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October is Rotary Community Economic Development Month

A time to spotlight efforts to help communities build thriving, sustainable futures. This month aligns with Rotary's core value of leadership, empowering people to guide their own progress. Rotary's economic development projects aim to empower local leaders and entrepreneurs, particularly women, to support economic growth and reduce poverty. Key areas:

Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship: Providing individuals with the skills needed to succeed in the workforce or start their own businesses.

Microfinance and Grants: Empowering aspiring entrepreneurs with low-interest loans to launch businesses.

Strengthening Local Infrastructure: Enhancing communities' access to markets and resources through infrastructure projects.

Rotary clubs worldwide are encouraged to take action during this month by identifying local needs and making the greatest possible impact with the resources available.



October is Rotary's Community Economic Development Month, a time to spotlight our efforts to help communities build thriving, sustainable futures. This month's observance aligns perfectly with the Rotary core value of leadership.

Leadership means empowering people to guide their own progress. That is precisely what Rotary's economic development projects aim to achieve.

Take, for example, a recent initiative in southern India in which Rotary members unlocked the power of women of the Adivasi tribal groups through sewing training to earn a living and regain social inclusion.

Historically, widows and abandoned women in this region lose social standing and are shunned by society or blamed for their misfortunes. Opportunities to support themselves or obtain training are minimal.

This year, the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, partnered with clubs in Districts 3203 and 3234 in India — and with the Indian organization Sevalaya Trust — to provide sewing machines and training to 80 Adivasi women. They learned to stitch saree blouses, kurta tunics, and salwar suits, enabling them to support themselves and their families. Each woman received a certificate for completing the program, and the sewing-machine provider offered free long-term maintenance for the machines. The project offered vital income and dignity to women ostracized by society after widowhood.

This story is one example of Rotary leadership in action: local people guiding solutions that address their community needs. Our role is not to deliver charity or to impose outside models, but to foster self-reliance by investing in leadership, skills, and sustainable enterprise.

This October, I invite Rotary members worldwide to reflect on economic leadership in their communities. Who is stepping forward to lead local economic initiatives? Where is there untapped talent that could be supported with training or mentorship? How can your club catalyze opportunity through partnerships with local businesses, vocational schools, or savings groups?

Leadership is not always about being visible. Sometimes it means listening, working collaboratively, and amplifying the voices of others. That approach lies at the heart of Rotary's philosophy and our lasting impact on economic development.

By building capacity — whether through microcredit groups, vocational training workshops, or entrepreneurship programs — we enable communities to lead their own transformation. When people take ownership of their progress, change becomes sustainable.

Let us lead with good intention and provide support with heart. By nurturing local leadership, we can create opportunities that ripple through communities, empowering individuals, families, and societies.

Together, we can support economies that work for everyone and enact community development projects that last.

Francesco Arezzo

President, Rotary International, 2025-26



Highlights of RWM No. 2299 held on 8th October 2025.

President informed the House that the Cervical Cancer Vaccination Drive organized jointly by RC Duliajan and IWC Duliajan on 4th October at OIL Hospital, Duliajan, was successfully completed. She expressed her gratitude to all Rotarians for their cooperation in making the program a success. She also extended special thanks and appreciation to the medical staff, Doctors, parents, and in particular to Dr. Jahnavi Konwar, Pediatrician, OIL Hospital and Dr. Leena Das, Gynecologist, Chalakatoki Health Centre, Duliajan for their valuable support and active participation. President further mentioned that 10 girls were vaccinated during the drive which helps protect against HPV, the primary cause of cervical cancer. She also informed that the cervical cancer vaccination program will continue in the future to benefit more girls in the community.

President informed that the monthly remuneration of the instructor at the vocational training institute "Sarothi", has been increased by ₹1,000/-, which will be borne by the Inner Wheel Club, Duliajan.

President informed the House that the Rotary Club intends to provide a three to six months computer course to six graduate girl students belonging to families below the poverty line, with the aim of enhancing their future livelihood opportunities. The SIPRD Computer Education Centre, Duliajan, has already been contacted in this regard. She further mentioned that the admission fee for the said course is ₹500 only. The members present expressed their appreciation for the initiative and assured their personal contribution should any financial constraints arise.

Highlights of RWM No. 2300 held on 13th October 2025.

President Rtn. Indira Hazarika was in Guwahati to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) part 3 program organised by Rotary Club of Luit, Guwahati. In her absence, PP Rtn. Partha Pratim Hazarika presided over the Rotary weekly meeting.

