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This Week's Spotlight: RCM on Global Grants and Projects

Our Warmest Welcome to
President SHARAD DUGAR
and his Team



We extend a warm welcome to our PRESIDENT SHARAD DUGAR, Secretary Prashant Maheshwari and his dedicated team, as they take the helm for the New Rotary year. Together, we look forward to your leadership, vision and perseverance in guiding our club towards newer achievements. Cheers to a year of inspiration and success!

Cultural Event Report:

DADA DANI KI KAHANI
On June 18th, 2025, the Rotary Club of Belur, in association with Sanskriti Parichay and Next Scene, successfully hosted "Dada Dani Ki Kahani" at Rotary Sadan.

The event began with a traditional lamp lighting, followed by a welcome address by Rotarian PP Pratima Saraf. The main feature was a value-driven stage performance by children. Despite the rainy weather, the venue was packed, showing a strong community appreciation for culture.

The program concluded with inspiring remarks on cultural heritage, a vote of thanks by Rotarian Suresh Khunteta, and the distribution of certificates and appreciation tokens to all participants by Rotary members. The event was well-attended by 20 members of the Rotary Club of Belur and many other distinguished guests, marking it a successful celebration of culture and tradition.



RCM Minutes Rotary Club of Belur Minutes of the 2555th Regular Club Meeting held on 30th June 2025 at Haldiram Banquet, Kolkata



Pre-Meeting Ceremony – Crowning of the Jewel

Before the meeting commenced, the ceremonial Jewel of Office was respectfully crowned on President Rtn. Anand Agarwal by veteran Past President Rtn. Gouri Shankar Sarada, in a gesture rich with tradition, legacy, and honour.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President. All members were requested to rise for the National Anthem, sung with reverence and pride, followed by the Invocation of God, led with grace by Rtn. Swati Malhotra.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the 2554th Regular Club Meeting were read and unanimously confirmed by the house.

Occasion: Last Regular Club Meeting of Rotary Year 2024–25

The 2555th Regular Club Meeting marked a historic milestone and a deeply emotional close to a memorable Rotary year.

The President warmly welcomed everyone to this final meeting of the Rotary year 2024–25, expressing heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support, love, and spirit of service shown by every member throughout the year.

President's Address

In his closing remarks, the President expressed that this Rotary year was a journey of transformation — filled with meaningful projects, warm fellowship, and emotional fulfilment.

He acknowledged the contributions of every member — whether through presence, ideas, execution, financial generosity, or moral support — affirming that the year's accomplishments were

possible only because of the collective strength of the club.

He celebrated the teamwork, empathy, and humility that defined the club's ethos and reaffirmed that:

"In the book of Rotary Club of Belur, this year will remain a heartfelt chapter — not just because of what we did, but because of who we did it with."

The President concluded by formally handing over responsibilities to the incoming leadership with trust, optimism, and best wishes.

Secretary's Address

The Secretary extended his warmest gratitude to every member present and those who contributed silently throughout the year.

He reflected on a journey built on trust, resilience, and affection, noting:

"As Secretary, I was blessed to witness the strength of our collective spirit. This year, Rotary wasn't just a duty — it was an embrace."

He gave heartfelt thanks for:

- Active participation
- Fellowship and unity
- Financial and logistical support
- Emotional and moral encouragement

He shared personal anecdotes, including how club support during his daughter's wedding reflected the club's genuine bond.

He especially acknowledged the unsung heroes — those who offered help quietly, selflessly, and without seeking recognition.

Member Reflections & Acknowledgements

It was truly inspiring to witness many members voluntarily come forward and announce the wonderful work accomplished during the year.

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Health in Focus: CERVICAL CANCER Vaccination Project Updates

CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION CAMP - Ultadanga Government Sponsored Higher Secondary School

The Rotary Club of Belur, in association with the Rotary Club of Aabahamaan Kolkata and Narayana Superspecialty Hospital, Howrah, successfully organized the 1st Dose Cervical Cancer Vaccination Camp at the Ultadanga Government Sponsored Higher Secondary School for Girls under Global Grant No. 2459371

This school-based vaccination initiative was held in two phases:

- Phase 1: Held on 25th June 2025, where a total of 150 girls received their first dose of the HPV vaccine.
- Phase 2: Conducted on 2nd July 2025, with 127 vaccinations administered.

