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April is Maternal and Child Health Month

The Rotary Foundation Program of Scale - Healthy Families in Nigeria. Service is not only what we do when conditions are ideal. It is the commitment to prepare people before a crisis arrives and to stand with communities when it does. Programs like Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria show what is possible when Rotary brings together local knowledge, global partnerships, and sustainable solutions.

Count On Preparation, Not Luck

Not long ago, in a small health center in the village of Aaye in southwest Nigeria, a woman arrived in labor carrying twins. The facility was short-staffed. The nurse midwife in charge was not present.

A community health worker stepped forward. She had participated in Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria, a Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale initiative. And though she was not formally trained as a midwife, she was equipped with essential emergency obstetric skills.

Hours later, both babies had been delivered, one at the health center and the other at a general hospital, where the mother had been referred after complications were quickly identified. The newborns and their mother were alive and safe.

Women around the world face similar circumstances every day — moments when the difference between life and loss depends on well-trained medical staff and reliable systems and procedures.

Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria exists to increase the chances that those moments end in hope. By strengthening health systems and training frontline workers, this program helps communities protect mothers and children even when circumstances are difficult.

This work reflects the very heart of Rotary service. Service is not only what we do when conditions are ideal. It is what we do when systems are strained, resources are limited, and the need is urgent. It is the commitment to prepare people before a crisis arrives and to stand with communities when it does.

Maternal and child health is not an abstract goal. It is deeply personal. It is a mother who survives childbirth. It is a newborn who takes a first breath. It is a family that remains whole because someone was trained, ready, and cared enough to act. Rotary understands that service means investing in people and systems long before they are tested.

Programs like Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria show what is possible when Rotary brings together local knowledge, global partnerships, and sustainable solutions. By working alongside health professionals and local leaders, Rotary helps ensure that lifesaving care does not depend on luck or location.

The story of the mother and her twins is at its core a story of service. It is a reminder that Rotary's impact is measured in human moments when people step forward to help others in their most vulnerable hours.

When we Unite for Good, service becomes more than an ideal. It becomes a lifeline for families, a source of strength for communities, and a promise that Rotary will.

Francesco Arezzo
President, Rotary International, 2025-26



Highlights of RWM No. 2324 held on 06th April, 2026

- President informed the house that the problem of water retention in the newly constructed urinal will be resolved shortly in consultation with Rtn. Probin Saikia, Director, Club Service. She further stated that the toilet seat, broken pipes and other fittings in the women's toilet of the Rotary Community Center will be repaired and replaced at the earliest.
- President informed the House that, due to the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct for the Assembly Elections until 4th May, the sale of lottery tickets in public places is not permissible. Accordingly, a notification regarding the postponement of the lottery draw will be published in both print and electronic media. She further stated that the final date of the lottery draw will be decided after consultation with the Draw Committee.
- President informed the house that Rongali Bihu will be celebrated on Saturday, 18th April, at the Rotary Community Center.
- President informed the House that the DG's visit to the Club has been finalized by his office for 2nd May 2026. She requested all members to keep the previous records and the Club budget updated and readily available, so that they may be presented, if required
- President informed that the Happy School Project at Sisu Niketan High School and the TATA Tech Jal Project at Tengakhat PHC will be formally declared and inaugurated during the DG's visit.

Highlights of RWM No. 2325 held on 13th April, 2026

- President informed the House that the postponement of the much-anticipated lottery draw of the Rotary Club of Duliajan to 30th May 2026, due to the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct for the Assembly elections until 4th May 2026, had already been communicated. A notification regarding the postponement will be published in an Assamese newspaper on 14th April 2026. The President urged all members to widely circulate this information.
- She further informed that the sale of lottery tickets in public places is not permissible until 4th May 2026. Accordingly, ticket sales in public places will resume thereafter.
- Rtn. P.P. Hazarika suggested that a banner explaining the reasons for the postponement of the lottery, along with the revised date of the draw, be displayed at the entrance of the Rotary Club of Duliajan, so that it is clearly visible to the public and helps in disseminating the information effectively.
- President informed the House that the much-awaited District Governor's visit is scheduled for 2nd May 2026. She urged all members to keep their respective budgets updated and readily available for presentation, if required. She further informed that a separate meeting will be convened at a later date for detailed discussion and planning, regarding the visit.
- President informed the House that Rongali Bihu will be celebrated at the Rotary Community Centre on Saturday, 18th April. She requested all members to join the celebration along with their family and friends on that day.
- At the end, the President extended her warm wishes to all members and their families for a very happy and prosperous Rongali Bihu.

