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MINUTES OF THE 2509 RCM OF ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR HELD AT HHI ON 23RD SEPTEMBER AT 4:30 PM

The meeting was attended by 25 members.

President Amar 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 Vijay Sharma.

Rtn Sharad Dugar was presented with a certificate and PHF pin for his contribution to TRF.

Secretary Suresh Khunteta shared information about the forthcoming programs of the club and the upcoming birthdays and anniversaries of the club members.

President Amar Malhotra requested Rtn Gaurav Kejriwal to introduce the guest speaker, Mr. Shome Mukherjee, a senior bank professional, leadership mentor, and mental fitness coach. The theme of the speech was time management. He described various stages of stress, its triggers, and how to manage it. He asked the audience to identify their UPQ (Unique Positive Quality) and provided important tips for mental fitness. The speech was interactive and kept the members engaged. The speaker was felicitated by senior Rotarian RK Bubna. Rtn Shankar Ramlingam delivered the vote of thanks.

President Amar Malhotra concluded the meeting and invited everyone for fellowship.

Rtn Amar Malhotra, *President*

Rtn Suresh Ch. Khunteta, *Secretary*



Closure Ceremony of the **WASH PROJECT GRANT# 1869981**

of The Rotary Foundation
Chief Guest



Past RI President
SHEKHAR MEHTA
Guest of Honor



DG HIRALAL YADAV, 3291

Host Sponsoring Clubs :

- RC Belur
- RC Calcutta Chowrenghee
- RC Calcutta North Subarban
- and RC Chandannagar
- alongwith the International Project Club
- RC Danvile/ Sycamore
- and other Clubs of District-5160

Clean Water, Brighter Futures!

A Rotary Global Grant WASH in Schools Success Story in Kolkata & Its Suburbs



In the heart of Kolkata and the nearby districts of Howrah, Hoogly, Midnapore, and Murshidabad, a transformative project has been unfolding over the past few years. This project, initiated in April 2019 and completed in August 2023, aimed to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) to schools, changing the lives of more than 10,000 students and leaving a lasting impact on 20 school communities. The journey was not without its challenges, with the COVID-19 pandemic causing delays and disruptions, but through unwavering dedication, Rotary Clubs from across the globe worked together to make this vision a reality.

The driving force behind this life-changing initiative was a successful collaboration between several Rotary Clubs. The host club, the Rotary Club of Belur, provided the local leadership and dedication needed to see the project through. However, the scope of the project was far-reaching, and it required the support of international partners as well. Rotary Clubs Danville/Sycamore Valley, Danville, Richmond, Alamo, San Ramon, and San Ramond Valley from the USA, along with local partners Rotary Clubs Calcutta Chowrenghee, Calcutta North Suburban, and Chandannagar in India, came together to form a global alliance dedicated to improving the lives of these students.



The project was no small feat, with a total cost of \$1,42,600 US dollars. Yet, the investment was not just in infrastructure but in the future of these children. It aligned seamlessly with the Swachha Bharat Campaign of the Government of India, emphasizing the importance of sanitation and hygiene for the nation's well-being.

One of the distinctive features of this initiative was its focus on schools with girl students. Recognizing that access to proper WASH facilities is a crucial factor in ensuring equal educational opportunities, these schools were given top priority. The project was a comprehensive endeavor that encompassed both hardware and software components. It provided essential WASH facilities, including gender-segregated toilet blocks, handwashing stations, safe drinking water, and even sanitary pad vending machines. But it didn't stop there; it also offered hygiene training to students and conducted capacity-building training for teachers and school managing committees.

The impact of this Rotary Global Grant WASH in Schools Project has been nothing short of monumental. More than 90 percent of the schools now boast clean, well-maintained washrooms and other WASH facilities. These are not just buildings but symbols of dignity and equality for the students who use them. Students, once limited by the lack of access to proper WASH facilities, have undergone a remarkable transformation. They have embraced positive changes in their hygiene practices, which has far-reaching consequences for their overall health and well-being.

Integration of WASH lessons into the school curriculum helped equip students with lifelong knowledge about the importance of sanitation and hygiene. Additionally, schools have established child cabinets responsible for daily monitoring of WASH facilities and hygiene practices.



This success story is further enhanced by two significant achievements. Firstly, the project was part of the "WASH in Schools Target Challenge," a pilot program created to motivate Rotary clubs to develop sustainable WASH and education projects. The challenge, which ended in July 2021, recognized the Kolkata project by awarding ten schools with a prestigious one-star certificate, showcasing the project's dedication to excellence and innovation.

