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**Dear Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors,**

February, observed as Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, offered a profound reminder that true peace extends far beyond the absence of conflict. A life free from violence but marked by hunger, instability, or the inability to provide for one's family cannot be called peaceful. Genuine peace requires opportunity, dignity, and the freedom for every individual to thrive.

Throughout the month, District 3292 remained steadfast in advancing Rotary's mission of creating resilient, self-reliant communities. Guided by The Rotary Foundation's priorities, our district promoted education, entrepreneurship, skill development, and preventive health initiatives—each contributing to long-term stability and empowerment. Across the district, Rotary clubs implemented impactful projects supporting local enterprises, vocational training, community service, and health awareness. These initiatives strengthened livelihoods, built community capacity, and laid the foundation for sustainable peace.

February also showcased Rotary's unity, collaboration, and shared resolve. As District Governor, I had the privilege of conducting several official club visits, reinforcing engagement and alignment among clubs. The successful Intercity

meeting on peace and Nepal's demographic dynamics further enriched our collective understanding and strengthened our district's commitment to conflict prevention. We also celebrated the 121st Rotary Day on February 23, 2026, in Kathmandu—an inspiring testament to our shared legacy of service.

Due to the upcoming elections in Nepal, the 18th District Conference has been rescheduled for April 17-19. We look forward to gathering then, renewed in purpose and vision.

These accomplishments reflect Rotary's unwavering dedication to fostering peace, advancing health, and uplifting communities. On behalf of District 3292, I extend heartfelt appreciation to every Rotarian for your compassion, leadership, and service. Together, we continue to inspire lasting change and build a more peaceful, equitable future for all.

**Yours in Rotary,  
Binod Koirala**  
District Governor, RY 2025-26

Rotary District 3292 UNITE FOR GOOD

# 18th DISTRICT CONFERENCE

APRIL 17-19, 2026 | POKHARA  
(बैशाख ८-६, २०८३)

*Welcome to Pokhara*



# RI PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

## Dear fellow Rotary leaders,

At last month's International Assembly, President-elect Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola called on members of the Rotary world to live out our presidential message for the 2026-27 Rotary year: Create Lasting Impact.

This February, as we observe Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we have an opportunity to channel Yinka's call to action into real change. Peace is not simply the absence of war. A life free from conflict but marked by hunger, instability, or the inability to care for one's family is not true peace. Peace requires liberty, opportunity, and respect for human dignity. Yet fear often blocks that path – fear of change, of cultural loss, of people we don't understand.

Fear isn't defeated through avoidance or aggression. Knowledge is the first step toward peace. Rotary embraces this idea. Our Rotary Peace Centers and their peace fellows, along with other peace education initiatives, demonstrate how knowledge builds trust and helps communities find solutions to conflict.

In Colombia, decades of conflict have left deep wounds. The 2025 Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale awardee, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity, partners with the United Nations World Food Programme to expand opportunity, improve conflict resolution, and connect people with social services. Its goal is to break cycles of violence, poverty, and food insecurity so peace can take root.

In Maharashtra, India, People of Action honoree Swati Herkal built peace through prosperity. Her project confronted farmers' declining soil

health, rising debt, and illness caused by chemical fertilizers. She and her Rotary partners launched a regenerative agriculture program that revitalized the land, lowered costs, and restored stability. More than 1,100 farmers now participate and over 50 villages have adopted the model.

Rotary also advances peace by restoring dignity. In Chad, Rotary Peace Fellow Domino Frank discovered that more than 1,500 women who fought in a rebellion had been erased from reintegration programs. His advocacy led to Chad's first Rotary Foundation global grant and the creation of Corridors of Peace. More than 100 women – triple the goal – completed literacy and vocational training and formed a cooperative to support their families.

From Colombia to India to Chad, the lesson is clear: Peace is not a dream. It is the result of sustained action with a focus on true, lasting impact. To replicate these successes, Rotary clubs can take three steps: Learn from peace fellows and other peace experts in our organization, apply a peacebuilding lens to community assessments, and prioritize impact over ceremony.

In a world filled with fear, Rotary cannot be satisfied with half-measures and empty words. If we are truly people of action, then action must define us. Together, we can Create Lasting Impact – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

**Yours in Rotary,  
Francesco Arezzo**

Rotary International President, 2025-2026





# Editorial

## Dear Fellow Rotarians, Greetings!

GML continues to serve as a dynamic platform that informs, inspires, and connects every member of the Rotary family. Each edition is thoughtfully crafted to reflect the true spirit of Rotary—showcasing service, innovation, and compassion while highlighting the collective strength, dedication, and unity of our community. More than a compilation of activities, GML stands as a testament to Rotary's enduring values and unwavering commitment to creating meaningful, lasting change. Through its pages, we celebrate fellowship, amplify the voices of our members, and reaffirm our shared purpose—to serve humanity, lead with integrity, and build a world where peace and dignity can flourish.

February, observed globally as Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution Month, brought renewed attention to Rotary's mission of fostering harmony, understanding, and stability. This issue highlights the remarkable efforts of clubs across District 3292, featuring the Rotary Peace Fellowship, key district events, and impactful activities that embody our dedication to peace. Notable features include The Sun Never Sets in Rotary, the celebration of the 121st Rotary Day, insights from

the Intercity Meeting, District Governor's Club Visit Reports, Assistant Governors' reflections, and diverse club initiatives that align with Rotary's Areas of Focus and district priorities. The cover page beautifully represents this month's theme, enhanced with the creative support of AI.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all Rotarians. Your commitment, passion, and service make these accomplishments possible and continue to inspire a more peaceful and hopeful world.

### **Yours in Rotary,**

**Rtn. Er. Bidur Timalisina**

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## Construction of Rotary Waiting Shed

RC Hetauda  
February 15, 2026



The Rotary Club of Hetauda constructed a well-designed waiting shed in Hetauda-4, Huprachaur, providing travelers, senior citizens, and the general public with a clean, organized, and comfortable place to rest. Located along a busy route in Hetauda, the structure was equipped with benches, a protective roof, drinking water, and essential sanitation facilities, ensuring convenience for daily commuters as well as local residents.

During the inauguration ceremony, Club President Pramesh Pradhan emphasized that community-friendly structures like this waiting shed help elevate living standards and strengthen social responsibility in line with Rotary's guiding motto, "Service Above Self."

Local representatives and social workers remarked that the shed would significantly support public welfare by offering a safe resting space for people of all ages. Residents expressed their appreciation and stressed the importance of collective responsibility in maintaining the facility. This project further reinforced Rotary's commitment to social service and enhanced its positive public image within the community.

# Feature



## Rotary Peace Fellowship

Rtn. Prof. Dr. I. P. Dhakal  
DGN

### 1. Background

Rotary peace fellowship is the flagship program of The Rotary Foundation which produces Peace and development leaders with advanced knowledge and skills. Rotary foundation has trained 1800 fellows in peace from 140 countries. Peace fellowship was started from 2001 and included Master program of 15-24 months and Certificate program of one year. Till date 130 fellowship ( 50 Master students and 80 certificate student s) are selected per year. However from next year (2026-27) 170 fellowship ( 50 Masters and 120 Certificate fellows) will get opportunities for this course.

Altogether 23 fellows, 8 Masters and 15 Certificate fellows have completed their study which was nominated from RI District 3292.

### 2. Peace centers – 8

There are 8 universities, 5 of them are enrolling Master fellows and 3 of them are enrolling Certificate fellows. Symbiosis International University Pune, India is recently established Peace Center for Certificate program.

SN	Countries	Universities	Program
1	USA	Duke University	Master
2	UK	Bradford University	Master
3	Sweden	Upsala University	Master
4	Japan	International Christian University	Master
5	Australia	Queensland University	Master
6	Uganda	Makerere University	Certificate
7	Turkey	Bahcesehir University	Certificate
8	India	Symbiosis International University	Certificate

In the previous year's Chulalongkorn University Thailand was offering 3 months certificate program.

### 3. Funding

Funding for this program is from World fund of Rotary International. Till date for Master program the scholarship was \$86,200 and for the Certificate program \$ 10,600. However, the scholarship amount is increased \$ 92,200 for Masters and 11,400 for Certificate fellows.

For the Master program fellowship amount is used for tuition fee, travel (both ways), room, research, internship, insurance etc.

Similarly for Certificate program the fellowship includes tuition, travel (both ways), field expenses, course materials etc. However, accommodation should be provided by host universities for Certificate fellows.

### 4. Eligibility

**For Master program** – Bachelor degree having 3 yrs experience and English proficiency is needed.

**For Certificate program** – Bachelor degree and 5 yrs experience having English proficiency is required.

### 5. Application cycle

SN	Dates	Activities
1	1 Feb. to 15 May	Submit application
2	15 May to June	Staff review for eligibility
3	June to Sept.	Rotary evaluator and university partner review and scored
4	Sept. to October	Peace center and university select the list and approved by TRF trustees
5	November	Candidates are notified final results

### 6. Restrictions

Rotarians and Rotractors who are member of Rotary clubs are not eligible to apply. Family members and relatives are also not eligible. Rotarians who have left the club are not eligible till 36 months. However, Rotractors are eligible to apply.

### 8. Employments opportunities

Majority of Peace fellows are posted in Non government organizations followed by research, education , government agencies etc.

SN	Organizations	Percentage
1	Non govt. organizations	24
2	Research and education	18
3	Govt. agencies	12
4	Multilateral agencies	12
5	Consulting sector	7
6	Law and Military	6
7	Business	5
8	Law	3

**Conclusions:** Peace fellowship helps to build the next generation of peace builders at leading universities. A new way of thinking about peace is important.



