



CONCORD

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President Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,
Warm greetings to all!

As we approach the closing months of this Rotary year, I am delighted to share the highlights of an inspiring and action-packed May. The spirit of service, unity, and youth empowerment has truly come alive through our collective efforts this month.

YouthAct 2025 – Igniting Young Minds

One of the most remarkable highlights of May was the successful organization of YouthAct 2025, our flagship inter-school competition. Held over three energizing days, the event brought together 650+ students from various schools across Tinsukia.

The program featured a wide range of outdoor and indoor activities—from sports and debate, quiz, and innovation challenges. YouthAct was not just a competition, but a celebration of talent, teamwork, and the boundless energy of our young generation. The enthusiasm and participation from students, teachers, as well as our Rotarians alike were heartening, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

A big round of applause to the organizing team, and all our Rotarians who made this event such a grand success.

Vaccination Centre – Health with Dignity

Rotary Club of Tinsukia is proud to be running its own vaccination center, where we are currently administering MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) and Cervical Cancer (HPV) vaccines at a very nominal cost.

This initiative is a major step in our commitment to preventive healthcare and women's health awareness. We encourage all members to spread the word and help more families access this vital service, especially those from underserved communities.

Looking Ahead

With June on the horizon, we look forward to our final month of the Rotary year—full of reflection, gratitude, and anticipation for new leadership. Let's stay active, engaged, and committed to our mission of "Service Above Self."

Thank You

In Rotary Service,

Rtn. Niraj Agarwal

President, Rotary Club of Tinsukia

Service Above Self: The Rotary Spirit

As we gather for another insightful edition of Concord, the Rotary Club of Tinsukia's magazine, I'm reminded of the core values that drive our organization: Service Above Self. This principle has been the guiding force behind our club's initiatives, and it's heartening to see our members embodying this spirit in their daily lives.

In this issue, we explore various facets of community service, from education and healthcare to environmental conservation. Our members' dedication to these causes is truly inspiring, and their efforts have made a tangible impact on the lives of those we serve.

As Rotarians, we recognize that our work is not just about charity; it's about catalyzing sustainable change. We strive to empower individuals and communities, fostering a sense of self-reliance and resilience. Our projects are designed to address pressing issues, from literacy and vocational training to disease prevention and sanitation.

The Rotary Club of Tinsukia remains committed to its mission of serving humanity. We're proud of our achievements and look forward to continuing our work in the community. Through Concord, we aim to share our stories, inspire others, and showcase the difference that collective effort can make.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our members, partners, and supporters who have contributed to our endeavors. Your passion and commitment are the driving forces behind our success.

Rtn Vikash Jalan
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COLLAGE THE MONTH IT WAS

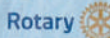




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YOUTHACT 2025

CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR

This Certificate is awarded to Master / Miss
of for his/her proficiency in securing /
winning position / prize in the event
in YouthAct 2025.

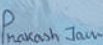
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The journey

I was seated in my seat on the flight, heading to Delhi—a journey of around 6 hours. I planned to spend the time reading a good book and getting an hour of sleep.

Just before takeoff, around 10 soldiers came and sat around me, filling the nearby seats. Thinking it would be interesting, I asked the soldier next to me, "Where are you headed?"

"To Agra, sir! We have two weeks of training there, and then we'll be sent on an operation," he replied.

An hour passed. An announcement was made: "Lunch is available for purchase for those who wish to buy."

I thought to myself—still a long way to go, maybe I should eat. I reached for my wallet to book my meal when I overheard a conversation.

"Shall we also get lunch?" one of the soldiers asked.

"No, it's too expensive here. Let's eat at a regular hotel once we land," another replied.

"Alright."

I walked up to the flight attendant and said, "Please give lunch to all of them," and paid for everyone's meal.

Tears welled up in her eyes. "My younger brother is posted in Kargil, sir. It feels like you're feeding him. Thank you," she said, bowing in gratitude.

That moment touched me deeply.

I returned to my seat. Within half an hour, all of them received their lunch boxes.

After finishing my meal, I headed to the restroom at the back of the plane. An elderly gentleman came from a rear seat.

"I noticed everything. You deserve appreciation," he said, extending his hand.

"I'd like to be part of your good deed," he added, slipping a ₹500 note into my hand.

I came back to my seat. Half an hour later, the flight's pilot walked

over, scanning seat numbers until he found mine. He smiled and said, "I'd like to shake your hand."

I unbuckled my seatbelt and stood up. As he shook my hand, he said, "I was once a fighter pilot. Back then, someone just like you bought me a meal. I never forgot that—it was a symbol of love. What you did brought back that memory."

All the passengers clapped. I felt a little shy. I didn't do it for praise—I simply did a good deed.

I walked a bit toward the front of the plane. A young man, about 18, shook my hand and slipped a note into my palm. The journey came to an end.

As I waited near the door to exit, a man silently placed something in my pocket and walked off. Another note.

As I stepped out of the plane, the soldiers were all gathered in one place. I rushed over, pulled out all the notes fellow passengers had given me, and handed them to the soldiers.

"Use this for food or anything else before you reach your training site. What we give is nothing compared to the protection you provide us. Thank you for what you do for our nation. May God bless you and your families," I said, eyes slightly wet.

Those ten soldiers were now carrying with them the love of an entire flight. As I got into my car, I silently prayed, "Lord, please watch over these brave souls who are ready to give their lives for this country."

