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*The test of our progress is not whether we add to the abundance of those who have much. It is whether we provide enough to those who have little.*

*--Franklin D. Roosevelt*

*Wishing all our readers  
a very happy  
**BHOGALI BIHU***



## From the Editor

January is Rotary's Vocational Service Month. It is a time when Rotarians use their skills and expertise to help others and address community needs. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object, which calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster". In 1940, Rotary International defined the objectives and goals of Vocational Service. These objectives are:

- To encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions, to recognise the worthiness of all useful occupations, to dignify the Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- To apply the ideal of service in personal, business and community life.
- To advance international understanding and goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of businessmen and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

Paul Harris wrote: "Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession". Vocational Service is the way Rotary fosters and supports the application of the Ideal



of Service to the pursuit of all vocations. It is the shared responsibility of both the Rotary Club and its members. The role of the Club is to implement and encourage the objectives by its own actions in dealing with the community and by the development of projects that enable members to use their vocational talents in the service of the community. The role of members is to conduct themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary principles, and support the Vocational Service projects that the club has developed.

During January, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on

vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.

January is also a month of festivities. We wish our readers a happy *Bhogali Bihu* and pray that it ushers in peace, goodwill, prosperity and good health for all.



## VOCATIONAL SERVICE: NURTURING MORE RESPONSIBLE, SUSTAINABLE, PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES

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Members of the Rotary Club of La Porte, Texas, USA, perform household repairs.

Vocational service, embedded in our history and guiding our future, is the foundational cornerstone of Rotary. As Rotarians and Rotaractors, we hold a dual responsibility: represent our occupations within our club and exemplify the ideals of rotary in our professional work and workplaces.

Vocational service guides us to hold ourselves and each other to high ethical standards in our professional lives and in our personal lives, to recognize the value of all occupations, to bring our ideals of doing good in the world

to our professional lives, and to lend our professional skills to in service to our communities.

During January, vocational service month at rotary, we reflect on how our professional lives and skills complement and enhance our service to communities:

- The rotary club of Asaba Metropolitan in Nigeria hosts an annual microcredit project offering interest-free microloans to select female entrepreneurs in the Asaba region of the delta state. In 2022, 19 women with farming and trading businesses received microloans. Since the projects' inception three years earlier, participating women have been able to start or grow their businesses and make a better living for their families.
- Rotary members in Turkey and Belgium are preparing a Vocational Rotary Friendship Exchange in 2023 for a group of five young professionals to learn about the tourism industry in both countries. Participants will be home-hosted by rotary members and will be reciprocated with both countries taking turns hosting visitors and arranging educational opportunities in the tourism and hospitality sector.

- The Rotary Club of Nagpur Vision, India, hosted a workshop on marketing techniques for aspiring entrepreneurs in the beauty and design sectors. 40 select participants joined the workshop for lectures, coaching, and support to help grow their businesses through improved marketing strategies.

Here are five ideas to help you blend your professional skills and service work through rotary:

1. Work with your club to create a recognition programme for socially consciousness, responsible businesses in your community. Establish rigorous criteria for considering businesses and award visible recognition to one, or multiple, select establishments that meet your established standards.
2. Host a friendly debate or interactive workshop about hypothetical ethical dilemmas that your club or community may face. Work through possible outcomes and create expectations and processes for how dilemmas will be handled when they arise. View past ethical dilemma discussions for inspiration and come up with ones that are relevant to your club and community.

3. Join the *Rotary Means Business* fellowship to learn about and support fellow rotary members' businesses and to share about your own.
4. Explore how your profession is practiced in another country and share how yours is practiced in your community by participating in a vocationally oriented *Rotary Friendship Exchange*. contact your district rotary friendship exchange committee to get involved.
5. Lend your skills as a mentor to fellow clubs planning service projects in your area of specialization. Contact your district international service committee to join your district's resource network and mentor clubs locally, contact a rotary action group to offer your expertise internationally, or consider lending your skills through the TRF cadre of technical advisers.

The vocational service in action handbook provides additional ideas and resources to incorporate these ideals into your professional life and service activities.

