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Doing Good in the World

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Mona Shah
President,
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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Warm greetings to all.

As we step into the month of February, which Rotary dedicates to Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention, I extend my sincere appreciation to each member for your dedication, cooperation, and active participation in our club activities. Your continued support has enabled our club to successfully implement impactful service projects and strengthen community engagement.

Let us use this month as an opportunity to further enhance our service efforts, promote unity, and uphold the values of integrity, fellowship, and Service Above Self. Together, we can continue to create sustainable change and make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

I look forward to your continued enthusiasm and cooperation in the upcoming programs. Wishing all members a productive and fulfilling month ahead.



02 JAN

End Plastic – Save Earth

Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit proudly launched an innovative environmental initiative titled “End Plastic – Save Earth.” The project aims to reduce plastic pollution and create greater awareness about the harmful impact of single-use plastic on our environment.

As part of this initiative, cloth bags were distributed among the public with an appeal to replace plastic bags in everyday use. An awareness program was also organized to educate people about the dangers of single-use plastic items such as bottles, cups, and straws. Citizens were encouraged to adopt eco-friendly alternatives like steel, paper, and reusable products.

Club President emphasized the urgent need to eliminate plastic usage, highlighting how plastic waste severely damages the environment, pollutes land and water bodies, and poses a serious threat to human and animal life. The initiative received an encouraging response from the community, reinforcing the message that small individual actions can lead to significant environmental change.

Through this meaningful project, RC Guwahati Luit reaffirms its commitment to protecting the planet and promoting a cleaner, greener future for generations to come.



02 JAN

Pad Distribution

The Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit continues its dedicated project on menstrual health, focused on the regular distribution of sanitary pads to support women's health, hygiene, and dignity. In this phase, the initiative reached out especially to women enrolled in the club's learning programs, ensuring that care and education go hand in hand.

Along with the distribution of menstrual pads, an interactive awareness session was conducted on personal cleanliness, menstrual hygiene, and the prevention of related health issues. The program addressed common myths, encouraged healthy practices, and helped women understand the importance of self-care and reproductive health.

The session created a safe space for open conversations, empowering participants with confidence and essential knowledge. Many women shared their experiences and expressed gratitude for the guidance and support provided through this initiative.

This meaningful project reflects Rotary's deep commitment to women empowerment, maternal and child health, and community well-being. Through education, awareness, and compassionate action, RC Guwahati Luit continues to make a positive difference in the lives of many women.



02 JAN

Deworming Medicine Distribution

The Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit is conducting a continuous and ongoing Deworming Project aimed at improving the health and well-being of children. Intestinal worm infections often lead to malnutrition, anemia, weakness, and poor growth. Regular deworming helps prevent these issues and ensures healthier development.

Key Benefits

- Better absorption of nutrients
- Improved immunity and energy
- Reduction in infections and anemia
- Healthy physical and mental growth

The initiative helps children stay active, improves concentration and learning ability, and supports better school attendance. Through this project, RC Guwahati Luit reinforces its commitment to the belief that “Health is Wealth.”



02 JAN

Laptop Donation

In a heartfelt effort to promote education and digital inclusion, Rtn. Ashish Shah generously donated a laptop to the Rotary Community Corps (RCC), Harijan Basti. This thoughtful gift will support adult literacy classes and provide children—who are unable to attend formal schooling—with access to learning opportunities that were once out of reach.

The laptop will open doors to digital educational content, enhance teaching methods, and bridge the digital divide within the community. For many children and adults, this small device represents a world of possibilities—a chance to learn, grow, and envision a brighter future.

This initiative beautifully reflects Rotary's commitment to education, inclusivity, and community development, turning compassion into action and empowering lives one step at a time.



03 JAN

Women Empowerment

Women Empowerment is a core focus area of Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit and remains a continuous and ongoing project of the club. This initiative aims to empower women economically while promoting gender equality and strengthening the public image of Rotary through meaningful community action.

Under this project, women are provided with clothes, threads, and essential stitching materials every month. Through tailoring and stitching work, they receive regular livelihood opportunities and earn a steady income. The finished products are partly sold, enabling the women to become financially independent and self-reliant.

