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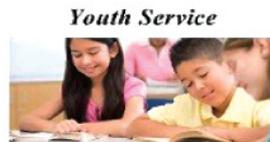
FORTNIGHTLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GAUHATI SOUTH

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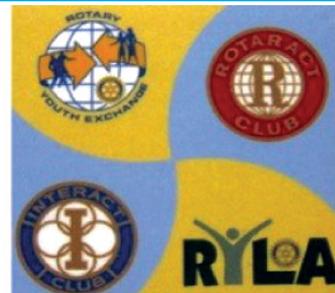
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Are you supporting New Generations?



### Youth Service

Youth Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.



**We have to look at Rotary not with our own eyes, but with new eyes.**



### Editor's Column

In Rotary Calendar the month of September is designated as the New Generation month.

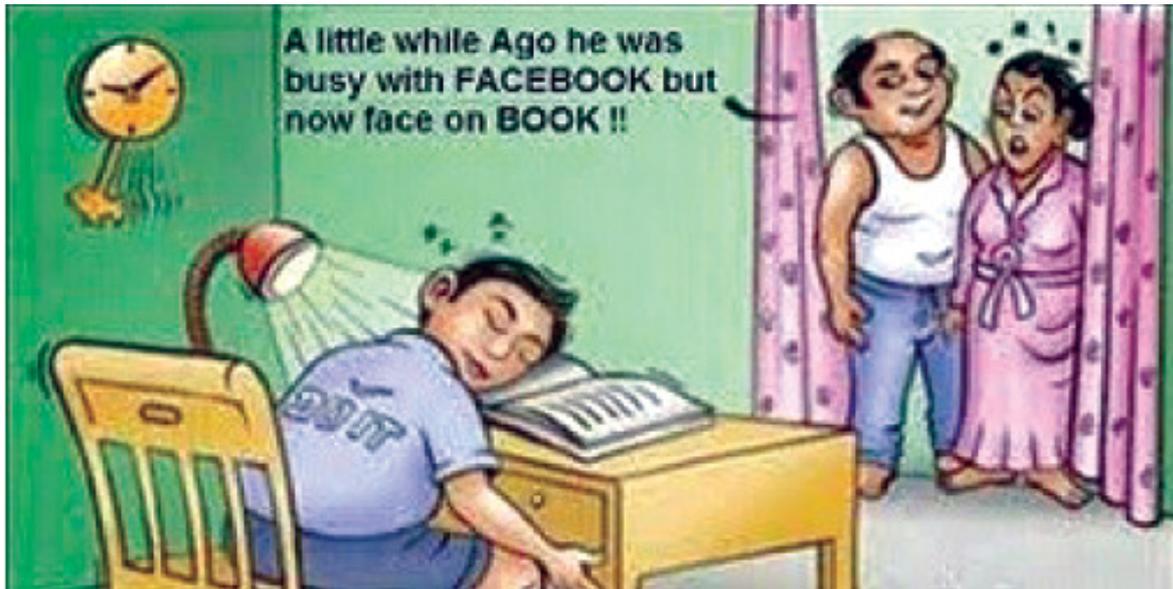
This in itself is a clear reflection of the prudence in recognising the halo of the changing times and Rotary's perception of a way forward. A mission pursuing a carefully crafted challenging agenda need enough flexibility for a mid course correction as and when demanded by the changing environment. Generational shift in outlook and aspirations are regular phenomena of the transformational human society. Unless one is prepared to adapt to such inescapable realities the trauma of misfit syndrome tends to be haunting and even the most acclaimed mission may face the ominous prospect of going awry. It could not have called for a whole lot of genius and wisdom of pragmatic Rotary leadership to recognise the obvious. For the human society to continue forging ahead securely the New Generation has to be engaged meaningfully for them to play a decisive role. No mission can sustain without zeal, energy

and enthusiasm. The New Generation in their prime can only fortify the drive. Given the opportunity and scope this New Generation potentially can and have to lead the change this human society cannot do without for its sustainability . But they need appropriate mentoring and suitable support from their seniors in accomplishing their aspirations. Old may be Gold, but, there should not necessarily be any issue over aspiration for Platinum. Rotary is about doing good to the community and is on a mission to make our world a better place. But the standard and perception of 'Good' over the decades and the centuries have soared several notches north. It is a much tougher struggle to keep up with the aspirations and pace of today's generation. Rotary recognises this challenge and once again seeks to be in the forefront assuming the role of leading and guiding the New Generation through all the transformations to hand down the batten to carry it forward to a brighter glory. Fortunately pragmatism has been the hall mark of Rotary leadership. They do realise that they cannot afford cynicism of the New Generation to be able to lead them effectively. Rotary never shies away !It is not in its DNA!

