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On **24-10-25**- Rotary Club of Guwahati in view of World Polio Day on 24th October to "End Polio Now" organized a Rally at Shraddhanjali Kanan public park, near Spanish Garden, Zoo Road from 6 AM. Members of Rotary Club of Guwahati interacted with many morning walkers about the Polio programme who were present in the park and nearby areas as part of the "End Polio initiative of Rotary International".



Photo of Rotarians of 5 of Rotary Club Clubs participating in Rally at (Shraddhanjali Kanan) public park on 24-10-25. PDG Rtn P K Kedia addressed the public gathering about the Polio and its effects and ways for eradication and how Rotary International's involvement in its eradication.

Rotary Club of Guwahati:
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Meeting Day:

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A Warm Congratulation to:
Rtn Utpal Gohain for your contribution \$113.64 for supporting Rotary Foundation and keeping Service Above Self.

CLUB OFFERS HEARTIEST THANKS TO:

Rtn Safiur Rahman Saikia and Rtn Anjushree Baruah for donating Rs.10,000/- to the 50 Boarders of old age Home at "Amar Ghar Old Age Home" Pathorkuwoori on 21-10-25 towards medicines and maintenance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Rtn Sankar Krishna Das 10th Oct
Rtn Bibhuti Dutta 20th Oct
Rtn Abu N N I Laskar 28th Oct
Nilskhis Hazarika Bordoloi 18th Aug

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

11th Oct Rtn Biswa Dutta and Anne-Padumi
13th Oct Rtn Anjushree Baruah spouse Raktim Barooah
15th Oct Rtn Manash Sarma Anne Manmita
11th May Nilskhis Hazarika Bordoloi

On 07-10-25- Rotary Club of Guwahati inducted 9 New members. Formal induction ceremony was conducted by Rtn PDG Prabhat Kr Kedia. New members recited the 4-Way test and accepted to follow the ideals of Rotary.



Smt Ajanta Baruah Das was inducted as member of the Rotary Club Guwahati in RWM 3224. The induction ceremony was conducted by PDG Rtn Prabhat Kedia. Smt Ajanta Baruah Das was a Chief Medical Officer, Director of Health Service Government of NCT, New Delhi by profession. Her classification is Doctor. She is married to Rtn Manoj Das (present President of the Club) and is blessed one son and one daughter. Her birthday is on 17th November and anniversary is on 29th July. She can be contracted and wish for birthday and anniversary on (M)9811171835.



Sri Pranab Jyoti Sarma was inducted as member of the Rotary Club Guwahati in RWM 3224. The induction ceremony was conducted by PDG Rtn Prabhat Kedia. Sri Pranab Jyoti Sarma is an Engineer by profession.



Nitakshi Bordoloi Hazarika was inducted as member of the Rotary Club Guwahati in RWM 3224. The induction ceremony was conducted by PDG Rtn Prabhat Kedia . Smt Nilakshi Bordoloi Hazarika is a retired government servant. She is married to Sri Ajay Hazarika. She can be contracted and wish for birthday and anniversary on (M) 86383 80988 with Email Id: nilakshi@gmail.com.



Sri Abhishek Jain was inducted as member of the Rotary Club Guwahati in RWM 3224. The induction ceremony was conducted by PDG Rtn Prabhat Kedia. Sri Abhishek Jain is Business by profession and the classification is Business. His birthday is 21st Oct. He can be contracted and wish for birthday and anniversary on (M) 9864022856 with mail id abhisek.jain@gmail.com



Sri Ajay Hazarika was inducted as member of the Rotary Club Guwahati in RWM 322. The induction ceremony was conducted by PDG Rtn Prabhat Kedia. Sri Ajay Hazarika was a Banker by profession and the classification is Banker. He is married to Smt Nilakshi Bordoloi Hazarika He can be contracted and wish for birthday and anniversary on (M) 9435340798.

Do you know why Rotarian's wives are called ANNS*

The year was 1914 when San Francisco Rotarian Bru Brunnier and his wife boarded a special train to attend the Rotary convention being held in Houston. On the journey they met other delegates where Rotarian Bru Brunnier introduced his wife as Mrs. Ann Brunnier and this title soon became "Rotary Ann." In those days few wives attended Rotary events. One of the delegates was Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named Ann. During exhibition and show demonstrating in the event, some delegates started calling the wives of Rotarians as Ann. The two petite ladies, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker, were hoisted to the men's shoulders and paraded about the hall. Immediately the same term of endearment and was used for all of the wives in attendance, and the name "Rotary Ann" was here to stay. The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann.

