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TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKERS



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He has been working over the last 26 years in Information Security industry in New Zealand, Singapore and India; the companies he has audited are PWC, KPMG, Tata Steel, SAIL, Capgemini, Genpact, ITC, Airtel, Vodafone, ONGC, National Power Grid, Bandhan Bank, PayU, Vedanta, Accenture, etc. He works closely with CID and Lal Bazaar police department and has been part of cyber cell raids.

He is a regional committee member at Nasscom, IT subcommittee member at CII, Secretary at ISACA Kolkata Chapter, committee Member PRSI (Kolkata Chapter), committee member Indian chamber of commerce.

He is associated with West Bengal Govt - Cyber Security "Center of excellence".

SANJAY JAISINGH is the founder of **Mithri Mitti**, which translates to "Sweet Soil" in Sindhi. It is a dedicated organization working towards environmental sustainability and community development. Its mission is ambitious: To plant 10 million trees.

It has a different approach as the organisation believes in:

1. Educating people about the benefits of plantation. 2. Empowering communities, especially children, to become environmental stewards.

Other Initiatives includes - 1. **Plant Distribution**: We distribute plants to promote greenery. 2. **Environmental Warriors** - We train kids in Surjyapur to become environmental warriors, teaching them about: ✦ Importance of trees ✦ Significance of the Chipko Movement. ✦ Mango Eating Festival ✦ Value of seeds ✦ Sustainable practices ✦ Transforming seeds into saplings.

Some of the Achievements of Mithri Mitti are

✦ Developed two free fruit forests in Surjyapur. ✦ Successfully replanted trees in various locations in Kolkata With a remarkable success rate of over 95%.



Minutes of Rotary Club of Belur - Meeting 2550 - Official Club Visit of District Governor

AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta with the District team on 3rd May 2025 at Hotel Hindustan International at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was anchored by PP Amitabh Mohan and he requested President Anand Agarwal to escort the District Governor AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta to the dais. President Anand declared the meeting open and requested members to rise for the National Anthem.

PP Amitabh then requested Rotarian Nivedita Amitabh for the invocation to God.

1. Opening Remarks:

- Amitabh Mohan began by expressing gratitude to Nivedita for the invocation and acknowledged the distinguished guests and dignitaries present.

May is Youth Service Month



- He thanked the district members for their continuous support and invited President Anand Agarwal and First Lady Chhaya Agarwal to formally acknowledge the attendees.
- Recognized key figures of the District such as Secretary General Anirudhha Guha, District Secretary Amitabh Chakrabarty, Secretary Finance Ajay Agarwal, District Treasurer K.K. Jha, Zonal Sheela Jankiram, PDG and Membership Chair Ravi Shegal, and AG Rotarian Indra Goenka. PP Amitabh Mohan, serving as ZS of Zone 4 & 25 and Aid to the President, was also recognised by President Anand

2. Welcome Address by President Anand Agarwal:

- President Anand expressed heartfelt thanks to DG AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta his spouse Dr. Simran Gupta, and other district officials for being present at this official club visit.
- He reflected on the emotional and proud moment of the official club visit by the District Governor.
- Mentioned the club's growth and improvements over the year, despite some shortcomings, and emphasized the opportunity for the incoming president, Sharad Dugar, to build on the foundation.
- Highlighted the successful inauguration of the Accessible Library for the Visually Challenged at Jadavpur University, a project initiated a year ago and completed in two months, chaired by PP Rtn Vishnu Dhandhanian and led by PP Rtn Amitabh Mohan.
- Celebrated the Cervical Cancer Prevention and Vaccination Project, a significant initiative targeting 5,000 girls with the support of three global grants. He credited PP Rtn Vishnu Dhandhanian for his leadership and Rtn Tarun Pal for exemplary support and field coordination of this project.
- Shared the club's growth from 75 to 87 members, increased female membership, and praised the support for promoting spouse involvement.
- Reflected on the club's accomplishments with 9 global grants totaling Rs.4 crores, supported by international partners like the Rotary Clubs of Singapore and Danville Sycamore Valley.
- Extended deep gratitude to donors, especially AKS Bhagwan Das Agarwal, for contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), and announced a target of \$20,000 for the Annual Fund for the current year.

3. Club Business:

- Secretary Sundeep Kumar Choraria conducted the business segment and announced upcoming events:
 - ⚡ 8th May – World Thalassemia Day
 - ⚡ 10th May – Joint Meeting with Junior Chamber on Cyber Crime at HHI
 - ⚡ 24th May – COTS
 - ⚡ 25th May – District Training Assembly 2025
- Sundeep also presented the club's progress aligned with Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus, including:

⚡ Peacebuilding, Disease Prevention, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education, Community Economic Development, and Environmental Support.

