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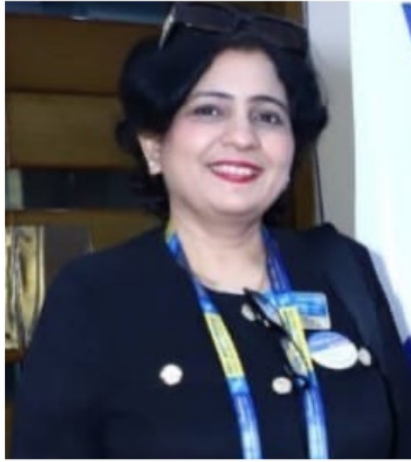
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Dear Friends,

August has been a truly memorable and impactful month for our club. With dedicated teamwork and wholehearted participation, we carried out meaningful service projects that touched many lives. From the successful vaccination drive along with Rotary Bombay Pier .The event was graced by our DG Rtn Kameshwar singh Elangbam and marked by the flag -off of car riders Rtn Priya Rajpal and Meenakshi,adding special significance to the occasion.We welcomed three new members, including a couple and past Rotractor, future strengthening our Rotary family.

We also celebrated the joy of fellowship through Friendship Day lunch, the TRSA train journey, and our award-winning evening at the TRSA Awards. Winning top recognitions, including the Eagle Club,President ,Secretary and Best Bulletin, was a proud moment for all of us and a testament to our collective efforts.As we move into September, we are inspired to continue this momentum. The month ahead brings opportunities through projects like NBA, RCC activities, and eye camps , Happy School .With your support, I am confident we will achieve even greater heights while strengthening the bonds of fellowship within our Rotary family.

Let us keep serving with compassion and enthusiasm, making every effort count toward a brighter tomorrow.

Warm regards,

Mona Shah
President
RC Guwahati Luit

Secretary's Message



Dear Rotarians and Friends,

Highlighting the spirit of service and fellowship that defines our club, each project and initiative featured here reflects our collective dedication to making a difference in the community.

This month also marked the celebration of Friendship Day, reminding us of the strong bonds we share beyond service. Rotary is not only about giving back to society but also about nurturing friendships that inspire and support us on this journey.

As we move forward, let us continue to work hand in hand, bringing fresh ideas, strong participation, and unwavering commitment to our Rotary journey.

Yours in Rotary,

Devarati Roy
Secretary

A Gesture of Care and Support for Young Learners

01 August 2025



Rotary Luit Montessori School extends its heartfelt gratitude to Rtn. Madhu Ajitsaria and her son Harshad Ajitsaria for their generous donation of ceiling fans.

This thoughtful contribution will go a long way in creating a more comfortable and pleasant learning environment for children.

In a school where every detail matters in shaping young minds, such acts of kindness are invaluable. The gift of ceiling fans may seem simple, but its impact will be felt each day in the smiles of children studying with ease and joy.

Sharing her thoughts, the Principal remarked, “When our students are comfortable, their learning experience improves tremendously. This contribution is not just about fans—it is about the care and consideration shown towards our children’s well-being.”

The Rotary Luit Montessori community feels encouraged and motivated by this support. It reflects not only generosity but also a genuine commitment to the cause of education. Such encouragement strengthens our resolve to continue nurturing each child with love, care, and opportunity.

Hope Through Education

01 August 2025



Education is the foundation of a brighter tomorrow, and Rotary Guwahati Luit has taken a remarkable step in this direction with the establishment of the **Rotary Luit Montessori School**. The school was inaugurated on **June 30th, 2025**, at the **Bengali High School premises** by **PDG Rtn. Sukhminder Singh**, marking a proud moment for the club and the community.

After a joyful July vacation, the school welcomed its first batch of students on August 1st, 2025, with 12 enthusiastic young learners already enrolled. What makes this initiative stand out is its wholehearted commitment to ensuring that children receive the best possible start to education, regardless of their background.

The school provides its students with:

- **Free uniforms**
- **Free books and stationery items**
- **Well-equipped, child-friendly facilities**

This holistic support ensures that children can learn in a nurturing environment without financial barriers weighing them down.

The partnership with Bengali High School further strengthens this project, as it creates a smooth pathway for children to continue their education seamlessly as they progress in their academic journey.

Admissions are still open, making this a golden opportunity for families who aspire to provide their children with a solid educational foundation but lack the resources to do so.

This Montessori school is not just an institution—it is a **symbol of hope, opportunity, and compassion**.