In total, 277 girls were vaccinated over the two phases.

Rotary Club of Belur members participated on both the days enthusiastically including Rtn. Tarun Kanti Pal, IPP Anand Agawal, Rtn. Sundeep Kumar Choraria, Rtn. Shiv Kumar Lohia, Manish Bahety, Rtn. Kunal Ved, Rtn. Sanjay Rampuria, Rtn. Divishha Banthia, Mr. Samkit Dugar (son of President Rtn. Sharad Dugar)

Mrs. Madhushree Das, Headmistress of the school, provided crucial support in organizing the camp effectively. The medical team from Narayana Superspecialty Hospital performed their duties with great efficiency and professionalism.

Executive Assistant Ms. Preetika Sarkar and Field Staff Mr. Hrishikesh Bhattacharjee offered outstanding logistical support to ensure the smooth running of the camp.

CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION CAMP - Hemnagar Hemchandra Smriti Vidyamandir

Rotary Club of Belur, under the Urmila Devi Agarwal Memorial Cervical Cancer Prevention Project - Global Grant Project #25-72076; held an informative camp for the potential audience at Hemnagar Hemchandra Smriti Vidyamandir, Biradangi, Howrah with their hospital partner, Narayana Hospital, Howrah.

As part of RCB's ongoing Cervical Cancer Prevention Campaign targeting adolescent girls, a vaccination camp was conducted on 1st July 2025. During this event, 58 girls aged between 9 and 14 years received their first dose of the HPV vaccine. This critical initiative aims to protect young girls from cervical cancer through timely immunization.

The event was led by President Sharad Dugar and Project Chair Tarun Kanti Pal, with crucial support from Executive Assistant Preetika

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- 6th & 7th July 2025 - 7 am Plantation Drive at Ulluberia and Gadiara
- 7th July 2025 - Awareness Camp at Ramkrishnapur Balika Vidyalaya, Shibpur (2:00 PM)
- 8th July 2025 - Awareness Camp at Bantra Rajlakshmi Balika Vidyalaya, Tikiapara
- 9th July 2025 - 1st dose vaccination at Howrah Ramkrishna Adarsha Balika Vidyalaya, Shibpur (11:00 AM)
- 11th July 2025 - Ushagram Trust, Ushagram, Nadia (12:00 PM)
- 19th July 2025 - 6 30 pm Installation Ceremony at Hotel Hindustan International

Rotary Club of Belur participates in District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri's Changeover Ceremony

They took time to:

- Celebrate milestones
- Acknowledge contributions of fellow Rotarians
- Appreciate the tireless dedication behind each successful project

Their reflections captured the emotional depth, sincerity, and unity that made the Rotary year extraordinary.

Their words served as a reminder that teamwork, compassion, and gratitude are the real pillars of service.

Announcements

- Next RCM: 5th July 2025 – First Regular Meeting of the new Rotary Year, chaired by Incoming President Rtn. Sharad Dugar
- 59th Installation Ceremony: 13th July 2025 at Hotel Hindustan International

Closing Recognitions & Celebrations

The evening featured:

- Emotional tributes from past and current leaders
- Warm appreciation for Rotarian families
- Encouraging messages for the new leadership

The Secretary expressed confidence that the next year will carry forward the legacy with renewed energy and grace.

Adjournment

With gratitude in hearts and hope in eyes, the meeting was formally adjourned by the President.

Fellowship

Members gathered for a joyful celebration over dinner with live music, memories, and laughter.

Hugs, smiles, and heartfelt conversations reflected the deep bond of the Rotary family.

Anand Agarwal, *President* Sundeep Kumar Choraria, *Secretary*

The Rotary Club of Belur marked its strong presence at the District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri's Changeover Ceremony for Rotary International District 3291, held at the prestigious Bhasha Bhawan in the National Library, Kolkata. Over 15 dedicated members from our club attended the significant event, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to the district's leadership and vision.

