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শ্রদ্ধেয় গায়ক
জুবিনের প্রতি শ্রদ্ধা

শ্রদ্ধেয় বিশিষ্ট গায়ক জুবিন
চিরকালের জন্য হঠাৎ
আমাদের ছেড়ে চলে গেলেন।
মনে হয় এক দুর্দান্ত ঝড়
বিশাল বেগে এসে টেনে
ছিঁচড়ে নিয়ে ধ্বংস করে
ভাসিয়ে দিল।



আমি এই প্রতিভাবান শিল্পীকে আমার অন্তরের শ্রদ্ধা
প্রদান করছি ও তাঁর বিদেহী আত্মার শান্তি কামনা
করি।

সর্বশেষে কবিগুরুর একটি কবিতা স্মরণ করে
শেষ করছি।

জুবিনের কণ্ঠ, তাল, লয়, ও সুরের প্রতিভা
অপরিসীম। শুধু আসামে নয়, ভারতে
নয়, বিশ্বের এক প্রতিভাবান শিল্পী ছিলেন।

তাঁর গানের সুর তাল থেকে
চিরদিনের জন্য আমরা বঞ্চিত হলাম।
জুবিনের মানুষের প্রতি ভালোবাসা ও
দয়া ছিল অফুরন্ত। তাইতো বন্যার সময়,
করোনার সময় সেবার হাত বাড়িয়ে
দিয়েছিলেন নিঃস্বার্থভাবে।

তাই আজ লক্ষ লক্ষ তাঁর ভক্ত সজল
নয়নে দীর্ঘ সময় অপেক্ষা করেছে
শেষবারের মতো তাঁকে শ্রদ্ধা জানাতে।
এই বিশাল জনসমুদ্র বিশ্বে স্মরণীয় হয়ে
থাকবে।



“ তোমার কীর্তি চেয়ে তুমি যে মহৎ,
তাইতো তোমার জীবনের রথ পশ্চাতে ফেলিয়া
যায় কীর্তির তোমায় বারংবার।
চিহ্ন তোমার পড়ে আছে , তুমি হেতা নাই।”

। - কবিগুরু রবীন্দ্রনাথ ঠাকুর
ওঁ শান্তি

রোটারিয়ান দীপক গুপ্ত

Zubeen Garg - Assam's versatile musical icon

The music world has bid farewell to Zubeen Garg, the beloved Assamese singer, songwriter, and actor, who recently passed away at the age of 52. Born in November 1972 in Tura, Meghalaya, Zubeen's musical journey began at the age of three. He was an icon for several generations of children and youth who grew up singing or humming his songs. Zubeen mastered several instruments, including the guitar, tabla, and mandolin, and developed a deep love for Assamese folk music, which became a defining influence in his career.

Over the decades, Zubeen recorded more than 38,000 songs in 40 languages and dialects, ranging from Assamese and Hindi to Tamil, Telugu, and Bengali. One of his most iconic tracks, 'Ya Ali' from the film 'Gangster', brought him nationwide fame, earning him the Best Playback Singer award at the Global Indian Film Awards (GIFA) in 2006. In addition to singing, he was also a talented composer, lyricist, music producer, actor, and film director, showcasing his versatility and creative brilliance.

Zubeen's connection with his fans transcended music; he was a voice for social causes and often championed the underprivileged. In Assam, he was not merely a performer but a cultural torchbearer whose work shaped the region's musical and artistic identity.



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.

From the Editor



As we turn the pages of another month, we are reminded once again of the incredible power of service, fellowship, and shared purpose that defines Rotary.

Our club always raised to the occasion and this time also no exception. Our members stand by the grief stricken people of Assam in untimely departure of Assam's Heart Throb Zubeen Garg.

We also believe that "if you turn a blind eye to the world now, history will turn a blind eye to you later". With limited resources we are doing impactful projects be it prevention of blindness, Girls hygiene, encouraging teachers or community awareness programs, each act reminds we "Unite for Good".

Let's carry this momentum forward and continue to make Digboi a better, brighter place for all.

Bhaskar Chaudhuri



On the occasion of Teachers' Day, Rotary Club of Digboi organized the Nation Building Award (NBA) Ceremony to felicitate and honour the dedicated teachers of Digboi for their invaluable contribution to society.

The programme commenced with a soulful Borgeet rendered by Mrs. Anindita Goswami Dutta, setting a serene and respectful tone for the evening. This was followed by a tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest, Mr. Sibotosh Das, Ex-teacher of Vivekananda Vidyalaya, along with other dignitaries.



The ceremony was graced by the presence of Zonal Literacy Chairs, Rtn. Dr. N. B. Choudhury (RC Tinsukia) and Rtn. Trilok Gupta (RC Digboi), whose words inspired everyone present. The event concluded with the National Anthem, echoing a deep sense of patriotism and gratitude.



As part of the ceremony, nine exemplary teachers from the community were felicitated with the prestigious Nation Building Award Certificates in recognition of their dedication and commitment to education. Our in-house teachers were also honoured on this auspicious occasion.

Several awardee teachers shared their heartfelt thoughts and experiences, adding a personal and emotional touch to the celebration.



The evening also featured vibrant cultural performances, including a delightful dance performance by our very own Kavika Barua, a captivating speech by Master Arick Palash Dutta, and performances by our talented Rotarylets, which added colour and energy to the event.



The event concluded with inspiring speeches by the Chief Guest and the Zonal Literacy Chairs, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by Club Secretary Rtn. Dr. Dipen Borthakur.





Nigerian to become second African to lead Rotary International

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. His term will begin on 1 July 2026.

