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## MINUTES OF 57<sup>TH</sup> INSTALLATION CEREMONY and 2500<sup>TH</sup> RCM, ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR

No of Attendees : 130 including members, Spouses, Foreign Delegates, Rotaractors, Interactors and 20 District Officials.

Chief Guest : DG HIRALAL YADAV

Honoured Guest : DGE Krishnendu Gupta  
DGN Dr. Shahul Hameed

The 57th installation ceremony was held on Sunday 2nd July at Hotel Hindustan International Kolkata. The chief guest of the programme was District Governor Hira Lal Yadav and Honoured guests DGE Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, DGN Dr. Shahul Hameed (Singapore Dist 3130). The event was a roaring success with a full house attendance.

The programme started well on time at 7 pm with the customary lighting of lamp lead by DG Hiralal Yadav and other dignitaries. It was followed by Ganesh Vandana presented amazingly in the form of a classical dance performance by Pratha Ved, daughter of our member Rtn Kunal Ved.

The installation meeting was called to order by outgoing President Amitabh Mohan followed by recitation of our national anthem and national anthem of Singapore. PP Shankar Ramalingam took over the proceedings of the meeting as the Master of ceremony and requested Installation Committee Chairman Alope Kanoria to come forward and address the gathering. In his welcome address PP Alope thanked all present for taking time out to attend the event and making it a grand success.

This was followed by outgoing President Amitabh Mohan addressing the assembly.

MC Ramalingam now invited outgoing Secretary Rtn Anand Agarwal, to present his report. In his report Rtn Anand highlighted the projects and club assemblies undertaken during the year by our club.

Time had come to install the 57th President and outgoing President Amitabh Mohan after duly introducing Rtn Amar Malhotra installed him as President with the traditional lapelling of the pin, handing over of the Collar, Charter, Hammer and Gavel.



As is customary each year PP Nirmal Saha, our poet Laureate recites a poem in honour of the incoming President and PP Nirmal Da stood upto the task by rendering a beautiful poem in recognition of incoming President Amar Malhotra. Later he along with Rtn Piyush Doshi presented the printed poem in a frame to the President Amar.

President Amar Malhotra in his address tinged with emotions thanked members for giving him an opportunity to serve the club. He went on to share his vision to work towards Creating Hope in the World and presented the layout for programmes to be undertaken during the ensuing Rotary year. President Amar felt members should come forward to give a huge push to project work. And following the principle of all work and no play will make us dull – he proposed members should have more fellowships as well. He then went on to introduce his team for the year 2023-24.

Hereafter, Scholarships to 11 girl students belonging to the NGO Ashiyana were presented in the form for their school fees till they complete class 10.

The proceedings were handed over to Incoming secretary Rtn Suresh Khunteta to conduct club business. He informed members about the forthcoming programmes of our club along with reporting about the the projects accomplished on 1st July. Rtn Suresh wished the club members and spouses for their Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Rtn Dr. Shahul Hameed and Rtn. Mohan Vaswani from Rotary Club of Singapore and Shiv Siddhanth Kaul were inducted as honorary members of the club. Besides Rtn Jimmy Tangree continues as an honorary member of our club.



The highlight of the evening was induction of 1st lady Swati Malhotra as a member of our club. She was introduced by MC PP Shankar Ramalingam.

Shweta Sharma was also approved as a member of the club.

Guest of honour Dr Shahul Hameed of RC Singapore was introduced by PP Rakesh Bhatia. DGN Dr Shahul Hameed in his address mentioned the India connection which his club has in respect to projects and he highlighted that our club was the major partner in many such projects.

Thereafter PP Ramesh Tiwari did the introduction of DGE Dr Krishnendu Gupta in his methodical style that he is known for. This was followed by the speech of DGE Dr Krishnendu Gupta who spoke about his Rc Belur connection.

MC Rama now invited CRFC PP Ajay Agarwal to the dias and he announced the names of members who have pledged or paid more than 500 USD to RI Foundation.

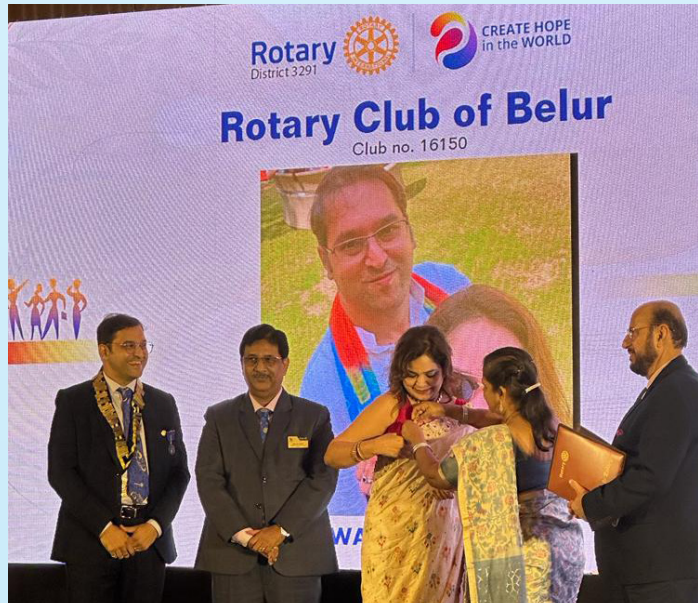
DG Hira Lal Yadav was introduced by PDG Ravi Sehgal in his inimitable manner of planetary interpretation. DG addressed the gathering giving emphasis on growth in membership as well as execution of big projects, fellowship and contribution to Rotary Foundation.

