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Message from Head-South Asia

Dear District Governors,

I am happy to share the good news that **India** has retained its **first position in Membership Growth & second position in the list of highest contributors worldwide by contributing USD 20.01 million** in RY 2016-17; surpassing all its previous records. Also, our very own **districts 3141 & 3011 are No.2 and 9, respectively, in the top 10 contributing districts worldwide**. Also, this year we had 24 AKS Members from South Asia and this again is a record. Thanks to all generous donors and Rotarians for their great efforts in making this possible. More highlights on page 3.

It is a matter of great pride that veteran business leader and benevolent philanthropist Shri Ratan Tata decided to engage with Rotary and made a significant gift of USD 250,000. The Rotary Foundation takes great pride in welcoming him to the distinguished Arch Klumph Society.

In a testament to quality of the final product of the public facing pages of our website, Rotary.org has been recognized as one of the 20 Best Nonprofit Websites by "Top Nonprofits", an independent evaluator of the best organizations in our industry. The list included notable nonprofit brands such as Charity Water, World Wildlife Fund, GreenPeace USA, CARE and the Gates Foundation.

Since August is Membership & New Club Development Month, it's now time to focus on retaining members, seeking new members and forming new clubs. RI website provides wealth of information on membership development that can assist club and district officers in bringing new members and developing new clubs.

It has been observed that many clubs have not yet entered their data in "My Rotary". Please ensure that this is done at the earliest, otherwise they may miss out communications sent to clubs through emails.

With warm regards,
Rajeev Ranjan
Head-South Asia

Highlights

Membership figures as of 01 August 2017

| Country | Clubs# | Rotarians# | Variance from 01 July 2017 ** | |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | Clubs | Rotarians |
| India | 3,722 | 140,706 | 18 | 891 |
| Pakistan | 229 | 4,208 | 14 | 303 |
| Bangladesh | 338 | 9,508 | 6 | 229 |
| Sri Lanka | 71 | 1,871 | 1 | 24 |
| Nepal | 115 | 4,381 | 0 | -16 |
| Bhutan | 1 | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Maldives | 1 | 41 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 4,477 | 160,731 | 39 | 1,431 |
| Worldwide | 35,699 | 1,213,516 | 35 | 4,494 |

** July 2017 figures are not official starting figures which are likely to be available by mid of August 2017.

These are system generated figures.

August 2017

RI Exchange Rate for US \$1

| Country | Local Currency | Rate of Exchange |
|------------|----------------|------------------|
| India | INR | 64 |
| Bangladesh | BDT | 81 |
| Nepal | NPR | 103 |
| Pakistan | PKR | 105 |
| Sri Lanka | LKR | 153 |

Changes from last month, if any, shown in blue. Current & previous RI Exchange Rates can be accessed through www.rotary.org

Important Dates

31 Aug-Deadline for closure of Matching Grants & 3-H Grants (page 5)



Celebrate Rotaract's 50th anniversary all year long!

This year marks 50 years since the founding of the first Rotaract club and we're celebrating all year long! 50 years of taking action, leading our communities, and changing the world deserves a big celebration. Visit the hub for all things Rotaract 50 to get ideas to plan a service project, reconnect with alumni, and show your community the global impact of Rotaract. Download the Rotaract 50 graphic and social media photo frames to promote your 50th anniversary events and invite others to join the celebration here

<https://display.engagesciences.com/display/container/d/2174aeb8-9a0a-4af2-8f30-2e0a4aef9d38/details>



Rotary Citation

Ian H.S. Riseley, 2017-18 RI President, will award the Rotary Citation to Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs that achieve a variety of goals to make Rotary stronger. Clubs and districts are encouraged to work toward this recognition, the Rotary Citation criteria is available at following weblink:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/2017-18-presidential-theme-and-citation-brochure-ian-hs-riseley-2017-18-ri-president>

Please note that earlier "Rotary Citation" was known as "Presidential Citation".

Rotary Club Central updates

The new and improved Rotary Club Central is finally here! [Sign](#) in through My Rotary to experience the upgraded platform. And don't forget — you can access Rotary Club Central with a desktop or mobile device.

