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## KNOW YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Sudip Mukherjee belongs to second generation of Rotarians. His father late S.K. Mukherjee was a charter member and second President of Rotary Ballygunge. He himself was charter member of Rotaract Ballygunge and attended District

Rotaract Conference of then District 329 at Dhaka way back in January, 1981. As past president of Rotary Lansdowne he has served our District in many capacities. He was Assistant District Secretary and District Secretary twice. He served as Assistant Governor (Administration) thrice and Assistant Governor (Service) twice apart from holding other positions. He is MPH and was adjudged 'Outstanding President' and 'Outstanding Assistant Governor' thrice. He has also received 'Avenues of Service Citation' from Rotary International.

He had his schooling & college at St. Xavier's, Kolkata. He did his post graduation in Operational Research and MBA in Marketing. He is a second



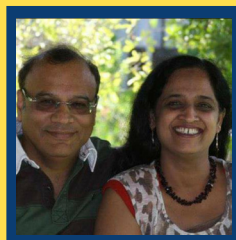
"WE WILL CAPTURE THIS MOMENT TO GROW ROTARY, MAKING IT STRONGER, MORE ADAPTABLE, AND EVEN MORE ALIGNED WITH OUR CORE VALUES".

**HOLGER KNAACK**  
 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
 PRESIDENT

generation entrepreneur engaged in manufacturing specialised chemical & food processing equipment catering to Ministries of Science & Technology, Food Processing Industries, Defence, Agriculture, Dept. of Atomic Energy etc all over India. Recent achievement has been manufacturing equipment, for the first time in India, to produce 'engineered health rice' in collaboration with a premier educational institute in India. In this connection his company was awarded at 9th International Achievers Summit at Bangkok, Thailand. He is a Life Member of Eastern Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member of Calcutta Club Ltd. As a sports enthusiast he is Life Member of Cricket Association of Bengal and member of Mohun Bagan Athletic Club. An avid music & theatre lover. As a film buff he is Life Member of Cine Central, Calcutta and has attended several film festivals in India and at British Film Institute, London. His better half Sumita, Montessorian and B.Ed, teaches in one of the most reputed schools in Kolkata. Their only son Senajit is employed as junior resident Doctor in a Government Hospital.

## KNOW YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT



Alope was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1960, in Calcutta, West Bengal. He has completed his Secondary Education with West Bengal Board of Secondary Education. He did his Graduation in Commerce from Bhawanipore Education Society College, Calcutta and has also completed Bachelor of Legislative Law from Calcutta University, Calcutta.

He is practicing as a legal consultant on 3 tracks of Civil Suit:

**Track 1**– Simple suit for recovery of Money including cases at NCLT; Matrimonial suits including suits for Custody, Maintenance, Eviction, Uncontested Probate,

Administration and Succession; Proceedings under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act. **Track 2** – Includes Commercial suit; Title suit of all nature including Partition and Mortgage suit; suit based on Negotiable Instruments; suit involving disputes of Trademarks, Copyrights and other Intellectual Property right matters. **Track 3** – Included all other kinds of suits.

He is engaged in various social activities of Rashtriya Swyam Sevak Sangh (RSS), since his childhood. He is a member of The Rotary Club of Belur since 1991. He got married in 1985 to Anita and is blessed with a son Ankit. Ankit is a B.Tech (Computer Science) and MBA (Finance). He is happily married to Nikita, who is a Chartered Accountant & Company Secretary.

## KNOW YOUR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Knaack is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He was previously a partner and general manager of Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business.

He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and served as president of the Golf-Club Gut Grambek. Knaack is also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor.

He is an endowment/major gifts adviser and was co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

Knaack and his wife, Susanne, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest Society.

### **Holger Knaack**

President 2020-21

Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln  
Germany

## MESSAGE



Dear President and all members of Rotary Club of Belur,

It is heartening to note that your club is celebrating Installation Ceremony. It is an auspicious occasion ushering the 2nd Century of Rotary in

India. Kudos to outgoing President Ramesh Tiwari for the good work he has done. Let me take the opportunity to congratulate incoming President Alope Kanodia for taking up the mantle of leadership.

We are well aware that 3 important Verticals of Rotary International are: Membership, Foundation and Public Image. I am sure your Club will give importance to them. Of the other two verticals, apart from Club Administration we have Service Projects.

Rotary India Humanity Foundation under able guidance of RIPE Shekhar Mehta has launched a 5 year plan from RY 2020-21 to RY 2024-25 of 8 different verticals pertaining to Service Projects. They are: Literacy, Water Sanitation, Health (Preventive), Health (Curative), Environment, Disaster Management and the 8th vertical namely Corporate Social Responsibility is aimed to get funds for service projects.

I request your Club take up meaningful and sustainable service projects pertaining to above verticals of your choice. Please also stress upon increase in Membership and contribution to TRF.

