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CHAMPION TROPHY FOR THE BEST MARCH PAST ON 79TH INDEPENDENCE DAY



Rotary Club of Guwahati:
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Meeting Day:

Every Tuesday Time : 7 PM
Venue B.K.Enclave,
Panbazar M.L Nehru Road,
Guwahati-76001.

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A Warm Congratulation to:

- (a) Rtn Pranab Kumar Choudhury for your contribution \$195.4 For supporting Rotary Foundation and keeping Service Above Self.
- (b) Thanks to Rtn B N Barooah and Rtn Utpal Khound for receiving Rotary Service awarded to Rotary Club of Guwahati by the District. The Awards ceremony hosted by Rotary Club of Siliguri Central on 23-08-25.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Rtn. Homeswar Goswami 2nd Aug
Rtn. Sunandan Dowerah 7th Aug
Rtn. Dr B L Sharma 17th Aug
Rtn. Manash Mazumdar 17th Aug
Rtn. Dr Ranjana Borah Das 22nd Aug
Rtn. Dr Gautam Sarma 23rd Aug

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

25th Aug Rtn Minakshi Devi



On 15-08-25-Rotary Club Guwahati, as before, sponsored the Champion Trophy to the Best March Past contingent on the 79th Independence Day anniversary at Veterinary College Playground at Khanapara Guwahati.

After the parade the selection committee selected the Black Commando (Male) for the Trophy. The Trophy was presented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.

Our Club had been sponsoring the Trophy for Independence Day function as well as Republic Day from the year 2000 (data as gathered) till this day. Earlier the Club was allowed to sponsor runners up Trophy on Independence Day as well as Republic Day. However, in the

meeting held at District Commissioner's office in the year 2021, Rtn B.N.Borooah pointed out to the authority for allowing Rotary Club Guwahati to sponsor the Champion Trophy to the best contingent on Independence and runner's up on Republic Day. Since that time onwards the Champion Trophy for best contingent on Independence Day is sponsored by Rotary Club Guwahati and the Lion Club is allowed to sponsor the runners up.

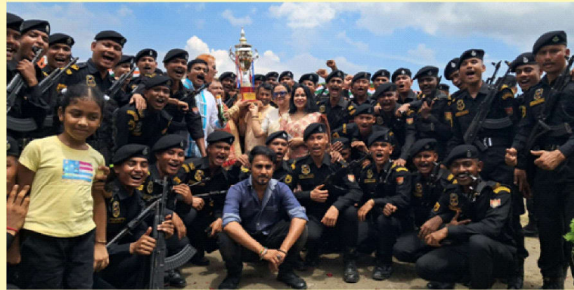
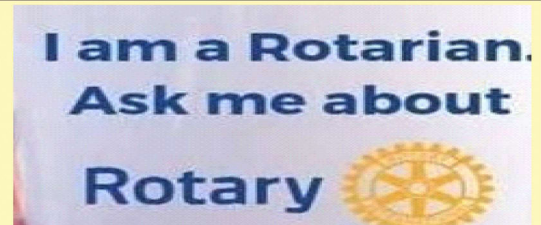


PHOTO OF TROPHY AT INDIPEENCE DAY ON 15-08-25 AND ROTARY SERVICE CERTIFICATE AWARDED TO THE CLUB.

A warm welcome to 8 (Eight) New Rotarians to the Rotary Club Guwahati : Ajay Kumar Hazarika (Banking service), Atutjwal Buragohain (Entrepreneur Sector) , Nilakshi Bordoloi Hazarika (Govt Service), Pranab Baruah (in IT & Business), Rajumani Hussain (in Tea consultancy), Ratul Kumar Das (an Entrepreneur, Community Development), Prnab Jyoti Sarma (in Railways service).



Now we all embrace the ideals of "The Rotary International 4-Way Test" which is a moral code of conduct for personal and business relationships, consisting of four questions that guide ethical decision-making.