Several guides have also been placed on Rotary Learning Center to better understand the new platform. A promotional video is available at the following web link: <https://vimeo.com/223662052>

FUND DEVELOPMENT

The year 2016-17 has been full of achievements:

- ☆ The Rotary Foundation received a total contribution of \$304.3 million surpassing the fundraising goal of \$300 million. These are unaudited figures; audited one will be available after September 2017 board meeting.
- ☆ Total contributions from India were USD 20.01 million in RY 2016-17; breaking all its previous records.
- ☆ Highest ever Annual Fund contribution from India crossing \$10 million.
- ☆ Across all districts worldwide, D-3141 stands at No.1 position in terms of Annual Fund contribution and at No.2 in total TRF giving.
- ☆ Six Districts in South Asia crossed USD 1 million mark in total TRF Contribution and are also featuring in world top 50 districts list (please see table given below).
- ☆ All clubs in Districts 3142, 2981, 3150 and 3181 contributed to The Rotary Foundation. In fact, TRF Non-Giving Clubs percentage went down to 29% from earlier 5 year average of 35%.
- ☆ Percentage of TRF Giving by Rotarians went up to 25% compared to last year's 17%.

Zone-wise contribution – 2016-17

| Zone | AF Per Capita | Annual Fund | Polio Plus | Other Giving | Endowment Fund | 2016-17 Total Contribution |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 4 | \$84.00 | \$4,378,977 | \$463,652 | \$2,154,612 | \$1,254,019 | \$8,251,260 |
| 5 | \$81.53 | \$5,141,971 | \$395,054 | \$2,483,459 | \$1,031,290 | \$9,051,774 |
| 6A | \$48.63 | \$1,273,478 | \$70,664 | \$1,117,084 | \$124,938 | \$2,586,163 |
| 6B (Pakistan & Bangladesh only) | \$43.12 | \$505,713 | \$188,859 | \$139,230 | \$17,100 | \$850,902 |

Districts from South Asia in top 50 Districts Worldwide:

| Zone | District | Total Contributions | Worldwide Rank |
|------|----------|---------------------|----------------|
| 4 | 3141 | 2,721,178.91 | 2 |
| 4 | 3011 | 1,706,707.14 | 9 |
| 5 | 3190 | 1,520,924.36 | 13 |
| 5 | 3000 | 1,078,518.18 | 34 |
| 4 | 3131 | 1,041,267.39 | 39 |
| 5 | 3230 | 1,009,947.03 | 47 |

24 AKS Members from South Asia during RY 2016-17

| Donor | District | Zone | Donor | District | Zone |
|-------------------------------|----------|------|------------------------------------|----------|------|
| Babita & Subhash Jain | 3012 | 4 | Mira & Kulbir Dodd | 3131 | 4 |
| Usha & Suresh Jain | 3011 | 4 | Ramani & Giju George | 3211 | 5 |
| Amita & Navdeep Chawla | 3011 | 4 | Sudha & Sathish Manandi | 3190 | 5 |
| Vijayanthi & Vikram Reddy | 3150 | 5 | Sri Sharada Peetham Sringeri Trust | 3190 | 5 |
| Rajyalakshmi & Ravi Vadlamani | 3150 | 5 | Sindhu & Jayantha Kumar | 3211 | 5 |
| Sunanda & Narayan Nayak | 3262 | 6A | Madhavi & Vinay P. Raikar | 3170 | 5 |
| Jaya Shah | 3292 | 6A | Meera & John Daniel | 3211 | 5 |
| Sarojini and Trilok Nath | 3011 | 4 | Suchitra & V. Bhaskar Ram | 3020 | 5 |
| Nanda & Ramesh Agarwal | 3012 | 4 | Sherin & Nawas M Meeran | 3201 | 5 |
| Manju & Kulbhushan Jetly | 3141 | 4 | Sumathi & M. Muruganandam | 3000 | 5 |
| Manju & Yash Pal Das | 3080 | 4 | Rajashree & S.R. Yogananda | 3190 | 5 |
| Ratan Tata | 3141 | 4 | Meera & B.L. Nagendra Prasad | 3190 | 5 |

While we have already shared the details of some AKS Members in our May 2017 newsletter, here are details of remaining of AKS members who were enrolled during 2016-17



Ratan Tata (D-3141)



Sarojini & Trilok Nath (D-3011)



Manju & Yash Pal Das (D-3080)



Madhavi & Vinay P. Raikar (D-3170)



Manju & Kulbhushan Jetly (D-3141)



Sindhu & Jayantha Kumar (D-3211)



Ramani & Giju A. George (D-3211)



Sudha & Sathish Manandi (D-3190)



Meera & B.L. Nagendra Prasad (D-3190)



Meera & John Daniel(D-3211)



Rajashree & S.R.Yogananda(D-3190)



Mira & Kulbir Dodd(D-3131)



Sherin & Navas Meeran(D-3201)



Nanda & Ramesh Aggarwal (D-3012)