Needless to say, under able guidance of Past Presidents, with your zeal and hard work the new Rotary Year will be a grand success and Alope you will be a True Trail Blazer in this new normal situation as 'Rotary Opens Opportunities'

Regards,

### **Sudip Mukherjee**

District Governor, RID: 3291, RY: 2020-21

## MESSAGE



I am very proud and honoured to have been a member of Rotary Club of Belur since 1992. I am even more excited to have the opportunity to serve as the President of this esteemed club for the next Rotary year. Words fall short in my thanking all members for having imposed their confidence by bestowing this huge responsibility upon me.

One of the key strengths of Rotary that we will continue to leverage as we deliver service to our community is the diversity in skills and vocation across our members, many of whom are successful business persons and professionals.

The Theme for this year is Rotary Opens Opportunities augments this further as Rotary does empowers us to set out our plans to serve, people who need our help. At the same time it also has an amazing opportunity for self-growth.

The year ahead is far more challenging with this pandemic refusing to relent till such time a vaccine is produced to discipline it. I as a person have always believed in this simple philosophy of life as rightly commented by psychologist Victor Frankl - 'Life is never made unbearable by circumstances, but only by lack of meaning and purpose'. Hence I feel that focusing on only working single-mindedly in service of mankind is the best way forward.

As we all are aware, 'Supporting the Environment' is being added as the 7th area of focus this year, I think we shall be putting more thrust on it. The other 6 peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development will continue to co-existing as before.

Friends, we at Rotary club of Belur, are an enthusiastic set of individuals who take pride in committing themselves to programmes and at the same time concluding it productively. So let's come together to open the doors of opportunities for someone somewhere.

Warm regards,  
Alope Kanodia,  
President 2020-21

## CLUB EVENTS

July 11, 2020 : RCM - Speaker to be announced  
July 18, 2020 : RCM - Speaker to be announced  
July 25, 2020 : RCM - Speaker to be announced

## DISTRICT EVENTS

To be announced soon

COMING  
EVENTS!

# TODAY PROGRAMME

- 🎵 Welcome by MC Nikita
- 🎵 Lighting of Lamp and Ganesh Vandana by Anne Anita, Usha Tiwari, Nivedita Agarwal, Ruby Agarwal
- 🎵 MC Nikita to request President Ramesh Tiwari to call the meeting to order
- 🎵 Meeting to be Called to Order by President Rtn. Ramesh Tiwari
- 🎵 Recorded National Anthem
- 🎵 MC Nikita requests Installation Co- Chairman Rtn. Manoj Kumar Agrawal for his welcome address
- 🎵 Welcome address by Installation Co-Chairman Rtn. Manoj Kumar Agarwal
- 🎵 MC Nikita will request President Ramesh Tiwari to address the meeting
- 🎵 Address by Outgoing President Rtn. Ramesh Tiwari incld broadcasting of a video on Global Grant Project
- 🎵 MC Nikita to request Rtn. G.D. Agrawal to introduce Incoming President Rtn. Alope Kumar Kanodia
- 🎵 Introduction of Incoming President Alope Kumar Kanodia by Rtn. G.D.Agrawal
- 🎵 MC Nikita to request PP Rtn. Nirmal Saha to recite a poem
- 🎵 Poem by Rtn. Nirmal Saha
- 🎵 MC Nikita to request outgoing President Ramesh Tiwari to present the collar to President Rtn. Alope Kumar Kanodia
- 🎵 Installation of Rtn. Alope Kumar Kanodia as President ( Presentation of Collar, Charter, President's Pin , Hammer & Gavel
- 🎵 MC Nikita to request President Rtn. Alope Kumar Kanodia to address the gathering
- 🎵 Address by President Rtn. Alope Kumar Kanodia
- 🎵 Introduction & Presentation of Team 20-21 by President Rtn. Alope Kumar Kanodia
- 🎵 President Alope welcomes members who will donate for the foundation
- 🎵 President Alope Kanodia will request to Secretary Amar Malhotra to conduct club business
- 🎵 Club Business by Secretary Rtn. Amar Malhotra
- 🎵 MC Nikita to request Rtn. Manoj Agarwal to introduce DGN Ajoy Kumar Law
- 🎵 Introduction of DGN Ajoy Kumar Law by Rtn. Manoj Kumar Agrawal with a request to address
- 🎵 MC Nikita will request Rtn. Anand Agarwal to Introduce DGE Prabir Chatterjee
- 🎵 Introduction of DGE Prabir Chatterjee by Rtn. Annand Agarwal with a request to address
- 🎵 Address by DGE Prabir Chatterjee
- 🎵 MC Nikita to request PDG Ravi Sehgal to introduce Chief Guest DG Sudip Mukherjee
- 🎵 Introduction of Chief Guest DG Sudip Mukherjee by PDG Ravi Sehgal
- 🎵 Address by DG Sudip Mukherjee
- 🎵 MC Nikita to request President Elect Rtn. Indra to propose a vote of thanks
- 🎵 Formal Vote of Thanks by President Elect Indra Goenka
- 🎵 Termination of Meeting by President Rtn. Alope Kumar Kanodia

## MESSAGES



Rotary International  
DISTRICT-3291

**Rajani Mukerji**

B. Sc. Engg., F I E. Chartered Engineer  
Home Club: Rotary Club of Calcutta Midland  
District Governor 2013-14,  
Rotary International, District - 3291

Service Above Self

Date: June 14, 2020

Dear President Elect **Alope Kanodia**,

Ballari joins me in congratulating you as you take up the responsibility of leading your Club in following the theme for the year, **'Rotary Opens Opportunities'**.

