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“A life that sang beyond silence.”



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

I hope this message finds you in good health. The untimely demise of our beloved singer Zubeen Garg has left us all deeply shocked and saddened. His immense contribution to music and culture will always be remembered with great respect. 🙏

October is indeed a significant month in the journey of community development and economic growth. Rotary International's relentless efforts toward the eradication of polio remain one of the most commendable achievements in the history of public health.

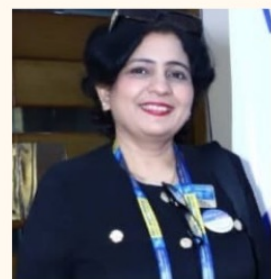
World Polio Day, observed on October 24th, serves as an important reminder of the remarkable progress achieved over the years, while also underscoring the responsibility that still lies ahead of us.

As Rotarians, our collective commitment to improving community health and well-being continues to inspire action and instill hope. Together, we move forward with renewed determination to create lasting change and a healthier future for generations to come.

From the President's Desk

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our members for their unwavering dedication and service. Each of you contributes meaningfully to our shared mission, and it is through this unity of purpose that we continue to make a lasting impact. Let us carry this spirit forward as we mark World Polio Day and reaffirm our pledge to build stronger, healthier communities.

Lastly, I extend my warm wishes to you and your families for a joyous Durga Puja and a sparkling Diwali. May these festivals bring happiness, prosperity, and togetherness into your lives.



Yours in Rotary
Mona Shah
President
Rotary Club Guwahati Luit



**“Moi nothokar anubhob
Jidina hobo tumar
Hidina ossru nigoribone kua
Mur kobitar sondo gaanor xur
Bujiba tumi heidina
Jidina moi nathakim janaa
Tumar priyo geet gabole”**

It's hard to believe that Zubeen Garg is no longer with us. Even as I write this, it feels unreal — as if any moment now, his voice will drift in from a radio somewhere, carrying with it the warmth and energy that defined him.

Zubeen wasn't just a singer. He was the sound of our evenings, the rhythm of our youth, the echo of our celebrations, and the balm in our heartbreaks. His voice had a way of slipping into our lives like an old friend, never demanding attention but always commanding the heart.

People often say legends live forever — and with Zubeen, that feels true. Close your eyes and hum one of his songs, and you'll find yourself right back in the moments his music first touched you. He sang not just to entertain, but to connect, to heal, and to remind us of who we are.

For us in Assam, Zubeen was family. He carried our language, our stories, and our soul to the world stage with pride. His songs weren't just melodies; they were memories — stitched into weddings, festivals, long journeys, and quiet nights. To lose him is like losing a piece of ourselves.

And yet, even in this grief, there's gratitude. Gratitude for the gift of his voice. So maybe that's what we'll do. We'll sing “Mayabini”— not in sorrow but with love — just like Zubeen would've wanted.

You're gone too soon, but every time Mayabini plays, every time someone hums your tunes, we'll smile and say — “He's still here.”

Forever our voice. Forever our Mayabini.

See you on the other side
— Niladree Gohain

Nourishing Communities

02nd September 2025



Distributing food packets and juices to mothers and children at the RCC in Harijan Basti is a compassionate step that extends beyond immediate relief—it reflects a vision of long-term community health and well-being.

