

Rotary Club of Shillong

Annual Report for the Rotary year 2009-10

I'd like to start my report by saying that the motto of Rotary says it all – “**Service above Self**”.

I'm sure that this year's Rotary Club of Shillong's BOD will be recalled as one of the best that the club can ever hope to have. I'm really proud of the entire team. We have jointly ensured that our exertion and recreation went hand-in-hand so that the entire year was fruitful and fulfilling, both for the society we live in and for all of us personally. All that I'm about to list has been due to the collective effort of every member of the club, and I specially thank my Board of Directors for the immense work we have been able to do.

Let me list them by the 5 committees that we follow.

Rotary Foundation:

- Continued with our regular Polio Plus programs, and participated in the NID, which was conducted on 11th Jan & 8th Feb.
- Sponsored a candidate for outgoing GSE team.
- Proposed a club member, Rtn. Kiron Johsi as the outgoing Team Leader, and he was selected to lead the GSE Team to Germany RID 1930, and has successfully concluded the trip.
- Hosted 5 members of the incoming GSE Team from Germany, RID 1930 in Feb 2010
- Hosted incoming Youth Exchange Student from Switzerland, Anais Galli for two weeks in April '10.
- Hosted 25 Rotarians and their family from RC Comilla Lalmai, Bangladesh, and had a joint meeting and fellowship with them.
- Hosted 2 other teams of visiting Rotarians from Bangladesh at different times during the year.
- Donated US\$ 3525 to the Rotary Foundation, with 1 new PHF (who incidentally was the 1st in the district in this Rotary year), and converted 4 non-functional RFSM to full PHF. Also, 1 new RFSM as enrolled.
- Under Every Rotarian Every Year, donated US\$ 350.
- 13 members attended the District Foundation Seminar at Shillong
- World Polio Day was celebrated on the 24th Oct by a talk by Rtn. Debashis Das to a large group of students.
- We have started the process for a Matching Global Grant together with the Rotary Club of Parkland/Spanaway (Tacoma WA, USA) RID 5020 for setting up of the Bellfonte Community College, for a project which is worth US\$ 48,000.
- We are in the process of getting a Matching Grant for the Clean Drinking Water Project.
- Our FCRA Registration has been submitted to the concerned authorities.

Club Administration:

- Installation of the Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2009-10 was held on the 17th June 2009.
- Successfully hosted Sectional District Assembly **Jingiamir Jingmut '10** at Shillong, in which over 150 delegates from all over the north-east participated.
- The District Governor's official club visit was on the 31st of July 2009.
- Talk by various Guest Speakers like Shri Donald Ingti, Commissioner of Central Excise on Drugs, Shri G.S.Mishra, Chief Manager Indian Bank, on Counterfeit Currency, Mr. R.Mohanty, Regional Director, AMD on Energy Security & Uranium potential of Meghalaya, and by Shri Brian Kharpran Daly on caving and caves of Meghalaya. These were at various club meetings.
- Celebrated Independence Day by Fancy Dress theme for Children & Quiz by Rtn. Atul Mathur.
- Diwali and Christmas were celebrated with friends and family at the club premises.
- Celebrated the Charter Day with a befitting program on 25th May.
- One treasure was traced, when we were able to retrieve the names of our **Charter Members**, and the original application details.
- The club website was updated and made operational.
- One important development was the formation of the **The Rotary Club of Shillong Trust**.
- Presented a Special Card to Visiting Rotarians
- 8 members attended the District Conference at Imphal
- Participate in Club Photo Exhibition at Imphal
- At PETS, we conducted a mock Regular Weekly Meeting for the benefit of the new presidents.
- During the DG's official visit, we had visited HE Rotarian R.S.Mooshahary, and had tea with him.
- Had a Joint meeting with RCOCS
- Started the Collection of all data, anecdotes, Photos etc. of 53 years of the Club's History to bring some semblance of order to them and to make them readable. The scanning is already in progress.
- Our Sister club, the Inner Wheel Club of Shillong celebrated their 25th Charter Day.
- Ensured that weekly fellowship was good.
- All non-working items in the club premises were repaired.
- Sent the Monthly Reports to District Secretariat in due time.
- Made all payments to RI, District, Rotary News in time.
- Presented the Treasurer's report in every Board Meeting, and ensured that all pending payments are cleared.
- Viewing on LCD Projector of Humanities in Motion / This is Rotary / Futuristic Technology
- **Club Bulletin Harmony:**

- Ensured that a quality bulletin was issued every week, with Editorial / Presidents Message alternately every week
- Photographs were carried in every issue, along with Club News, District or International News, Today's Event, Forthcoming Events, Jokes, Rotary Thoughts, Interesting non-Rotary topics
- Was sent to 25 clubs in the district in a cyclic order, District Secretariat / Rotary News & Hony. Rtn. HE Shri R.S.Mooshahary
- Participated in the All India Bulletin Contest
- The club bulletin was posted Online on our website.