Guy Gundaker became president of Rotary International in 1923 and Bru Brunnier was elected president in 1952. Thus, each of the two original Rotary Anns became the "first ladies of Rotary International."

Thus, each of the two original Rotary Anns became the "first lady of Rotary International." Oklahoma City, Club 29 is responsible for the origin of the Rotary Ann auxiliary organization.

One of the purposes of a Rotary Ann Club is to bring into fellowship of the families of the members of the Rotary club. Other objectives include assisting Rotarians in the execution of various club and community projects and uphold the purposes and aims of Rotary.

The Brunniers established a trust fund for the University in 1962.

Do you know why 24th October is observed by Rotary International as World Polio Day

24th October, 1914, is the birth date of Jonas Salk who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis. Use of this inactivated poliovirus vaccine and subsequent widespread use of the oral poliovirus vaccine developed by Albert Sabin led to establishment of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988. Since then, GPEI has reduced polio worldwide by 99 percent. World Polio Day is an annual observance when members of Rotary International, along with public health advocates and individuals committed to a polio-free world, convene to commemorate their accomplishments in the global campaign against polio. This day also provides a platform for deliberation on the requisite measures to permanently eliminate polio from the face of the Earth accomplishments in the global campaign



Photo of Jonas Salk

Minutes of meeting No 3224 : Dated 07-10-25 : Time 7.00 PM Venue : B.K.Enclave

Meeting No 3220 was called to order by the President Rtn Manoj Kr Das, and National Anthem was sung by all members present in the meeting.

Secretary Rtn Mousumi Bhattacharjee read out the minutes of RWM 3223 which was confirmed and was adopted. She also announced the birthday of Rtn Sankar Krishna Das falling on 10th October and anniversary greeting to Rtn Biswa Dutta and Anne-Padumi falling on 11th October and Rtn Anjushree Baruah spouse Raktim Barooah falling on 13th Oct.

President announced that the Club has decided to honour two distinguish Engineer in today's meeting, Rtn A N N I Laskar and Pranab Jyoti Sarma.

The introduction of the Engineers were given by Rtn Mousumi Bhattacharjee and Rtn Manoj Kr Das .

Rtn Sunandsn Dowerah gave a short speech about the significance of Engineers Day and Mokshagundam

Visvesvaraya.

Both the guest were felicitated with Fulam Gamusa, a memento, and a copy of the Club Souvenir.

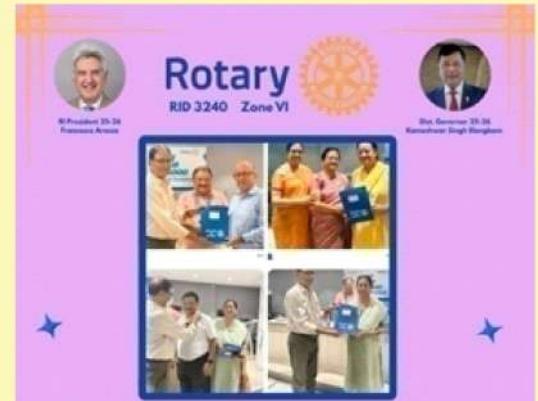
The guest thereafter gave a short speech about their journey as Engineers.

The following new members were inducted in a formal ceremony

- (a) Mrs. Dr Ajanta Baruah Das,
- (b) Mr. Pranav Jyoti Sarma,
- (c) Mr. Abhishek Jain,
- (d) Mrs. Nilakshi Bordoloi Hazarika and
- (e) Mr. Ajoy Kumar Hazarika.

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All the new Rotarian gave a brief speech about their feeling as Rotarian.



ROTARY CLUB OF GUWAHATI (RCG) INDUCTED 9 NEW MEMBERS IN RWM 3224. A RECORD FOR THE CLUB.

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RID 3240, ZONE 6 UNITE FOR GOOD

The meeting ended followed by singing of AXOMOR JATIYO SANGEET. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. and members present are 24 Rotarians and 2 Guest



Observing Engineers'Day Club felicitated Rtn A.N.N.I Laskar and Pranab Jyoti Sarma.