The 4-Way Test was developed in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor

And it consist of the following four questions:

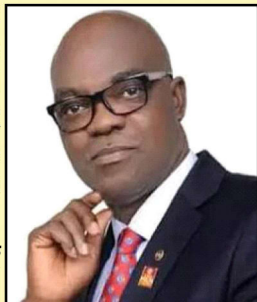
1. Is it the TRUTH? - This question encourages honesty and integrity in all actions and communications.
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? - This emphasizes fairness and justice in dealings with others.
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? - This focuses on fostering positive relationships and community spirit.
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? - This encourages consideration of the broader impact of decisions on all stakeholders.

IN THE NEWS:

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Ngeria, has been selected to become Rotary International's President for 2026-

Babalola's selection, making him only the second African – and the second Nigerian – to lead the global humanitarian organisation. The first was Jonathan Babatunde Majiyagbe, who served from 2003 to 2004.

A member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, Olayinka



Hakeem Babalola was selected by the Rotary International Board of Directors following the resignation of Sang Koo Yun, Babalola will formally assume office on 1 July 2026.

Babalola joined Rotary in 1994, six years after starting out as a Rotaractor in 1988. Beyond Rotary, Babalola is an accomplished professional. An engineer by training and an attorney, he has more than 25 years of experience in the oil and gas sector, having held senior positions with Shell PLC across four continents.

He is founder of Riviera Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure company, and Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and advisory firm.

IN THE NEWS: Sang Koo Yun resigns as 2026-27 Rotary International President

President-elect SangKoo Yun for 2026-27 resigned due to health issue on the advice of Doctor to focus on his treatment.

His words are "It has been a tremendous honor and pleasure to be given the opportunity to lead our organization. I will continue to serve however I can, and my love for Rotary and my commitment to our mission remains unshaken."

On 11th -Aug- 2025 Francesco Arezzo President, Rotary International, 2025-26- on behalf of the Rotary International Board accepted the resignation.



On 01-08-25- Club celebrated "71th Charter Day" of the Club by organizing Kishore Kumar Birthday commemorating with the event.

The speaker for the event was Rtn PDG P.K.Kedia, Rtn S R Saikia, Rtn D,K,Das, Rtn Dr Gautam Sarma. The speaker narrated the establishment of the Club and was chartered on 01-08-1955, as the first Club of the North east. It was highlighted that the first President of the Club was the Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court Mr justice Sarjoo Prasad 1955-57. Club had other Chief Justice as President, they are Justice Gopalji Mehrotra 1961-62 and Justice Ramlabhya Oberoi 1959-60 another Judge Dr B.L.Saraf 1981-82 Retd Chief Justice Bomby Hgh Court and Retd Justice Amitava Roy retired as Judge Supreme Court of India. All these members has brought glory and pride to the old Club of North East. Rtn PDG Dr N N Dutta was District Governor from our Club in the year 1995-96 during the time of RI President Herbert G Brown and he became the the first major Donor of the Club in the year 1994.

Rtn PDG Prabhat Kr Kedia was District Governor from our Club in the year 2007-08 during the time of RI President Wilfrid J Wilkinson then again in 2011-12 during the time of RI President Kalyan Banerjee Rotary Club of Guwahati held 3 (three) District

Conference at Guwahati, during the time of PDG Dr N N Dutta, Rtn PDG Trilok Singh in the year 2001-02 Rtn PDG Prabhat Kr Kedia 2007-08.



Month of September "Basic Education and Literacy Month"

Out of seven areas of focus of service "literacy" is one where Rotary members are critically involvement for bringing a change. We all know the importance of basic education which is essential for gaining information, communicating, making agreements, and so forth.

Enhancing Basic Education skills and Literacy and molding for individual growth are essential in reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and consequently for promoting peace. Literacy would empower under privileged classes with

improved facilities. Education can reduce maternal death, childhood survivability, and reduce poverty. They can also enable success in business or profession and transform the community for better to live in. Projects contemplated by a Rotary Club for educating female students who are often neglected in society can definitely be a steps forward in pushing adult literacy, and enhancing female students performance, mainly under privileged classes. Listed below are examples of a number of projects by which Clubs can achieve few steps in educating the under privilege community.

a) Clubs can on their own or in partner with a nonprofit organization, provide textbooks for children, support

reading benches, black board to school where the basic necessity are absent.

b) Provide play materials for learner group, pure drinking water build wash room etc. Build a attractive entrance gate in the school

c) Arrange for Mental Health Classes in Schools to students for encouragement.