- Special mention of the Interact Club of MCKV, showcasing their projects such as blood donation camps, the banned plastic initiative, computer literacy programs, and fundraising events.

4. Recognitions:

- Dr. Ranjit Chakravorti was graced with honorary membership of the Rotary Club of Belur for his 30 years of dedicated service.
- Citation for Service above Self Award were presented to:
 - ⚡ RTN PP Shankar Ramalingam
 - ⚡ Rtn PP Nirmal Kr Shah
- Special honour to AKS Bhagwan Das Agarwal, presented by PP Vishnu Dhandhanian and PDG Ravi Shegal.
- Additional recognitions included:
 - ⚡ PP Radhe Krishna Bubna pinned as Major Donor
 - ⚡ PP Ajay Agarwal pinned for PHF +5
 - ⚡ Rtn Kailash Tekriwal pinned for PHF +1

5. Interact Club of MCKV's Activity Summary:

- Rishab Kumar Singh and Vineet Khandelwal presented the Interact Club's impactful projects:
 - ⚡ Blood Donation Camp, Plastic Ban Awareness, Computer Literacy Program, and Fundraising for Tribal Education.
- PP Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, Chair of MCKV Interact, and Arnad Sir, MCKV Interact club co-ordinator were recognized for their continued support.
- MCKV celebrates 25 years of Rotary Bal Vikash Kendra, supporting specially-abled children.

6. TRF Fund Collection:

- Annual Contributions from members totaling significant amounts.
- Direct Gift: Bhagwan Das Agarwal's contribution of \$205,105.
- Endowment: \$15,000 from Bhagwan Das.

7. District Governor's Address:

- PP Nirmal Shah introduced and recited a poem in honour of DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta.
- DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta praised the club for its work and congratulated the members for their efforts.
- Special recognition of Bhagwan Das Agarwal for his philanthropic contributions.
- Encouraged the club to increase gender inclusivity and membership retention.
- Urged for continued support towards PolioPlus Fund and Annual Fund contributions.

- Stressed the importance of membership growth and aligning with the RI President-elect Mario's "Triple M" mission.

8. Secretary's Updates:

- District Secretary Amitava provided updates on OCV documentation and the year's highlights, including major conferences and training programs.
- Noted upcoming projects such as Cervical Cancer Vaccination and Literacy Projects.
- Announced the President-Secretary Meet and District RCC Awards scheduled for upcoming dates.

9. Vote of Thanks:

- PE Sharad Dugar extended his gratitude to the dignitaries, especially DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, and acknowledged the collective efforts of the club, district officials, and family support. He thanked PP Amitabh Mohan for being the Master of Ceremony and concluded by reaffirming the club's commitment to growth and service.

Rtn Anand Agarwal
President

Rtn Sundeep Kumar Choraria
Secretary



Total of **279 nos.** patients were treated at Club Clinic in **April 2025.**



Vijay & Dr. Mithu Sharma
- 13th May

Amit & Preeti Bhutoria
- 14th May

Anil & Susmita Jhawar
- 23rd May



Anand Garg - 13th May

Ammit Bhutoria - 14th May

Shankar Ramalingam -
16th May

Upgradation of Accessible Library at Jadavpur University

The accessible library was first born in 2018, nestled inside the Centre of Disability building of the university. It was founded in a room on the ground floor of the central library. Having faced many a hardships In the following years, including the pandemic, dwindling government support, leaving the library with just one outdated Braille printer. The process of converting textbooks into Braille took up to eight months—far too long to meet the urgent academic demands of the students. Critical equipment—digital braille embossers, audio book creators, transliteration software, or even a simple text-to speech converter—was missing. The students were eager to learn, but the system couldn't always keep up.

The turning point came when JU Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Amitava Datta reached out to Dr. Ranjit Chakravorti, President of the Global Jadavpur University Alumni Foundation, USA and a 1961 batch Mechanical Engineering graduate from the University. Deeply moved by the cause, Dr. Chakravorti brought on board his Rotary Club of Danville San Ramon in California. He also reached out to the Rotary Club of Belur in his former hometown, Kolkata, and a Rotary Global Grant project began to take shape. The partnership expanded quickly. Rotary Clubs from Richmond and Chico in California, and from Calcutta South City Towers, Chowringhee, Yuvis, and North East in India, joined in. So did the JU Alumni Association of Georgia, USA, and the Global Jadavpur University Alumni Foundation. Together, they envisioned a modern, inclusive space for visually impaired students. JU alumnus and Rotarian Vishnu Dhandhanian of the Belur club took the lead, and thanks to his commitment, the project received Rotary Foundation approval and Rs 38 lac funding within just two months.

