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TRADITIONS AND TOGETHERNESS - A visit to the Puja pandals

(Courtesy: Rtn Vandana Gupta)

Rotary is all about service. Be it education, social welfare, responsibility towards the less privileged sections of the society or any other, Rotary leads in reaching out to assist.

Soaking in the festive vibes and kindling the spirit of festivity, members of the Rotary Club of Shillong took the inmates of Hindu Mission orphanage for Puja pandal visits, the much awaited event for these little children.

The day began with the beautifully attired little ones excitedly hopping into the bus, arranged by Rtn Teibor Pathaw, first visiting the Rilbong Puja pandal, then proceeding to the Assamese Naamghar Puja pandal, where they were served tea and prasaad.

The next visit was to the Puja pandal at the residence of Rtn Arandhati Paul, where they were warmly greeted and offered sweets and chocolates. The happy children were next taken to see the beautifully decorated Puja pandal at Rynjah. Enroute, in the bus, they were served refreshments contributed by Rtn Pooja Goenka. At every pandal, the children were given the privilege of offering coins personally, which were generously contributed by Rtn Kiron Joshi. The pandal visits concluded with the sumptuous lunch at Hotel Polo Towers, magnanimously served by Rtn Kishan Tibrewala. This delightful experience of tradition and togetherness brought immense joy and contentment on the faces of our little guests, which was a sight to behold!



As done in previous years, Children from Meghalaya Hindu Mission, Shillong were taken for a visit to different Puja Pandals in Shillong on 29th September 2025.



Rotary Club of Shillong felicitated Rtn Kiron Joshi for his dedication and contributions to sustain the 'Gift of Life' project which has been providing the much needed medical support to Children with congenital heart problems.

In Rotary: Giving is a celebration

Rtn. M Muruganandam

In India, generosity is woven into daily life. From anna daan, that is giving food to needy, and the great community kitchens of the gurudwaras, the acts of everyday kindness bring people together, said RI President Francesco Arezzo at the PreLead event, held ahead of the Rotary India Leadership Conclave in Chennai.

Addressing a galaxy of Indian Rotary leaders, council of governors from India, Sri Lanka and Nepal zones, AKS and Endowment Fund donors, Arezzo said giving to TRF is not 'abstract charity' for "you are connecting to a network of 1.4 million Rotarians in 46,000 clubs across the world, turning generosity into sustainable, high-impact projects that create lasting change." There are many reasons to give — moral duty, religious teaching or social responsibility — "but perhaps the most beautiful reason is the simplest: giving feels good." Being an AKS member is a badge of honour, a shining testament to the "boundless compassion and unwavering commitment of Rotarians to serve humanity."

When Rotarians give not just their resources, but also their "time, attention and effort, we transform from benefactor to partner. Often the gift we receive is greater than the one we give," he said.

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With the Programs of Scale helping Indian farmers reap a better harvest, "a farmer who sowed once a year, now does two harvests; a mother who spent hours walking to fetch water, now attends classes or visits the market; a village that used to wait for rain now learns to capture and share water." For sages, true bliss (ananda in Sanskrit) is "when we forget ourselves in the act of love, compassion and service." This is the joy of giving which grows the more we share it, he said. "In Rotary giving is not just an obligation, it is a celebration."



Health Camp organised by Rotary Club of Shillong in collaboration with NEIGRIHMS, Shillong on 29th September 2025 at Khyndailad, Shillong.



Blood Donation Camp organised by Rotary Club of Shillong in collaboration with NEIGRIHMS, Shillong on 29th September 2025 at Khyndailad, Shillong.

GREETINGS

Rtn. Narayan Jhunjunwala celebrates his birthday on 4th October

Rtn. Hemata Bayan and Anne Arunima Bayan celebrate their anniversary on 5th October

Rtn.(Dr.) Debashish Das and Anne Charis Budnah celebrate their anniversary on 9th October

Rotary Club of Shillong wishes you all many many happy returns of the day.