Babalola began his Rotary journey in 1984 as a Rotaractor. He joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi 10 years later. His leadership roles include serving as district governor (2011-12), RI vice president (2019-20), and member of the RI Board (2018-20). He was also an active leader and participant in RI committees such as the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2017-23) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee (2013-present, adviser 2016-present).

Babalola received a university degree in engineering in 1988. He worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions in Shell PLC. He is the founder of two companies: Riviera Technical Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery company, and Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational performance advisory group.

Babalola's professional affiliations include the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria, and the Association of Change Management Professionals. He is a member of Jericho Businessmen Club, an organization in his birth city of Ibadan that provides input to governments on economic and social policy.

Babalola and his wife, Preba, live in the city of Port Harcourt. He supports The Rotary Foundation with a named endowment and as an Arch Klumph Society member. A trustee of ShelterBox UK, he is a recipient of the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the RI Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

The president of Rotary International serves a one-year term, presiding over the Board of Directors and providing inspirational leadership for the organization. As the spokesperson for the global network, the president visits clubs around the world to promote Rotary's values and represent the organization at major events. Rotary chooses its president from members who have demonstrated extensive leadership experience within Rotary, including service as a club president, district governor, and member of the Board.



GSE Team
from Nigeria
Hosted by RC
Digboi in
January 2008



Rotary Club of Digboi organised an awareness program of eye donation at Digboi Women's College during 40th Eye Donation Fortnight.

The Eye Donation Fortnight is a 15-day national campaign observed annually in India from August 25th to September 8th to promote eye donation and raise awareness about corneal blindness, which can be cured through transplantation. Established by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in 1985, the campaign encourages people to pledge their eyes, aiming to provide the gift of sight to those in need by ensuring no one is deprived of vision due to treatable corneal conditions.



Mr. Amulya Borgohain explained the purpose and necessity of donating cornea and timings in a very lucid way to make everybody understand the significance of the same. The aim is to ensure more people pledge to donate their

eyes, thereby increasing the availability of corneas for transplantation and reducing the number of people waiting for the gift of sight.



Rotary Club of Digboi organised an awareness program of menstrual hygiene and general health at Rajnikant Baruah Higher Secondary School, Tingrai.

Menstrual hygiene among girl students in India is impacted by social stigma, financial constraints, and lack of adequate sanitation facilities, leading to health issues and school absenteeism. While the government provides programs to increase access to sanitary products and education, significant regional disparities exist, with many rural girls still using unhygienic methods. Addressing these challenges requires a combination of improved infrastructure, comprehensive education, and efforts to break down cultural taboos to ensure girls can manage their periods with dignity and continue their education.



Our club members Rtn Deepashree Das Sarkar and IPP Dr. Nirza Saikia gave there valuable insights on the topic which was well appreciated.





NSS Unit of Digboi College with Rotary Club of Digboi in collaboration with IQAC Digboi College has successfully conducted on 24th September 2025 an awareness programme on “Why Blood Donation are Important”. It was really a nice programme, where Rtn. Dr. Dipen Borthakur have delivered a wonderful motivational talk.

Blood cannot be artificially produced, making voluntary donations the only source of this essential, life-saving resource. As blood cannot be manufactured, a single donation can help save up to three lives

Blood transfusion is a cornerstone of healthcare worldwide, enabling complex medical interventions and significantly improving patient outcomes and life expectancy for those with acute and chronic conditions.



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R2F MTTC & Let's Spread knowledge Educational Team, Assam ৰ উদ্যোগত
আৰু তিনিচুকীয়া জিলা অন্ধতা নিৰাৰণ সমিতি, অসম চৰকাৰৰ
সহযোগত

**বিনামূলীয়া চকুত চানিপৰা ৰোগৰ পৰীক্ষা
আৰু আস্ত্ৰোপচাৰ শিবিৰ**

স্থান : হিন্দু মিলন মন্দিৰ, লিডু
তাৰিখ : ১৫.০৯.২০২৫ সময় : ৰাতিপুৱা ১০ বজাৰ পৰা ১ বজালৈকে

RC Digboi organised their 2nd Cataract detection camp at Ledo Town on 15th September 2025 where about 76 patient came forward for necessary screening. 30 persons detected with cataract problem and identified for necessary surgery at Dibrugarh.



On 19th September patients were sent to Dibrugarh for Cataract Operation and they came back on 21st September after operation with smiling faces.



Shri Manish Bora attended Rotary's "CSR Connect" held at New Delhi representing RC Digboi.

Rotary's "CSR Connect" initiative refers to its partnerships with corporations for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects in India, facilitated through the Rotary Foundation (India) and its network of clubs and Rotarians.



Rotary Club of Digboi took an unique initiatives to promote Blood Donations culture amongst the members of the community through displaying banners at on going Durga Puja Celebrations. Puja Greetings along with motivational quotes on Blood Donaations were installed at different Durga Puja Mandap at Digboi Town under Rotary public relation project. It will definatly create positive impact of Rotary activities in the community at large. RC Digboi also lined up one Blood Donation camp after the celebrations.



Rotary Public Relations focuses on promoting awareness of the organization's service, activities, and impact to attract new members, garner support from sponsors, and engage current members. This is achieved by telling Rotary's story through various channels like local media, social media, and direct community involvement, using resources from the Rotary Brand Center and the actions of club members themselves.

Key Aspects

Promoting Awareness: The primary goal is to increase understanding of Rotary's service projects and the positive impact it makes in communities worldwide.

Building a Positive Image: A strong public image motivates current members to participate, attracts prospective members, and secures community support.

Strategic Storytelling: This involves connecting journalists with stories that inform and inspire, pitching relevant projects to publications, and using Rotary's key messages.

Leveraging Multiple Channels: Public relations efforts utilize a combination of media relations, club websites, social media, and personal interactions to reach the community.