The ceremony commenced with a patriotic start, as attendees stood for the National Anthem, followed by a unique "Green Inauguration," where Past District Governors symbolically watered plants to signify growth and new beginnings.

The event celebrated the remarkable achievements of the outgoing leadership. Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta took the stage to share a historic milestone: under his guidance, District 3291 became a "Million Dollar District" for the first time in its history by contributing over one million dollars to The Rotary Foundation. In his speech, IPDG Krishnendu gave

special applause to three members whose extraordinary generosity made this possible. It was a moment of immense pride for the Rotary Club of Belur as our own member, Rotarian Bhagwan Das Ji, was recognized for his monumental contribution of over \$250,000 to the foundation. Rotarian Bhagwan Das Ji was present to receive this well-deserved acknowledgment.

Looking to the future, the Incoming District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchoudhuri for 2025-26 shared his forward-looking vision. He emphasized two primary goals: a significant increase in membership and a dedicated focus on making the Thalassemia awareness and prevention project a flagship initiative. To powerfully symbolize this commitment, a mascot for the Thalassemia project was unveiled and presented to all Past District Governors.

The event concluded with another moment of immense pride for our club. During the announcement of the new district team, our very own esteemed member, PDG Ravi Sehgal ji, was appointed to the vital role of Vice District Governor. This appointment is a testament to his leadership and dedication, capping off a truly memorable and inspiring evening for the Rotary Club of Belur.



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Sarkar and Field Staff Hrishikesh Bhattacharjee, ensuring smooth coordination and execution of all activities.

Sri Kamal Kumar Patra, Headmaster of the host school, along with a team of dedicated teachers, provided wholehearted support in organizing and managing the camp effectively.

The medical team from Narayana Hospital, Howrah, comprised two trained nurses, one administrative staff member, and Camp Coordinator Bandana Mohanty, who meticulously adhered to all healthcare protocols during vaccination procedures.

A plaque commemorating the partnership between Rotary Club of Belur and Hemnagar Hemchandra Smriti Vidyamandir in their mission to support Cervical Cancer Awareness & Prevention Project was handed over to the Headmaster of the School by Rtn Sharad Dugar, President of Rotary Club of Belur.

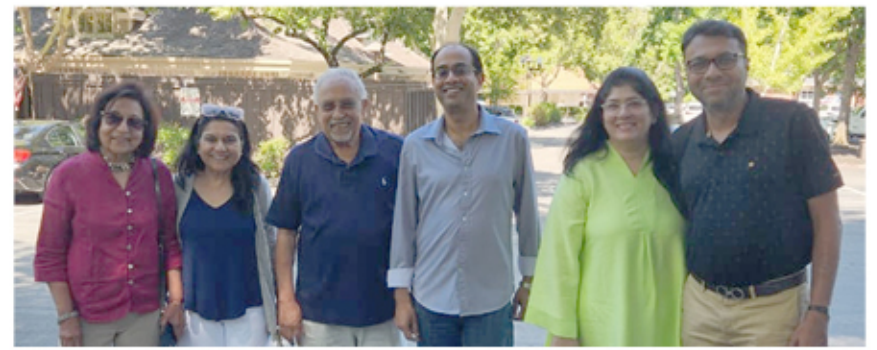
Beyond medical service delivery, the event also served as a significant awareness initiative, emphasizing the importance of early vaccination and community participation in disease prevention.

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The Members' LOUNGE

Chhaya and I had the good fortune of having an interaction on 2nd July for lunch with our Hony member Rtn Ranjit Chakravarti of RC Danville Sycamore Valley California USA together with his gracious wife Sunanda Boudi. He also introduced me to the chairperson of Prabasi Bharatiya, the association of Bengalis in California Mr Saikat Paul and permanent Director Ms Samita Sen. It was a warm meeting with exchange of pleasantries and talk on various work being done by RC Belur and prospects of future projects in and around Kolkata with the Prabasi Bharatiya and RC Danville Sycamore. - IPP Anand Agarwal



A GLORIOUS ROTARY MOMENT - CELEBRATING OUR IPP'S GLOBAL IMPACT

Our beloved Immediate Past President Rtn. Anand Agarwal and First Lady Rtn. Chhaya Agarwal proudly represented the Rotary Club of Belur at the installation of the 91st President of RC Singapore and DG Shahul, our Honorary Member.

