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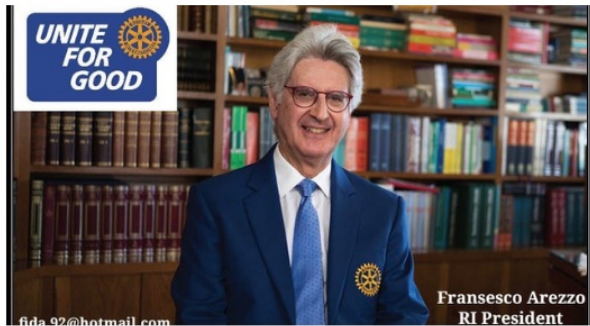
JULY 2025 ISSUE



This classroom represents more than just a space with desks and a chalkboard — it symbolises hope, opportunity, and the future we're helping shape.

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THIS MONTH AND EVERY MONTH



August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead, and to bring lasting change.

Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.

Remember, there is now great flexibility in fashioning nontraditional club models. I'm inspired when I see these innovative clubs thrive by offering new and prospective members more ways to connect and serve.

In Korea, the growth of satellite clubs has created opportunities for nearly 1,000 new members to find their place in Rotary. In Romania, the close collaboration between Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors has built a pipeline of future leaders. In India, some Rotarians gather around a shared interest — whether it's professional development or a passion for service — and those connections deepen their commitment and their joy in being part of Rotary. And we've seen cause-based clubs thrive in regions as diverse as Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe.

There's a common thread: Where clubs are growing, membership is a priority and there is a willingness to try something new. Rotary is not limited to one structure or tradition. We are a global network of people of action, and that means there is room for many kinds of clubs, many ways to serve, and many paths into our organization.

This spirit of innovation is also guiding our efforts to reach new communities. In places where there has never been a Rotary club — or where a club once existed and faded — Rotarians are finding ways to grow Rotary. They are identifying areas of potential and building clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities.

Every member plays a part in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, support a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you are helping our organization grow stronger and more vibrant.

No one owns a Rotary club. It is a gift we pass on to the next generation. When we nurture that gift, when we invite others to share in it, we ensure that Rotary continues to be a force for good.

Let's prioritize membership growth — not just in August but every month of the year. Together, through friendship, creativity, and shared purpose, we will grow Rotary and Unite for Good.

MEET OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

DR. KAMESWAR SINGH ELANGBAM



Dr. Kameswar Singh Elangbam, originally from **Imphal**, now permanently settled in Shillong with the family at Kench Trace and practices orthopaedics at Kamber Clinics, Keating Road, Shillong. He completed MBBS from Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh; did D. Ortho from Aligarh Muslim University and MS Orth from AIIMS, New Delhi and as a Registrar (Senior Resident), he had the opportunity to work under top orthopaedic surgeons of the country developing his skills and knowledge. He underwent AO Fellowship in Trauma in Germany, and further in the management of complex trauma in Davos, Switzerland. He is a life member of Indian Orthopaedic Association, Bombay Orthopaedic Society, and Northeast Regional Orthopaedic Surgeon's Association (NEROSA). World Orthopaedic Concern and SICOT, President of NEROSA and President of East Zone Orthopaedics Forum and actively participated as speaker and presenter in numerous regional, national, and international conferences, and has organized various seminars and symposia on orthopaedics and trauma.

Dr. Elangbam served as Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Government of Meghalaya held many more positions as a clinician and as administrator, finally relieved as Additional Mission Director (NRHM). After retirement from government service, Dr. Elangbam continues to practice orthopaedics at Kamber Clinics and Kamber Polyclinics in Shillong. He is married to Dr. (Mrs.) L Berylida Pyrbot, a Radiologist. They have two children: a son, Mukund, an entrepreneur married to Dr. Sharjubala, who is undergoing MD in Pathology, and a daughter, Dr. Jupirika, a Gynaecologist, married to Dr. Wanlamkumar, an Orthopaedic Surgeon. Dr. Elangbam is also the proud grandfather of two grandsons, Dason and Da-Elangki.

