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From the Editor's Pen ...



Winter in the air.....

November heralds the message that

winter is in the air, treading slowly with that nip at dawn progressing to a bright sunny day with soft breeze caressing the hearts and spirits of all.

People step out to enjoy these moments, to come out of their homes for outings and picnics in open fields and parks. We feel energized to do something that pleases the mind and the soul.

People throng public places and the most recent is the long riverside park at Kasari Ghat inaugurated on November 6th 2025 by our respected Finance Minister Smti Nirmala Sitharaman.

Guwahati has a new feather in its cap to adorn!

Children's Day is celebrated nationwide with fun, gaiety and outings and Guwahati now provides ample venues for such joyful experiences and to keep that child in you alive.

The month of November also carries the important message for us Rotarians.

The theme for November in Rotary International is Rotary Foundation Month, focusing on promoting the work and impact of The Rotary Foundation. This theme supports the global initiatives of Rotary clubs by highlighting how their contributions address critical issues through the Foundation.

Let us be a wilful contributor and help impact the world in serving humanity. Yes a small step on our part but a significant leap for mankind as a whole.

Minutes of the 2364 th Weekly Rotary Meeting held on 31st October 2025

Minutes of the 2364th Weekly Regular Meeting (WRM) Held on: 31st October 2025 Venue: Rajdhani Regency Hotel

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:00 PM sharp. Following the National Anthem, the President welcomed all Rotarians, Annes, and guests present.

The President felicitated Rtn. Sunil Saikia and Rtn. Robin Sharma for sponsoring the evening's fellowship. The President then shared her and CSR Chair Rtn. Nawajyoti Sharma's experiences regarding the challenges faced during documentation while submitting reports to SBI, and the reason behind their visit to Jorhat. She also informed the members that, like in previous years,

RCGS has decided to sponsor two students for RYLA this year as well. Mr. Pranay Jalan then briefed the attendees about how he resolved the issue of the RCGS website domain, which had been taken over by another person and was displaying inappropriate adult content. After his presentation, Mr. Pranay Jalan was felicitated by the President.

Subsequently, Rtn. Devadyoti Hazarika introduced the Guest Speaker, Dr. Purnima Devi Barman. After her felicitation, Dr. Barman addressed the gathering, sharing her inspiring journey as a UNEP Champion, and how her passion for saving the Greater Adjutant Stork (Hargila) led her to dedicate her life to nature conservation. She narrated motivational stories, spoke about the challenges she faced as a woman, and explained how she built a large conservation network across India and abroad. She urged everyone to join hands in her mission to protect the Stork and Nature.

Rtn. Anurekha Barkakoti then informed the members that the Udayan magazine's theme colors would be black and white, in line with the approved budget. She also handed over two books published in

memory of her late parents to the President, for placement in the RCGS Trust Office Library.

In the absence of the regular Secretary, Rtn. Gayatree Goswami officiated as Secretary and presented the Secretarial Report.

Attendance recorded: Rotarians: 27, Annes: 8, Guests: 7, Rotarylets 3. Total attendance: 45

The Sunshine Collection amounted to Rs. 1,110/- (Rupees One Thousand One Hundred and Ten only).

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Rtn. Dr R.N. Mazumder, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM after the rendition of the Jatiyo Sangeet.



Save Bhorolu Campaign with RCGS

Human Chain Programme for Bharalu River Conservation Organized by: Rotary Club of Gauhati South in association with Save Bharalu Abhiyan Date: 2nd November 2025

Venue: Mora Bharalu, near Barsapara Stadium, Guwahati

The Rotary Club of Gauhati South, in association with Save Bharalu Abhiyan, organized a Human Chain Programme to raise awareness about the urgent need to protect and restore the Bharalu River, one of Guwahati's most vital waterways.

The event, held near Mora Bharalu close to Barsapara Stadium, witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 65 individuals, including several eminent personalities and the Mayor of the area.

Participants carried placards and banners appealing to the government and civic authorities to take immediate and sustainable measures for the river's cleaning, desiltation, and removal of illegal encroachments along its banks.