Successful HPV Vaccination Drive

02nd August 2025



Rotary Guwahati Luit, in association with the **Rotary Club of Bombay Pier, Sanjevani Hospital, and KGMT Hospital**, successfully organized an **HPV Vaccination Drive on 2nd August 2025**—a monumental step in promoting women's health and cancer prevention.

Vaccination Milestone

The drive witnessed active participation and heartfelt commitment from doctors, Rotarians, and volunteers.

- **37 girls were vaccinated at Sanjevani Hospital**
- **13 girls were vaccinated at KGMT Hospital**
- ➡ **A total of 50 HPV vaccines were administered free of cost, protecting young lives and raising awareness about cervical cancer prevention.**

Distinguished Presence

The program was graced by **DG Rtn Dr. Kameshwad Elangbam**, who appreciated the initiative and encouraged clubs to continue impactful healthcare projects.

Adding inspiration to the day, Rotary Guwahati Luit felicitated Rotary **Riders Rtn Priya Rajpal and Meenakshi Arvind**, who undertook a remarkable 15,000 km journey across 15 states over 40 days to spread awareness on women's health. Their dedication stands as a shining example of "Service Above Self."

Gratitude & Contributions

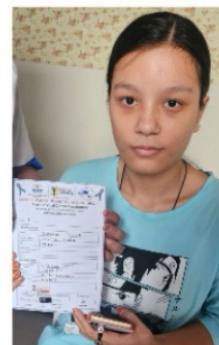
The success of the event would not have been possible without the wholehearted support of generous contributors and organizers:

- A special thanks to **Rtn Biren Saraf**, Attorney General of Maharashtra and member of Bombay Pier, for his kind and meaningful contribution.
- Our gratitude goes to **Dr. Debabrata Burman, Dr. Amit Agarwal, and Project Chair Rtn Raajeev Thaakur** for meticulously arranging and overseeing the event.

Wide Recognition

The vaccination drive received extensive media coverage, highlighting Rotary's dedication to women's health and preventive care.

Above all, heartfelt thanks to every Luitian who attended with passion and enthusiasm, making the program vibrant and impactful. Their presence and active participation echoed Rotary's spirit of unity and service.



Free Eye Check-Up Camp at Jalaram Temple

06th August 2025



On August 6, 2025, Rotary Guwahati Luit, in collaboration with Shankardev Nethralaya, Gujarati Samaj Mahila Samiti, and Rajchandra Mission, organized a highly successful free eye check-up camp at Jalaram Temple. The initiative brought essential eye care closer to the community, reflecting Rotary's commitment to health and service.

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Continuous Deworming Initiative

10th August 2025



This month, our team reached out to children in the Fatashil, Ambari area, distributing deworming medicine to both school-going children and those on the streets. This ongoing effort ensures better health by improving iron absorption, stimulating appetite, and supporting healthy growth.

“Stronger kids, brighter futures. Through our monthly deworming drive, we are helping children stay healthy, absorb nutrients better, and enjoy improved appetite—laying the foundation for growth, learning, and a healthier tomorrow.”

Health & Hygiene Awareness Camp

12th August 2025



A meaningful awareness camp was successfully conducted, highlighting **menstrual hygiene, sanitation, cervical cancer, and breast cancer**.

Key Highlights:

- **Sanitary Pack Distribution** – 50 sanitary packs were distributed among 25 women, encouraging safe and healthy practices.
- **Cancer Awareness & Early Detection** – Crucial information on identifying early signs of cervical and breast cancer empowered women to take proactive measures.
- **Menstrual Hygiene Guidance** – Tips on maintaining hygiene and skin health during menstruation were shared.
- **Medical Assistance** – Contact details for doctor consultations and health support were provided to all participants.

Building Skills, Building Future

12th August 2025



Rotary Guwahati Luit proudly launched a new **Skills Center at Jalaram Temple**, marking a significant step towards empowering women. The center opened with a **sewing program for 25 women**, designed to provide practical skills, livelihood opportunities, and a path toward self-reliance.

Key Highlights:

- Introduction of **diploma courses, certification programs**, and new sewing machines to boost confidence and employability.
- **Sponsors: Swati Sethia & Manoj Sethia** generously contributed towards this initiative.

Lighting the Path of Education

14th August 2025



"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela

Rotary Guwahati Luit proudly shares that **Rtn. Ashish Shah** has sponsored the education of a child by **covering six months of school fees** under the Rotary Luit banner.