DR. KAMESWAR SINGH ELANGBAM

Dr. Kameswar Singh Elangbam began Rotary journey in 2007 with the Rotary Club of Shillong, held many responsibilities in the club and district, currently a Major Donor Level III, PHS member, PolioPlus society member, Multiple Fellow of 3240 district foundation, Benefactor and End Polio Fellow. During his tenure as Diamond Jubilee president many community service projects were executed, notable few are the establishment of the "Rotary Dialysis Centre" in Shillong, inaugurated by the Governor of Meghalaya, the complete transformation of Seng Khasi School in Mawphlang, working in collaboration with the Seng Kynthei, a rural women's self-help group, to promote economic empowerment. His continued association with the school, the Seng Kynthei, and the local Dubar in the Elaka of Hima Mawphlang has further solidified Rotary's positive public image in the region.

He is a highly travelled Rotarian, having participated in numerous Rotary International Conventions (Seoul, Atlanta, Hamburg), the 11th World Water Summit in Hamburg, the Rotary Legacy Seminar, RI Multi-District Meet in Sylhet, Bangladesh, the RI Presidential Peace Conference in Beirut, Rotary Institutes in Kuala Lumpur and Yogyakarta, and various other significant events.

His international service partnerships and exposures are equally noteworthy. In Bhutan, he participated in a community toilet construction project, personally donating a unit in 2017. In Sri Lanka, he donated a water filtration unit to combat renal failure caused by groundwater pesticide pollution. He visited the One Rotary Center in Evanston, Chicago, where he studied the organization's history and archives. He also visited North Carolina, USA, the birthplace of Rotaract movement.

He is an active member of various Rotary Action Groups and fellowships, such as, member Board of Directors of the International Rotary Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals, National Coordinator of the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS), and member of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group (WASRAG) and the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG). He is also member of Rotary Friendship Exchange Group, Whiskey D.R.A.M. and City Coordinator of SAFGR and organized PRID Yashpal memorial Golf Tournament. He was the Project Director for the Rotary Sohra Marathon, a highly successful event where renown international marathon runners participated. Dr. Elangbam Rotary journey reflects a deep commitment to the organization's ideals and a passion for making a positive impact on the world.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR:

MONA SHAH PRESIDENT, 2025-2026.



Greetings!

As President of Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit for the year 2025, it gives me immense pride and gratitude to reflect on our journey so far. This year has been a testimony to what we can achieve when we come together with purpose, passion and perseverance.

Our club has been actively engaged in a variety of impactful community service initiatives aimed at creating lasting change:

Permanent Vaccination Center: We inaugurated a permanent vaccination center for girls at Sanjevani Hospital, with the gracious presence of actress Nishita Goswami. This initiative reinforces our commitment to preventive healthcare and the well-being of young girls.

Awareness Camps: We conducted multiple camps focusing on vaccination awareness, maternal and child health, signing MOU with CURE India and life-saving CPR training, Summer Camp for computer Training, empowering communities with knowledge and resources.

Food Distribution Drive: Through our ongoing efforts to feed the underprivileged, we aimed to combat hunger and malnutrition, ensuring dignity and hope for the most vulnerable. Installation of Drinking Water and Hand washing at Ganesh Temple, Mayong.

Public Image Project: Our visibility initiative on electric buses spread Rotary's message of service and unity across the city—fostering awareness and goodwill. Clean Guwahati-Green Guwahati project for awareness of cleanliness at Public places.

Doctors' Day Celebration: We celebrated the selfless spirit of our healthcare heroes who continue to save lives and serve society with unmatched dedication. All these accomplishments are the result of strong teamwork and shared vision. Our theme this year, "Unite for Good," truly embodies the spirit of Rotary and the collective strength of our members.

Together, let's keep serving, keep growing, and keep uniting for good.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR:

DEVARATI ROY SECRETARY, 2025-2026.



Hello my dear Rotarians

I m honoured to represent the secretarial chair for 2025-2026, with all your love and support.