## MoU Signed for Gopal-Kamala Raj Bhandari Rotary Award

January 29, 2026

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on Thursday, January 29, 2026, between officials of Rotary International District 3292 and the donor Raj Bhandari family for the Gopal-Kamala Raj Bhandari Rotary Vocational Award.

Gopal Raj Bhandari founded Rotary Nepal. In his and his spouse Kamala Raj Bhandari's memory, the family had instituted this award in 2012. Originally established with a fund of NPR 1 million, the fund was increased to NPR 2 million, strengthening its long-term impact.

The award recognized individuals or organizations that made outstanding contributions across various sectors of national life. For the current Rotary year, nominations had been invited from professionals and institutions working in the field of water and sanitation. The honor was scheduled to be presented at the upcoming 18th District Conference.

During the signing ceremony, Rotary leaders and members of the Raj Bhandari family expressed confidence that the award would continue to inspire excellence and meaningful service in diverse fields.





## Intercity Meeting on Peace and Demographic Dynamics in Nepal

The Everest Hotel , Kathmandu  
February 18, 2026

In observance of February as Rotary International's Month of Peace and Conflict Resolution, Rotary International District 3292 convened a high-level Inter City Meeting (ICM) in Kathmandu on the theme "Peace and Demographic Dynamics in Nepal." The program was organized by the Inter City Committee, with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Heritage serving as the main host.

The event drew nearly 100 distinguished participants, including Rotary leaders, government officials, academicians, and community dignitaries. District Governor Binod Koirala attended as Chief Guest, joined by Past District Governors Jaya Rajya Laxmi Shah, Sanjay Giri, Chintamani Bhattarai, Jitendra B. Rajbhandary, and Rajendra Man Sherchan, along with District Governor-Elect Vishnu Bahadur Karkee. The session was chaired by ICM Chair Krishna Pandey and skillfully moderated by Rtn. Krishna Sharma, president of the host club.

### Rotary Leaders Emphasize Peace as the Foundation of Development

In his inaugural address, District Governor Binod Koirala underscored the indispensable role of peace in achieving sustainable societal progress. He highlighted Rotary's global commitment to fostering peace and addressing hunger and poverty through nonviolent and collaborative approaches.

"Peace is the foundation of development. By dedicating February to peacebuilding, Rotary reminds the world of its collective responsibility to resolve conflicts and cultivate harmony," he remarked.

District Governor-Elect Vishnu Bahadur Karkee reinforced this message, noting that meaningful peace dialogues within Rotary and beyond are essential for balanced national growth. Without peace, he observed, development initiatives remain fragile and unsustainable.





**Research Presentations:  
Exploring the Nexus of Peace and Demographic Change**

The program featured two substantive research-based presentations, offering critical insights into Nepal's evolving socio-political landscape.

**1. Peace as a Catalyst for Sustainable Development**

Former Government Secretary Punya Prasad Neupane articulated the intrinsic link between peace and sustainable development. He described the relationship as a "virtuous cycle," wherein development reduces conflict, and enduring peace fosters long-term prosperity. He emphasized that effective governance, social harmony, and economic progress are interdependent pillars of national advancement.

Providing commentary, former Secretary and Minister of Education and Communication Madhav Prasad Poudel identified weak governance as one of Nepal's greatest structural challenges. He urged the newly elected government to enforce strong governance mechanisms, asserting that accountability and institutional integrity are prerequisites for lasting peace and accelerated development.

**2. Demographic Dynamics in Nepal**

Prof. Dr. Bhim Prasad Subedi, Chairman of the University Grants Commission and Professor at Tribhuvan University, presented an extensive analysis of Nepal's demographic trends over the past three centuries. He highlighted significant transitions, including the shift from hill-dominated to Terai-dominated population distribution, rapid urbanization, and a remarkable rise in life expectancy—from 50 years to 70.4 years within four decades.

Dr. Subedi noted that Nepal is currently experiencing a demographic dividend, characterized by a growing working-age population (15–64 years) and declining dependency ratios. However, he cautioned that this window of opportunity is time-bound.

"The youth bulge—particularly Generation Z—represents Nepal's future. This demographic advantage must be strategically harnessed before the opportunity diminishes," he emphasized. Conflict management expert Dr. Bishnu Upreti concurred, warning that systemic weaknesses in governance and social structures could undermine the nation's demographic potential if not addressed proactively.





### Key Takeaways and Call to Action

In his concluding remarks, moderator Krishna Sharma underscored the deep interconnection between peace, demographic transformation, and national development. He called upon policymakers to prioritize youth-centered development initiatives that meaningfully engage Nepal's young population, channeling their energy and innovation toward sustainable progress.

The program concluded with a shared consensus among speakers and participants: Nepal's path to prosperity lies in strengthening governance, fostering a culture of peace, and strategically leveraging its demographic dividend.





## 121st Rotary Day Celebration & Felicitation Program

Kathmandu  
February 23, 2026

The 121st World Rotary Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Rotary Hall, Thapathali, Kathmandu, on the occasion of the Foundation Day of Rotary International, a globally respected service organization. The event was organized under the leadership of Rotary Day Celebration Committee Chair Sharaddha Acharya Pokhrel and was hosted by Region 3 Chair Sajju Pradhan.

The ceremony held special significance as six distinguished Rotarians who have reached the age of 90 were honored for their lifelong dedication to Rotary values and humanitarian service. Likewise, senior members of the Council of Governors, with an average age of 75, were felicitated with certificates of appreciation in recognition of their long-standing contributions.

The program welcomed District Governor Binod Koirala of Rotary International District 3292 as the chief guest. Approximately 95 Rotary club presidents and members from various clubs participated, demonstrating strong fellowship and unity within the Rotary community.

The celebration began with the lighting of 21 candles, symbolizing peace, service, and collective commitment. Following this, Past District Governor Rtn. Dilendra Raj Shrestha delivered an insightful address on "Rotary Moments in Nepal," highlighting the milestones, impact, and evolution of the Rotary movement in the country.





As part of the felicitation segment, the chief guest and program chair presented shawls and flowers to the honored senior Rotarians:

- **Dr. Loke Bikram Thapa,**  
RC Kathmandu
- **Prahlad Krishna Manandhar,**  
RC Patan West
- **Dr. Badri Raj Pandey,**  
RC Budhanilkantha
- **Kedar Bhakta Shrestha,**  
RC Patan
- **Shiva Bahadur Nepali Pradhan,**  
RC Patan South
- **Padam Lal Shrestha,**  
RC Jawalakhel



Additional recognition was presented to the esteemed members of the Council of Governors:

- **PDG Ratna Man Sakya,**  
RC Kathmandu
- **PDG Yogendra Man Pradhan,**  
RC Kathmandu Midtown
- **PDG Jaya RL Shah,**  
RC Jawalakhel

In his keynote remarks, Chief Guest Governor Koirala extended warm wishes on World Rotary Day and emphasized the importance of strengthening Rotary's core values of service, ethics, and humanitarian commitment. He highlighted that the wisdom, dedication, and experience of senior Rotarians continue to serve as a profound source of inspiration for younger generations.



Club presidents and members reaffirmed their commitment to continued collaboration, fellowship, and impactful social service initiatives. Rotary International, currently active in more than 190 countries, continues to implement a wide range of social, educational, and health-related programs in Nepal through Rotary International District 3292.



The event concluded with heartfelt congratulations to all honored individuals, followed by a group photograph and a cake-cutting ceremony, marking yet another memorable chapter in Rotary's enduring journey of service.

# Rotary



# Sun Never Sets in Rotary

## Sun Never Sets in Rotary

### Rotary's 121<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration

Date: 24 February 2026

Nepal Time - 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM | 6:00 to 7:00 AM GMT



**Francesco Arezzo**  
RI President 2025-26



**Binod Koirala**  
District Governor 2025-26  
RID 3292

**Slot 17 - RID 3292 (Nepal-Bhutan)**

Meeting ID : **857 2839 6883** | Password : **SNSR26NFT**



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Program Coordinator



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Associate Program Coordinator



**Gautam Shrestha**  
Technical Coordinator



**Chongba Sherpa**  
Public Image Coordinator

## Sun Never Sets in Rotary

February 24, 2026

The "Sun Never Sets in Rotary" event is a truly inspiring global tradition. It began in 2021, initiated by Rotary District 3232 in South India as a remarkable 24-hour nonstop online meeting marathon on Zoom. The concept is to celebrate Rotary's birthday on February 23, along with World Understanding and Peace Day, by having Rotary clubs and districts from around the world take turns hosting one-hour sessions. Each host smoothly passes the "baton" to the next, ensuring that the celebration never pauses. The event begins at 14:00 GMT on February 23 and concludes exactly 24 hours later on February 24.

