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*"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you
can't help them, at least don't hurt them."*

-- Dalai Lama

From the Editor

In the rotary calendar, every month is dedicated to one of the major themes of our Rotary lives. December is designated as Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, a theme which RI is perhaps best known for, at least among non-Rotarians. The eradication of polio has been Rotary International's major worldwide, corporate effort since the early 1980's. Over the years, remarkable progress has no doubt been made, but the job is not yet complete. Polio remains endemic in two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Until the polio virus transmission is interrupted in these countries, all countries remain at risk of importation of polio. Especially vulnerable are those countries with weak public health and immunization services and those that have travel or trade links with endemic countries.

We are all aware that disease prevention and treatment is one of Rotary's area of focus. And for good reason. The health and vitality of a person, a family and a community can be seriously impaired by what in many cases is a preventable disease. Rotary believes that good health is everyone's right. There are thousands of vulnerable communities around the world that are forced to choose between healthcare and other expenses, like food or housing, for example, resulting in the neglect of health, misery and poverty. This is precisely why treating and preventing disease is so important. Moreover, disease prevention is a keystone to progress in other areas as well because of the interplay with other areas of focus like Water and Sanitation and Maternal and Child Health.

As a service oriented organisation, Rotary leads in both small and big efforts. At the micro level of a club, RGCS has been conducting health camps regularly in the past. Our Covid vaccination camp, Thalassemia project, cancer awareness campaigns, among others, are further testimony to our commitment in the area of disease prevention and treatment.



TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Rotary Club of Gauhati South (R.I.Dist.3240) organised a two-day Teachers' Training programme at the T.C. Government Girls H.S.& M.P. School on 22nd & 23rd November 2024. The Resource Persons for the training programme were **Rtn Dr. Bibhash Das Purkayastha**, Rtd Principal of Pragjyotish College, **RtnDr.Gayatree Goswamee**,former HOD, Dept of Education, GU and currently Dean, School of Education, USTM, **RtnAnurekha Barkakati**, former Principal, Delhi Public School, Numaligarh, **Dr.Ajanta Brahma**, Addl.Director SCERT, Assam, **Dr.Chandana Goswami**, Former Dean, Tezpur University, and **Dr.Siromoni Bhuyan**, Lecturer, DIET, Assam.

The topics that were deliberated upon were

- Pedagogy in school education according to the NEP 2020
- Microteaching and Lesson Plan
- Communicating Namaste

- Multitasking and ICT Based Approaches
- A Highlight on NEP2020 and School Education

The training programme was inaugurated by Rtn.Dr. Chandan Rajkhowa, President of the club.Rtn.Anjana Choudhury Saikia, the Club Literary Chair, welcomed the guests and also outlined the objectives of the programme. 52 teachers from the school attended the training programme.The lectures were followed by animated interactive sessions between the teachers and the resource persons.

Rotarians present in the program were(Rtns) Chandan Rajkhowa, Atanu Choudhury, Swapanjyoti Sharma, Nawajyoti Sharma, Renu Goswami, Anulekha Barkakoti, Gayatree Goswamee, P.M.Goswami, Manjushre Baruah, Ranjana Lahkar and Priyama Goswami.

The formal Vote of Thanks was offered by Smt Subhalaxmi Baruah, Principal of the School.





ROTARY CLUB OF GAUHATI SOUTH ORGANIZES HTFI PROGRAMME AT THE ASSAM INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT GUWAHATI

Rotary Club of Gauhati South organized its flagship programme *How to Face an Interview* (HTFI) at the Assam Institute of Management (AIM), Boragaon on 5 December 2024. The resource persons were Rotarians Tarun Chandra Bordoloi, who spoke on *Emotional Intelligence: Key to Success in Job Interviews and Career Growth* and Jayanta Madhav Barua who spoke on *Interviews: How to Face Them*. Rtn. Mrs. Minoti Borthakur also graced the occasion.