Beneficiary Details:

- **Student Name:** Pritom Rajbongshi
- **School Name:** Sankardev Sishu Vidya Niketan
- **Class:** 8

A heartfelt thank you to Rtn. Ashish Shah for this generous gesture, which reflects Rotary's commitment to nurturing young minds and shaping a brighter future.

"Together, We Educate. Together, We Empower."

Celebrating Freedom, Saving Lives

15th August 2025



"Freedom is best celebrated when we give life to others."

On **15th August 2025**, Rotary Guwahati Luit, in collaboration with **KGMT Hospital**, organized a **Blood Donation Camp** that truly embodied the spirit of humanity.

- 12+ units of life-saving blood were collected, thanks to the selfless contributions of our President, IPP, club members, Rotaractors, and Rotarylets.
- 18 members, along with AG Vikas Bajaj, were present to support this noble initiative.

Every drop of blood donated was a gift of hope and a step towards saving lives. This Independence Day, we celebrated not only freedom but also the power of giving others the chance to live.



Together We Will-Planting Trees, Nurturing Life

17th August 2025



Rotary Guwahati Luit successfully organized the **“TOGETHER WE WILL”** drive – a step towards creating a greener and healthier Guwahati.



Venue: Near Veterinary Field, Khanapara

Key Highlights

- **Tree Distribution** – 160 free saplings, generously provided by Pipra Nursery, Azra (Forest Dept.), were distributed to citizens, morning walkers, and community members.
- **Fencing for Protection** – Each sapling was secured with fencing to ensure healthy growth and safety.
- **Community Engagement** – The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, fostering a sense of environmental responsibility.
- **Team Effort** – Special thanks to Rtns. Pawan Golcha & Raja Gohain for arrangements, Rajeev Thakur for the banner, and Mona Shah, Pranjal Mena, Rajiv Jain & Swastika Jain for their valuable contributions.



Annadaan Mahadaan

21st August 2025



Venue: Mother Old Age Home
Sponsored by: Rtn. Keshav Gattani

Rotary Guwahati Luit celebrated Senior Citizens Day in loving memory of Rtn. Keshav Gatani's late grandmother through the Annadaan Mahadaan project, serving over 70 senior citizens at Mother Old Age Home.

Highlights of the Day

- **Essential Supplies Distributed**
 - Detergent sponsored by Dabur
 - A full carton of Mustard Oil sponsored by Rtn. Babita Kejriwal
- **Heartwarming Moments**
 - Seniors shared their stories and experiences, filling the day with warmth and gratitude.
 - The club members were felicitated by the seniors – a truly touching and humbling gesture.



Senior Citizens' Well-being Program

21st August 2025



Venue: Mother Old Age Home

Rotary Guwahati Luit organized a **special healthcare initiative** aimed at ensuring the comfort and wellness of senior citizens at Mother's Old Age Home.

Key Highlights

- **Medicine Distribution** – Basic medicines such as Vicks Balm, Volini, ENO, ORS sachets, Band-Aids, Pudín Hara, Strepsils, and more were provided in containers for daily use. Sponsored by Rtn. Ashish Shah.
- **Health & Nutrition Awareness Talk** – Residents received valuable guidance on maintaining their health and well-being.
- **Adult Diapers for Comfort** – To support the elderly residents' daily needs and ensure their dignity and ease.



Free Cervical Vaccination CSR Project

30th August 2025

Venue: KGMT Hospital
CSR Partner: Bank of Baroda



On 30th August 2025, we successfully conducted a **Free Cervical Vaccination** Drive under the CSR initiative of **Bank of Baroda at KGMT Hospital**.

A total of **14 underprivileged girls, aged 9 to 14 years**, received free cervical vaccinations, ensuring essential protection against cervical cancer and other HPV-related diseases, including certain anal and throat cancers.

This initiative is a step towards **disease prevention and long-term health protection**, empowering young girls with a safer and healthier future.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Bank of Baroda for funding this noble cause and helping us make a meaningful impact.

Free Eye Check-Up Camp

30th August 2025



Venue: KGMT Hospital

The free eye check-up camp for small children and their parents was a fantastic initiative! It's wonderful that **Dr. Sumitra from KGMT** took the time to educate everyone on proper eye care.

Key Takeaways from Dr. Sumitra's Advice

- **Regular Check-Ups** – Annual eye exams help detect potential issues early.
- **Protecting Eyes** – Be cautious with sharp objects and take steps to prevent injuries.
- **Managing Dry Eyes** – Take screen breaks, stay hydrated, and use lubricating drops if needed.
- **Glasses Care** – Learn proper cleaning and maintenance to keep vision clear.