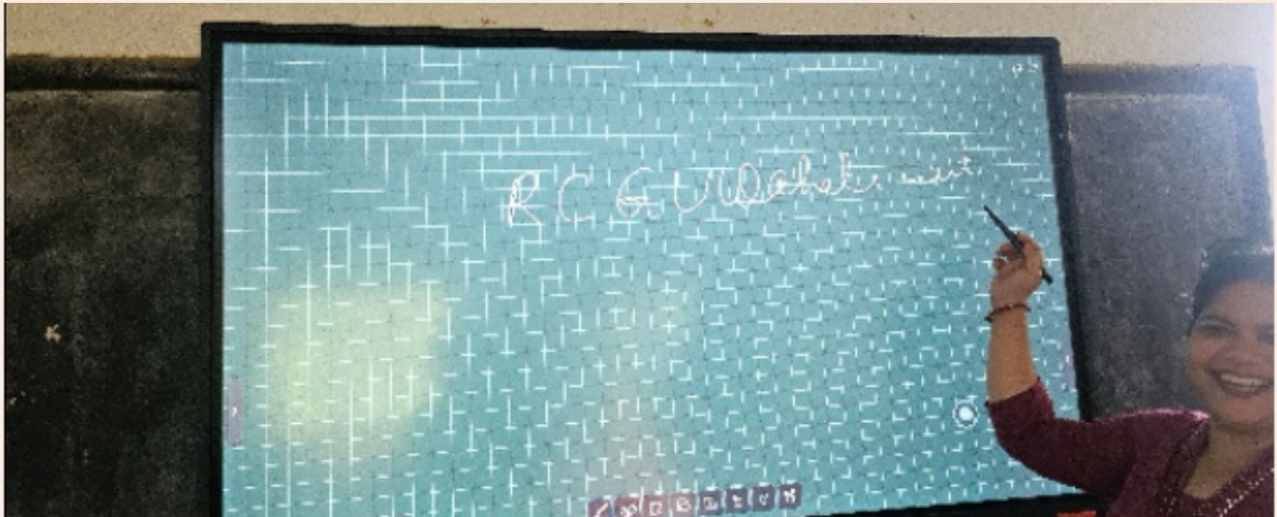
By addressing these vital needs, the initiative helps combat nutritional deficiencies, uplifts families, and empowers them to lead healthier lives.

Such projects not only provide tangible support but also highlight the importance of collective responsibility



Smart Classes

04th September 2025



The installation of **smart classes** at **Vivekananda Kalyan Kendra School, Odalbakra**—funded by our district—marks a significant leap in enhancing the learning experience.

With Wi-Fi and digital resources, students now have access to a **wider world of knowledge and opportunities**. The excitement on the children's faces reflects the true impact of this thoughtful initiative, which will help shape brighter futures. Heartfelt thanks to the district for this meaningful contribution.



INDIA'S WOMEN OF FIRSTS.

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



**FIRST FEMALE BARRISTER
IN INDIA**

Cornelia Sorabji (1924)



**FIRST WOMAN TO LEGALLY
GET A DIVORCE**

Rukhmabai Raut (1885)



**FIRST INDIAN FEMALE
ANTHROPOLOGIST**

Irawati Karve (1930)



**FIRST INDIAN WOMAN TO GET
DEGREE IN WEST. MEDICINE**

Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi (1886)

INDIA'S WOMEN OF FIRSTS.



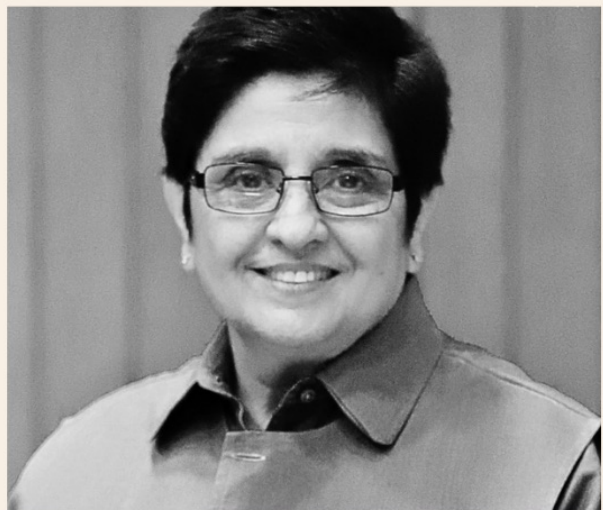
**FIRST INDIAN WOMAN TO
CLIMB MT. EVEREST**
Bachendri Pal (1984)



**FIRST INDIAN WOMAN TO
GO INTO SPACE**
Kalpana Chawla (1997)



**FIRST INDIAN WOMAN TO
WIN AN OLYMPIC MEDAL**
Karnam Malleswari (2000)



**FIRST INDIAN WOMAN
IPS OFFICER**
Kiran Bedi (1972)

Teachers' Day Celebrations

05th September 2025



Teachers' Day was celebrated at **Manipuri Basti School, Kalibari**, and **Pub Sarnia School** with heartfelt enthusiasm.