Earlier, Dr Sanjib Raj, Director in-charge, AIM, welcomed the resource persons and members of the Rotary Club. He urged upon the students to give a patient hearing from veterans in the corporate world so that they can be benefitted in their future interviews. Rtn Chandan Rajkhowa, President of the club, gave a brief outline of Rotary activities. The resource persons were introduced by Rtn Atanu Kr Chowdhury. Rtn Jamuna P Sarma, retired senior oil executive, shared his personal experiences in facing interview boards. Rtn Manjusri Barua, also addressed the students and thanked the AIM authorities and student

participants. There was a total of 125 participants, including MBA students of 2nd and 5th Trimester and students from Integrated BBA-MBA courses.

Dr Irfan Ullah, Dean (Academics), AIM, offered the formal Vote of Thanks.



DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS TO UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN

The Rotary Club of Gauhati South successfully organised the distribution programme of woollen sweaters, shoes and socks to 26 underprivileged students (as per the list provided by the school) of Narakasur Jr Basic School at Kahilipara under T-E-A-C-H project, on 7 December, 2024.

Smti Dipika Devi, Head Mistress of the school, welcomed the members of RCGS. The programme was inaugurated by Rtn Gayatri Bhattacharyya by lighting a lamp. Rtn Anjana C Saikia explained the objectives of the meeting and the members of the club present in the meeting distributed the items to each of the students. The school

authorities and the guardians of the students expressed their satisfaction and gratitude for the gesture shown by the club.

The students of the school performed a delightful cultural programme which was followed by a formal Vote of Thanks.

Members present in the this programme were (Rtns) Gayatri Bhattacharyya, Renu Goswami, Manjushree Baruah, Jayanta Goswami, Nawajyoti Sharma, P.M. Goswami, Priyama Goswami and Anjana Choudhury Saikia and Anne Kalpana Bordoloi. The following members graciously contributed toward the purchase of the items.

Rtn Renu Goswami, Rtn Manjushree Baruah., Rtn. Priyam Goswami, Anne Kalpana Bordoloi , Rtn Gayatri Bhattacharyya, Rtn Chandan Rajkhowa, Rtn. Satinder Anand, Rtn Jayanta Goswami, Rtn Indira Bordoloi, Rtn. Nibedita Barua, Rtn P.D. Choudhury, Rtn R. N. Mazumder, Rtn Anjana Goswami, Rtn Atanu Choudhury, Rtn Giti Bujarbaruah, Rtn. Sweta Pegu, Rtn. Pritam Mohan, Rtn Priyama Goswami, Rtn Minoti Barthakur, Rtn Anil Kr Mahanta, Rtn Anjana C. Saikia and Rtn Balen Das. Wellwishers who contributed were Anakshi Das, Dr. Santanu Khaund and Bhaskar Choudhury.





IPP Rtn Nawajyoti Sharma and Secy, Rtn Priyama Goswami participating in a Flag Exchange programme at the Rortary club of Dombivli Diamonds, Mumbai, District 3142



THE 2317TH WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 22ND NOVEMBER, 2024

The 2317th Weekly Rotary meeting began with fellowship hosted by Rtn. P.D. Choudhury, which was enjoyed by all attendees.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 6:30 PM and was chaired by the President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa. The session commenced with the National Anthem, followed by a warm welcome from President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa. He expressed gratitude to Rtn. P.D. Choudhury for hosting the fellowship and presented him with a token of appreciation. Anniversary greetings were extended to Rtn. P.D. Choudhury and Anne Nandini. Rtn. Atanu Kr. Chowdhury introduced the Guest Speaker, Dr. Bibhab Kr. Talukder, a pioneering founder of the NGO *Ariyana*, established in 1989 in Northeast India. Dr. Talukder is

currently Chair of the Asian Radio Specialist Group under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Following this introduction, the guest speaker was felicitated by the Rtn. Dr Anil Mahanta and Rtn Tarun Ch Bordoloi.

Dr. Talukder delivered an insightful talk on the topic *Conservation Has to Be a Shared Responsibility*. The session was engaging and informative, highlighting the importance of collective efforts in conservation.