District looks up to your club for some meaningful service to the mankind. I'm sure under your able leadership **Rotary Belur** would gift a memorable year to the district. It is more so, this being the 1<sup>st</sup> Year of the Second Century for Rotary in India.

As we have stepped into the second century of Rotary Service, strengthening our Clubs, our very roots, has become the order of the day! To retain members and strengthen our clubs, we must keep in mind, every Rotarian joined Rotary to contribute something for a cause and has some expectations from the Rotary Club; to retain members, make sure that every member of the club is involved and satisfied. General Secretary of Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation, John Hewko, urged Rotarians to think out of box, embrace flexibility, focus on engagement rather than attendance! We need to change!

You and your team will also have to deal with a new challenge, that's COVID-19! You would have to device a new way to run and manage the club; a new thought, how to take up Service Projects!

I wish you and your team a great happening year ahead.

With best regards,

Yours-in-Rotary Service,

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**Rajani Mukerji**

Past District Governor  
Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator 2019-21  
District International Service Chair  
Member, Executive Committee, Rotary India Literacy Mission

Dear President Alope,

Rotary Greetings.

I am happy to learn that you have been elected as the Club President and taking the command of a vibrant Club for the Rotary Year 2020-21 under the dynamic leadership of DG Sudip Mukherjee.

Dear Friend, you are the class of Inspired Leaders. In the journey called Rotary, you can count on me, whenever and wherever you require my services as "Rotary Opens Opportunities".

Wishing you and all your wonderful Club members, best wishes for a successful Rotary year ahead.

**Rajendra Khandelwal**

District Governor, 2010-11, RI District 3291

Council on Legislation Representative 2016, Chicago, USA



## Birthdays

Navin Khandelwal on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

## Anniversaries

Manish and Shailja Bhattar on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

Sunil and Kavita Jain on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

# KNOW YOUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT



My Belurian Family,

After a year full of some incredibly eventful and beautiful moments, I shall be finally laying my office as President of this wonderful club. I must confess that have been involved with quite a few community organisations, but honestly speaking none other have been more rewarding than this experience. I want to thank each and every one of our members for giving me this opportunity and the unflinching support extended to me at all times. Friends! It has been an honour to be your President. I shall really miss it all.

At the same time it gives me immense pleasure to pass on the reigns to our incoming and dynamic President Rtn. Alope Kanodia with the assurance that I shall be there with him to serve Rotary.

It seems like it was only yesterday when I embarked upon the journey to fulfil the goals set forth under my stewardship to keep the Flag of our Club flying on the highest pedestal. And believe me friends; it has been a great year for the Rotary Club of Belur.

Our paramount goal was to increase the FAMILY BONDING within our club, and we took it up in right earnest by trying to convert as many events as possible into a family affair. We did reasonably well with the average attendance during our RCM clocking between 45-50 members. I and my team decided to innovate keeping this concept in mind and were able to bring members and their family on many occasion quite successfully. The icing on the cake was RCM devoted to daughters of RCB family. The uniqueness of this splendid event was right from “Invocation”, “Introduction of Speaker” to “Thanks Giving” was all done by our daughters. The club perhaps had its highest attendance of 67 on that day. After a long period we organised one of our RCM at a member’s residence which was a tremendous accomplishment with the bonding and bonhomie touching its’ zenith. The Charter Day Function and the Diwali celebrations were just as successful events wherein the participation of our Spouses and Children was of more than 110+ +.

We were equally active on the District Front as well, with our members excelling on all the fronts. Belurians ruled the roost for

being omnipresent in most major events of our Districts. The ball started rolling with District Training Assembly wherein we were assigned the role of being sole host and each and every member contributed in his/her own way thereby turning it into a super successful event. Later, during the District Conference “Aahvaan” held on the 11th and 12th January, 2020, where we were again the Lead Host, we presented our prestigious “Four Way Test Award” at an exclusive programme to Sindhutai Sapkal, affectionately known as the “Mother of Orphans”, an Indian social worker and social activist, for her work in raising orphaned children in India. Moreover, our club was instrumental in adding star shimmering to the event by organising a visit by famous Indian movie actress Sharmila Tagore.

