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March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month



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 Program 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 at communityactionforfreshwater.org.

As we observe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month, I encourage you to reflect on the freshwater systems that sustain your community and the role Rotary can play in protecting them. When we connect local action to a global vision, we strengthen Rotary's ability to make lasting change. Together, by extending our reach and working side by side, we truly Unite for Good.

Francesco Arezzo
President, Rotary International, 2025-26

March is designated as Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Month by Rotary International, highlighting a dedicated focus on providing sustainable clean water, sanitation infrastructure, and hygiene education to communities worldwide. The initiative aims to combat the spread of infectious diseases, with 2.2 billion people still lacking safe drinking water.

Key Focus Areas and Actions:

Infrastructure Development: Rotary members build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and construct latrines.

Hygiene Education: Programs teach community members, particularly children, proper hand-washing and sanitation habits.

Sustainability: Projects focus on empowering local communities to maintain new water infrastructure.

Key Date: World Water Day is observed on March 22, acting as a focal point for advocacy and action during the month.

Rotary has partnered with organizations like USAID to implement these projects in countries such as Ghana, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic. Support for these initiatives can be provided through donations to The Rotary Foundation.

Highlights of RWM No. 2320 held on 02nd March, 2026

- President-officiating reported that a collection of broken and damaged decommissioned assets, including old televisions, refrigerators, computers, and various plastic items, was sold to a local scrap dealer. This initiative helped clear storage space and generated ₹4,000/- as miscellaneous revenue for the Club.
- President informed the House that the District 3240 Foundation Trust Committee has sanctioned a District Grant of ₹55,000/- against the Club's requested amount of ₹57,525/-. She further informed that the Club will soon commence implementation of the project titled 'Rotary Handwashing Station' at Netaji Sishu Niketan High School, Duliajan, an adopted Happy School of the Rotary Club of Duliajan. The project aims to promote proper hygiene practices among students and will significantly contribute to improving health awareness, sanitation, and hygiene facilities at the school.
- President urged all members to take the upcoming lottery draw seriously and extend their wholehearted support to ensure its success. She emphasized that a team of dedicated club members should actively participate in selling tickets at prominent public places and also undertake a door-to-door campaign. The tickets may be distributed among the households of all club members as well as in neighbouring Rotary Clubs in order to maximize participation and make the initiative a grand success

In this connection, a tentative schedule for visiting neighbouring Rotary Clubs was prepared.

Highlights of RWM No. 2321 held on 09th March, 2026

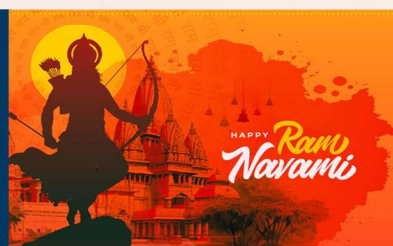
- President informed that, as March is observed as Rotary's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month, Rtn. Dhruba Jyoti Bhuyan, on behalf of RC Duliajan, generously donated a deep tube well along with all boring and fitting works in memory of his beloved wife, Late Rtn. Modira Bhuyan, to the Girls' Residential Special Training Centre (RSTC), Majgaon, Naoholia, run under Sarba Siksha Mission, Assam on 8th March, 2026. Apart from the Club Secretary, Rtn. D. J. Bhuyan and his son, the President herself and Rtn. P. P. Hazarika, was also present on the day of inauguration.
- President informed that upon receiving the official email from the District Foundation Committee approving our District Grant Proposal, M/s. SG Construction, Duliajan was assigned the responsibility of constructing the Rotary Hand Washing Station at Netaji Sishu Niketan School, based on their lowest rate quotation for the work. The project is expected to be completed by the end of April 2026.
- President informed the house that a team of members from RC Duliajan visited RC Dibrugarh on 6th March, 2026 at an official meeting day and handed over 50 lottery books to be sold among their members. Other neighboring clubs will also be visited soon to distribute lottery books.
- President expressed her appreciation to Rtn. Bimal Borgohain for arranging the Bullet motorcycle from Tinsukia, the 1st Prize of the Lottery, without advance payment until sufficient funds are accumulated, enabling it to be displayed at the outside ticket selling counter. She further requested the members present to manage their time and bring the motorcycle from Tinsukia on the very next day following the meeting.
- President once again requested the Core Committee of the Lottery Draw to monitor the matters more carefully, especially the sale of lottery books, procurement of prizes, and timely collection of books from the sellers.
- Rtn. Bimal Borgohain, PE informed the house that 27th June, 2026 is tentatively fixed for the 41st Installation Ceremony of RC Duliajan.
- President was happy to inform the house that Rtn. Indira Sarma has withdrawn her decision to resign from the club from the new Rotary year and has decided to continue her membership. She also informed that the resignation letter submitted earlier to the President has been withdrawn.