Secretary Rtn. Priyama Goswami presented the secretarial report, noting the attendance as follows: Rotarians-17, Annes-5, and Guests-4, with a total of 30 attendees. Sunshine collection amounted to Rs. 420.

The meeting concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Rtn. Dr. Anil Mahanta. President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa adjourned the session at 8:00 PM.

The proceedings ended with the rendition of the *Jatiya Sangeet*.



THE 2318TH WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD AS CLUB ASSEMBLY ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2024

The 2318th Weekly Rotary Meeting was held on 29th November 2024, at the Rajdhani Regency Hotel, commencing at 6:00 PM. President Rtn Chandan Rajkhowa called the meeting to order at 6.35 PM. The meeting began with the rendition of the National Anthem, followed by a warm welcome from the President. Anniversary greetings were extended to Rtn. Sweta Pegu and spouse Sri Janajyoti, Rtn. P.D.Choudhury and Anne Nandini. The President also formally offered gratitude to Rtn. Sweta Pegu for offering the fellowship.

Rtn. Vikas Jain from Rotary club of Gauhati Metro visited the club and apprised the members about the blind folded dark dinner to be arranged in Novotel Hotel on 30th of November for helping the blind children. He requested

the members to join the dinner by procuring pass for Rs. 5000/-

The Club Assembly began with the deliberation from Rtn. Anjana Chouhury Saikia, Chairman TEACH committee, who narrated in detail about the two-day teachers' training programme held on 22nd and 23rd November 2024 in the campus of T.C. Higher secondary school. She informed the house that apart from three resource persons from Rotary, resource persons from SCERT and DIET also imparted training on various aspects including the issues related to NEP (National Education Policy). There were 52 participants in the training programme. She also informed that the feedback from teachers and the principal were very encouraging

and that the Principal was very happy with the structure of the training programme. She also informed the house about a programme to be implemented by donating few full sleeve sweaters, shoes and socks to very needy students of a school and requested the members to sponsor by contributing 1000/- against each child. She also informed the house about the initiatives she has taken on adopting a school under the Happy School project.

Dr. Bibekananda Saikia, Director Service informed the house about the Medical camp to be organized on 15th Decmber in "Kalyani Nivas" the home for destitute children located in Rupnagar, Guwahati. The camp will be attended by doctors lead by Rtn.Dr. Anil Mahanta. He requested members to attend the camp. He also informed about the Animal Health camp to be organised in one of our RCCs.

Rn. Nawajyoti Sharma informed the house about the ensuing election of office bearers of the club for 25-26, He informed the willing members to submit the nomination papers from 29th Nov. to 7th December and fixed 6.30 PM of 14th December for the withdrawal of the nomination papers. He also informed that nomination papers will be scrutinized by the election officer on 21st December by 7pm. Election will be held on 21st December, if needed, during the WRM on that day. Results will be declared on the same day by 8pm.

The President informed he house about DG'S election to be held during the District conference in

Kolkata. He informed that our club has three votes. The details of the modalities would be informed once they are intimated by the District.

There was a discussion on the holding of WRM at 15 days interval instead of 7 days as followed at present because of some problem in arranging fellowship and other issues. There was an elaborate discussion and comments and views were expressed by the members. It was eventually decided that the present pattern of holding meeting every week should be continued. In regard to fellowship, it was decided that the club would offer the menu of general biscuit and tea/coffee by spending Rs.100/- from club and if any member willingly offers fellowship it will be in addition to this menu.

The president informed the house about the fund raising programme on organ donation to be held on 25th and 26th December in Machkhowa. He requested members to contact Rotarian Priyama Goswami for obtaining the passes.

Secretary, Rtn. Priyama Goswami, then presented her report. A total of 21 Rotarians, 2 Annes and 1 Rotarylet were present in the meeting. The sunshine collection was Rs. 580/-

The Vote of Thanks was offered by Rtn. Pritam Mohan. The meeting was adjourned at 6.35pm after the rendition of the Jatiya Sangeet.