Meeting No 3225 was called to order by the President Rtn Manoj Kr Das, and National Anthem was sung by all members present in the meeting.

Club Secretary Rtn Mousumi Bhattacharjee read out the minutes of RWM No 3224 and the same was confirmed and adopted.

The President mentioned the Skill Development Programme, which had commenced on the 13th of October 2025. He informed the members that the Rotary Club of Guwahati has signed an MoU with Assam Down Town University for a period of three years, under which the Rotary Club, in collaboration with the university, will conduct training in computer applications along with various other skill development programmes

The President further stated that the day's meeting was a Club Assembly, marking the completion of 100 days of his tenure.

Rtn D.K.Das taking the members to the Bulletin published by the Club briefed the members the different project done right from July -2025

(a) on 18-07-25 **"Food Distribution & Nutrition Drive"** in collaboration with "India Food Banking Network and Assam Seva Samity "to needy people at Bamunkhat Digaru

(b) On 20-07-25- **Organizes Free Eye Screening Camp at Mayong** in collaboration with Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya, Mayong Gaon Panchayat, and Roja Mayong Unnayan Samiti. In the month of August

(a) On **21-08-25**- Tree Plantation Drive "EK PED MAA KE NAAM" under the banner **"the Best Legacy we Leave"** for the **next generation** was taken by the Club 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 and on **22-08-25** at NERAMAC campus

(c) On **28-08-25** Club held "Awareness on Mental Health & Drug Abuse among Teenage Children "at Panbazar H S School under the banner

Choose Life Not Drugs

(d) On 17-09-25 **On 17-09-25**- Club in association with Royal Global University and Gauhati Medical College & Hospital and Assam State Blood Transfusion Council organized a Blood Donation Camp at Royal Global University campus . There 96 donors for the blood Drive which was collected by GMCH during the process.

Beside other **image building** activities

(a) Sponsor of Champion Trophy on 15-08-25 at 79th Independence Day

(b) Celebration of 71st Charter Day of the Club

(c) Celebration of Independence Day with Suro Tirtha and Cotton College Alumni

(d) Dr Bhupen Hazarika Cultural Award 2025-26 on 08-09-25 conferred on Sri Nakul Das exponent of traditional

Boat Race Song, (e) Felicitation of Dr Ramesh Ch Deka ,Vice Chancellor Cotton University and Rtn Prof Dr Sunandan Baruah on the occasion of Teacher's Day.

(f) Talk by Anusuya Borkotoky about understanding Dementia, and its treatment

(g) Condolence to Smt Garima Saikia Garg wife of Jonokontho Zubeen Garg at their residence where millions of mourners have assembled.

He concluded that having and activating RCC will help the Club in monitoring the projects.

Thereafter, the President distributed certificates for the Bhupen Hazarika Centenary Celebration to Rtn. Utpal Gohain, Rtn. S. R. Saikia, and Rtn. Mousumi Bhattacharjee (Jail), in recognition of their contributions.

Following this, the President invited the new members to deliver a brief speech. Rtn Dr Ajanta Baruah Das talked about her earlier days in School and College and an account of her working days as Doctor in Delhi and that she was inspired by her husband Rtn Manoj Kr Das to joined Rotary Club . She was delighted by the Club activities done during the short period.

The Trust account statement was presented by Rtn Bibhuti but could not be finalized, as the account book was not available with Rtn. Sudhanya Ma'am. The President decided to verify the accounts later. Rtn. Bibhuti mentioned that the relevant bill had already been shared with the President for review.

Next, Rtn. Utpal Gohain spoke about his experience at the RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) Camp, which was held on the 11th and 12th of October. He expressed that it was a valuable learning opportunity, helping him to revise concepts learned in previous sessions. He also shared that several distinguished Rotary Chairs from the remotest parts of India had participated in the camp.

He reminded members that 24th October marks World Polio Day and urged all Rotarians to organize an orientation session for new members and participate in activities celebrating World Immunization Day, which also falls on 24th October. He suggested organizing a rally with essential food items on 26th October, as part of the World Polio Day observance.

Rtn S.R.Saikia also emphasized on activating RCC which are lying dormant for smooth function of the projects .

