



Ka PATENG NONGKYNTI

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My dear fellow Rotarians,

As we step into a new Rotary year I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your continued dedication and unwavering spirit. The past month has already set a strong and encouraging tone for the journey ahead and I am delighted to share some of the milestones we have accomplished together.



We began the year with a blood donation drive at Nazareth Hospital on July 1, 2025, where we collected 41 units of blood. We also celebrated Doctors' Day by felicitation of two senior doctors of the state Dr. Sandi Syiem and Dr. Gordon Mervyn Rangad.

On the 5th of July, we had a memorable Installation Ceremony celebrating leadership, commitment and the vibrant Rotary spirit that binds us. It was inspiring to see the presence and support of our District leaders, esteemed guests, Anns, Rotarylets and Fellow members. We were proud to induct a new Member to the Club, Rtn. Mewaker Lyngdoh on the 5th of July.

The latter part of this month also saw us actively engaged in another meaningful service-Our tree plantation drive which brought members together to contribute towards a greener tomorrow. The Plantation Drive was held in collaboration with the Social Forestry Department in Pine Mount School. A total of 76 saplings was planted under the Environmental campaign “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam.”

As we carry forward this momentum let us remind ourselves of our Rotary theme for the Year “Unite for Good”

Thank you.

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn.G. Marnie Batkhar
President (2025-26), Rotary Club Shillong Heritage

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Editorial Team!

We are delighted to be a part of the team preparing the bulletin for RCSH 2025-2026. We are pleased to announce that we have included a translation of the word 'The Heritage' into the Khasi language as a symbol of continuity and connection across generations, out of a wonderful thought shared by our President Rtn Marnie G. Batkhar. Ka '**Pateng Nongkynti**' -The Heritage symbolizes exactly that, for we are hopeful for the future and that Rotary's work will continue to inspire many. We are thankful to Rtn Hemen Kalita, our in-house designer, who worked meticulously on the new look of our Newsletter.

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In this edition, we bring to you a snippet of the Installation Ceremony of our Club and also other Rotary Clubs in Shillong. It includes the many activities conducted by the Club in the past month, which include observing National Doctors' Day, a Blood Donation Camp, tree plantation drive and an awareness programme by the Interact Club of St. Margaret's Higher Secondary School.

Rotary, as a community service organisation, truly ensures service with growth- growth in empathy, collaboration, leadership roles and convergence. It is an amalgamation of all these combined that allows Rotary as an organisation to reach to many unreached communities across the globe and at RCSH, in our humble way, we are able to give back to the community and society at large that has also given us so much. At RCSH, we are trying to make a difference -one project, one milestone, one impact at a time.

Onwards and upwards!

With best wishes,

Farida Warjri

THE 7TH INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE NEW BOARD OF RCSH (2025-2026)

The 7th Installation Ceremony of the new Board of RCSH was held on the 5th July 2025 at the State Convention Centre, Shillong. The Chief Guest for the occasion was the District Governor of Rotary District 3240, Dr. Kameshwar Singh Elangbam. Other dignitaries included Mr. C.P. Marak, Rtd IFS and presently the Chairperson of the Meghalaya Lokayukta Commission, Shri DP Marak, IPS and Inspector General of Police Meghalaya, Col. Darrel Hopkins, Director of Sanik Welfare, the Assistant Governor of District 3240 (2025-26), and the Assistant Governor (2024-2025). Also present were the Presidents and Secretaries of Rotary Club of Shillong and Rotary Club Cherry Blossom, Inner Wheel Club, the President of Rotary Club Orchid City, members of RCSH, family members and well-wishers.

The IPP, Rtn Vikash Chokhani, welcomed the gathering, after which a Special Bulletin containing the activities of RCSH over the past year was presented by members of the Editorial Board – Rtn. Sanjay Singh, Rtn. Monideepa Sen, Rtn. Hemen Kalita and was released by the Chief Guest, the District Governor 2025-2026.

The Secretary, Rtn Anupam Choudhury, read the Report for the year 2024-2025 through an audio-visual presentation. This was followed by the gifting of special mementos by the President 2024-2025 to members who dedicated their valuable effort and left a mark during his tenure. Rtn. Monideepa Sen then read out the profile of our new President, Rtn Gayatri Marnie Batkhar. This was followed by the ceremonial handover of the Charter from President 2024-2025, Rtn. Vikash Chokhani to President 2025-2026 Rtn. Gayatri Marnie Batkhar. The President's Collar was adorned and the Gavel and Gong were handed over. This was then followed by the Secretary's Collar and change of seats - symbolising the official transfer of Leadership.

