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### *From the Editor's Pen ...*



With Bohag Bihu comes in the flavour of fun and gaiety, heralding the newness that surround us....new leaves, new buds and flowers, new fledglings, new year! Spring brings with it the freshness of nature and the era of new beginnings. For April 2026, many Rotary districts and international initiatives have designated Environment Month as the focus, emphasizing sustainability, habitat restoration, and tackling plastic waste. While Maternal and Child Health was historically common, current 2026 initiatives strongly highlight protecting natural resources and Earth Day initiatives.

When Nature provides us so much beauty, serenity and freshness it becomes our moral duty to conserve, preserve and protect it with all our available resources of scientific research and human knowledge to understand the vital importance of our very co-existence in order to sustain life on this one Earth that we have. Hence, fellow Rotarians let us reflect our commitment to save Mother Earth now and forever with renewed verve and action.

## **Minutes of the 2386th Weekly Rotary Meeting**

The 2386th Weekly Regular Meeting of the Club was held on 3rd April 2026 at Hotel Rajdhani Regency. The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:30 PM sharp. The proceedings commenced with the National Anthem, followed by a warm welcome address by the President to all Rotarians, Annes, Rotarylets, and guests present.

The President presented tokens of appreciation to Rtn. Priyam Goswami and Rtn. Jyoti Das for hosting the fellowship of the evening. Birthday wishes were also conveyed to Rtn. Ram Mohan Hazarika and other members, although they were not present.

Rtn. P.D. Choudhury delivered a briefing on the District Governor's Official Visit held on 27th March 2026. He also apprised the house of the successful distribution of 11 food carts to needy beneficiaries on 29th March 2026, which marked the highest number in District 3240.

The Chief Guest, PDG Prabhat K. Kedia, was felicitated. The President then handed over the proceedings to Rtn. Dr. Priyam Goswami, who formally introduced the awardee, Miss Priyanka Dey, a visually impaired student from Moran Blind School.

Under the Archana & Atul Chandra Goswami Award for a Visually Impaired Student (2025–26), Miss Priyanka Dey was felicitated for her excellence in sports. She was honoured with a gamusa, a citation, and a cheque of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only), presented by the Chief Guest, PDG Prabhat K. Kedia, along with Rtn. Jyoti Das and the President, Rtn. Priyama Goswami. A gift bag containing essential items was also presented to her.

Miss Priyanka Dey expressed her heartfelt gratitude to RCGS. A 100% visually impaired student, she has been recognized for her remarkable passion and achievements in sports. She is the captain of the Assam Girls Blind Football Team and represented Assam in the North-East Zonal Blind Football Tournament, where her team emerged as runners-up against the host team from Mizoram. She was also awarded the title of *Best Emerging Player of the Year*. In addition to football, she actively plays cricket.

Academically bright, Priyanka is also passionate about music and is pursuing her Visharad degree. Her confidence, determination, and resilience were clearly reflected in her speech. She also rendered two Assamese songs, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all the attendees.

A total of 60 members and guests attended the meeting, including 41 Rotarians, 13 Annes, 2 visiting Rotarians, 1 guest, 2 Rotarylets, and 1 Rotaractor. The Sunshine Collection amounted to Rs. 320.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Rtn. Jamuna Prasad Sarma.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 PM with the rendition of the *Jatiyo Sangeet*.



# Minutes of the 2387th Weekly Rotary Meeting

The 2328th Weekly Rotary Meeting commenced promptly at 6:30 PM. The evening began with a fellowship offered by Rtn Biswadip Barooah. The meeting was chaired by President Rtn.Priyama Goswami and started with the National Anthem, followed by a warm welcome extended to all Rotarians, Annes, Rotaractors, and guests. The President expressed gratitude to Rtn Biswadip Barooah. for graciously offering the fellowship and presenting him with a token of appreciation. Birthday greetings were extended to Rtn. Rtn. Dr Amrit Pal Singh. The President Briefing of HTFI programme at Veterinary College and also updated about the HTFI on Hari Gayatri Das College, Azara, In - The in-house speaker, Rtn. Dr. Pritam Mohan, has delivered a talk on the topic "How Safe is Our Water?", he highlights

a vital aspect of our daily life. Safe water is essential for good health, as contaminated water can lead to various diseases and long-term health issues. Since we use water for drinking, cooking, and hygiene, ensuring its purity through proper filtration and clean storage is very important. The topic also reminds us to be responsible towards our environment, as pollution directly affects water quality. Overall, awareness and simple daily precautions can help protect our health and ensure a safer future for our community.

Meeting Statistics was presented by Secretary Rtn Dipinwita Ghosh 24 Rotarians, 6 Annes ,2 Rotarylets. Total 32 participants .Sunshine Collection: Rs. 250 . The Rtn Kaberi Bhuyan concluded the meeting with a formal vote of thanks and adjourned the session at 8:00PM. The proceedings ended with the

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of the Jatiya Sangeet.



# How to Face an Interview

6th April 2026, College of Veterinary Science, AAU Khanapara.

The third programme of How to Face an Interview for the Rotary year 2025-2026 was held for the students of the College of Veterinary Science, Assam Agricultural University, Khanapara on the 6th April 2026. The programme was organised by the Training and Placement Cell CVSc and coordinated by Dr Debajyoti Dutta, Chairman of Training and Placement Cell CVSc.