**Tarun Ch. Bordoloi**

We meet every Friday at 6.30 p.m. at Hotel Rajdhani Regency, Dispur Last Gate, Guwahati-781006

## LAUGH TO A HEALTHY LIFE !



### THE BUT FIRST SYNDROME

I think this happens when we retire, and have plenty of time to do everything and don't have to rush, but I hope I'm wrong!

I have recently been diagnosed with the "But first Syndrome." You know, it's when I decide to do the laundry, I start down the hall and notice the newspaper on the table. OK, I'm going to do the laundry....

But first I'm going to read the newspaper. Then, I notice the mail on the table. OK, I'll just put the newspaper in the recycle stack....

But first I'll look through that pile of mail and see if there are any bills to be paid. Yes, now where's the chequebook? Oops ... there's the empty glass from yesterday on the coffee table. I'm going to look for that chequebook,

But first I need to put the glass in the sink. I head for the kitchen, look out the window, notice my poor flowers need a drink of water. I put the

glass in the sink, and darn it, there's the remote for the TV on the kitchen counter. What's it doing here? I'll just put it away....

But first I need to water those plants. Head for door and.... Aaaagh! Stepped on the cat. Cat needs to be fed. Okay, I'll put that remote away and water the plants....

But first I need to feed the cat....

End of day: Laundry is not done, newspapers are still on the floor, glass is still in the sink, bills are unpaid, chequebook is still lost, and the cat ate the remote control.... And when I try to figure out how come nothing got done all day, I'm baffled because I know I was busy all day! I realize this condition is serious and I'll get help!

But first ... I think I'll check my e-mail!

(Source : *Jocoe's Journal*)

### Minutes of the 1816<sup>th</sup> Weekly Meeting of Rotary Club of Gauhati South held on 29th August 2014 at Hotel Rajdhani Regency

1. President Rtn Paramesh Dev Choudhury called the meeting to order at 0700PM which was followed by the National Anthem.
2. At the outset the President welcomed all the Rotarians, Annes, Guests, Rotarylets present in the meeting.
3. Chief Guest Rtn Ratna Singh was invited to the dais & she was escorted by Rtn Tarun Ch Bordoloi. She was felicitated with a 'Phulam Gamosa' by Rtn Ram Mohan Hazarika, Secretary & was introduced by Rtn Sweta Pegu.
4. On behalf of the members, the President wished Rtns. Dr Amrit Pal Singh (27th Aug); Nagendra Ch Deka (1st Sept); Amarendra Nath Das (1st Sept) on the occasion of their Birth Day and Rtn.Tamal Sen & Ann Mandira (6th July) on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary in absentia. The Chief Guest Mrs. Ratna Singh wished & handed over the greeting card to Rtn Adib Ahmed on his BD (28th Aug).



Images of the weekly meeting of the 29th August 2014

5. The House was briefed by Rtn Anjana Buragohain on the salient points of Membership Seminar held at Shillong on 24-8-2014 .
6. President requested members' presence, specially the Polio Committee Members, in the District Polio Seminar, scheduled to be held at Siliguri on 31st August 2014.
7. Members were requested to attend the ensuing District New Generation Seminar at Dimapur being hosted by RC Dimapur & RC Kohima on 21st September 2014.
8. As the Vocational Service Month( October) is approaching, President requested the members to submit their nominations for suitable candidates for the Vocational Service Awards.
9. In the New generation Month (September) Club proposes to honour Teachers on the Teachers' Day, 5-9-2014, which happens to be its weekly meeting day.
10. President requested the New generation, RYLA, Interact, Rotaract & RCC Committee Convenor Rtn Atanu Kr Choudhury & the members , Rtns. Dr Nareswar Sarma, Dr Amrit PI Singh, Mrs Anamika Choudhury, Mrinmoyee Goswami Sarma to work for the revival of the non-functioning RCCs ( 1. Hajo, 2. Robingaon, Khetri, 3. Satgaon Dalbari, 4. Tribeni Chowk, 5. Bamungaon, Sipajhar ) ; Rotaract Club (Guwahati Midtown) ; Interact Clubs (1. Karara Higher Secondary School, 2. Maria's Public School, 3. Panbazar Girls High School, 4. Sanskriti Gurukul, 5. St. Stephen's School, 6. TC Girls High School. He solicited support of the other members on the issue.
11. For better functioning of the Club, President requested all round cooperation & help from all the Convenors & Committee Members. He also requested to convene internal meeting by the respective Sub-Committee Convenors & Members and to forward their Action plan to the Secretary and the President. The President & the members appreciated Rtn Renu Goswami's effort in convening TEACH Committee Meeting at her residence.
12. President also requested the members for their contribution to TRF.
13. It was informed that for updation of Rotarians' Data in Website, their "Date of Birth" (DD/MM/YY) is required. Some members have suggested to wish "Spouses" of the Rotarians on their Birthdays for which their "Date of Birth" is to be collected.