The new President, Rtn Gayatri Marnie Batkhar, expressed her heartfelt wishes and desire to work together by conducting impactful projects and strengthening partnerships among members. She then introduced the new Board Members and handed to each one a file containing a hand written letter to individual members, Rotary scarfs for female Rotarians, Rotary tie for male Rotarians, customised name written diaries, a pin – with the theme "Unite for Good" badge along with badges of posts pinned by District Governor, Club Directory which were all sponsored by President 2025-26, Rtn. Gayatri Marnie Batkhar.

A new member was also inducted, namely Rtn Mewaker Lyngdoh who is an Advocate. The Membership Chairperson - Rtn. Dr. Kaveri Sharma Barthakur spoke and emphasised on the pride and purpose of being a Rotarian. Rtn Er Gideon Kharmawphlang, Charter President of RCSH then introduced the Chief Guest, Rtn Dr. Kamleshwar S. Elangbam who reiterated on the need for unity as we perform our duties as Rotarians to bring about positive change. The vote of thanks was offered by President Elect, Rtn. Anupam Choudhury. The meeting concluded with fellowship and celebration and was made even more lively with Rotarylet Darrel Kalita's soulful rendition on the saxophone and Catherine Pyngrope and Miracle Wahlanfg belting out numbers of yesteryears adding more colour to the evening.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY



7th Installation Ceremony of RCSH



Glimpses of the event



Shillong, 5th July 2025: Rotary Club Shillong Heritage celebrated its 7th Installation ceremony on the 5th July 2025 at the State Convention Centre, where Rtn. Gayatri Marnie Batkhar took over as the new President of the club from Rtn. Vikash Chokhani (President 2024-25); along with a new board of Directors for the year 2025-26.

The event was graced by Rtn. Dr. Kameswar S. Elangbam as the Chief Guest besides special Guests Shri C. P. Marak, ret'd. IFS, Honourable Chairperson of Meghalaya Lokayukta, Shri Dalton Marak, IPS, Inspector General of Police and Col. Darryl Hopkins, Director, Sainik welfare Board of Meghalaya. It was also attended by many other distinguished dignitaries, other Rotary Clubs and invitees.

Induction of a new member



Shillong, July 2025: RCSH Inducted Mewaker Lyngdoh, a young legal professional as its newest member in a ceremony held at State Convention Centre in presence of Rtn. Kameswar S. Elangbam, District Governor, RID 3240.



TREE PLANTATION DRIVE - AN OBSERVATION

By Rtn Poirei Sanasan

During the recent tree plantation drive by Rotary Club Shillong Heritage at Pine Mount School Shillong, on July 19, 2025 along with 50 participants Pine Mount School resident school boarders students, the staff members of the School, officials from the Social Forestry Division and members of the Rotary Club Shillong Heritage, one could not help but draw a profound and meaningful analogy between planting tree saplings and nurturing children—both acts of hope, responsibility, and long-term vision.

Just as tree saplings require careful selection of soil, consistent watering, sunlight, and protection from external threats to grow into strong, fruit-bearing trees, children too need an environment filled with care, education, values, and opportunities to develop into responsible, compassionate, and capable individuals. Raising children is not merely about providing food and shelter, but about guiding them with moral grounding, emotional support, and a sense of purpose. Neglect in children is ranked as the most common and damaging forms of maltreatment by the United Nations and its affiliated bodies. If neglected, saplings may wither, and children may stray or never reach their full potential. But when supported with attention and patience, both can grow tall and resilient, deeply rooted in their values while striving for a greater purpose or goal.

Mature trees contribute to the environment by purifying air, preventing erosion, and providing shade and shelter. Similarly, well-raised children become the backbone of society—future leaders, innovators, caregivers, and community builders who uphold social harmony and drive progress. A plantation drive is thus symbolic of planting seeds of hope not just in the soil, but in the soul of the community.

In essence, both trees and children represent the future. As we plant and care for saplings today, we are, in the same spirit, shaping a greener, stronger, and more ideal world for generations to come.



NATIONAL DOCTORS' DAY-HONOURING OUR DOCTORS.