Speakers at the event emphasized that the Bharalu River has suffered immense damage due to unplanned urbanization, indiscriminate dumping of waste, and the lack of timely intervention by the concerned authorities.

The Rotary Club of Gauhati South reaffirmed its commitment to supporting environmental causes and urged citizens to join hands in the mission to revive and protect the Bharalu River for future generations.

President Rtn. Priyama Goswami, Rtn. Manjusri Baruah, Rtn. R.N. Mazumder, Rtn. Dipak Bhagawati, and Rtn. Dr. Hitesh Baruah participated in the morning Human Chain programme. In the afternoon session, Rtn. Dr. Bolandra Kr. Das, Rtn. Jyoti Das, Rtn. Ranjan Bhuyan, Rtn. Swapanjyoti Sharma, and Rtn. R.N. Mazumder were present.



Flag Exchange

On 1st November 2025 Rotary Club of Gauhati South had the wonderful opportunity to exchange its club flag with Dr. Satyakam Baruah from the Rotary Club of Amrita, District 3011. The flag exchange took place at the residence of Rtn. Indira Bardoloi in a warm and cordial setting.

The event served as a symbol of Rotary fellowship and unity, fostering goodwill and strengthening ties between the two clubs. During the interaction, members shared their experiences, discussed ongoing community service projects, and explored possibilities for future collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

Awareness Programme on Save Bhorolu

On 12th November 2025, Rotary Club of Gauhati South, in association with Sukhinah Bhavantu and Save Bharalu Abhiyan, organized an Awareness Programme on the topic "Protection and Cleanliness of Bharalu." The programme was held at Sukhinah Bhavantu, Premalaya, House No. 12A, Mathuranagar, Dispur, Guwahati-781006. Before the programme, Sukhinah Bhavantu organized a yoga session. After that, the resource person, Rtn. Dr. R. N. Mazumder, gave an insightful talk on the Bharalu River. He presented a PPT showcasing the history of the Bharalu and Bahi i rivers, explaining how these rivers once supported fishing and how they have now deteriorated into polluted drains. Dr. Mazumder also highlighted how he has mobilized people to come forward in support of the Abhiyan and the initiatives he is taking to clean and save the Bharalu River. Many members of Sukhinah Bhavantu were present, along with Rotarians including President Rtn. Priyama Goswami, Treasurer Rtn. Divajyoti Hazarika, Rtn. Dipak Bhagawati, Rtn. Minoti Barthakur.



Minutes of the 2365 th Weekly Rotary Meeting (WRM) held on 7th November 2025

Venue: Hotel Rajdhani Regency

The meeting was called to order by President Rtn. Priyama Goswami at 6:40 PM. In honor of the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram, the meeting began with the rendition of the national song instead of the National Anthem.

The President welcomed all Rotarians, Annes, and guests present. A one-minute silence was observed in memory of renowned flautist Dipak Sarma, who passed away on 3rd November.

A token of appreciation was presented to Rtn. Barun Barpujari for offering the evening's fellowship.

The President then shared the following updates and announcements:

1. Ongoing Cake Making Workshop details.
 2. RCGS sponsored one student to attend RYLA.
 3. A request for members to clear their membership dues and contribute to the Polio Fund.
 4. An invitation for members to participate in the Rotary Foundation Seminar in Tinsukia on 29th November.
- Rtn. Dr. R. N. Mazumder delivered a brief talk on the Legendary Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika on his death anniversary. To pay tribute, Rtn. P. M. Goswami and Rtn. Probin Barthakur sang some of Dr. Hazarika's memorable songs.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Anjan Jyoti Choudhury, was then felicitated. In his address, Dr. Choudhury entertained the gathering with humorous anecdotes and inspiring life experiences, filling the room with laughter and appreciation.

His 4-year-old grandson, Adrit, delighted everyone by singing two songs one by Dr. Bhupen Hazarika and another by Zubeen Garg bringing the meeting to a joyful close. The President and Secretary felicitated the young talent with a beautiful encyclopedia and chocolates as a token of appreciation.