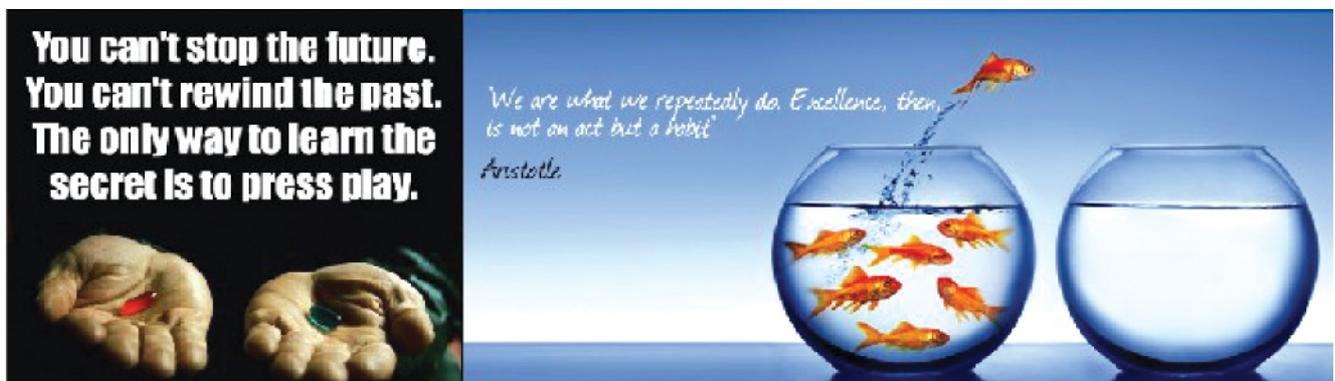
14. Quiz no-7; "How many members constitute the RI Board ? Answer: 1. RI President, 2. RI President-elect, 3. RI General Secretary, 17 RI Zonal Directors. (Total 20 Directors), Correctly answered by 1. Rtn. Sweta Pegu, 2. Rtn. Dr R N Mazumder.
15. The President also requested the members to put forward their ideas for celebration of the "Rotary Day".
16. President read out the appreciation mails received from Rtn. Leticia Parra Toledo, Rotary Public Image Coordinator Zone 21-A 2013-2016 Rotaria del Distrito 4170 México & Rtn. Marco Kappenberger, Past ROTI Board member ;VP, Rotary E-Club of Latinoamerica, District 4195 for excellent getup / content of our Bulletin in the Website. In reply the President thanked them & requested Rtn. Marco Kappenberger's help in opening E-Club at Guwahati.
17. After successful inauguration of the Happy School Project at Rashtriya Sihksha Sadan LP School on 16-8-2014, President wished members' participation at the inauguration of the Adult Literacy Programme under the TEACH mission at SHED on 8th September 2014, coinciding with the World Adult Literacy Day. The BOD has also approved this project on its meeting on 29-8-2014.
18. Rtn Monoti Barthakur invited all the members for the release of the Hindi version of her Book "Mor Asukhor Ebosor" on 6th Sept 2014 at the Press Club at 11 AM.
19. Rtn Renu Goswami also read out the letter from the Head Mistress, Hatigarh Prathamik Vidyalaya requesting for various school materials. It was decided to take up this matter in the next BOD.
20. President informed & appreciated participation of Rotarylet Tamanna on a TV programme "Walk on the Fire" by Wasim, the Mind Expert, on 28-8-2014.
21. Rtn R M Hazarika briefed the members about the BOD's (29-8-2014) approval of the MSME Vocational Training programme by ICICI Academy for Skill development. He requested the members' participation in scouting for the prospective youths. The programme is scheduled to start from 15-9-2014.
22. IPP Rtn. Dr. R.N.Mazumder handed over a few certificates from Rotary International pertaining to the Rotary Year 2013 14 to 1. The President of Rotaract Club of Guwahati Midtown. 2. Spl Blue Pin to Rtn Tarun Ch Bordoloi for sponsoring new member, 3. Rtn Prashanta Goswami, RI Citation for the Avenues of Service.
23. The Guest Speaker of the evening Rtn. Ratna Singh captivated the House with her brilliantly eloquent presentation on 'Life Skills'. Her presentation primarily themed around positivity and its impact on how one conducts oneself with a decisive agenda.
24. Secretarial report:
 

