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Minutes of Meeting No. 2543rd Regular Club Meeting of Rotary Club of Belur held on Saturday 11th January 2025, at 5 pm at Conclave, Kolkata

President Anand Agarwal called the meeting to order and requested all present to rise for the national Anthem. Rtn Manish Bhatte was requested to offer invocation to God. Thereafter Joint Secretary Prashant Maheshwari conducted club business and informed the members about the forthcoming club programmes.

Subsequently, President Anand gave an overview of the Club's activities and a brief report of District Conference held on 3rd to 5th January 2025. He also informed the members about the result of the election held during the District conference of PP Rtn Purnendu Roychoudhury as the DGND and also of PDG Ajay Agarwal as member of the RI Director nominee committee member.

President Anand then introduced the guest speakers of the day, Mr Aritra Sarkar and Mr Harit Ratna and handed over the proceedings to Mr Aritra Sarkar.

In his discourse Mr Aritra Sarkar put forward his views on the philosophy of "Stress to Zest" a bestseller book written by him and reiterated the importance of Mental health and wellness in our life. He then introduced his Mentor and GURU Mr Harit Ratna who is a spiritual mentor and healer and is the founder of "Oneness India" a spiritual wellbeing organisation. Mr. Harit Ratna in his deliberation captivated the members by giving an insight on various spiritual annotations and practices. He detailed that most of our actions are due to a reaction and if we are able to train our mind and work in AWARE state, then all our reactive actions will be reduced and we will achieve a state of peace.

The members were inquisitive and a round of question and answers followed. PP Rtn Rakesh Bhatia proposed the vote of thanks. President Anand then ended the meeting by thanking the speakers for their insights and valuable deliberations. He requested all present to join for fellowship thereafter.

Prashant Maheshwari
Joint Secretary

Anand Agarwal
President

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

WINTER CLUB ASSEMBLY

with
**REGULAR
CLUB
MEETING**

at
**ROYAL CALCUTTA
GOLF CLUB**





Attended the
President-Elect Learning Seminar
held at the prestigious Indian Institute of
Management, Calcutta on
Sunday 19th January 2025.

Thanks to
DGE Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri
and his team for organising this session at IIM.

The sessions by two faculty from IIM shared
valuable strategies on leadership and team-
building. It was truly a privilege to learn and
experience the way Management students are
taught in such an iconic venue.

Rtn Sharad Dugar, PE 2024 - 2025



ROTARY FOUNDATION GLOBAL GRANT GG2572076 APPROVED

Congratulations to Belurians.

We are delighted to announce that The Rotary Foundation has approved our global grant application, amounting to US\$76,100 (approximately INR 65.44 lacs). The grant will fund HPV vaccinations for 2,000 girls aged 9–14.

A heartfelt thanks to Rtn. Bhagwan Das Agarwal (Bhanu Babu) for his generosity and unwavering support. His Directed Gift has been instrumental in making this global grant a reality. This project will be dedicated to his loving wife late Urmila Devi.

DISTRIBUTION OF GOODIES TO PAEDIATRIC CANCER DEPARTMENT

Our club members visited the Paediatric Oncology department at SSKM hospital on Monday 21st January 2025 where Rotary district 3291 has a functional help desk under their project Life Beyond Cancer. We distributed goodies to the in paediatric Patients and also to the OPD patients bringing smiles to their faces. Thanks to First lady Chhaya who as Project chair of this project organised the contributions, collecting it from our members and most importantly thank all the members who came forward and generously contributed to this noble cause. Belur rocks everytime!

**Rotary**
District 3291



ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR

Members and their families
are invited to join in celebrating the

76TH REPUBLIC DAY



**26TH
JANUARY
2025**

at 9.30 a.m.
at Aashiyana Happy Home, Madhyamgram.


*Your presence will make
our celebration more memorable.*

Programme:

- Flag Hoisting at 10 a.m.
- Education Scholarship to 51 Girls
- Sit and Draw
- Patriotic Song Competition

Rtn Manish Bhatia, Project Chair + Rtn Anand Agarwal, President + Rtn Sundeeep Kumar Choraria, Secretary





CLOSURE OF BOOKING for Varanasi and Ayodhya
programme due to overwhelming response by members



Republic Day programme
on 26th January

RCM on Budget on
8th February

RCM on 22nd February



Rakesh Bhatia	26 th January
Santosh Sharma	27 th January
Rita Doshi	31 st January
Madhu Khunteta	2 nd February
Anirudh Saraf	2 nd February