Why Eye Care for Children Matters

- **Early Detection** – Regular exams can catch vision problems early, supporting better learning and development.
- **Prevention** – Teaching good habits young can help prevent eye issues in the future.



“Expanding Our Circle of Service”



Swati Sethia is an Economic Hons. Graduate from Delhi University, a Business woman and proud mother of 3 illustrious sons. She loves helping poor and helping persons in need. She is a numerologist and angel card reader.



Manoj Sethia is a Chartered accountant and owner of Hotel Rajmahal a four star category hotel. He is associated with several social organisations like Jito Guwahati, Guwahati Management Association, Hotel and Restaurant Association of Assam.

“Expanding Our Circle of Service”



Anju Saraf – Born and brought up in Nagaon, Anju is a loving homemaker and a proud mom of three. Known for her kind heart and humble nature, she’s always ready to lend a helping hand. Her warm and caring personality makes her truly special.



Arun Saraf – A graduate of Guwahati Commerce College, Arun is the Director of Saraf Glass Agency Pvt. Ltd. With a keen interest in lawn tennis, he is known for his patient and calm nature, qualities that shine through in both his professional and personal life.

“Expanding Our Circle of Service”



Santosh Banka – Born on 8th March 1970 in Guwahati, Assam, Santosh Banka graduated from BMS College of Engineering, Bangalore in 1991. After gaining valuable experience at Sriram Associates, he returned to Guwahati and, in 1993, established his own firm – Banka and Associates.

In a short span, the firm grew into one of the leading architectural consultancies in Northeast India, known for its architectural and structural expertise and supported by a strong team of contractors and supervisors.

Today, Banka and Associates employs nearly 50 professionals, including architects, civil engineers, and interior designers, offering comprehensive design and consultancy services across the region.

Nityodaya Vahini

Fresh from an exhilarating triumph at Siliguri, Luit returns adorned with numerous awards and boundless motivation to carry its legacy forward

The journey of Luit began in 2016 under the visionary leadership of Charter President **SANJAY AGARWAL** who laid a robust foundation. This was ably carried forward by **PAWAN GOLCHHA**, a newcomer to the Rotary Movement, whose zeal, determination, and passion for service led Luit for two impactful years, building on Sanjay's groundwork. The baton then passed to **PRANJAL MENA**, whose diligent efforts fortified Luit's mission and inspired bold aspirations.

A transformative era followed under **SAMTA GOLCHHA**'s dynamic all-women Board of Directors, which reached out to every corner of society, serving the underserved.

Luit's remarkable work began earning recognition from the District, marking the start of a legacy of accolades since 2020-21.



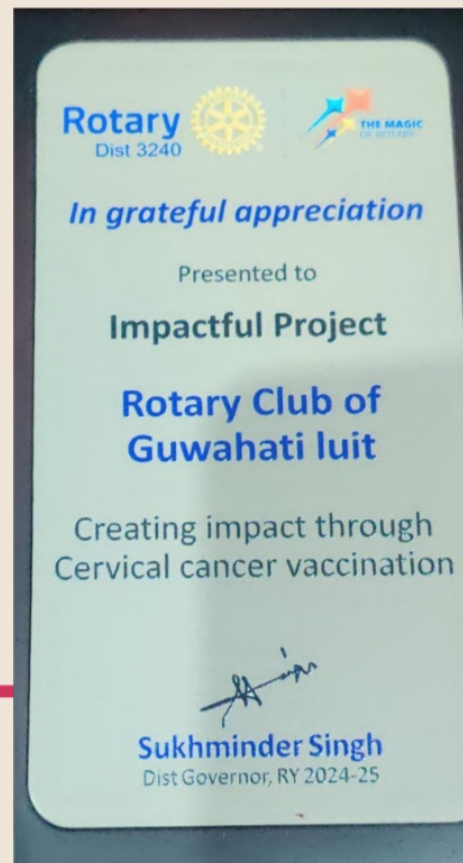
This momentum surged under **RAJIV JAIN**, whose outstanding initiatives were lauded by the District, and continued with **AMIT AJITSARIA**, whose focus on high-quality community projects further elevated Luit's reputation. Under the current leadership of **PAMI DAS**, Luit has shattered all records at Siliguri, setting new benchmarks for excellence.

