary Club of Belur, including President Rtn Amar Kumar Malhotra, Secretary Rtn Suresh Kumar Khunteta, Literacy Chair Rtn Tarun Kanti Pal, Literacy Co-chair Rtn Swati Malhotra, Vocational Service Director Rtn Bhagwan Das Agarwal, PP Kunal Ved, PP Pratima Saraf Rtn Anju Mitra, and Ann Dr. Henna Ved were also present.

The ceremonies at both schools were attended by the respective Headmistress/ Headmaster, teachers and a large gathering of students. Dr. Sudha Kankaria delivered an inspiring address, focusing on crucial societal issues such as the importance of saving girl children, fostering respect and care for women, cultivating positive thinking, and practising meditation for enhanced concentration. Dr. Kankaria conducted a meditation session, actively involving all attendees, including the students. The session left a positive impact on the participants, fostering a sense of well-being and mindfulness.

The Aashiyana Computer Literacy 2.0 programme, spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Belur, stands as a testament to the commitment towards educational empowerment and social upliftment. By providing access to computer education and fostering holistic development through insightful sessions, the initiative has contributed significantly to the academic growth and well-being of the students involved. It serves as a shining example of collaborative efforts aimed at nurturing a brighter future for the youth and the community at large.

This report encapsulates the key events and outcomes of the Aashiyana Computer Literacy 2.0 programme, reflecting the dedication and impact of the Rotary Club of Belur and its esteemed partners.

~Project Chairman Tarun Kanti Pal

## Minutes of the 2519<sup>th</sup> RCM of the Rotary Club of Belur held at HHI on February 24, 2024, at 4:30p.m.

The meeting was attended by 20 members. President Amar Kumar Malhotra called the meeting to order and requested members to rise for the national anthem. This was followed by an invocation to God by Rtn. Kailash Tekriwal.

President Amar Malhotra briefed the members about the District Polio Rally organized to raise awareness for the eradication of Polio, scheduled for March 3rd from Rotary Sadan, and requested members to participate in large numbers.

Secretary Suresh Khunteta announced the upcoming birthdays and anniversaries of the club members and shared details of the scheduled club programs. Birthday greetings and felicitations were extended to Rtn. Ashok Kedia and Sundeep Kumar Choraria.

Rtn Sharad Dugar introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Anwar Saeed. He is a science journalist and social activist. The topic of his speech was "Biodiversity Loss - What Rotarians Can Do."

Mr. Saeed explained the concept of global warming and its relationship with climate change. The use of fossil fuels like coal and crude oil is causing a rise in global temperature, drastically altering climate patterns, potentially leading to a rise in sea levels, rendering the earth inhabitable. This is also resulting in the loss of biodiversity, with thousands of species facing extinction and disturbing the ecological balance.

Prompt and significant initiatives are needed to address this issue.

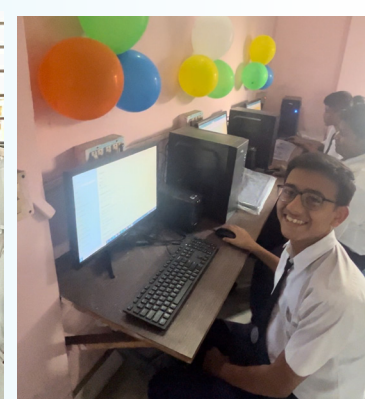
The speech was very thought-provoking.

Mr. Ashok Butta delivered the vote of thanks.

As there was no further agenda, President Amar Malhotra adjourned the meeting and invited all to join the fellowship.

Rtn Amar Malhotra, *President*

Rtn Suresh Ch. Khunteta, *Secretary*



# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day was celebrated on March 9th, 2024, at Pipal Tree Hotel New Town, Kolkata, at 5 pm.

The event was organized by our club in association with JCI Kolkata Dreams and support of Charnock Hospital.

The meeting was well-attended by the members, nursing staff, and lady doctors of Charnock Hospital.

President Amar Kumar Malhotra called the 2520th meeting to order and requested everyone to rise for the national anthem.

Ann Nivedita Mohan performed an invocation of God excellently.

There was a panel discussion on "Breaking Barriers: Empowering Women in the Changing World." The panelists were Rtn. Jaya Butta, Rotary club of Belur, Director (Women Empowerment),

Ms. Madhumita Arnab Chatteraj, Vice Principal of Ashoka Hall Girls High School, JC Tanvi Agarwal, President of Jaycee Kolkata Dreams, Ms. Yuvika Dhar, founder of Veda Yog Shala, and Rtn. Sweta Sharma, Director of Charnock Hospital Kolkata.

First Lady Swati Malhotra moderated the session and conducted it very effectively.

She posed many interesting questions to the panelists, who shared their experiences in their successful careers.

PDG Shyama Shree Sen was the chief guest. She addressed the gathering and was felicitated.

All the panelists, along with the 101 lady doctors and nurses, were felicitated during the occasion.

Ann Chhaya Agarwal concluded the session.



## EVENTS

- 30<sup>th</sup> March - District Holi Milan
- 6<sup>th</sup> April - RCM
- 13<sup>th</sup> April - Club Project
- 28<sup>th</sup> April - DG Visit - Special RCM



- 23<sup>rd</sup> March : Ann Preeti Bhutoria
- 27<sup>th</sup> March : Rtn Jimmy Tangree
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April : Rtn Santosh Kumar Mahta
- 5<sup>th</sup> April : Ann Usha Tiwari
- 6<sup>th</sup> April : Ann Reena Kheria



Delicious snacks

Curated Cultural Programme by Rotarians and family members

Unlimited Thandai

## District Holi & Dol Milan

# BASANT BAHAR

**Saturday, March 30, 2024**  
Time: 6:30 pm onwards

**Eastern Metropolitan Club**  
Santoshpur, Kolkata

**Registration Charges:**  
Rs. 1600/- per head  
Rs. 2800 per Couple

Sumptuous Dinner

Unlimited enjoyment

Rajasthani Musical Party

## Celebrating Women's Day by JCI Kolkata & Rotary Club of Belur

**Honouring women:** For the first time, honouring women on Women's Day an event was organised jointly by Rotary Club of Belur & JCI Kolkata dreams on Saturday. Certificates of appreciation were given away to top doctors, nurses, metrons etc to more than 100 of Charnock Hospital Kolkata along with panel discussion on successful women entrepreneurs on "Breaking Barriers: Empowering Women in a Changing World"

▲ The Statesman

**Chhapte Chhapte** ▲

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ बेलूर और जेसीआई कोलकाता ने संयुक्त रूप से आयोजित कार्यक्रम में रोटरी क्लब ऑफ बेलूर और जेसीआई कोलकाता ड्रिम्स ने शनिवार को शीर्ष डॉक्टरों, नर्सों, मेट्रन आदि चार्नॉक अस्पताल कोलकाता के 100 से अधिक को प्रशंसा प्रमाण पत्र देकर सम्मानित किया। इस बदलती दुनिया में बाधाओं को तोड़ना: महिलाओं को सशक्त बनाना विषय पर सफल महिला उद्यमियों द्वारा फैसन चर्चा का भी आयोजन था।

**Halchal**

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**Dainik Vishwamitra**

जेसीआई कोलकाता और रोटरी क्लब ऑफ बेलूर ने मनाया महिला दिवस

**Sham Ki Jhalak**

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**Launch of Disha - the goal- setting assembly for Rotary in India & Nepal**