- President and the members present unanimously decided to organize a Pre-Diwali Celebration on 19th October 2025 at the Rotary Community Center, in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club, Duliajan.
- Rtn. Jaspal Singh mentioned that the water pipe of the Rotary Club's "Jal Tarang" drinking water project located at the Oil Market has been leaking at several points. He suggested that the Civil Department of Oil India be informed immediately and necessary steps be taken to repair it.
- Rtn. Sunil Borgohain stated that people remain reluctant and apprehensive about donating blood due to a lack of knowledge, limited awareness and misconceptions. He suggested that the club should take steps to dispel these misconceptions by organizing awareness program to address this issue. Rtn. Bimal Borgohain suggested that during blood donation awareness camps, an agreement should be prepared and signed by the volunteers participating in the blood donation awareness camp. A copy of the signed agreement should also be provided to each volunteer as a record of their commitment to donate blood. He further proposed that a blood donation certificate be issued on the day the volunteer donates blood. Additionally, he emphasized that every member of Rotary Club, Duliajan, and Inner Wheel Club, Duliajan should maintain a register of their respective blood groups. Rtn. Navajit Dutta mentioned that the Rotary Club can seek the cooperation of Duliajan College NSS, CRPF, CISF, and other local organizations to jointly organize blood donation drives and various social activities.

Highlights of RWM No. 2301 held on 20th October 2025.

- The Rotary Weekly Meeting was observed as a Fellowship Meeting on the occasion of Diwali, marked by an informal and festive atmosphere. President announced that, as a mark of respect to the late Zubeen Garg, Assam's beloved musical icon, RCD would observe the day in a subdued manner, limited to lighting diyas and singing some of his memorable songs.

- President welcomed Rtn. Satyakam Baruah, President, RC Naharkatiya, along with a few members of his club who were present on the occasion. He requested members of RC Duliajan to support their fund-raising initiative by purchasing tickets for the Lottery draw with a musical program scheduled to be held on 25th October 2025. The meeting also marked a joyous moment as Rtn. Devojit Borboruah and Ann Rumi Borboruah celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.
- The Inner Wheel members conducted an instant lottery draw as part of their fund-raising efforts for IWC Duliajan. The initiative received a warm and positive response from everyone present.

Highlights of RWM No. 2302 held on 27th October, 2025.

- President informed the House that Charter Certificate of the Assam Public School Interact Club has been received from the District. The Lapel pins, Gong, Gavel and other items are also in her possession. She further informed that the School will soon organise a small program for the Charter Handover Ceremony.
- President mentioned that she will try to implement the “Tech Jal” project before District Governor’s visit to the Club. She also stated that the project would be implemented at a location that serves as a significant community initiative, benefiting a large number of people.
- President informed the House that the Rotary Club intends to provide a three to six months computer course to six graduate girl students belonging to families below the poverty line, with the aim of enhancing their future livelihood opportunities. The SIPRD Computer Education Centre, Duliajan, has already been contacted in this regard. The members present expressed their appreciation for the initiative and assured their personal contribution should any financial constraints arise.
- President mentioned that the Happy School project has already been implemented at Netaji Sishu Niketan High School, Duliajan through the joint efforts of the R C Duliajan and the IWC, Duliajan. She further informed that some of the required criteria for the project have not yet been fulfilled and assured that necessary actions will be taken soon to complete them.
- President thanked all members for their contribution towards achieving the Ten Dollar Club recognition.

Highlights of BOD Meeting No. - 02 held on 31st October, 2025

President explained that Rotary membership dues should be collected on a pro rata basis, meaning members will pay only for the months they are part of the club during the Rotary year. She clarified that when a new member joins in the middle of the Rotary year (July to June), they do not need to pay the full annual amount. Instead, they will pay a one-time development fee. Their annual membership dues will be divided by 12 months, and they will pay only for the months remaining in the Rotary year from their joining date. She explained in detail that when new members join mid-year, their dues are often calculated proportionately in the SAR/Invoice, ensuring they pay only for the portion of the year they remain active. This system ensures that new members pay fairly, based on the actual months they will be in the club before the next billing cycle. The Board members also noted that this decision was taken based on feedback received from newly joined Rotarians, who had questioned why they were asked to pay full club dues again within the same year, just four months after joining. After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that the pro rata method will be used for calculating RI, District, and Club dues for all new members joining mid-year.

This revised system will be implemented from Rotary Year 2026–27.

- President mentioned that the Happy School project has already been implemented at Netaji Sishu Niketan High School, Duliajan, through the joint efforts of the R C Duliajan and the IWC, Duliajan. The President further announced that the Club will donate a computer to Netaji Sishu Niketan High School, Duliajan as part of fulfilling the criteria for the Happy School initiative. This contribution aims to support digital learning and enhance the educational resources available to the students, helping to create a more conducive and modern learning environment for students in alignment with the Rotary Happy School standards.
- President outlined several key initiatives to be undertaken in the coming months. Notable among them are:
 - i) Monthly Cleanliness Drives – Promoting hygiene and cleanliness in public spaces through regular community engagement.
 - ii) Polythene-Free Campaign – Encouraging the public to avoid the use of polythene by distributing eco-friendly jute bags.

iii) Launch of the "Meal for Hope" Project – A humanitarian initiative aimed at providing meals to the underprivileged sections of society.

