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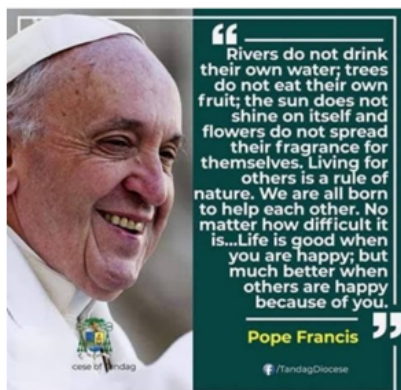
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From the Editor



As we celebrate Rongali Bihu and welcome the Assamese New Year with joy and enthusiasm, we look forward to a year filled with happiness, abundance and peace. We have been celebrating this festival for ages, yet over the years it has undergone tremendous changes, and perhaps it would not be irrelevant to introspect on a couple of contradictions that have riddled the festival in contemporary times.

Rongali bihu celebrates the procreative aspects of nature with a display of all her splendour in vibrant colours. Yet, as we celebrate what is essentially a nature related festival we are constantly destroying nature and downgrading our environment through depletion of resources such as quality of air, water and soil, the destruction of ecosystems, habitat destruction, the extinction of wildlife, and pollution. Is this not ironical? Then again, there is another contradiction. The festival is itself autochthonous, being firmly rooted in the soil. Rongali Bihu symbolises an underlying unity amidst the diverse communities inhabiting the region, with each ethnic group contributing slight variations within a broader paradigm. However, paradoxically, instead of emphasising these commonalities and a shared history, certain sections are busy exploiting the differences. This has resulted in various forms of disaffection and dissention within the greater Assamese society.

It is, therefore, important to remember these important aspects amidst the merriment and joyous celebrations of Rongali Bihu. Both Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution and supporting the environment are focus areas of Rotary. As Rotarians let us all create awareness on these issues along with the festivities, as we celebrate Bihu.



PRE BIHU CELEBRATIONS

RCGS organised pre Bihu celebrations at Hotel Rajdhani Regency on 11th April. The event, curated by Rtn Renu Goswami, was marked by merriment and gaiety. A sumptuous spread of varied bihu delicacies was laid out by the Annes and Rotarians. This was followed by a delightful cultural programme compered excellently by Anne Nandini.

The function started with invocation (*Ghoxa*) presented by Anne Purabi Hazarika and Anne Rina Borthakur. This was followed by a *Bihu xuria* song by Rtn. Probin Borthakur. Rtn. P.D. Chouhury conducted a quiz competition on different aspects of *Bihu*. It was very interesting and there was involvement of each and everyone present and the winners were presented with

chocolates. The Solo *Bihu* Dance performed by Rotarylet Pahi was very enjoyable. This was followed by a group *Bihu Nam* led by Rtn. Tarun Bordoloi and accompanied by Annes Mamuda, Ranjana Gogoi and Rtn. Nibedita Barua. The recitation of a poem based on Spring by Rtn. Indira Bordoloi added literary flavour to the function. At the end a short speech By Rtn. Dr. R.N.Mazumder on *Hussori*, followed by a group *Hussori* performance by Rotarians with *Dhol* and *Tal*, captivated the audience. At the end of *Hussori* Rotarians bowed in front of the *Hussori Dal* to seek blessings. The *Dhol Badan* by a young guest Master Uddepta Deba was mesmerising. The evening was indeed very delightful.





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MINUTES OF THE 2331th WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 7th March, 2025

International Women's day was celebrated by Rotary Club Of Gauhati South on 7th of March 2025 in Rajdhani Regancy hotel along with the 2331st weekly regular meeting(WRM) . Rtn. Krishna Barua of Rotary Club of Gauhati West visited our club as guest speaker. She spoke on a topic “ Sampoorana Nari.....The complete Women”. She deliberated on the position of women in our society and their role to build a happy family and thereby a happy society. She also spoke in detail about the strength and

weaknesses of women in the context of our social life. She also narrated about the legal opportunities for women in the present day society. She emphasized the urgent need to make our society specially the underprivileged strata aware on various aspects of rights and duties of women so that a healthy society with active participation of women can be a reality in future. It was a very interesting and engaging deliberation in front of a large gathering with maximum presence of lady members.



