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Dear Esteemed Members of RCGS,

As we step into the New Year 2026, I extend my warmest greetings and heartfelt wishes to each one of you and your families.

The past year has been a journey of togetherness, service, learning, and commitment. Your dedication, unity, and active participation have strengthened the spirit of Rotary Club of Gauhati South and enabled us to serve our community with compassion and purpose. I am deeply grateful for your constant support and cooperation.

May 2026 bring new opportunities, renewed energy, good health, and happiness to all. Let us continue to uphold the values of Rotary, work hand in hand, and strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Together, I am confident that we will achieve greater milestones and create lasting impact.

Wishing you and your loved ones a year filled with peace, prosperity, success, and joy.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Rtn. Priyama Goswami, President, RCGS.

From the Editor's Pen ...

A better version of ourselves...

New year resolutions are a good idea if done in right earnest.

It is a good idea to break up the year's goals and follow its progress over the 12 months of the year. I have taken a new perspective of this in the sense that if my resolution for the year is to lessen screen time and increase fitness schedules then I have to make sure I adhere to these habits with a stop check every three or four months. Just to make sure I am in sync with the new year resolutions I made! It is a promise to oneself towards self-improvement.

Similarly, health has to be made a priority in our resolution list. Often one tends to neglect this area and realise the mistake when it is too late.

It is the time now to reflect on where we have come, where we are now and where we are going to go. In short, what are we doing with our lives every day.

So fellow Rotarians, let us take time out now and live better versions of ourselves first to be able to serve others.

Let this be our gift to ourselves in the spirit of Joy of Giving in the season of Yuletide.

This issue carries a New Year message from our President as a promise to re-dedicate ourselves to the larger good of humanity and become better versions of ourselves.

Wishing you all a very meaningful and fruitful New Year ahead..! HAPPY 2026!



Minutes of the 2371st Weekly Rotary Meeting held on 19th December, 2025

The 2371st Weekly Regular Meeting of the club was held on 19th December 2025 at Rajdhani Regency Hotel. The meeting was called to order by the President precisely at 6:30 PM. Following the rendition of the National Anthem, the President warmly welcomed all Rotarians, Annes, and guests present.

The President felicitated Rtn. Minoti Barthakur in appreciation of her gracious offer of fellowship. Birthday greetings were extended to Rtn. Jamuna Prasad Sarma by Rtn. Minoti Barthakur, while anniversary greetings were conveyed to Rtn. P. M. Goswami & Anne Mayuri, Rtn. Jayanta Barman & Anne Alakananda and Rtn. Atanu Kumar Chowdhury & Anne Arunima.

The birthday celebration was marked by the ceremonial cutting of the cake by Rtn. Minoti Barthakur, followed by the presentation of heartfelt birthday gifts. The occasion was further enlivened by a melodious birthday song rendered by Rtn. Prabin Barthakur. The celebration was filled with warmth and cheer as the cake was cut amidst love, applause, and joyful camaraderie. The entire programme was beautifully enriched with melodious performances by several club members, including Rtn. P. M. Goswami, Rtn. Jayanta Barman, Rtn. Nibedita Barua, Rtn. Prabin Barthakur, Rtn. Dipanwita Ghosh, Rtn. Rajesh Bhatra, Rotarylet Upasana, and Anne Jayashree, creating a truly harmonious and memorable atmosphere. Adding to the joy of the evening were heartfelt birthday gifts and two delightful jokes presented by Rtn. Manjushri Barua, which brought smiles and laughter to all present. Overall, it was a wonderful evening filled with music, laughter, and fellowship, making the celebration truly special and memorable.

Thereafter, the Secretarial Report was presented. The meeting was attended by 35 Rotarians, 6 Annes, 4 Rotarylets, and 1 Rotaractor, making a total of 46 attendees. The Sunshine Collection amounted to Rs 250.00.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Rtn. Atanu Kumar Chowdhury. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM, followed by the rendition of the Jatiyo Sangeet.





