

Young activists honoured



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Young writer and social activist Syed Miraz Ahmed, was honored the **Rotary Young Achiever Award 2013** on Saturday for his work on environment and sustainability activism. Miraz is pioneering the use of technology and media to promote **Citizen Journalism & New Media** in North East India.

With an overarching focus on environment and climate change awareness primarily among the youth he involved in a strategic, constructive pilot affiliate intervention programme with Nokia India and the Television for the Environment, in bridging the informational gaps that exist in the urban climes among school, college and university students under the programme 'Community Screenings for Environment Awareness'. Miraz has been associated with several free media groups and developmnet and Human Rights Organisation while working towards North East independent media movement.

The award ceremony at ITA Centre, Guwahati celebrated the spirit of the New Generation, as its core theme. This Rotary International's initiative had thirty participating youth sharing their vision on 'Youth Speak: How I want my India to be in 2025.'The session was judged by Dhruba Jyoti Hazarika, Secy, Tourism and Dr. Tondra Borbora, Lecturer. Present in the programme as Chief Guest was the General Manager of the State Bank of India (Local Head Office), Mahendra Aditya Sahu.

To inspire the youth with their experiences were the Tarun Saikia-Manish Deka duo (who scaled the Mount Everest), Rituraj Phukan (General Secretary, Nature's Green Guard who visited the Antarctica to gain firsthand knowledge of the vagaries of Climate Change) and the brigade of Young Achievers representing various fields who were awarded for their contribution to the society through their vocations. They are: Debashish Dutta (Ace Chess Player), Queen Hazarika (Singer, Actor), Mayank Taparia (Ideator, Education Specialist, Social Activist), Mallika Buragohain (Fashion Photographer), Ranjan Engti (Pop Artist, Ideator, Social Activist), Dulu Bora (Environmental Conservationist), DJ Pulse (Music-maker, Instructor), Kamal. K.Kakati (High-fashion Journalist based in Mumbai), Rupam Bhuyan (Lead Vocalist) and Dilip Sarmah (Sculptor, Garden Architect). The event also featured several rounds of cultural extravaganza on the theme: **Empowering the New Generation** that enthralled the audience present.

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