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22ND PRESIDENTIAL INSTALLATION

RTN. SARITA GOLCHHA

Rotary- Frontliners

Rotary International President Message



Olayinka H. Babalola

07 May 2026

Dear friends,

Rotary has changed my life, and I'm willing to bet that it has changed yours too. It expands our world, enriches our understanding of service, creates international friendships, and

grounds us. It teaches us to see, to look beyond ourselves.

Think about our Vision Statement: Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Those final words of our Vision Statement are at the heart of what it means to Create Lasting Impact. We often share how Rotary inspires lasting change in others, but we rarely

discuss how it transforms us. We must consider how Rotary has changed our lives and

share our stories widely. If we can do that, we will engage current members, expand our reach, and forge exciting connections with like-minded partners.

We must embrace Rotary's global diversity and build a welcoming culture, one where fresh

perspectives are embraced, new ideas are celebrated, and differences are met with curiosity and kindness instead of judgement. If we can do that, we will meet our membership goals and continue to grow.

And finally, we must reaffirm our commitment to service. We must think bigger,

understanding our struggles as interconnected and leveraging our connections to make

global progress. If we can do that, we will be one step closer to a world free of polio, a world where everyone has access to clean water and a quality education—a world at peace.

Let us continue to inspire one another and seek innovative solutions to some of the world's

most pressing challenges. I look forward to working alongside you in service.

Warm regards,

Olayinka H. Babalola

President, Rotary International 2026-27

District Governor Message



Vishnu B. Karkee

Club President

Rotary Clubs of District 3292

Rotary Year 2026/2027

Dear Club President,

We would like to extend our warmest and heartfelt best wishes as you will take on the role of the Club President of your Club. Huge congratulations on this significant leadership commitment that you have accepted stepping to lead your Club to even greater heights during the Rotary Year 2026/27.

Your enthusiasm, visionary leadership, dedication and commitment to our organization are truly commendable, and we are fortunate to have someone as capable and passionate as you leading the way. We believe in your ability to guide your Club Members towards success and create a thriving environment for all, serving & supporting the needy people in the communities all over the country and beyond.

As the Club President, you have the opportunity to shape the future of the Members, Club and supporting the District as well, implementing new initiatives, and fostering a sense of unity among everyone. Your vision, leadership, and ability to inspire others will play a crucial role in the continued growth and achievement.

As a Team Member of the District, we stand side by side & hand in hand, ready to offer our support and assistance whenever needed. We have every confidence that you will excel in this role and leave a lasting impact in the Club as well as in the District. May you have the wisdom to make sound decisions, the strength to overcome challenges, and the passion to make a positive difference.

Congratulations once again, and we look forward to witnessing the great accomplishments that lie ahead under your exceptional leadership. Let's Unite For Good to "Create Lasting Impact" around the globe, in our communities and to ourselves in the Rotary Year 2026/27.

Thank you once again.

With best wishes,

Rtn Vishnu Bahadur Karkee
District Governor
2026/27

Regards

Vishnu B. Karkee

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President Message



Rtn. Sarita Golchha

It is a great honor to serve as the President of Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown as we begin another year of service.

As our club proudly enters its 22nd year, we build upon the legacy of our past presidents and dedicated Rotarians who have served our community with compassion, integrity, and commitment.

Inspired by Rotary International President Olayinka Hakeem Babalola's theme, "Create Lasting Impact," we are committed to serving where it matters most—through eye care, disease prevention and treatment, maternal and child health, education, human trafficking awareness, environmental sustainability, and the empowerment of women and youth.

As President, I promise to lead with sincerity, openness, and dedication. But this journey cannot be mine alone. It will only become successful when each one of us walks together with one vision and one heart. I may not have all the answers, but I do know that when rotarians come together with good intentions, amazing things happen!

Thank you once again for your faith and support. I look forward to a wonderful and memorable Rotary year

With warm regards,

Rtn. Sarita Golchha
President 2026-27
Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown

Editor Message



Rtn. Pragati Aryal Rijal

Dear Rotarians, Honored Guests, and Friends,
Warm greetings, and welcome to the First Edition of our club magazine.

Each edition offers us a meaningful opportunity to reflect on our journey, celebrate our achievements, and reaffirm the values that unite us under the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self."

Within these pages, you will discover inspiring stories of service, fellowship, leadership, and community impact. From successful service projects and engaging club meetings to memorable moments of friendship and collaboration, this edition captures the spirit and dedication of our Rotary family. Every activity, every volunteer, and every act of kindness contributes to creating lasting and meaningful change in our communities.

As we move forward together, let us remember that no contribution is ever too small. Whether we are supporting education, promoting health and well-being, empowering youth, protecting the environment, or contributing to Rotary's global initiatives, our collective efforts continue to make a positive difference. It is your commitment, compassion, and enthusiasm that transform ideas into impactful action.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our club leaders, committee chairs, contributors, photographers, and the editorial team whose dedication made this publication possible. Most importantly, thank you to every Rotarian whose service and fellowship continue to inspire our club and the communities we serve.