Sharing Smiles: Sports Items and Fellowship at Parijat Academy

On 24th December 2025, the Rotary Club of Gauhati South, in association with Parijat Academy, organized a meaningful service programme at Garbhanga School, a small residential school situated in a remote village. The school provides co-education to around 85 children, many of whom are orphans. The children, some as young as four years old, reside in the school hostel. The institution is run with great dedication by only two teachers, who work on a very modest salary. There are no admission or tuition fees; students contribute only Rs.100 per week (Rs. 400 per month) for food, and the school often uses donated books from Assamese-medium schools. The school is lovingly nurtured by Mr. Prakash Sharma, who also serves as one of the main teachers. In his address, he expressed the school's greatest need additional teachers. We also shared that after discussing the matter in the WRM, we will plan how we can help support their needs.

The children, who were remarkably disciplined, welcomed the Rotarians with songs by Zubeen Garg and Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, devotional bhajans, and dance performances. RCGS organized a drawing competition and presented prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions, along with chocolates, storybooks, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, and other stationery. Consolation prizes were also distributed. The Club further donated several sports items including footballs, skipping ropes, badminton sets, ludo and chess games etc.

Members personally served lunch to the children, followed by a fellowship lunch together. The entire programme was filled with warmth, joy, and heartfelt interaction, making it a truly memorable day of service and compassion.

Members Present:

Rtn. Jayanta Barman, Rtn. Atanu Kumar Chowdhury, Rtn. Swapanjyoti Sharma, Rtn. Jayanta Goswami, Rtn. Rajesh Bhattacharya, Rtn. Nawajyoti Sharma, Rtn. P. M. Goswami, Rtn. Dipak Bhagawati, Rtn. Probin Barthakur, Rtn. Priyama Goswami, Rtn. Manjusri Baruah, Rtn. Gayatree Goswamee, Rtn. Jyoti Das, Rtn. Indira Bardoloi, Anne Mayuri Goswami, Anne Rina Barthakur, Anne Alakananda Barthakur, Anne Loni Bhagawati, and Anne Runima.

The visit truly reflected the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self," spreading happiness and hope among the children of Garbhanga School



Minutes of the 2372nd Weekly Rotary Meeting held on 26th December, 2025

The 2372nd Weekly Regular Meeting of the Club was held on 26 December 2025 at Hotel Rajdhani Regency. The President called the meeting to order at exactly 6:30 PM. Following the National Anthem, the President warmly welcomed all Rotarians, Annes, Rotarylets, and guests present.

The President felicitated Rtn. Sweta Pegu for offering the fellowship on the occasion and extended birthday greetings to her.

The President also requested the members who have not yet paid their annual dues to kindly do so at the earliest to ensure the smooth functioning of the Club.

Rtn. Dr. Anil Mahanta briefed the members about the upcoming Free Health Awareness and Cancer Detection Camp. Rtn. Nawajyoti Sharma shared his experiences from the visit to an underprivileged school on 24 December 2025, where the Club organized a meaningful service programme at Garbhanga Parijat Academy, a small residential school in a remote village.

Sports items were donated, members spent quality time with the children, and lunch was served to 85 students.

Rtn. Rupali Kalita introduced the Guest Speaker, PDRR Rtn. Dr. Mantu Paul. Rtn. Rupali Kalita introduced the Guest speaker PDRR Rtn Dr Mantu Paul.

After the felicitation of the Guest Speaker, PDRR Rtn. Dr. Mantu Paul, he addressed the gathering with a PowerPoint presentation on the topic "Knowing Rotaract – The Young Vibe of Rotary." In his presentation, Mr. Paul offered valuable insights into the purpose and significance of Rotaract and also highlighted the key rules and regulations governing the organization .

Following this, the Secretarial Report was presented. A total of 33 members and guests attended the meeting, including 27 Rotarians, 2 Annes, 2 Rotarylets, and 2 visiting Rotarians/guests. The Sunshine Collection amounted to Rs. 230.00.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Rtn. Gayatree Goswami. The meeting concluded at 7:35 PM with the rendition of the Jatiyo Sangeet.



Report on Mega Free Cancer Detection, Cure & Awareness Camp

On 28th December 2025, the Rotary Club of Gauhati South, in association with the Assam Cancer Care Foundation, Dharapur Anchalik Jestha Nagarik Xamaj, and Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya, organised a Mega Free Cancer Detection, Cure and Awareness Camp, along with screening for other lifestyle diseases. The programme was held at the premises of Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya, Dharapur, Guwahati-781017.