Sumathi & M Muruganandam (D-3000)



Suchitra & V. Bhaskar Ram (D-3020)

List of Rotary Coordinators for the Districts in South Asia for RY 2017-18

| Zone | Positions | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Rotary Coordinator (RC) | Assistant Rotary Coordinators | | |
| | Name (Home District) | In-charge of Districts | |
| 4 & 6A | Ashok Gupta | PDG Deepak Talwar (3011) | 3011, 3012, 3053 |
| | | PDG Gurjeet singh Sekhon (3070) | 3070, 3080, 3090 |
| | | PDG Ajay Kala (3054) | 3040, 3054, 3060, 3142 |
| | | PDG Sharat Chandra (3110) | 3110, 3120 |
| | | PDG Deepak M. Purohit (3131) | 3030, 3131, 3132, 3141 |
| | | PDG Sandeep Narang (3250) | 3240, 3291, 3292 |
| | | PDG Ashok Kumar Singh (3261) | 3250, 3261, 3262 |
| 5 | Rajendra Rai | PDG Govindaraj N. (2981) | 2981, 2982 |
| | | PDG S. Rajendran (3000) | 3000, 3212 |
| | | PDG Murti T.V.R. (3150) | 3150, 3020, 3160 |
| | | PDG Surya Prakash Bhat (3181) | 3181, 3182, 3170 |
| | | PDG K.S. Sasikumar (3211) | 3211, 3201 |
| | | PDG Krish Rajendran (3220) | 3190, 3220 |
| | | PDG I.S.A.K. Nazar (3230) | 3131, 3232, 3202 |
| | Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) | Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator | |
| | | Name (Home District) | In-charge of Districts |
| 4 & 6A | Kamal Sanghvi | PDG Vinod Bansal (3011) | 3011, 3012, 3100, 3261 |
| | | PDG Parag Sheth (3060) | 3053, 3054, 3060 |
| | | PDG Madhukar Malhotra (3080) | 3070, 3080, 3090 |
| | | PDG Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi (3131) | 3030, 3040, 3142 |
| | | PDG Ajay Gupta (3141) | 3131, 3132, 3141 |
| | | PDG Ravindra Prakash Sehgal (3291) | 3250, 3262, 3291 |
| | | PDG Basu Dev Golyan (3292) | 3110, 3120, 3240, 3292 |
| 5 | Avinash Potdar | PDG R. Krishna (3181) | 3170, 3181 |
| | | PDG K.S. Nagendra (3190) | 3190, 3182 |
| | | PDG A. Subramaniam (3230) | 3231, 3232, 2981 |
| | | PDG Lakkaraju Satyanarain (3020) | 3160, 3150, 3020 |
| | | PDG Dr. E.K. Sagadhevan (3202) | 3202, 3000, 2981 |
| | | PDG V. Rajkumar (3201) | 3201, 3211 |
| | | PDG B.D.R. Rajan (3220) | 3212, 3220 |
| | Rotary Public Image Coordinator (RPIC) | Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator | |
| | | Name (Home District) | In-charge of Districts |
| 4 & 6A | Ashish Desai | PDG Ranjan Dhingra (3011) | 3090, 3080, 3070, 3100 |
| | | PDG Deepak Shikarpur (3131) | 3030, 3131, 3132 |
| | | PDG Lalit Shrimal (3040) | 3040, 3053, 3011, 3012 |
| | | PDG Bansi dhurandhar (3141) | 3141, 3142, 3060, 3054 |
| | | PDG Swapan Kumar Choudhary (3240) | 3240, 3292, 3110 |
| | | PDG Rabi Narayan Nanda (3262) | 3161, 3262 |
| | | PDG Rajendra Khandelwal (3291) | 3291, 3250, 3120 |
| 5 | Raja Michael | PDG C Sivagnanaselvam (2982) | 2982, 3231, 3232 |
| | | PDG Kalluri Ramaliga Reddy (3160) | 3160, 3020 |
| | | PDG Ganesh G. Bhat (3170) | 3170, 3150, 3182 |
| | | PDG Manandi N. Suresh(3190) | 3190, 3220 |
| | | PDG K.K. Mathews (3201) | 3201, 3211 |
| | | PDG T. Somasekharan (3202) | 3202, 3181 |
| | | PDG J. Navamani (3212) | 3212, 3000, 2981 |
| | Endowment & Major Gift Advisors | | |
| 4 & 6A | Ashok Panjwani (3060) | | |
| 5 | K.P. Nagesh (3190) | | |

