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MEMBERSHIP
AND NEW CLUB
DEVELOPMENT
MONTH OF ROTARY


A Journey Beyond Distance – A Story of Hope and Service

The journey from Guwahati to Jorhat on the last day of July was not just a physical one—it was an emotional voyage, a testament to resilience and transformation. I had the honour of accompanying Smt. Nishi Marandi, a shining example of strength, as the General Secretary of the Assam Child and Women's Welfare Society, which manages Kalyani Niwas—a shelter home for abandoned and abused girls.



Nishi's story is both heart-wrenching and inspiring. At the tender age of five, she was sold by her father for a mere Rs. 200. But fate had a better plan. Raised with care and compassion at Kalyani Niwas, Nishi defied all odds. With grit and determination, she passed both HSLC and HSSLC with flying colours and has now secured admission to the prestigious Assam

Agricultural University, Jorhat, for a B.Sc. in Agriculture. I had the privilege of accompanying her for her admission and hostel formalities—a moment filled with quiet pride and hope. Who knows, one day she may rise to become an officer, a professor, or even a change-maker for others like her.

I share this not as an isolated tale, but as part of our long-standing commitment at Rotary Club of Gauhati West (RCGW) to support Kalyani Niwas. Over the years, our club has consistently extended help—be it supplying essential rations, bedding materials, clothes, or sponsoring the education of several girls. This story of Nishi is, in many ways, the story of Rotary service in action.

Club Update – A Promising Start to Rotary Year 2025–26

As I step into the role of President for the second time, I feel a sense of satisfaction and optimism. We've begun the Rotary year on a strong note, holding four Regular Weekly Meetings (RWMs) with encouraging attendance and meaningful discussions. The fifth meeting, scheduled for July 31, had to be postponed due to the sad demise of Rtn Sanjay Agarwal's mother. May her soul rest in peace.

Our first Board of Directors meeting was held successfully at the office of Rtn Vikram Didwania. A highlight was the proposal to induct six new members during our upcoming Charter Day celebration in September. While membership growth is a sign of vitality, retention is equally critical. I urge all members to stay engaged—because coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success. Let us truly Unite for Good, as inspired by this year's Rotary International theme.

Service in Action – Skin Bank Initiative and Health Camp

We began this Rotary year with momentum—launching a feasibility initiative for a Skin Donation Bank at Nemcare Hospital. A dedicated committee was formed in the presence of many Rotarians and AG Rtn Utpal Gohain. It was an exciting and impactful beginning.

Following this, our Mega Health Camp held on 27th July at Tarun Nagar was a resounding success. Nearly 200 mothers and children benefited from diagnosis and treatment services, in alignment with July's maternal and child health focus. My sincere thanks to Assam Carbon, Indian Carbon, five committed doctors, the Tarun Nagar Unnayan Samiti, and all our members who extended their time and support.

Looking Ahead

The coming days will bring many more opportunities to serve. I appeal to every member of our Rotary family—stay connected, stay inspired, and stay active. Let's keep our spirit of service alive and continue our mission of doing good in the world.

With warm regards and Rotary greetings,

Rtn Krishna Barua

ROTARY'S MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT



Potential club members are everywhere. But to get them to join Rotary, clubs must use creativity and imagination, says Past RI President Cliff Dochterman.

"Rotary International leaders keep emphasizing membership growth and extension because Rotary's very survival depends on it," says Dochterman, a member of the Rotary Club of Moraga, California, USA, and author of *The ABCs of Rotary*, a resource for new members. "If Rotary is to grow, we all must take action."

Dochterman believes clubs can thrive by seeking new members, retaining current ones, and sponsoring new clubs in the community. He offers the following tips:

Seeking new members

Clubs must have a specific plan in place, says Dochterman.

- Use a team approach. Teams should have several members who meet with qualified business and professional leaders to discuss the benefits of joining Rotary.
- Set aside one club meeting per month to be a "visitor day," to which all club members would invite a friend or prospective member.
- Seek out natural prospects, including Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotaractors, Peace Scholars and Family or Youth Exchange members.

Retaining current members

"Keeping current club members is just as important as bringing in new ones. The key is to adapt and change," says Dochterman.

