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Membership And New Club Development Month

JOIN ROTARY MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Rtn. Sanchita Jain
Membership Chair

Message



Connect, Engage and Grow – **Celebrating Rotary Membership Month**

August is celebrated as Rotary Membership Month, a time to focus on the strength, growth, and engagement of our Rotary family. Membership is the heart of every Rotary club. When we have committed and active members, we can serve our community better and create a greater impact.

Membership is not only about adding new members; it is also about welcoming, engaging, supporting, and retaining our existing members. Every member should feel valued, respected, and connected to the club.

At the Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown, we consistently work toward our membership goals through member satisfaction surveys, classification talks, and active involvement in service projects according to members' interests and convenience. Fellowships such as Teej, Diwali, picnics, and Holi keep our members connected, happy, and energetic throughout the year. Fundraising programs like Sawan Mela provide opportunities for members to contribute according to their talents and experience.

We organize regular meetings with fellowship and good food, recognize members for their achievements and special occasions, and sometimes honor our former members for their valuable contributions. We also encourage our members to participate in district programs such as membership seminars, public image seminars, and other learning programs, where they can gain valuable knowledge and experience. Regional training programs such as COLS, organized by our club, further enhance the knowledge and leadership skills of our members and committee chairs.

We believe that retention is as important as recruitment. We regularly listen to our members, understand their needs and suggestions, and try to create opportunities where everyone can participate according to their interests, skills, and convenience. We also encourage strong member-to-member connections and can support new members through experienced members who can guide and mentor them in their Rotary journey.

New members are given small responsibilities to help them feel comfortable, confident, and involved. We encourage members to take part in committees, service projects, and leadership opportunities so that they can develop their skills and contribute meaningfully. At the same time, our past presidents continue to take important roles in the club, ensuring continuity, balance, teamwork, and strong leadership.

We also believe in keeping our members connected with Rotary beyond the club. Encouraging members to create and use their My Rotary accounts, learn about Rotary programs and opportunities, and participate in district and regional activities helps them understand Rotary better and strengthens their sense of belonging.

We believe membership is not only about increasing numbers; it is about building a strong, active, and happy Rotary family. When members feel valued, involved, appreciated, and supported, they become more connected to the club and more motivated to serve.

As the Membership Chair of Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown, I feel truly blessed to have such wonderful, responsible, and committed members who always give their best to the club and its service. Their dedication and enthusiasm are the real strength of our club.

Let us make this August a month of **"Connect, Engage and Grow."** Together, we can welcome new members, strengthen our existing membership, develop future leaders, and make our club more vibrant and impactful.

Every member can make a difference. Every new member can bring a new possibility. Together, we can grow Rotary and serve our community better.



Rtn. Pragati Aryal Rijal
Editor

Editor Message



Have You Found Your Place in Rotary?

Dear Rotarians,

A warm Rotary welcome to the **August edition of Vision Magazine** of the Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown.

Last month, we asked ourselves a simple question: ***"Have you found Rotary?"***

This month, as we celebrate Rotary Membership Month, perhaps the next question is even more meaningful:

"Have you found your place in Rotary?"

For some, Rotary is a place to serve. For others, it is a place to build lifelong friendships, share ideas, develop leadership, or simply make a difference in someone's life. But for all of us, Rotary becomes truly meaningful when we move beyond being a member and become an active part of the Rotary family.

August brings renewed energy, fellowship, and commitment to **Service Above Self**. It reminds us that the strength of our club is not measured only by the number of members we have, but by the **enthusiasm, participation, friendship, and service** that each member brings.

This edition of Vision Magazine captures those moments—our activities, achievements, fellowship, and the people who continue to turn Rotary ideals into meaningful action in our community.

As you read through these pages, I invite you to pause and ask yourself:

What does Rotary mean to me?

And what difference can I make through Rotary?

Perhaps the answer is waiting somewhere in these pages.

Happy reading, and welcome to the August edition of Vision Magazine!

