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## FORTNIGHTLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GAUHATI SOUTH (RI DIST 3240)

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



The 6th of July 2025 was a landmark day for Rotary Club of Gauhati South.

It marked the end of the 47th year and heralded the beginning of the 48th year...our 48th birthday!

A nascent Club of 1977 has matured into adulthood and now is at its prime. A robust, healthy, resourceful entity that promises a bright future not only for itself but for all those that it touches and will touch for years to come.

Carrying aloft the ideals of Rotary, flashing the banner of The Four Way Test, RCGS stands proud today, revisiting its mission of Service Above Self.

*Unite For The Good* says our International Presidential theme and with that vision in mind we Rotarians pledge to do our bit to make a change in other's lives...lives that matter, lives that need our hands to hold them to better and meaningful living.

The first issue of our bulletin Udayan of the new Rotary year covers important events such as the memorable installation evening, the reports on Doctor's Day as celebrated by us each year, awards received, minutes of the first RWM and photos galore.

Wishing our new team of leaders in RCGS the very best in the Rotary year 2025-26.

We believe the best is yet to come... let us all stand together to make a difference.

Vive La Rotary!

### Change of Guard



# 48th Installation & WRM 2346 – Rotary Club of Gauhati South

The 48th Installation & WRM 2346 of the Rotary Club of Gauhati South was held on 6th July 2025 at Hotel Rajdhani Regency from 6:00 PM to 8:20 PM. The program commenced with President (2024–25) Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa calling the meeting to order. This was followed by the National Anthem, after which tokens of appreciation were presented to Rtn. Manjusri Baruah, Rtn. Dipanwita Ghosh, Rtn. Dipak Bhagawati, and Rtn. Priyama Goswami for hosting the fellowship segment of the programme. The proceedings were then handed over to the Master of Ceremony, Rtn. Sweta Pegu. In his opening remarks, he acknowledged and appreciated the dedication and hard work of the entire 2024–25 team for their successful journey and impactful projects.

The ceremonial lighting of the lamp was performed by the Guest of Honour, Smt. Abhishruti Bezbaruah, AG Vikash Bajaj, and senior dignitaries of the club, followed by a soulful invocation by Anne Mahmuda Begum. The welcome address was delivered by Rtn. Atanu Kr. Chowdhury, and a beautiful welcome song - *Aji Mondiror Duar Khula*, written and composed by Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha, was performed by members of RCGS. The Chief Guest, Shri Nitumoni Saikia, was escorted to the dais by Sgt.-at-Arms Rtn. Dr. P. M. Goswami, along with the Guest of Honour, Smt. Abhishruti Bezbaruah. AG Rtn. Vikash Bajaj was then invited to the dais, escorted by Rtn. Jamuna Prasad Sarma.

The felicitation of the Chief Guest was carried out by Rtn. Minoti Barthakur, while the Guest of Honour was felicitated by Rtn. Anjana Choudhury Saikia, and the AG was felicitated by Rtn. Jamuna Prasad Sarma. President Rtn. Chandan Rajkhowa delivered a heartfelt speech, reflecting on his journey. This was followed by the Secretary's report by Rtn. Priyama Goswami, who presented an excellent and informative PowerPoint presentation highlighting all the impactful projects conducted by RCGS during the year.

The incoming President (Rtn. Priyama Goswami) and Secretary (Rtn. Dipanwita Ghosh) for RY 2025–2026 were then invited to the dais, and the collars were ceremoniously handed over. The new officers for 2025–26 were introduced, and lapel pins were

presented by the President. A beautifully designed souvenir was released by the Chief Guest, Shri Nitumoni Saikia, assisted by Rtn. Anurekha Barkakoti.

AG Vikash Bajaj delivered his remarks and inducted new members into the club. Anne Runima Musrik introduced the Guest of Honour, Smt. Abhishruti Bezbaruah. The Guest of Honour, a renowned singer, delivered a deeply engaging speech in which she praised the Rotary theme "Unite for Good", shared insights on the beauty of Assamese music, her inspiring journey to Bollywood, and her strong connection to her Assamese roots. She concluded with a stunning performance of a popular Bihu song, which captivated the entire audience.