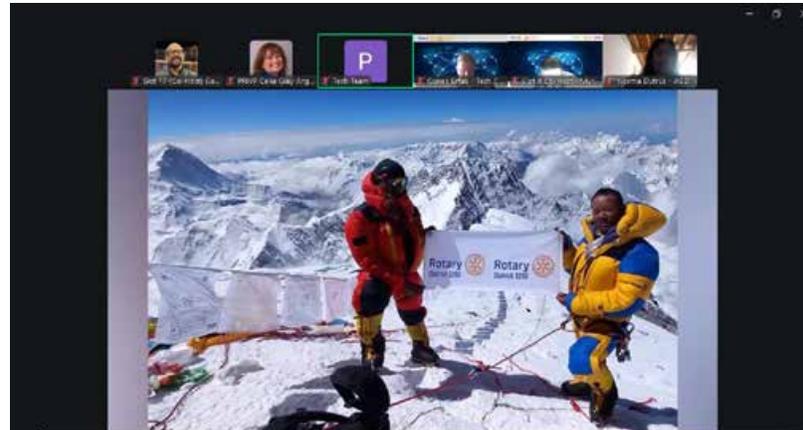
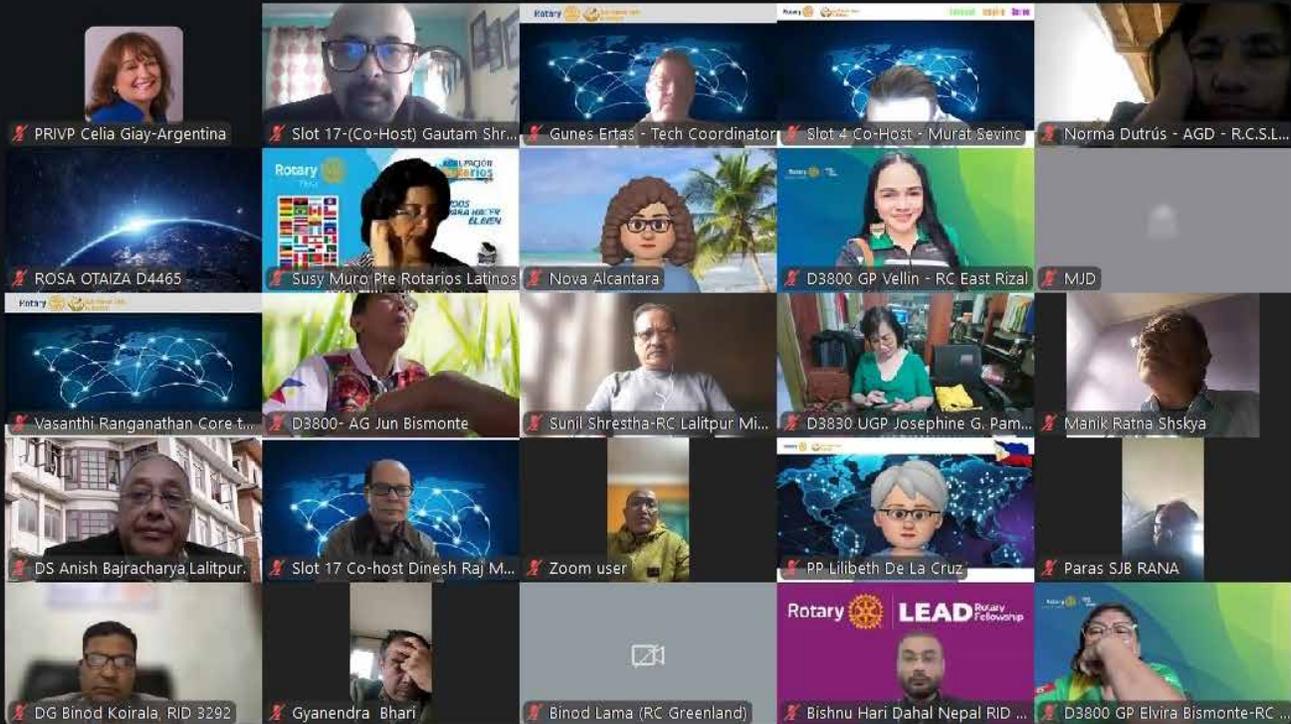
This year, Rotary District 3292 (Nepal and Bhutan) participated for the third consecutive year, further strengthening the spirit of global Rotary fellowship. More than 65 districts from across the world took part—an inspiring testament to the power of connection that transcends time zones and borders.

Beyond commemorating Rotary's 121st anniversary, the event powerfully demonstrates how Rotarians around the globe embody the motto "Service Above Self," regardless of geography or culture.

District 3292 proudly hosted Slot 17, which was executed beautifully thanks to a dedicated team: Rtn. Dr. Dinesh Raj Manandhar as Program Coordinator, Rtn. Situ Sainju as Associate Program Coordinator, Rtn.

Gautam Shrestha as Technical Coordinator, and Rtn. Chhongba Sherpa as District Public Image Chair. Their collective efforts ensured that this significant global celebration was a success, showcasing the unity, commitment, and shared purpose that define Rotary worldwide. It was truly a wonderful way to feel connected to something far greater than ourselves.





# Experience sharing By AG's



**Rtn. Manju Dhamala Thapa**  
Assistant Governor 2025/26

As an assistant governor, serving my assigned clubs was both a responsibility and a deeply enriching journey. It enabled me to understand the strengths, dynamics, and unique cultures of each club while fostering collaboration and a shared sense of purpose within the district.

## Experience Working with Assigned Clubs

My role focused on guidance, coordination, and motivation. I worked closely with club presidents and secretaries to ensure alignment with Rotary's goals, timely reporting, and effective project implementation. Regular communication, club visits, and review meetings strengthened transparency and accountability. I consistently observed that when clubs felt supported rather than supervised, they performed with greater enthusiasm and ownership.

I also witnessed inspiring dedication among members, particularly in community service initiatives, youth engagement, and local partnership building. Many clubs demonstrated strong grassroots connections—one of Rotary's greatest strengths.

### Challenges Encountered:

- **Member Engagement and Retention:** Some clubs struggled to maintain active participation, especially among newer members.
- **Timely Reporting and Documentation:** Administrative compliance and digital reporting required continuous follow-up and mentoring.
- **Project Sustainability:** While clubs initiated meaningful projects, long-term sustainability planning needed improvement.

- **Leadership Transition:**

Smooth handovers between Rotary years were occasionally hindered by incomplete documentation or limited orientation.

*These challenges became opportunities for structured mentoring and leadership development.*

### Opportunities Identified:

- **Capacity Building:** Training in the Rotary Foundation, grant management, and strategic planning could significantly enhance impact.
- **Stronger Collaboration:** Inter-club partnerships and joint initiatives could amplify service outcomes and fellowship.
- **Youth and Women's Leadership:** Greater involvement of Rotaract, Interact, and women leaders presented immense growth potential.
- **Digital Adaptation:** Embracing digital tools for communication, reporting, and branding could modernize club operations.
- **Community-Based Global Grants:** Clubs demonstrated strong potential to scale local initiatives into sustainable, high-impact projects.

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Overall, my tenure as assistant governor reinforced my belief that Rotary leadership is rooted in listening, mentoring, and empowering. When clubs are guided with clarity, respect, and encouragement, they rise beyond expectations and create meaningful, lasting change in their communities.

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**Rtn. Dr. Pramod Poudel**  
Assistant Governor 2025/26

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the District Governor and District leaders for giving me the opportunity to serve as Assistant Governor of RI District 3292, Zone 33. Serving the clubs of Zone 33 has been both an honor and a truly rewarding experience.

The Assistant Governor Learning Seminar held in Lucknow, India, was unforgettable—filled with invaluable Rotary knowledge, meaningful interactions, and memorable moments of fellowship and fun. It was a great pleasure to participate in every district program and to coordinate closely with our dedicated district leaders.

Working hand in hand with my assigned club presidents and their leadership teams allowed me to witness the dedication, creativity, and resilience that drive our organization forward. Each club possessed its own unique culture, strengths, and areas for development. My role was to support, guide, and help align their efforts with district goals while respecting their individuality—making the journey both dynamic and deeply meaningful. Building strong relationships with club presidents and leadership teams was especially fulfilling, as it fostered trust, transparency, and open communication. Through regular visits, active dialogue, and collaborative planning, I was able to support them in setting meaningful goals, enhancing membership engagement, executing impactful service projects, and participating actively in both club and district initiatives. It was inspiring to see clubs embrace new ideas while

staying true to Rotary's enduring values of service and fellowship.

Of course, the journey also brought challenges. Ensuring consistent engagement across clubs with differing resources, membership strength, and operational capacity required thoughtful effort. Some clubs needed strategic guidance on membership growth and project sustainability, while others sought support in adapting to new initiatives and reporting requirements. Time management and balancing diverse expectations demanded careful coordination. Membership fluctuations, limited resources, and at times challenging geography and road conditions also affected smooth operations and club visits. Nevertheless, by utilizing digital tools and innovative communication strategies, I was able to remain connected and responsive to the needs of club leaders.

These experiences reinforced the importance of communication, mentorship, and structured planning. Amid the challenges, I also identified significant opportunities—particularly in leadership development. Many emerging leaders demonstrated strong enthusiasm and readiness to take on greater responsibilities at both club and district levels. Strengthening collaboration between clubs offered opportunities for joint programs, shared learning, and enhanced unity across the district. I also saw tremendous potential to further improve communication channels, deepen member engagement, and align club projects more closely with district priorities.

Overall, my experience as Assistant Governor has been a journey of growth, service, and partnership. It has strengthened my leadership abilities, broadened my perspective, and deepened my commitment to supporting our clubs in achieving impactful and sustainable service. I am sincerely grateful to all club presidents and leaders for their constant support, cooperation, and encouragement.



## **Rtn. Binita Hada** **Assistant Governor 2025/26**

Serving as an Assistant Governor in Rotary District 3292, Zone 3, Region 1, since July 1, 2026 has been a profoundly meaningful and enriching experience. This role enabled me to work closely with my assigned clubs, enhance coordination, and contribute to impactful initiatives aligned with Rotary's vision of Service Above Self.

### **Preparations and Early Engagement**

The month of June provided a strong foundation for the new tenure. I conducted two combined meetings with the assigned clubs—along with my home club, the Rotary Club of Bhaktapur—as well as eight separate meetings with each club. These early engagements helped build confidence, clarity, and mutual understanding before formally assuming office on July 1, 2025.