With warm Rotary regards,

Club Editor

Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown

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ROTARY IN ACTION

HAPPY SCHOOL PROJECT

Happy school project at "Shree Bal Laxmi Basic School"**Rotary in Action****Happy School Project- Playground Development**

The Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown is committed to creating a safe, healthy, and joyful learning environment for children through its Happy School Project at **Shree Bal Laxmi Basic School**, located in Jahada-3, Hatibandha, Morang, Nepal. The school provides education from Kindergarten to Grade 5 and serves children between the ages of 3 and 11 years. Under the leadership of Principal Mr. Baleshwar Rajbanshi, the school currently has a total enrollment of **105 students**, including 45 boys and 60 girls.

As part of its ongoing support, we are working on several initiatives aimed at improving the overall school environment and well-being of the students. These include playground development, creating a safe, enjoyable, and engaging outdoor space where children can play and develop their physical and social skills. A hand-washing station is also being developed to promote hygiene, sanitation, and healthy habits among the students. In addition, the club is providing indoor and outdoor games and recreational equipment, including carrom boards, footballs, volleyballs, badminton sets, hula hoops, skipping ropes, and other educational play materials, encouraging children to learn through play and physical activity.



ROTARY IN ACTION

EYE SCREENING CAMP- PHASE 2

AUGUST MONTH

Venue: District Police Office Biratnagar

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



Rotary in Action Free Eye Screening Camp

A Free Eye Screening Camp was organized on 22 August 2026 (Saturday) at the District Police Office, Morang, in collaboration with Ramlal Golchha Eye Hospital and the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology. The camp provided eye-screening services to 175 patients, helping promote awareness of eye health and facilitating early identification of eye-related conditions in the community.

SUPPORTING REHABILITATION THROUGH CUFF WEIGHTS



Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown supported the children of the CP Day Care Center at Sabita Child and Neurological Rehabilitation Centre by providing cuff weights for use during physiotherapy and occupational therapy sessions.

A total of 6 pairs of cuff weights were provided, comprising 500 g × 2, 1000 g × 2, and 2000 g × 2. The weights can be comfortably secured around a child's wrist or ankle using a Velcro/strap cuff and are used under therapeutic guidance.

These therapy aids provide controlled resistance during specific exercises and support children in strengthening weak muscles, improving coordination and stability, developing better control of arm and leg movements, and progressing through their rehabilitation journey.

The initiative benefited 12 children with cerebral palsy, providing an additional therapy resource without any cost to the centre or beneficiaries.

ROTARY IN ACTION

TREE
PLANTATION
PROGRAM-
PHASE 3**Rotary in Action****Tree Plantation Program Phase 3**

We organized a Tree Plantation program on 12th August 2026 at **Debendra Agro Industry, Dhamabandi Village**, with the aim of promoting environmental conservation and supporting sustainable community development.

During the programme, **117 fruit-bearing saplings**, including litchi, guava, and other varieties, were planted, directly benefiting 10 local families. The saplings were generously donated by **Senior Rotarian Rtn. Beni Gopalji Mundra**.

The programme created an opportunity for community members to participate in environmental conservation while also promoting the long-term benefits of fruit-bearing trees for participating families. Beyond increasing greenery, the initiative is expected to contribute to a healthier environment and provide future nutritional and economic benefits to the beneficiaries. The programme was a meaningful step toward building a **greener, healthier, and more sustainable future**, reflecting Rotary's commitment to **"Service Above Self."**



The Largest world wide project rotary is involved with is to eradicate polio ?



**WORLD
POLIO DAY**
24 OCTOBER

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Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on difficult problems and create lasting change. We set bold goals — including the eradication of polio.

This is our top humanitarian priority, and we've made incredible progress. But polio anywhere can affect children everywhere. This is why we need to maintain our efforts and end polio now.

Rotary International has been working to eradicate polio for more than 40 years. Rotary has helped immunize more than 3 billion children against polio, contributed more than US\$2.7 billion to global polio eradication efforts, and helped secure more than US\$11 billion from donor governments