Further introductions were carried out by Rtn. Gayatree Goswamee, who introduced the Chief Guest, Shri Nitumoni Saikia. The Chief Guest, a respected journalist, gave a powerful and emotional speech, expressing heartfelt gratitude for being invited. He congratulated the Rotary Club for its meaningful, people-centric projects and extended his best wishes to the new team of 2025–26.

President (2025–26) Rtn. Priyama Goswami delivered her first official speech, expressing deep gratitude for the opportunity and accepting the responsibility of upholding the rich legacy of RCGS 3240. She highlighted key focus areas for the club and emphasized unity, innovation, and community service.

Two new members were inducted on this occasion. Rtn. Sasanka Bhattacharyya, a former Rotaractor and Ms. Rupali Kalita were introduced to the gathering with a formal oath taking ceremony.

Secretary (2025–26) Rtn. Dipanwita Ghosh presented club statistics for the meeting. The event saw vibrant and enthusiastic participation, with 45 Rotarians, 20 Annes, 16 Guests, 4 Rotarylets, and 6 Rotaractors, bringing the total attendance to 91 and Sunshine collection of Rs 630/- (Six hundred and thirty only).

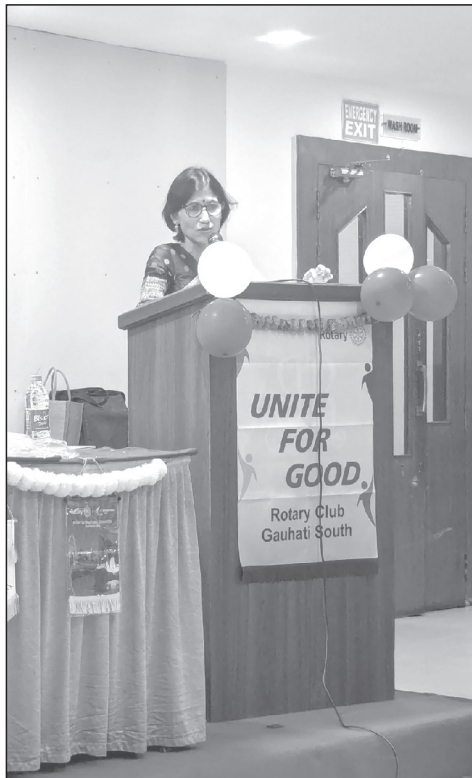
The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Rtn. Kaberi Bhuyan, followed by the *Jatiya Sangeet*.

The meeting was then formally adjourned by President (2025–26) Rtn. Priyama Goswami.

The evening concluded with dinner. ■■■









# Celebration of National Doctors' Day

Organized by Rotary Club of Gauhati South

Venue: East End Nursing Home, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati, Date: 1st July 2025

On July 1st, the Rotary Club of Gauhati South (RCGS) celebrated National Doctors' Day at East End Nursing Home, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati.

The program began with a welcome speech by IPP Rtn Chandan Rajkhowa, who spoke about the significance of National Doctors' Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, and highlighted his immense contributions to the field of medicine in India.

This was followed by a speech by the President, Rtn Priyama Goswami, who appreciated the dedication of doctors and emphasized the importance of recognizing their relentless service to society.

As a mark of respect and gratitude, seven senior doctors were felicitated with a traditional *Assamese Gamusa*, a certificate, and gift hampers from both RCGS and Amul.