I invite you to enjoy this edition, celebrate our shared accomplishments, and be inspired for the journey ahead.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn. Pragati Aryal Rijal

Editor, Rotary Club Of Biratnagar Downtown
Rotary District 3292



BOARD MEMBERS

Rotary Year 2026-27

Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown
ROTARY CLUB OF BIRATNAGAR DOWNTOWN
(Rotary Year 2026-27)
BOARD MEMBERS
CREATE LASTING IMPACT

						
Rtn. Kusum Lumb Secretary	Rtn. Sarita Golchha President	Rtn. Brajlata Todi Treasurer				
						
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GEMS OF OUR CLUB

				
Rtn. Kiren Karna Advisor District Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee	Rtn. Manju Agrawal Co-Chair Central Parkinson Syndrome Support Subcommittee	Rtn. Nabinta Rijal Co-ordinator District Spouse Support Committee	Rtn. Sumita Agrawal Chair Region 7 District Inter City Meet (ICM) Committee	Rtn. Raj Kumari Todi Member District Membership Committee & District Chair Empowerment Subcommittee
				
Rtn. Sanchita Jain Member District Membership Committee	Rtn. Sanchita Jain Member Economic & Community Development Committee & Paul Harris Society (PHS) Subcommittee	Rtn. Archana Taparia Member Waste & Sanitation Committee	Rtn. Rakha Rathi Member District International Services Subcommittee	Rtn. Girija Sarda Member District Grant Review Subcommittee

PRESIDENT ELECT LEARNING SEMINAR (PELS)



We attended President Elect Learning Seminar (PELS) on 1st and 2nd May, Tiger Palace, Bhairahawa, Nepal.

GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR, (GMS)



CLUB LEADERSHIP LEARNING SEMINAR (CLLS)



We attended Grant Management Seminar on 29th May 2026, Best Western Plus Hotel, Kathmandu



We attended CLLS(Club Leadership Learning Seminar) on 30th May 2026, DAV School, Lalitpur

22ND INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Rotary Year 2026/27



About Us

The **22nd Installation Ceremony** of Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown (Club Id: 69937), held on 28th June 2026 at Hotel Sawagatam, Biratnagar. The ceremony marked a significant leadership transition in the gracious presence of District Governor Rtn. Vishnu Bahadur Karkee, Assistant Governors, Rotary leaders, distinguished guests, and members of the Rotary family.

The event witnessed the installation of the new Board for the Rotary year 2026–27, with over 170 attendees, including Rotarians, business leaders, and representatives from various social organizations. The ceremony celebrated Rotary's legacy of service, strengthened fellowship, and inspired members for a purposeful year ahead.



REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We meet every wednesday 3:00 p.m.



Regular Weekly Meetings (5): Members gathered for five engaging weekly sessions, featuring insightful discussions, guest interactions, and strengthening bonds of fellowship among fellow Rotarians.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Board Meeting (1): This board meeting was successfully conducted to review ongoing community service projects, evaluate financial progress. This board meeting held Past president Madhu Kabra home 23rd July, 2026.

CLUB ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS



Our club successfully conducted 1st Club assembly held in June 19th at Harrison Hotel, Biratnagar and 2nd club assembly held in 19th July at Lemon Tree Hotel, Biratnagar, both graciously attended by our Assistant Governor, whose valuable guidance and encouragement inspired members throughout the sessions. These assemblies provided an open forum for meaningful discussions, constructive feedback, and alignment with the club's vision, goals, and strategic priorities. The gatherings encouraged active participation, strengthened fellowship, and promoted collaborative planning for upcoming service projects and club initiatives.

CLUB OFFICER'S LEARNING SEMINAR (COLS)



Leadership Development

Club Officers' Learning Seminar (COLS)

We successfully organized the Club Officers' Learning Seminar (COLS) on 19 July 2026 at Lemon Tree Hotel, Biratnagar. The seminar was designed to prepare and empower the newly elected club officers with the knowledge, skills, and resources required for a successful Rotary year.

The interactive learning sessions focused on key areas of Rotary leadership, including club administration, membership development and retention, public image, service projects, youth engagement, and The Rotary Foundation. Experienced Rotary leaders shared valuable insights, practical guidance, and best practices to help officers effectively carry out their responsibilities and lead the club with confidence.

The seminar also encouraged collaboration, strategic planning, and the exchange of ideas among club leaders, fostering a shared vision for achieving the club's goals during Rotary Year 2026–27.