Highlights of July 2025

I'm honored to present my first secretary report for the Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit. Here are some key highlights from July 2025:

1. **Cervical Cancer Vaccination:** Permanent vaccination center opened at Sanjeevani Hospital on July 1, 2025. 50 girls received their third dose, and 10 new girls received their first dose.
2. **Doctor's Day and Charter Accountant's Day:** Felicitated 12 doctors and charter accountants on July 1.
3. **Mother and Child Health Program:** Health check-up and awareness program at KGMT Panikketi, followed by vaccination of 10 new girls on July 12.
4. **Clean Guwahati Project:** Distributed 20 dustbins, brooms, and gloves to SR College students to promote cleanliness. 25 Saplings planted at Mayong.
5. **Summer Camp:** 33 students enrolled in a certificate course in basic MS Excel and MS Word at Paltan Bazar Bengali Higher Secondary School.
6. **Public Image Project:** Advertisements for organ donation, blood donation, tree plantation, and vaccination drives on electronic buses.
7. **Annadan Mahadaan:** Distributed food to over 100 children at-1. Jalaram Temple, nd 2. Ganesh MandirMayong sponsored by our club Secretary and VP.
8. **Help to Accident Victim:** Donated ₹21,000 to Rakesh Shah at NemCare Hospital.
9. **Donations:** Rtn Samta and Pawan Golchha donated ₹62,000 to the trust in memory of their mother and also donated fans, mosquito nets, bed sheets, and towels to Govinda Chandra Das Old Age Home.
10. **Child Health:** Distributed deworming medicines to children at Jalaram Temple.
11. **Juice Distribution:** Distributed juice at various places in Guwahati.
12. **CPR Training:** Organised by Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit at Shradhanjali Kanan Park, led by Dr. Debojit Sharma.
13. **MOU with CURE:** Signed an MOU to support children with club foot.
14. **Annadan, Drinking Water and Tree Plantation:**-Clean drinking water and hand and leg washing facility inaugurated at Mayong Ganesh Mandir.



**FRANCESCO AREZZO
RI PRESIDENT
(2025-26)**



**DR. KAMESWAR SINGH ELANGBAM
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
(2025-26)**



**MONA SHAH
PRESIDENT
(2025-26)**

CLEAN GUWAHATI, GREEN GUWAHATI: A MONTH-LONG CLEANLINESS DRIVE

In a commendable effort to promote cleanliness and environmental consciousness, Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit launched a month-long initiative titled "Clean Guwahati, Green Guwahati."

The campaign, which runs from July 1st to July 30th, involves over 100 enthusiastic students from S.R. College and Narengi College who are actively engaged in activities such as waste collection, segregation, and door-to-door awareness on proper waste disposal.



To support and equip the student volunteers, Rotary Guwahati Luit provided:

- 20 Rotary-branded dustbins
- 20 brooms (jharus)
- Hand gloves for safety and hygiene
- 1 carton of chyawanprash to promote health and immunity among participants

This impactful "Go Green" initiative not only aims to improve the city's cleanliness but also encourages **youth participation and community involvement**—fostering a culture of environmental responsibility and civic pride.

Rotary Guwahati Luit continues to lead by example, showcasing how thoughtful, grassroots efforts can create lasting positive change in society.

Margaret Mead

Margaret Mead is a recipient of 'The Kalinga Prize' in 1970.

This prize is for the Popularization of Science is an award given by UNESCO for exceptional skill in presenting scientific ideas to lay people. It was created in 1952, following a donation from Biju Patnaik, Founder President of the Kalinga Foundation Trust.



Years ago, famous anthropologist Margaret Mead was asked by a student what she considered to be **the first sign of civilization in a culture**. The student expected Mead to talk about fishhooks or clay pots or grinding stones.

But no. Mead said that the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur (thighbone) that had been broken and then healed. Mead explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you die. You cannot run from danger, get to the river for a drink or hunt for food. You are meat for prowling beasts. No animal survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal.

A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone has taken time to stay with the one who fell, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety and has tended the person through recovery.

