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*Doing what you like is freedom; liking what you  
do is happiness. The Cultureur*

## From the Editor

As we come to the end of the 2024, it time to reflect on the past year. There were undeniably many highs, but perhaps more than an equal share of lows as well. While wars and elections undoubtedly dominated the political scenario, climate change, environment and natural disasters frequently occupied the headlines as well. Needless to add, of course, that human security, violation of human rights, poverty and disease continued to be ongoing challenges.

It is therefore perhaps pertinent to introspect once again the role that Rotary plays in addressing these issues. From the outset, Rotary has been dedicated to causes that build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever. Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees

who have fled dangerous areas. So far as fighting disease is concerned, we educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas. Additionally, Rotary worldwide supports local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.

We are all aware that nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. Maternal and child care is an important area of our focus. Similarly another area of focus is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. The resounding success of RILM's TEACH programme is a case in point.

Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty. Our members and the Rotary Foundation work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities. We carry out service and skill development projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.



Rotary shares an interest in protecting our common legacy: the environment. We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation in an effort to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

Across the world, Rotary members are trying to tackle these innumerable challenges the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy and planning for the future. This might seem like a mere drop in the ocean, but don't the little drops of water and the small grains of sand make up the mighty ocean and the huge expanse of land ?



## ***SANGEET SE SANJEEVANI***

**Rtn Tarun Ch. Bordoloi**

A truly memorable event was hosted at the Pragjyoti ITA Center for Performing Arts, Machkhowa, on the evening of 26 December, 2024. This event was a joint endeavor by six Rotary Clubs of Guwahati—Rotary Club of Guwahati, Gauhati West, Gauhati South, Guwahati Metro, Guwahati Luit, and Guwahati Icons.

Aptly named *Sangeeta Se Sanjeevani*, this initiative of Rotary Musicologies, hosted in partnership with the Jubilee Foundation and IFRM 3240 Guwahati Symphony, carried a profound message: raising awareness about organ donation through the timeless power of music. It was also a celebration of the 100th birth anniversary of the legendary Mohammed Rafi.

The evening featured mesmerizing performances by Bollywood artists Abhay Jodhpurkar, Ajay Singha, and Kishore Sodha, alongside the soulful contributions of local talents, including visually challenged prodigy Shahid Afridi

and flautist Priyanku Borah. Their performances captivated a packed auditorium, underscoring the event's emotional and societal impact.

The event's success was made possible by the tireless efforts of IFRM 3240 Guwahati Symphony, gracious Rotary volunteers, and the invaluable support of our sponsors. It reflected the incredible power of Rotary collaboration and the exceptional leadership of the Assistant Governors from both zones.

One of the evening's highlights was the presentation of AI-powered smart glasses to the two visually challenged artists by one of the sponsors. These glasses will empower them to experience the world in new ways, making this moment particularly heartwarming.

This unforgettable event showcased Rotary's commitment to service, collaboration, and meaningful impact on society.





## ROTARY ORGANOWALK

Rotary Organowalk, a collaborative initiative by the Rotary Clubs of Guwahati, Gauhati South, Gauhati West, Guwahati Metro, Guwahati Luit, and Guwahati Icons, in partnership with the Zublee Foundation and IFRM District 3240 Guwahati Symphony, was successfully held on December 25, 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness about the critical need for organ donation while dispelling common myths surrounding it. The walk was a resounding success, bringing together people from all walks of life and highlighting organ donation as a profound act of kindness. It underscored the transformative power of community-driven efforts in promoting this life-saving cause.





## EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION

**Rtn Anjana C. Saikia**

RCGS organised an educational excursion tour for the students of Panbazar Adarsha Prathamik Vidyalaya on 29 December '24, as a part of their course curriculum. The students visited the instructional cattle and poultry farm of College of Veterinary Science, Khanapara, Guwahati, where the students were shown the different breeds of cattle i.e. Jersey, Holstein Friesian and different breeds of poultry (Guinea Fowl, Turkey and commercial layer breeds, dual purpose breed like Rainbow Roaster). The students also visited the hatchery unit of the farm. They had the opportunity of seeing the hatching process. They also visited the Sahiwal cattle farm which is one of the best milch breeds of India. During their visit the students were explained the importance of milk and, chicken meat and egg by the concerned farm managers..