On the International Front my Installation day function created a record of sorts we had around 25 members attending it from 5 countries namely

Singapore, Nepal, Nigeria, Afghanistan and Bangladesh under the aegis of this year’s theme Rotary Connects the world. Besides, under our heart surgery projects, we had 4 child patients from Afghanistan and 2 from Nigeria coming with ASD/VSD

Under the other major project work WASH, it was heartening to note that we completed work at 7 schools with 5 more schools under various stages of completion.

Twenty years from now I would look back and remember the happenings and stories even Belurians and Rotary Belur treading new paths to greater glory. As we usher in a new Rotary Year I once again give my warm wishes to the incoming President Alope and his vibrant team for a great year ahead.

With warm regards,

**Ramesh Tiwari**

*President 2019-20*

## BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2020-21

<b>President</b>	Rtn. Alope Kumar Kanodia
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Rtn. Ramesh Tiwari
<b>President Elect</b>	Rtn. Indra Goenka
<b>Vice President &amp; Editor</b>	Rtn. Ajay Khanna
<b>Secretary</b>	Rtn. Amar Malhotra
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rtn. Rakesh Almal
<b>Executive Secretary</b>	Rtn. Manju Banthia
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Rtn. Vijay Kumar Sharma
<b>Foundation Chair</b>	Rtn. Ajay Kumar Agrawal
<b>Membership Chair</b>	Rtn. Shankar Ramalingam
<b>Director Club Service -1</b>	Rtn. Rakesh Bhatia
<b>Director Club Service-II &amp; IV</b>	Rtn. Govind Das Agrawal
<b>Director Club Service-III</b>	Rtn. Anil Kumar Jhawar
<b>Director Club Service -V</b>	Rtn. Pramod K Sharma
<b>Director Vocational Service</b>	Rtn. Sunil Sobti
<b>Director Community Service Medical</b>	Rtn. Ananad Agarwal
<b>Director Community Service Non Medical</b>	Rtn. Sunil Kumar Jain
<b>Director International Service</b>	Rtn. Shashi Seth
<b>Director Youth Service</b>	Rtn. Amitabh Mohan
<b>Director Public Relations &amp; Public Image</b>	Rtn. Piyush Doshi
<b>Sergeant – At Arms</b>	PP Rtn. Diwakar Sharma
<b>Sergeant – At Arms</b>	Rtn. Jaya Butta
<b>Club Trainer</b>	PP Rtn. Manoj Agarwal
<b>Mentor</b>	PDG Rtn. Ravindra Prakash Sehgal
<b>Advisor to the Board</b>	PP Rtn. Amarnath Choudhary
<b>Advisor to the Board</b>	PP Rtn. Chandra Prakash Singhal



## Awards Galore!

The District 3291 Awards event was held on 28th June at Haldiram Banquets observing the necessary restrictions due to the prevalent pandemic. It may have lacked the normal razzle dazzle generally associated with it, nevertheless had all the ingredients that go into making an event memorable. We are thankful to District Governor Ajay Agarwal, 1st Lady Mamta Agarwal, Award Chair PDG Raju Rajgharia, our Mentor PDG Ravi Sehgal and all the Seniors for always being our guiding force.

An awards event is the perfect platform for celebrating milestones and individual club achievements and most clubs look forward to it with great enthusiasm. President Rtn Ramesh Tiwari ably supported by his competent Secretary Rtn. Indra Goenka had over the year worked hard to take our club to probably its highest crest in its long history in almost all aspect. He and his team had worked tirelessly right from the hosting of DTA in May last year, again during the District Conference to the various club projects and events till advent of the pandemic put the brakes on quite abruptly.

No wonder they came back all smiles loaded with countless awards and recognitions. The euphoria that set in thereafter hasn't been experienced for long time as the happiness of club members knew no bounds. More so for the coveted Best Club Trophy had been awarded to our club after many years.

## LIST OF AWARDS 2019-20

### Rolling Trophy:

#### 1. Overall Best Award:

Best Club In RI District 3291 in Rotary Year 2019-2020 based on its overall Performance.

#### 2. Paul Harris Shield

#### 3. Best Club International Service Shield

### INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

1. DG Appreciation - Rtn. N. K. Saha (Ambassador)
2. DG Appreciation - PP Rtn. Rakesh Bhatia (District Chair)
3. Outstanding Centurion Award- IPP Rtn. Ramesh Tiwari
4. Outstanding District Secretary- PP Rtn. Kishan Kr. Kejriwal
5. Outstanding Service in Promoting "The Rotary Foundation and its Goal" - Rtn. B. D. Agarwal
6. Outstanding Secretary- Rtn. Indra Goenka
7. Outstanding Mentor- PP Rtn. P. K. Sharma
8. Outstanding AG- PP Rtn Navin Khandelwal
9. DG Citation
10. SSA Award to PDG Ravi

### FIRST PRIZE

1. Polio Plus
2. Outstanding Club for Having done Projects in all areas of Focus.
3. Outstanding Project Award- 4 Way Test

