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*"In this life we cannot do great things. We can only  
do small things with great love."*

*-- Mother Teresa*

## From the Editor

### Making a difference

The core values of Rotary are service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership; and the guiding philosophy in Rotary is that the world can become a better place when Rotarians take action in their communities to create lasting change. Rotary's positive influence on the world extends far beyond its members and its clubs. From medical missions to disaster relief to combating climate change, Rotary plays a role in a vast array of initiatives that help humanity.

Our collective efforts can change lives for generations — like our work to protect billions of children against polio. Because of our partnership in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and the fundraising and advocacy efforts of countless members, nearly 19 million people are walking today who otherwise would have been paralyzed, and 1.5 million people are alive who otherwise would have died.

The polio eradication infrastructure has provided critical support to the COVID-19 response in many vulnerable countries and has played a continuous role in other health efforts, such as providing additional medical treatments and vaccines, bed nets to prevent malaria, access to clean water, and even soap for hand washing. In fact our own club took up the marathon task of vaccinating over 10,500 people in just one month during covid times.

But fighting disease is just one of our areas of focus. Rotarians and Rotaractors also support education, grow local economies, save mothers and children, promote peace, and provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene and work hard to protect the environment.

The reach and impact of Rotary's work are evidence to leadership, passion, and drive to help others. It is also a testament to the causes that build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world.



## ROTARY LAUNCHES CELEBRITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

Rotary International launched its **celebrity ambassador programme** on 19 September, welcoming Kat Graham, Sibongile Mlambo, Gaby Moreno, and Archie Panjabi.

“We are pleased to announce this initiative, especially with the help of these remarkable individuals who are devoted to using their platforms to make the world a better place,” Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick said. “As Rotary’s work has touched each of the ambassadors, we’re honored for them to amplify our organization’s impact and vision.”

Through traditional and social media, events, advocacy and more, ambassadors will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in Rotary’s work and engage with supporters to amplify the organization’s mission and impact. The inaugural Rotary ambassadors include:

**Kat Graham**, actress, singer, producer, humanitarian - “I have been fortunate enough to have a long history with Rotary, from promoting women’s health and safety around the world to gathering with Rotary members in California to promote peace. Rotary empowers regular people to become extraordinary changemakers by launching their unique initiatives using their unique skills and passions. By doing so, they improve the lives of others far beyond their communities. I’ve seen the profound difference Rotary members make, and I’m honored to serve as a Rotary ambassador.”

**Sibongile Mlambo**, actress, producer, philanthropist - “I had the incredible opportunity to travel to Uganda with Rotary and see their work firsthand. Witnessing their dedication to helping refugees and their unwavering commitment to peace left a lasting impact on me. Rotary

members show respect for those displaced, empowering them through education, job training, and more, helping to create the conditions for stable, sustainable, and peaceful communities. As a Rotary ambassador, I will enthusiastically help to amplify their message of hope and resilience.”

**Gaby Moreno**, artist, producer - “Returning to my home country of Guatemala with Rotary exposed me to the life-changing impact its members have had on early education and literacy in the country. I met children who now are inspired to dream big, and who have been given the tools necessary to make their dreams a reality. As a Rotary ambassador with deep personal connections to its members, I want to help spread the word about this remarkable organization that’s giving hope to so many children around the globe.”

**Archie Panjabi**, actress, producer - “My first visit to India at the age of 10 opened my eyes to the heartbreaking reality of children suffering from polio. Years later, I returned to administer the polio vaccine and witnessed the dedication of health workers, inspiring my commitment to this cause. For over a decade, I’ve proudly served as a Rotary Polio ambassador and continued the fight to eradicate polio while shining a light on the full scope of the vital work Rotary members undertake to create a brighter future for all, from safeguarding our environment and improving maternal health, to providing clean water and promoting peace.”

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## RUNNING WATER PROJECT INAUGURATED AT NAVAJEEVAN REHABILITATION CENTRE, BORIHAT

A Running Water Project was formally inaugurated by Rtn Gayatri Bhattacharya on 14 September, 2024, in the Navajeevan Rehabilitation Centre, Borihat, Mirza, Kamrup Assam. This Project, under the District Foundation Grant 2023-24 was implemented by the Rotary Club of Gauhati South.