It was an extremely successful educational tour which the students greatly enjoyed. The Head Mistress of the school expressed her sincere gratitude to RCGS for organising such a wonderful programme.









## MINUTES OF 2319<sup>TH</sup> WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

The 2319th Weekly Rotary Meeting was held on 6th December 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/ Birthday greetings were extended to Rtn Kaberi Bhuyan and Rtn Rajkamal Bhuyan, Rtn Probin Borthakur and Anne Rina Borthakur. The President also formally offered gratitude to Rtn Kaberi Bhuyan for offering the fellowship.

The president requested all the members to buy entry passes for the programme at Machkhowa on 26<sup>th</sup> December and help to carry forward the noble cause to promote organ donation.

Rn Pranjal Mena AG Zone X formally distributed the badges for PHF+1 to Rtn. Nawajyoti Sharma, Rn.

Manjushri Baruah a Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa PHF+2 to Rtn. Renu Goswami.

A new member, Mrs. Gayatri Borhakur, was been formally inducted after she was introduced by Rtn. Ranjan Bhuyan, through an oath conducted by AG Rtn. Pranjal Mena. Newly inducted member Rtn. Gayatri Borhakur spoke on the occasion and expressed her pleasant experience in RCGS while attending few WRM in earlier occasions and assured the house that she will actively participate in the different activities of the club and would try to give her best.

After this Rn. Ranjan Bhuyan introduced Dr. Prabodh Bora Director Research (Vety.) Assam Agricultural University and a prominent researcher in the field of modern biotechnology.

Dr. Prabodh Bora spoke on *Genome Editing* :



*Expectations and Apprehensions.* He elaborately explained the basics of genome and their ultrastructure like DNA , RNA and other minute components. He explained how this modern emerging technology can manipulate these structures for beneficial human use and is expected to have immense impact on agriculture, environment and various other sectors in near future. He also narrated the possible apprehension which may occur in the minds of people.

It was a very interesting talk and there was active

interaction after the deliberations. The speaker was very happy to interact with Rotarians by answering different interesting queries.

After his speech , the Secretarial report was presented. ...20Rotarians, 5 Annes, 2Rotaractersand 1 Guest were present making it a total 28 attendees . Rtn. Pranjal Mena AG Zone X has also graced the occasion.

The Vote of thanks was offered by Rtn. Jayanta Barman.

After the rendition of Jatiyo sangeet the meeting was adjourned at 8.15 pm



## MINUTES OF 2320<sup>TH</sup> WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

The 2320th Weekly Rotary Meeting, was held on 13th December and commenced with a fellowship hosted by Rtn. Nibedita Barua, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa. The session began with the rendition of the National Anthem, followed by a warm welcome from the President, who expressed his gratitude to Rtn. Nibedita Barua for hosting the fellowship and presented her with a token of appreciation.

Birthday greetings were extended to Rtn. Ranjana Gogoi. The President also urged all members to collect and sell passes for the Mohd Rafi Programme scheduled for 26th December.

The highlight of the meeting was an engaging presentation

by the in-house speaker, Rtn. Nibedita Barua, who shared her experiences with Rotary Clubs in the USA and Canada during her recent visit. Rtn. Priyama Goswami also delivered an insightful PowerPoint presentation, recounting her experiences at the International Youth Exchange Seminar *RESONANCE* held in Nagpur.

The Secretary reported an attendance of 15 Rotarians, 1 Rotarylet, and 1 Rotaractor, totalling 17 attendees, with a Sunshine Collection of Rs. 140.

The Vote of Thanks was offered by Rtn. Dipak Bhagawarti. President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa formally adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM, concluding the session with the rendition of the *Jatiya Sangeet*.

