

Friendship

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Minutes of Winter Club Assembly and 2544th Regular Club Meeting of Rotary Club of Belur held on Friday 24th January 2025, at 7 pm at Royal Calcutta Golf Club, Kolkata

President Anand Agarwal called the meeting to order and requested all present to rise for the national Anthem. Rtn PP Shankar Ramalingam was requested for invocation to God, he recited the English prayer on Lord Almighty. Joint Secretary Prashant Maheshwari thereafter conducted club business and informed the members about the forthcoming club programmes. He also informed the members about the overwhelming response received for the Benaras – Ayodhya trip. Specially curated handcrafted photo momontos were given to members whose birthday and anniversary. President Anand thanked PP Shankar Ramalingam for hosting the Winter Club assembly cum RCM at a wonderful venue of the pristine RCGC.

President Anand then invited the MC and Quizmaster for the evening our very own PP Rtn Nirmal Kr Saha's daughter RJ Ruthline. Ruthline divided the members present in Pve different teams and conducted a fantastically curated mind tingling quiz with all round questions from present and retro themes. Members present had a gala time and enjoyed every moment of the evening. The evening ended with fellowship and piping hot dinner.

Prashant Maheshwari
Joint Secretary

Anand Agarwal
President



TODAY's GUEST SPEAKER



MR. S. M. SURANA

THEME: DECODING THE NATIONAL BUDGET

Mr. S.M. Surana, Advocate was enrolled as advocate in Calcutta High Court in 1967 and practicing Direct Tax since then. He was President of Income Tax Bar Association, Calcutta for three terms. He is also the Chairman of the Taxation Committee of Bharat Chamber of Commerce for more than 10 years. He was also the chairman of the Disciplinary committee of the Bar Council of West Bengal for three terms. He is presently President of ITAT Bar Association Kolkata. He is also the Vice President of Tax Bar Association of Bengal. He is mainly practicing in the Income tax Tribunal and in that connection has appeared before a number of Benches, including Chennai, Patna, Ranchi, Cuttack, Delhi, Bangalore etc. Many of the decisions of the I.T.A.T. represented by him have been published in ITR, ITD Taxman etc. He was honored by the Income tax Appellate Tribunal for his practice in profession by more than 50 years. He was also honored by the Sikh Samaj with Saropa, Shal and Kripan for his advice and consultation on tax matters. He has toured almost the entire West Bengal in connection with the seminars and workshops on tax matters. He is also associated with a number of social organizations.

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention
Resolution Month and World Understanding Month



Exchange Flags

Rtn.V.Sreekumar is the charter member of Rotary Club of Kalady, District 3201, Kerala.

He is a passionate driver and has traveled across India, Nepal in various trips and participated in racing events too.

Now he is on a Great Indian Expedition which will cover thr nook and corner of India understand various cultural, ethnic diversities and touch base all the Districts and UT of India.This is the first attempt done in a self driven vehicle and Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records have notified the same.

HR also plans to cover Rotary Clubs along the way and exchange flags to promote Rotary Fellowship.



ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR'S PICNIC:

A Day of Fun and Fellowship

On 2nd February 2025. Members with their family and friends came together for a delightful picnic at Shiv Shakti Garden, Bakrahat and it was a day filled with laughter, games, and delicious food.

The morning kicked off with a hearty breakfast, featuring a variety of dishes that set the tone for a wonderful day ensuring everyone had the energy to dive into the day's activities.

The picnic area buzzed with excitement. Families and friends participated in a range of fun games, from classic favorites Like Running with Lemon on a Spoon and more creative challenging Games that brought out the competitive spirit in everyone. The laughter and cheers echoed through the park as participants gave their best, enjoying the friendly competition and the joy of being together.

Lunchtime brought another feast, with Hot and Crispy Naan straight from the Tandoor and Variety of mouth watering dishes. The picnic tables were laden with delicious dishes, and everyone enjoyed the meal while sharing stories and catching up with one another. It was a perfect opportunity to create lasting memories.

As the afternoon wound down, the group gathered for more games of Tambola, 7 up 7 down and musical chair. It was followed by Hi-tea with Hot Pakoras accompanied with freshly brewed tea. It was a fitting end to a day of fun and indulgence.

