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## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF MARCH

Water connects us all. From a river in a remote forest to a stream running past a city neighborhood, freshwater ecosystems sustain humanity. Yet these waters are increasingly under strain. Pollution, overuse, and climate pressures remind us that protecting freshwater is a global challenge.

Rotary has always believed change begins within communities. Now we are working to see how far the impact of community action can travel. When local service is connected, measured, and shared, it becomes a force that extends beyond geography and borders.

A water project led by the Rotary Club of Panamá Nordeste exemplifies this idea. The project served Indigenous communities in Panama's Darién province, a region accessible only by canoe and small boat. With no roads, limited electricity, and reliance on untreated river water, families faced serious health risks.

To reach these communities, Rotarians had to rethink how supplies and services could be delivered. Working with a partner club in the United States and a specialized water organization, they introduced solar-powered water treatment systems for an area without access to an electrical grid. Local leaders were trained to operate and maintain the system, ensuring that clean water would continue flowing long after installation crews departed.

The results were immediate. Children who once missed school due to illness returned to classrooms. No longer needing to haul water from rivers, adults gained time and strength to work and support their families. What began as a water project became a foundation for healthier, more resilient communities.

This is how we extend our reach: combine local leadership with global partnerships, technical expertise, and long-term thinking.

That same spirit is at the heart of Rotary's partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme through the Community Action for Fresh Water initiative. Around the world, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are restoring waterways, protecting wetlands, and safeguarding vital freshwater sources. By collecting data to map and measure this work, we can better understand its impact and show how local service contributes to worldwide solutions.

Data is not an end. It is a tool that helps us learn and improve so that Rotary's service delivers real, measurable change. Each project entered and each waterway restored adds to a shared story of stewardship and responsibility. You can learn more and get involved

## CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF MARCH

Dear Friends,

The month of March has brought with it certain challenges for our Club. Due to the ongoing construction work at our premises, we have faced difficulty in holding our regular weekly meetings. This has understandably affected attendance, with the two meetings held at different venues seeing fewer members present. Nevertheless, I sincerely appreciate and commend those who made the effort to attend despite the inconvenience. Your commitment keeps the spirit of Rotary alive.

Looking ahead, I am pleased to share that our Club has decided to hold the Vocational Excellence Award program on 12th March 2026. This year, three awardees have been proposed, and preparations are well underway. Responsibilities have been thoughtfully distributed:

- Rtn Subrata Sarma, Rtn Surajit Deb, and our Club Secretary are entrusted with key organizational tasks.

- Rtn Krishnendu Roy has been assigned the important duties of preparing certificates, invitation letters, and banner printing.

March is also observed as Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month in Rotary. In keeping with this theme, our Club will be carrying out activities that highlight the importance of clean water and sanitation for healthier communities.

I appeal to all members to attend the 12th March Vocational Excellence Award program and lend your support to make it a grand success. Your presence will not only encourage the awardees but also strengthen our fellowship and collective impact.

Let us continue to serve with dedication and uphold the values of Rotary.

Warm regards,

Rtn Krishna Baruah President, Rotary Club of Gauhati West



# Water Sanitation Hygiene

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) refers to the essential, interconnected components—access to clean water, safe sanitation facilities, and hygiene practices (like handwashing)—vital for human health, dignity, and development. Inadequate WASH causes severe diseases (cholera, diarrhea), stunts growth, impacts education, and hinders economic growth, particularly affecting women and children



## Key Aspects of WASH

- **Water:** Ensuring access to safe, clean drinking water, which is critical for reducing waterborne diseases like typhoid and cholera.
- **Sanitation:** Proper disposal of human waste through managed, hygienic, and safe toilets to prevent contamination of the environment and water sources.
- **Hygiene:** Promotion of health-enhancing behaviors, most notably handwashing with soap, to prevent the spread of pathogens.

## Impact of Poor WASH

- **Health Crisis:** Over 800 children under age 5 die daily from diarrhea caused by poor WASH.
- **Disease Transmission:** Contaminated water and poor sanitation spread cholera, parasites, and neglected tropical diseases.
- **Gendered Impact:** Women and girls often bear the brunt of fetching water and lack private, safe sanitation for menstrual hygiene.

Gates Foundation +3

## Global Goals and Solutions

- **Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6):** The UN aims to achieve universal access to safe, affordable water and sanitation by 2030.
- **Solutions:** Key interventions include investing in infrastructure (pipes, toilets, water treatment plants), promoting hygiene education, and strengthening systems for long-term sustainability.