Rtn Gautam Sarma is of the view of having family night so that the spouses can join and the Club can have more members during the weekly meeting.

Rtn. Anupam suggested organizing a musical tribute to Zubeen Garg, mentioning that several other clubs had already paid their respects. He emphasized that such a tribute should be organized with proper planning and presentation, possibly in collaboration with local artists and cultural groups.

The meeting ended followed by singing of AXOMOR JATIYO SANGEET. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. and members present are 12 Rotarians.

EDITORIAL

Month of November is Rotary International's Economic & Community Development Month

Rotary Clubs all over the world help communities and people in other countries with projects that aim to provide sustainable ongoing development and help, not just immediate charity.

The Rotary Foundation also enables Rotarians to invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable and long term economic improvements in their communities and livelihoods by :

- * Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities;
- * Developing opportunities for productive work;
- * Reducing poverty in under-served communities; and
- * Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to economic and community development.



circulating in the environment of Afghanistan and Pakistan. 36 Polio cases are still in these countries. India is Polio Free now.

The last case of Polio in India was detected on 13th January 2011. After that no Polio case was detected for 3 consecutive years and India received the Polio Free Certificate from WHO on 27th March 2014.

In India PPIP (Pulse Polio Immunization Programme) was launched on 2nd October, 1995 by Shri Pranab Mukherjee, then President of India with a goal to cover 100% immunization on the same day. Slogan is "Do boond Zindagi ki" and Actor Amitabh Bachchan is the Prominent Brand Ambassador of Pulse Polio Campaign.

Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) established at the World Health Assembly in 1988 to eradicate Polio through Vaccination, Surveillance and outbreak response marked a turning point in the fight against this debilitating illness. GPEI was supported by WHO, UNICEF, Rotary International,

The Gates Foundation, USA CDC. This initiative has led to a dramatic decline in polio cases—from 350,000 annually to 36 in 2025.

Club Project in the month of October 2025.

On 13-10-25- Rotary Club Guwahati in association with Assam Down Town University organized 5 Days Skill Development Program on "Chinese Cooking and Baking and Basic Computer Application". The program is taken up as a steps to boost **Economic & Community Development** for sustainable ongoing development and help, not just immediate charity .

GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION: Overview by Rtn Dr Ajanta Baruah Das

Global Polio Eradication: Rtn Dr Ajanta Baruah Das Polio or Poliomyelitis previously known as infant paralysis, is a highly infectious disease caused by polio virus. The high-risk age group is under 5 years and male Children are most affected than females. The infected person sheds the virus in the stool and the virus is transmitted to another person through contaminated food, water, hands and utensils etc in the poor hygienic areas. The virus enters through the mouth and multiply in the throat and the intestine. From the intestine the virus spread in the blood and lymph and invades the motor neurons of spinal cord & brain stem responsible for body movement.

Symptoms are usually flu-like in mild cases. Gradually there is fever, headache, vomiting weakness of muscles, breathing and swallowing problems and ultimately within few days causing paralysis of the limbs 1 in 200 cases. Polio is diagnosed by medical symptoms, examination of stool, CSF, throat secretion and blood test to find anti bodies. Other tests like Neuro Imaging helps to assess Muscle weakness.

Symptomatic treatment can be given like pain killer, physiotherapy, hot water bags if spasm and ventilator in case of breathing problem.

Polio, cannot be cured, it can be prevented only by vaccination. There are two types of vaccines OPV (Oral Polio Vaccine) and IPV (Inactivated Polio Vaccine). The IPV was developed by Dr Jonas Salk in 1955 and OPV was developed by Albert Sabin in 1961. In routine immunization 4 doses of OPV (Live Attenuated Polio Virus) are administered in 6 weeks, 10 weeks, 14 weeks with injectable IPV (Killed Polio Virus) and booster doses of 16 to 24 months. The OPV protects the intestinal lining and prevents the spread of Virus to Blood. The IPV causes anti bodies formation in the blood.