Beyond income generation, the project helps build confidence, skills, and dignity among participants. It also supports the club's broader mission of social upliftment and sustainable development.

This initiative truly reflects the spirit of women empowerment by transforming lives through opportunity, skill, and support.



03 JAN

Sewing Machine Donation

The Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit proudly donated an advanced sewing machine, generously sponsored by President Mona Shah, to a deserving beneficiary to support her livelihood. This state-of-the-art machine is equipped for advanced embroidery, fall picot, and various other specialized stitching techniques.

The beneficiary, already skilled in stitching, earns her livelihood through tailoring. With the new machine, she will be able to further enhance her skills, improve the quality of her work, and increase both productivity and income.

This initiative highlights Rotary's commitment to vocational service and women empowerment, fostering skill advancement, self-reliance, and sustainable livelihood opportunities.



07 JAN

Warm Clothes Distribution

With compassion at heart and service in action, Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit distributed 88 sweaters to the students of Gandhinagar High School, Gandhibasti, Guwahati, bringing much-needed warmth during the winter season. The sweaters were generously sponsored by the dedicated members of the club.

Adding to this heartfelt initiative, three blankets were kindly donated by Rtn. Rajiv & Rtn. Swastika, extending comfort to those most in need.

This simple yet meaningful gesture created moments of joy and reassurance, spreading warmth, hope, and smiles among the children. The project beautifully reflects Rotary's commitment to serving humanity with care, dignity, and love.



11 JAN

Community Service Initiative

Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit, in collaboration with the Interact Club of Bonda, organized a meaningful community service project to support less fortunate members of society. Essential items were thoughtfully distributed, including rice, oil, salt, dal, trays, nighties, towels, plastic containers, games, and winter clothes.

The initiative aimed to meet daily needs while providing warmth during the winter season, spreading joy, care, and comfort to those in need. The joint efforts of Rotary and Interact members made the project highly impactful, truly reflecting the spirit of Service Above Self.



12 JAN

Drawing Competition for Children

RCC Guwahati has been doing remarkable work in nurturing young talent. Recently, around 30–35 children from Harijan Basti were invited to Silpukuri to participate in a drawing competition alongside children from the Silpukuri area. The event was well organized, and RCC Guwahati provided the participating children with drawing materials and other necessary support.

This initiative proved to be highly meaningful, enhancing the children's exposure, confidence, and creative skills. Regular drawing classes conducted by the RCC helped prepare the children to take part in this large-scale competition, making the experience both enjoyable and educational.

Special thanks to Rakesh Ji Panghal, the in-charge of RCC, for his dedication and active involvement in creating such impactful opportunities for the children.



12 JAN

Grocery Items Distribution

On the occasion of their wedding anniversary, Shraddha and Aesa, daughter and son-in-law of Rtn. Rajiv and Rtn. Swastika, marked the special day with a heartfelt act of service. Essential grocery items were generously sponsored and distributed to the residents of Kalyani Niwas, Rupnagar.

The items provided included moong dal, masoor dal, mustard oil, and biscuits, ensuring meaningful support for the daily needs of the home.

This thoughtful gesture beautifully reflected the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self and strengthened our club's ongoing commitment to care for and support the community.



14 JAN

Midnight Blanket Distribution

Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit recently carried out a heartfelt humanitarian initiative in a truly unique way. After successfully conducting blanket distribution drives twice earlier, the club launched yet another effort—this time at the Guwahati railway station in the quiet hours of midnight.

While the city slept, many homeless and needy individuals lay under the open sky, with the railway station being their only shelter. Understanding their hardship, club members reached out to them with warmth and care. Blankets and edible items were gently distributed to those sleeping on the platforms, offering them comfort on a cold night.

This simple act of kindness brought smiles to many faces and reminded everyone that small gestures can make a big difference. The initiative reflected Rotary's true spirit of compassion and service, proving once again that humanity shines brightest when help reaches those who need it the most.



