



Francesco Arezzo
RI President 2025-26



Dr. Kameswar S. Elangbam
District Governor RID 3240



Chandana Das
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Rotary needs to look East: Prez Arezzo

Recalling a passage from the Bible when Baruch (disciple and friend of prophet Jeremiah), who was “in exile and despair, asked his people to do something unusual... look to the east,” RI President Francesco Arezzo, addressing the inaugural session of the Lead25 conclave in Chennai said, “I believe Rotary too gives us reason at this moment to look east, not only in a metaphorical but in a real sense.”

He was saying this because in recent years, “our strongest and most vibrant membership growth has come from Asia, and here in India in particular, we are witnessing something extraordinary. Not just a growth in numbers but also an increase in meaning and clarity in serving the community.”

Underlining the importance of membership, and retaining members, he said RI was “not made just for clubs or projects. It is made of people. and people stay when they feel something deeper than obligation...they stay when they can connect, not just to the club but to one another.”

The RI President rued that during the entire previous decade, “each year we welcome tens of thousands of people worldwide, but nearly the same number departs.” Year-after-year.

This tension between growth and departure is not only a Rotary problem but a mirror of the world we live in. “People are longing for meaning, but they do not always find it. They join because they admire what Rotary stands for but they leave when Rotary becomes just a structure where you simply spend time rather than do something meaningful.”

That is why, he said, this year’s call *Unite for good* “is more than just a slogan... we unite to do good, to reinforce every member’s sense of belonging to ensure that they feel an essential part of our organisation.”

“We unite for good by contributing to the communities we live in and by learning from one another how to create lasting change. And we unite for good by laying a foundation for peace, earning trust and giving opportunities to form friendship. Only a Rotary or Rotaract club can give this opportunity.”

Addressing the club leaders in the massive gathering which registered nearly 12,000 participants, Arezzo said, “Many of you are here. Check with your members to understand what they want and start a discussion on their goals and desires and connect personally as best as you can. Reach out to people in your community to find out how your clubs can do more to make a positive difference for them.” (Source: Rotary News-Rasheeda Bhagat)

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Rotary Club of Shillong
DIST - 3240

Celebrates

Diwali

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Draw Date:
17th October 2025

at
Rotary Corner

Prizes
SILVER COINS

1 st Prize	: 100 grams and (2 Night Complementary stay for Couple in any of the Polo Tower Group Hotel PAN India.)
2 nd Prize	: 100 grams
3 rd Prize	: 75 grams
4 th Prize	: 50 grams
5 th Prize	: 25 grams
6 th - 10 th Prize	: 20 grams (each)

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District Governor 2025-26, the digital era begins!



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RID 3240 goes digital

Rotary District 3240, under the visionary leadership of District Governor Dr. Kameswar Singh Elangbam, has made Rotary history by becoming the first district in India to go fully digital.

Launched on 13th October 2025, this groundbreaking initiative ensures that every club across the 9 North Eastern states now has its own dedicated live website, seamlessly integrated with the official District website.

From now on, all communication, e-governance, and public image initiatives will be managed digitally—marking a new era of innovation, efficiency, and transparency in Rotary.

Kudos to our District Governor, Rtn (Dr.) K.S. Elangbam for your efforts in bringing about the digital transformation of our District.

Rotary District Conference "Pratidhwani" 2026

The 36th Rotary District Conference "Pratidhwani" is less than 3 months away. It's a matter of Pride for our esteemed club to be hosting the District Conference in association with four sister clubs of Zone - 13. The said Conference will be held in "**Lariti International Centre for Performing Arts and Culture**" located in Mawkasiang, Shillong. The dates of the upcoming District Conference are 9th, 10th and 11th of January 2026...



Message from Rtn. Sunil Arora

Fellow Rotarians, our Club President has instructed me to work towards this year's Vocational Awards. While we have begun identifying potential nominees, I warmly invite all members to suggest deserving individuals for this year's Rotary Vocational Service Awards.

Rotary International defines the purpose of the Vocational Service Award in the following statements. "The purpose of a Vocational Service Award is to recognize those who, by their actions, exemplify integrity in their vocation and use their professional skills to benefit others and the community." In essence, the award seeks to honour individuals who have made their vocation an instrument of service — who live the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self through their daily work, conducted with truth, fairness, goodwill, and benefit to all concerned

GREETINGS

Rtn. Santaram Joshi celebrates his birthday on 17th October

Rtn. Parambir Singh celebrates his birthday on 21st October

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