In the absence of the Secretary, Rtn. Dipanwita Ghosh presented the meeting statistics: 27 Rotarians, 7 Annes, 8 guests, along with 2 Rotarylets and 1 Rotaractor, making a total attendance of 45 persons. The Sunshine Collection amounted to Rs. 400.00.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Rtn. Jayanta Barman, followed by the rendition of the Jatiyo Sangeet. The President adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM, after which a simple fellowship was offered by the club at 6:00 PM.



Cake Making Workshop to empower women

On the 6th, 7th, and 8th of November 2025, the Rotary Club of Gauhati South organized a three-day Cake Making Workshop to empower women. The workshop was held at Prachee's Cuddle Corner, House No. 13, Binawa Nagar, Lutuma Road, 4th Battalion Gate Lane, Kalapahar. A total of 16 women participated in the program.

On the first day, the resource person, Ms. Shikha Das, demonstrated both practically and theoretically the measurements and quantities required for preparing the cake batter. On the second day, she taught the participants how to make icing. On the third day, the participants prepared cakes on their own.

The President, Rtn. Priyama Goswami, along with a few Rotarians, distributed certificates to all the beneficiaries. The participants were very happy and delighted, and they expressed their gratitude to the Rotary Club for providing them with a new opportunity for earning.



Minutes of the 2366 th Weekly Rotary Meeting held on 14th November 2025

The President presented a token of appreciation to Rtn. Kaberi Bhuyan for graciously offering the fellowship and also conveyed pre-birthday wishes to her.

The President made the following announcements:

1. Cancer Awareness and Motivational Programme to be held on 20th November.
2. HTFI Programme scheduled at Pandu College on 19th November.

The In-House Speaker, Rtn. P. D. Choudhury, shared how he and the President had collected contributions for Polio from members, and delivered an insightful presentation on "Rotary's Biggest Asset." In his presentation, he highlighted the past and present statistics of Rotary Clubs globally and nationally, and discussed ways to strengthen Rotary membership.

The Secretary presented the WRM statistics and other updates as follows:

Rotarians: 21, Annes: 5, Total Attendance: 26. Sunshine Collection: Rs. 390/-

A formal Vote of Thanks was proposed by Rtn. Probin Barthakur, expressing gratitude to all attendees and contributors. The meeting concluded with the singing of the Jatiya Sangeet, and the President adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.



Dyscalculia: A Word that Literally needs to be spread

Rtn. (Dr.) Gayatree Goswamee

A learning disability is a neurological disorder. Children with learning disability are as smart as or smarter than their peers. But they may have difficulty in reading, writing, spelling, reasoning, recalling and or organizing information if left to figure things out by themselves or if taught in conventional ways. There are common learning disabilities like dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, Auditory and Visual Processing disorder. The present paper throws light on the common learning disability i.e dyscalculia. Dyscalculia or mathematical learning disabilities, is a specific learning disability which affects around 6% of the population. Individuals with dyscalculia cannot be called unintelligent, but they struggle to learn mathematics, despite having an adequate learning environment at home and at school. Dyscalculia is assumed to be due to a difference in brain function. It affects individuals over their lifespan. Children with this problem fall behind early in primary school and may develop anxiety or a strong dislike of maths. In secondary school they are likely to struggle to pass maths and sciences courses and find their career options reduced. In adult life, they may earn less and have difficulties managing the everyday finances.

Dyscalculia goes by many names. Some public schools refer to it as a "mathematics learning disability". Many kids and parents call it "math dyslexia".

Dyscalculia is a brain-based condition that makes it hard to make sense of numbers and maths concepts. Some kids with dyscalculia cannot grasp basic number concept. They work hard to learn and memorise basic number facts. They may know what to do in maths class but do not understand why they are doing it. In other words, they miss the logic behind it. On the other hand, other kids understand the logic behind the maths but aren't sure how and when to apply this knowledge to solve the problem of dyscalculia.