GRANTS

Grants approved during July 2017 from Rotary Foundation (India).

| Rotary Grants | Number of grants | Amount (USD) In million |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Global Grants | 26 | 1.44 |

| Area of Focus | No. of Global Grants |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Basic Education and Literacy | 03 |
| Disease Prevention and Treatment | 10 |
| Economic and Community Development | 05 |
| Maternal and child health | 04 |
| Water and Sanitation | 04 |
| Total | 26 |

Submitting a successful grant application

To be approved, your application must clearly describe how your project, scholarship, or vocational training team:

- Is sustainable — include plans for long-term success after the global grant funds have been spent
- Includes measurable goals
- Aligns with one of Rotary's areas of focus
- Responds to real community needs
- Actively involves Rotarians and community members
- Meets the eligibility requirements in the grants [terms and conditions](#)

How to use the Grant Center

The Grant Center is the place to go for everything you need to do online for your Rotary Foundation grants, and it keeps all of Rotary's grant-related resources handy for you. Please go through the [guide for detailed guidelines](#) which is available through My Rotary at <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/guide-global-grants>

Applications are accepted throughout the year and are reviewed as they're received. For general information about grants, please visit Grants page at www.rotary.org

Trustees Decision on open Matching & 3-H grants

At their April 2017 meeting, the Trustees agreed to establish a **final deadline of 31 August 2017** for sponsors of open matching grants and 3-H grants to complete, report, and close their grants. If TRF does not receive an acceptable final report by the 31 August 2017 deadline, the Trustees have decided to debit that district's district designated funds (DDF) and move them to the World Fund for any open grants and declare the grants closed at that time.

The deadline of 31 August 2017 by the Trustees is final, therefore it is requested to close out these grants with immediate effect or the DDF of the host sponsoring district will be debited from their 2017-18 Share account.

Dedicated Coordinators for your district

Currently, the grants team comprises of three staff members – Roy John, Sumit William and Nelson Abraham. Moving forward, you will have a dedicated Grant Coordinator in the South Asia Office for your district, as detailed below, who will be independently handling all grant related queries, issues, reporting etc.

| Name | Districts | Contact Details | |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | Direct Phone No. | Email |
| Roy John | 2982, 3030, 3202, 3271, 3272, 3292 & 58 | 42250146 | Roy.John@rotary.org |
| Sumit William | 3000, 3012, 3040, 3054, 3080, 3090, 3110, 3120, 3132, 3141, 3160, 3182, 3190, 3212, 3220, 3231, 3240, 3261, 3291 | 42250150 | Sumit.William@rotary.org |
| Nelson Abraham | 2981, 3011, 3020, 3053, 3060, 3070, 3131, 3142, 3150, 3170, 3181, 3201, 3211, 3232, 3250, 3262, 3281, 3281 | 42250116 | Nelson.Abraham@rotary.org |

Additionally, all complex issues or issues which require immediate attention may be forwarded to roy.john@rotary.org.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) CORNER

Thank you, district officers for attending District Training Seminar held on 22nd July 2017 convened by RID Basker and Trustee Sushil Gupta. The presentations have now been shared by EMGA Ashok Panjwani with all the participants. This year's target for CSR contribution is \$4 million.

CSR webinar is scheduled for 1st September 2017 and information will be sent through e-mail for registrations. We look forward to interacting with you on 01 September 2017.

Please connect with your District CSR chair for prospective CSR partnerships and CSR team at RISAO- Jayashree Jayaraman, Manager-CSR & WinS on jayashree.jayaraman@rotary.org, 011-42250142 and Bhawna Verma, Sr. Program Associate, CSR on bhawna.verma@rotary.org, 011- 42250172.

WASH-IN-SCHOOLS TARGET CHALLENGE

We, at TRF, received an overwhelming number of applications for Phase I call of the WinS Competitive grants process. Thank you to everyone who submitted an application. All Competitive grant applicants will receive notification of final decision on the community assessment award by Monday, 7 August 2017. We look forward to engaging closely with the successful awardees on the needs assessment exercise which will take place from August to October 2017.

We would also like to inform you that for the next six months, all WinS Target Challenge queries should be addressed to Jayashree Jayaraman (Jayashree.jayaraman@rotary.org, Phone:011-42250142) and Trushika Narang (Trushika.narang@rotary.org, Phone:011-42250145).