Secondly, the impact of this initiative extends beyond infrastructure and hygiene. It has significantly improved absenteeism rates among students. With access to clean water and sanitary facilities, students are healthier and more likely to attend school regularly, enhancing their educational outcomes. Moreover, it has created a safer environment for girls, giving them the opportunity to finish their education without the fear of inadequate facilities compromising their safety and dignity.

In essence, this Rotary Global Grant WASH in Schools Project has not only transformed the physical landscape of schools in Kolkata and its surrounding districts but has also paved the way for a brighter, healthier future for thousands of students. Through dedication, collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to the cause, Rotary Clubs have exemplified the power of change, proving that with the right resources and a collective will, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of those in need.



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Happy World Heart Day

Rotary Club of Belur Organised on 29th September, 2023 a

WALKATHON

with Charnock Hospital

Message to

- Take Care of your Heart ● Congratulations Event Chair Rtn Shveta Sharma ● 200 Participants
- Thank You all who could make it so early in the morning

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FIRST MEET of Presidents, Secretaries, AGs, ZS and Core Team Members of RY 2023-24

was held on Sunday 8th October 2023 at Utsari Banquet Hall New town Kolkata.

Interactive sessions were conducted on membership, TRF contribution and projects by PRIP Shekhar Mehta, DG Hira Lal Yadav and DRFC sudeep Mukherjee. The sessions were very informative and fruitful for all the attendees. Our club was acknowledged as lead host club of the event and contribution to TRF.



RCC SIT AND DRAW 2nd October Gandhi Jayanti



Our club has organized a sit and draw competition for children on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, 2nd October at RCC AURUPOTA.

Twenty-six children participated, and the event was attended by more than ten members. Thank you all who could make it.



The gift hampers were sponsored by PP Navin Khandelwal.

Congratulations Event Chair Rtn Piyush Doshi for the successful event.

The smile on children faces was invaluable



रोटरी क्लब की सिट एंड ड्रा प्रतियोगिता

कोलकाता, 3 अक्टूबर (नि.प्र.)। एमसीकेवी इंटरैक्ट क्लब और आरसीसी अरूपोटा के साथ रोटरी क्लब ऑफ बेलूर ने गांधी जयंती के अवसर पर बच्चों के लिए सिट एंड ड्रा प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया। 250 से अधिक स्कूली छात्र-छात्राओं और 26 से अधिक धापा क्षेत्र के बच्चों ने भाग लिया। पुरस्कार एवं प्रमाण पत्र वितरित किये गये। पहारों को पीपी नवीन खंडेलवाल द्वारा प्रायोजित किया गया था और अध्यक्ष अमर मल्होत्रा, आरटीएन स्वाति मल्होत्रा, इवेंट चेयर आरटीएन पीयूष दोशी और वरिष्ठ रोटेरियन के साथ संयुक्त रूप से इसका सफलतापूर्वक संचालन किया गया।

Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of MCKV on 3rd October, 2023



BHUMIKA

A new dawn, beginning of ROTARY YEAR 2024-25 Pre Pets Seminar is Dawn of our dear President Elect Anand Agarwal. We wish him the very best year of his life and Lead our club to Greater Glory.



Congratulations

Ajay Agarwal

- District secretary finance

Kishan Kejriwal

- Assistant Governor Service

Indra Goenka

- Assistant Governor Admin

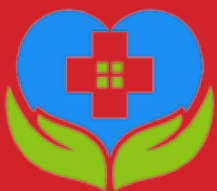
Amitabh Mohan

- Zonal Secretary

Rakesh Bhatia

- District Secretary

Special Projects Chair



Treatment at Club Clinic in September 2023

Total patients treated at Club Clinic LILUAH HOWARH

● September 2023 - 305 Beneficiaries

- report by PP Kishan Kejriwal



9th October :
Ann Kalpana Gupta

14th October :
PDG Ravi Sehgal

16th October : Ann Prava Agarwal

17th October : Rtn Swati Malhotra

18th October : Ann Anita Kanodia

20th October : Ann Ruby Agarwal

20th October : PP Ramesh Tiwari



14th October

: Mahalaya NO RCM

15th October

: 8.30 am Mega Garden Umbrella Distribution at Lansdowne Market.

19th October

: Durga puja pandal hopping for children with Hemophilia

21st October

: Puja adda Details will follow

5th November

: Annual Program at BAL VIKAS KENDRA Program

19th November

: Diwali Meet

25th November

: Regular RCM

DISTRICT PROGRAM :

4th November

: TRF Seminar

18th November

: District Diwali Meet

(Events subject to change)

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