A special highlight was the flag exchange with RC Novena, Singapore, our valued Global Grant partner. They also had enriching interactions with Rtn. Lalit Sharma of RC Singapore Heartlands (another Global Grant partner), our DG Rtn. Krishnendu, and DGN 3310 Rtn. Senthill during the installation.

Rotary Club of Belur Celebrates Doctors' Day

First day of July was truly a meaningful day for all of us at Rotary Club of Belur as we celebrated *Doctors' Day* — a day to honour the dedication, care, and service of our medical community.

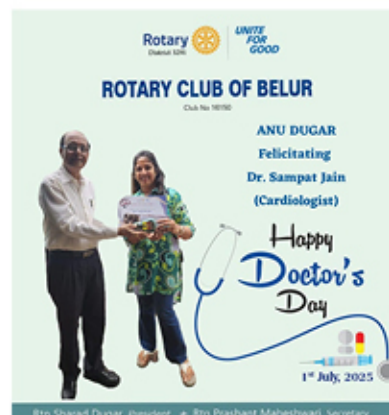
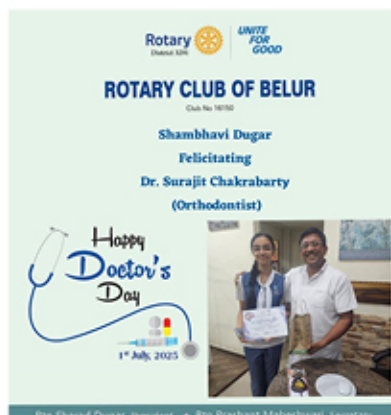
Our members visited several hospitals to personally thank 27 doctors and show our appreciation for their work. We went to:

1. Dental World
2. Charnock Hospital
3. Susrut Eye Foundation
4. Narayana Multispeciality Hospital
5. And a Cervical Vaccination Camp where 108 girls were vaccinated.

At each place, we shared small tokens of gratitude and had heartwarming interactions with doctors and staff. One special moments were felicitating Dr. Rajrani Agarwal and Dr. Heena Ved for their contributions in community health work.

Overall, it was more than just a celebration — it reminded us of our core values: Service Above Self, compassion, and working together for a healthier future.

Grateful to all our heroes in white coats. Thank you for doing what you do, every single day.



Erratum Notice

The Minutes of RCM 2546th was inadvertently omitted from our earlier Bulletin. we sincerely apologise for this oversight and it is being reproduced below:

RCM Minutes Rotary Club of Belur Meeting No. 2546 – Celebrating Women & Service on 8th March 2025 at Hotel Hindustan International, Kolkata

Meeting Highlights:

The meeting was brought to order by PP Rtn. Pratima Saraf, marking a vibrant gathering that blended club business with a spirited celebration of International Women's Day.

- National Anthem was sung by all present.
- Invocation to God set a solemn and graceful tone to begin by Ms. Sweta Juthani
- Tribute: Remembering Rtn. Ashok Singhal ji
- A two-minute silence was observed in memory of our respected member.
- PP Rtn. Sarda ji and PDG Rtn. Ravi Sehgal ji offered heartfelt tributes, recalling the contributions of C.P. Singhal ji, especially his efforts in uplifting the Bhangar Basti.

Women's Day Celebration

- Chairperson PP Rtn. Pratima Saraf extended a warm welcome to all, especially the women, acknowledging their strength and contributions.
- She shared a light-hearted yet meaningful thought, extending Women's Day wishes to the men too — "because in woman is man, and in female is male — we complement each other!"

Club Business

- The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd February 2015 at HHI were confirmed without corrections.
- President Rtn. Anand and Rtn. Chhaya Agarwal sent in a recorded message from the Rotary Club of Chadstone-East Melbourne, which is celebrating its 50th year.

Special Guests & Speaker Session

- Rtn. Nivedita Mohan introduced the evening's speakers:
 - Ms. Alka Mehta
 - Ms. Sweta Juthani

The dynamic duo shared insights into the world of women entrepreneurs, describing how they began their

chocolate business from home, which has now grown into a multi-crore enterprise — a true inspiration!