- Make sure club meetings, service activities, and social events are interesting, fun, and worthwhile.
- Initiate more hands-on projects so club members will feel that they're making a difference.
- Eliminate 100 percent attendance requirements.
- Be alert to the symptoms that lead to resignation. Club leaders should be considerate to members' personal problems.

Sponsoring a new club

"Don't think about cloning your existing club. The new century of Rotary requires and permits a new vision of fellowship and service," says Dochterman. "It's time to think about sponsoring a new kind of Rotary club." For example:

- A club composed entirely of executives and professionals under the age of 40. The nucleus could be former Rotaractors, GSE team members, and Foundation program alumni.
- A club in an ethnic or minority section of the community, with members who share common economic and cultural interests.
- A club that meets in a shopping mall, airport, high-rise office building, golf course, or other nontraditional but convenient location.

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS OF JULY 2025

RWM 2103 dtd 05.07.2025:

On this meeting 47th Installation of President and her team was held at Hotel Nandan with PDG Chandu Agarwal as Chief Guest, AG Utpal Gohain as Guest of Honour and PDG Sunil Saraf as Special Guest.

Attendance: Member- Ann- Rotarins from other club- and Invited Guests-

RWM 2104 dtd 10.07.2025:

The meeting started with national anthem with President Krishna Baruah in chair and Secretary Deepjyoti Das on her side. The following decisions were taken:



1. On 20th July...health camp at Narengi to be sponsored by Rtn Shyamal.
2. 26th July BOD meeting and club assembly to be sponsored by Rtn Vikram Didwania.
3. 27th July Cleaning up of club hall - Shramdaan
4. Next RWM on 17th July. All are requested to block the date and attend the meeting.

Attendance: 11 members.



RWM 2105 dtd 17.07.2025:

The meeting started with national anthem with President Krishna Baruah in chair and Anurag Jain for assisting on her side. The following decisions were taken:



1. On 20th the health camp has been postponed to 27th

2. Ann's n all lady members will form a group to work hand in hand with Rotary, s goal

3. BOD...26th..sponsored by Rtn Vikram Didwania

4. 31st..Club Assembly at club premises

5. Rtn PK Choudhary to plan out the event..MEET THE PRESS

6. Rtn Krishnendu..suggested..plantation of five saplings by every member every month

7. Rotaract club, s installation on 20th...all are requested to come .

8. Rtn Jayabrata, s first death anniversary to be observed by holding a debate competition in collaboration with Rotaract club....

9. Rtn Baba to coordinate 1 Day program celebrations

10. Rtn Surojit offered Tea n Snacks on the occasion of his birthday.

Attendance: 12 Rotarians and 2 Intaracts

RWM 2106 dtd 24.07.2025:

The meeting started as usual. The following decisions were taken:



1. Approval of last RWM minutes.

2. Opening of Glittering Stars..group..to aid RCGW in their projects

3. discussion on Sunday health camp..Maternal n Child health..

4. Discussion on 1st BOD MEETING to be held on 26th..SATURDAY at Rtn Vikram Didwania's office

5. Participation on 2nd August at car rally ..organised by RC Luit.

Attendance: Rtn-12, Anns-8, Rotary let-3



RWM 2107 dtd 31st July cancelled owing to the death of mothe of Rtn Sanjay Agarwal



ACTIVITIES OF JULY 2025

47th INSTALLATION CEREMONY 5th JULY AT HOTEL NANDAN



Installation of President Krishna Baruah and her team held on 5th July '25. PDG Chandu Agarwal was the Chief Guest, AG Utpal Gohain, special guest PDG DRI Dist-32400 Sunil Saraf and other notables, among others.



Installation ceremony

GUWAHATI, July 11: Rotary Club of Gauhati West of RI President-32400 installed its 47th president Krishna Baruah and secretary Deep Jyoti Das during a programme held recently.

The installation ceremony was attended by PDG DRI Dist-32400 Chandu Agarwal, assistant governor (Zone X) Utpal Gohain, special guest PDG DRI Dist-32400 Sunil Saraf and other notables, among others.

The immediate past president was Anmol Kr Das.

