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Celebration of Bihu at club premises by Rotary Club of Shillong on 10th April 2026.



President and members of RC Shillong at the Handing over of Dustbins to NEIGHRIMS as part of the collaborative project to Observe Swachhta Pakhwara Abhiyan at NEIGHRIMS, Shillong

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RI director K P Nagesh suggested the incoming leaders to consider bifurcation of districts for better management of the clubs. He urged them to increase women membership and weed out clubs with less than 15 members. “Such clubs are bad for Rotary’s public image. For a club to be vibrant and productive, it should have at least 40 members,” he said. RI has set the global membership target at 1.25 million by 2030 when Rotary celebrates 125 years and for that “each of our contribution is vital.”

TRF trustee-elect A S Venkatesh reframed leadership saying, “In Rotary, titles mean nothing, but they give you an opportunity to make a difference, to do something worthwhile.” Drawing from former US president John F Kennedy’s famous moon mission statement in 1961, he said: “JFK did not say we hope... he said we will land on the moon before the end of the decade.” He connected this clarity to Rotary’s greatest success. “Rotary did not say we will try to eradicate polio... we said we will. If you have clear goals and a timeline, everything else will fall into place.” (Source: Jaishree- Rotary News)