Interactive Quiz

- An engaging quiz on Women in Rotary and their journey of induction and contributions globally was hosted by PP Rtn. Pratima Saraf, with enthusiastic participation from members.

Cervical Cancer Project Update

- IPP Amar Malhotra and PP Rtn. Kunal Ved shared updates:
 - Phase 1 of 1200 doses completed.
 - Phase 2 launched with generous support from Rtn. Bhagwan Das ji.
- DG AKS Rtn. Krishnendu Gupta inaugurated an awareness camp with 350+ parents participating.
- 7-8 more camps planned.
- 3rd Global Grant project in the pipeline.
- IMGL Rourkela has contributed CSR funds for 500 vaccine doses for Rourkela.
- Rtn. Amitabh announced that the Rotary International magazine has published a 2.5-page feature on the cervical cancer initiative — a proud moment for RCB!

Upcoming Events

- tn. Prashant Maheshwari informed members about a joint meeting with our sister club, Rotary Club of Singapore, scheduled for 22nd March 2025 at Bengal Club.
- Rtn. Rakesh Bhatia shared updates on the Wheelchair Distribution Project.

A Special Gesture

- Thoughtful gifts were presented to all ladies present, marking the spirit of Women's Day with warmth and gratitude.

Closing Note

The meeting concluded with fellowship, joy, and heartfelt appreciation for women, our guest speakers, and the power of service.

Anand Agarwal, *President*

Sundeep Kumar Choraria, *Secretary*

HOMAGE

Our heartfelt sympathies are with IPP Anand Agarwal on the profound loss of Late Shri Ram Bilas Mehmia Ji who was a family and a father-figure to him. Rotary Club of Belur stands with him in his sorrow and pray that the departed soul attain eternal peace

!! श्री बिहारी जी शरणम !!

"सर्वे सत्यं परं धर्मम्"
सत्य ही परम धर्म है



SHRI RAM BILAS MEHMIA
17/07/1947 - 29/06/2025
(Son of Late Murari Lal ji Mehmia)

With profound grief, we inform the sad demise of
Shri Ram Bilas Mehmia on 29th June 2025

Baithak
Sunday, 6th July 2025 from 2pm to 5pm
Pagadi Rasm
Thursday, 10th July 2025 at 4pm

AD 30, Salt Lake City, Sector 1
Kolkata - 700064

In grief
Ashish Agarwal(son) &
Entire Mehmia Pariwar

Rsvp :
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A Journey of Faith and Service: The Jagannath Rath Yatra

Embracing the divine spirit of devotion, the Rotary Club of Belur continued its "Spiritual Enlightenment" project by participating in the ISKCON Jagannath Rath Yatra for the fourth consecutive year. Members not only received the sacred darshan (auspicious sight) but also engaged in Anna Daan, beautifully merging spiritual devotion with selfless service.

The Rath Yatra is a profound festival where Lord Jagannath, accompanied by his elder brother Lord Balabhadra and sister Devi Subhadra, leaves the sanctity of the temple to meet his devotees. This sacred journey symbolizes the ultimate act of divine compassion, as the Lord comes out to grant his blessings to all, breaking down every barrier of caste and creed. It is a powerful reminder that God's grace is accessible to every soul.

A total of 14 members and guests participated in this blessed event, strengthening their spiritual connection.



Honouring Our Birthday Stars

Navin Khandelwal	7 th July
Chhaya Agarwal	8 th July
Kanchan Neotia	8 th July
Anita Chowdhary	10 th July
Kailash Tekriwal	13 th July
Rashmi Patwari	14 th July
Sarat Chandra Chowdhary	16 th July
Radha Krishna Bubna	17 th July
Gaurav Kr. Kejriwal	17 th July

**Sunil
and Kavita Jain**
6th July

**Sarat
and Anita Chowdhary**
16th July

Together Through the Years:

Happy Anniversary

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

Rotary International has also announced the 2025-26 presidential message, which is "Unite for Good". This theme focuses on the importance of unity and collaboration within Rotary and beyond, encouraging members to bridge divides and work together to address global challenges.

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