



Ka PATENG NONGKYNTI

"The Heritage" - a monthly bulletin of Rotary Club Shillong Heritage, connecting people...

RI President
Francesco Arezzo

Dist. Governor
Dr. K. S. Elangbam

Club President
Gayatri Marnie Batkhar

Secretary
Pooja Banerjee

Editor
Farida Warjri

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarians ,
Warm Rotary Greetings!!

I hope you all had a joyous Puja and a bright, beautiful Diwali celebration with your loved ones!! It's been a meaningful and an active month for our Club, and I'm delighted to share some of the impactful projects we've accomplished together:

Marathon Against Drugs in collaboration with BJYM, spreading awareness on the need to fight substance abuse. Donation Drive of adult diapers, soaps, toothpastes, toothbrushes, and phenyl to Shanti Bhavan, Missionaries of Charity, for their inmates. A wide End Polio Awareness Campaign displayed on all Smart City digital LCD screens across the State in nearly 20 locations as a result helping us reach a large number of citizens. Community Engagement on Polio Awareness through distribution of car stickers and posters among parents in playschools, the public and shopkeepers at Police Bazar, and other areas.

We also had our Post-Puja Pre-Diwali Celebration, which saw a wonderful turnout and great fellowship among members and families. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who joined in the fun and made it memorable!

As President of Rotary Club Shillong Heritage, I join countless admirers in paying heartfelt tribute to the legendary Zubeen Garg — an artist whose music transcended boundaries and touched millions of hearts. His soulful voice and remarkable contributions to the world of music will continue to echo in our memories. Through his songs, he united people, celebrated culture, and inspired generations. May his legacy live on through the melodies he gifted us.

Let's continue to carry forward the Rotary spirit of service and fellowship with the same enthusiasm in the coming months.

Warm regards,
Gayatri Marnie Batkhar
President, Rotary Club Shillong Heritage



From the Editor's Desk

Dear Fellow Rotarians,
Greetings from the Editorial Team!

EDITORIAL TEAM



Rtn Farida Warjri



Rtn Monideepa Sen



Rtn Dr Binayak Dutta



Rtn Poirei K. Sanasam

The month of October has been an exciting one for all of us at RCSH as we have been having a lot of activities under the dynamic leadership of our President, Rtn G. Marnie Batkhar and Secretary,. From the Marathon Against Drugs to the Polio Awareness Drive and the visit to Missionaries of Charity, each activity has been one of immense pleasure as we partake in uplifting society in our own humble way.

Rotary being an organisation where service to humanity or service above self is the motto, our every endeavour is geared towards this and in spite of hurdles present along the way each one is overcome by community spirit and the heart to reach out as much as possible. In a world that has become increasingly self driven and where societal problems are increasing by leaps and bounds, a little measure of kindness, hope and giving is really one of the ways forward to heal our society. RCSH is deeply concerned about the youths of our city and state as a whole as we do hope that we can reach out more and do a little more for this generation that is grappling with so much all at one given point of time.

The demise of our legendary singer, Zubeen Garg has awoken our spirits even more as he was a Youth Icon whose life ended too soon. We hope that in our sincerest of efforts, we will be able to address some of the problems that our youths are facing in terms of career guidance and other forms of support.

We hope you will find this issue interesting and meaningful.

With best wishes,
Farida Warjri

IN MEMORY OF LATE ZUBEEN GARG



The members of Rotary Club Shillong Heritage are deeply saddened by the sudden and untimely demise of the legendary Assamese musician, (late) Zubeen Garg who tragically passed away in Singapore on the 19th September 2025. The RCSH held a one-minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul. Rtn Dr. Kaveri Sharma Barthakur in one of the Club meetings held in September 2025, shared about the life and works of Zubeen Da, as he is popularly known in Assam and across the region. Zubeen Garg was a well-known musician, singer, composer, actor, director, and philanthropist. He made a breakthrough in Bollywood and is best known for his song in the film Gangster. Zubeen was a man of the masses, and all that he did through his music and his work reflected a deep sense of anguish and the need to see that promises were delivered to the people. He was a humanist at heart and spoke truth to power. Zubeen Garg was married to Garima Saikia Garg and together they supported around 15 children, besides donating to several charitable organizations. Zubeenda's demise has left a huge void in the music world, and Assam has lost its most treasured and precious gem- a man who spoke his mind and didn't mince his words just to gain fans and followers. He was an icon and has left this world poorer by his demise. We pray for eternal rest of the departed soul.



Pic 1 Rtn Dr Kaveri Sharma Barthakur paying rich tributes to Late Zubeen Garg

Pic 2 RCSH Member Rtn Hemen Kalita and friends from Shillong including noted journalist Padmashree Patricia Mukhim visiting Garima Saikia Garg at her Guwahati home

Pic 3 At the screening of the last movie of Zubeen Garg, Roi Roi Binale at Galleria, Shillong


Pic 4 Members of RCSH participating in a tribute event at Lumshatsngi (Bishnupur) Shillong on the 19th October 2025.

MARATHON AGAINST DRUGS


The Rotary Club Shillong Heritage supported a marathon event organised by Yuva Morcha BJP Meghalaya to create awareness for a Drug Free India and a Drug Free Meghalaya. Our member Rtn Mewaker Lyngdoh (Advocate) was the main organiser of the event. Our President Rtn Marnie G Batkhar, Rtn Gideon Kharmawphlang and Rtn Anupam Choudhury attended the programme and sponsored water and juice to the marathoners at different points. The marathoners came out in large numbers.