On June 16, 2025, I coordinated a Zonal Club Officers Learning Seminar involving five clubs, with 70 Rotarians participating. The program was highly interactive and productive, contributing significantly to leadership preparedness.

### **Activities and Achievements**

In July, all assigned clubs successfully completed their installation ceremonies and actively participated in the District Governor's Installation Program, reinforcing unity and collaboration across the district.

The clubs also supported the District Governor's flagship Tree Plantation Program on July 26, 2025. A total of 585 saplings were planted across different parts of the Kathmandu Valley, with participation from 210 Rotarians and 60 community members, making the initiative highly impactful.

To enhance transparency and reporting efficiency, a Digital Reporting Training Program was organized with support from the District IT Team. This initiative greatly assisted club leaders in adapting to digital reporting systems and improving compliance.

A significant social initiative was the celebration of International Menstrual Dignity Day on December 8, 2025, conducted to raise awareness and promote dignity and health among women and girls.

To date, all assigned clubs have actively implemented service projects, organized fellowship programs, participated in district events, and successfully completed their club assemblies.

### **Challenges and Learning**

Some key challenges observed during the tenure included lower member attendance in regular meetings and limited coordination among certain members. These experiences highlighted the need for stronger motivation, effective communication, and enhanced engagement strategies to improve overall club functioning.

Conclusion

***Overall, my tenure as Assistant Governor in District 3292 has been both rewarding and insightful. Working closely with clubs, supporting leadership development, and contributing to meaningful service projects have strengthened my belief in Rotary's enduring mission of Service Above Self.***



**Rtn. Jitendra Nath Sharma**  
Assistant Governor 2025/26

As an assistant governor, my experience working with the assigned clubs under Rotary International has been both inspiring and deeply enriching. From the beginning, I viewed my role as a bridge between the District Governor's vision, district leadership, and the clubs. Regular communication with club presidents and board members allowed me to understand each club's strengths, culture, and specific challenges. Every club is unique—some excel in community service, others in fellowship or Foundation giving—and recognizing these differences helped me provide targeted and meaningful support. A key part of my responsibility was mentoring club leaders, particularly new presidents. I supported them in setting achievable goals, aligning their plans with district priorities, and maintaining consistency in reporting and membership development. Watching leaders grow in confidence and witnessing their clubs strengthen over time has been truly rewarding. I also encouraged clubs to enhance the impact of their service projects and increase engagement with The Rotary Foundation, guiding them in grants, sustainability, and strategic planning to elevate their initiatives.

Naturally, there were challenges, including new member orientation, membership retention, adapting to change, timely dues collection, and maintaining active engagement. Through open dialogue and collaboration, we worked together to identify practical solutions, and acting as a mentor and sounding board played an important role in building trust. Throughout my tenure, these challenges demanded energy, adaptability, and decisive leadership. Issues such as leadership transitions, systematic dues collection, aligning district expectations with club administrative capacity, and limited awareness of Rotary Foundation opportunities called for clearer communication and stronger advocacy. Change was not always easy, but it was essential.

Yet, each challenge revealed meaningful opportunities. I promoted inter-club collaboration, encouraged leadership development, and supported efforts to strengthen Rotary's public image. By driving strategic alignment and fostering innovation, we transformed obstacles into momentum—resulting in renewed confidence, stronger clubs, and a sharper focus on delivering service with passion and purpose. Serving as an assistant governor has strengthened my leadership skills, broadened my perspective, and reaffirmed the power of teamwork and service. Above all, it has been an honor to support dedicated Rotarians who truly embody the spirit of "Service Above Self."



**Rtn. Priya Sharda**  
Assistant Governor 2025/26

My journey as an assistant governor has been deeply meaningful. Working closely with my assigned clubs allowed me to understand their unique identities—each club operates with its own rhythm, strengths, and challenges. What stood out most was the sincerity and dedication of Rotarians who continue to give their time and energy despite their professional and personal responsibilities.

One of the recurring challenges was maintaining consistent engagement across clubs with varying capacities. Leadership transitions also required careful guidance to ensure continuity, confidence, and smooth handover to incoming teams. Another important area was aligning district direction with club-level implementation in a way that felt supportive and collaborative and not merely procedural.

However, these challenges became opportunities for growth. They opened the door for mentoring emerging leaders, strengthening communication, and building deeper trust between the district and the clubs. I found that steady encouragement, active listening, and consistent presence often made a greater impact than instructions alone.

*Overall, this experience reinforced my belief that Rotary's true strength lies in relationships, guidance, and shared purpose. It has been a journey of learning, connection, and collective commitment to service.*

# District Governor's Official Club Visit



**DG Visit RC Resunga Gulmi**

The District Governor's Official Club Visit is regarded as one of the most important annual activities within Rotary International. These visits play a vital role in enhancing participation and strengthening collaboration between district leadership and individual clubs. They ensure alignment with Rotary's overall mission while fostering fellowship, accountability, and a shared sense of purpose.

During each visit, the District Governor meets with club leaders and members to review ongoing service projects, recognize achievements, and address challenges that require coordinated effort. These interactions provide strategic guidance, renewed motivation, and help clubs align their goals with district priorities and Rotary's global objectives.

Beyond administrative review, the governor's visits energize members and strengthen unity within the Rotary community. By exchanging ideas, highlighting best practices, and encouraging inter-club cooperation, these visits help build relationships that amplify the impact of Rotary's humanitarian initiatives.

In Rotary International District 3292 (Nepal & Bhutan), District Governor Binod Koirala began his official club visits in July 2025 with remarkable dedication and enthusiasm. He emphasized direct engagement, traveling extensively to meet clubs across diverse regions. By the end of February in the Rotary year 2025-26, he had successfully visited 109 clubs.



**DG Visit RC Waling**



**DG Visit RC Pokhara Annapurna**



DG Visit RC Palpa Lumbini



DG Visit RC Palpa Tansen



DG Visit RC Lalitpur Midtown



DG Visit RC Budhanilkantha

# Club News and Activities



## Restoring Vision, Serving Lives

RC Dharan /RC Dharan Foothills  
February 10, 2026

The Rotary Club of Dharan Foothills, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Dharan, organized a Mega Health Camp on January 31, 2026, at Bishnupaduka-20, Dharan Sub-Metropolitan City, in partnership with B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences and with support from Surya Eye Care, Dharan.

The camp provided comprehensive medical services and free medicines to nearly 250 local residents. Eye care was a major focus, with 75 patients undergoing ophthalmological screening and 20 identified for cataract surgery.

Extending the initiative beyond diagnosis, seven patients underwent free cataract surgeries on February 10, 2026 through the leadership of Rtn. Dr. Ichhya Joshi and Surya Eye Care, with support from the Rotary Club of Dharan Foothills. The surgeries restored vision and improved quality of life for the beneficiaries. The program reflected Rotary's spirit of Service Above Self through impactful healthcare collaboration.



## Teachers Training on "CHILD BEHAVIOR & STRESS MANAGEMENT"

RC Bhairahawa  
February 14, 2026

The 445th Regular Meeting of the Rotary Club of Bhairahawa, combined with a special Teachers' Training on Child Behavior & Stress Management, was successfully held at Namuna English Boarding School, Tilottama-10, Semara, Rupandehi. The program aimed to strengthen teachers' skills in understanding student behavior and managing classroom stress. Trainers Rtn. Ranju Sharma and Rtn. Umesh Chandra Acharya conducted sessions on child psychology and stress-management techniques. Twelve Rotarians and thirty teachers participated. The event was chaired by President Rtn. Kamal Prasad Koirala, with Mr. Kum Bahadur Bayambu as chief guest. Participants expressed appreciation for the insightful and practical training.



## Inter College Speech Competition- Rotary 4way Test

RC Bagmati Kathmandu  
February 23, 2026

Marking Rotary Day on February 23, the Rotary Club of Bagmati Kathmandu successfully organized its flagship Inter-College Speech Competition on the Rotary 4-Way Test in collaboration with Southwestern State College and co-host partner clubs—Rotary Club of Balaju, Rotary Club of Changu, Rotary Club of Gongabu, Rotary Club of Hetauda, Rotary Club of Kathmandu Circle, Rotary Club of Kathmandu Height, Rotary Club of Patan, and Rotary Club of Yala.

The event was held at the auditorium of Southwestern State College in the presence of Chief Guest District Governor Rtn. Binod Koirala, along with district leaders, club presidents, Rotarians, and students from various colleges.

A total of 64 students registered for the competition, and 47 participated in the online preliminary round on February 19. From them, 16 finalists advanced to the Rotary Day finale, delivering compelling speeches inspired by the principles of integrity, fairness, goodwill, and service. Certificates, tokens of appreciation, and cash prizes were presented to the winners.

### Winners

- Shreya Poudel—First
- Sushil Chapagain—Second
- Omnika Basnet—Third

### Consolation Awards

- Abigya Belbase
- Rajani Patel

The program reaffirmed the Rotary Club of Bagmati Kathmandu's commitment to youth engagement, ethical leadership, and the promotion of Rotary values in the academic community.