FLAG EXCHANGE



Flag exchange with RC Thane Mumbai at Ratna hotel

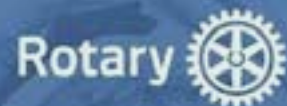
International Flag Exchange

Strengthening the bonds of international fellowship and promoting Rotary's spirit of global friendship, we proudly participated in an International Flag Exchange.

The club had the privilege of exchanging club flags with the Rotary Club of Bangalore Social and the Rotary Club Rome International, and with Rotary Club of Thane Mumbai at Ratna Hotel Biratnagar symbolizing **friendship, goodwill, and the shared commitment of Rotarians across the world to the ideal of "Service Above Self"**.



Rotary Club of Bangalore Social and the Rotary Club Rome International



Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Rotary's Vision Statement

ROTARY IN ACTION

TREE PLANTATION PROGRAM

Rotary in Action

Tree Plantation Program Phase 1

Tree Plantation Phase I was successfully conducted on Monday, 6 July 2026, at the **Primary Health Care Center**, Jhorahat, Morang. As part of Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown's commitment to environmental sustainability, **a total of 150 saplings** were planted and distributed to the local community. The plantation included valuable species such as Bay Leaf, Kapoor, Harro, and Mangosteen, selected for their environmental, medicinal, nutritional, and economic importance. The primary objective of the project was to promote environmental conservation by increasing green cover while encouraging the cultivation of trees that can provide long-term economic benefits and nutritional value to the community. The initiative also aimed to raise awareness about the importance of tree plantation in combating climate change, improving air quality, and preserving biodiversity. Community members actively participated in the program and pledged to nurture the saplings, ensuring their healthy growth and long-term survival.



TREE PLANTATION CAMPAIGN-NATION WIDE DISTRICT 3292

PHASE 2

Rotary in Action

Tree Plantation Campaign-Nationwide District 3292

We conducted Tree Plantation Campaign – Phase 2, on 30th July 2026, for your kind reference and records.

As part of this initiative, we planted 100 saplings comprising Gulmohar, Tej Patta, Amla, and Sheesham at Hulas Metal Pvt. Ltd. and Hulas Motors Pvt. Ltd. The campaign was undertaken to promote environmental sustainability, increase green cover, and create awareness about the importance of tree plantation.



EYE CAMP PHASE 1

JULY MONTH

*Eye camp will be done every Month in
RY 2026/27*



Rotary in Action

Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Camp

In collaboration with Ramlal Golchha Eye Hospital and Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology, successfully organized a **Free Eye Screening Camp** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A total of 175 patients were screened during the camp. Among them, **14 patients were diagnosed with diabetic retinopathy**, while 4 patients requiring advanced treatment were referred to Ramlal Golchha Eye Hospital, where they will receive treatment at a 75% discounted cost. Additionally, 15 patients were identified for **free cataract surgery** at Ramlal Golchha Eye Hospital. To improve the quality of life of those with vision difficulties, 17 patients received free reading glasses, generously donated by Ophtho Tech Industries. Free eye medicines were also distributed to patients in need, with the entire cost borne by the club. As a token of gratitude, certificates of appreciation and tokens of love were presented to the Health Post Manager and the dedicated medical team from Ramlal Golchha Eye Hospital for their valuable support and service. The camp was successfully conducted with the active participation of 11 Rotarians from our club, who volunteered throughout the program, ensuring smooth coordination and quality service delivery. The initiative significantly contributed to the early detection of eye diseases and provided accessible eye care services to the local community.



WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION

Rotary in Action

Wheelchair Distribution

We successfully organized a Wheelchair Distribution Program to support individuals with **mobility challenges** in Morang district. During the program, two wheelchairs were distributed to deserving beneficiaries: **Ms. Sita Kumari Sikhdar Tharu of Budhiganga-7, Morang** and **Ms. Sairaklal Tharu of Sundarharaincha-2, Morang**. The distribution ceremony was held at Swastik Jute Mills Pvt. Ltd., Budhiganga-4, Morang. The project directly benefited two individuals, helping them regain mobility, independence, and improved access to daily activities. One wheelchair generously donated by Rotarian Poonam Rathi, reflecting the spirit of service and compassion that Rotary promotes. The remaining project expenses were managed by the club to ensure timely assistance to the beneficiaries. Through this humanitarian initiative, we reaffirmed its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of vulnerable community members by providing essential mobility aids and fostering dignity, independence, and inclusion.



**The best way
to find yourself
is to lose yourself
in the service of others.**



INSTALLATION CEREMONY ATTENDED



Happy Birthday To you

6th July - Rtn. Neetu Todi

7th July - Rtn. Brijlata Todi

19th July - Rtn. Swethi Rathi

Happy

ANNIVERSARY

1st July - Rtn. Soni & Swantantra Nevatia

4th July - Rtn. Swethi & Naresh Rathi

Thank

You

Rotary

Club of Biratnagar Downtown