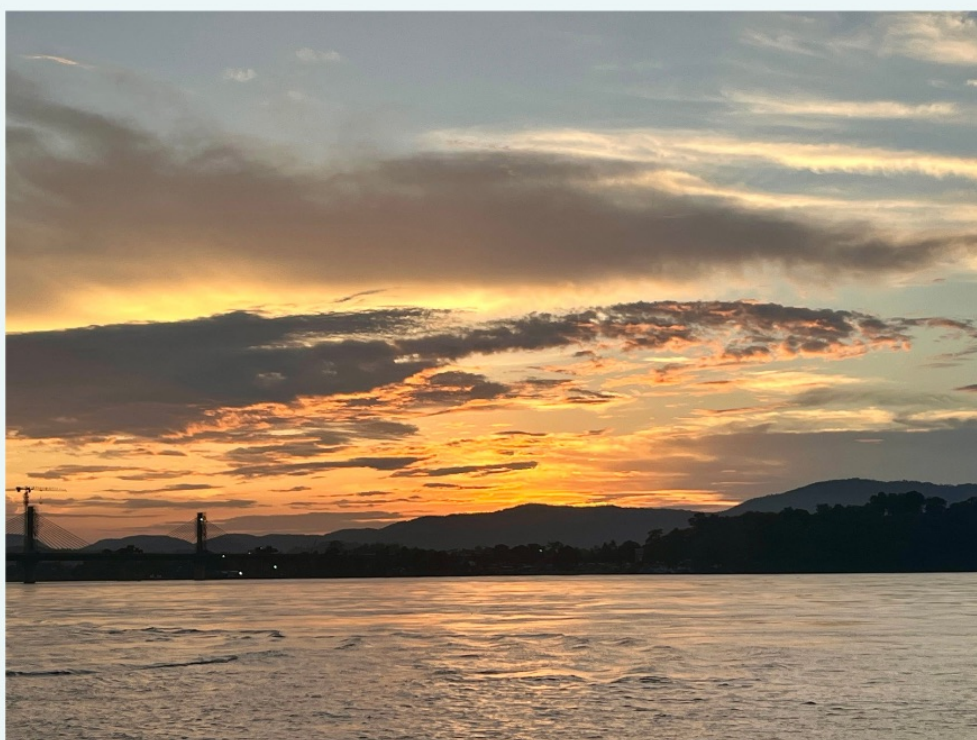
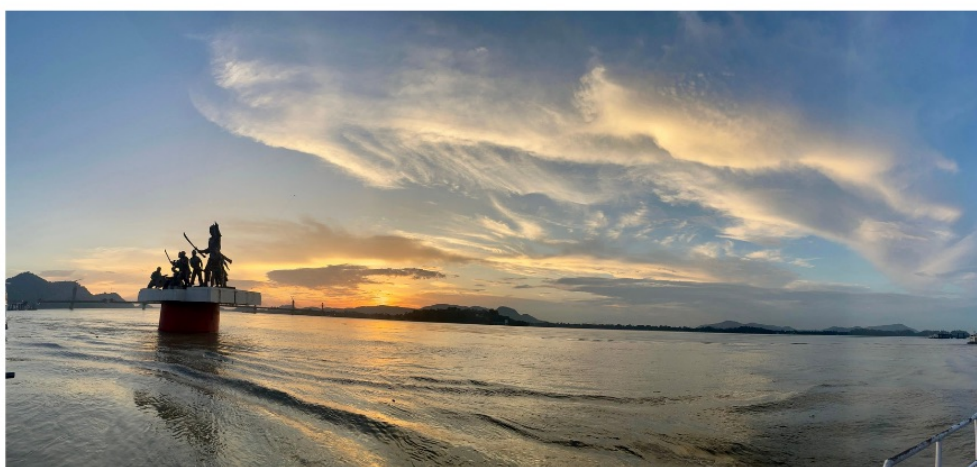
Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts, Mead said."

There is a famous quote by Ira Byock
'We are at our best when we serve others.
Be civilized'

As long as Rotarians continue to help people in need, in distress, our community will prosper and the spirit of Rotary movement will grow.