The camp commenced at 10:00 AM. A senior specialist, Rtn. Dr. Anil Mahanta, along with two general physicians and two nurses provided by Nemcare Hospital, rendered their valuable services. In addition, several other doctors and nursing staff were present and actively participated in the programme.

A total of 63 patients availed medical consultation during the camp. A dedicated unit for breast cancer screening was also set up, and many women came forward for examination. Those requiring further investigation were referred to the Assam Cancer Care Foundation for advanced tests, free of cost.

This meaningful initiative was led by Rtn. Dr. Balendra Kumar Das and Rtn. Dr. Anil Mahanta. Thirteen Rotarians attended and supported the event, contributing to its smooth and successful execution.

The programme was widely appreciated and was also covered in the local daily newspaper, Doinik Axom, dated 25th December 2025.



Storytelling Programme at New Guwahati Adarsa Primary School

On 30 December 2025, a joyful and inspiring Storytelling Programme was jointly organized by the Rotary Club of Gauhati South and Gyan Vigyan Samity Asom (Guwahati Branch) at New Guwahati Adarsa Primary School. Nearly 90 enthusiastic students attended the session.

The programme was beautifully conducted by Dr. Indira Bardoloi, Dr. Gayatree Goswamee, Dr. Utpal Barua, Dr. Kalpana Roy Singha, Ms. Monima Goswami, Ms. Purabi Sarma, Rtn. Renu Goswami, and President Rtn. Priyama Goswami, who narrated a variety of engaging stories filled with moral values. The President shared the famous story of the Monkey and the Crocodile, gently reminding the children that in times of difficulty and danger, presence of mind and wise thinking can help us overcome challenges.

The key objective of the programme was to help children understand the importance of respecting parents, loving and protecting nature, appreciating great human values, and learning about contributions to society, including our tea industry. The atmosphere became even more delightful when Dr. P. M. Goswami sang a melodious song, much to the children's joy.

The students listened with excitement and thoroughly enjoyed the entire session. The Headmaster, Mr. Bhuban Mahajan, expressed heartfelt appreciation to both organizations for nurturing values essential for the holistic development of the children.

The programme concluded on a sweet note with the distribution of chocolates and biscuits sponsored by RCGS and Gyan Vigyan Samity, leaving the children smiling happily.



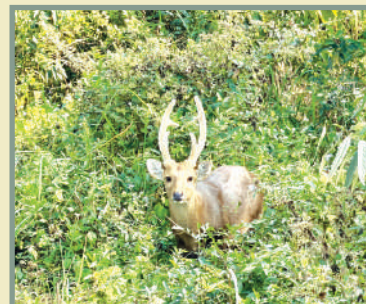
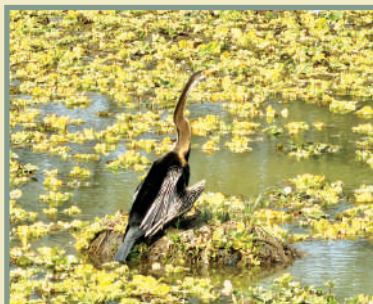
**A Day of Joy, Fellowship, and Creativity : Sports Items Distribution & Drawing Competition
at Parijat Academy and Garbhanga School 24th December, 2025**



1st Prize : Bhaiti Rongpi, Class - VII



2nd Prize : Sujit Rongson, Class - VI



A glimpse of the rich biodiversity of the Bagori range, Kaziranga. (28th December, 2025)

Photo by Rtn. Atanu Kr. Chowdhury

RCGS conveys warm greetings to all

Anniversaries in January 2026

Rtn Sahenshar Akbar Musrikin &	
Rtn Anne Runima	- 7th January
Rtn Rupam Das & Anne Gariyashi	- 16th January
Rtn Apurba Das & Anne Somya Misra	- 16th January
Rtn Sarat Chandra Oja & Anne Rani	- 25th January
Rtn Gaytri Barthakur	
& Spouse Pronip Kr. Borthakur	- 30th January

Anniversaries in January 2026

Rtn Chandan Rajkhowa	- 1st January
Rtn Arman Ahmed	- 1st January
Rtn Barun Barpujari	- 1st January
Rtn Paramesh Dev Choudhury	- 1st January
Rtn Jyoti Das	- 7th January
Rtn. Renu Goswami	- 15th January
Rtn. Nawajyoti Sharma	- 24th January
Rtn. Jayanta Barman	- 28th January