Luit stands tall for its innovative, sustainable, and impactful projects that create lasting change. The District has rightly celebrated Luit's commitment to meaningful service. With the visionary leadership of **MONA SHAH** and President E. **SWASTIKA JAIN**, I am confident that Luit will scale even greater heights, continuing to inspire and transform lives!

-RTN.RAAJEEV THAKUR
Public Image Chair



“Luit Shines Bright – A Journey of Recognition”









The Rotary Service Award

The TRSA Ceremony of Rotary District 3240 was held on 23rd August 2025, where Rotary Guwahati Luit proudly received multiple honours.

Eagle Club – Celebrating our dedication to Rotary’s mission.

President’s & Secretary’s Awards – Recognizing exceptional leadership and administration.

Editorial Award – For outstanding communication and storytelling.

Foundation Chair & Public Image Chair Awards – Honoring contributions to philanthropy and Rotary’s image.

Outstanding Rotarian – Celebrating individual dedication and service.

Donor Recognition – For contributions to Polio eradication and Annual Fund.

Impactful Projects Across Rotary’s Seven Areas of Focus,

Fighting Disease (Cervical Vaccination)

Saving Mothers & Children

Supporting Education (Rotary Montessori School & Skill Centre)

Growing Local Economies (RCC)

Protecting the Environment

A proud moment for Rotary Guwahati Luit, showcasing our commitment to Service Above Self.

Award Highlights

- Eagle Club Award – A collective honor for the club.
- President's Award – Rtn. Pami Das
- Secretary's Award – Rtn. Mona Shah
- Foundation Chair Award – Rtn. Pawan Golchha (Polio Plus Society)
- Polio Plus Society – Rtn. Rajiv Jain
- Outstanding AG Award – Rtn. Pranjal Kumar Mena
- Public Image Chair Award – Rtn. Rajeev Thakur (also recognized as District Rotary Business Fellowship Chair)
- Outstanding Rotarian Award – Rtn. Raja Gohain
- Best District Editor – Rtn. Niladree Gohain

“Many Awards. One Spirit – Service Above Self!”



OKHIL BABU'S LETTER

TO THE RAILWAY DEPARTMENT:

*It led to the introduction of
TOILETS in trains in India*

"I arrived by passenger train at Ahmedpur station, and my belly was too swollen with jackfruit. I therefore went to the privy. Just as I was doing the nuisance, the guard blew the whistle for the train to go off, and I ran with a 'lotaah' in one hand and 'dhoti' in the next. I fell over and exposed all my shocking to men and women on the platform. I was left at Ahmedpur station. This is too much bad; if a passenger goes to make dung, that damn guard should wait five minutes for him. I therefore pray, your honour, to impose a big fine on that guard for the public's sake. Otherwise, I will make a big report to the papers."

**HOW A HUMOROUS 1909 RAILWAY
COMPLAINT LED TO TOILETS ON INDIAN
TRAINS – SPEAK UP FOR CHANGE!**

In the HR context, it serves as a reminder to always consider and act upon feedback from employees or customers, no matter how trivial it may seem initially. Encouraging open communication channels and valuing feedback can lead to significant improvements and innovations within an organization.

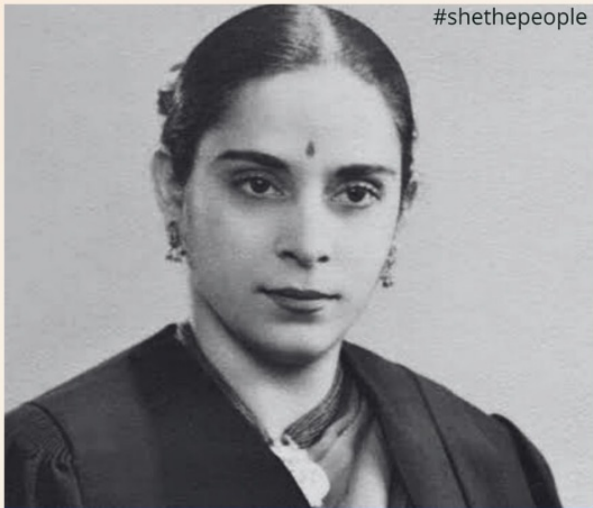
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BIRTHDAYS"



"CELEBRATING LIFE'S
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INDIA'S WOMEN OF FIRSTS.

They broke the rules, the glass ceilings and the silence.



**FIRST WOMAN CHIEF
JUSTICE OF INDIA**
Lelia seth (1991)



**FIRST WOMAN FILM
DIRECTOR**
Fatma Begum (1926)



**FIRST FEMALE ACTRESS
IN INDIA**
Durgabai Kamat (1914)



**FIRST FEMALE PILOT
IN INDIA**
Sarla Thakral (1936)

INDIA'S WOMEN OF FIRSTS.