From the initial implementation meeting on January 21, 2025, it took just three months to bring the vision to life. The library now boasts Braille E-Motion devices with speech output in English and Hindi, Readit Zen Max scanners and magnifiers for low vision, DAISY-format audiobook players, Dolphin Publisher software, powerful Braille embossers, and portable as well as desktop video magnifiers. A2 Size multifunction printers and transliteration software made the library more adaptive than ever.

The upgraded library was inaugurated on May 2, 2025.



Vaccinate to Prevent Cervical Cancer



130 students were vaccinated 09.05.2025 at Garden Reach Mudiali Girls High School. The camp was exceptionally well organised by the school which helped in smooth operation. 130 girls were vaccinated in 2 hours. The girls were brave and the highest point was Anushka Pramanick treating us to her fine rendition of Tagore's 'khola hawaye' just after her vaccination.



1st dose Vaccine has been given to 79 girls at Howrah Jogesh Chandra Girls School on 07.05.2025



সাঁভাইক্যাল ক্যান্সারের সফল টিকাকরণ স্কুলে

সৌমিত্র ঘোষ

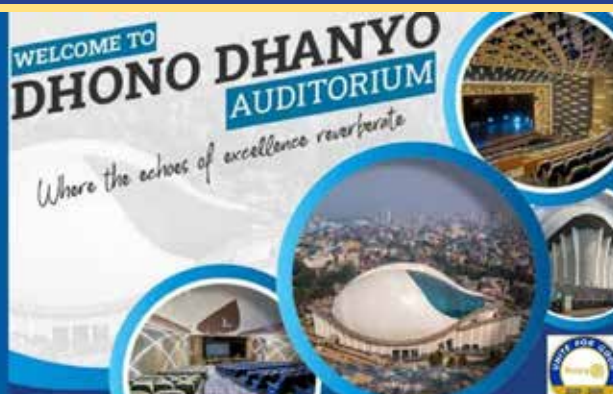


টিকা নেওয়ার পরে পদযাত্রা — এই সময়

শিবপুর হিন্দু গার্লস

সচেতনতা শিখিরের একমাত্র পুরে ৩০০-র বেশি ছাত্রীকে সাঁভাইক্যাল ক্যান্সার বা জন্মস্থান ক্যান্সারের প্রতিরোধক টিকা দেওয়া হলো হাওড়ার শিবপুর হিন্দু গার্লস হাইস্কুলে। রোটারি ক্লাব অফ বেঙ্গল এবং শিবপুর হিন্দু গার্লস স্কুলের যৌথ উদ্যোগে গত ২৫ মার্চ এই স্কুলে পঞ্চম থেকে নবম শ্রেণির ছাত্রীদের অভিভাবক-অভিভাবিকাদের জন্য সচেতনতা শিখিরের আয়োজন করা হয়েছিল। শিখিরে বিশেষজ্ঞ চিকিৎসক

টিকা নেওয়া থাকলে এই রোগে আক্রান্ত হওয়ার সম্ভাবনা ৯০ শতাংশ পর্যন্ত কমে যেতে পারে, এ কথা অভিভাবকদের কাছে ব্যাখ্যা করে বলা হয়। যদি ৯ থেকে ১৫ বছর বয়সের মধ্যে মেয়েদের টিকা দেওয়া হয়, তবে এই টিকা সব থেকে বেশি কার্যকরী হতে পারে। ওই বয়সের মেয়েদের ৯ মাসের ব্যবধানে দু'টি টিকা নেওয়া থাকলে, সারা জীবন নিশ্চিত। এই ভ্যাকসিন বিনামূল্যে সরবরাহ করেছে রোটারি ক্লাব। এ দিন শিবপুর গার্লস স্কুলের মোট ৩০৫ জন ছাত্রীকে টিকা দেওয়া হয়েছে বলে জানান স্কুলের প্রধান শিক্ষিকা সেকলীনা চট্টোপাধ্যায়। তিনি জানিয়েছেন, স্কুলের পঞ্চ থেকে ছাত্রীদের অভিভাবকদের প্রত্যেকের কাছে থেকে লিখিত অনুমতিপত্র নেওয়া হয়। যাঁরা অনুমতি দিয়েছিলেন, তাঁদের মেয়েদেরই টিকা দেওয়া হয়েছে।



BLOCK THE DATE

SUNDAY
25th May 2025

TIME
9 am to 5 pm

VENUE
Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium

RC KABITIRTHA CALCUTTA PRESENTS

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY 2025



Dr. Ramendu Hom Chaudhuri

DG - 2025 26
RID 3291

Registration Open Soon

Upcoming
EVENTS
by
ROTARY

24th May, Saturday
COTS - details to follow.

25th May, Saturday
District Traing Assembly 2025

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