

# Ka PATENG NONGKYNTI

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarians ,

The month of February has been a truly meaningful and action-packed month for our Club. It reflects our continued commitment to service, compassion, and community development. One of the highlights of the month was the Extension and Renovation of Seng Khasi LP School Mawiong, a project that strengthens the foundation of education for young minds. Seeing the smiles of the students and the gratitude of the Managing Committee reaffirmed why we serve.

Alongside this, we successfully implemented the WinS (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools) Project, ensuring proper handwashing facilities for the children. This initiative is not just about infrastructure — it is about instilling lifelong habits of hygiene and health. Clean hands today mean healthier futures tomorrow.

The inauguration of these projects by our respected District Governor added prestige and encouragement to our efforts. The presence of fellow Rotarians, school authorities, parents, and community members made the occasion truly special and memorable. February reminded us that Rotary is not just about meetings — it is about meaningful impact.

Each project completed is a step closer to transforming lives and building stronger communities. I sincerely thank every Rotarian for your dedication, teamwork, and generous spirit. Together, we continue to make a difference. Let us move forward with renewed energy and commitment in the months ahead.

Warm regards,

Rtn. G.Marnie Batkhar  
President RCSH 2025-26

## *From the Editor's Desk*

Dear Fellow Rotarians,  
Greetings from the Editorial Team!

### *EDITORIAL TEAM*



**Rtn Farida Warjri**

February has been an exciting month for our Club as our members were engaged in a School renovation and extension project at Seng Khasi LP School Mawiong, Diengpasoh. The School with 60 students is set in a lovely village and has been able to impart education to the ones who need it the most. It is commendable that with limited resources they are able to continue since 1993 till date. Our Club did a small part and yet the gratitude and love received in return is immense.



**Rtn Monideepa Sen**

Alongside the School extension work is also the WinS project or WASH in School, where a water tank and taps were constructed close to the washrooms. We are confident that this is just the beginning of our partnership and we are hopeful to extend our support wherever possible.



**Rtn Dr Binayak Dutta**

In this edition, we are thankful to Rtn Poirei K. Sanasam shares a write-up on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene as a way in advancing public health and sustainable communities. This is a good analysis of the role that Rotary plays in community projects.



**Rtn Poirei K. Sanasam**

Our Club members were also able to exchange flags with other clubs in USA and in Navi Mumbai, India. These mark a significant sense of solidarity among Rotary Clubs across the globe and the friendship and camaraderie that we share.

With best wishes,  
Rtn Farida Warjri

## INAUGURATION OF THE SCHOOL EXTENSION AND WINS AT SENG KHASI L P SCHOOL MAWIONG-DIENGPASOH

The RCSH, through its Community Project work, was able to extend support to the Seng Khasi L.P. School at Mawiong, Diengpasoh for classroom extension and renovation along with the WinS (WASH in School )project. The project was inaugurated on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 by our District 3240 Governor, Rtn Dr K.S. Elangbam in the presence of District Secretary, Rtn Amit Sharma, the Managing Committee members of the School, teachers, students, parents, well-wishers and members of RCSH. It was a grand function led by songs and dance performances by the students who were very happy with the project as prior to this, one classroom was split into two classes due to the unavailability of extra rooms. The Club also handed some sports materials to the students The Club is grateful to our President, Rtn G Marnie Batkhar, Rtn Gideon Kharmawphlang, Rtn Sandeep Das, Rtn Dr Barnali Bhuyan, Rtn Hemen Kalita, Rtn Poirei K. Sanasam for their support towards the school project/program and to everyone who made this possible.



## **WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) MONTH: ADVANCING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES** **BY RTN POIREI K SANASAM**

March is observed across the Rotary world as Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Month, a time when Rotary clubs renew their commitment to advancing one of the most critical determinants of public health and human dignity. The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6) specifically calls for universal access to clean water and sanitation by 2030, underscoring the global urgency of this issue.

According to the WHO–UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (2023), approximately 2.2 billion people worldwide lack safely managed drinking water services, while 3.5 billion people do not have access to safely managed sanitation facilities. The World Health Organization estimates that unsafe water, sanitation, and hygiene contribute to around 829,000 deaths annually from diarrhoeal diseases alone, highlighting the profound health implications of inadequate WASH infrastructure.