A soldier is like a blank cheque made payable to India, redeemable for any amount, up to and including their life. So many still don't understand their greatness.

— Jai Hind

Note: This is not me But i do wish it it was me.

The Power of Attention: Taking Control of Your Future

In today's fast-paced world, attention is a precious commodity. With the constant bombardment of notifications, distractions, and demands on our time, it's easy to lose focus and let our attention wander. However, the ability to control our attention is crucial in shaping our future. As the saying goes, "The more control you have over your attention, the more control you have over your future."

Having control over our attention means being intentional about how we allocate our time and energy. It's about prioritizing what truly matters and avoiding distractions that can derail us from our goals. However, this requires courage—the courage to say no to non-essential commitments, to set boundaries, and to protect our time.

We often find ourselves saying yes to requests, invitations, and tasks without fully considering the implications. We want to be agreeable, helpful, and liked, so we overcommit ourselves and sacrifice our own priorities. This can lead to a fragmented attention span, where our focus is divided among multiple tasks, and our productivity suffers.

The truth is, what we trade our attention for is what our life becomes. If we spend most of our time scrolling through social media, our lives will be filled with superficial connections and mindless entertainment. If we dedicate our attention to meaningful work, relationships, and personal growth, our lives will be rich in purpose and fulfillment.

To take control of our attention and future, we need to be mindful of how we allocate our time. Here are a few strategies to help us achieve this:

- Set clear priorities and goals
- Establish boundaries and learn to say no
- Minimize distractions and avoid multitasking
- Practice mindfulness and focus on the present moment

By implementing these strategies, we can reclaim our attention and direct it towards what truly matters. We can create a life that is purposeful, meaningful, and fulfilling. The power to shape our future lies in our ability to control our attention. Let's take charge of it and create the life we desire.

MAY 2025 BIRTHDAY

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| • Rtn. Bhanu PRATAP Jain | 15th May |
| • Rtn. Vikash Jalan | 17th May |
| • Rtn. Minu Konwar | 17th May |
| • Rtn. Navin Todi | 18th May |

ANNIVERSARY

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| • Rtn. Navin- Tulika Todi | 7th May |
| • Rtn Ranuma – Divine Singh Dahotia | 10th May |
| • Rtn. G.S. Gogoi- Sikha Gogoi | 11th May |
| • Rtn. Ajit- Monika Jain | 11th May |
| • Rtn. Pardip-Aloka Bhowmik | 14th May |
| • Rtn. Prerna- Prasant Keshan | 15th May |
| • Rtn. Prakash Baid- Manju | 20th May |
| • Rtn. Anjan- Supriya Mazumdar | 20th May |
| • Rtn. Manoj- Hema Goel | 24th May |



Laugh out loud



- **With the Blessings of Thieves!**
A school teacher assigned homework to the children about thieves — asking them to write an essay on the topic.
One clever student from 8th grade wrote the following essay:
- Thieves are also an important part of our country's economy. They significantly contribute to employment generation and the nation's development.
You might be surprised to read this — let me shed a little light on it.
- Safes, locks, lockers, cupboards — all these are made because of thieves.
Many factories and workshops that manufacture these items provide employment thanks to this profession.
- Even at home, the need to install window grills, latches, and stronger doors gives work to carpenters and laborers.
For the protection of homes, shops, schools, colleges, offices, and factories, it becomes necessary to hire guards and watchmen.
- People get jobs in companies that make CCTV cameras, metal detectors, and security systems.
Because of thieves, police, courts, judges, lawyers, and other staff also get employment.
- For the police — barricades, weapons, bullets, sticks, uniforms, vehicles, and motorcycles are all bought, boosting the economy.
- Thanks to thieves, we have jails, jailers, and jail staff who are employed.
Also, when mobiles, laptops, cars, motorcycles, electrical appliances, purses, lipsticks, and other such items are stolen — people have to buy them again, which increases trade and boosts business.
- Famous and notorious thieves often end up in politics, leading to even bigger thefts.
- Much more can be said — the contribution of thieves to our country's economy is indeed very significant!
- The teacher awarded this research-filled essay a full 100% marks and included the student in the merit list!

Riddles you know

What has to be broken before you can use it? An egg	What month of the year has 28 days? All of them	What is full of holes but still holds water? A sponge	What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it? A promise
What goes up but ever comes down? Your age	What gets wet while drying? A towel	What can you keep after giving to someone? A promise	What gets wet while drying? A towel
I shave every day, but my beard stays the same. What am I? A barber	I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I? A bank	What can't talk but will reply when spoken to? An echo	The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it? Darkness
What has many keys but can't open a single lock? A piano	What is black when it's clean and white when it's dirty? A blackboard	What gets bigger when more is taken away? A hole	What invention lets you look right through a wall? A window
What can't be put in a saucepan? It's lid	What has one eye, but can't see? A needle	What has many needles, but doesn't sew? Christmas tree	What has hands, but can't clap? A clock
What can you catch, but not throw? A cold	What kind of band never plays music? Rubber band	What has a thumb and four fingers, but is not a hand? A glove	What has a head and a tail but no body? A coin
What is cut on a table, but is never eaten? A deck of cards	What has words, but never speaks? A book	Where does one wall meet the other wall? On the corner	What building has the most stories? The library
What runs all around a backyard, yet never moves? A fence	What can travel all around the world without leaving its corner? A stamp	What kind of coat is best put on wet? A coat of paint	What is the end of everything? Letter g