The new team for the year 2025-26 includes treasurer Sumit Kr Choudhury, vice president Sunil Kr Kalita, executive elect Pawan Kr Gool, executive & public secretary Krishnendu Bora, bulletin editor Dr UC Das Parkayandha, sergeant-at-arms Mahanta Jyoti Bhagya, club assistant PDG Choudhury and new directors. - Staff Reporter
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Date 12, July 2025



Invocation was by Ann Sujata Mishra and welcome address by IPP Amal Das. Secretary's report by past Sec Sanjib Kalita. A glittering song was presented by lady members and Anns. President and Secretary were introduced and then the baton change event. This is followed by speech by Krishna Baruah and introducing the BOD of 2025-26.



Club logo, Installation bulletin, Club Info, Stragic Plan and Club-bylaws were released. This was followed by speech from Guest of Honour, Special Guest and Chief Guest all are being introduced by Rtn members.

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ गुवाहाटी वेस्ट की 47वीं नव कार्यकारिणी गठित



गुवाहाटी, 11 जुलाई 2025: रोटरी क्लब ऑफ गुवाहाटी वेस्ट के 47वें अध्यक्ष के रूप में श्री कृष्णा बारुआ की शपथ ग्रहण समारोह का आयोजन 5 जुलाई 2025 को हुआ।

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RC Gauhati West Hosts Launch Event for Skin Donation Initiative in Collaboration with Modi and Agarwal Families

Guwahati, July 8: In a major step toward establishing the region's first Skin Bank, the Rotary Club of Gauhati West hosted its first project—a Skin Donation Awareness and Facilitation Program—at Nemcare Hospital on 8th July at 4:45 p.m. The project is an initiative of the Modi and Agarwal families, undertaken in collaboration with Rotary Club Jorhat and Rotary Club Bangalore Midtown. The event marked the beginning of a visionary effort to promote skin donation and lay the groundwork for setting up a Skin Bank in Assam. The session witnessed active participation and positive deliberations among stakeholders, giving a strong push toward the realization of this crucial healthcare facility.

A dedicated committee has been formed to take the project forward. The members of the committee include:

Ms. Krishna Baruah Ms.
Binita Agarwal Mr.
Sanjoy Agarwal
Ms. Ratna Singh
Dr. Bhupendra Prasad Sarma
Dr. Nareswar Sarma
Mr. Ranjan Deka

The Rotary Club of Gauhati West expresses its sincere gratitude to all who attended and contributed to this noble initiative. With collective efforts and continued collaboration, the establishment of a Skin Bank in the region now appears well within reach.

ATTENDED INSTALLATION OF DRR SHIVAM DAS

Rtn Kumar Shivam Das is a member of Rotaract Club of Rongali Guwahati, a sponsored club of RCGW. He was elected as DRR for 2025-26 and his installation was scheduled on 12th July 2025 at Malda. To our support four members (President Krishna Baruah, Secretary Deepjyoti Das, Rtn B C Das Purkayastha, Rtn Amal Das and Ann Pratibha Das) and an Ann attended that ceremony. On behalf of the club President Krishna Baruah assured all help from the parent club.



In the morning of 12th July four of us visited Rtn Kajol Kundu's house at Gazol to attend the first annual sraddh ceremony of his father. He organised a blood donation camp on the occasion. The certificate of donation was also presented by us.

At DRR Installation with Rotarian friends of R C Malda: Rtn Snehangshu Bhattacharjee and Rtn Somesh Das



INSTALLATION MEETING OF ROTARACT CLUB OF RONGALI GUWAHATI

11th Installation Ceremony of Rotaract Club of Rongali Guwahati was held on 20th July at Club premises. Rtn BC D Purkayastha was the chief guest while Rtn Krishnendu and DRR Shivam Das were present



Rtn Deepjyoti Das attended Installation ceremony of RC Gauhati South on 6th July 2025.

ACTIVITIES OF JULY 2025



At a program of BSM on 18th July at Sudarshanalaya

Rtn Subrata Sarma attended the 31st Installation Ceremony on 17th July of RC Bongaigaon as the Zonal Coordinator.