4. Paul Harris Shield Outstanding in the District with Overall Best Performance
5. Significant support for District events
6. Best Youth Service
7. Best International Service
8. Club Bulletin
9. Child Heart Surgery
10. Literacy
11. Water Sanitation and Hygiene

### SECOND PRIZE

1. TRF Contribution per Capita
2. Family of Rotary and Rotary Welfare
3. Community Economic Development
4. Membership Growth in Numbers
5. Covid aftermath Relief Effort
6. Concern for Physically and Mentally Challenged
7. Public Image of Rotary
8. TRP Contribution from Club

### THIRD PRIZE

1. Basic Education and Literacy
2. Eye Care and Avoidable Blindness

# What's NEWS

## Club News

Another great news!

We feel proud and happy to announce that our Covid Global Grant project has been finally approved on July 1, 2020.

## Rotary News

● Supporting the environment becomes a new area of focus – 7th



The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will

give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peace building and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

● Rotary provides \$20 million to help communities worldwide respond to COVID-19



Rotary members throughout the world are working safely and diligently to assess and provide for urgent community needs as they strive to respond and recover from the effects of COVID-19 coronavirus.

● From 1 July, Rotaractors officially became a membership type with their statues elevated to the same level as Rotarians.

This will expand Rotary's brand, its impact in the world, and allow for Rotaractors to apply for global grants.

## District news

Yesterday's Blood Donation Drive had been a huge success in the present situation. The score card is follows: SGCCRI, Thakurpukur: 26, Rotary Sadan : 100, Rotary Prakash Bhawan : 51, East Calcutta : 31, Mega City : 46, Garden Reach:13,Purulia:50 and clubs of Murshidabad district:35; Total: 352.On behalf of my Core Committee. I thank you all.

# PDG RAVI SEHGAL STANDS TALL

Ravindra means "lord of the sun" from Sanskrit रवि (ravi) meaning "sun" combined with the name of the Hindu god INDRA, used here to mean "lord". It is another name for the Hindu God Surya.

Prakash meaning "light, bright, shining".

When the name itself is a combination of 2 strong consequential words and both convey emitting of "light", no wonder PDG Ravindra Prakash Sehgal is a luminary in the Rotary world today in his own right. Not to forget his extraordinary presence in other industry forums.

A warm and helpful person, with an expressive and sophisticated way about himself, his innovative nature allows him to come with interesting solutions. Besides being an excellent communicator, most audiences earnestly look forward to hear him speak on varied subjects.

PDG Ravindra Prakash Sehgal was adorned with the coveted 'Service above Self' Award by Rotary International at this year's District Award event held at Haldiram Banquets on 28th June 2020. An award which perhaps could have come sometime earlier but nevertheless a due acknowledgement to a person who deserve it the MOST!

## Congratulations PDG Ravi!

We at Rotary Belur are more proud of you than ever for this great achievement!



*Good things happen together!*

President Maloney, acting on behalf of the RI Board, has appointed PDG Ravi as the member of the 2020-21 Nominating Committee for President from Zone 6. He shall be a part of the selection committee to select the RI President Nominee after RI President Elect Shekhar Mehta.

This task is normally given to Past RI Directors .



A LOVELY CRYSTAL & A BEAUTIFUL PIN

# HIGHLIGHTS OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

**PROJECT HAPPY SCHOOL:** We have successfully converted following 3 schools into happy schools & Report was submitted in March. We are confident that next year the team under the able leadership of PE Alope Kanodia will convert all our schools & more in Happy School.

1. Swaika Girls High School at Liluah, Howrah ;
2. Daulatpur Duliagacha Bharati Vidyalaya Girls(H.S) at Singur. Hooghly,
3. Bhattanagar Kulakamni Vidya Mandir (H.S) at Liluah, Howrah.

These schools have met all the criteria required for Happy school from construction of Hand Washing Stations, Separate Toilets for Boys/Girls, Overhead Tank, S.Napkin Machine ,Well painted walls,Library, Play Materials, schools bags, shoes, benches etc.

**TRF Contribution:** The TRF contribution this year has been 25k+ +. Special thanks to Rtn B D Agarwal for the highest contribution and to all who came forward despite the difficult times that we are passing through.

**COVID GG#2012686:** COVID GG#2012686 : Our Club applied for a special grant to aide the frontline medical warriors with PPE, Masks, etc.,The idea was mooted by Rtn Anand Agarwal and he organised a crowd funding by which we could raise USD 23000 (Approx). We will be supplying 5300 PPE and equivalent quantity of N95 Masks for which ILS Hospital in Howrah was identified as it is a Government designated COVID Hospital. The Project will be implemented in the month of July'2020,under the able leadership of our incoming President Rtn Alope Kanodia.