Students showcased their talents through dance, plays, and creative performances, while teachers were honored with certificates as a token of gratitude.

The event beautifully reflected the spirit of **Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's** legacy, celebrating the dedication of educators in shaping young minds and the future.



Mothers Milk Donation Awareness Drive

07th September 2025



On 7th September 2025, Rotary Club of Gauhati Luit organized a Milk Donation Awareness Program at **Nikasi, Dhansaripur village**.

The initiative aimed to educate women on the vital **role of breast milk donation in saving the lives of premature and critically ill newborns**.

During the session, participants learned that donated breast milk, when processed and provided through safe channels, can be life-saving for infants who are unable to receive adequate nourishment from their mothers. Women were encouraged to share this awareness within their communities, thereby spreading the message of hope and health.

This program is part of our continued support for the **Rotary Milk Bank at Chatibari Mission Hospital** and the collaborative efforts of **KGMT Multispeciality Hospital**, where donated milk is carefully collected and delivered to babies in need.



A portrait of JRD Tata, an elderly man with grey hair, wearing a grey suit, blue shirt, and red tie. He is looking slightly to the left with a gentle smile.

LAKMĒ



Name **Lakmè** Was Inspired
By **Goddess Lakshmi** ✨

Lakmè Is An Indian Brand,
Founded By **JRD Tata**

I Pledged – Eye Donation Awareness Program

07th September 2025



On 7th September 2025, Rotary Club of Gauhati Luit organized an **Eye Donation Awareness Program at Baksa, Dhansripura village** under the theme “**I Pledged.**” The initiative highlighted the importance of eye donation and encouraged participants to pledge for this noble cause.

A touching moment came from **Pragya, a 9-year-old girl, who said: “After death, our eyes are either burnt or buried – it’s better to donate them so someone can see through them.”** Her words deeply moved everyone present.

The event featured **P.S. Randhawa, an eye donation influencer traveling across India on his two-wheeler**, whose dedication inspired the audience. **Samata Golchha** also motivated participants with her powerful message, stressing the urgent need for more eye donors in India.



Free Health Check-up Camp

07th September 2025



On 7th September 2025, Rotary Club of Gauhati Luit organized a Free Health Check-up Camp at Nikasi near Dhansripur Village, **offering BP, weight, and diabetes screenings to the local community.** The participation of **KGMT's professional staff** added great value, ensuring high-quality care for attendees.

The combined efforts of our members, healthcare professionals, and local supporters made the camp a resounding success, reflecting the Rotary motto: Service Above Self.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the doctors, volunteers, and community members whose dedication and selfless service made a meaningful impact on the lives of many.



Why Pacific and Atlantic do not mix?

Ever seen two oceans meet but never mix?

At a place near the Gulf of Alaska, you can witness a rare natural phenomenon - two massive bodies of water meet, yet don't blend easily.

The reason?

Differences in salinity, temperature, and density.

The Pacific Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean have distinct characteristics – the amount of salt, the speed of currents, and even how much sediment they carry. This creates an invisible boundary called a "halocline", where the two oceans resist mixing.

Although they do eventually mix over time, this visible divide is a perfect example of how nature draws invisible lines in the water.

So next time someone says all water is the same -show them this



Free Eye Check-up Camp

07th September 2025



On 7th September 2025, Rotary Club of Gauhati Luit organized a Free Eye Check-up Camp at Nikasi near Dhansripur, **screening 117 participants. Among them, 28 cases of cataract and 1 case of pterygium were identified**, with cataract surgeries scheduled soon at KGMT Hospital, Zoo Road, Guwahati. **Reading glasses were also distributed** to those in need, ensuring immediate benefits for the community.

The dedicated participation of our club members was instrumental in the camp's success, reflecting the Rotary motto: Service Above Self.

