

# ROTARY CLUB OF DULIAJAN

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### February is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

*Peace is not simply the absence of war. A life free from conflict but marked with hunger, instability, or the inability to care for one's family is not peace. Peace requires liberty, opportunity and respect for human dignity. Yet fear often blocks that path - fear of change, of cultural loss, of people we don't understand.*

*Fear isn't defeated through avoidance or aggression. Knowledge is the first step toward peace. Rotary embraces this idea. Our Rotary Peace Centers and their peace fellows, along with other peace education initiatives, demonstrate how knowledge builds trust and helps communities find solutions to conflict.*

*In Columbia, decades of conflict have left deep wounds. The 2025 Rotary Foundation Programs of scale awardee, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity, partners with the United Nations World Food Program to expand opportunity, improve conflict resolution, and connect people with social services. Its goal is to break cycles of violence, poverty and food insecurity so peace can take root.*

*In Maharashtra, India, People of Action honoree, Swati Herkal built peace through prosperity. Her project confronted farmers' declining soil health, rising debt and illness caused by chemical fertilizers. She and her Rotary partners launched a regenerative agriculture program that revitalized the land, lowered costs, and restored stability. More than 1,100 farmers now participate and over 50 villages have adopted the model.*

*Rotary also advocates peace by restoring dignity. In Chad, Rotary Peace fellow Domino Frank discovered more than 1,500 women who fought in a rebellion had been erased from reintegration programs. His advocacy led to Chad's first Rotary Foundation global grant and the creation of Corridors of Peace. More than 100 women - triple the goal - completed literacy and vocational training and formed a cooperative to support their families.*

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**Francesco Arezzo**  
President, Rotary International, 2025-26



### **Highlights of RWM No. 2316 held on 2nd February, 2026**

- President informed the house that the construction of the toilet block adjacent to the kitchen area for the students of the Vocational Institute is in full swing under the supervision of Director (Projects) Rtn. Probin Saikia. President requested Rtn. Saikia to complete the work at the earliest so that renovation of the internal ladies' toilet can be taken up soon, as the toilet seats and other fittings are in a dilapidated condition.
- President once again requested all members to prioritize the Lottery Draw so that it may be conducted on the scheduled date and yield a good profit for the Club.
- Treasurer Rtn. Jaspal Singh issued 10 numbers of Lottery books to the members present at the meeting. He also requested the caretaker, Tuton, to distribute the same door-to-door to all Rotarians. President and members suggested that it would be appropriate to form a team of members to visit the residences of Rotarians who do not frequently attend Club meetings, so that they may be informed in advance about the Lottery Draw.
- President informed the house that two Medical Camps will be organized in the month of February. A team of doctors from Aavyana Hospital, Chennai will be available at the Rotary Community Centre (RCC) on 14th and 15th February, 2026 to provide consultation and facilities for Diabetes, Gastroenterology, Spine, Neurology, and Knee Replacement. Another camp for free eye check-up and spectacle distribution will be held at RCC in association with Renu Eye Care, Dibrugarh on 21st February, 2026. She requested all members to give wide publicity to the programs through social media platforms so that the maximum number of needy people may benefit from these camps.
- President informed the house that, as February is observed as Peace and Conflict Resolution Month, she is interested in taking up a project in collaboration with the Brahma Kumari Centre, Duliajan by organizing a meditation session and a peace talk for Rotarians and their family members at their centre to promote inner peace and provide relief from stress. Members will be informed once the programme is finalized.

### **Highlights of RWM No. 2317 held on 09th February, 2026**

- President informed the House that several long-awaited projects could not be implemented due to a shortage of funds. She therefore urged all members to take the upcoming lottery draw seriously and extend their full support. She further stated that a group of club members should sell tickets at public places and also undertake a door-to-door campaign in neighboring Rotary Clubs to ensure proper sale and distribution of lottery tickets and the success of the initiative.

She requested the Vice Chairman of the Lottery Draw, Rtn. Pankaj Goswami, to take the initiative until the return of the Chairman of the Lottery Draw, Rtn. Pranjal Kr. Baruah.

Further, Rtn. Bimal Borgohain, President-Elect, informed the House that he would help arrange the Bullet, the first prize of the lottery draw, without making any initial payment. This would facilitate the sale of lottery tickets in public places by displaying the motorcycle to attract public interest.

- President informed the House that the broken window panes of the clubhouse will be repaired or replaced shortly. She also stated that the toilet seat and wash basin, which are in poor condition, will be replaced soon. She requested Rtn. Devojit Borboruah, Director (Club Service), to initiate the work at the earliest possible.

- President stated that leaflets would be printed and distributed along with newspapers to promote the free eye examination camp scheduled to be held on 21st February, 2026 at RCC. She also mentioned that several banners have been displayed at 2-3 prominent places in and around Duliajan. Rtn. Devojit Borboruah assured the House that a few leaflets would be distributed in the areas of Kamalabari, Dhubi Ghat, and nearby localities around the Rotary Community Center.

- President informed the House that the month of February has been declared as the month of “Peace and Conflict Resolution” by Rotary International. In observance of this, it has been decided to organize a Peace Rally by the students of Duliajan Girls’ College on 23rd February 2026.

On the same day, a Peace Talk will also be arranged at the Rotary Community Centre in collaboration with the sisters of the Brahma Kumaris. The programme aims to promote harmony, mutual understanding, and the spirit of peaceful coexistence within the community.

President further informed the House that 23rd February is the birthday of Rotary International, and to mark the occasion, the club will celebrate by cutting a cake on that day.