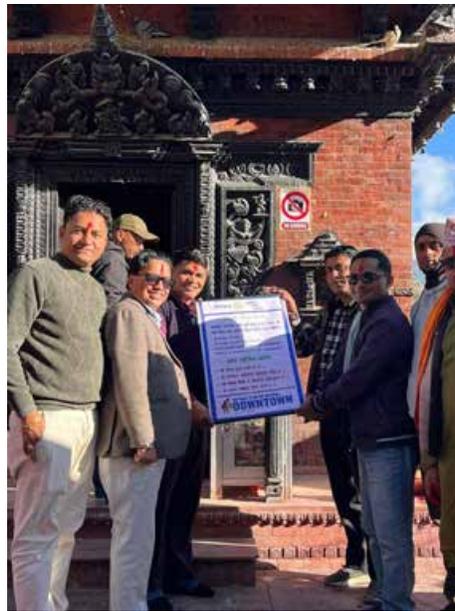
## Basic Computer & AI Training

RC Lumbini Siddharthanagar  
January 30, 2025

On January 30, 2026, the Rotary Club of Lumbini Siddharthanagar organized a "Mental Health Awareness Program" at the Rotary Building, with around 40 participants. The session addressed critical issues, including depression, anxiety, and suicide prevention.

Beyond awareness, the program empowered students by training them as peer counselors, enabling them to support individuals within their communities. The initiative reflected the club's strong commitment to social responsibility and community well-being.

The event concluded with the president expressing sincere appreciation to the speakers and participants for their valuable contributions.



## Rotary Four-Way Test Handover Program in Supa Deurali Temple.

RC Butwal Downtown  
February 8, 2026

The Rotary Club of Butwal Downtown handed over the Rotary Four-Way Test to the administration of the Supa Deurali Temple. As the temple attracts large numbers of devotees year-round, the club aimed to promote Rotary's ethical principles—truth, fairness, goodwill, and mutual benefit—among a wider community. Displaying the Four-Way Test at this culturally significant site helped inspire positive values in daily life. The initiative not only spread Rotary's message but also strengthened the club's public image through meaningful community engagement.



## Talk Program on Strengthening Environment and Wildlife Conservation in Nepal

RC Himalayan Golfers  
February 11, 2026



## Free Eye Camp

RC Himalayan Golfers  
February 18, 2026

The Rotary Club of Himalayan Golfers successfully organized a free eye camp on February 18, 2026, at the Gokarna Forest Resort with technical support from the Matrika Eye Camp. The initiative reflected the club's commitment to community health, providing eye care services to hotel staff, their families, golfers, caddies, ground staff, nearby residents, and the general public. A total of 109 individuals were screened, making the event a highly meaningful health intervention. The camp demonstrated the impact of collaborative service in delivering essential care to those who needed it most.



The Rotary Club of Himalayan Golfers hosted guest speaker Prasanna Yonjan, who delivered an insightful talk on strengthening environmental and wildlife conservation in Nepal. He highlighted the growing issue of poaching, shared firsthand experiences from the field, and discussed his ongoing conservation and anti-poaching initiatives. His presentation inspired members through its depth, passion, and urgency. The session was highly appreciated and served as a compelling reminder of the collective responsibility to protect Nepal's natural heritage for future generations.



## Raithane Swad Mahotsav

RC Mechinagar  
January 31, 2026

The "Raithane Swad Mahotsav" was held on January 29-31, 2026, at Nanda Corridor, Dhulabari, to promote local cuisine, tourism, cultural harmony, and public health awareness. Organized by the Nanda Corridor Promotion Center and co-hosted by the Rotary Club of Mechinagar, the event was supported by Mechinagar Municipality and the Jhapa Tourism Board. It was inaugurated by the mayor of Mechinagar Municipality, Mr. Gopal Budhathoki.

Stalls featured traditional dishes from the Rai, Newar, Kisan, and Meche communities. Shanti Samaj Female Group showcased nutritious millet and buckwheat-based products, highlighting food security and women's empowerment. A live culinary demonstration by ATHITI Hospitality Food Training School, led by Rtn. Niraj Shrestha blended local ingredients with modern techniques.



A dental health camp served over 200 beneficiaries. Cultural performances, competitions, panel discussions, and exhibitions enriched the festival, which attracted more than 20,000 visitors and strengthened tourism, health awareness, and community unity.



## Distribution of Track Suits & Cheque Hand Over for Tiffin

RC Yala  
February 5, 2026

The Rotary Club of Yala, in coordination with the spouse Group, distributed tracksuits to 60 students of Clark Memorial Himalaya School, along with food items. The tracksuits, worth Rs. 45,000, were sponsored by Sworupa Shrestha, and additional food support of Rs. 5,000 was provided. Radha Shrestha handed over a cheque of Rs. 57,000 for student tiffin. The initiative reinforced the club's commitment to child welfare and community development.



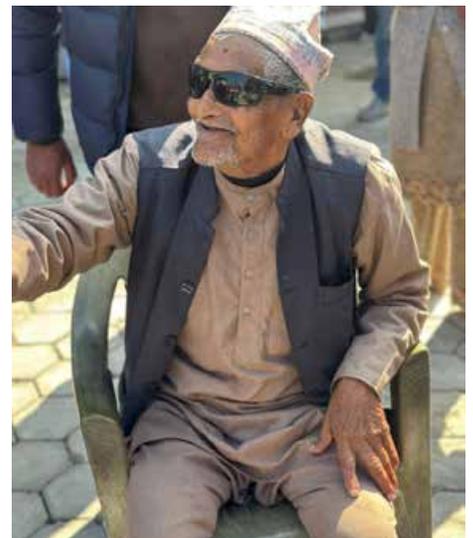
## Free Eye Screening & Cataract Surgery Camp at Dhading

RC Gongabu  
February 3-5, 2026

The Rotary Club of Gongabu, in collaboration with the Nepal Eye Hospital and local partners, successfully conducted a free eye screening and cataract surgery camp in rural Dhading. Held across Dhunibeshi Municipality and Thakre Rural Municipality, the initiative expanded access to essential eye care for underserved communities. A total of 1,321 individuals received screenings, 96 cataract cases were identified, and 79 patients underwent successful surgery. The program also promoted eye health awareness through counseling and preventive guidance.

The camp was supported by several Rotary partners, including RC Balaju, RC Kathmandu, RC Kathmandu Circle, RC Kathmandu Downtown, RC Kathmandu Height, RC Matribhumi Baluwatar, and Himalayan Golfers, along with community-based organizations. With a total budget of NPR 913,585, the initiative covered screening, surgery, accommodation, food, and transportation.

The impact was deeply meaningful, exemplified by 80-year-old Pinteba, who regained his eyesight and independence after surgery. This humanitarian effort significantly improved quality of life for many residents and strengthened long-term awareness of eye health in the community.





**Bio- Sand Filter Handover**

RC Yala  
February 18, 2026

The Rotary Club of Yala handed over Bio-Sand Water Filter units to Mayor Tiratharaj Bhattarai of the Diktel Rupakot Majhuwagadhi Municipality during a discussion on installing filters in 30 schools. The initiative, supported by the Rotary Club of Jindalee, Rotary International District 3292, and Best Paani Nepal, aimed to ensure safe drinking water for thousands of students. With a project cost of Rs. 10 lakhs, the installation is expected to finish within a month. Seventy-two participants, including senior officials and school leaders, attended, expressing strong appreciation for this impactful School WASH effort.



**HPV Vaccination Awareness & Support Drive – Biratnagar**

RC Biratnagar Down Town  
February 8, 2026

The HPV Vaccination Awareness & Support Drive in Biratnagar focused on preventive healthcare for adolescent girls by strengthening outreach ahead of the citywide vaccination campaign. Led

by Biratnagar Mahanagarpalika, with volunteer support from the Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown, the initiative covered all 19 wards of the Biratnagar Metropolitan City through miking and awareness banners. Targeting girls from Classes 6–10, the campaign improved public understanding of HPV vaccination, increased parental acceptance, and boosted participation in government-run school vaccination camps. The model proved effective and replicable for future public-health initiatives.



**Good food A Great Beginning**

RC Biratnagar Central  
February 1, 2026

The Rotary Club of Biratnagar Central organized a lunch program titled “Good Food, A Great Beginning” at Jagriti Briddha Ashram, Biratnagar, on February 1, 2026. Coordinated by Rtn. Namrata Rijal and Rtn. Jinna Thapa, the event aimed to support and uplift the elderly residents. Lunch was served to 16 residents, and the program was conducted smoothly with the active participation of club members. The initiative reflected the club’s commitment to compassion, community service, and care for senior citizens.





## Tracksuits Distribution Program

RC Pokhara Paradise  
January 25, 2026

The Rotary Club of Pokhara Paradise successfully conducted a Tracksuits Distribution Program at Arunodaya Basic School, Majh Gaun-7, Rupa Municipality, Kaski. The initiative aimed to enhance students' comfort and confidence during the winter season by providing warm tracksuits. A total of 67 students benefited from the program, which was supported by 10 Rotarians under the leadership of President Rtn. Bhojraj Pandey.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Principal Mr. Kishor Bhujel, followed by an informative presentation on Rotary by RY 2024-25 President Rtn. Devendra Parajuli. The program was coordinated by Rtn. Santosh Khanal. The total budget amounted to Rs. 85,000, with Rs. 41,000 contributed by participating members and Rs. 44,000 by the club.

Students expressed their gratitude through an impressive PT show. The event concluded with closing remarks by President Rtn. Bhojraj Pandey, further strengthening school-community relations and boosting student morale.



## Serving Nutrition, Spreading Smiles

RC Biratnagar Central  
February 10, 2026

The Rotary Club of Biratnagar Central donated 15 kg of atta and 20 kg of muri to Shree Ravi Primary School to support its student meal program. The contribution, made by Rtn. Priya Sharda benefited 350 students by helping enhance their daily nutrition and overall well-being. Club members handed over the ration to the school administration. This initiative strengthened the school's efforts to provide a healthier learning environment and reflected the club's continued commitment to community welfare.