Through initiatives like this, we continue to promote eye health awareness and provide timely medical intervention for those in need.



Honouring the Nation Builders

08th September 2025



The Nation Builder Award ceremony was a truly inspiring initiative, **celebrating the dedication and excellence of teachers**. On this occasion, **18 teachers from 10 schools, including Rotary Montessori School, DAV High School, Bengali High School, Vivekananda Kalyan Kendra, Rising Star School, and others, were felicitated for their outstanding contributions to education.**

It was particularly heartening that the awards recognized teachers from both private and government schools, highlighting the tireless efforts of educators across all institutions. **The celebration of Literacy Day with a drawing competition at Rotary Montessori School added a joyful touch, creating lasting memories for the children.**



Vaccination Drive for Young Girls

09th September 2025



On 9th September 2025, Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit successfully conducted a vaccination drive at KGMT Hospital, administering the 2nd and final dose to 20 girls, ensuring their complete protection and better health for the future.

This initiative reflects our club's commitment to **safeguarding the health and well-being of young girls in the community**. By completing this crucial vaccination cycle, we contribute to **building a healthier and stronger generation**.

Heartfelt thanks to our dedicated team and partners whose efforts made this drive possible. Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference in many lives.



Hygiene Awareness Program & Pad Distribution

13th September 2025



Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit, along with the Interact Club and in collaboration with the Help 15Aid Foundation, organized a Hygiene Awareness Program focusing on women's health and well-being.

As part of the initiative, **sanitary pads were distributed** to women and girls in the community, coupled with sessions on cleanliness, hygiene, and self-protection.

The Interact Club, which has adopted nearby villages, was encouraged to carry this initiative forward. They were provided with additional resources, including sanitary pads, to distribute and spread awareness in those areas.

This collective effort aims to **empower women and girls with vital knowledge and resources,** ensuring better health, dignity, and confidence for the future.