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MINUTES OF THE 2332nd WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 21th March, 2025

The 2332 WRM and award ceremony was held on 21st March 2025 at Hotel Rajdhani Regency. The President called the meeting to order exactly at 6.40 PM. After the National Anthem the president welcomed all the Rotarians, Annes and guests present. The President honoured Mrs. Priyam Goswami for offering the fellowship along with the family of Late Dhiraj Kakoty. He also informed the house about the ensuing Medical Camp to be held on 30th March in Kalyani Niwas of Rupnagar area of Guwahati. He also sought the approval of the house for nominating Rtn. Rajesh Bhatrato proceed for Brdhaman to cast vote in DGND election to be held on 23rd of March 2025 , which the house readily agreed. He also requested to record their choice of candidate for DGND post through secret ballot supplied to the Rotarians. The result of this exercise will be communicated to official nominee of the club, so that he can cast three votes allotted to our club. Rtn. Rajkamal Bhuyan assisted the club in this exercise. The proceedings of the meeting were handed over to MOC of the award ceremony Rtn. Priyam Goswami for conducting the award session.

The award ceremony was started with lighting of lamp by the chief guest Mr. Pronoy Bordoloi, the eminent journalist and other senior Rotarians including PDG Rtn. Prabhat Kedia . This was followed by invocation by Rtn. Dipanwita Ghosh .

After this MOC introduced the Chief Guest of the function. The awards, which are given annually, are the Archana and Atul Chandra Goswami Memorial Award for a visually impaired student and the Deva Kanta Kakati and Nirmali Kakati Memorial Vocational Excellence Awards. The Archana and Atul Chandra Goswami Memorial Award was conferred on Diganta Nath, a student of Class X of Sankar Mission Blind School, Nagaon, for his proficiency in music. After the award was conferred by the chief guest , Mr. Nath presented a beautiful song. After his performance Mr. Ritu Raj Das, another visually impaired awardee of RCGS in earlier occasion shared his successful journey on his field after getting recognition from RCGS and expressed his gratitude to RCGS for showing the path for a successful journey.

The Deva Kanta Kakati award was conferred on Sri Jayanta Kumar Das of Udalguri for his commendable work in the field of environment and wildlife preservation, more particularly, in the pursuit of advocating the initiative among children and youth of Udalguri and the neighbouring Regions.

The Nirmali Kakati Award was conferred on Dr. Sriparna Bhuyan Baruah for encouraging and motivating entrepreneurship and livelihood amongst women. Both the vocational awardees spoke in detail about their successful journey.

Rtn. Prabhat Kedia spoke on the occasion and shared the mottos and principles of Rotary for betterment of the society.

The Chief Guest Mr. Pronoy Bordoloi expressed his pleasure to know about the initiative of the club for recognizing the unsung heroes of the society. He also shared his experience in adventure sports and captivated the audience with his interesting and challenging moments. Sri Bordoloi also stressed the importance of maintaining a positive outlook on life and stated that anything is achievable with determination.

The Secretary presented the detail ed statistics where the presence of 31 Rotarians, 5 Annes , 1 Rotarylet, 1 Rotaractor , 1 visiting Rotarian and 19 guests were recorded.

Rtn. Kaberi Bhuyan offered the vote of thanks. The meeting was adjourned at 8.20 pm after rendition of the *Jatiya Sangeet*. The sunshine collection was Rs. 130/-







MINUTES OF THE 2333rd WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 28th March, 2025

The 2333rd WRM was held on 28th March 2025 at Hotel Rajdhani Regency. The President called the meeting to order exactly at 6.35pm. After the National Anthem, the President welcomed all the Rotarians, Annes and guests present. The President honoured Rtn. R.M. Hazarika and Anne Purabi Hazarika for offering the fellowship. Birthday greetings were presented to Rtn. R.M. Hazarika by Rtn. Minoti Borthakur. The President also informed the house about the ensuing medical camp to be held on 30th March in Kalyani Niwas of Rupnagar area of Guwahati and requested members to attend the same. This was followed by the introduction of new member to be inducted, Mr. Anjan Chakravarty and his spouse Mrs. Sushmita Sarma Chakravarty by Director Membership Rn. Ranjan Bhuyan. The oath taking ceremony was conducted

by Rtn. Gayatri Bhattchajee. The Rotary file and pin were ceremonially handed over to him by Rtn. Anil Mahanta. This was followed by the speech by Rtn. Swapan Jyoti Sarma on a topic “Managing self.” His captivating speech made the audience spellbound. Everybody could relate themselves with the content of the speech and got inspired to introspect into their day to day lives. It was a thought provoking deliberation which was appreciated by all present.

This was followed by secretarial report. 24 Rotarians, 7 annes, one rotarylet and three guests were present. The sunshine collection was 370/-

After this, the vote of thanks was offered by Rtn. Dipak Bhagawati. The meeting was adjourned at 7.37pm after the rendition of the *Jatiya Sangit*.