## Three-Day Special Therapy & Medical Assessment Camp

RC Biratnagar Down Town  
February 18, 2026

The three-day program, held on 26-28 February at the Savita Child & Neurological Rehabilitation Centre and organized by the Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown, provided comprehensive pediatric and neuro-physiotherapy assessment and rehabilitation services. Dr. Qamar Zaheer, an occupational therapist was invited from Delhi to conduct detailed evaluations for children with autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, muscular dystrophy, developmental delays, and intellectual disabilities. Consultations were also offered for neurological, orthopedic, post-surgical, and geriatric conditions.

The initiative was supported by the Rotaract Club of Noble Medical College and coordinated with the Mahanagar Autism Centre and Anmol School. Beneficiaries included children from these institutions, students of the Rotary CP Day Care Centre, and outside patients. Parents and staff received practical training, enhancing home-based care. The program strengthened local rehabilitation capacity and established a sustainable model for periodic specialist camps.





### Wheelchair and Materials Distribution Program

RC Pokhara Paradise  
January 31, 2026

The Rotary Club of Pokhara Paradise, in collaboration with Pokhara Aged Shelter, organized a relief and support distribution program for the family of Mr. Dig Bahadur Rai (66), addressing dignity, mobility, education, and daily survival need. The initiative uniquely integrated healthcare assistance, educational support, and basic livelihood relief under one comprehensive effort.

The family received a wheelchair, tracksuits, stationery materials, blankets, and food items. Mr. Rai, originally from Katari-7, Udayapur, had been living in Pokhara-21, Faparcharey Village. He lost a leg 16 years ago due to rheumatic disease, and a previously fitted artificial limb proved ineffective, making a wheelchair essential. His wife worked as a daily wage laborer while caring for their two granddaughters, studying in grades 8 and 10.

The total cost was jointly managed: Rs. 8,500 by RC Pokhara Paradise, Rs. 8,500 by Pokhara Aged Shelter, and a wheelchair from Rotary District 3292. The program restored mobility, eased hardship, and supported the girls' education.



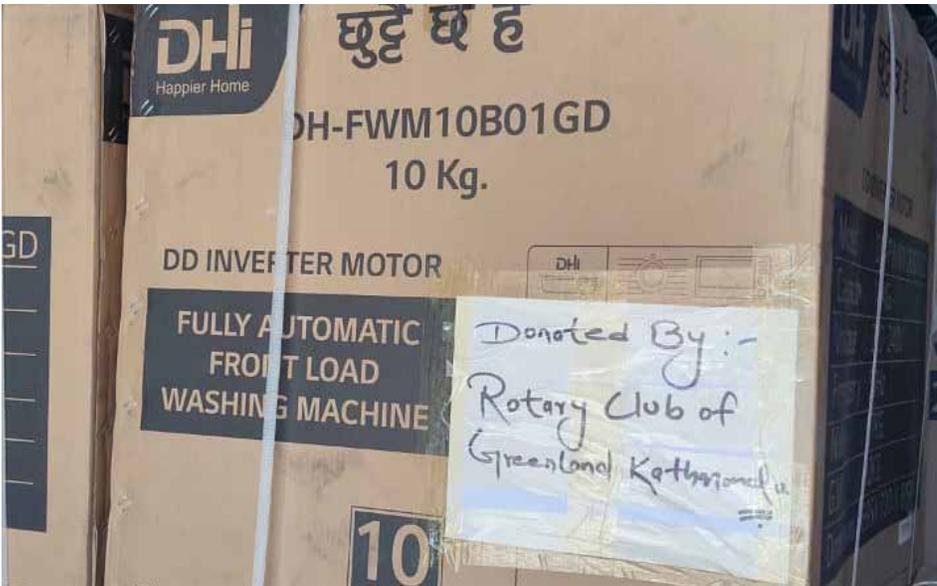
### Women Skill and Livelihood Development Center – Budhiganga Rural Municipality

RC Biratnagar Down Town  
February 18, 2026

The collaborative initiative between the Budhiganga Rural Municipality and the Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown aimed to empower women through skill-based livelihood training. Two tailoring centers were inaugurated in Ward 4 and Ward 6, complementing an earlier center established in Ekrahi Village with support from the Laxmi Sunrise Bank, bringing the total to three centers. Each new center was equipped with 20 sewing machines, half contributed by Rotary, along with 40 tailoring kits and qualified instructors. The event was inaugurated by Mayor Jeet Narayan Thapa Magar.

The project enabled women from all eight wards, especially those from economically vulnerable households, to gain practical tailoring skills and pursue self-employment. It strengthened local economic participation, increased confidence among participants, and created inclusive spaces for women to learn and earn. Sustainability was ensured through local government ownership, community engagement, and Rotary's ongoing monitoring.





## Donates Washing Machine to Bayalpata Hospital, Achham

RC Greenland Kathmandu  
February, 2026

RC Greenland Kathmandu proudly donated a 10 kg capacity washing machine to Bayalpata Hospital, located in Safebagar, Achham. This contribution was made in response to a request from the hospital administration to support better hygiene management within the facility. The washing machine will significantly assist the hospital staff in maintaining proper cleanliness standards, especially in handling frequently used medical textiles. As a service-oriented club committed to community welfare, RC Greenland Kathmandu believes that strengthening healthcare facilities in remote areas is an important step toward improving overall public health outcomes.

Dr. Mandeep Pathak, Director of Bayalpata Hospital, expressed sincere appreciation for the generous support. He shared that the hospital regularly performs surgical procedures and

provides emergency care services to patients from Achham and surrounding districts. In such a setting, maintaining strict hygiene protocols is essential. The newly donated washing machine will be used to wash operation gowns, surgical drapes, and other medical cloths used by doctors and nurses. Proper and timely washing of these materials plays a vital role in preventing infections, ensuring patient safety, and maintaining a sterile environment within the operation theatre.

This initiative reflects RC Greenland Kathmandu's ongoing commitment to "Service Above Self." By supporting essential healthcare needs, the club aims to contribute to safer medical practices and improved healthcare services in rural Nepal. Clean operation clothes and sanitized medical fabrics are fundamental to infection control and patient protection. Through this donation, the club hopes to make a meaningful difference in the daily functioning of Bayalpata Hospital and reinforce the importance of cleanliness and safety in healthcare institutions. RC Greenland Kathmandu remains dedicated to supporting impactful projects that directly benefit communities and promote health, dignity, and well-being for all.



## Eye Screening & Cataract Surgery Camp

RC Biratnagar Down Town  
February 9, 2026

Netra Jyoti 3.0 provided accessible and dignified eye care to elderly residents of a Vriddha Ashram, emphasizing early diagnosis, free treatment, and cataract surgeries through a trusted medical partnership. A total of 72 individuals received eye examinations, free medicines, and spectacles where required. Twelve elderly patients underwent successful cataract surgery. The camp was supported by a four-member medical team from the Ramlal Golchha Eye Hospital, coordinated by Mr. Sagar Pokhrel, and organized by the Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown as the third phase of the Netra Jyoti initiative.

The project significantly improved the quality of life of beneficiaries by restoring vision, preventing future complications, and providing immediate relief through medicines and spectacles. It also strengthened community trust and reinforced Rotary's commitment to preventive and curative eye care. With postoperative follow-up ensured through the hospital, the model remains sustainable and replicable for future camps.



## PDG AKS Rtn. Venu Rao Addresses the Club (DG RID 7870 2018-19)

RC Birtamode  
February 21, 2026

The Rotary Club of Birtamode had the privilege of hosting PDG AKS Rtn. Venu Rao from the Hollis-Brookline Rotary Club, who shared thoughtful insights on strengthening Rotary's reach, collaboration, and values-based service. He encouraged adopting hybrid meetings to enhance member participation and highlighted how inter-district partnerships drive impactful Global Grant projects. Emphasizing Rotary's core values, he shared an inspiring story underscoring the joy of serving others. He also advised expanding donor outreach for the club's Child Education Fund. The session left members motivated to deepen partnerships and implement his guidance for greater community impact.



## Educational Materials and Warm Clothes Handover Program

RC Butwal Downtown  
February 7, 2026

The Rotary Club of Butwal Downtown organized an Educational Materials and Warm Clothes Handover Program at Shree Bhagwati Secondary School on 7 February 2026. The project supported 250 students from underprivileged families by providing essential school supplies and warm clothing for the winter season. With a budget of Rs. 200,000, the initiative aimed to ensure learning continuity and student well-being during cold weather.

The program was supported by BBC Global Education, founded by Club President Nominee Rtn. D.B. Rayamajhi, and chaired by Club President Rtn. Baburam Banjade. School officials, teachers, Rotarians, and community representatives attended the handover ceremony, where the school expressed sincere gratitude for the timely assistance. The project reinforced the club's commitment to educational upliftment and meaningful community service.



## Handed over of 60 sleeping mattresses to the Eye Hospital

RC Hetauda  
February 22, 2026

To enhance patient comfort and support local health services, sleeping mattresses were provided to the Eye Hospital on the 121st anniversary of Rotary International. The donation

is expected to greatly benefit patients staying for treatment. The Rotary Club of Hetauda, which has operated free eye screening and cataract camps for 30 years, led the initiative. Club President Pramesh Pradhan highlighted the club's continued commitment to eye care services. Hospital Chief Dr. Sunil Thakali expressed gratitude, noting that the support would significantly improve daily patient convenience and overall service quality.