Anand & Preeti Garg	29 th January
Manish & Pooja Tibrewal	31 st January
Arun & Kanchan Mandhana	1 st February
Subhas & Prava Agarwal	5 th February
Aloke & Anita Kanodia	6 th February

DISTRIBUTION OF RATION

12th January 2025 - Today Rotary Club of Belur, Kolkata followed the steps of Swami Vivekananda (his real name was Narendranath Dutta) - TO SERVE MAN IS TO SERVE GOD, on his 161st birthday by doing our bit in supporting 120 Super Seniors with packets of rice, dal, woollen cap, woollen socks, biscuits, blankets, etc. It is sad to see that they are deprived of Happiness by their own family. The truth known to all of us. WE NEED TO BRING A STRONG CHANGE ON SUCH CONDITIONS EXPERIENCED BY MANY.

We salute the founder Mr Sudhir Kr Banerjee of Sarsuna Vivekananda Anudhyam (Estbl 2000) who retired as a Head Master from Sarsuna High School and has dedicated his life serving people. At his age of 82 we were thrilled to his movements and memory. His G+1 house is open to help people. He is strongly supported by his wife and few others for this noble cause. This was a touching day for us. Sharing some moments clicked by us. Members present were P Anand Agarwal with his mother, PN Suresh Khunteta, Rtn Swati Malhotra, Rtn Geeta Bhatia and PP Rakesh Bhatia.

- A report by Director PP Rakesh Bhatia



DISTRIBUTION OF BLANKETS AND GAU SEVA AT ADYAPITH

12 Members with spouses and children visited Adyapith on Sunday the 19th of January 2025 and donated 50 Blankets to the holy trust for distribution among the needy.

The programme got underway with the darshan and receiving blessings of Maa Kali at this famous temple. After the darshan, attendees visited the Gaushala on the premises where they fed cows with jaggery, fodder, and bananas. A donation of Rs 5100/- was also given by members for the Gau Shala.

Later all attendees enjoyed the delicious prasad served there and felt immensely blessed by the experience.

Reported by - Rtn Suresh Khunteta – Project chair

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of Belur, Howrah
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the sum of Rs. _____ (Rupees 50 Blankets)
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General Secretary Cum Trustee _____

N. B. : Donations to Dakshineswar Ramkrishna Sangha Adyapeath are exempt from Income Tax u/s. 80G(5)(vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for AY 2022-23 to AY 2026-27 Vide Order in DIN No. AAATD2442FF2021901 dated 23/09/2021 issued by the Pr. Commissioner of Income Tax / Commissioner of Income Tax.



IMPLEMENTATION MEETING FOR UPGRADING JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY'S ACCESSIBLE LIBRARY

The Rotary Global Grant project to upgrade the Accessible Library at Jadavpur University is a collaborative initiative between the Rotary Club of Belur (District 3291), Kolkata, and the Rotary Club of Danville San Ramon (District 5160), USA, with support from several Kolkata-based and US based Rotary Clubs and the Global Jadavpur University Alumni Foundation (GJUAF) along with Georgia Chapter of Alumni. This project, approved by The Rotary Foundation on January 14, 2025, aims to benefit 125 visually impaired students and research scholars at Jadavpur University while extending accessibility to similar students from other institutions.

The project includes renovating facilities, installing high-end equipment and tactile pathways, soundproofing audiobook cubicles, and training staff and students to maximize the new resources.

On January 21, 2025, a pivotal implementation meeting was held at Jadavpur University, attended by prominent Rotarians, including Rtn Anand Agarwal, President; Rtn Vishnu Dhandhanian, Project Chair and PP Rtn Amitabh Mohan, from Rotary Club of Belur. Rtn Subashis Halder, President, Rtn Srikanta Basu Mallick, Rtn Shubadip Roy, Rtn Ram Prasad Chattopadhyay from Rotary Club of Calcutta North East, Rtn Biren Mallick, Rtn. Syamal Bhattacharya, from Rotary Club of Calcutta South City Towers. The meeting was also attended by Ms. Alokeparna Ghosh, the Project Manager.

From the university, Dr Amitava Datta, Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof Rajyaeshwar Sinha, Accessible Library in-Charge, Dr. Indrajit Banerjee, Registrar and several other notable officials were present. The meeting highlighted Rotary's commitment and unity in supporting inclusive education.

Discussions covered the project's scope and timeline, with actionable points identified. Attendees visited the library, inspected the existing facilities, and engaged with students to understand their needs. Notably, Rtn Anand Agarwal, President of RC Belur, committed to providing additional air conditioners requested by the university.

This productive session reaffirmed Rotary's dedication to fostering accessibility in education for all.

Reported by - PP Vishnu Dhandhanian, Project Chair



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