Annadaan Mahadaan

14th September 2025

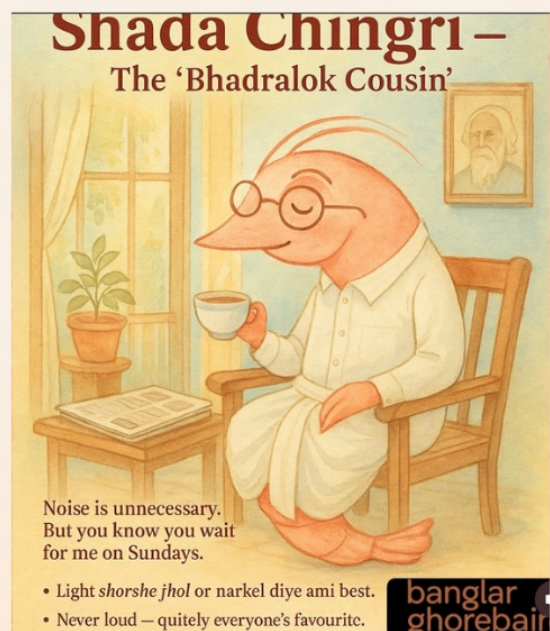
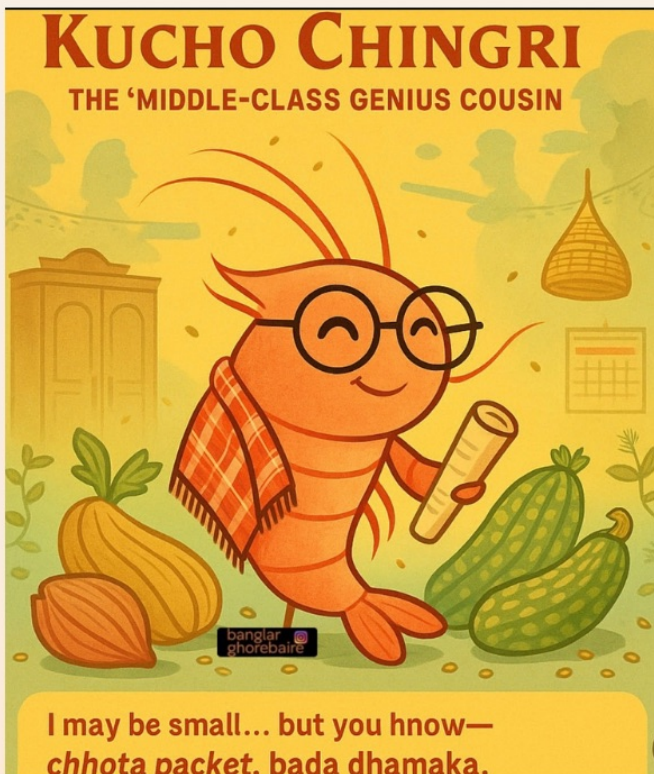
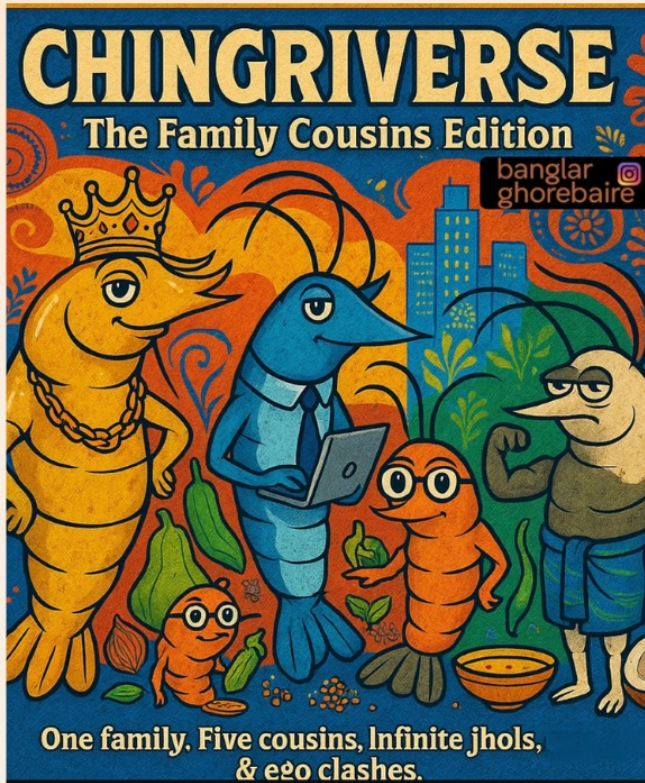


On 14th September 2015, a noble initiative sponsored by **Raja Gohain and Niladree Gohain** brought joy to more than **100 children**, as **20 dedicated members** came together to serve a wholesome meal.

The menu included **khichdi, sabzi, kheer, poori, biscuits, bananas**, and more, filling not just hungry stomachs but young hearts with happiness.

The smiles on the children's faces were truly priceless.

This project is not a one-time effort—it will continue every month, addressing nutritional challenges in the community and ensuring children receive care and nourishment.



Spreading Joy

14th September 2025



On 14th September, a heartwarming initiative took place at **Jalaram Temple, where 42 children attend morning classes.** To enrich their learning environment, Team Luit **sponsored a seesaw and distributed water bottles, bringing immense joy to the children.**

This thoughtful gesture not only encouraged physical activity but also fostered a **healthy balance between learning and play, boosting the children's enthusiasm for studies.**



Successful Cataract Surgeries

14th September 2025



Following the Eye Camp conducted on 7th September at Dhanasripura village, Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit **facilitated the transfer of patients to KGMT Hospital for cataract surgeries.**

We are delighted to share that, as per the report from **Dr. Pankaj Baruah**, **all 8 patients have been successfully operated on. Among them was a young boy with a traumatic cataract caused by a welding injury.** Thanks to the expertise and compassionate care of the medical team, his surgery too was a success, underscoring the importance of timely medical intervention.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Dr. Pankaj Baruah and the entire KGMT Hospital team for their dedication and skill in restoring sight. **Special appreciation to Rtn. Pawan Golchha and Pranjal Mena** for making all the arrangements that ensured this initiative's success.