Rotarians	:	25
Annes	:	07
Visiting Rotarians	:	01
Rotarylets	:	0
Rotaractor	:	02
Guests	:	1
TRF collection	:	Rs. 270.00

(The excellent fellowship was offered by Rtn Adib Ahmed on the occasion of his birthday on 28th August )
25. Vote of thanks was offered by Rtn Sweta Pegu.
26. The meeting was adjourned at 0815PM.

**Compiled by : Rtn. Paramesh Dev Choudhury., President**

## Innovate Rotary !



### The New Four-Way Test for Teens and Tweens

We need an updated Four-Way Test, folks. It is no longer just about what we think, say or do.

In the early 1930's, Herbert Taylor wanted a way to save his company from bankruptcy. He decided to start with the ethical foundation of the company. His thinking and reflection produced the Four Way Test, which was adopted by Rotary about 10 years later.

Our world today is very different from the world Herbert Taylor lived in. What eight-year olds can do today on a smart phone, a pc or an iPod would be outrageous science fiction by 1940's standards. And while many Rotarians are still learning how to use and benefit from social media, there is a generation that finds texting, tweeting, posting and video calling as more and more natural, just as they find using a telephone or face-to-face communication as less natural.

For most teens and tweens, staying connected through social media is a routine part of life. Unfortunately, many of these kids do not think of the impact of their comments on others. Some kids are noticed for being seen as edgy or cool for their biting criticism or cynical outlook on people and events. Other kids hide behind their aliases and avatars and post statements they would never post if they knew their parents were reading them. Many who merely witness the stream of insults and pokes see it as entertainment. Those who are the targets often do not complain and have few skills to deal with the attacks. Unfortunately, this seemingly innocent behavior often turns into Cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying has become pervasive, yet hidden from view until its impact becomes visible.

**Consider:**

Over half of adolescents and teens have been bullied online, and about the same number have engaged in cyber bullying.

More than 1 in 3 young people have experienced cyberthreats online.

More than 25 percent of adolescents and teens have been bullied repeatedly through their cell phones or the Internet.

Well over half of young people do not tell their parents when cyber bullying occurs.

The Harford County Examiner reported similarly concerning cyber bullying:

- Around half of teens have been the victims of cyber bullying
- Only 1 in 10 teens tells a parent if they have been a cyber bully victim
- Fewer than 1 in 5 cyber bullying incidents are reported to law enforcement
- 1 in 10 adolescents or teens have had embarrassing or damaging pictures taken of themselves without

- their permission, often using cell phone cameras
- About 1 in 5 teens have posted or sent sexually suggestive or nude pictures of themselves to others
- Girls are somewhat more likely than boys to be involved in cyber bullying.

While physical bullying can often be seen and stopped, kids still get hurt. When people are face to face, they can see other people's reactions to know when they are hurting someone. Cyberbullying takes away this critical bit of feedback. While the intentional bullies like to know they are causing a reaction, there are plenty of unintentional bullies who simply think they are being brave or cool. Unfortunately the person on the receiving end of their message is deeply hurt inside.

The result? Depression. Cutting and other self-mutilation. Withdrawal. Academic failure. Suicide.

Start asking around. It is more common than you think.

Therefore, we need a new Four-Way Test. I propose the following:

Of the things we think, say, do, text, post, tweet, IM, share or tag,

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Here is an opportunity for each Rotary club to create a positive campaign in their schools and their community:

- Offer to lead cyber-safety education in schools for students
- Create posters with the new Four-Way Test and ask local schools if they will display them in the hallways. Better yet, run a contest and ask the students to vote on the best designs.
- Recognize and reward students who make positive use of social media for community impact.
- Volunteer to speak to school, parent and youth groups about the both the dangers and the positive use of cyber tools.

We are in new territory, folks. Fortunately, we have a set of core principles that is as relevant now as it was in the 1930's.

This time, rather than save a company, those principles could save a generation.

( Source : Greg Krauska's Blog - 'Innovate Rotary !')

