



Friendship



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RCM Minutes

Rotary Club of Belur Minutes of the 2562nd Regular Club Meeting on 11th October 2025 at Hotel Hindustan International, Kolkata

President Rtn. Sharad Dugar called the meeting to order and warmly welcomed all members and guests. The gathering commenced with the National Anthem. Past President Hare Krishna Prasad ji led a heartfelt invocation, seeking divine blessings for peace, harmony. The minutes of RCM no 2561 was confirmed by Rtn Rakesh Almal and Rtn Sundeep Choraria.

President Rtn. Sharad Dugar shared a detailed account of the club's recent initiatives, appreciating the active involvement of members in each project. He highlighted The Cervical Cancer Vaccination Drive at Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Sister Nivedita Girls' School, which achieved a record 403 vaccinations — the highest by any single school to date.

The Saree and Cloth Distribution drives conducted at RCC Khalna and RCC Jaduberia on 28th September, which brought festive cheer to numerous families in rural areas. The club's contribution to the Hemophilia Society visit on 27th September, where President and President Elect distributed food, clothes, and mobility aids to the beneficiaries. A proud moment for the Interact Club of MCKV students who came with their mentor and teacher Mr. Arnab, Certificates of appreciation was handed over to them by Past President Alok ji, Rtn. Manorama Pathak and Rtn Sandip Pity.

Secretary Rtn. Prashant Maheshwari presented key announcements and updates from the district and

club calendar. He also extended warm greetings to members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month. He informed members about the upcoming events.

The evening's highlight, "Speaker of the Day" was PP Rtn. Ajay Agarwal who enlightened us on "The Indian Constitution and Fundamental Rights."

He traced the historical evolution of constitutional governance from ancient civilizations to modern democratic India, explaining how the framers of the Indian Constitution envisioned a document that balances liberty with responsibility. His lucid explanations and real-life illustrations made complex constitutional principles easy to grasp. Members appreciated his deep knowledge and engaging delivery. Rtn. Shankar Ramalingam proposed a warm vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to PP Rtn. Ajay Agarwal for his thought-provoking address.

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



This Week's Spotlight: Meet Our Guest Speaker

Topic:
AI IS EVERY-
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THING IS AI.



Mr Leslie Francis D'Gama is a veteran teacher, corporate trainer and motivational speaker with more than four decades of experience in his field. Mr. D'Gama is an experienced educator and corporate trainer with a diverse background. He spent 21 years as a senior teacher and Systems Administrator at St Xavier's Collegiate School, Calcutta, followed by 12 years in corporate life, leaving Schoolnet India as Vice President and Head of Trainer Development. He now conducts interactive workshops and motivational talks on communication, leadership, teamwork, and personality development, and is an empaneled facilitator with the British Council. His corporate training focuses on team building and interpersonal communication.

Academically, he holds an M.A., B.Ed., and a Diploma in Training & Development and is accredited as a FIRO-B Practitioner. He also has training in MBTI and Competency Mapping. A musician, he plays bass guitar and piano in three bands. As a software hobbyist, he currently develops apps using "low coding" tools that leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI).

CSR AWARDS REPORT

Rotary hosted the inaugural Rotary CSR Awards 2025 at the Hyatt Regency, Kolkata, celebrating exemplary corporate contributions toward social development and community upliftment. The event recognized organizations that have gone beyond business to create measurable impact in key sectors such as Healthcare, Education & Literacy, Environment Protection, Community & Economic Development, and Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH).

Prominent winners included Emami Paper Mills Ltd. (Education & Literacy - Large Category), Jindal Steel Ltd. and Patton International Ltd. (WASH), CESC Ltd., ITC Ltd., and Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (Healthcare), and L&T Finance Ltd. along with EASF Small Finance Bank (Education & Literacy - Mega Category) Special Award to Skipper Ltd for Women Empowerment.

The distinguished jury comprised Debashis Sen (IAS), Usha Uthup, Dr. Kunal Sarkar, Rituparna Sengupta, Dr. Boria Majumdar, CA Ranjeet Agarwal, and Dr. Gautam Mohan Chakraborty.

Padma Bhushan Usha Uthup called the initiative "a remarkable effort" encouraging everyone to "give back to society." Actress Rituparna Sengupta emphasized that women's empowerment begins with literacy, while Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, RID 3291 Governor, urged collaboration between corporates and Rotary for greater impact.

Rotary International Director Flt. Lt. Rtn. K.P. Nagesh described the Awards as "a movement to integrate purpose with profit."

The Rotary CSR Awards Core Committee proudly included two Belurians — PDG Ravi Sehgal, Chairman of the Awards Committee, and PP Amitabh Mohan. Their leadership and vision made this historic initiative a resounding success, symbolizing Rotary's commitment to transforming communities through purposeful partnerships.



- 1st Nov - 6:00 p.m. - District Bijoya & Diwali Meet at Wet-O-Wild, Nicco Park, Salt Lake
- 2nd Nov - 5:00 p.m. - Belur Diwali Meet at LBD Resorts & Hotels, Bosepukur, Kasba, Kolkata
- 9th Nov - 11:00 a.m. - Inauguration of "Global Enlightenment Retreat Centre" behind IBIZA Resort
- Cervical Cancer Awareness & Vaccination Dates:-**
- 29.10.25 (Wednesday) 12.30 p.m. - 2nd dose vaccination Camp at Gangnapur Girls High School (H.S.), Nadia
- 31.10.25 (Friday) 11:00 a.m. - 2nd dose vaccination camp at Sibpur Hindu Girls High School.