“We can teach children to love, We can teach them to respect themselves and others. We can teach them to set goals and work towards them. And in return, they can pass on these life-affirming values to the next generations. “PRIP Herbert G.Brown 1995-96”

Minutes of Meeting No- 3216 : Dated 05-08-25 : Time 7.00 PM Venue : B.K.Enclave

Vice President Rtn.Sunanadan Dowerah called RWM 3216 to order at 7:00 p.m. and National Anthem was sung by all present in the meeting.

The President welcomed all members and guests, including the Guests of Suro Tirtha. The Guest was felicitated by PDG Rtn. Prabhat Kr. Kedia with a Fulam Gamusa and a copy of the Club Souvenir.

Secretary Rtn Mousumi Bhattacharjee read out the minutes of RWM No. 3215. The minutes were unanimously adopted by the members. Secretary extended birthday wishes to Rtn.Sunandan Dowerah which falls on 7th August.

As the evening was dedicated for celebrating pre independence day in collaboration with Cotton College Alumni and Suro Tirtha Vice President handed over

proceedings to Rtn. Bandana Dutta to conduct the programme arranged by Suro Tirtha.

The President of Suro Tirtha conducted a musical programme featuring multiple renditions and recitations. Speech by General Secy Cotton Alumni Assn, Patriotic song by Kavita Baruah, Tulika Lahkar, Jonali Devi(Recitition), Patriotic song Prtul Goswami,Dibajyoti Kakoti,Bishnu kumar, Anupama Sarma, Namita Sarma,Prabin Rahman, Vote of thanks from Suratirtha. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks offered by Rtn. Sashanka Sekhar Dutta.

Singing of Axomor Jatiyo Sangeet (State Anthem of Assam) at 8:20 p.m. Total Nos of Rotarian present 16. Guest 29. Total-44.



PHOTO SHOWS CLUB CELEBRATED PRE- INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH PATRIOTIC SONGS WITH PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF SURO TIRTHA AND COOTON COLLEGE ALUMNI

On 06-08-25- Rotary Club of Guwahati in collaboration with Asam Kotha Group hosted for young children a platform for presenting their thought ideas and to express them in order to build their career. The initiatives encourages the young minds to think critically engage in research and speak with clarity on data backed ideas rooted in Assam's glorious history. Another mentor of the group is Retd ACS officer Mukul Ch Gogoi expressed that young people have found the freedom to explore and express their creativity. Ten young speakers delivered five minutes talk. Dr Kuladhar Saikia initiated Swadesh Swabhimani in 2021 during his tenure as President of Asom Sahitya Sabha, initiated the series and since then the series has been continuing at various colleges and universities across Assam.



ROTARY CLUB OF GUWAHATI IN ASSOCIATION WITH ASOM KOTHA (LITERACY NGO) MENTORED BY DR KULADHAR SAIKIA, FORMER DGP, ASSAM AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF ASOM SAHITYA SABHA ORGANISED A COLLOQUIUM ON CRITICAL THINKING AMONG STUDENTS. THIS IS AIMED AT ENHANCING CONTENT DEVELOPMENT, RESEARCH, COMPREHENSION, ARTICULATION AND SPEECH DELIVERY WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR CAREER



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PHOTO OF 06-08-25 CHILDREN PARTICIPATION IN GROUP DISCUSSION SPEAKER DR KULADHAR SAIKIA FORMER PRESIDENT OF ASOM SAHITYA SABHA, SRI RABIN KALITA RTS(RETD), SRI MUKUL GOGOI (RETD) ACS OFFICER

Minutes of Meeting No- 3217 : Dated 12-08-25 : Time 7.00 Venue : B.K. Enclave

RWM, 3217 was called to order by the President at 7:00 p.m. and the National Anthem was sung by all members present.