## Minutes of the Weekly Meeting no: 1817 held on 5th September 2014 at Hotel Rajdhani Regency

1. President Rtn Paramesh Dev Choudhury called the meeting to order at 0700PM, followed by the National Anthem.
2. Ann Mahmuda's "Guru Bandana" set the tone for celebration of the Teacher's Day.
3. At the outset the President welcomed all the Rotarians, Annes, Guests and the Rotarylets present & wished all on the occasion of the Teacher's Day.
4. Chief Guest Dr. Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University was invited to the dais. He was escorted by the Sergeant-at-arms Rtn Vikash Bajaj. Dr. Hazarika was felicitated with a Bouquet by Ann Nandini and a 'Phulam Gamosa' by Rtn Renu Goswami and was introduced by Rtn Anjana Buragohain.

5. On behalf of the members, the President wished Rtns. Nagendra Ch Deka (1st Sept); Gayatri Bhattacharyya ( 6th Sept.) on the occasion of their Birth Day & Rtn Dr Anil Kumar Mahanta & Ann Navaneeta ( 16Aug) on the occasion of their Marriage Anniversary. The Chief Guest handed over the greeting cards to these Rotarians & the Ann.
6. President announced - (1) District Seminar on New Generation at Dimapur on the 19th September 2014 ( Friday); (2) Inauguration of the Adult Literacy Programme under TEACH mission at SHED (Society for Human and Educational Development) on the 8th September 2014 ( Monday), 4 PM on the World Adult Literacy Day. President solicited participation of members' & Anns in large number in both the events.
7. Quiz: When & Where was the first Rotary Club formed in India ? Answer: Calcutta, on 1-1-1920, Correct Answer given by : Rtns. M C Deka; Gayatri Bhattacharyya; Sweta Pegu, Anjana Buragohain and Dr R N Mazumdar.
8. At the request of the President, Rtn Tarun Ch Bordoloi, PP & Editor - 'UDAYAN', conducted the 'Teacher's Day' programme. He also highlighted the significance of the Teacher's Day & added that two of the dedicate teachers of the city ,namely, Mrs. Mamoni Singha & Dr. Munindra Kumar Mazumdar , as nominated by the Club as also the Rotarians & Annes of our Club those who are/were in teaching profession will be felicitated on the occasion.
- 8.1. Mrs. Mamoni Singha, Head Mistress, Rastriya Shiksha Sadan LP School, Serabbhati, Guwahati was introduced by Rtn Gayatri Bhattacharyya & she was felicitated with a bouquet by Ann Purabee Hazarika and with a 'phulam gamocha', memento & a pen by Dr. Mridul Hazarika, VC Gauhati University. Mrs. Singha then spoke about her feelings, experiences & Rotary's contribution in running the school for the underprivileged students.
- 8.2. Next Dr. Munindra Kumar Mazumdar, Post Graduate Mathematics Teacher at Maria's Public School, Guwahati, was introduced by Ann Nandini Dev Choudhury & felicitated with a bouquet by Rtn Kaberi Bhuyan and with a 'phulam gamocha', memento & a pen by Dr Mridul Hazarika, VC Gauhati University. While thanking the Rotary's effort in honouring him, Dr. Mazumdar dwelt on his experiences & techniques he adopts in teaching mathematics.
9. The next event was felicitation of 24 Rotarian & Annes who are/were in the teaching profession on the occasion of Teacher's Day. It was difficult to miss this event as it was arranged for the first time in the history of RC Gauhati South. Annes Suprabha Goswami; Suravi Barooah; Stuti Deka ; Maushumi Chacko ; Rita Goswami ; Manisha Sarma ; Nandini Dev Choudhury; Navaneeta Mahanta ; Anjana Saikia ; Mahmuda Begum ; Lovely Singh ; Kalpana Bordoloi and Rotarians Dr. Pranab Kumar Baruah ; Gayatri Bhattacharyya , Anjana Buragohain ; Renu Goswami ; Minoti Barthakur ; Dr.Umesh Ch. Goswami ; Dr. Priyam Goswami ; Dr. Anil Kumar Mahanta ; Dr. Balendra Kumar Das ; Atanu Kumar Chowdhury ; Dr. Amrit Pal Singh ; Dr Bibeka Nanda Saikia & Dr. Sweta Pegu were felicitated by the Chief Guest & the President.
10. Then it was time for the grand finale of the evening was the much awaited talk delivered by the Chief Guest Dr. Mridul Hazarika. Dr. Hazarika spoke on human values. He expressed his concern on the erosion of values amongst the present generation & urged upon the teaching community to sensitise & inculcate moral & ethical values amongst the students keeping in view the ideals of Dr Radhakrishnan.
11. Secretarial report:
 