WASH is not just a health issue but a fundamental human right essential for environmental sustainability and economic growth

## RWM FEBRUARY 2026

### RWM No.2125 dtd 12.02.26

1. Semi Annual dues to be given by all the members as early as possible. The last date of Semi Annual Dues is on 20th February'2026. There is a construction going on by Puja Committee. A permanent Durga mandir is initiated by GMC. Mayor has inaugurated the bhitha today at parking place. Yes it is to worry about for all of us. They didn't even intimated us or to any of our member through any means. Requested to all senior leaders to look after the matter. As said to Mandal that no effect to our room for meeting purposes.3. Distribution of Sewing Machine shall be tomorrow from 11 Am onwards at Kalyani Niwas. Members are requested to attend at maximum. 4. For PELS our President elect Rtn Pawan Goel is going to attend at Bolpur Shantiniketan. For AGETS Rtn Vikram Didwania is going to attend on 20th February'2026.5. Vocational Excellence program has been discussed today. On 12th March'2026 at Hotel DaysCo, Paltan Bazar from 6 pm onwards.



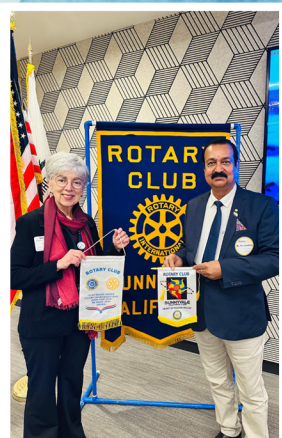
Co-ordinator to Hotel Rtn Subrata Sarma. Co-ordinator to Members Rtn Surajit Deb & Rtn Deepjyoti Das. Till now hope so the program shall be non-Contributory. We need more discussion on these.

### RWM No. 2126 dated 26.02.26

Meeting was held at Chai Bar, Panbazar attended by 9 members and 3 annes.

1. Glittering stars (lady members and annes game was held and monthly lottery was drawn.
2. Winner is Pratibha Das, spouse of Rtn Amal Das
3. Vocational excellence program to be held on 12th March'2026 at Hotel Daysco ole, Paltan Bazar Rtn Subrata was assigned with the responsibility of arrangement at the hotel. It will be a contributory dinner meeting. Rtn Surajit Deb and Rtn Subrata is to talk and decide about the amount of Contribution by the members





## OUR CLUB AMBASSADR AT USA

Rtn P K Choudhary, the club Ambassador had been to USA and in February he visited 4 clubs namely 1. R C Milipitas, R C Sweden, 3. Silicon Valley Passport Club and 4. R C Sunny Vale, California, USA. He exchanged club flags with the visiting club and felicitated the Presidents with gamosa.



Get together of Rotary fraternity at Namkaran ceremony of Rt. Prabeen maskara,s grandson. Get together of Rotary fraternity at Namkaran ceremony of Rt. Prabeen maskara,s grandson on 15th February



**IAS Rank 303 | UPSC CSE 2025**  
**FORUM**  
**LIZA GARGA**  
 A moment of immense pride for R C Gauhati West. Heartiest congratulations to Rtn Liza Garga, a member of our club, for securing AIR 303 in the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2025. Your dedication, perseverance, and hard work have truly paid off. Wishing you a remarkable journey ahead in public service.



Rtn Pawan Goel, PE attended PELS at Bolur, Santiniketan from 20 to 22 February



3 Sewing machine donated to inmates of Kalyani Niwas on 12 February

## Birth Day Greetings

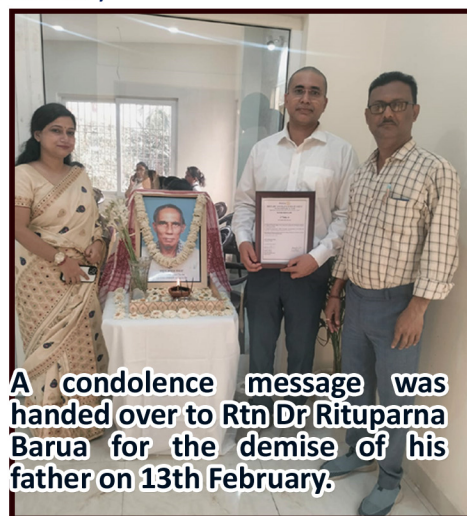
26th March Rtn Tridib Sarma

## Wedding Anniversary

- 2nd March Rtn Tilak Das & Nandita
- Rtn Niraj Bhimsaria & Jyoti
- 6th March Rtn Bhaskarjyoti Sharma & Bobby
- 7th March Rtn Deepjyoti & Rtn Debarati Das
- 9th March Rtn Indrajit Dutta Roy & Soma

**Rotary Foundation**  
**GET RECOGNISED BY PRESIDENT ELECT!**  
**ANNUAL FUND 50:50 MILESTONE award**  
 Reach the milestone by contributing to Annual Fund by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and be recognized by RI President Elect  
*Olayinka Hakeem Babalola*  
 during his visit to India in April 2026!

Club	District
At least 50% members contributing a minimum of \$50 each towards Annual Fund	At least 50% clubs contributing a minimum of \$500 each towards Annual Fund



A condolence message was handed over to Rtn Dr Rituparna Barua for the demise of his father on 13th February.

Rotary Club of Gauhati West meets every Thursday at 7/7.30 PM at Rotary West Community Hall, Kamarpatty, Fancy Bazar, Guwahati - 1  
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