#### **Highlights of RWM No. 2318 held on 16th February 2026.**

- President informed the House that the banner displayed by the officials of Avyana Hospital, Chennai, TN, for the promotion of the health check-up camp held on 14th and 15th February, 2026 in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Duliajan has drawn criticism from the public. The concern was regarding the mention of a registration fee of ₹500/- on the banner.

The members present expressed that it is unacceptable for community service organizations such as Rotary Clubs to charge any registration fee in the name of health check-ups. They emphasized that such activities should reflect the true spirit of service and goodwill.

After discussion, it was decided that in future, the Club will either refrain from conducting health check-up camps involving any registration fee or ensure that no fee-related information is displayed in any promotional materials such as banners, leaflets etc.

- President urged all members to take the forthcoming lottery draw seriously and extend their full cooperation to ensure its success.

She further emphasized that a team of committed club members should actively sell tickets at prominent public places and also carry out door-to-door campaigns. The tickets should be circulated not only among the households of club members but also among neighbouring Rotary Clubs to maximize participation and ensure the grand success of the initiative.

- Rtn. Manash Borthakur mentioned that a temporary booth for selling lottery tickets may be set up near banks or similar institutions, as such locations generally attract a large number of people.

- Rtn. Partha Protim Hazarika informed the House that he has contacted a person regarding the sale of lottery tickets in the Oil Market, who has agreed to facilitate the ticket sales. He further mentioned that a temporary booth may soon be set up in the OIL Market for this purpose.

- President informed the House that the month of February has been declared as the month of “Peace and Conflict Resolution” by Rotary International. In observance of this, it has been decided to organize a Peace Talk to be held at the Rotary Community Centre in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club of Duliajan by inviting speakers from the sisters of the Brahma Kumari Center, Tinsukia.

- President further informed that 23rd February is the birthday of Rotary international and to mark the occasion, the Club will celebrate by cutting a cake on that day. The President requested all members and their families to attend.
- President informed the House that preparations for the free eye camp, to be held at the Rotary Community Center on February 21st, are on full swing. Printed leaflets have already been distributed. To further promote and widely publicize the program, President arranged for a recorded announcement to be played via e-rickshaws. For this purpose, she coordinated with the Secretary of the E-Rickshaw Drivers' Association to broadcast the announcement throughout Duliajan and its surrounding areas.
- President informed the house that the Club already has a substantial stock of usable clothes. She urged the members to identify suitable locations and make the necessary arrangements for the distribution.

### Highlights of RWM No. 2319 held on 23rd February, 2026

RWM cum observance of World Understanding and Peace Day.

President warmly welcomed all Rotarians and their family members, IWC members and the dignitaries from Brahma Kumari Centers, Tinsukia & Duliajan who were present at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Rtn. Indira Hazarika, followed by the National Anthem.

A talk on the topic "Peace and Tranquility in Society" was organized on the occasion of **World Understanding and Peace Day** at the Rotary Community Centre on 23-02-2026 in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club of Duliajan.

Sister Rajni, Centre In-charge and Rajyoga Teacher of Brahma Kumaris, Tinsukia, was invited as the distinguished speaker. In her enlightening address, she spoke about mental peace, spiritual awakening and the importance of inner harmony in building a peaceful society. Her inspiring words deeply touched the hearts of the audience.

Sister Pooja, an eminent speaker from Tinsukia Center, conducted a meditation session for the club members and attendees, helping everyone experience a moment of calmness and self-reflection.

On the same day, the 121st Birth Anniversary of Rotary International was celebrated with a cake-cutting ceremony. The programme concluded with the serving of high tea to all present.



February is designated as Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month in the Rotary calendar, highlighting one of Rotary's seven key areas of focus. Throughout the month, Rotary members worldwide focus on training leaders, mediating conflicts, supporting refugees, and addressing the root causes of conflict—such as poverty and inequality—to build sustainable peace.

**Key aspects of this month include:**

**World Understanding and Peace Day:** February 23 marks the anniversary of the first Rotary club meeting (1905), celebrated to promote international understanding and peace.

**Action-Oriented Focus:** Rotary clubs take action by supporting peace fellowships, launching community mediation projects, and engaging youth in conflict resolution.

**Foundation Support:** The Rotary Foundation supports projects that address structural causes of conflict, with many districts running campaigns to fundraise for peacebuilding efforts.

**Goal:** The primary aim is to empower local communities to transform conflict, foster dialogue, and create lasting, peaceful environments.



**Anniversary**

Rtn. Debajeet Sarma & Ann Upangana	3-Feb	Rtn. Probin Saikia & Ann Dipika	27-Feb
Rtn. DJ Bhuyan & Late Rtn. Modira (In fond Memory)	10-Feb	Rtn. Prosenjit Sen & Ann Sharmistha	27-Feb
Rtn. Ranabir Choudhury & Ann Kakoli	17-Feb	Rtn. Nababrot Gogoi & Ann Bashari	28-Feb
Rtn. Dr. Rita Kamalapuri & Rotary Spouse Amarish	18-Feb	Rtn. Aditya Goswami & Ann Bornali	28-Feb
Rtn. Navajit Dutta & Ann Dr. Monsoon	24-Feb		



**Birthday**

Rtn. Laishram Imocha	1-Feb
Rtn. Pranab Borthakur	6-Feb



Peace Day observation



Health Camp by Avyana Hospital Chennai



Free Eye camp and Spectacle distribution



Winner of 9th Samarendra Rajkumar Veterans Tennis Tournament in 45 plus doubles category held at Jorhat Tennis Club