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**FIRST ISRO WOMAN
DIRECTOR AT ISRO**
Anuradha T.K. (1982)



**FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT
BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE**
Deena Mehta (1996)

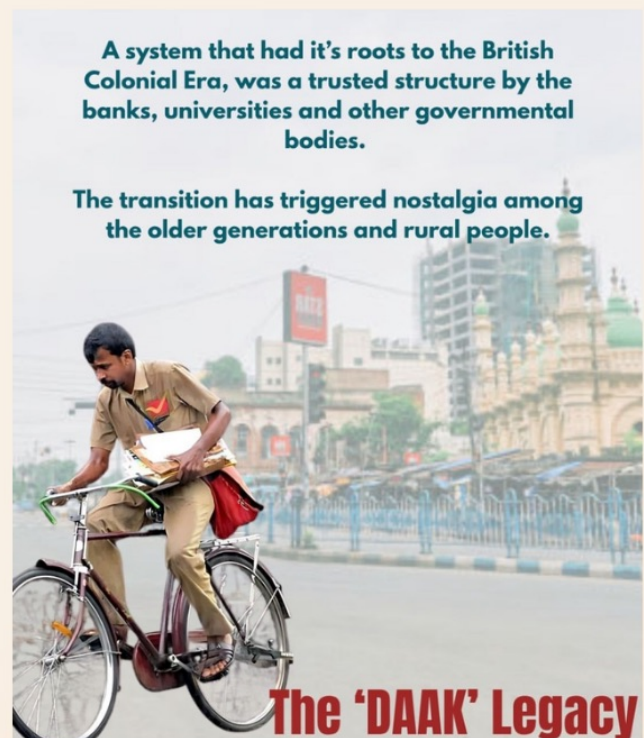
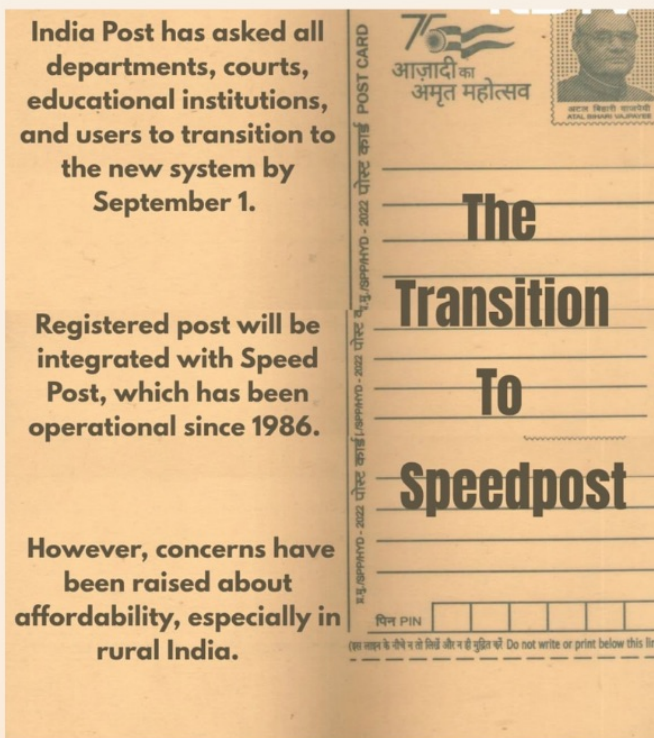


**FIRST INDIAN WITH A
DOCTORATE ON TIGERS**
Latika Nath (1980s)



**FIRST DALIT WOMAN
CHIEF MINISTER**
Mayawati (1995)

THE 'DAAK' LEGACY



Editor's Message



Dear Rotarians & friends,

As we turn another page in our journey of service, this issue celebrates the impact we create together—through projects that uplift communities, initiatives that spread awareness, and fellowship that strengthens our bond. Each story reflects our shared commitment to “Service Above Self” and the belief that small actions, done consistently, bring meaningful change. Let us continue to inspire, innovate and serve with purpose.

Yours in Rotary

Niladree Gohain
Editor

Why Join Rotary?

R ealization of "Service Above Self"

O pportunities to be involved with community and international projects

T eam up with other volunteers to make a difference

A ppreciation for your contribution

R espect, fellowship and fun

Y our skills and talents are shared

FOLLOW US ON