The President welcomed all members and Dramatist and Actor Guest Speaker, Jyoti Narayan Nath. Secretary Rtn Mousumi Bhattacharjee read out the minutes of RWM No. 3216. The minutes were unanimously adopted by the members. Secretary also extended birthday wishes to Rtn. Dr B.L.Sharma . The President introduced the Guest Speaker Jyoti Narayan Nath who is NSD Alumni , actor and Director. He was felicitated by PDG Rtn. Prabhat Kr. Kedia with a Fulam Gamusa and a copy of the Club Souvenir. The Chief Guest then delivered his talk on the **journey of theatre**. In his speech he highlighted:

Jyoti Nath traced the origins of theatre to ancient Greece and medieval practice of 17th 18th Century and that the remains can be seen still there .

The rise of the middle class and how theatre began to focus on the lives of common people, law, and order.

He spoke about drama in India and narrated that it can be traced to Vedic period dating 1500 BCE and talke about Kalidasa plays.

He also talked about Assamese "Bhauna" "Jatra Party"

which are still thriving inspite of Cine culture. He described the rich culture and the contribution by Srimanta Sankardeva who introduced Ankiya Nat and Bhaona. He also talk about Oja –Pali.

The contributions of Safdar Hashmi in the Street play.

The concerns related to reviving theatre was raised by Rtn ANNI Laskar but speaker Jyoti Narayan has emphatically answered that there is no threat to Drama as down the civilization it has survived.

During the interactive session, Rtn. Utpal Gohain asked about the theatre infrastructure in Guwahati.

The Chief Guest responded that the ongoing renovation of **Rabindra Bhawan** is underway, and it is proposed to be converted into a multiplex with multiple theatre spaces. **A one-minute silence** was observed in remembrance of **Rattan Thiyam, a famous theatre artist** on his demise. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Rtn. Er. Gajendra Nath Khound, who thanked the speaker for his insightful coverage of the inception and evolution of theatre, and expressed gratitude to all members and the Chief Guest. The meeting Meeting came to a formal close with the singing of Axomor Jatiyo Sangeet (State Anthem of Assam) at 8:20 p.m.

Rotarians Present: 20 Guests Present: 1 Total: 21



ON 12-08-25 NSD ALUMNI, ACTOR DIRECTOR JYOTI NARAYAN NATH ADDRESSING THE MEMBERS AT CLUB MEETING

Minutes of BOD Meeting No- 02 : Dated 17-08-25 : Time 6.30 Venue : B.K. Enclave

Meeting was called to order by the President at 7:00 p.m. Secretary read out the minutes of 1st BOD and the action thereunder and the members confirmed the minutes. The BOD discussed and approved that Rtn Dr Gautam Sarma will supervise the on going progress of the different service projects. Members accepted that on 8th September/25 Club will organise Dr Bhupen Hazarika programme under the guidance of Rtn Bandana Dutta. Members also discussed about "Skin Bank Project" in

association with "Nemcare Hospital". A two day RYLA programme will be held in the month of November/25. BOD approved the membership of Ajay Kumar Hazarika a Banker, Atutjwal Buragohain entrepreneur, Nilakshi Bordoloi Hazarika Govt service, Pranab Baruah, IT & Business, Rajumani Hussain Tea consultancy, Ratul Kumar Das Entrepreneur, Community Development, Prnab Jyoti Sarma Railways. Total nos of members present 11.

Minutes of Meeting No- 3218 : Dated 19-08-25 : Time 7.00 Venue : B.K. Enclave

RWM, 3218 was called to order by the President at 7:00 p.m. and the National Anthem was sung by all members present. The President welcomed all members and informed that since it is a Closed Door meeting no guest and invitee was called.