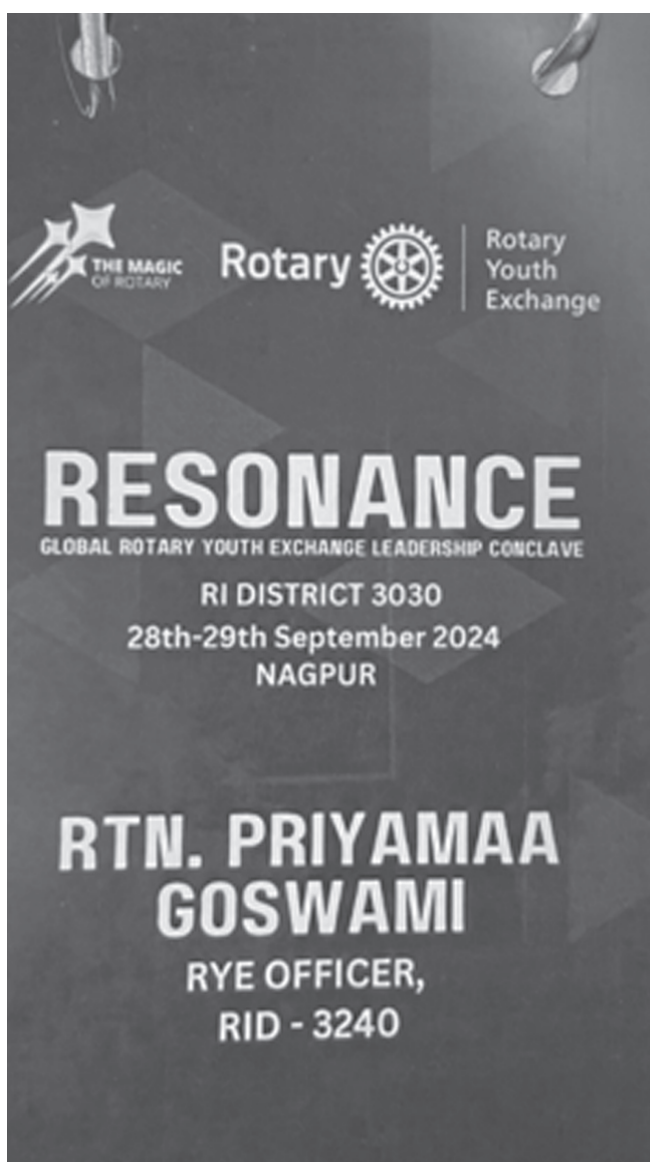


## VISIT TO SENEH

On 24th September 2024, a few members of the Rotary Club of Gauhati South visited *Seneh* an old age home for women, along with a group of students from the NSS wing of Gauhati Commerce College. 5 Rotarians participated in the 1 and 1/2 hr programme. Light refreshment was provided to the inmates of home. Dances were performed by the students of the Gauhati Commerce College and a few inmates very sportingly participated in them as well. It was indeed a very memorable experience for all of us.







Rtn Priyama Goswami with RI President Elect, Rtn Mario Camargo



## THE 2309<sup>th</sup> WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024

The 2309<sup>th</sup> Weekly Rotary Meeting was held on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Rajdhani Regency Hotel, starting at 6:30 PM. The attendees enjoyed a pleasant fellowship, graciously hosted by Rtn. Prasanta Kr. Das.

At 7:00 PM, President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa called the meeting to order. The session opened with the rendition of the National Anthem, followed by a warm welcome from the President. Birthday greetings were extended to Rtn. Prasanta Kr. Das.

The President then urged members to attend the inaugural project of the District Foundation Grant for Water Supply at the Navajeevan Rehabilitation Home in Barihat, Mirza on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. He also encouraged members to consider becoming Paul Harris Fellows (PHF) by donating \$500, with an additional \$500 provided through a matching grant. Further updates included information about the upcoming NBA Awards ceremony on September 20<sup>th</sup>, with details shared by Rtn. Dr. Anjana Choudhury.