ROTARY IN ACTION

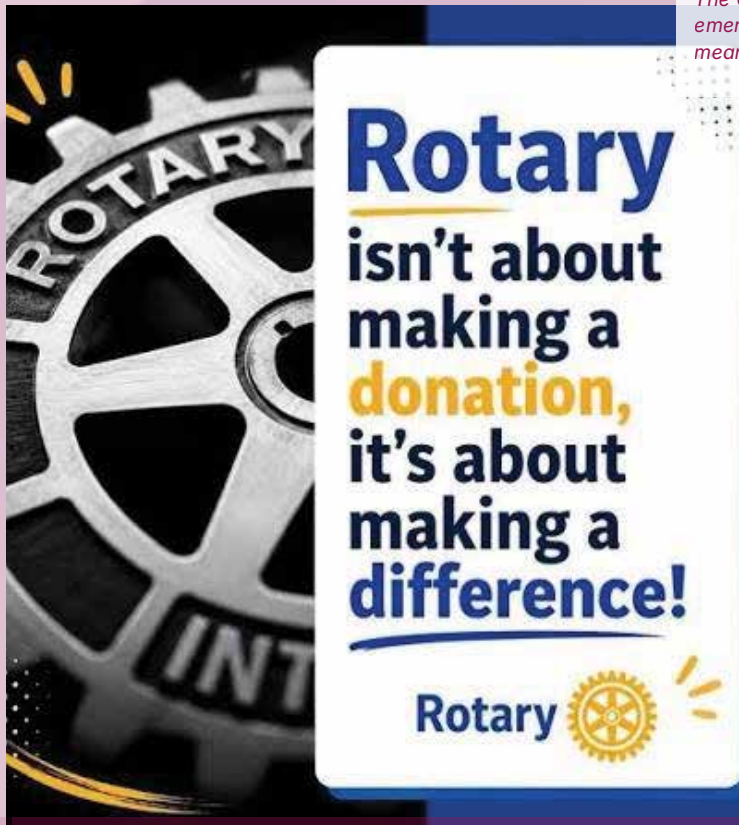
CONTRIBUTION
TO DISASTER
RELIEF**Rotary in Action****Contribution to Disaster Relief**

In response to the recent devastating floods and disasters caused by the Bhotekoshi and Trishuli Rivers, Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown has extended its support towards relief and recovery efforts.

The Club contributed Rs. 1,51,200/- (One Lakh Fifty-One Thousand Two Hundred only) to Rotary District 3292 Disaster Relief Fund. The contribution will be channelled through the District to support affected communities and assist in ongoing relief and rehabilitation activities in the disaster-hit areas.

This initiative reflects Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown's commitment to "Service Above Self" and its continued efforts to stand with communities during times of crisis. Through collective action and support, the Club hopes to contribute to the immediate relief and long-term recovery of families affected by the disaster.

The Club remains committed to extending humanitarian support whenever communities face emergencies and natural disasters, working together with Rotary District 3292 to make a meaningful difference.

But just what is Rotary?
AND WHY DOES ROTARY CARE?

We work hard to give back.

We want to create a better future and make a difference. We know we can't do it alone, so we get our support and strength from other Rotarians both in our community and across the world.



We need more
#Rotarians

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**10 Reasons
to Join A
Rotary Club**

- The Opportunity to Serve
- Leadership Development
- Citizenship in the World
- Business Development
- Continuing Education
- Personal Growth
- Entertainment
- Community
- Friendship
- Fun

2026 TRADE FAIR

Venue: City Party Palace, Biratnagar

Rotary Year 2026/27



Rotary Trade Fair: A Celebration of Community, Creativity and Service

The Rotary Trade Fair was successfully organized with the gracious presence of **Chief Guest Hon. Pradesh Pramukh Shri Parshuram Khapung** and the valued presence of **Assistant Governor Rtn. Robin Shrestha**. The fair received an overwhelming response, attracting approximately **2,000 visitors**.

A total of **52 stalls** showcased a diverse range of products and services, including clothing, toys, home décor, handicrafts, food, skincare products, spices, jute products, lifestyle items, and more. The **Nepal Handicraft Showcase** promoted local craftsmanship, while the Rotary Showcase highlighted Rotary's community service initiatives.

The event also featured enthusiastic participation from Rotaract members, who presented clothing, handmade candles, music and entertainment. Their involvement further strengthened Rotary–Rotaract fellowship and provided young volunteers with an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity and entrepreneurial skills.

Entertainment was another major attraction, with a **singing competition and live musical performances** creating a lively atmosphere for visitors of all ages.