MOMENTS CAPTURED

RTN. PAWAN KR. GOLCHHA



1st Day of Rotary Year

On the very first day of the Rotary year, President Rtn. Mona Shah of Rotary Guwahati Luit made a **generous contribution of \$100 to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation.**

Her timely gesture reflects strong leadership and commitment to Rotary's mission of creating lasting change in communities around the world.

This heartfelt act is more than just a donation — it's a symbol of commitment, belief, and vision. By contributing right at the start of the year, President Mona has set a meaningful example for all members to follow, reinforcing the spirit of "Service Above Self."

The Annual Fund is the backbone of Rotary's global service, supporting projects in healthcare, education, clean water, peacebuilding, and economic development. Contributions like hers help ensure that Rotary clubs around the world — and right here in our region — have the resources to turn ideas into impact.



Safeguarding Tomorrow



On July 1, 2025, Rotary Guwahati Luit continued its steadfast commitment to community health by organizing a cervical cancer vaccination camp at Sanjevani Hospital, Guwahati. The camp witnessed a strong turnout and impactful interventions:

- 50 adolescent girls received their 3rd dose of the cervical cancer vaccine
- 10 girls were administered their 1st dose
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Recognizing the vital support of healthcare professionals, 12 doctors were felicitated for their dedicated service, including Dr. Amit Agarwal, and notable contributor Chartered Accountant Rajesh Goenka.

The event was graced by **Chief Guest Nishita Goswami**, celebrated actor and advocate for women's health. The presence of **Mr. Bhaben Choudhary, MD of Sanjevani Hospital**, added significance to the occasion, alongside key Rotary leaders such as Assistant Governor Vikash Bajaj, President Mona Shah, and Secretary Devrati Roy.

Milestones Achieved

- Inauguration of a **permanent Cervical Cancer Vaccination Clinic at Sanjevani Hospital**— a major step forward in preventive healthcare for young girls.
- Announcement of an upcoming awareness campaign to be carried out through electronic buses and medical camps across Guwahati, ensuring the message reaches every corner of the city.
- Discussions are underway for future collaborations with Sanjeevani Hospital to scale this life-saving initiative.





Summer Camp - Skill Centre Bengali High School July 03, 2025

The Skill Centre Summer Camp, an initiative by Rotary Guwahati Luit, kicked off on July 03rd at Bengali High School, with a strong focus on basic computer training for underprivileged children.

About 26 enthusiastic learners, including members of the Interact Club, have enrolled in this month-long program. The classes are being held every day from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, equipping children with essential digital literacy skills in a structured and nurturing environment.

A big shoutout to **Rtn. Raja Gohain** for spearheading this meaningful project, and heartfelt thanks to **IPP Rtn. Pami Das**, the school authorities, and all those who made this initiative possible.

Rotarians are encouraged to visit the centre during the camp — your presence and encouragement will be a great morale booster for the students.





CELEBRATING OUR JULY STARS

This month, we raise a toast to our fellow Rotarians marking birthdays and wedding anniversaries in July!

Your journey, both personal and in service, continues to inspire us all.



Celebrating Leadership & Giving | July 04, 2025

Rotary Guwahati Luit Felicitates Outgoing AG & Marks TRF Milestone

On July 04, 2025, Rotary Guwahati Luit proudly **felicitated the Outgoing Assistant Governor (AG)** for the Rotary year 2024–25, in recognition of his outstanding leadership and contributions to Rotary's ideals of service and collaboration.

The occasion was marked by a significant achievement — Rotary Guwahati Luit was honored for making the **2nd highest contribution to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in the region during 2024–25**. This milestone was achieved under the guidance of **TRF Chair Rtn. Pawan Golchha**, whose dedication to service and strategic giving inspired the club to go above and beyond.

Another major highlight of the year was the Zonal Public Image Seminar — a joint project and fundraiser involving six Rotary Clubs, successfully organized by **AGs Pranjal Mena and Rajesh Bhatra**. The event not only enhanced Rotary's public image but also strengthened inter-club partnerships and raised valuable funds for future service initiatives.

The felicitation on July 4th was a celebration of shared efforts, impactful leadership, and the power of collective giving.