There are 3 strains of Wild Polio Virus. Type 2 eradicated in 1999 and Type 3 eradicated in 2019. Type 1 is still

On 21-10-25- Rotary Club Guwahati celebrated Diwali with the inmates of old age Home at "Amar Ghar Old Age Home" Pathorkuwoi, VIP, Road, Guwahati, by distribution of sweets and fruits and other essentials to 50 Boarders with aim to bring smile to the old inmates and trying to shed their loneliness. Members also donated Rs 10,000/- towards medicines and maintenance

**5 days Skill Development Program on
CHINESE COOKING AND BAKING
AND BASIC COMPUTER APPLICATION**

Jointly organized by
Rotary Club of Guwahati and
Assam down town University

Date: 13th to 17th October 2025

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Inauguration of 5 Days 13-10-25 Days Skill Development Program on “Chinese Cooking and Baking and Basic Computer Application”



On 17-10-25 -Valedictory and certificate distribution of Skill Development Program to the participants.



ROTARY CLUB OF GUWAHATI CELEBRATED DIWALI WITH 50 BOARDERS OF 'AMAR GHOR' OLD AGE HOME PATHORKUWARI, VIP ROAD, GUWAHATI. MEMBERS ALSO DONATED Rs. 10000/- TOWARDS MEDICINE AND MAINTENANCE.

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On 24-10-25- Rotary Club Guwahati organized Polio awareness Rally on "World Polio Day" to "End Polio Now" at Shraddhanjali Kanan public park, Zoo Road from 6 AM, where all 8 nos Rotary Clubs of Guwahati joined hands to impress the role of Rotary in eradicating Polio. Rtn Prabhat Kedia, PDG address huge number of audience consisting of Rotarians and morning walkers, the need to End Polio Now, in his address he narrated that before 1985, nearly 350,000 children got infected with the polio virus every year. In 1985, Rotary joined WHO, UNICEF and other agencies in the fight against Polio. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 Billion and countless volunteers worked hours at Polio Immunization Booths to protect nearly 3 billion children so far in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease.

India had its last case of Polio in 2011 at Kolkata but on 24th March 2014 India was officially declared Polio free, however, it is still in the danger zone as all 29 cases were reported in 2024 in our neighboring countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Rotary Clubs which participated in the program were RC Guwahati, RC Gauhati South, RC Gauhati West, RC Guwahati Metro, RC Guwahati Luit, RC Guwahati City, RC Guwahati Smart City, RC Guwahati Icons.



SMALL ACT OF KINDNESS

Thank you President we appreciate your good gesture of small act of kindness done on 30-10-25 during your morning walk, the small act has brought lots of satisfaction and pleasure to the old lady by handing her a walking stick, a very valuable peace support to her.

as the quote goes " Small acts of kindness create ripples with far-reaching effects, and even the smallest act of caring can have the potential to change a life kindness "



Photo the old lady was presented with walking stick



Rotary Club of Guwahati celebrates Diwali with inmates of Amar 'Ghor old' age home, Patharkuwoori, VIP Road, Guwahati. ## 21st Oct2025



Photo handing over cheque of Rs.10,000/ towards maintenance and medical needs of the inmates of Amar Ghor Old Age Home elderly residents

Rotary Club of Guwahati celebrated Diwali with the inmates of Amar Ghor Old Age Home with the elderly residents. The event was presided over by Rotarian Biswa Dutta, and the members of the club actively participated to bring joy and light into the lives of the inmates.

President Rotarian Manoj Kumar Das expressed his happiness to spend the day with the elderly residents and to celebrate Diwali by distributing sweets and snacks among them, spreading happiness and festive cheer. Rotarian Prabhat Kedia, PDG of the Rotary Club of Guwahati, addressed the gathering and spoke about the various humanitarian initiatives undertaken by Rotary International across the globe.

The distribution of sweet packets among the inmates was carried out by Rotarian Mousumi Bhattacharjee, Secretary of the Club, along with Rotarian Manash Mazumder. Their gesture brought smiles and gratitude from the residents, who were delighted to be part of the celebration.

In a touching act of generosity, Rotarian S. R. Saikia and Rotarian Anjushree Baruah each donated Rs 5,000 towards the maintenance and medical needs of the inmates

Rtn Anjushree, who is a wellness expert thought few Pranayams to the elderly for relaxation and mind control. The visit concluded with joyful interactions, laughter, and a sense of fulfillment shared by both the Rotarians and the residents. The event truly embodied the spirit of Diwali — spreading light, love, and compassion.