Rotarians	: 29
Annes	: 9
Rotarylets	: 1
Guests	: 6
TRF	: Rs. 565.00
12. Vote of thanks was offered by Rtn Sweta Pegu.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 0815PM.  
(The excellent fellowship was offered by Rtn Gayatri Bhattacharyya & Rtn Prasanta Kumar Das on their birthday).  
(Compiled by the President, Rtn Paramesh Dev Choudhury)

## Celebration of Teachers' Day



Weekly Meeting of 5th Sept. 2014 - Teacher's Day Celebration Rotarians and Annes in teaching profession are being felicitated Image 1



**Weekly Meeting of 5th September, 2014 - Teacher's Day Celebration where VC Gauhati University, Dr. Mridul Hazarika was the Chief Guest**



**TWO of dedicated teacher's of the city are being felicitated on the occasion of the Teacher's Day**



**Club Flag Exchange at RC Darjeeling**

Rtn Dilp Sarkar, Vice President RC Gauhati South along with his family comprising of Ann Lipika, Rotarylets Disha, Donna and Chirag attended the 58th Installation Evening of RC Darjeeling at 'The Elgin', Darjeeling on the 12th July 2014 . Rtn Sarkar had the privilege of exchanging the Club Flag with the President RC Darjeeling , Rtn Vijay Puri. A number of distinguished Rotarians , namely, PDG Rtn. Debashish Mitra, PDG Rtn Udaymani Pradhan , IPP Rtn Jordan Norbhu and a large number of Rotarians, Annes, Rotarylets and other distinguished guests attended this solemn event. It was a great honour and memorable moment for the Sarkar family and RC Gauhati South to have been greeted with standing ovation and a big round of applause by the entire house who were witness to this solemn moment.

**( Compiled with inputs from Rtn Dilip Sarkar)**

## **Rotary India Adult Literacy Mission Adult Literacy Programme**

Coinciding with the World Adult Literacy Day on the 8th September 2014, Rotary Club of Gauhati South has launched the Adult Literacy Programme, under the Rotary India Literacy Mission. It was inaugurated by the Assistant Governor, Rtn Jayabrata Banerjee, at 4 PM at SHED (Society For Health & Educational Development), in a village near Sonapur, 25 Kms. away from the City of Guwahati. Rtn P D Choudhury, President welcomed all the 12 Rotarians, 2 Anns, 50 Guests, 3 Teachers, 5 Students and the children present in the function. To mark the inauguration of the programme, Gaonbura (Village Chief) Sri Pudu Doloi lighted the ceremonial lamp along with the Assistant Governor, President & Rtn Renu Goswami, Convenor, Literacy

Committee. Rtn. Vikash Bajaj spoke briefly narrating the objective of the event and about the programme in general. Rtn. Renu Goswami dwelt at length about Adult Literacy. Speaking on Adult Literacy the President explained as to who this programme is meant for & how to ensure accomplishment of its objectives. In the meeting Sri Pudu Doloi, the Gaonbura, 2 teachers for the programme ,namely, Mrs. Madhumita Baruah & Mrs. Dipannita Medhi were felicitated with a gamocha each. Sri Lanu Imol, Director, SHED, introduced the 5 women students ,namely, Mrs. Gulapi Mohora, Mrs. Anu Lahkar, Mrs. Sunita Lahkar, Mrs. Anonee Boro, Mrs. Lalita Boro who have enrolled themselves for the Adult Literacy Programme. A "Study Kit" & a torch were distributed to

each of the 5 women students by the AG & other Rotarians. AG, Rtn. Jayabrata Banerjee addressed the gathering and declared the "Adult Literacy Programme" open. A lively interactive session was also held. SHED authority appreciated the efforts of RC Gauhati South in combating illiteracy especially amongst the women.

More than 80 persons attended the function.

Earlier the renowned music maestro, late Dr. Bhupen Hazarika was remembered on the occasion of his 88th birthday by cutting a cake jointly by the AG & the President and singing of his popular number "Manuhe Manuhor Babe" by the members.



**TEACH Mission - Launching Adult Literacy Programme at SHED on the 8th September 2014**



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Rtn Minoti Barthakur's much acclaimed book on CANCER - its Hindi version is being released at the Guwahati Press Club on the 6th September 2014.

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