Supporting Dream Home with Essentials

18th September 2025



On 18th September 2025, members of Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit visited **Dream Home for specially-abled people** and distributed essential ration items. The supplies included:

- **Food staples:** rice, dals, mutter, oil, and spices
- **Daily needs:** tea leaves, sugar, phenyle, Harpic, washing powder, soap, and shampoo
- **Nutrition & snacks:** soya chunks, milk, biscuits, Maggi, chira, and muri

This initiative, made possible through contributions from every member, reflected the club's compassion and commitment to community care. It was heartening to witness the dedication of Dream Home in nurturing its residents, and the club's call for wider support and donations is truly commendable.

A special thanks to **Samta Golchha** for meticulously arranging everything and ensuring the success of this noble effort.



Green Tribute to Zubeen Garg

26th September 2025



On 26th September 2025, the Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit paid a **heartfelt homage to the legendary singer Zubeen Garg** by organizing a **Free Sapling Distribution Drive at Kali Bari Temple, Maligaon**.

The event, held in **collaboration with Muktanagan** on the inaugural day of the **75th Durga Puja celebrations**, beautifully blended faith, remembrance, and environmental care. As part of this eco-friendly initiative, **150 saplings, received from Pipara Forest, Bijoynagar**, were distributed among devotees and participants – each accompanied by protective fencing to ensure healthy growth.

This noble act served as a green tribute to Zubeen Garg, uniting the spirit of Maa Durga's blessings with a message of sustainability and love for nature.

Special thanks to **Rtn. Pawan Golchha, Rtn. Samta Golchha, and Moinul** (staff) for their thoughtful arrangements and dedication in making this initiative a success.



THROUGH MY LENS

Pawan Kr. Golchha





"A TIME TO CELEBRATE:
BIRTHDAYS"



HAPPINESS UNLIMITED







**In Loving Memory of
Shri Sundarlal Jain
(1934 – 2025)**

Our dear friend Rtn Rajiv Jain's father Shri Sundarlal Jain went on his heavenly abode on 23rd September 2025 at the age of 91 after a brief illness!

The life story of Shri Sunderlal Jain is a story of hard work resilience and simplicity coupled with unmatched risk taking spirit.

He was born in a small city called Kuchaman in Rajasthan and had education only till class 4. Due to immense financial hardship he was forced to give up education and had to leave his birthplace in search of greener pastures. He did menial jobs and service in places like Agra, Patna and Meerut before arriving in the blessed land of Assam in 1952 at just 20 years of age.

He began his journey with a small grocery store in Nalbari, and through sheer determination, built a successful business. In 1964, he moved to Guwahati, where he established himself in the foodgrain trade, a legacy now carried forward by his eldest son.

Married to Late Kamaladevi at the tender age of 17 and was blessed with six children – three sons and three daughters, including our friend Rtn. Rajiv Jain. Although he could not pursue formal education himself, he ensured that all his children received quality education and grew into responsible citizens.

His three sons including Rtn Rajiv Jain are respected businessmen of the city associated with many social and cultural organisations of Guwahati.

Known for his honesty, integrity, and humility, Shri Sundarlal Jain was deeply respected across the Guwahati community. His life stands as a testament to perseverance and purpose.

The Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit extends its heartfelt condolences to Rtn. Rajiv Jain and Rtn. Swastika Jain on this profound personal loss. May his noble soul rest in eternal peace.