(Posted on January 19, 2023 by Rotary Service)



## THE 2321<sup>ST</sup> WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

The 2321st Weekly Rotary Meeting was held on 20th December, beginning with a delightful fellowship hosted by Rtn. Minoti Borthakur, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa and commenced with the rendition of the National Anthem. The President warmly welcomed everyone, expressed his gratitude to Rtn. Minoti Borthakur for hosting the fellowship, and presented her with a token of appreciation. Birthday greetings were extended to Rtn. Minoti Borthakur and Rtn. Animika Choudhury, while anniversary wishes were conveyed to Rtn. Jayanta Barman and Anne Alakananda Barman. This was followed by a birthday celebration and cake-cutting for Rtn. Minoti Borthakur. Rtn. Barun Barpujari presented an insightful session on the utilization of e-waste disposal. Rtn. Manjusri Baruah

introduced the guest speaker, Smt. Lalitha Lahkar, a renowned singer and mathematics lecturer. Smt. Lahkar was felicitated by Rtn. Minoti Borthakur and Secretary Rtn. Priyama Goswami. She enthralled the audience with a variety of Assamese and Hindi songs, prompting attendees to join in singing and dancing.

The Secretary's report recorded an attendance of 41 participants, including 28 Rotarians, 6 Annes, 2 Rotarylets, 2 Rotaractors, and 1 guest. A sunshine collection of Rs. 270/- was noted.

The vote of thanks was offered by Rtn. Gayatri Borthakur, after which President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa formally adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM, concluding the session with the rendition of the *Jatiya Sangeet*.





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IS President





## THE 2322<sup>ND</sup> WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

The 2322nd Weekly Rotary Meeting commenced promptly at 6:30 PM, called to order by President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa. The session began with the rendition of the National Anthem, followed by the President extending a warm welcome to all Rotarians, Annes, Rotaractors and guests.

The President expressed heartfelt gratitude to Rtn. Jayanta Barman for graciously hosting the fellowship and presented him with a token of appreciation. Birthday greetings were extended to Rtn. Sweta Pegu.

Rtn. Tarun Bordoloi presented the highlights of organ donation initiatives and shared updates on the Rotary Musicology program, particularly the Mohammed Rafi Night. AG Rtn. Rajesh Bhatra provided further updates on the event, including the ticket sales status.

The President also discussed upcoming events, including the pre-Bihu celebration scheduled for 10th January and a picnic planned later in January.

Rtn. Renu Goswami introduced the Guest Speaker, Rtn. Subhashish Goswami. Following his felicitation, the Guest Speaker delivered an engaging presentation titled *My Experience with Rotary and Guwahati*. He shared insights from his journey with Rotary and his reflections on the development of Guwahati over the years.

The Secretary's report recorded a total of 28 attendees, including 20 Rotarians, 7 Annes, and 1 guest. A sunshine collection of Rs. 220/- was noted.

The meeting concluded at 7:50 PM with a formal vote of thanks, followed by the rendition of the *Jatiya Sangeet*.





## THE 2323<sup>RD</sup> WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 2025

The 2323rd Weekly Rotary Meeting, held on 3rd January 2025, commenced with a delightful fellowship hosted by Rtn. Gayatree Goswamee, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees. The meeting was officially 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 heartfelt gratitude to Rtn. Gayatree Goswamee for hosting the fellowship and presented her with a token of appreciation. Birthday greetings were extended to President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa by Rtn. Tarun Bordoloi. During the session, the President also discussed and finalized the Pre-Bihu celebration date as 17th January.

The In-House Speaker, Rtn. Gayatree Goswamee, delivered an insightful talk titled *The Grace and Joy of*

*the Twilight Years* and also shared a motivational speech on embracing old age. The meeting was graced by the presence of two elderly residents from an Old Age Home, who are set to marry on 25th January. Additionally, the caretaker of the Old Age Home shared valuable insights about the challenges faced by the residents and his efforts in providing care.

The Secretary, Rtn. Priyama Goswami, presented the Secretarial Report, noting attendance as follows: 28 Rotarians, 8 Annes, 8 Guests, and 2 Rotaractors, making a total of 46 attendees. The Sunshine Collection amounted to ₹ 410.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Rtn. Dr Balendra Kr Das, after which President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa formally adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM. The session concluded with the rendition of the *Jatiya Sangeet*.