Service Project:

- Started the year with Planting of 500 Fruit Tree Saplings by School Children of St. Anthony's School.
- The Sailabala Rotary Scholarship Award and the Shobhna Gupta Rotary Scholarship Awards, were given to various students in due time.
- The most important project this year Rotary year was the Clean Drinking Water Project. We had approached up to 25 schools, and are trying to provide them with Clean Drinking water for the children. We have already completed 3 schools, the Madanryting Basic School, Gorkha HS School & Anath Ashram High School, and others are under implementation. It has been made into a long term project.
- Visited Leprosy Colony at Nongpoh on 14.06.2010, along with the Governor of Meghalaya, HE Shri R.S.Mooshahary and donated bedding materials worth Rs. 1,00,000.00 to them.
- The 2 annual debates i.e. the PN Chaudhuri Memorial Inter-College Debate & the Vijay & Deepak Chandoke Memorial Inter-School Debate were held in proper time on 24th Oct.
- 2 Career Development Programmes were held by us.
- The Annual Vocational Award Program was a grand success. The Chief Guest was Shri W.M.S.Pariat, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya. 5 outstanding personalities of the city who were felicitated were Shri Chet Narayan Joshi – a teacher, Shri John Bosco Pohshna – an artist, Lt. Col. (Retd) Puran Bahadur Thapa – a football player, Mr. Lou Majaw – a singer & musician & Sr. Merly Tom Kizhakayil – a social activist.
- We Celebrated Independence Day & Republic Day at Mercy Home by donating Dry rations, eatables, slippers etc.
- An X-Ray Machine was installed and inaugurated at the OPD of Bharat Sewashram Sangh at Jail Road. This was worth Rs. 6.5 Lakhs, and was possible with the donation of Rtn. Subir Gupta.
- During Durga Puja, we took 23 children of Hindu Mission Orphanage for a visit to various Puja Pandals.
- Celebrated Christmas with the children of KJP Synod Orphanage at Jaiaw and Mawphlang.
- Teacher's Day was celebrated by honouring the teachers of the school, whose students had stood in the 1st three positions in the SSLS. These schools were the Seven Set School and St. Peter's School.

- Celebrated the World Sight Day with the Meghalaya Blindness Control Society
- Celebrated Children's Day with the inmates of Shishu Bhawan, of the Missionaries of Charity by donation of toys, gifts and eatables.
- Donated 1000 nos. Spectacle Frames to the Meghalaya Blindness Control Society for giving to the under-privileged section of the society.
- Donated school shoes to all inmates of KJP Synod Orphanage.
- Donated Rs. 10,000.00 to a poor lady, Mrs. Deepa Kuri for the Renal Transplantation operation of her daughter.
- In collaboration with the National Commission of Women, we conducted a program on AIDS Control and for Crime & Violence Against Women at Burnihat & Nongpoh. This educative program will be conducted at 10 locations on NH 37 from Burnihat to Kheleriat.
- Donated 100 Mosquito nets to students of Seng Khasi School at Mawpun.
- Felicitated Mr. David M. Mawlong for helping the Rotarians from Tezpur, who were injured in an accident while travelling to Shillong, more than the normal call of duty.

Membership:

- The Governor of Meghalaya, HE Shri R.S.Mooshahary was inducted as a Honorary Rotarian
- PP Rtn. R.S.Goenka was felicitated on his completing 50 years as member of RC Shillong. He is possibly the senior-most Rotarian on the District 3240.
- Presented the **4 Avenues of Service Citation** to Rtn. S.L.Singhania
- New Blazers were made for all Club members.
- Had 2 Family oriented programs, the Ladies Nite & then the Gentlemen's Nite
- Greeted members on Birthdays and Anniversaries with greetings & presented a special hand-made Card to all members.
- Awarded 100% attendees every month.
- Had an Out-door Club Assembly along with Picnic.
- The Club Directory was distributed on Installation Day itself.
- Increased membership by 1 new member, and diversified into new demographic group of Classification & Gender

Public Relations:

- Our club function was featured at least 4 times in the Electronic Media, and over 10 times in the print media
- Renewed the lease and repainted the Traffic Island at IGP Point.

Yours in Rotary

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President 2009-10
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Vikas Bajpai
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