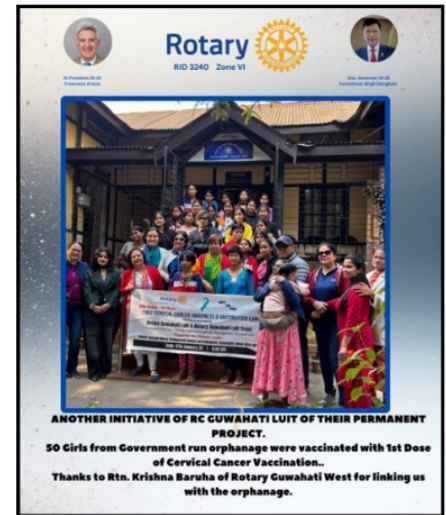
17 JAN Cervical Cancer Vaccination Awareness

Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit organized an informative awareness program on Cervical Cancer Vaccination, conducted by Rotarian Dr. Amit Agarwal. During the session, Dr. Agarwal clearly explained what cervical cancer vaccination is, the role of the HPV virus, how it affects the body, its possible consequences, and how timely HPV vaccination can effectively prevent this disease.

It was truly encouraging for the participants to learn that cervical cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented through proper awareness and vaccination. The session was highly interactive and impactful, motivating all the girls and attendees to understand the importance of taking the vaccine.

Adding warmth to the program, Rtn. Raja Gohain distributed chips and chocolates to the girls, making the session more engaging and enjoyable.

The awareness program was well-organized and greatly appreciated by everyone present. Heartfelt thanks and kudos to Dr. Amit Agarwal for his dedicated efforts and valuable contribution toward promoting community health and preventive care.



17 JAN

Mega HPV Vaccination Drive

Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit successfully conducted a Mega and Signature Project of HPV Vaccination at Kalyani Niwas Orphanage and Ashaneer Home for specially-abled children. In this phase of the initiative, 50 girls from both institutions were vaccinated, marking another significant step toward protecting young lives from cervical cancer.

This program also became a new milestone as the project was initiated at the orphanage in association with Rtn. Krishna Baruah. The joyful smiles and enthusiasm of the children made the effort even more meaningful and rewarding for the entire team.

This was the 13th batch of the HPV vaccination project, and the club is proud to continue expanding this life-saving initiative. Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Amit Agarwal and her dedicated team for administering the vaccines with utmost care and commitment.

This project reinforces Rotary's mission of preventive healthcare, as HPV vaccination helps protect against one of the few cancers that can be prevented through timely action.



18 JAN

Cataract Surgery

Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit successfully conducted another phase of its ongoing Cataract Surgery Project at KGMT Hospital. A total of 6 patients were examined, out of which cataract surgery was successfully performed on 3 patients by Dr. Pankaj Baruah.

Surgery for the remaining 3 patients was postponed due to high blood pressure and eye pressure and will be rescheduled in February after medical stabilization.

With this program, the club proudly completes a total of 19 cataract surgeries this Rotary year, bringing renewed vision and improved quality of life to many beneficiaries. Special thanks to Rtn. Pawan Golcha for coordinating and making all necessary arrangements. Rtn. Samta Golcha added warmth to the initiative by distributing fruits to the patients and their attendants.



18 JAN Vocational Excellence Award Program

Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit proudly organized the Vocational Excellence Award Program on 18th January 2026 at KGMT Hospital. The event was a proud and inspiring moment for the club as it honored two exceptional professionals for their selfless service to society.

Awardees Honored:

- Dr. Pankaj Baruah – Recognized for his remarkable contribution in performing numerous free cataract surgeries, restoring vision, and bringing hope to countless lives.
- Dr. Tushar Chakravarty (OIC, Rotary Blood Bank) – Appreciated for his continuous support and timely assistance in providing blood during emergencies, helping save many precious lives.
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Special thanks to Rtn. Pawan Golchha, Rtn. Raajeev Thaakur, Rtn. Aashish Das, and Rtn. Madhu Ajitsaria for their excellent coordination, ensuring the smooth execution of the program.

The event was truly meaningful and inspiring, reflecting the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self and celebrating excellence in vocational service.



24 JAN

Cataract Surgery

Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit successfully organized the second dose of the HPV Vaccination Program at KGMT Hospital. The first dose for this batch had been administered in July during the KGMT Panikheti Community Outreach Program in association with KGMT Hospital.