## Vocational Training for Women

RC Central Lumbini  
January 31, 2026

Aligned with Rotary International's January theme, Vocational Service Month, the Rotary Club of Central Lumbini organized a 7-day vocational training program to empower women and promote girls' education in Mayadevi Rural Municipality-7. Nineteen women completed the training, gaining skills in handicraft production—such as malas, necklaces, bangles, and rings—as well as marketing, negotiation, and sourcing techniques. The program opened with Assistant Governor Rtn. Shiva Gaudel and concluded with Province Assembly Member Hon. Hema Belbase KC, who awarded certificates to all participants. This initiative strengthened women's confidence and supported sustainable, community-based livelihood opportunities.





### Rotary Day Vision Screening Camp

RC Butwal Downtown  
February 23, 2026

On the 121st Rotary Day, 23 February 2026, the Rotary Club of Butwal Downtown, in collaboration with neighboring clubs, organized a Vision Screening Camp at Laxmi Secondary School. The camp was supported by the expert medical team from Lumbini Netralaya, ensuring accurate screenings and proper consultations. With a budget of Rs. 30,000, the initiative aimed at early detection of vision issues and promoting eye-health awareness. A total of 200 students received comprehensive eye checkups. The program reflected Rotary's commitment to meaningful community service and youth well-being.



### 3-Month Tailoring Training

RC Hetauda  
February 15, 2026

The three-month tailoring training program was inaugurated to strengthen women's skills, enhance self-reliance, and promote self-employment. Led



### ICT Training Program

RC Dillibazar-Kathmandu  
February 20, 2026

The three-day Information and Communication Technology (ICT) training program was successfully conducted through the joint initiative of the Rotary Club of Dillibazar-Kathmandu and the Rotary Club of Kathmandu, with support from the Basic Education and Literacy Department of Rotary International District 3292. Held at Mangalodaya Secondary School on February 18-20, 2026, the training brought together 22 teachers from community schools across Chandragiri.

The inaugural session featured Past President Prof. Dr. Parthiveshwor Prasad Timilsina as chief guest, and the closing ceremony welcomed Mayor Ghanshyam Giri of Chandragiri Municipality. Both sessions were chaired by Club President Prem Kumar Oli. Program Coordinator Leelanath Sharma delivered the welcome remarks, and facilitator Rtn. Hari Acharya led practical sessions on question paper preparation, exam evaluation, and result processing.

Teachers appreciated the hands-on training and requested similar programs in the future. The mayor announced plans to introduce digital classrooms in all community schools. Certificates were awarded to all participants at the conclusion of the program.



by the Rotary Club of Hetauda with support from the Rotary Club of Indamond, USA, the initiative will train groups of eight women in three phases over 18 months, providing each graduate with a sewing machine, interlock machine, and essential tools.

The first phase, organized locally by the Women Protection Center, includes eight participants receiving practical instruction in fabric measurement, design, machine operation, and garment stitching. Club President Pramesh Pradhan emphasized that the training would significantly enhance women's economic empowerment and encouraged participants to apply their new skills in practice.



### Table Tennis Competition

RC Hetauda  
February 21, 2026

The first day of the three-day program celebrating the 121st anniversary of Rotary International concluded successfully. Organized by the Rotary Club of Hetauda with active participation from Rotarians, Rotaractors, and bankers, the event featured singles and pairs competitions marked by enthusiastic and friendly play. Winners and runners-up received prizes and certificates during the closing ceremony. President Pramesh Pradhan noted that celebrating Rotary's anniversary through sports and social activities aimed to strengthen fellowship and encourage a healthy lifestyle among participants.



### Distribution of Stationery and Cloths

RC Yala  
February 16, 2026

The Rotary Club of Yala distributed school bags, stationery, sports materials, clothing, and food items to students of Shree Janata Baic School, where most children come from marginalized Mushahar community families. The project, costing Rs. 135,000 and supported by Surendra Govinda Joshi, aimed to enhance learning conditions and motivate regular school attendance. The children expressed great happiness upon receiving the materials, and the initiative reinforced the club's commitment to education and community development.



### Sports Materials Donated to Autism Center, Makawanpur

RC Hetauda  
February 23, 2026

On the 121st anniversary of Rotary International, various sports materials were donated to the Autism Center to support the physical and mental development of children with autism. The initiative was led by the Rotaract Club of Hetauda under the facilitation of the Rotary Club of Hetauda. The donated items included balls, educational toys, board games, and other child-friendly materials, which the center believes will enhance learning, social interaction, and confidence. The event, attended by officials from both clubs, also featured an interactive session, reinforcing shared commitment to supporting children's growth and well-being.



### Workshop "Zero Waste for Sustainable Tourism" & Cleanup Program

RC Kathmandu Circle  
February 17-18, 2026

A total of 57 participants attended the Zero Waste Workshop organized by the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Circle in coordination with Bandipur Municipality and the Bandipur Social Development Committee. Public Image Chair Rtn. Dipendra



Bhandari served as master of ceremonies. The program opened with remarks by Dr. Madan Piya and Nugal Ananda Vaidya, followed by technical sessions on sustainable tourism, the Zero Waste hierarchy, certification systems, assessments, low-carbon tourism, and global best practices, including insights from Costa Rica. Expert speakers represented HECAF360, the Zero Waste International Alliance, Zero Waste USA, Zero Waste Costa Rica, and Story Cycle.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Bikram Piya, chair of RCC Bandipur. The club also conducted a cleanup at Tin Dhara, promoting responsible waste management and fostering community engagement in environmental preservation.



## Water Filter Handover in Schools of Bandipur

RC Kathmandu Circle  
February 18, 2026

The Rotary Club of Kathmandu Circle distributed 12 family water filters to six community schools in Bandipur, improving students' access to safe drinking water. The beneficiaries included Padma Primary School (3 sets), Shiva Secondary School (2 sets), Deurali Basic School (2 sets), Shanti Basic School (1 set), Arun Secondary School (1 set), and Bhangeri Primary School (3 sets).

The initiative ensured clean, safe water free from impurities and harmful microorganisms, helping reduce waterborne illnesses and improving student well-being. Schools reported fewer health-related absences and increased awareness of safe water and hygiene practices.



## Musical Night

RC Dharan  
February 10, 2026

With immense joy and gratitude, we reflect on a truly enchanting Musical Night held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at Rotary Sadan, Dharan, in collaboration with Najhareko Phoolharu. The evening came alive with soulful performances by Krishna Raja Shrestha, Hemant Sharma, and other talented artists. More than fifty music lovers filled the hall with warm appreciation. A highlight of the night was Roshan Sharma's electrifying guitar performance, which left the audience captivated. The Rotary Club of Dharan extends heartfelt thanks to all performers, collaborators, and guests for turning a musical evening into a memorable celebration of fellowship and harmony.



## Blood Donation Program

RC Dharan  
February 23, 2026

On the 121st World Rotary Day, the Rotary Club of Dharan organized a blood donation program on February 23, 2026 at Bhanu Chowk. More than 32 donors participated, embodying Rotary's spirit of Service Above Self. Under the leadership of



## Gorkha Ideal School Wins First Place in Rotary Quiz Competition

RC Rapti  
February, 2026

Gorkha Ideal School, Lalmatiya, won first place in the quiz competition organized by the Rotary Club of Rapti as part of its annual plan and Rotary Day celebration. The running-shield competition brought together secondary schools from across Rapti Rural Municipality, with 11 schools participating.

Gorkha Ideal School Lalmatiya secured first place, followed by Public Education Academy in second and Little Angel School Rapti in third. Cash prizes of Rs. 5,000, Rs. 3,000, and Rs. 2,000 were awarded, respectively, along with certificates for all participants.

Chairing the event, Club President Gopal Acharya emphasized the goal of fostering leadership and confidence among students. Program coordination was led by founding president Basudev Nyaupane.



Program Coordinator Rtn. Rajesh Shrestha, the event was conducted smoothly. We express sincere gratitude to the Nepal Red Cross Society for their technical support and to all Rotarians, Anns, and volunteers whose teamwork made the program a success. Together, we continued to make a meaningful impact on our community.



### Mental Health Awareness Campaign

RC Balaju/RC Kathmandu  
February 5, 2026

The Rotary Club of Balaju, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu, organized a Mental Health Awareness Program titled Swastha Man, Swastha Jiban—Manka Kura Garau at Bhimsengola Secondary School. The initiative supported Rotary's commitment to community wellbeing and youth development by promoting emotional health among students. The session encouraged open dialogue on stress, child development, and supportive school environments, helping students and teachers better understand the importance of mental well-being.



### Career Orientation Panel Discussion on "Unfamiliar Professions, Bright Future"

RC Kathmandu Height  
February 1, 2026

The Rotary Club of Kathmandu Height conducted a career orientation program titled "Unfamiliar Professions, Bright Future" at Creative Academy on February 1, 2026. The event highlighted emerging, lesser-known career paths through insights from experts including Sumira Shrestha, Krishna Dhital, and Manjusha Shrestha, moderated by Angirash Karki. Over 120 students from Grades 8-12 participated in the interactive session. With a budget of NPR 10,000, the program supported first-generation learners, offering guidance on scholarships, essential skills, and diverse career options. The initiative enhanced career clarity and encouraged students to explore innovative professional pathways.



### Restoring the Gift of Hearing in Khokana

RC Mount Everest Lalitpur  
RC Patan East  
January 17, 2026

The Rotary Club of Mount Everest Lalitpur successfully completed a hearing-aid distribution project on January 17, 2026. Jointly organized with the Rotary Club of Patan East and supported by the Rotary Club of Chatswood International, the initiative provided 40 hearing-aid devices to patients in Khokana, with technical support from the Nepal ENT Center. Backed by RCC Khokana, the Interact Club of Shree Rudrayanee Secondary School, and Ward Office Local Ward No. 21, the project embodied Rotary's spirit of "Service Above Self." It restored confidence, improved communication, and brought genuine joy to individuals who regained their ability to hear—demonstrating the power of collaboration and compassion.



