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## Minutes of Club Meeting no 2531 and Charter Day held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024, 4.30 pm at ISKCON House

Please find below the minutes of our Rotary Club of Belur meeting No. 2531, held on August 3, 2024, in celebration of our Charter Day.

**Date:** August 3, 2024 ✦ **Time:** 4:30 PM

**Venue:** ISKCON House, 22 Gurusaday Road, Kolkata 20

**Attendance:** Total Members spouse and family: 113

**Special Attendee:** Past President of Rotary Club of Belur,  
Rtn PP Suresh Vijayvarghia

The meeting was marked by a significant turnout and was enriched by the presence of Belurians. The inclusion of friends and family members created a warm and engaging atmosphere.

### Highlights of the Meeting:

#### 1. Musical Performance:

- The national anthem was beautifully played on the violin by Master Atharva Mohan, son of Past President Amitabh Mohan and Rtn. Nivedita Amitabh

#### 2. Invocation of God:

- A heartfelt recitation was performed by Ann. Shailja Bhatler.

#### 3. Opening and Club Legacy:

- President Anand Agarwal called the meeting to order, led the assembly in rising for the national anthem, and reminded members of the club's legacy and contributions to society. He requested strength from the divine to continue this legacy.

#### 4. Club Bulletin:

- Bulletin Vol: 58 No: 4 featured a picture from the Foundation Day meeting of Rotary Club of Belur, showcasing members and their fellowship.

#### 5. Club Business:

- The minutes from meeting No. 2530 were approved, supported by PP Amitabh Mohan and PP Amarnath Choudhury and approved by all the members present.

## TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER



### Dr. Vivek Sharma

Orthopaedic Surgeon

### Topic: *The Joy of Wellness*

Dr. Vivek Sharma, an orthopaedic surgeon specializing in knee and hip care, excels in performing various minimally invasive procedures, arthroscopic surgeries, as well as acetabular and pelvic surgeries. Known for instilling a sense of positivity in his approach to healing, Dr. Vivek obtained his medical education in Kolkata before pursuing advanced studies abroad. His expertise includes a master's degree in knee and hip surgery from the National University Hospital in Singapore and specialized training in foot and ankle surgery at Guro Hospital in Korea. With over 20 years of experience in knee and hip surgeries, Dr. Vivek Sharma has garnered a reputation for restoring mobility and joy to many individuals, enabling them to enjoy a high quality of life.

Currently, he leads the orthopaedic department at Narayana Health in Howrah Branch, having previously contributed his skills to RTIICS Hospital Kolkata, Medica Hospital Kolkata, and Peerless Hospital Kolkata. Dr. Vivek has shared his knowledge through numerous lectures across India and globally and is actively involved in reputable orthopaedic associations.



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<b>15th August:</b>	<b>Independence Day Flag hoisting and tree plantation at RCC Uluberia 10 AM</b>
<b>19th August:</b>	<b>Blood donation at Nehru Children Museum - 11am onwards</b>
<b>21st August:</b>	<b>Cervical Vaccination awareness camp at Amraguri with RC Chowringhee under the global grant - 11am</b>
<b>23rd August:</b>	<b>Installation Meeting of MCKV Interact club 10 AM</b>
<b>24th August:</b>	<b>RCM... 4:30 PM</b>
<b>31st August:</b>	<b>District Membership Seminar</b>



**Jaya and Ashok Butta - 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**

- Secretary Sundeep Kumar Choraria announced birthdays and greetings
- Announced upcoming events:
- August 10: Inauguration of RCM and Toilet Block at Kulkamini Girls School, Liluah.
- August 15: Independence Day program and Formation of RCC Ulberia. Members were encouraged to participate in large numbers.

**6. Recognition and Contributions:**

- Two PHF pins were awarded:
- PHF +1 pin to Secretary Sundeep Kumar Choraria by PP Subash Agarwal.
- PHF pin to Rtn. Swati Malhotra by Rtn. Santosh Shingal.