The felicitations were carried out by senior Rotarians as follows:

- Dr. Nilutpal Das was felicitated by Rtn Minoti Borthakur
- Dr. Devashish was felicitated by IPP Rtn Chandan Rajkhowa
- Dr. R. L. Sarmah was felicitated by Rtn Gayatri Bhattacharyya
- Dr. Ujjal Chakravarty was felicitated by Rtn P. D. Choudhury
- Dr. Santanu Borthakur was felicitated by Rtn Devajyoti Hazarika
- Dr. Ruplekha Chakravarty was felicitated by Rtn Manjushri Baruah
- Dr. Tridib Goswami was felicitated by Rtn Renu Goswami

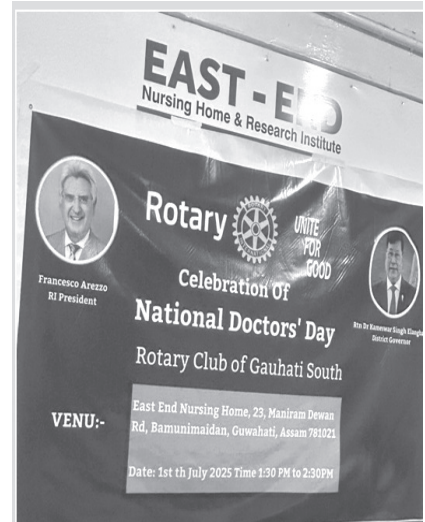
Following the felicitations, Dr. Ujjal Chakravarty expressed his heartfelt gratitude to RCGS for organizing such a meaningful celebration of Doctors' Day and for honouring the contributions of medical professionals. He thanked the club on behalf of all the doctors present.

The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Ruplekha Chakravarty, who warmly acknowledged the efforts of the Rotary Club and all participants for making the event special and memorable.

The senior Rotarians present at the event were:

Rtn Gayatri Bhattacharyya, Rtn Chandan Rajkhowa, Rtn Renu Goswami, Rtn P. D. Choudhury, Rtn Devajyoti Hazarika, Rtn Manjushri Baruah, Rtn Dr. P. M. Goswami, Rtn Dr. Minoti Borthakur, Rtn Ranjan Bhuyan, Rtn Dipak Bhagawati, Rtn Anjan Chakravarty

The event was attended by 16 members, including Rotarians, Rotarylets Priya and Preety, Rotaractors, as well as several doctors and nursing staff. The program highlighted the invaluable service of doctors and expressed deep appreciation for their dedication and care. ■■■



# Veterans Speak



Rtn. Satinder Anand

- *Joined in 1988, Completed 37 years*
- *Late Rtn. B.K. Bhuyan Sir and Late Rtn. D. K. Kakoti Sir. For their Discipline & Commitment.*
- *It works as a Unit / Family and is very committed in undertaking Society Activities for the overall upliftment of the society.*
- *It's Bondness: It's "We" [attitude] over "I" is very much appreciated.*
- *I am very proud of RCGS – in selecting good people of the society as Rotarians who contribute immensely in upliftment of the club.*
- *The various activities over the years undertaken by RCGS groomed me in particular as a responsible citizen of the society.*

## In brief:

I am honoured to be inducted as a Rotarian and have seen it growing in leaps & bounds over the year. My late father Mr. O. P. Anand was a dedicated Rotarian and during his tenure along with able support of Late Rtn. B. K. Bhuyan, Rtn. D. K. Kakoti and Rtn. Bhattacharjee – RCGS was born.

Best Wishes

Rtn. Satinder Anand



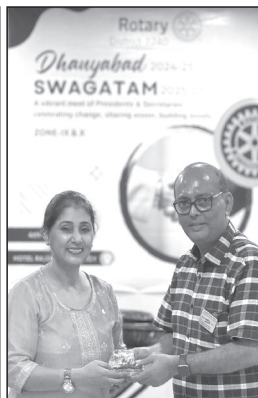
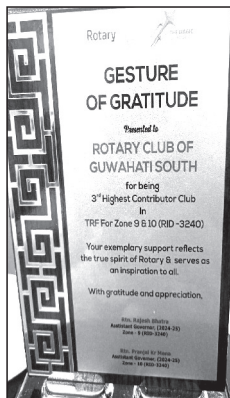
Rtn Mahim Ch. Deka