### Impact of Nutrition During Menstruation on Physical & Mental Health Awareness Program

RC Mechinagar  
February 23, 2026

The Rotary Club of Mechinagar marked the 121st Rotary Day by organizing a health awareness session for adolescent girls at Dhulabari Secondary School. Led by Nutritionist Yunisha Khanal under the presidency of Rtn. Sharmila Pathak, the program highlighted the connection between nutrition, hormonal balance, and academic performance. Students learned about essential nutrients, emotional stability during menstruation, and science-based hygiene practices. Over 10 participants engaged actively in the discussion. The event, conducted at an approximate cost of Rs. 12,000, provided practical guidance for adopting healthy, affordable dietary habits at home.



### Warm Cloth distribution

RC Resunga Gulmi  
February 5, 2026

The Rotary Club of Resunga Gulmi distributed warm clothes to 15 economically disadvantaged students from Resunga Secondary School and Siddhababa Secondary School in Gulmi District. The initiative, supported by a budget of Rs. 18,000, aimed to assist students facing financial hardship and help them stay warm during winter. The club reaffirmed its commitment to supporting education and welfare programs in the community.





### Talk Program on Peace and Conflict

RC Balaju  
February 21, 2026

The Rotary Club of Balaju, in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of Balaju, organized a talk program on February 21, 2026, marking Rotary's Peace and Conflict Prevention Month. The event supported Rotary's global commitment to peacebuilding and international understanding. Bishnu Raj Upreti delivered an insightful session that deepened members' knowledge of conflict dynamics and peace processes. The program strengthened inter-club cooperation and encouraged continued engagement in community-level peace initiatives, with both clubs expressing gratitude to all participants for their meaningful contribution.



### "Gift of Warmth" Nepal School Support Initiative – Back to School Disaster Support Project

RC Kathmandu Height  
February 6, 2026

The Rotary Club of Kathmandu Height successfully implemented the "Gift of Warmth" program from 1 to 6 February, 2026 in Namobuddha Municipality as part of the Nepal School Support Initiative launched after the 2024 floods and landslides that affected Kavrepalanchok District and Solukhumbu District. In the first phase, warm sweaters were distributed to 1,000 students from 11 community schools, including Bhimeshwar Basic School, Amar Basic School, Jana Jagriti Basic School, and others. The project was supported by international partners such as the Rotary Club of Columbia Center, the Rotary Club of Cranbrook Sunrise, the Rotary Club of Cranbrook, and the Rotary Club of Timmins-Porcupine under the leadership of President-Elect Shreekrishna Dhital. The initiative improved student attendance and winter safety for disaster-affected children. The second phase will expand support through stationery, sports materials, fruit-sapling plantation, and day-meal assistance, extending benefits to over 2,500 students, including those in Solukhumbu.



### Dialogue for Peace: Practicing Nonviolent Communication in Everyday Leadership

RC Kathmandu Height  
February 25, 2026

The Rotary Club of Kathmandu Height organized an interactive peacebuilding session titled "Dialogue for Peace: Practicing Nonviolent Communication in Everyday Leadership" at Bhanubhakta Memorial School in observance of Rotary's Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month. Speakers included Ms. Anjula Joshi of Tribhuvan University and Mr. Sagar Khadka of the Global Peace Foundation, who emphasized integrity and empathy, drawing on insights from Dag Hammarskjöld. Students practiced the four-step NVC model and applied it through guided exercises. The program directly benefited 35 students and indirectly shaped a more dialogue-focused campus culture, concluding with President Rtn. Arun Sharma's remarks on Rotary and Rotaract.





### Gathers for Meaningful Meeting and Fellowship

RC Purbi Chitwan  
February 7, 2026

The Rotary Club of Purbi Chitwan held its Regular Meeting and Fellowship Programme in a warm and engaging environment. Members shared ideas, discussed ongoing projects, and strengthened personal and professional bonds. The gathering fostered unity, collaboration, and renewed motivation to continue serving the community with dedication and the true spirit of Rotary.



### Distribution of Blankets

RC Yala  
February 1, 2026

The Rotary Club of Yala, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Yala, completed the "Gift of Warmth 2026" project to support communities affected by floods. The team distributed 110 blankets, Four-Way Test copies, caps, and tiffin assistance to students of Shree Dapcha Secondary School and later provided 25 blankets to vulnerable families at Batuk Bhairabsthan. The Rs. 51,000 initiative brought comfort and encouragement to underprivileged children, offering warmth, hope, and a reminder that recovery is possible through collective support.



### Strengthening Fellowship and Promoting Heritage

RC Patan Heritage  
February 14, 2026

The Rotary Club of Patan Heritage celebrated Family Month on February 14, 2026 at Manjushree Park, fostering fellowship and strengthening bonds among members and their families. The event also promoted Chobhar as a culturally and naturally significant tourism destination. A key highlight was the recognition of the park's grand Manjushree Statue, built through the efforts of member Chandra Shyam Dangol. The celebration concluded with warm family interactions and a renewed commitment to community service and tourism promotion, reflecting Rotary's spirit of unity and service.





### Mental Health Awareness Program

RC Saibu Bhainsepati  
February 7, 2026

The Rotary Club of Sainbu Bhainsepati conducted a Mental Health Awareness Program at the National Society for Earthquake Technology Nepal (NSET) Building, starting at 2:00 PM. The initiative promoted well-being, reduced stigma, and strengthened community awareness in Lalitpur District. Through interactive sessions led by Dr. Pradeep Panday, participants learned about stress, anxiety, depression, and resilience. Around 35 individuals benefited, including students, daily wage workers, and marginalized families. The program involved members of the Interact and Rotaract Clubs, emphasizing collaboration, education, and early identification of mental health concerns.



### Handover the Computers to Traffic Police

RC Nagarjun  
January 28, 2026

The Rotary Club of Nagarjun donated high-quality computers and a printer to the Valley Traffic Police Office on its 22nd Charter Day. District Governor Binod Koirala handed over three computers and one printer to Nabaraj Adhikari, enhancing the office's administrative capacity. The program, held at Ramshahpath, was attended by about 200 senior officers. Speakers emphasized Rotary's long-standing commitment to social service and its support for public institutions. SSP Adhikari expressed gratitude for the assistance, noting its importance for infrastructure and operational

# Rotaract News



## Sanskriti Sanjh An Evening of Cultural Heritage

Rotaract Club of Balaju / Rotaract Club of Swoyambhu  
January 31, 2025

Sanskriti Sanjh was a youth-focused service project organized at Bhagwan Pau, Swayambhu, from January 15 to 31, 2026. Jointly hosted by the Rotaract Club of Balaju and the Rotaract Club of Swoyambhu, with support from collaborating Rotary, Rotaract, and community organizations, the event celebrated Nepal's cultural heritage through music, dance, and devotional performances.

The project provided training and stage opportunities for school and Community Learning Center (CLC) children, particularly those from underprivileged backgrounds. Through weeks of preparation, participants developed confidence, teamwork, and artistic skills while strengthening their cultural identity. Rotaractors presented six traditional dance forms and led a Bhajan Saanjh in collaboration with Shree Saraswati Sanskritic Samuha Nepal, fostering spiritual and social harmony.

By blending service with culture, Sanskriti Sanjh promoted youth empowerment, cultural preservation, and community unity, creating a meaningful and lasting social impact.



## Charter Installation of Saptagandaki Multiple Campus

January 26, 2025

The Rotaract Club of Saptagandaki Multiple Campus was officially chartered and installed on 26 January 2026. The event was led by the Rotary Club of Narayani Midtown and marked a significant milestone in strengthening youth leadership in the region.

A total of 52 participants attended the ceremony, including two Assistant Governors, the President of Narayani Midtown, past presidents, fellow Rotarians, 20 newly inducted Rotaractors, Charter President Rajan Kalwar, and members of the Rotaract Club of Narayani Midtown.

The program was held at CBC Lords Plaza Hotel, located in front of Bharatpur Airport. The total expenditure amounted to NPR 55,000, which covered snacks and other organizational expenses.



## Maitri E-Shiksha Empowers Women with Essential Digital Skills

Rotaract Club of Patan Heritage  
February 8, 2025

The Rotaract Club of Patan Heritage (Zone XII, RI District 3292), with support from Smart Health Global, successfully concluded "Maitri E-Shiksha," an initiative aimed at bridging the digital divide for women aged 45 and above. The program guided participants from basic smartphone use to digital independence through a structured three-phase approach.



Participants developed foundational skills, including internet connectivity and digital payments through eSewa, enabling them to pay utility bills independently. Hands-on sessions covered the Nagarik App for government services, the Civil Hospital App for medical access, and Google Maps for ride-sharing services such as Pathao. Cybersecurity awareness was strongly emphasized, achieving full understanding of OTP scams and unsafe links.

Initial surveys indicated that 70% were unaware of mobile government services; post-training evaluations showed markedly increased confidence and self-reliance.

# Heartiest Congratulations

to

**PDG Basu Dev Golyan**



**Warmest congratulations to PDG Basu Dev Golyan on his well-deserved appointment as Rotary International Director for 2027–29 from Zone 6.**

**A proud milestone for Rotary International District 3292 Nepal-Bhutan.**

**DG Binod Koirala**

**&**

**Rotary International District 3292 Nepal-Bhutan Family**