

Ka PATENG NONGKYNTI

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarians ,

March has been a month of meaningful engagement, impactful service, and strong fellowship within our club. It gives me immense pride to reflect on the initiatives we have successfully carried out together. One of the highlights of the month was our Vocational Excellence Awards Ceremony, where we honoured individuals who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and service in their respective fields. Their inspiring contributions serve as a reminder of Rotary's commitment to recognizing and encouraging excellence within our communities.

A particularly significant initiative this month was the Vocational Computer Training Programme for Girls. This project reflects our commitment to empowering young women by equipping them with essential digital skills, opening doors to greater educational and employment opportunities. It is heartening to see how such initiatives can create lasting impact and build confidence among the participants.

We also continued our focus on community development through our ongoing projects in education, hygiene, and social welfare. The dedication shown by our members in executing these initiatives truly embodies the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self. Beyond our projects, March was also a time of strengthening fellowship. The enthusiasm, unity, and support within our Rotary family have been truly inspiring and are the driving force behind all our achievements.

As we step into the coming months, let us continue this momentum with renewed energy and commitment to service. Thank you all for your unwavering support.

Warm regards,

Rtn. G.Marnie Batkhar
President RCSH 2025-26

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Fellow Rotarians,
Greetings from the Editorial Team!

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We completed an eventful month in March starting with the Vocational Excellence Awards Ceremony held on the 17th March 2026. The Director Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya, Ms Doreen C Lyngwa, was the Chief Guest. Her speech was very inspiring, sharing with the attendees the work of the Department and the various developmental programmes of the Government. The awardees were a list of carefully selected and deserving individuals who have made considerable difference and impact in society through their chosen vocations despite the challenge and hardships encountered in the initial stages.

RCSH in its commitment to impact skill building, is now sponsoring ten girls who are undergoing computer training at IIPS, Shillong, sponsored by Rtn Hemen Kalita. This initiative will help foster growth and employability amongst those trained in a world that is being digitised in all areas, be it social or economic.

We live in an age that is fast paced and everyone is caught in their own sphere of work and life in general. However, we are happy that despite the "busyness", we can commit some time, energy and effort in building our Club and also in carrying out the work as envisaged by Rotary. We continue in this spirit year after year because the simple act of giving brings joy and a reward that is priceless.

With best wishes,
Rtn Farida Warjri

THE VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS CEREMONY 2026

On the 17th March 2026, RCSH conducted the Vocational Excellence Ceremony at Shillong Club and was graced by the Hon'ble Director, Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya, Ms Doreen C Lyngwa. The Vocational Excellence Award was carefully selected under the leadership of Rtn Dasumarlin Majaw, Vocational Chair and team comprising of Rtn Hemen Kalita, Rtn Ranjeeta Kharbamon and Rtn Kannaki Das. The awardees selected are from different fields. The awardees for the year 2025-2026 were the following:

1. Mr Teiborlang Pakma-

Teiborlang Pakma is from Mihmyntdu Lumpyrtuh in West Jaintia Hills. He has completed his BA Economics with Diploma in Finance and Accounts. He is currently a Tourist Buddy and has saved the life of a young man who fell into Wards Lake. He has been working as a Sales Officer in the banking sector for three years, aiming at achieving institutional targets. He undertook responsibilities in tourist assistance, safety monitoring, information support and coordination with authorities to ensure smooth and secure tourism. His future goal is to serve people with dedication and sincerity.



2. Ms Rifiness Warjri

Rifiness Warjri is pursuing B.Sc from St. Anthony's College, Shillong. She is a resident of Laitkor, Shillong. Rifiness Warjri summited Mount Everest (8848m) on 18 May 2025 via the South Col Route. She climbed Mt. Abi Gamin (7355m). She summited Mt. Lobuche Peak (6199m). She is a Gold Medalist of the Northeast Jeet June Do Championship and a Silver Medalist at the Meghalaya State Level Kickboxing Championship (2 Silver Medals). She also holds a Silver and Gold Medals at the Meghalaya Games (Sanda Wushu) and a 5th Position at Khelo India (Sanda Wushu). She has been trained at Nehru Institute of Mountaineering and Himalayan Mountaineering Institute. She is also trained for Winter training at Siachen, the world's highest battlefield. She is an NCC Cadet trainee and an MMA fighter. Her future goals is to continue inspiring youth, especially from Meghalaya, to serve society and the nation through uniformed service (Police/Forces) and to promote adventure tourism and mountaineering in Meghalaya.