Highlights of RWM No. 2326 held on 20th April, 2026

- It was a fellowship meeting on the Occasion of Rongali Bihu.
- President welcomed Rotarians and their family members to this auspicious occasion.
- A Husori troupe, **Rangmon Husori Dol** from Longpotia, Sibsagar, was invited, and their performance was enjoyed by everyone.
- The Rotarians actively participated in the celebration by singing Bihu songs and performing dances along with their families
- The occasion ended with a sumptuous dinner in ethnic style.

Highlights of RWM No. 2327 held on 27th April, 2026

- President informed the house that, as Club Treasurer Rtn. Amrit Sarkar is unwell and currently out of station for medical treatment, a decision was taken in the BOD meeting that the President would continue to perform the duties of the Treasurer during his absence until his return.
- President mentioned that the cremation ground had become overgrown with dense vegetation and requested Rtn. Purnajyoti Phukan to ensure that it is cleaned before the District Governor’s visit, as he has been taking care of this work efficiently.
- President informed the House that RC Duliajan has renovated Netaji High School by painting the boundary walls, girls’ and boys’ toilets, and constructing a proper hand-washing station. The club has also donated a desktop computer set to the school. President further informed that the school would be declared a “Rotary Happy School” by District Governor Rtn. Dr. K. Singh Elangbam during his official visit to RC Duliajan. Additionally, RC Duliajan is planning to donate an almirah along with some useful books to the school library through the hands of the District Governor.
- President informed the House that the most prestigious event of the year, the Official Club Visit (OCV) of the District Governor to the club, has been finalized for 2nd May, 2026. She sought everyone’s active participation and cooperation during his visit. A detailed programme will be shared prior to the event.
- Assistant Governor Rtn. Sunil Borgohain informed the House that he would receive the District Governor at Dibrugarh, and they would reach Duliajan the following day. He requested the Club President and Secretary to keep all necessary files and documents updated, as these would need to be presented to the District Governor.



Birthday

Rtn. Sunil Borgohain	7-Apr
Rtn. Bhudev Goswami	21-Apr
Rtn. Udhav Kumar Das	21-Apr
Rtn. Uttam Kumar Gogoi	23-Apr
Rtn. Madhurjya Sharma	26-Apr



Anniversary

Rtn. Tridiv Hazarika & Ann Karabi	19-Apr
Rtn. Bimal Borgohain & Ann Mitali	23-Apr

April is recognized globally as Maternal and Child Health Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about critical healthcare needs, preventive services, and safe delivery practices for mothers and infants.

In India, this focus is highlighted by National Safe Motherhood Day, observed annually on April 11 to prevent maternal mortality and ensure access to respectful care during pregnancy and childbirth

Key Healthcare Initiatives in India:

To protect mothers and newborns, the government has launched several safety and financial assistance schemes:

Janani Suraksha Yojna (JSY): A conditional cash transfer scheme aimed at reducing maternal and infant mortality by promoting institutional deliveries.

Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK): Entitles all pregnant women delivering in public health institutions to absolutely free and zero-expense deliveries, including C-sections.

Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA): Provides comprehensive and quality antenatal care to pregnant women in their second and third trimesters on the 9th of every month.



Rongali Bihu Celebrations @ RCC, Duliajan



Free PAP Smear Test Camp @ OIL Hospital Duliajan



Interactors from Duliajan participating @ RYLA, Dibrugarh