## Minutes of 2409 RCM of Rotary Club of Belur with E-Thanks-Giving on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

There was a difference in the 'Thanks-Giving'. The President announced that each and every member will be given a token of appreciation for their direct and indirect role in the activities all through-out the year. It was a direct consequence that led the Club to be declared as the best in the overall category among the 150+ Clubs in the District.

With presence of about 36 members, President interacted with each by thanking them for their role and by giving examples. He recapitulated as to how the schedule prepared by PP Rtn Shashi Seth eased the preparation of the Installation and in return PP Shashi glorified the achievement of the Club of winning the trophy after more than two decades bearing the "Four Lions with an Eagle at the Centre" which was gifted by Late PP Rtn S.P. Bansal. PP Rtn Ajay Agarwal thanked the President of providing the opportunity of launching the book of his daughter Ashna at the Installation on the 14th July, 2019.

Rtn Anil Jhawar spelt his heart out that he had the intention of leaving the Club but the activities done during the year dissuaded him from doing so.

PDG Ravi Sehgal appreciated all the work done by the Club and that the Installation was the best in the District as per the DG. President thanked PDG Ravi for mentoring and providing guidance as and when he had wanted.

President thanked Rtn Piyush Doshi for his stellar performance in the District Conference and appreciated the new concept of Rtn Amitabh's "Aahvaan with Amitabh".

President had all the praises for PP Rtn Rakesh Bhatia and addressed him as "GURU" as it was during his time that he gained enough experience of Rotary as the Secretary of the Club.

President thanked Rtn B D Agarwal for his contribution to the TRF and for his participation in the WASH programmes. He also thanked PP Rtn G.L. Agarwal for being present in all the inauguration of the WASH schools and for his TRF contributions..

He thanked Ann Swati and Rtn Manju for their handling of the Installation, Charter, Diwali and Holi meet besides taking responsibility as and when required. Special appreciation was given to Rtn G.D. Agarwal for his TRF contributions and his help for the teachers at RCC along with Rtn B.D. Agarwal.

President thanked Rtn Anand for his Cloud Funding and PP Rtn Manoj Agarwal for his assistance in the Nigerian patient's evacuation. PP Rtn Vishnuji was referred to as the Global Grant Guru and PP Rtn Amarnathji for his TRF contributions and advice.

He offered his heart-felt thanks to Editor Rtn Santosh Mohta, Introducer PP Rtn Nirmal Saha and PP Rtn H K Prasad during whose term he joined Rotary, Rtn Raj Raniji for her support in women empowerment and TRF and Rtn Subhashji for his overall support.

Special thanks was given to PP Rtn G S Sardaji for organising and awarding Smt Sindutai Shreehari Sapkal the coveted "Four Way Test" award during the District Conference on the 12th January,2020.This project was declared the most "Outstanding Project" of the District.

Special thanks was given to Charter Member PP Rtn S.G. Dagaji for his attendance which was a source of inspiration for all and his contribution of Rs 51,000/-. He thanked Rtn Alope, Rtn Ashokji, Rtn Ajay Khanna, PP Rtn Navin Khandelwal, Rtn Anju Mitra and PP Rtn R.K. Bubna.

Rtn Sunil Sobti was thanked for his "Mantra" and Rtn Vijay Sharma for his services in DTA, Four Way Test and so on.

In his closing remarks he showered praises on PE Indra Goenka for her unflinching support and the immaculate work she had done the entire year. Treasurer PP Rtn P K Sharma was thanked in absentia for his support, advice and handling of the treasury.

The President ended his Thanks-Giving by his sincere and heart-felt thanks to his better-half, Ann Usha Tiwari, for her all-round support.

Special thanks was also provided to Rishikesh for his handling of the Nigerian patients.

# 5 CLUB PROJECTS

## Club Service:

Rotary Club of Belur has done all the Club Service Projects:

Fellowship, RWM Management, Publication of Club Activities, Taking Family together these were all covered by RCB but we gave our best to Family of Rotary & it demands effort in all areas. We always had record attendance in almost all meetings .

We have published 34 "Friendship"(4 pages each & in a few occasions 6 pages ) in a month to cover our activities . (21 in print & 34 E-Bulletin)

1. 53rd Installation
  2. RCB Charter Day Celebration with Picnic
  3. Diwali Meet
  4. Holi Meet
  5. RCB invited the Better Half of Members for almost all weekly Meetings
  6. RCB tries to include families by inviting them as speaker, Regular WhatsApp group, featuring them in Bulletin etc
  7. In one of our RWM-The invocation to GOD, introducer, Speaker and Thanks giver were all children of members with a record attendance of 67.
  8. During Lockdown also we have given ourselves a target to keep all members & Families bonded with games, zoom meeting & interactive talks.
  9. Board Meeting at our Member G.D Agarwal's Residence; which again was very successful with spouses joining at the end
  - 10 A RCM at the Residence of another Member Anil Jhawar's place.
- Small initiatives bring bigger change is what we believe & follow.







## **Youth Service:**

Our Rotaractors at MCKV participated in the Traffic Management & Road Safety Program.