VISIT TO MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY, SHILLONG




RI President 25-26
Francesco Arezzo



Rotary
RID 3240 Zone VI



Dist. Governor 25-26
Kameshwar Singh Elangbam



As part of its ongoing commitment to serve the community and support vulnerable sections of society, Rotary Club Shillong Heritage undertook a meaningful donation drive to Shanti Bhavan Missionaries of Charity, a home that provides care and shelter to its inmates in Shillong.

The club contributed over 1,000 adult diapers, 100 bars of soap, 80 large tubes of toothpaste, 80 toothbrushes, and 10 litres of phenyl to the home. These essential items were handed over to the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity to help meet the daily needs of the residents.

DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE (RY 25-26)
RID 3240, ZONE 6



UNITE FOR GOOD



Community Service Project -
14th October 2025

POLIO AWARENESS DRIVE

The Rotary Club Shillong Heritage in its endeavour to create awareness as part of World Polio Day on 24th October 2025, distributed posters to commercial establishments in and around Police Bazaar. Car stickers were also given as part of this awareness drive. The Club has also managed to get permission to advertise the same through the government sponsored screens as part of Smart City LCD screens installed in 20 locations across the state of Meghalaya. Several members of RCSH were a part of this awareness drive which is crucial in India even though polio has been wiped out eleven years back. Thus on 24th October every year, World Polio Day is observed globally in memory of Dr Jonas Salk, the scientist who was instrumental in developing the first successful vaccine for Polio. Polio cannot be taken for granted as viruses are rampant and cut across borders and regions.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to create awareness, honour the millions of lives affected by breast cancer and reaffirm our global commitment to equitable access to care and improved survival for all. This year the theme is **Every Story is Unique, Every Journey Matters**.

Why this theme?

Every breast cancer diagnosis is personal. Behind every diagnosis is a story — of courage, resilience, and hope. This theme reminds us that breast cancer touches the lives of women and their families around the world differently, and that every journey deserves compassion, dignity, and support. This year's theme recognizes the diversity of experiences and reinforces the need for compassionate, timely and quality care for all—regardless of geography, income or background.

The Global Challenge

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women worldwide. In 2022, approximately 2.3 million women were diagnosed and another 670,000 died from the disease. These are not just numbers but mothers, sisters, daughters and friends that deserve hope and dignity. While the 5-year survival rates in high-income countries exceeds 90%, the figures drop to 66% in India and 40% in South Africa. These disparities are driven by unequal access to early detection, timely diagnosis and effective treatment. If the current trend continues, the incidence and mortality are projected to rise by 40% by 2050 hence the need for urgent and coordinated action. Indeed, where a woman lives should not determine whether she survives.

Established in 2021, the WHO Global Breast Cancer Initiative together with partners is working with countries to reduce breast cancer mortality by strengthening health systems.

(www.who.int/news.org)

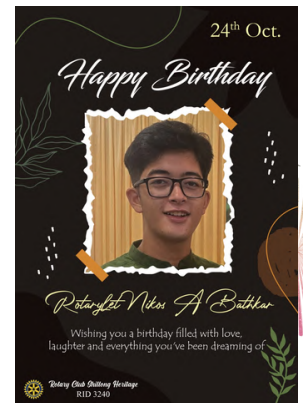
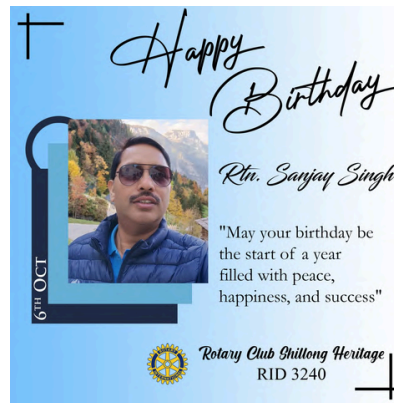
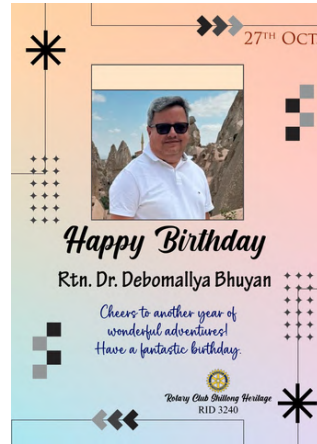


POST PUJA & PRE DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

The RCSH celebrated pre Diwali on the 18th October at the Shillong Club. Many members and their families attended the programme and it was a time for camaraderie and fellowship. There were games, fun and frolic and a delicious spread of snacks and meals.



Celebrations of October



CELEBRATIONS OF NOVEMBER

Birthdays

- 4th Ann Pamela S.Rynjah
- 5th Rotarylet Prarthana Agarwal
- 8th Ann Larikynti Jyrwa
- 15th Ann Laribhalin Lyngdoh
- 17th Rotarylet Parthav Paul
- 18th Rotarylet Aswath
- 23rd Rotarylet Saphibakordor Majaw
- 25th Rotarylet Joshua Warjri
- 30th Rotarylet Aarav



Anniversary
7th Rtn Dasumarlin Majaw & Shri Mardondor Bajop Tongper