Highlights of RWM No. 2322 held on 16th March , 2026

- President expressed concern that poor attendance of Rotarian members adversely affects the meeting, and the important discussions did not become fruitful.
- President urged that the sale and distribution of tickets for the upcoming lottery draw be intensified. She informed the House that necessary arrangements had been made to set up a dedicated stall at Duliajan Oil Market for the sale of lottery tickets. She further stated that the first prize of the lottery, a Bullet motorcycle, would be displayed at the stall in an attractive manner to draw public attention and enhance ticket sales.
- President also informed that the insurance policy of the Bullet motorcycle would be transferred to the winner after the announcement of the lottery results, and the seller would take the initiative to directly recover the insurance amount already paid by RCD from the prize winner and remit the same to RCD's account.
- President informed the House that the Rotary Club of Tinsukia will be organizing a Zonal Cricket Tournament on 29th March 2026 at Padmini Resort Ground, Tinsukia. The members of the Rotary Club of Duliajan were urged to ensure their active participation in the event.
- Rtn. P. P. Hazarika informed the House that the Tinsukia Rotary Club will organize a RYLA programme at Moran Blind School in April, following the celebration of Rangali Bihu. He stated that the upcoming RYLA will be exceptional, as specially-abled students of the Moran Blind School will be actively involved in the programme. He further urged all members to extend their support, participate actively, and encourage the initiative to ensure its success.
- Rtn. Madhujya Sharma stated that, in the context of purchasing some of the lottery draw prizes online from e-commerce platforms such as Flipkart and Amazon, there is a possibility of receiving damaged or defective items at the time of delivery. He therefore advised that all products should be carefully checked and verified upon receipt before acceptance.

Highlights of RWM No. 2323 held on 23rd March , 2026

- President expressed concern that the meeting was adversely affected by the poor attendance of Rotarian members. Due to insufficient participation, discussions on certain upcoming projects especially the upcoming lottery draw and other important decisions could not be taken.
- President informed the House that the Rotary Club of Duliajan alongwith Inner Wheel Club of Duliajan in Association with Oil India Hospital, will organize a Pap smear test camp for underprivileged women. She stated that the initiative aims to detect precancerous cell changes at an early stage, thereby helping to prevent cervical cancer. The program is scheduled to be held on the coming Wednesday or tentatively in the month of April.
- President informed the house that various old and damaged items accumulated within the Club premises had been sold and an amount of Rs. 1,480 was collected from the sale. She further stated that an earlier amount of Rs. 4,000 had also been collected through the sale of waste materials.
- President informed the members that the urinal constructed outside the main hall of the Rotary Club, under the supervision of Rtn. Putul Saikia, Director (Club Service), has been completed and is now ready for use.





Birthday

Rtn. Lila Dhar Bora	1-Mar
Rtn. Deepak Chetri	1-Mar
Rtn. Jiten Adhyapak	3-Mar
Rtn. Dr. Amal Kumar Deka	4-Mar
Rtn. Dr. Navneet Swargiri	5-Mar
Rtn. Sudhangshu Bhattacharjee	17-Mar
Rtn Gautam Kr. Baruah	23-Mar

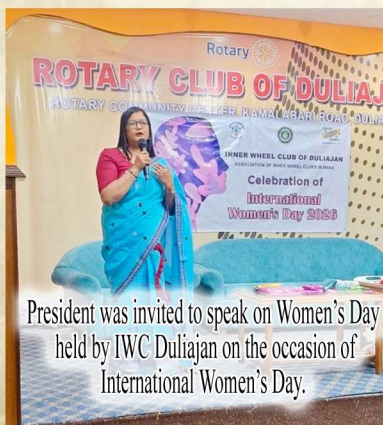


Anniversary

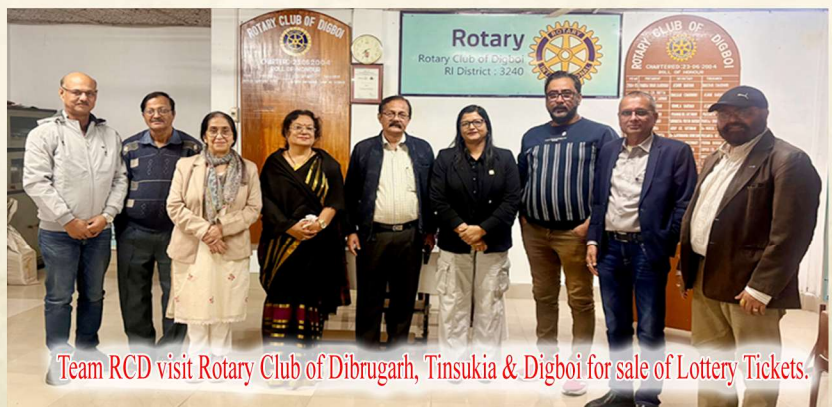
Rtn. Partha Protim Hazarika & Rtn. Indira Saikia Hazarika	5-Mar	Rtn. S.K. Chanda & Ann Kanta	10-Mar
Rtn. Luhit Das & Rtn. Kuntala	5-Mar	Rtn. Amrit Sarkar & Ann Arpana	10-Mar
Rtn. Majoni Goswami & Rotary Spouse Ratul	6-Mar	Rtn. Sukungta Monlai & Ann Ye Choikya	11-Mar



On the occasion of Rotary’s Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Month, RC Duliajan successfully donated a deep tube well to the Girls’ Residential Special Training Center, Mazgaon under Sarba Siksha Mission on 8th March 2026. The entire cost of boring and installation was generously borne by Rtn. DJ Bhuyan in loving memory of his beloved wife, Rtn. Modira Bhuyan. This initiative will ensure safe and sustainable drinking water for the students, reflecting Rotary’s commitment to “Service Above Self.”



President was invited to speak on Women’s Day held by IWC Duliajan on the occasion of International Women’s Day.



Team RCD visit Rotary Club of Dibrugarh, Tinsukia & Digboi for sale of Lottery Tickets.