The Interact Club of Rotary Club of Belur at MCKV raised more than 11 lakhs in a period of 20 days to give to ekal vidyalaya (one teacher school). The club also visits these schools on a regular basis.

They have organised "SAVE LIFE SAVE DRIVE " to create awareness by targeting the motorist & asking them to wear helmets by distributing sweets.

RCB is supporting other Interact clubs from different Clubs & one such is RC of Calcutta Majestic whose 5th June program is supported by Rotary Club of Belur. Other Club like RC Avyana was invited for our Pulse Polio Program & their 10 members participated. Inter Club relation is something our Rotary Club of Belur tried to improve .We have done joint meetings not only with clubs in our district but with other districts & even with 3 Singapore clubs .

## Community Service (Medical)

Regularly RCB Published a report on our Club Clinic & treated almost 400 patents in average monthly. Paperwork on Uluberia Hospital Project was done this year. We tried to take the project ahead.Following are the brief reports on Global Grants.

1. Along with our Sister Club “RC Singapore “ we have started a new Global Grant Project “ROSHNI” (GG#1990112) .
2. Heart Surgery.Under our GG#1414180,we had four Nigerian and five Afghan children get operated for “Corrective Heart Surgery”. In the post-operative stay,they were looked after well by the Rotarians and their spouses.

Two patients who had come, on the verge of Lock-Down,were provided shelter,stay at a Hotel and the members of RCB ensured their evacuation by a special flight after 85 days.



## Vocational Service:

### 1. 4-Way Test Award:

1. Rotary Club of Belur awarded the "4-Way Test Award" to "Sindhutai Sapkal- Mother of Orphans" for Rotary Year 2019-20.
2. We conducted classes for Cutting /Stitching for women at our RCC;Arupota every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from August 2019 to January 2020.
3. A new Interact Club was formed this year with Asha Bhavan Centre where the 109 female child borders are "Specially Abled children" .
4. Our ongoing Club programme for the "Specially Abled Children" named RCB Bal Bikas Kendra, at MCKV;Howrah also was ably given support.. This year a physically challenged boy received an appointment letter with the Railway Dept. & his father's reaction was overwhelming. RC of Cochin Queen City also attended the Annual Day Programme of Bal Vikas Kendra &





## Membership

The members as on 1st July 2019 was 66 & 10 members were added during the year 2019-20.

## Public Relation:

Activities of RCB was well published in print & electronic Media along with Hoardings:

- health Check-up Camp & handled Park Street Metro
- Installation Ceremony
- Independence Day Celebration at RCC Arupota
- Polio Awareness on World Polio Day at RCC Arupota in
- 20 year completion ceremony at Rotary Club of Belur Bal Vikas Kendra
- Four Way Test Award to Mrs. Sindhutai Sapkal
- Annual Function at Rotary Club of Belur Bal Vikas Kendra
- Coverage of Miracle Baby in Rotary News.
- By Inviting speakers, Guest & Dignitaries from outside Rotary, Circulating E-Bulletin & enhancing good relations in general ,even during lock down. This resulted in new member growth even at the end of the year.
- Receiving of Awards from DG Ajay Agarwal.



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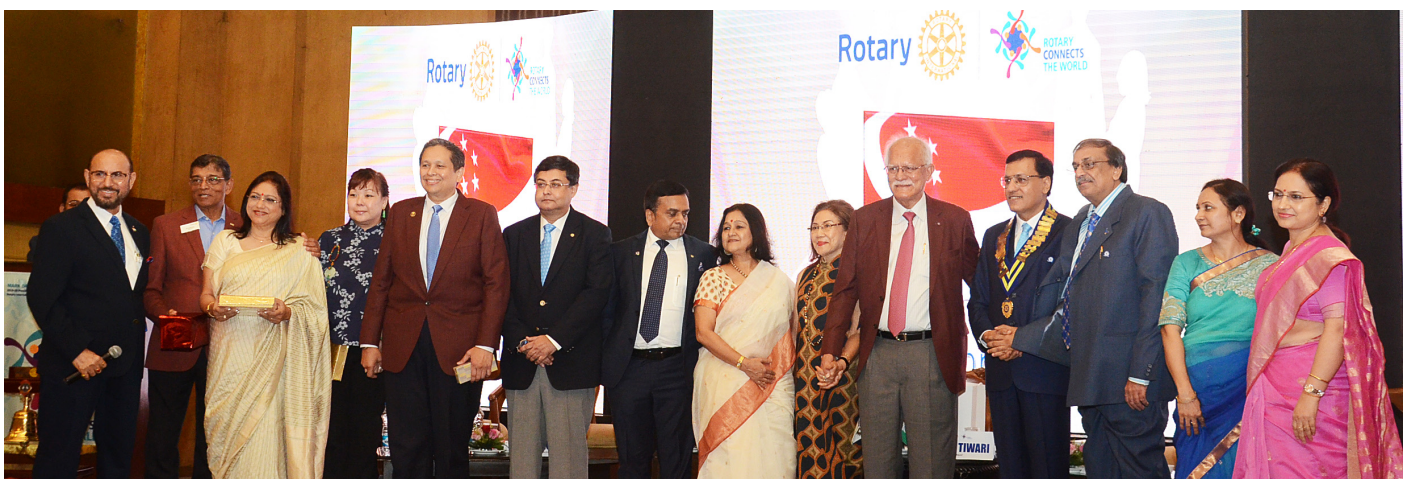
Polio Day Banner at many places