The in-house speaker, Rtn. Dr. Priyam Goswami, delivered a very engaging presentation titled “The Netherlands:

Impressions of a Visitor,” where she shared insights from her recent trip. She highlighted the lifestyle of the Dutch, their effective water management policies and waste disposal practices, effectiveness of the municipal bodies, the widespread use of bicycles, and the concept of street libraries, among others. The members interacted with her and thanked her for this informative deliberation.

Rtn. Dr. R.N. Mazumder then provided an update on the upcoming “Save Bharalu” programme scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> September and urged the members to participate.

A minute’s silence was observed for the peace of departed soul of Dr. Upendra Nath Sarma, father-in-law of Rtn. Swapan Jyoti Sarma.

Secretary Rtn. Priyama Goswami presented the meeting statistics: 24 Rotarians and 3 Annes were in attendance, with a total of 27 participants. A Sunshine Collection was Rs 350/- .Rtn. Jamuna Prasad Sarma concluded the meeting with a formal vote of thanks, and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM with the rendition of the Jatiya Sangeet.







## THE 2310<sup>th</sup> WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024

The 2310th Weekly Rotary Meeting was held on September 20th, 2024, at the Rajdhani Regency Hotel, starting at 6:30 pm. The attendees enjoyed a pleasant fellowship, graciously hosted by Rtns. Rajesh Bhatra, Priyam Goswami and George Chako. The Nation Builder Awards were given away in this meeting.

The Rotary Club of Guahati South gave away the Nation Builder Awards to 22 teachers from 12 government/ government aided schools of Guwahati at a very well attended function held at Hotel Rajdhani Regency on 20th September 2024. The Nation Builder Awards are an important component of the Rotary India Literacy Mission along with other verticals of the TEACH programme .

The president all the meeting to order at 6.30 pm. The function was presided over by the President of the club, RtnDr. Chandan Rajkhowa. The function was anchored by Rtn. Dr. Priyam Goswami.

The President formally welcomed all the Rotarians , Annes, Rotaractors, Rotrylets and Guests present.

RtnDr. Anjana Saikia Choudhury, Chair, Literacy Committee of the club, outlined the objectives of the Awards.

Dr.Niroda Devi, former Principal of Cotton College and currently Director, SCERT, was the Chief Guest while

Smti Dipika Choudhury, Inspector of Schools (Kamrup Metro) and District Elementary Education Officer, (Kamrup Metro), and District Mission Co-ordinator, Samagra Shiksha, (Kamrup Metro),graced the occasion as the Distinguished Guest. AG Rtn Pranjal Mena of Zone X of Rotary District 3240 and PDG Rtn Prabhat Kedia were also present as invited guests.

Both Dr Niroda Devi and Smt Dipika Choudhury emphasized upon the decisive role of teachers in in grooming young minds and moulding students by imparting a value based education. They also recognized the important role of organisations like Rotary in motivating teachers and coming forward to provide necessary infrastructure in many institutions.

The Heads of the institutions were also present during the meeting.

Secretary Rtn. Priyama Goswami gave the statistics of the meeting . There were 28 Rotarians, 8 Annes, 2 Visiting Rotarians, 2 Rotarylets and 45 Guests. Total 85 attendees. Sunshine Collection was 730/-

The formal Vote of Thanks was offered by RtnDr. Gayatri Goswamee.

Following the rendition of the Jatiya Sangeet, the meeting was adjourned at 8.30 pm.







## INSPIRING QUOTES BY FAMOUS ROTARIANS

The greatest moments in life are not concerned with selfish achievements but rather with the things we do for the people we love and esteem, and whose respect we need.” **Walt Disney:**

**Walter Elias Disney** (1901 –1966) was an American animator, film producer, voice actor, and entrepreneur. A pioneer of the American animation industry, he introduced several developments in the production of cartoons. His quote conveys the value Rotary places on community service and earning respect through deeds, not words. Walt Disney was an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California.