Rotary Guwahati Luit salutes all those who contributed to this successful Rotary year — a blend of service, visibility, and generosity.





Deworming Drive at Jalaram Temple | July 09, 2025

On July 9th, Rotary Guwahati Luit conducted a Deworming Medicine Distribution Drive for children at Jalaram Temple, as part of its commitment to community health and child welfare.

Children were given age-appropriate deworming tablets—an essential step in promoting better digestive health, nutrient absorption, and overall growth.

A heartfelt thank you to all Rotarians and volunteers who contributed their time and effort to this meaningful initiative.

Together, we're taking simple but impactful steps toward a healthier future for every child.



Spreading Awareness, Saving Lives | July 12, 2025

The Cervical Cancer Vaccination and Awareness Program held on July 12th at KGMT Community Reach, PaniKhaiti, was a resounding success.

The awareness session was both comprehensive and impactful, covering:

1. **Cervical Cancer** – its causes, prevention, and early detection
2. **Breast Cancer** – risk factors and the importance of regular checks
3. Inspiring survivor stories that touched hearts and inspired strength

An insightful presentation on self-detection techniques for breast cancer and cervical cancer awareness empowered participants with life-saving knowledge.

A key highlight was the vaccination of **10 underprivileged girls aged 9–14 years**, a significant step towards protecting the next generation.

- **Dr. Nibedita Goswami** and the KGMT Team – for their exceptional planning, unwavering dedication, and compassionate execution
- **Rtn. Aashish Das** – for successfully securing CSR funding from Bank of Baroda, which made this impactful initiative possible



A Tribute of Love and Compassion | July 13, 2025

On July 13, 2025, **Rtn. Pawan Golchha and Rtn. Samta Golchha** extended a beautiful gesture of kindness by donating essential items to the **Gobinda Chanda Das Memorial Old Age Home**, **in loving memory of their beloved mother.**

The donation included ceiling fans, wall fans, bed sheets, and mosquito nets — items that will go a long way in providing comfort and relief to the elderly residents of the home.

What makes this act especially meaningful is the Golchha family's humility — they made the donation quietly, without seeking publicity, exemplifying Rotary's spirit of "Service Above Self."

The visit also shed light on the **Robina Charya Old Age Home**, which stands out as a noble, clean, and well-maintained space offering care and dignity to its elderly residents.

Rotary Guwahati Luit deeply appreciates the Golchhas for their selfless contribution and for reminding us that acts of love and remembrance can bring lasting impact to those in need.



Annadaan Mahadaan: Nourishing Hearts and Minds | July 15, 2025

It was truly heartwarming to see so many **children enjoying their meals on July 15th as part of our Annadan Mahadaan project.**” I feel deeply privileged to contribute to this meaningful initiative that brings smiles through nourishment.”- **Rtn. Devarati Roy**

Around 100 children were lovingly served a wholesome meal of poori, sabji, kheer, and khichdi, along with refreshing juice for everyone.

As part of our commitment to Rotary values, our Club also distributed **the Four-Way Test** to encourage principles of truth, fairness, goodwill, and benefit to all among the young minds.

A fulfilling day that reminded us how sharing food is not just about feeding the body — it’s about touching lives.



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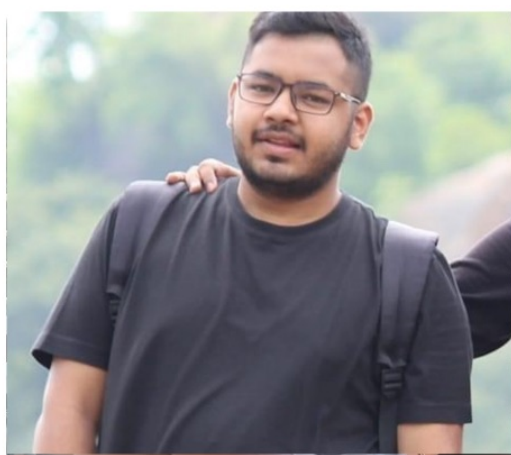
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When Every Second Counts: CPR Awareness in Action

It's an emergency life-saving procedure performed when the heart stops beating, combining chest compressions with artificial ventilation to manually preserve brain function until further medical help can be given.