**7. Member Engagement:**

- President Anand Agarwal invited members to share their views and experiences of the club's history.
- PP Vishnu Dhandhanian spoke about the Rotary Foundation and the importance of contributions.
- During the meeting, President Anand Agarwal announced a significant contribution by the Rotary Club of Belur to The Rotary Foundation. The club has committed to a contribution of USD 50,000 during the year. Of this, USD 25,900 has already been sent to the RI South Asia Office in the month of July 24 itself. The contribution sent has been equally matched by our DG AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta. Thus effectively, contribution of Rs USD 51,800 has been made to TRF. This announcement highlights our club's substantial support and dedication to the foundation's efforts.
- PP Vishnu Dhandhanian encouraged increased contributions from both new and existing members.
- PP Ajay Agarwal urged members to donate to the Polio Fund by September 30, 2024, with a personal pledge of USD 100 every year until Polio is completely eradicated.
- Rtn. Bhagwan Das Agarwal was recognised as the first Major Donor Level III in our club with a USD 52,000 contribution.
- PP Ajay Agarwal (CRFC), PP Sunil Jain (Chairman of TRF), PP Vishnu Dhandhanian (Global Grant Chair), President Anand Agarwal, and Secretary Sundeep Kumar Choraria announced that our club has achieved 100% MPH status by the support of our members.

**8. Fun and Entertainment:**

The theme of the Charter evening was Retro and many members were dressed in their retro attire, noteworthy amongst them were

- Rtn Swati and PP Amar Malhotra as Amitabh and Zeenat Aman
- Rtn Sweta Sharma as Zeenat Aman
- Ann Preeti Garg as Zeenat Aman
- Secretary Sundeep Choraria and Rtn Tanuja as Rajesh Khanna and Mumtaz
- PP Ajay Agarwal (CRFC) recited a beautiful poem on "SMILE."

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening Rtn Prashan Maheshwari and Ann Namrata Maheshwari then took over for the evening musical programme and sung beautiful song to kick off the evening.

Retro songs were sung by PP Sunil Jain, PP Vishnu Dhandhanian, Rtn Nivedita Amitabh, Rotallette Aradhya Mohan, PP Rakesh Bhatia and Rtn Geeta Bhatia, Rtn Prashant Maheshwari and Rtn Swati Malhotra, Ann Anju Bajaj and Rtn Sanjay Bajaj

- Secretary Sundeep and Tanuja's performed on dialogue and dance.
- The cake cutting ceremony was a unique surprise experience with President Anand rolled in to the hall in an egg in the theme of the movie Amar Akbar Anthony.
- A lively dance featuring President Anand Agarwal as "Antony," PP Amar Malhotra as "Amar," and PP Amitabh Mohan as "Akbar," was enacted on the song "Amar, Akbar, and Antony."

Thereafter, Mr. Anurag Mohta engaged all the members in a flash mob dance followed by a mimicry performance which was enjoyed and appreciated by all. Mr Mohta was invited by Rtn. Sanjay Rampuria and acknowledged by President and First Lady Chhaya Agarwal.

The evening also featured Mr. Pramod Singh's mesmerising song performance introduced by Amar Malhotra and acknowledged by President and First Lady Chhaya Agarwal.

The meeting concluded with a vibrant and enjoyable evening, enhancing the fellowship among members.

*Rtn Anand Agarwal, President  
Rtn Sundeep K Choraria, Secretary*



Rtn Aditya Neotia	11 <sup>th</sup> August	Rtn Piyush Doshi	21 <sup>st</sup> August
Ann Usha Bubna	14 <sup>th</sup> August	Rtn Sanjay Bajaj	22 <sup>nd</sup> August
Rtn Hare Krishna Prasad	20 <sup>th</sup> August	Ann Anju Bajaj	22 <sup>nd</sup> August



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**RLI - PART III**

**Venue: Rotary Sadan, Kolkata**  
**Date: 18.08.24**  
**Time: 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM**  
**Registration: Rs 1416 (Rs 1200+GST)**  
(Including Study Materials, Breakfast & Lunch)

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*A Leadership Programme for Rotarians*



**Independence Day Program**

**Rotary District 3291**

**স্বরাজ Swaraj**

**15 August 2024**  
**Alipore Jail Museum**

**Programme**  
Alipore Jail Museum Visit (optional)  
4.00 PM - 5.30 PM  
(Ticketed tour @ ₹ 30/- per person)

**Programme : 6.00 PM - 8.00 PM (Auditorium / Hall)**  
\* Talk show on our independence by descendants of Freedom fighters  
\* Recitation  
\* Musical performance  
**Attendance complimentary**

Stephanie A Urchick  
R I President  
2024 - 2025

Dr Krishnendu Gupta  
District Governor  
2024 - 2025

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**BREAKING NEWS**

✦ The concerned Endowment Gift named "Urmila Devi Endowment Fund" was established with a total contribution of \$25,000, completed through the last contribution of Rtn B D Agarwal dated 30th July 2024.

✦ We are pleased to state that Rtn. B D Agarwal Ji is recognized as a Major Donor Level 3 with a Total Giving of \$52,132.62 as of 5th August 2024. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to him for his generosity and support to TRF.

**Rotary Foundation (India)**