Vote of thanks was given by PE Anand Agarwal. And for the first time in the year President Amar Malhotra terminated the meeting and requested everyone present to join for dinner.

**Rtn Amar Malhotra, *President***

**Rtn Suresh Ch. Khunteta, *Secretary***





# DOCTORS Day Report

In the unfolding of second part of our 1<sup>st</sup> of July plan our club had lined a visit to Charnock Hospital. Here we celebrated Doctor's day by felicitating 11 doctors from the hospital's fraternity. As a token of appreciation the Doctors were presented special certificates, mementos and Uttariyas on the occasion. This section of the project was chaired by Rotarian Rakesh Almal alongwith first lady Swati Malhotra and was ably supported by spouses Neelam Khanna, Madhu Khunteta, Nivedita Mohan and Tanuja Choraria.

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| Dr. Suvendu Mandal   | Dr. Mita Mazumdar    |
| Dr. Nishant Agarwal  | Dr. Shantanu Ghosh   |
| Dr. Parijat Sanyal   | Dr. Sudin Chaudhuri  |
| Dr. Arnab Kundu      | Dr. Dip choudhury    |
| Dr. Col.Tapas Biswas | Dr. Soumya Sen Gupta |
| Dr. Rohit Mishra     |                      |



Our revered and adorable member **Rtn Dr. Rajrani Agarwal** being felicitated by DG Hiralal Yadav on the occasion of Doctor's Day at RCC Arupota.

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHANGE OVER CEREMONY REPORT



Our members participated in a huge manner in the District Governor change over ceremony held on 1st July in G. D. Birla Sabhaghar in the evening. Many members of our club were acknowledged

for their contribution to the Rotary Foundation. The District Governor introduced his team which included so many members from our club taking care of important portfolios in the district.



# WHEEL CHAIR DISTRIBUTION PROJECT REPORT



Our club had an aspiring plan of acknowledging the contribution of Doctors to humanity on 1st July which is celebrated as Doctor's Day. The activities kicked off with our very first project of the year aimed at providing solace to the handicapped in a form wheel chairs. Members gathered at our RCC Auroputa Yuba Bharti Sangh in large numbers early in the day. District Governor Hira Lal Yadav despite pressing engagements was kind enough to make time and attend the event as our Chief Guest. As mentioned by President Amar '11' is the number earmarked for most projects. So 11 wheelchairs were distributed to 11 persons who needed it the most thus providing the much required mobility to them.

The project was even more special because our revered and one of the senior most member Rtn Dr. Rajrani Agarwal who is herself a doctor by profession came forward to sponsor 2 wheelchairs. Our club felt that the felicitation of Doctors should start from within. District governor Hira Lal Yadav felicitated Rtn Dr. Rajrani Agarwal in presence of other district officials and our members.

### ***List of donors of wheelchairs:***

2 nos. Dr Rajrani Agarwal, 2 nos. Rtn Manish Tibrewala  
2 nos. PP Ajay Agarwal, 1 no. Rtn Piyush Doshi

# RI Director Anirudha Roy Chowdhury at The Westin on 30<sup>th</sup> June with Belur and Singapore club members



## SIDDHANT KAUL PROFILE



Mr Kaul is Managing Director, Nicco Engineering Services Ltd; Honorary Consul General, Republic of Korea, Kolkata. He currently serves as Chairman of CII, Eastern Region and has previously served as the President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce.

He is currently enrolled in Harvard Business School's Owner President Management Program and has received his MsE in Operations Research & Financial Engineering from Princeton University and his BA (sua cum laude) with majors in Economics and Computer Science, College of Wooster. His academic research has been published in The Journal of Alternative Investments. Prior to starting his career in India, He was Vice President of Fixed-Income trading at Bank of America in New York.

Mr Kaul has served in volunteer roles as the Honorary Secretary of Alumnorum Societas (St. Xavier's School Old Boya Association) as a Governing Body member at the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, as the President of the Princeton Club of India and as a member of Princeton University's Alumni Committee Executive Council.



- 15<sup>th</sup> July - *Guest Speaker*  
Dr. Niladri Dasgupta, PH.D.  
**Topic: "Evolution of Ganga Ghats"**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July - *Regular RCM*
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July - *Blood Donation Camp at RCC Arupota*
- 29<sup>th</sup> July - *No RCM*
- 30<sup>th</sup> July - *Inauguration of Computer Vocational Centre at Madhyamgram*
- 5<sup>th</sup> August - *Club Charter Day - Details to follow*



Interact Club of M.C.Kejriwal Vidyapeeth

**Topic: Computer Literacy**

**Objective: Learning to teach the speciality abled children and enrich their computer knowledge**

### COMPUTER LITERACY FOR BAL BIKASH KENDRA

The Interactors of M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth helped the students of Bal Vikas Kendra to learn about the basic components of the computer. This wonderful social welfare was done by our students on June 26, 2023. The students of class XII helped the specially abled children and educated them in a fun filled learning experience, engaging them in an interactive way. They got to know about the basic components like monitor, keyboard, mouse, printer, speaker, etc. This helped the Interactors to learn an important skill of teaching. They also improved their communication skills, confidence and teaching ability to specially abled children.

Number of members- 2      Number of people benifitted- 5

Classes involved- 12      District Official present- NO

Joint with any other organization- No



- Kailash Kumar Tekriwal - 13 July
- Rashmi Devi Patwari -14 July

### SPOUSE BIRTHDAY

- Chhaya Agarwal - 8 July
- Kanchan Neotia - 8 July