On Sunday, **20th July 2025**, Rotary Guwahati Luit, in **association with the IAP Guwahati City Branch and the IAP ALS BLS Group**, successfully conducted a CPR training session at **Shradhanjali Kanan Park**.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of **Dr. Devajit Sharma** and his team, the event witnessed an enthusiastic turnout of over 150 morning walkers—including children and senior citizens—who not only attended but actively participated in hands-on CPR training.

The response was overwhelmingly positive, with club members and attendees alike appreciating the opportunity to learn a potentially life-saving skill in such an approachable, community-friendly setting.

Kudos to the team of doctors and all those involved for organizing such a relevant and impactful initiative!



Spreading Hope, One Step at a Time: Rotary Guwahati Luit Signs MOU with CURE India

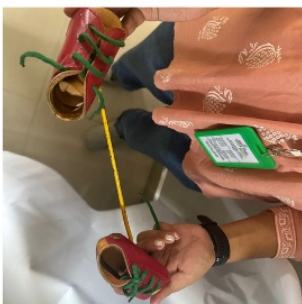
WHAT IS CLUBFOOT?

Clubfoot, is a birth defect in which one or both feet are twisted out of shape or position. The foot often points downward and inward, and the soles may face each other.

On July 22nd, 2025, Rotary Guwahati Luit took a meaningful step forward in community healthcare by **signing an MoU with CURE India**, an organization dedicated to the treatment and rehabilitation of children with clubfoot. Through this partnership, the club aims to support CURE India by referring children in need and organizing dedicated camps and awareness drives for early detection and treatment.

The event was made even more special with the presence of several club members, highlighting the collective spirit and commitment of the team. Chocolates and juices were distributed to the children, and heartfelt interactions with them and their parents added warmth to the occasion.

This collaboration opens doors to impactful work in the days to come. With future camps and awareness programs already being planned, Rotary Guwahati Luit continues its journey of service with compassion and care.



Annadaan, Jal Seva & Vriksharopan

Rotary Guwahati Luit had a truly fulfilling day of service on **July 30th, 2025**, by **executing three meaningful projects at Ganesh Mandir, Mayong** — each reflecting Rotary's enduring values of service, compassion, and sustainability.

1. Inauguration of Clean Drinking Water & Handwashing Station

A much-needed clean drinking water and handwashing facility was inaugurated at the temple premises. This thoughtful project was sponsored by **Rtn. Subrata Kaur** and her sister in loving memory of their late father. The facility will now serve over 100 devotees daily, promoting hygiene and good health for all who visit.

Heartfelt thanks to Rtn. Subrata and family for their generosity and to **Project Chair Rtn. Pramod Begani** for his smooth coordination and execution.

2. Annadan Mahadan – Nourishing Lives with Love

In celebration of his birthday month, **Vice President Rtn. Pramod Begani** turned a personal milestone into an act of community kindness by sponsoring a cooked food distribution drive. Over 100 individuals were served wholesome meals and refreshing juices.

Smiles and gratitude filled the atmosphere — a beautiful reminder of how simple gestures can leave a lasting impact. A big thank you to **Project Chair Rtn. Keshav Gattani** for organizing this heartwarming effort.

3. Tree Plantation Drive – Greening the Future

The club also carried out a tree plantation initiative within the temple premises. This green effort was sponsored by **President Rtn. Mona Shah**, emphasizing our shared responsibility to nurture the environment for future generations.

These three projects are a testament to Rotary Guwahati Luit's commitment to health, hunger, and the environment—key pillars of Rotary's mission.







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THE HISTORY OF THE ROTARY BELL

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organized an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize. The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar. Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meetings. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, at which time people present should stand, same as at the end, in order to salute the national and Rotary flags. The gavel symbolizes the authority invested in the Rotarian elected to the highest position in Rotary, and through him/her reminds those present of his/her authority. When presidents transmit their positions to their successors at the end of their mandate, they give the bell their last hit turning the gavel over to their successor, symbolizing the transfer of authority.



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