- *34 years since Sept/90.*
- *Came in contact with earlier Charter Member of RCGS Late B.K.Bhuyan at Digboi during 1987- 88. I was very much inspired by his Rotary spirit. I was inducted to the RCGS during the President-ship of Rtn. N.B. Borthakur, an extra-ordinary category of Rotarian with other veteran Rotarians like Late S.K. Bhattacharjee, Late D.K. Kakoti, Late B.D. Sarma and others.*
- *I have been in Rotary since July, 1978 being a member of Rotary Club of Doom Dooma where I was serving as the President for two terms in 1983-84 and 1984-85 after which I was appointed as Governor's Group representative(G.G.R) and thereafter as GSR for Rotary Club of Digboi(Old) . Elected President of RCGS for 2000-01. Being able to serve Rotary in such capacities there was definite improvement in quality of life and self growth.*
- *RCGS always a granary of intellectuals from different fields and their involvements in various rotary activities are motivational factors in Rotary.*
- *Since childhood social service was my hobby and through Rotary i have found a very appropriate social platform to pursue my hobby and follow Rotary's Motto in practical life.*
- *Able to maintain a relation with an International Organisation like the Rotary, I could attend the International Rotary Convention held in Bankok from 6th May to 9th May, 2012 which fulfilled one of my dreams in life. Having being able to come in contact with so many distinguished personnels and intellectuals from various fields. It has helped a lot to be a better person and take pride in being a Rotarian.*

Best Wishes

Rtn Mahim Ch. Deka

## Official Recognition of Rotary Club of Gauhati South as the third highest contributor to TRF in Zone IX and Zone X





# Minutes of the 2347th Weekly Rotary Meeting (WRM)

Date: 11th July 2025, Venue: Hotel Rajdhani Regency

The 2347th Weekly Rotary Meeting commenced on a poised and graceful note as President Rtn Priyama Goswami called the gathering to order at 6:55 PM. In her opening address, she warmly welcomed all members and guests, sharing her enthusiasm and vision for the new Rotary year. She emphasized the values of unity and purposeful service, setting an inspiring tone for the evening. The National Anthem was then sung in unison.

Following this, President Rtn Priyama Goswami extended a personal welcome to all attendees and introduced the evening's esteemed guests, acknowledging the collective support that drives the club's mission. As a gesture of appreciation, a rose was presented to Rtn Dipak Chakravarty in recognition of his generous contribution in sponsoring the evening's fellowship.

Birthday wishes were cheerfully extended to Rtn Dipak Bhagawati, Rtn Gayatri Borthakur, and Rtn Indira Bordoloi, while warm anniversary greetings were offered to Rtn Dipak Chakravarty and Anne Madhumita, both met with hearty applause from the audience.

A special moment of recognition followed as Immediate Past President (IPP) Rtn Chandan Rajkhowa presented a memento to Dr. Pritam Mohan, honouring his gracious presence and ongoing support for the Rotary cause in 2024–25. In a thoughtful gesture, Rtn P.D. Chowdhury presented two of his own authored books—both reflective of Rotary's values and philosophy—to the club. Additionally, a symbolic Rotary keyring was handed over to Secretary for RY 2025–26, Rtn Dipanwita Ghosh, as a token of goodwill and encouragement for the path ahead.

President Rtn Priyama Goswami also announced the

upcoming Club Assembly, urging active participation from all members. She highlighted the importance of collaboration and encouraged members to come prepared with notes on proposed projects for the Rotary year.

Rtn Jamuna Prasad Sarma then introduced the evening's Guest Speaker, Dr. Ashim Bora, Senior Research Officer in the Department of Tribal Affairs, Government of Assam. Dr. Bora, a distinguished scholar and cultural luminary, has received multiple accolades, including the prestigious Assam Icon Award by the Times Group in 2023. In addition to his academic contributions, Dr. Bora is also a renowned poet and lyricist, embodying a rare fusion of intellect and artistry.