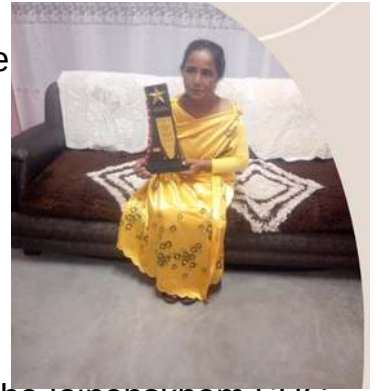
3. Mr Komic Khongjirem

Mr Komic Khongjirem is from Wahkhen, Pynursla East Khasi Hills District. He is known for his pioneering in promoting and preserving Khasi Traditional Music. He is a National Awardee from Sangeet Natak Academy, New Delhi 2002 and many more. He is the Co-founder of a music school called Siengriti Institute that teaches Khasi Traditional Music. His future goal is to build many music schools that specialize in Khasi traditional music.



4. Ms Bibisha Kharnaioir

Ms Bibisha Kharnaioir is from Mawlai Umjapung, Shillong. She is a waste picker by profession, a daily wage Labourer and owns a business. She has completed Class 7. She has received Appreciation Awards from the Seng Samla Mawlai Pyllun, Go Green Award 2025 at the Wintertales Festival, Appreciation Award for the Iainehskhem SHG for their exceptional services at Rilang Summer Camp 2024 and Appreciation Award from Ka Lympung Ki Seng Kynthei. She provides training in waste management across the states in India and also in Indonesia and Malaysia. She is also the President of the Iainensknem SHG



Future Goals: "No work is small, with dignity and determination, even the dirtiest jobs can shine." This message captures her belief in transforming challenges—like waste handling at Marten—into opportunities through resilience and pride.

5. Ms Tharinia Umsong

Ms Tharinia Umsong is from Pyngkya, Khyriem Syiem Smit, East Khasi Hills. By profession she is the founder of a food processing unit in Pyngkya. She is a farmer and a trainer in multi-food processing. She has completed Class 10. She has received awards in Innovation for Entrepreneurship from MGNREGS, Participation Award in North East Food Show 2022, Appreciation Award from MSRLS. She has extensive background in food processing. She is also the Founder of lohlynti Enterprise; provides training in food processing across the state.



Future Goals: Expand business in food processing; create youth employment opportunities; drive business development

6. Ms Ibalarihun Malai

MS Ibalarihun Malai is from Diwon Nongpoh and the Founder & Creative Director Kiniho, Fashion Designer. She has a Bachelors of Business Management and Fashion Designing . She is a Gold Winner at the Indian Responsible Tourism State Awards. Her company is deeply committed to working with community weavers in Ri-Bhoi, home to some of the most skilled Eri silk artisans in Meghalaya. Each Kiniho creation is a living archive of ancestral weaving knowledge and indigenous lore. Her endeavour is to continue empowering women weavers and uplifting heritage craft while promoting sustainable conscious textiles and clothing.



Members of RCSH , Vocational Excellence Awardees 2025-2026 with the Chief Guest, Smti Doreen C. Lyngwa, Director, Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Meghalaya

CLUB SNIPPETS

Vocational Computer Training

The Vocational Training on Computer Literacy initiated by RCSH and IIPS, a computer training centre of one of our Club members, Rtn Hemen Kalita, was inaugurated on the 15th March 2026. The course is for two months under the Skill Development Initiative of Rotary Club Shillong Heritage. Ten girls have availed of this programme which is free of cost. On completion they will be getting their certificates and placements as well. The programme was flagged off by our President, Rtn G Marnie Batlhar in the presence of IIPS Director, Rtn Hemen Kalita, Secretary Rtn Pooja Banerjee and Rtn Gideon Kharmawphlang amongst others.



Women's Day Function by Rotary Club Shillong

The Rotary Club Shillong organised a Women's Day Programme at their Club Office on the 13th March 2026. Noted members of society were felicitated on this occasion and we are proud that Rotary Club Shillong felicitated our President, Rtn Marnie G Batkhar for her contribution to society. Rtn Marnie is an educationist and owns a school called Happy Feet. She has taught at the prestigious St Edmund's School for many years before opening her own and has made immense impact to many young hearts and minds who now serve in various capacities in different parts of the world.