Secretary Rtn Mousumi Bhattacharjee read out the minutes of RWM No. 3217. The minutes were unanimously adopted by the members. Secretary also extended birthday wishes to Rtn Dr Ranjana Borah Das falling on 22nd Aug and Rtn Dr Gautam Sarma 23rd Aug 25th Aug and anniversary greeting to Rtn Minakshi Devi. President announced that there will be two project of tree plantation drive on 21-08-25 under the caption "EK PED MAA KE NAAM" and under the banner "the

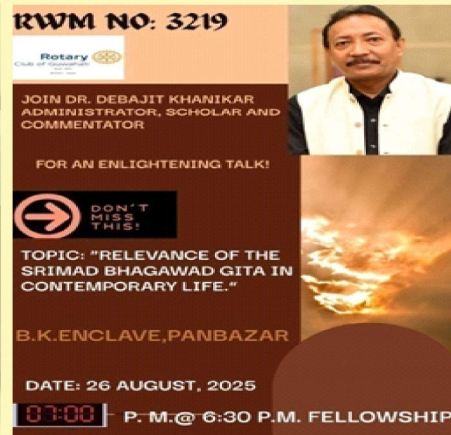
Best Legacy we Leave" for the **next generation** is a greener mother earth in collaboration with North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC) supported by Divisional Forest Officer, Kamrup, East Division, Basistha, planted more than 1000 nos of fruits bearing plants at "Rajapukhuri" Rampur. at "Rajapukhuri" Rampur and on 22-08-25 at NERAMAC campus at Guwahati and requested the participation of the members. **A CLOSED DOOR MEETING** for discussion of agenda of importance for function of the Club. The meeting came to a formal close with the singing of Axomor Jatiyo Sangeet (State Anthem of Assam) at 8:30 p.m..

Minutes of Meeting No- 3219 : Dated 26-08-25 : Time 7.00 Venue : B.K. Enclave

The meeting started with singing of National Anthem by all members present. Guest Speaker Dr Deanikar was invited to the dais and was felicitated by Rtn PDG P.K.Kedia .President Rtn Manoj Das introduced the Guest Speaker who is a Secy to the Govt of Assam Tourism Department and has done lots of research study on Bhagwad Gita and contemporaneous study on Puranas and thus he has taken the topic of "Gita on contemporary life". Secretary read out the previous minutes of RWM 3218 meeting which was unanimously adopted by the members thereafter she gave a gist of 2nd BOD meeting where the membership of 8 new members were approved and as the members have agreed to the proposal the same were approved.

One visiting Rotarian Rtn Kamlesh Patel from Rotary Club of Palanpur Dist Banaskatha , Gujrat RI District-3055 attended the meeting and he exchanged Club flag with

the President. He added that their Club is 78 years old Chartered on 29th May 1947 and has over 55 members. Speaker Dr Khanikar spoke about Gita and its application to the modern day living. He emphasize that knowledge of Gita offers timeless wisdom to the modern life. A discipline life would help a person to wade through pain and pleasure and build inner strength. He added that perform your duty but remain detach from result, cultivate balance mind that helps you to be free from stress and pain a righteous conduct helps one to live together and respect each other who ever he may be and what religion they may belong to. There was interactive session and the speakers answered to the questions put by the members. Meeting ended at 8-20 pm. The vote of thanks was offered by Rtn Manash Sarma and the meeting ended with the singing of Jatio Sangeet. Members attended 19 Rotarians and 6 Guest .



CLUB PROJECT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025

On 21-08-25- Plantation Drive "EK PED MAA KE NAAM" under the banner "the Best Legacy we Leave" for the next generation is a greener mother earth under taken by the Rotary Club of Guwahati in collaboration with North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd (NERAMAC) supported by Divisional Forest Officer , Kamrup, East Division , Basistha, planted more than 1000 nos of fruits bearing plants at "Rajapukhuri" Rampur.

