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*"The river that flows in you also flows in me."*

*- Kabir*

## From the Editor

Rotary's primary plan for 2025 is to significantly increase its impact by focusing on eradicating polio, growing its membership base, and maximizing contributions to The Rotary Foundation, aiming to reach a \$2.025 billion Endowment Fund by 2025, all while prioritizing the areas of focus.

Way back in 1914, Paul P Harris wrote:

"We are here on earth and we are here to stay during our respectively allotted periods. How much of happiness and how much of misery shall be our share remains with us almost entirely to determine. If



we possess a modicum of reason, it will be apparent to us that it is the part of wisdom to cheerfully make the best of the situation and to harmonize our own lives with nature's inexorable laws. We are entitled to the maximum of happiness; and may we be sane enough to observe that the route to a life full of happiness does not lie in intemperate indulgence. We need and the world needs an optimistic, rational philosophy of life". (The Rotarian, February 1914)

These words are as relevant today as they were more than a century ago. As we move into the new year let us all work together toward fulfilling Rotary's mission of providing service to others, promoting integrity, advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace and working together to create a better world.



## DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME OF WOOLLEN SWEATERS, SHOES AND SOCKS AT NANDI MIKIR PRATHAMIK VIDYALAYA, CHASAL

On 18 January 2025, a distribution programme under the T.E.A.C.H initiative was successfully conducted at Nandi Mikir Prathamik Vidyalaya, Sachal, Six Mile. The programme focused on providing woollen sweaters, shoes, and socks to underprivileged school students. A total of 30 young students benefitted from this thoughtful initiative. The event was attended by several Rotarians, including President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa, AG Zone IX Rtn.

Rajesh Bhatra, Rtn. Minoti Borthakur, Rtn. Dr. Bibekananda Saikia, Rtn. Deepak Bhagawarti, Rtn. Manjusri Baruah, and Rtn. Priyama Goswami.

The entire program was skilfully organized by the Literacy Chair, Rtn. Dr. Anjana Chowdhury Saikia. It was a meaningful and impactful event, reinforcing the Rotary Club's commitment to supporting education and the welfare of underprivileged children.





## WORKSHOP ON SOAP MAKING

A skill development programme under the Women's Empowerment initiative was successfully conducted at Sanatana Mandir, located opposite Southpoint School. The session, led by resource person Mrs. Tamanna, focused on training participants in the art of making two types of natural herbal soaps using fruits and herbs. A total of 27 beneficiaries attended the programme, gaining valuable skills and knowledge in this craft.



## FUN, FROLIC AND CAMARADERIE

It was a fun-filled dayout for the RCGS family on the 26th January, Sunday at Paanbari Ethnic Village resort. With the able guidance of Rtn. President Rajkhowa and Secretary Priyama, the logistics were planned meticulously. Various games, lottery, singing and dancing kept everyone involved in joyful revelry in the vast open spaces of the resort. Delicious breakfast and lunch were served personally supervised by the proprietor Goswami and his partner.

Games such as *tekelibhonga*, passing the parcel, musical chair, *antakshari* of Assamese songs, fish your purse, among others, were sportingly participated in by all.

Prize winners of these games were (in random order), Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa, Rtn. Gayatree Goswami, Rtn. Manjushree Baruah, Rtn. Ranjana Bhuyan, Rtn. Priyama Goswami, Rtn. Anamika Choudhury, Rtn. Debo Hazarika and his family ( all four!)....

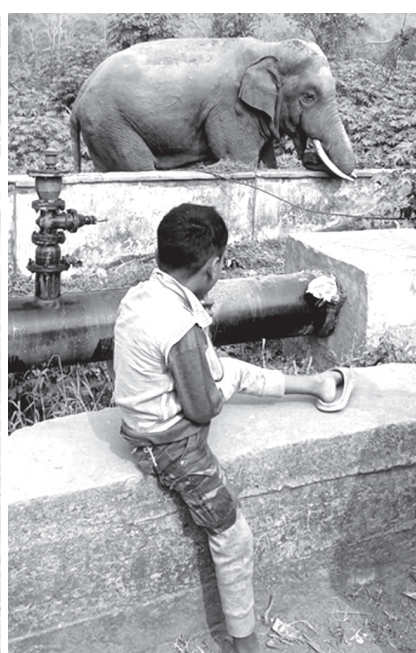
A lottery, with tickets priced at Rs 100/- was conducted by Rtn Paramesh Dev Choudhury. There were five prizes ranging from Rs 1000/- to Rs 200/- and 2 consolation prizes of Rs 100 each. The prize winners RtnPriyam Goswami, Rtn Devajyoti Hazarika, Rtn Gayatree Goswamee, Rtn Ranjana Gogoi, Anne Jayashree Hazarika, Anne Rina Borthakur, and Rotaylet Anmol Ray Goswami.

It was heartening to see our senior members enjoying the swings and losing themselves in their bygone days of childhood! Such special moments are to be cherished and captured in the core of our hearts for posterity with a smile on our faces.

Heartfelt gratitude is owed to Rtn. Balen Das for facilitating the booking of the resort and to all others concerned who made the day a memorable one.











## THE 2324<sup>TH</sup> WEEKLY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2025

The 2324th Weekly Rotary Meeting was held on January 17th, starting with a delightful Bihu delicacies fellowship hosted by the members and Annes, 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 and expressed his gratitude to the members and Annes for hosting the fellowship. Birthday greetings were extended to Rtn. Renu Goswami.

The Post-Bihu and Jyoti Divas celebrations began with a soulful rendition of *Jyoti Sangeet* performed by Rtn. Nibedita Barua, Anne Suravi Barooah, and Anne Purabi Hazarika. This was followed by an insightful presentation on Jyoti Prasad Agarwala by Rtn. Dr. Balendra Kr. Das.

Rtn Jayanta Barman sang two songs composed by Jyoti Prasad Agarwala. Rtn. Probin Barthakur also performed a melodious song by the legendary composer. Adding a fun element to the evening, Rtn. Priyam Goswami conducted an engaging game in which all attendees enthusiastically participated. The winners of the game were Anne Suravi Barooah and Rtn. Satender Anand. Rtn. Dr. R.N. Mazumder then delivered a brief talk on Bihu, followed by a lively Bihu song performance, during which Rtn. Ranjana Gogoi and other members joined in the dance.

The Secretary's report recorded an attendance of 39 participants, including 26 Rotarians, 10 Annes, 2 Rotarylets, and 1 guest. A sunshine collection of ₹ 350/- was noted. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Rtn Jayanta Barman, followed by the rendition of the *Jatiya Sangeet*.