In today's session, 10 girls received their second and final dose, marking an important milestone in this preventive healthcare initiative. With the completion of both doses, the beneficiaries are now better protected against HPV infection and several related cancers.

This program reflects the club's continued commitment to safeguarding the health and future of young girls through awareness and timely vaccination.



26 JAN

Republic Day Program

RCC Guwahati Luit continues to do outstanding work in nurturing young talent. Yesterday, they organized a drawing program for Republic Day, where many children participated and created beautiful artwork depicting the national flag and other Republic Day themes.

Today, during a flag-hoisting ceremony, the children proudly presented their paintings, showcasing their creativity and patriotism. Such initiatives encourage young minds to express themselves artistically while fostering a sense of national pride.

Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit is proud to support this meaningful program that inspires both creativity and civic awareness among children.



27 JAN

Mehendi Workshop

Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit successfully organized a Mehndi Workshop as part of its ongoing women empowerment and skill development initiatives. The program was designed to provide practical training and create immediate livelihood opportunities for young girls.

After the completion of the training, the participants were given real work exposure. Club members and guests were invited to get mehndi applied, and the trained girls received direct payment for their services. This hands-on approach helped them gain confidence, professional experience, and the joy of earning through their newly acquired skills.

The workshop not only empowered the participants economically but also encouraged entrepreneurship and self-reliance. Many girls expressed enthusiasm to take this skill forward as a source of regular income.

Encouraged by the positive response, RC Guwahati Luit plans to conduct similar workshops regularly, along with advanced-level training programs in the future to further enhance skills and expand earning opportunities.



27 JAN

Refreshments and Felicitation

On 27th January 2026, Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit organized light refreshments for the participants of the Monday Workshop, along with the organizers, teachers, and staff at the temple premises. Around 35 people benefited from this thoughtful initiative.

Delicious refreshments including idli, chutney, and cake were served to all attendees. A special cake-cutting ceremony was also held with the children who had participated in the workshop, celebrating the joyful and successful completion of the program.

Following the refreshments, a felicitation ceremony was conducted to honor the teachers and organizers in appreciation of their dedication and valuable contribution toward the smooth conduct of the workshop.

The program was well-organized, warmly received, and enjoyed by everyone present, making it a truly memorable and successful occasion.



30 JAN

Annadan Mahadan

In a heartfelt gesture of compassion and generosity, Annadan Mahadan was graciously sponsored by Smt. Priti Agarwal. The initiative brought joy and nourishment to the children, making the day truly special for them.

Along with wholesome and nutritious food, gift items were also distributed, filling the young hearts with happiness and smiles. The warmth and care shared during the program created a memorable experience for everyone present.

This noble act beautifully reflected the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self and reinforced our commitment to serving the community with love and kindness.



30 JAN

Rotary Stall at Poush Mela

Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit successfully conducted a significant Public Image Project at Bengali High School during the Posh Mela. A dedicated Rotary stall was set up to showcase the club's key service initiatives, including Cervical Cancer Awareness & Vaccination, activities at Rotary Luit Montessori and Everest Schools, Rotary Skill Development Centers, and several other impactful projects.

At the stall, several awareness interactions and mini-workshops were conducted, allowing the club to engage meaningfully with the community. The event witnessed a footfall of over 500 visitors between 30th January and 1st February, creating excellent visibility and strengthening Rotary's public image.

This initiative was a truly successful outreach program, demonstrating Rotary's commitment to service, education, and community engagement.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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Editor



A very warm welcome to 2026! As we step into the new year, we celebrate the spirit of service, compassion, and community that defines Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit.

This edition highlights our impactful projects—from health and education initiatives to women empowerment, skill development, and environmental sustainability.

May these stories inspire us all to serve with heart, create positive change, and make 2026 a year of meaningful action and brighter futures.



Core Values of Rotary



Fellowship

Building lifelong friendships through service



Integrity

Upholding ethical standards in all vocations



Diversity

Embracing people of all cultures, genders, and backgrounds



Service

Taking action to improve lives locally and globally



Leadership

Developing leaders who create positive change

Guiding principles for a better world.

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