EDITOR'S DESK

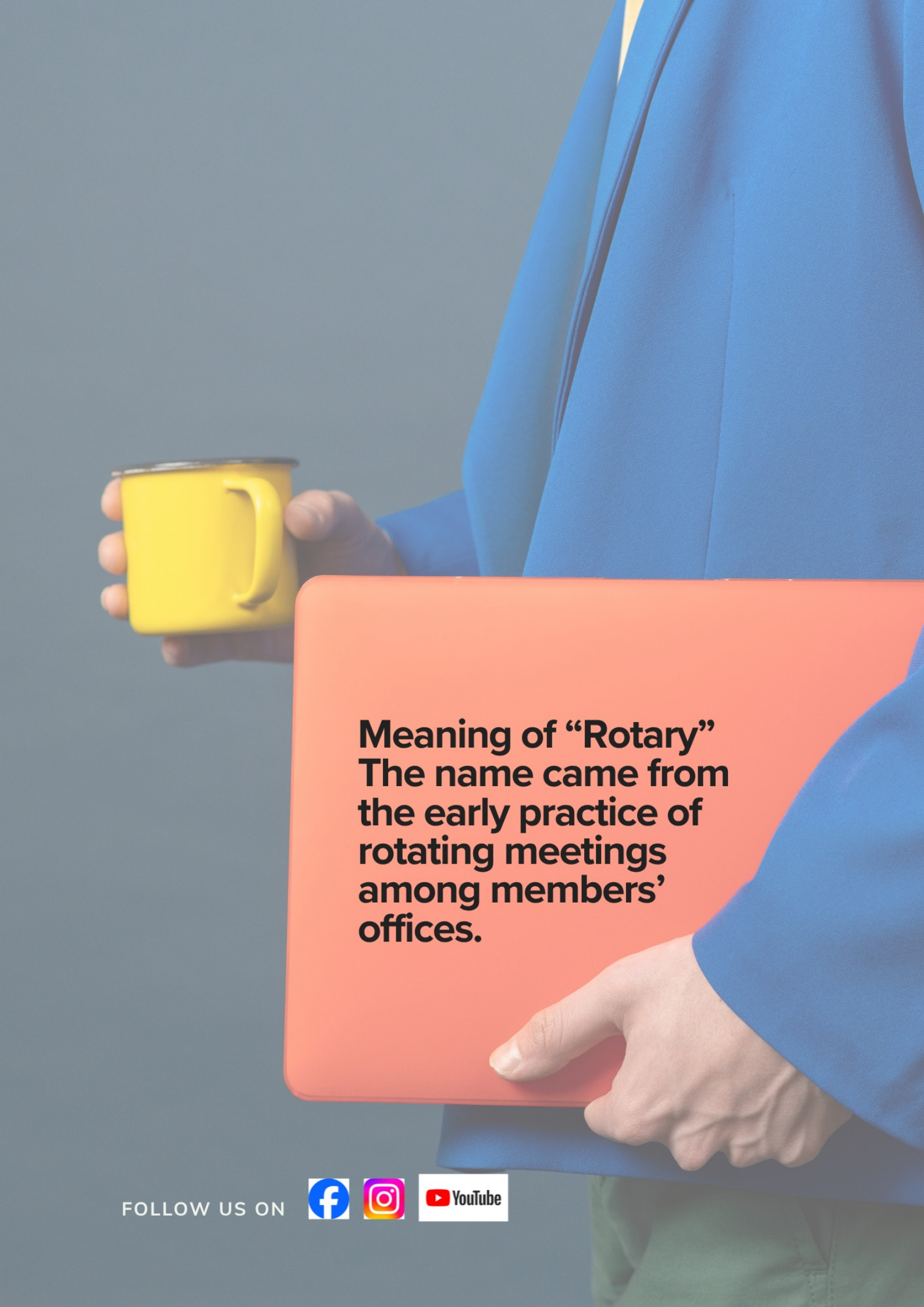
As we turn these pages, we celebrate the incredible work being done by our members—projects that touch lives, inspire change, and uphold the values of Rotary.

Each story in this edition showcases not only the projects we undertake but also the people who make them happen.

From community service initiatives to impactful collaborations, from honouring our members to sharing insights on our future goals, this magazine serves as a chronicle of our journey.



Yours in Rotary,
Niladree Gohain
Editor, The Chronicle

A person wearing a blue suit is shown from the chest down. They are holding a bright yellow mug in their right hand and a red folder or tablet in their left hand. The background is a solid grey color.

Meaning of “Rotary”
The name came from
the early practice of
rotating meetings
among members’
offices.

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