



# Friendship



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## RCM Minutes Rotary Club of Belur Minutes of the 2560<sup>th</sup> Regular Club Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at Hotel Hindusthan International (HHI), Kolkata

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rtn. Sharad Dugar, who warmly welcomed all members and guests present. He requested everyone to rise for the National Anthem, marking a solemn and respectful beginning to the proceedings.

### 2. Invocation

Rtn. Geeta Bhatia and Rtn. Usha Agarwal was invited to lead the gathering in an invocation prayer, seeking divine blessings for the meeting and the club's endeavors.

### 3. Secretary's Announcements

Club Secretary, Rtn. Prashant Maheshwari, conducted the club's official business. He shared updates and announced the upcoming birthdays and wedding anniversaries of fellow Rotarians, which were warmly acknowledged by the members.

### 4. President's Address

The President briefed the house on the club's recent and forthcoming activities, which included:

1. Inauguration of a Ladies Toilet and Child Care Centre at Mirza Galib Street by DG Rtn.

Ramendu Homchoudhary. The initiative was led by PP Rtn. Rakesh Bhatia and PP Rtn. Kunal Ved.

2. Various Cervical Cancer Vaccination Camps across Kolkata and Howrah, led by Rtn. Tarun Pal.

3. Plantation and Eco-Friendly Ganesh Drive at Jhupkhali, led by Rtn. Santosh Mohta.

4. The President also congratulated IPP Rtn. Anand Agarwal and his team on receipt of District Awards for the year 2024-25.

His address reflected the club's vibrant service calendar and its sustained commitment to impactful community initiatives.

### 5. Guest Speaker Session

The highlight of the evening was an insightful session by Ms. Anjali Laddha, a featured speaker at Harvard University, who specializes in integrating Artificial Intelligence into education.

She spoke on the topic: "Why You Can't Ignore AI Anymore."

The session was highly engaging and encouraged members, as well as the children who accompanied them, to understand the growing importance of AI in shaping the future of learning and careers. Ms. Laddha explained

practical applications of AI in education, dispelled common myths, and inspired young minds to embrace the opportunities that AI brings.

Her presentation was well received and sparked an enthusiastic discussion among members and their families.

6. District Membership Chair Rtn. Debi Prosad Basu was present in the meeting and with his presence four new members were inducted taking the Membership Count to 95.

### 6. Vote of Thanks

The meeting concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks proposed by PP Rtn. Rakesh Bhatia, who expressed gratitude to the Guest Speaker, dignitaries, members, and guests for their valuable presence and contributions in making the meeting impactful and meaningful.

Rtn. Sharad Dugar, *President*  
Rtn. Prashant Maheshwari, *Secretary*



## Today's PROGRAMME



It's that time of the year when the city is all adorned to welcome MAA on the pious occasion of **Navratri and Durga Puja**. Lets rejoice together to celebrate this festive spirit.

## CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS AND VACCINATION CAMP REPORT

September 6, 2025 - Majilpur Shyamsundar Balika Vidyalaya: Attended by approximately 85 guardians.

September 8, 2025 - Jujersa Vivekananda Balika Vidyalaya: A vaccination camp was held where 120 beneficiaries aged 9-14 years received their first dose of the HPV vaccine.

September 9, 2025 - Garalgacha Balika Vidyalaya (HS), Dankuni: Two sessions were held with around 175 guardians in total (100 in the first session, 75 in the second).

September 10, 2025 - Kalikapur Basanti Devi Balika Vidyalaya (HS): The camp saw attendance from about 100 guardians.

September 11, 2025 - Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vihar, Thakurpukur: Around 50 guardians participated in this camp.

September 12, 2025 - Ramkrishna Sarada Mission Sister Nivedita Girls' School, Bag Bazar: This was the second camp at the school, guardians of students in classes 5 and 6, with around 235 participated.

September 15, 2025 - Krishnapur Adarsha Vidyamandir for Girls, Dumdum: Approximately 80 guardians and students attended.

The camps successfully raised awareness, addressed public concerns, and paved the way for future vaccination drives.



## ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR

Welcomes

## FOUR NEW MEMBERS

On September 6th four new members were inducted in Rotary club of Belur. The induction ceremony was presided over by Past President Shankar Ramalingam with the presence of esteemed District Membership Chair, Rtn. Debi Prosad Basu, whose presence showed the importance of this occasion.

The four new members were officially welcomed and presented with their membership pins. With this latest addition, the total membership strength of the Rotary Club of Belur has reached an impressive 95.