The fair brought together **50 Rotary members** and volunteers and supported **100 beneficiaries**. With a total project expenditure of Rs. 7,00,000, the event successfully combined entrepreneurship, fellowship, entertainment and community engagement.

The Rotary Trade Fair was more than a marketplace—it was a celebration of community participation, local products, youth creativity, fellowship and the spirit of "Service Above Self."





We members of the club participated in the District Membership and Public Image Seminar held on 23 August 2026 (Sunday) at Nepalirika Hotel, Biratchowk. The seminar provided valuable insights into strengthening Rotary membership, enhancing public image, and increasing community engagement. The program also offered an excellent opportunity for Rotarians to exchange ideas, learn from fellow members, and gain new perspectives for promoting Rotary's activities and impact in the community.



DISTRICT EVENT ATTENDED

MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLIC IMAGE SEMINAR

Venue: Nepalirika Hotel Biratchowk

Rotary Year 2026/27

INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF ROTARACT CLUB OF SUNSARI



On 29th August 2026 as a chief guest PP Rtn. Sunita Agrawal attended the installation ceremony of Rotaract Club of Sunsari.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF ROTARACT CLUB OF BIRATNAGAR DOWNTOWN



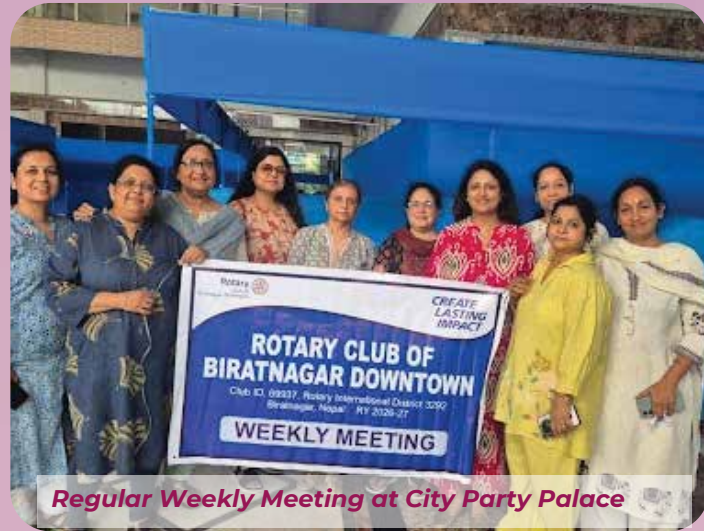
On 29th August 2026 as a chief guest IPP Rtn. Girija Sarda attended the installation ceremony of Rotaract Club of Biratnagar Downtown.

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We meet every wednesday 3:00 p.m.



Regular Weekly Meeting at Debenara Agro Industry



Regular Weekly Meeting at City Party Palace

Regular Weekly Meetings (4): Members gathered for four engaging weekly sessions, featuring insightful discussions, guest interactions, and strengthening bonds of fellowship among fellow Rotarians.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Board Meeting (1): On zoom online platform Second board meeting was successfully conducted to review ongoing community service projects, evaluate financial progress. This board meeting held online on 26th August 2026.

ONLINE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Our club successfully completed zoom meeting on 26th August 2026 as our regular weekly meeting

CLUB ACTIVITIES PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPER/ONLINE NEWS



The much-awaited Rotary Trade Fair 2026 was officially inaugurated by the Koshi Province Chief, Mr. Parshuram Khapung, at City Palace, Biratnagar, on Friday

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The much-awaited Rotary Trade Fair 2026 was officially inaugurated by the Honourable Koshi Province...

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!! Rotary Trade Fair 2026 Inaugurated in Biratnagar, happening today & tomorrow !!

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Happy Birthday To you

6th August - Rtn. Shruti Shah

17th August- Rtn. Lata Sharda

*20th August - Rtn. Pabitri
Tiwari*

25th August- Rtn. Anita Soni

28th August Rtn.. Geeta Karki

*28th August- Rtn. Madhu
Kabra*

31st August- Rtn. Pooja Mittal



HELP IS AT HAND

Rotary  **PEOPLE OF ACTION**

**I'M PROUD
TO BE PART
OF ROTARY**

Rotary 
Club of Biratnagar Downtown