The consequences extend beyond health. In many parts of the world, particularly in rural communities, women and girls often bear the responsibility of collecting water, sometimes walking several kilometres each day. This not only exposes them to safety risks but also limits opportunities for education and economic participation. Schools without adequate sanitation facilities often see reduced attendance, particularly among adolescent girls. Thus, improving WASH access is closely linked with gender equality, educational attainment, and poverty reduction.

The Rotary Club of Shillong Heritage, located in the rain-rich state of Meghalaya, is mindful of these unique water challenges faced by communities in the region. Despite receiving some of the highest annual rainfall levels in the world, many rural and peri-urban areas continue to experience limited access to reliable and safe drinking water.

Education and behavioural change remain central to effective WASH interventions. Ensuring access to safe toilets in schools and communities further strengthens health outcomes and promotes dignity and inclusion.

During WASH Month, the Rotary Club of Shillong Heritage reaffirms its commitment to advancing awareness and supporting initiatives that promote safe water, improved sanitation, and responsible hygiene practices. Through partnerships with communities, educational institutions, and development organizations, the club seeks to contribute to healthier and more resilient societies.

Clean water sustains life, sanitation safeguards dignity, and hygiene protects health. Together, they form the foundation of thriving communities and a sustainable future for all.

## CLUB SNIPPETS

RCSH wishes Rtn Dr Mrinal Barthakur the very best as he is elected as the incoming Assistant Governor of District 3240. The Club is very proud of him and assure him of our support and cooperation. Rtn Dr Kaveri Sharma Barthakur also brought a flag that was received from Rotary Club Carmel Indiana in USA and Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai. This was at the Club meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026.



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President Elect Rtn Anupam Choudhury, AG elect Rtn Dr Mrinal Barthakur and Rtn Dr Kaveri Sharma Barthakur attended the PELS Training at Shantiniketan, West Bengal.




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RCSH President Rtn G Marnie Batkhar responded to a request made by Rotary Club Bangalore Central member to help with the purchase of 30 umbrellas for the residents of SOS Village at Umiam. This was promptly heeded to and handed over to the management at SOS Village.




## Celebrations of February

**04 FEB**  
**HAPPY Birthday**




Rtn Dr. Manoj K. Sharma

Every year is a new opportunity to grow, learn, and create the life you envision. Make this year your best one yet.

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**Happy Birthday**



Rtn. Kunal Mondani


Sending you a truckload of smiles, a barrel of laughter, and a bundle of joy on your birthday. May your day be as amazing as you are!

**15 FEB**


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*Happy Birthday to*  
**Rotarylet Gaurav**

Wishing you a wonderful birthday and continued success in your professional endeavors



**21 FEB**

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**24 FEB**

**Happy Birthday**  
to  
**Rotarylet Jason Kaplang Kyriah**

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**08 FEB**

*Wishing you strength and courage to achieve your dreams*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Rtn. Gayasuddin Ahmed

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**26 FEB**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Rtn Pooja Banerjee


Cheers to another year of wonderful adventures! Have a fantastic birthday.

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**Happy Anniversary**  
to  
**Rtn Gayasuddin Ahmed & Ann Shekharat Ahmed**

May your love continue to grow stronger with each passing year. Wishing you both a lifetime of happiness, laughter, and cherished memories together. Cheers to another year of love and togetherness!



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## CELEBRATIONS OF MARCH

### Birthdays

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rtn Vishal Amarmani
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotarylet Sagarika Paul
- 6<sup>th</sup> Rtn Prashant Goenka
- 9<sup>th</sup> Rotarylet Chpug Sharma
- 10<sup>th</sup> Rotarylet Kyros N Batkhar
- 11<sup>th</sup> Rtn Sandeep Das
- 14<sup>th</sup> Rtn Dr Mrinal Barthakur
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ann Usha Singh
- 18<sup>th</sup> Rtn Hemen Kalita
- 25<sup>th</sup> Rtn Ranjeeta Dassan Kharbamon