The Rotary Club picnic was more than just a gathering; it was a celebration of community, friendship, and the simple joys of spending time together.

Special Thanks goes to Rtn Sanjay Rampuria and Rtn Swati Malhotra for organising a memorable fun filled picnic.

Report by President Elect Rtn Sharad Dugar









Total of 265 nos. patients were treated at Club Clinic in January 2025.



Subhas Agarwal	9 th February
Vijay Kr. Sharma	15 th February
Manish Bhatler	17 th February
Kabita Tekriwal	20 th February
Animesh Roy	21 st February
Saroj Sharma	21 st February



Manoj & Ruby Agarwal	10 th February
Anju & Ashim Mitra	18 th February
Rajesh & Poonam Berlia	20 th February
Kishan & Sangita Kejriwal	21 st February



RCM - Saturday 22nd February 2025
 RCM - Saturday 8th March 2025
 Joint meeting with RC Singapore on
 Saturday 22nd March 2025
 Benaras Ayodhya Trip of Club
 - 26th March to 29th March

76TH REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION BY ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR AT ASHIYANA HAPPY HOME

A total of 15 members, along with their families, attended the 76th Republic Day celebration on 26th January at Aashiyana Happy Home, Madhyamgram, a home for 220 single-parent children.

The celebration commenced at 10 AM with flag hoisting by our President, Anand Agarwal, followed by the National Anthem.

We organized a sit-and-draw competition on the theme of patriotism, where the children created beautiful artwork. Additionally, exceptional good patriotic songs were sung in the competition, and many children participated with great enthusiasm, which truly overwhelmed the members present.

Two winners from each group were awarded by the club members for their outstanding performances.

The celebration concluded with the presentation of a cheque for Rs 30,000 to the Aashiyana Trust to support the education of 51 girl children at their home.

Project chair- Rtn Manish Bhattar



Rotary Club of Belur 238 city schoolgirls get cervical cancer shots

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Kolkata: The Bengal Obstetric and Gynaecological Society (BOGS) stepped into two schools on World Cancer Day to vaccinate 238 girls against cervical cancer. Even as the Union finance minister during the interim budget in 2024 said the government would encourage cervical cancer vaccination for all girls between 9 and 14 years, not much has moved since. The vaccination in the heart of Kolkata makes it one of the first initiatives in the public domain.

To prepare the ground for the camp organised by BOGS along with the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists International Representative Committee India East and Rotary, they counselled parents of the girls for consent. The vaccination took place in two schools: Surah Kanya School, Beliaghata and Mansoor Habibullah Memorial School, Kudghat.

"Cervical cancer is the second most prevalent cancer in women after breast cancer. It claims a life every eight minutes. Unlike breast cancer, a vaccine can prevent cervical cancer. We are trying to raise more funds so that we can enrol more girls into this vaccination fold," said gynaecologist Basab Mukherjee, president of BOGS. Caused by the HPV (human papillomavirus), which is sexually transmitted, this is the only cancer for which there is a vaccine.

"Since the pathogen of cervical cancer is discovered and a vaccine is available, this cancer can be eliminated through vaccination within the next 20 to 25 years if we vaccinate girls in every household," said professor of laboratory medicine Sankar Sengupta, medical superintendent at CNCL Health experts said that complete vaccination co-

VACCINATION DRIVE

> Cervical cancer is the second leading cancer in women.

The prevalence is higher in rural Bengal

> Cervical cancer is caused by HPV infection, which is sexually transmitted



The vaccination drive underway at a city school on Tuesday

SYMPTOMS



- > Bleeding after intercourse
- > Vaginal bleeding and discharge
- > Pelvic and low back pain

uld cost around Rs 4,000.

Ashish Upadhyay, consultant (medical oncology) at Fortis Anandapur, stressed the importance of regular screening, recommending it for women up to 65 years. "Early detection remains crucial, as treatment options — ranging from surgery to radiation and brachytherapy — can be highly effective, even in advanced stages," said Upadhyay.

Sources in Narayana Health Kolkata, along with Rotary Belur, will also launch a free HPV vaccination for girls in the 9-14 years age group shortly. The vaccine will be available across all Narayana Hospitals.