A child with learning disability becomes frustrated and develops other types of behavioral problems. So, it is the duty of the parents and teachers if they see the signs of dyscalculia in the children, they should go for early intervention which will help the child in their future life. It is well known that mathematics has helped man to quantify ideas to be precise and to utilize its concept in his day-to-day life. Its place in the sciences and practical arts, make it indispensable in our life. In a society, which is rapidly transforming itself into an industrial and technological society, mathematical concepts are essential for every citizen.

Mathematics is helpful in meeting basic needs of human being in different ways. A citizen must be a good producer and a good consumer related to life situations; mathematics becomes a phase of living and children acquire skills, speed and accuracy which prove useful in common transactions. Mathematics help the pupil to learn the practical way, the compound rules involving money, weight, time and measure. A child with dyscalculia fails to do the day-to day financial transactions in their lives.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF DYSCALCULIA

The signs and symptoms of dyscalculia in various age groups are discussed below-a) **EARLY CHILDHOOD-** Dyscalculia is rarely identified early. Studies have been done to try to identify predictors of potential mathematical disability. The main predictors include--Not knowing which of two digits is larger, i.e. understanding the meaning of numbers.

- Lacking effective counting strategies.
- Poor fluency in identification of numbers.
- Inability to add simple single digit numbers mentally.eg. (1+)
- Limitations in working memory capacity.

b) SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN

- Poor mathematical concept development.
- Lack of understanding of mathematical terms. division.
- Difficulty solving basic maths problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Poor memory of number facts{ i.e. times table)
- Confusion over printed symbols and signs.
- Weakness in visual-spatial skills, where a person may understand the required maths facts, but has difficulty putting them down on paper in an organized way.
- Has difficulty in learning and recalling basic maths facts, such as 2+4-6
- Has trouble telling time.

c) TEENAGERS AND ADULTS- If basic maths facts are not mastered, many teenagers and adults with dyscalculia may have difficulty moving on to more advanced maths applications. Language processing disabilities can make it difficult for a person to grasp the vocabulary of maths. Without a clear understanding of the vocabulary, it is difficult to build on maths knowledge.

The word dyscalculia isn't widely discussed as dyslexia and it isn't as well understood. Scientists can't say for sure how many children or adults have dyscalculia. This is partly because different groups of researchers use different criteria for what counts as severe maths difficulties. There is no central data bank for the research data on dyscalculia that makes it hard to estimate how many people it affects.

An estimated 6 to 7 percent of elementary school children may have dyscalculia. It is not uncommon for kids to have more than one learning issue. In fact, 56% of kids with a reading disorder also have poor math achievement. And 43 percent of kids with a math disability have poor reading skills.

INDIAN SCENARIO

Information about specific learning disability occurring in Indian children is scanty. The Incidence of dyscalculia is 5.5% (17-19). However, specific learning disability is an important cause of academic underachievement has recently increased.

BIRTHDAY LIST OF NOVEMBER 2025	
BHUPENDRA NATH DAS	1ST NOVEMBER
DR BIBEKANANDA SAIKIA	2ND NOVEMBER
JAYANTA MADHAB BARUAH	10TH NOVEMBER
KABERI BHUYAN	16TH NOVEMBER
DR RANAJAN KUMAR BORA	19TH NOVEMBER
DR AKRIBA AHMED	26TH NOVEMBER

ANNIVERSARY LIST OF NOVEMBER 2025	
JAYNATA GOSWAMI & ANNE GEETA	21ST NOVEMBER
DR MANOJ KR CHOUDHURY & ANNE SASWATI	26TH NOVEMBER
RTN KABERI BHUYAN & RTN RAJKAMAL BHUYAN	27TH NOVEMBER
PARAMESH DEV CHOUDHURY & ANNE NANDINI	28TH NOVEMBER
PROBIN BORTHAKUR & ANNE RINA	28TH NOVEMBER
SWETA PEGU & ANNE JAJANJYOTI	28TH NOVEMBER