The ceremony concluded with an Oath ceremony and a warm welcome from existing members,

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- 22.9.25 (Tuesday) : 2nd dose vaccination at Behala Girls High School, Behala, Kolkata (11:00 AM)
- 23.9.25 (Wednesday) : 1st dose vaccination at Bally Banga Sishu Balika Vidyalaya (H.S.), Bally, Howrah (11:00 AM)
- 24.9.25 (Thursday) : 1st Dose Vaccination Camp at Ramkrishna Sarada Mission Sister Nivedita Girls School, Sovabazar, Baghbazar (1:45 PM)
- 24.9.25 (Wednesday) : Clothes and food distribution at Munshirhat, Howrah (11:00 am)

- 25.9.25 (Friday) : Awareness Camp at Belgharia Deshapriya Vidyaniketan Girls High
- 28.9.25 (Sunday) : Clothes Donation at RCC Jaduberia (04:00 pm)
- 28.9.25 (Sunday) : Clothes Donation at RCC Khalna (10:00 am)
- 11.10.25 (Saturday) : Regular Club Meeting (04:30 pm)  
Guest Speaker:  
Past President Ajay Kumar Agarwal (FCA, IP)  
Indian Constitution - Evolution and present:  
Know Your Constitution and  
Fundamental Rights

September is Rotary Basic Education and Literacy

## 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies Programme - Karaoke Evening *An Evening of Music, fun, laughter for the Ladies of Belur*



The ladies of Belur recently gathered for a delightful evening of karaoke, marking the first get-together for this vibrant group. Hosted at the residence of Rotarian Tanuja Choraria, the event brought together more than 20 lady members and spouses, all ready to sing their hearts out.

The atmosphere was electric as a professional anchor, Anurag Mohta, skillfully led the karaoke session, where the music systems was very well arranged and set up by Rotarian Sundeep Choraria. The participants eagerly took turns on the microphone, filling the air with enthusiastic singing and spontaneous dancing. It was an evening of pure fun, where everyone felt comfortable and encouraged to participate.

In addition to the musical entertainment, delicious spread of mouth-watering chaats was arranged. The success of this inaugural gathering has set the stage for future events with different themes, promising more opportunities for the ladies to connect and enjoy each other's company.

## Food Distribution

Food Distribution was done at Barabazar , near Raja Katra by Club Secretary Prashant Maheshwari with Non-Rotarian family and friends on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025 amongst 300 beneficiaries in the morning.



## Congratulations

Rtn B.D.Agarwal ji receiving the Exports award from Hon'ble CIM Piyush Goyal ji, and Past Chairmen and Past Directors of EEPC with President of India Smt Murmu, CIM Piyush Goyal, MOS Jitin Prasad and CS Sunil Barthwal at the EEPC Platinum Jubilee event. (Sitting 2nd from the left - PDG Ravi Sehgal Ji)



## Drama organised by Marudhara and AAA



The stage came alive with sheer brilliance as a group of passionate actors ( one of them being our very own Santosh Mohta)delivered a magical performance, that left the entire hall spellbound.

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## Get Well Soon

It is indeed a proud moment for our Club as IPP Anand Agarwal and Vice President Sundeep Choraria hand over this trophy to PP Rtn. R. K. Bubna Ji, in recognition of his generous individual contribution to the Polio Plus Fund. His commitment and support towards Rotary's mission of eradicating polio is truly commendable.



## President, Secretary, AG and ZS meet at Sonar Bangla, Taki



Date: September 13 & 14th , 2025

Location: Sonar Bangla, Taki (on the bank of the Ichchamati River)  
Event: Rotary District 3291 President, Secretary, AG, and ZS Meet

The Rotary District 3291 meet for Presidents, Secretaries, Assistant Governors, and Zonal Secretaries was held at the picturesque Sonar Bangla in Taki. Two days were filled with a blend of informative sessions, cultural performances, and strong fellowship, creating an unforgettable experience for all attendees.

The day commenced with a series of insightful sessions led by the District Governor (DG), Past District Governors (PDGs), and other district officials. PDG Jhulan Basu kicked off the sessions, setting a positive tone for the discussions. He called a few Presidents asking them to share their experiences. Next District Membership Chair Rtn Debi Prasad Basu led a session focused on membership growth and engagement. Finally PDG Ravi Sehgal ji provided a comprehensive session on the Rotary Foundation, emphasizing its importance and how clubs can contribute to and benefit from it.

The formal sessions were followed by a vibrant cultural program, expertly curated by First Lady Dr. Bandana Homchoudhuri. The performances were a beautiful showcase of the talents within the Rotary family. The cultural segment featured several graceful performances by the spouses and lady members of various Rotary clubs. Rotary Club of Belur's First Lady Anu Dugar beautifully performed a Dance on Ganesh Vandana. The evening concluded with an engaging round of Antakshari and group singing.

The Rotary Club of Belur was well-represented, with several key members in attendance, including PDG Ravi Sehgal, Past President Ajay Agarwal and his wife Sunita and President Sharad Dugar and his wife, First Lady Anu Dugar.

The meeting was an excellent opportunity for learning, laughter, and strengthening the bonds of fellowship among Rotary members. The combination of valuable insights from district leaders and the warmth of the cultural program made it a truly awesome and memorable day.



## Obituary



SMT. VIMLA GUPTA, mother of Nivedita Agarwal, left for her heavenly abode on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

She was a woman of quiet strength and strong faith, her life was a tribute to kindness and devotion. Her gentle guidance inspired those around and her prayers were a constant comfort. She continues to live in the hearts of who knew her. May Ishwar grant Shanti to her Dewngat Atma.



23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2025 Minoo Seth  
28<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 Geeta Bhatia  
29<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 Dr. Mithu Sharma  
29<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 Manish Tibrewala  
30<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 Tanuja Choraria

3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2025 Preeti Garg  
5<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 Usha Agarwal  
5<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 Sarat Ch. Chowdhury  
7<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 Preetam Bothra  
9<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 Kalpana Gupta

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