- Club public image Chair, Rtn. Rajumoni Gogoi, highlighted the repair work and fresh coat of paint applied to the public bus stand at Pipol Tol Tinali- an initiative undertaken by the Rotary Club of Duliajan under Dist Grant Project. He emphasized that this beautification and restoration effort not only enhance the functionality and appearance of the bus stand but also visibly the Club's motto of "Service above Self."

- President expressed her views that the installation of the Tata Water Product -" Tech Jal" project which operates without electricity by the Rotary Club of Duliajan at Tengakhat Public Health Center would be a significant community initiative, benefiting a large number of people. President further informed that the subsidized price of the Tech Jal unit is ₹ 56,000 for a 200 LPH (liter per hour) capacity. Members decided to contribute fund from their own resources for the installation of the Tech Jal project at Tengakhat PHC and a portion of the amount will also be taken from the Club account.

- President discussed the need to install a toilet outside the Club premises so that the students and women of the Rotary Vocational institute, can use the facility without entering the Club. In this regard, it was noted that there had already been discussions on the matter and it was concluded that transporting a portable bio-toilet from Guwahati would be costlier compared to constructing one locally. President further informed the members that she had requested Rtn. Probin Saikia, Club Service Project Chair to initiate the construction work as early as possible, preferably before the monsoon season begins. The members agreed to proceed with the initiative to construct the toilet locally.

- There was a discussion among the Board members regarding whether to seek approval under the Government of Assam's "Basundhara" scheme or to apply from OIL India Limited's CSR fund for the construction, renovation and expansion of the Club. President requested the members to contact the concerned department of OIL and the Govt. of Assam immediately to initiate the process.

- The Board members present suggested that the UCO Bank account, where RCD's fixed deposit of ₹ 4,46,924.00 (as on 30.06.2025) is maintained, should be transferred soon to the State Bank of India. RC Duliajan already has two accounts in SBI—one General Account and one Charity Account—so keeping all accounts in one bank will be more convenient. President informed the Board that she will discuss the matter with the Club Treasurer and take the necessary steps to transfer the account at the earliest.

- President informed the House that fund-raising has become very important for running the club's projects smoothly. As there is currently a shortage of funds in RCD's account, she requested members to come forward and take responsibility for organizing a Lottery Draw on the occasion of New Year or Magh Bihu. All members present supported the proposal and suggested the name of Rtn. Aditya Goswami to be appointed as the Convenor.



**Remembering Late Rtn. Modira Saikia Bhuyan
on her 3rd Death Anniversary for her
immense contribution
to the Rotary movement**



Birthday

Rtn. Majoni Goswami,	2-Oct	Rtn. Manash Jyoti Borthakur	8-Oct
Rtn. Partha Protim Hazarika	2-Oct	Rtn. Sanjib Kumar Gogoi	9-Oct
Rtn. Probin Saikia	2-Oct	Rtn. Bimal Borgohain	20-Oct
Rtn. Dr. Sujata Sarma	4-Oct	Rtn. Indira Saikia Hazarika	28-Oct



Anniversary

Rtn. Devojit Borboruah & Anne Rumi	4-Oct
Rtn. Jaspal Singh & Anne Amarjeet	8-Oct
Rtn. Udhav Kumar Das & Anne Gayatri	11-Oct
Rtn. Manash Jyoti Borthakur & Anne Jyotidhara	14-Oct



Providing Drinking Water Facility @ Mega Health Camp, Bihutoli Duliajan



Subdued Diwali Celebrations @ RCD



Rotarians from the RCD felicitating Shri Rupjyoti Phukan, RCE OIL on his superannuation on 31-10-25 with a Phulam Gamusa and a Xombordhona Potro.



Polio Awareness Rally on 24-10-2025



Cervical Cancer Vaccination Drive at OIL Hospital Duliajan



President & Rtn. Madhurjya Sharma received RLI Graduate certificate and Pin from PDG Dr. George Sundararaj, RI Dist 3203 and Rtn. Dr. Pallavi Maji, Coordinator, RLI



RCD jointly with IWC & OIL Hospital, Duliajan organized a blood donation drive on 4-10-2025 at OIL Hospital Blood Bank, to observe National Voluntary Blood Donation Day, which was on 1st October 2025.



Members attended the musical night in Naharkatiya arranged by RC Naharkatiya as their fund raising



Past AG Rtn. Saurav Bajoria at our Diwali celebration night



Teacher's Training Program