PROGRAM AT KAYANI NIVAS ON 25TH JULY 2025



A total of 250 bottles of cold drinks and some dish-wash detergent powder packets were distributed to the inmates of Kalyani Niwas on 25th of July in the morning hours. These were sponsored by IPP Amal Das. President Krishna Baruah, Secretary Deepjyoti Das, IPP Amal Das, Ann Pratibha and Rtn Krishnendu Roy were present in this program. It is worth mentioning that Kalyani Niwas, a shelter for abandoned and abused

girls, managed by Assam Child & Women's Welfare Society, is permanent helping center by RCGW for several years.

Attending Jyotikuchi Senior Citizen Welfare Association on 27th July '25

Getting an invitation to RCGW to attend the Annual General Meeting of Jyotikuchi Senior Citizen Welfare Association, two of the representatives namely Vice President Rtn Sanjib Kalita and Executive Secretary Rtn Krishnendu Roy attended the meeting. Last year we conducted a health camp there and it is being well received by the association on the hope of carrying out this type of project in this year as well. The has also planned to organize such camp this Rotary year too.



MEGA HEALTH CAMP AT TARUN NAGAR ON 27TH JULY 2025

In honor of Mother and Child Care Month and Rotary's calendar month, a health camp for women and children was held on July 27 from 10.30 AM to 1:30 PM. A total of 170 women and children received medical examinations and medication. The club collaborated on the project with India Carbon, Assam Carbon and Tarun Nagar Unnayan Samiti. Services were provided by five doctors, including the father of Rtn Dr Ashish Sharma. The event was graced by Ms. Ratna Singh, the local councillor. The program was attended by ten Rotarians from the club. It proved to be a huge success.



Humour this Month

The Membership Drive



Birth Day Greetings

09th Vikram Didwania,
14th Likhan Rajkonwar,
15th P k Choudhary
15th Monotosh Dey,
18th Jyotirmay Goswami.

Wedding Anniversary

Rtn Amal Das and Pratibha
on 13th August

BOD MEETING RESOLUTIONS

The first BOD meeting of 2025-26 was held at the office of Rtn Vikram Didwania on 26th July 2025. In this meeting all BOD members (18) and committee Chairs were invited. 12 BOD members and 4 committee chairs attended. The following resolutions were adopted:

- Names of six persons were proposed and accepted with some conditions:
 - Ms Ratna Singh proposed by Rtn Shyamal Bhattacharjya.
 - Dr Gitali Devi proposed by Rtn Krishna Baruah
 - Ms Sulaksna Bhuyan Proposed by Rtn Krishna
 - Mr Mukul Barman proposed by Rtn Krishna
 - Mr Subrata Roy proposed by Rtn BCDPurkayastha
 - Mr Sanjay Nimodia proposed by Rtn Sanjay Agarwal
- Proposed that if spouses are inducted as new member then TRF contribution is to be exempted for them.
- Proposed that TRF contribution will be exempted if Rotaract join as new member.



ROTARIANS STAND TOGETHER IN SORROW



Members attended the funeral of mother of Rtn Sanjay Agarwal at Bhutnath Crematorium on 31st July and extended support to the bereaved family.

TRF CONTRIBUTION BY MEMBERS

As of 30th July Annual contribution by club is US\$ 832. Contributors are:
Rtn Subrata Sarma, Rtn Deba Kr Mishra, Rtn P K Goel, Rtn (Dr) Rtuparna Barua, Rtn Sanjay Agarwal and Rtn B C Das Purkayastha.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

7th August Debate Competition in memory of late Jayabrata Banerjee at GU Campus for UG and PG students. This program is organised in association with Rotaract Club of Rongali Guwahati and Debate and Symposium Section of Gauhati University.
15th August: Independence Day Celebration in the club premises.
23rd August is District Award Ceremony at Siliguri for RY 2024-25.

MEDIA COVERAGE OF PROGRAMS

All the major events/projects were covered by Hindi and English News Papers

1. Skin Bank project covered by Dainik Prabhaday on 9th July

2. Installation was covered by 3 Hindi and 1 English
3. Health Camp is covered by 3 Hindi News Paper and Assam Tribune .

4. Also posted in social media - fb of the club (610 followers)



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

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