On the occasion of National Doctors' Day, the Rotary Club Shillong Heritage organised a programme at Nazareth Hospital felicitating two very distinguished personalities from the medical fraternity, Dr Gordon Mervyn Rangad, the Chief Medical Officer of Nazareth Hospital Shillong and Dr. Sandi Syiem, a reknown Psychiatrist and founder of Sanker -Centre for Mental Health and Neurology, Shillong.



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

Coinciding with National Doctors' Day, RCSH also organised a Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with Nazareth Hospital Shillong. There were 35 members from the 119th Battalion Infantry Territorial Army, Assam , 1 Doctor of Nazareth Hospital, 2 RCSH Members and 3 Rotarylets who donated blood on that day marking a successful event for the Club under the leadership of Rtn Marnie Gayatri Batkhar. .



A blood donation camp is a safe way to commemorate Doctor's Day, in the city on Tuesday. Organized by the Rotary Club Shillong Heritage, in collaboration with Nazareth Hospital, the blood donation camp saw 35 members from the 119th Battalion Infantry of the Territorial Army, among others. As part of the celebration, two senior doctors from Meghalaya, Dr. Sandi Syiem and Dr. Gordon Mervyn Rangad, were felicitated for their services. A total of 41 units of blood were collected during the blood donation camp.



AWARENESS PROGRAMME BY INTERACT CLUB ,ST MARGARET'S HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Interact Club of St Margaret's Higher Secondary School, Shillong under the aegis of the RCSH organised an impactful awareness rally on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, raising their voices against the dangers of drug and tobacco use. This was held on the 26th June 2025.



APPRECIATION TO OUR DONORS

The RCSH proudly announces the contribution made by three members towards the Rotary Foundation. A total contribution of USD 714 was made by Rtn Marnie Gayatri Batkhar, Rtn Dr Barnali Bhuyan and Rtn Dr Debomallya Bhuyan. RCSH expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the members as this initiative marks a major step in establishing footprints for future donors from the Club.



Installation Ceremony of Inner Wheel Club

The Installation Ceremony of the Inner Wheel Club was held on the 24th June 2025. The function was attended by President, Rtn Marnie Gayatri Batkhar and Secretary, Rtn Pooja Banerjee. The new President is Mrs Madhu Jhunjhunwala and Secretary is Mrs. Seema Saraogi. Dr Soniyaa Singh, a noted Social Worker and Writer was the Chief Guest and Mrs Geeta Sarin, Association Council Member 2025-2026 was the Guest of Honour.



Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club Orchid City Shillong

The Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club Orchid City was held on the 3rd of July 2025. The function was attended by President, Rtn Marnie Gayatri Batkhar and Secretary, Rtn Pooja Banerjee. The new President is Rtn Mrs Mary Ann Jyrwa and Secretary Rtn Ms Reema V Diengdoh.



Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Shillong

President, Rtn Marnie Gayatri Batkhar attended the Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Shillong, which was held on the 12th July 2025. The newly elected President of Rotary Club Shillong is Rtn Chandana Das and Secretary is Rtn Dr. A.K. Das for the year 2025-2026.

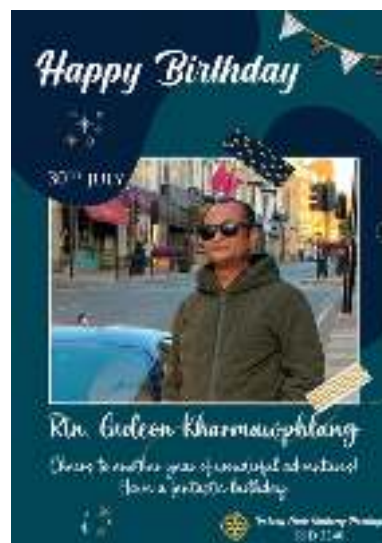


5th Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Cherry Blossom Shillong

President, Rtn Marnie Gayatri Batkhar attended the 5th Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Cherry Blossom, Shillong which was held on the 24th July 2025. The newly elected President of the Rotary Club of Cherry Blossom is Rtn Daniel Surong Jyrwa and Secretary is Rtn Donna Shirley Majaw.



Celebrations of July



CELEBRATIONS OF AUGUST

Birthdays

- 1st Rtn Mewaker Lyngdoh
- 22nd Rtn Dr. Kaveri Sharma Barthakur
- 22nd Rotarylet Adamechwa Ripple Jyrwa
- 26th Rotarylet Darell Kalita

Anniversary

- 20th- Rtn Dr Manoj Sharma and Ann Dr Niloufer Sultana