CLUB SNIPPETS

Flag Exchange

A Flag Exchange took place on the 3rd March during the regular meeting between our club RCSH and The Rotary Club Bangalore Central. Our Club President had organised for donating umbrellas to SOS Village at Umiam via a request made by the member from Rotary Club Bangalore Central. Another Flag Exchange took place on the 31st March between RCSH and the Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivali West. Our President Rtn Marnie G Batkhar, Secretary Rtn Poja Banerjee and Rtn Bhavin C Toprani exchanged Club flags in Shillong. This exchange is a symbolic way of building partnerships and friendship with other Rotary Clubs across India and the world.




Observing Women's Day by RCSH

The RCSH observed Women's Day during the Club Meeting as a mark of significance, particularly to us having a woman President leading the Club for the year 2025-2026. The theme of International Women's Day was **"Give to Gain"** which emphasizes the power of reciprocity and support. As a Club, our activities speak of the role of inclusion and support as a medium to reach out to communities, especially women. We celebrated the day by cutting a cake and appreciating the efforts that all members put into the Club.



Celebrations of March

Happy Birthday 06 MAR



Rtn Prashant Goenka

"Let's make today as unforgettable as this new chapter."

ROTARY CLUB SHILLONG HERITAGE RID 3240

Happy Birthday 18 MAR

Rtn Hemen Kalita

Believe in yourself and all that you are because you are capable of amazing things. Sending you warm birthday wishes on your special day.



ROTARY CLUB SHILLONG HERITAGE RID 3240

Happy Birthday 10 MAR

Rotarylet Kyros

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




ROTARY CLUB SHILLONG HERITAGE RID 3240

Happy Birthday 02 MAR

Rtn Vishal Amarnani

I hope your day is surrounded by all the love and happiness you bring to others.



ROTARY CLUB SHILLONG HERITAGE RID 3240

Happy Birthday 02 MAR

Rotarylet Sagarika

May this birthday mark the beginning of a new chapter filled with endless possibilities and dreams coming true.




ROTARY CLUB SHILLONG HERITAGE RID 3240

Happy Birthday 11 MAR

Rtn Sandeep Das

Wishing you a day as wonderful as you are. May all your dreams and wishes come true.



ROTARY CLUB SHILLONG HERITAGE RID 3240

Happy Birthday 16 MAR

May your birthday be a reminder that the best is yet to come and that your future is as bright as your spirit.

Ann Usha Singh




ROTARY CLUB SHILLONG HERITAGE RID 3240

Happy Birthday

Rtn. Dr. Mrinal Barthakur
14th March

May this birthday mark the beginning of a new chapter filled with endless possibilities and dreams coming true.




From
Rotary Club Shillong Heritage
RID 3240

Happy Birthday 09 MAR

Rotarylet Chirag

Believe in yourself and all that you are because you are capable of amazing things. Sending you warm birthday wishes on your special day.



ROTARY CLUB SHILLONG HERITAGE RID 3240

Happy Birthday MAR | 25

RTN RANJEETA KHARBAMON

Wishing you a day filled with happiness, laughter, and all the things you love most. May this year bring you new opportunities, great memories, and endless success. Stay amazing and keep shining!



ROTARY CLUB SHILLONG HERITAGE RID 3240



Happy birthday
Grand Rotarylet Anaika

CELEBRATIONS OF APRIL

Birthdays

- 7th Rtn Donkumar War
- 7th Meaidaibahun Majaw
- 13th Ann Jennifer Gatphoh Irom
- 16th Rotarylet Namrata
- 21st Rotarylet Ishaan Chokhani
- 23rd Rotarylet Chiranjeet
- 27th Rotarylet Veidat
- 30th Ann Meha Chokhani
- 30th Rotarylet Zahra Ahmed

ANNIVERSARIES

- 18th Rtn Dr Arijit Das and Rtn Kannaki Parasar Das
- 25th Rtn Sanjay Singh and Ann Usha Singh
- 30th Rtn Kunal Mordani and Ann Raima Mordani