Dr. Bora's address, titled *Lost Link – Assam Was Once an Epicenter of Indian Culture*, was a captivating exploration of Assam's ancient cultural significance. Through an engaging narrative of historical facts and forgotten tales, he illuminated Assam's central role in India's civilizational journey, earning admiration and applause from the members of RCGS.

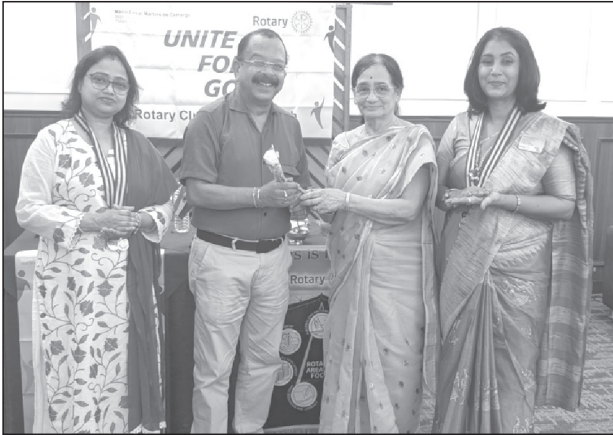
The Secretarial Report was presented by Rtn Dipanwita Ghosh. Attendance for the evening included 38 Rotarians, 6 Annes, 2 guests, 3 Rotarylets, and 1 Rotaractor, totaling 50 attendees. The Sunshine Collection for the evening amounted to Rs. 550.

Rtn Manjusri Baruah proposed the formal Vote of Thanks, expressing heartfelt appreciation to all dignitaries, speakers, and members for their valuable presence and contributions that made the evening a resounding success.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the *Jatiya Sangeet*, and President Rtn Priyama Goswami adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM. ■■■









## Meet Our New Rotarians



**Rtn. Sasanka Bhattacharya**, a banking officer with Axis Bank, formerly a Rotaractor of South Guwahati. A keen and polite gentleman Rtn. Sasanka has been a familiar face in our RWMs. He is a positive, service driven personality and we look forward for his proactive contribution in RCGS. Rtn. Sasanka Bhattacharyya is associated with the Rotary movement since 4 years through Rotaract. He is the Immediate Past President of Rotaract Club of South Guwahati and has been appointed as District Chairperson: The Four-Way Test in the Rotaract District Council 2025-26 for RID 3240. Sasanka works closely with *Pragya Mahila Sora*, a senior citizen's organisation working on educating underprivileged children and uplifting young talents. As a member of Rotary Club of Gauhati South, Sasanka desires to touch lives of more people and build a better world while carrying Rotary's message to *Unite for Good*. We welcome him to our fold.



### **Rtn. Rupali Kalita**

A degree in Microfinance from Boulder Institute of Microfinance, USA Rupali Kalita made banking her career working for LDR bank, a RRB sponsored by State Bank of India. She joined RVGN and served as Director, Microfinance after working in the rural sector for nearly 20 years. She retired as MD & CEO of NESF Bank in October 2023.

At present she is associated with *Karunadhara*, an NGO working for the betterment of mentally and physically challenged children in Assam. Her hobbies are traveling, cooking and reading.

She hopes to be a contributing member of RCGS in the field of community service.

We welcome her to our fold.

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- Have a strong academic record and bachelor's degree
- Demonstrate leadership potential and commitment to community service
- Have at least three years of relevant work experience for the master's program or five years for the certificate program
- Be proficient in English
- Not be an active Rotary member or employee.

### **RCGS conveys warm greetings to all**

#### **Anniversaries in July :**

Rtn. Dipak Chakraborty  
& Anne Madhumita - 7th July

#### **Birthdays :**

Rtn. Dipak Bhagawati - 9th July  
Rtn. Gayatri Borthakur - 9th July  
Rtn. Indira Bordoloi - 10th July  
Rtn. Anurekha Barkakoti - 16th July  
Rtn. Sasanka Bhattacharyya - 19th July  
Rtn. Dilip Sarkar - 31st July

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