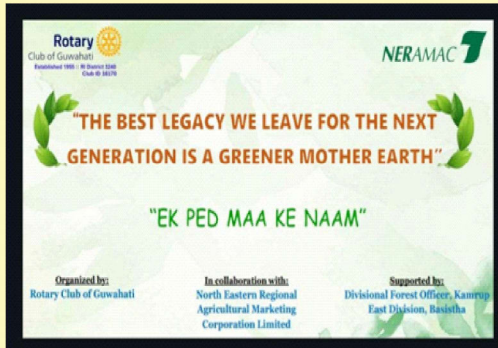


PHOTO OF TREE PLANTATION DRIVE ON 21-08-25" EK PED MAA KE NAAM" under the banner "the Best Legacy we Leave" for the next generation is a greener mother earth

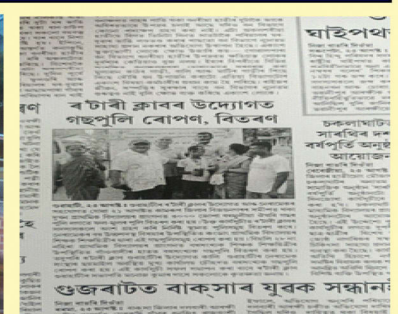


PHOTO OF TREE PLANTATION DRIVE ON 22-08-25 " EK PED MAA KE NAAM" under the banner "the Best Legacy we Leave" for the next generation is a greener mother earth at NERAMAC Campus .

On 28-08-25 Rotary Club of Guwahati under the guidance of Literacy Chair Rtn Dr Ranjana Borah Das held "Awareness on Mental Health & Drug Abuse among Teenage Children" at Panbazar H S School under the banner Choose Life Not Drugs your life is precious Don't let drug take it away with resource team from "Snehalaya" and "Sita Centre" for child rights in collaboration with Panbazar Higher Secondary School.

The meeting started with singing of National Anthem by all members present. Guest Speaker Dr Dipankar Barua was invited to the dais and was felicitated by Rtn Bandana Dutta . President gave a brief report of the completion of Food Distribution Camp at Digaru where over 50 families were provided with nutritional food and to the children with Anne

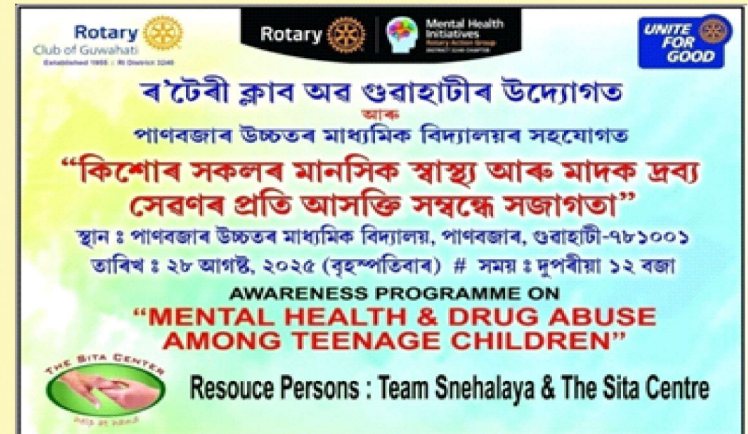


Photo shows Mrs Habiba Sultana Principal of Panbazar H.S.School was felicitated by Rtn Manoj Kr Das , President Rotary Club of Guwahati with Gamusa and a copy of Souvenir.

PHOTO OF 28-08-25 MENTAL HEALTH & DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT PANBAZAR H.S.SCHOOL ORGANISED IN COLLOBRATION WITH ROTARY CLUB OF GUWAHATI. THE HALL OF THE CLASS ROOM WAS FILLED UP WITH 65 Nos OF CHILDREN (OF CLASS VIII, IX AND X), AND 5 Nos OF TEACHERS AND 12 NOS OF ROTARIANS.

RESOURCE TEAM WERE 1) MR.BIRENDRA KR BAXIA AND 20 MR. RICHARD JOHNSON CLARIDGE FROM "SNEHALAYA" & RTN ANIT AGARWAL FROM "SITA CENTRE" "SPOKE ABOUT THE ILL EFFECT OF DRUGS AND RELATED NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES TO THE CHILDREN BY SHOWING VIDEO CLIPS AND PAMPHLETS