The Rotarians were warmly welcomed by Rtn Dr Bibekananda Saikia, Dean CVSc. The first session was taken by Rtn Swapan Jyoti Sarma who spoke on the strategies to be followed for the Personal Interview. He discussed the reasons that the interviewers seek to know during the interview, what are the probable questions that are asked and how best to answer them. He emphasised that an interview is not a question answer session; rather it should be like a conversation where a candidate is able to project how his skills and aptitude match the requirements of the position. The second session was taken by Rtn Priyam Goswami who spoke on the importance of Personality in preparing for the interview. She dwelt on the various aspects of personality and how the candidates can develop their personalities to prepare for the interview and also to face the workplace challenges. The final session was conducted by Rtn Atanu Kr. Chowdhury who spoke on the growing preference of corporates to conduct online interviews and the various techniques and strategies to be followed by the candidates.

The programme was attended by around 243 students, faculty members of CVSc and a large number of Rotarians were present in the programme. Among them were Rtn Dr. Bibekananda Saikia, Rtn Dr. Pritam Mohan, Rtn Tarun Ch Bordoloi, Rtn Dr Anil Mahanta, Rtn Devajyoti Hazarika, Rtn Jamuna Prasad Sarma, Mr Bishan Rai, Rtn Minoti Barthakur, Rtn Dr Anjana Choudhury Saikia, Rtn Renu Goswami, Rtn Kalpana Roy Singha, Rtn Dr.Indira Bardoloi, Rtn Manjusri Baruah, Rtn Rupali Kalita, President Rtn Priyama Goswami, Anne Kalpana Bordoloi and Rotarylets Pahi. The faculty members of CVSc expressed their thanks to RCGS for conducting the programme which would be of immense help to the students.



# How to Face an Interview

13th April 2026, Hari Gayatri College, Azara

The fourth programme of How to Face an Interview for the Rotary year 2025-26 was held for the students of Hari Gayatri College, Azara on the 13th April 2026.

The Rotarians were warmly welcomed by Rtn Dr Balendra Kumar Das, President of the Governing Body of the College, the Faculty Members and social workers associated with the college. The first session was taken by Rtn Tarun Chandra Bordoloi who spoke on the emergence of Artificial Intelligence and its importance in the preparation for interviews. The second session was taken by Rtn Swapan Jyoti Sarma who spoke on the strategies to be followed for the Personal Interview. He discussed the reasons that

the interviewers seek to know during the interview, what are the probable questions that are asked and how best to answer them. He emphasised that the candidates apply for the jobs/ positions which match

their qualifications, skills and interests. The third session was taken by Rtn Atanu Kr. Chowdhury who gave various tips to the candidates so that they are able to face the interviews with confidence.

The programme was attended by around 50 students, faculty members of the college and a large number of Rotarians. The faculty members of Hari Gayatri college expressed their views about the benefits of the programme and expressed their thanks to RCGS for conducting the programme.



# Rotary in the News

Rotary International is actively focusing on global health initiatives, including malaria vaccine research, and community-driven projects such as mobile eye clinics and, in India, distributing menstrual kits to 60,000 girls. Recent news highlights include electing Gurjeet Singh Sekhon as RI Director for 2027–29 and establishing a new Acute Child Care Unit in Pune.

## Rotary News & Updates:

**Health & Humanitarian Projects:** Rotary is investing \$4.7 million in community healthcare, with ongoing efforts in malaria vaccine development.

**Key Projects:** Recent initiatives include mobile eye clinics in North Kerala and providing reusable menstrual kits for 60,000 girls.

**Infrastructure:** A new Acute Child Care Unit (ACCU) was inaugurated at Pune's KEM Hospital through a joint effort by local clubs and international partners.

**Leadership Updates:** Gurjeet Singh Sekhon was elected as Rotary International Director for Zones 4 and 7 for the 2027–29 term.

**Upcoming Events:** Barcelona, Spain, has been chosen to host the Rotary International Convention from June 26–30, 2027.

**Women's Involvement:** RI District 3212 utilized a throwball tournament to boost women's engagement in local clubs

# Why we Should be Serious about Climate Change?

We should be serious about climate change because it isn't a distant or abstract problem—it's already reshaping the conditions that support human life, economies, and ecosystems.

First, climate change directly affects basic needs. Rising temperatures disrupt agriculture, water supplies, and fisheries. Regions that depend on predictable monsoons or seasonal patterns—like parts of India—are already seeing more erratic rainfall, droughts, and floods. This threatens food security and livelihoods, especially for vulnerable communities.

Second, extreme weather is becoming more intense. Heatwaves, cyclones, wildfires, and heavy rainfall events are increasing in frequency and severity. These aren't just environmental issues—they damage infrastructure, displace populations, and strain healthcare systems. For example, stronger storms in

the

Bay of Bengal region have had real human and economic costs.

Third, there are long-term risks that are hard to reverse. Melting glaciers, rising sea levels, and loss of biodiversity can reach tipping points. Scientific bodies like the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warn that some impacts could become irreversible if warming continues unchecked.

There's also a strong economic argument. Ignoring climate change is far more expensive than acting early. Damage from disasters, reduced productivity due to heat, and healthcare costs all add up. On the

flip side, transitioning to clean energy and sustainable systems creates new industries and jobs.

Finally, it's about fairness and responsibility. The people who contribute least to emissions—often poorer communities—are usually the most affected. Addressing climate change is tied to global justice as well as environmental protection.

In short, climate change isn't just an environmental issue—it's a risk multiplier that touches health, economy, security, and future stability. Taking it seriously now gives us more control over the outcome;

ignoring it means reacting to increasingly severe consequences later.