Rotary e-Club one,USA

## International:

We have hosted other International clubs & conducted joint meetings with them which resulted in positive results .Invited them during our Installation & other programs. We have made them Honorary Members in our clubs. During our Global Grant for COVID it's their support that made all of it



# 6 AREA OF FOCUS

We have covered all six areas of Focus during the year & brief outline is written below:

**Peace Building & Conflict Prevention:** Rotary Club of Belur was shocked when we heard that Specially -Abled girls were being trafficked from Bangladesh to Kolkata. Asha Bhavan, the centre of their stay, was made an Interact Club. Assistance was provided for their development so that peace can prevail. The endeavour of RCB has been to empower communities with skills so that peace prevails and conflicts are avoided. Our RCC at Arupota, Bal Vikas Kendra, Asha Bhawan etc have been imbued with the essence of "Peace and Conflict Resolution". In January 2020, a motivational talk by Dr Girish Patel was arranged on "Mind Power & Life Management" at Kala Kunj which forms the base for "Peace Building" leading to February being the month of "Peace & Conflict Resolution".

1. Supported "Specially Abled" 109 girls who had fled from a hostile home atmosphere from within and outside the country and provided relief to them by constructing "Toilets & Wash Stations, vocational training, etc.
2. Participating in fellowship and service activities with Rotary clubs in other parts of the world to promote greater international understanding. We invited different clubs like RC Singapore, RC Bugis Junction, RC Queen City, RCKankaria & RC Kankurgachi etc to do "Joint Meetings". Rotarians from Singapore, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Nepal and Bangladesh were invited at our Installation to promote bonding leading to peace between countries.
3. During the "Lock-Down", four Nigerians who had come for corrective heart surgeries got stranded. RCB not only looked after them but also ensured their safe departure after a stay of over 65 days.
4. We identified the cause for disharmony among members & started inviting spouses in our weekly meetings to increase bonding & reduce conflicts which resulted in a record attendance and bonhomie.

**Basic Education & Literacy:** Special stress was laid at our RCC at Arupota to educate children by conducting regular classes for Spoken English for overall growth and sustainability, "Sewing Classes" were held which benefited families at RCC.

**Disease Prevention & Treatment:** In the current scenario stress is the root cause of all diseases.

1. Dr. Mohit D. Gupta, a renowned Cardiac Surgeon and Professor from G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi, gave

examples of how Hypertension and other related diseases can be alleviated by Rajyoga Meditation at Rotary Sadan.

2. We had organised talks with cancer specialists & others also to spread awareness against smoking, chewing tobacco etc
3. We also Co-hosted "Free Health Check-up Camp" with RC Avyanna.
4. "Suswasthya" with RC Belvedere
5. A Joint Meeting was held with RC Kankurgachi & Dr Shekhar Raghuram from Mumbai educated Members on Diabetes & its Prevention.
6. We had organised various talks on healthy Eating habits which ultimately gives good health.
7. Conducted various wash training to impart healthy habits among the children & Elder.
8. RC Belur supported various Programmes of other clubs for the cause & encouraged overall good Habits by running Go Green project the entire year & Talk on "Healthy Habits" specifically during Lockdown .

**Water Sanitation & Hygiene:** Rotary Club of Belur constructed & inaugurated Toilets and wash stations in 2 schools under Global Grant GG#1536788 & 12 schools under Global Grant GG#1869981 to maintain clean environment and Personal Hygiene in schools. Besides these RCB also installed water filters to these schools for clear drinking water. To make it a more serious & viable project we regularly conducted training for the teachers, parents & students at these schools. RCB donated 7 water Filters to 5 schools on their request. Training is provided for long term benefits.

**Community Economic Development:** The entire Community near our RCC at Arupota was developed keeping sustainability in mind. Vocational training in sewing was provided to women with a buy-back arrangement. Free sewing machines were distributed. Children were provided free classes with a playground, library and a toilet. Fresh water connection was provided to prevent the occurrence of diseases. Members and Spouses regularly visited to take stock of the situation and to provide financial wherever necessary.

**Maternal & Child Health:** Most of the women residing at our RCC at Arupota were provided medical help with free supply of medicines. Our own member, Dr Raj Rani Agarwal, a gynaecologist, organised camps and prescribed necessary remedies. Safe drinking water and a playground was provided