October is Rotary Community Economic Development Month

Revving Up to End Polio : Belur Hosts Successful Car Rally

The Rotary Club of Belur celebrated World Polio Day on October 24, 2025, with an immensely successful Polio Car Rally, reinforcing Rotary's commitment to polio eradication. The morning was made historic as the rally was officially flagged off by esteemed Rotary International Director Flt. Lt. K.P. Nagesh

This high-profile participation was a testament to the dedication and thoughtfulness of IPP Anand Agarwal who was serving as the RI Director's Aide during his visit to Kolkata for the CSR awards on 23rd Oct 2025, IPP Anand was instrumental in convincing the RI Director to Flag Off the rally. He ensured the program to be successful in bringing him to the Rally, securing a truly great moment for the Rotary Club of Belur.

The other key members behind the rally were Rtn Piyush Doshi who printed the banners and the posters within a few hours after knowing the importance of the program and Rtn Sundeeep Choraria who called members to participate in this important event.

Thanks to 20 enthusiastic members and their spouses participating in the event. A large Polio banner was displayed at the start, and every participating car proudly carried Polio posters, turning the convoy into a powerful statement of awareness as they drove around the city for half an hour.

Before the start, members enjoyed great fellowship, sipping hot tea and savoring samosas while taking memorable photographs with the RI Director. The rally concluded with a cheerful breakfast, celebrating a highly successful and impactful morning of service and camaraderie.



Planet Sustain Sustainability Quiz

Akshat Choumal, a student of Class 8 of M.C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth, recently participated in the InvoSystems PlanetSustain Quiz through the PlanetSustain app. He shared that the quiz was conducted on October 2nd, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., to mark Gandhi Jayanti. According to him, the platform was interactive, user-friendly, and focused on spreading awareness about sustainability and environmental conservation. Akshat mentioned that the quiz saw participation from individuals across the globe, making the competition intense and enriching. He proudly stated that he secured the 4th position worldwide, an achievement that filled him with a sense of accomplishment and motivated him to learn more about sustainability and climate action. He further shared that as a reward, he received a one-year subscription to the PlanetSustain app, which would allow him to take part in more such quizzes. During the event, he also calculated his carbon footprint, gaining useful insights into his personal environmental impact.



Polio and Thalassemia Awareness

On the occasion of Polio Day there was a Drawing Competition of Kids aged 4 to 15 and distribution of Saree, Bedsheets, Blankets Food Packets & Juice at Creek Row.

Rotary Club of Belur – A Day of Colours and Compassion

Creativity in Full Colour – The Drawing Competition

The morning unfolded in a riot of colours as 26 young artists, aged 5 to 15 years, picked up their crayons and brushes to create magic on paper. Their artwork spoke of dreams, nature, and kindness — reminding us that creativity is the purest form of joy.

Empowering with Grace – Saree Distribution A heartfelt initiative saw 40 ladies receive elegant sarees, spreading happiness and dignity in equal measure.

Comfort and Care – Bedsheets & Blankets Distribution - 35 men and women from the community were gifted bedsheets and blankets, ensuring restful nights and a sense of comfort.

Awareness for Health – Thalassemia & Polio- The sessions on Thalassemia awareness and Polio eradication helped spread valuable information about early testing and the importance of vaccination — empowering people towards healthier lives.

Caring for the Planet – Recycled Notebooks for Kids- Rotary's concern for the environment took shape through the distribution of recycled notebooks made by Concern for Earth to 20 children. The initiative encouraged eco-friendly thinking and responsible living among young minds.

Polio Caps – A Symbol of Hope- As part of Rotary's ongoing fight to End Polio Now, 26 kids proudly donned Polio-themed caps, becoming cheerful ambassadors of this global mission.

Serving with Love – Food & Juice Distribution- A total of 70 individuals, including children, were served food packets and juice, ensuring everyone shared in the day's joy.

Rotarian Kids Leading by Example- The event's highlight was the active participation of Rotarians' children Ssmkit Shambhavi Maanvi, Flora (Maanvi's friend) helped organise the competition, distribute awards, and serve food. Next-generation Rotarians in action



Banner for Awareness of Polio and Thalassemia at Kali Puja Pandal, Creek Row



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रोटरी क्लब बेलूर में

2ND NOVEMBER 2025 5:00 PM

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दिवाली मिलन
LBD RESORTS & HOTELS

31/1, Narayan Chandra Chowdhury Rd Bosepukur, Kasba

Honouring Our Birthday Stars

- 28th October, '25 Divisha Banthia
- 01st November, '25 Sharad Dugar
- 02nd November, '25 Prashant Maheshwari
- 05th November, '25 Narendra Prasad Gupta
- 08th November, '25 Shiv Kumar Lohia
- 08th November, '25 Kanchan Mandhana
- 08th November, '25 Archana Devi Prasad

Cordial Invitation

Peacebuilding Workshop

Power of Calmness in a Chaotic World

A Special Time of Silence, Reflection & Inner Strength

SUNDAY | **TIME**
9th November, 2025 | 11 AM - 12.30 PM

Global Enlightenment Retreat Centre
Behind Ibiza Resort, Diamond Harbour Road,
PS: Bishnupur, Ramkrishnapur, Kolkata - 743503

Guest Speakers	Chief Guest	Special Guest
 BK Jayanti Addl. Chief Brahma Kumaris	 BK Mruthyunjaya Addl. Secretary General Brahma Kumaris	 Rtn Dr Ramendu Hom Chaudhuri DG-RID: 3291
		 Rtn Purnendu Roy-Chowdhury DGN-RID: 3291

FEATURES :

- 👉 Interactive Talk
- 👉 Question & Answer Session
- 👉 Experiential Meditation
- 👉 Blessing by Senior Rajyogis

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Organisers: Brahma Kumaris Kolkata Museum
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