POLIO UPDATES

This year again, Rotary is hosting a special event to celebrate the World Polio Day on October 24. The event will take place at the Gates Foundation headquarters in Seattle, USA, and will be live-streamed. Rotarians around the globe are encouraged to celebrate the day locally and register their events online at <https://www.endpolio.org/register-your-event>

TERMINATED CLUBS

Currently there are 65 terminated Clubs in South Asia (57 are from India) for non-payment of January 2017 dues. These clubs are required to fulfill following compliances for re-instatement within **150 days** of date of termination:

- Pay all outstanding financial obligations at the time of termination.
- Pay all membership dues that continue to accrue thereafter.
- Pay a \$30 per member reinstatement fee plus GST @ 18%
- Reinstatement application.

After 150 days from the date of termination, clubs will be permanently terminated and cannot be reinstated.

JULY 2017 CLUB INVOICE

July 2017 Invoice can be viewed online at <https://my.rotary.org/en/manage> 'Pay or view your club invoice'. Those who have not opted out of paper invoice will get the paper invoice by mid-August 2017.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB DUES:

- We would **recommend** sending club dues electronically by using 'Bank/ Electronic Transfer' details mentioned in July 2017 Club Invoice. **'Bank/Electronic transfer' details are club specific**, therefore clubs must use details as mentioned in their respective 'club invoice' only. Also, these details are **for the purpose of paying club dues only** and not for any other type of dues/contributions. Kindly remember that information/details given in the previous invoice do not stand good now and would lead to non-payment and inconvenience at your end.
- In the event a club is unable to pay club dues electronically, payment may be sent by Cheque/demand draft drawn in favor of 'Rotary International South Asia Office' payable at New Delhi, along with copy of invoice, to South Asia Office.
- Payment to be made in INR only. Visit <https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-rates> for the most current RI exchange rate to calculate the amount in INR.
- Please note that to update subscription information regarding 'The Rotarian' or regional magazine, the club officer my send email to data@rotary.org

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRF DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS

a) Online Giving by Donors in India

Rupee-enabled online giving is now available to Donors in India. They can choose to make online contributions in INR through both Rotary Foundation (India) [RF(I)] website www.rotaryfoundationindia.org or through Rotary International website www.rotary.org . This will allow Rotarians/Non-Rotarians to contribute online and also avail the benefits under Section 80G of Income Tax Act.

b) Donation/Contribution through Cheque/Demand Draft

- Draw a cheque/demand draft in favor of '**Rotary Foundation (India)**' payable at New Delhi. Please mention the donor's name clearly (i.e. drawer of the cheque/remitter of bank draft), donor address and donor's Permanent Account Number (PAN) in the contribution form/ letter.
- A single receipt per cheque will be issued in favor of the drawer of the cheque.
- A single receipt for each demand draft/pay order will be issued in favor of the remitter, if mentioned in demand draft/pay order

THE GOODS & SERVICE TAX (GST)

The GST Laws (including relating Bills) that came into effect from July 1, 2017 may impact the working of the Rotary Clubs. Therefore it is advised that Rotary Clubs contact their Chartered Accountants/ Tax Advisors for further information/ update on this matter.

Clubs that are required by law to have a GST registration number and have already got themselves registered or are in the process of getting registered are requested to send following details through their registered email ID to nidhi.khanna@rotary.org

Details required:

- Club Name and Club Number
- Special Status (if applicable) along with supporting document issued by competent authorities (for e.g.: SEZ exemptions)
- Copy of registration certificate, duly attested by account signatories

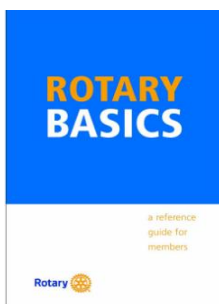
There is a critical provision in GST that mandates the “state” code of your GST registration and the “state” of your mailing address available with the SAO to be identical. In case they are different, we request you to update your mailing address of the club in RI records to comply with the above requirement.

As per GST rules SAO has to file its return by 15 August 2017. Once SAO reports the number of invoices issued to unregistered Rotary Clubs in their return, any request for revised invoice due to GST registration cannot be fulfilled.

In case of any queries, please feel free to write to us at nidhi.khanna@rotary.org

Publications

NEW ADDITION



Rotary Basics

Rotary Basics is a comprehensive guide to all things Rotary. It covers everything from how Rotary began to how you can optimize your membership experience. This is a great resource for new members or for clubs to have on hand for reference.

US \$2.00

RI MERCHANDISE



The Rotary Foundation Scarf 2017-2018

Rotary Foundation theme scarf measuring 76” x 23” in Rotary blue with a white and yellow striped border. Handmade in 100% silk with the “Celebrating the 2nd Century of TRF” tag on the underside.

US \$50.00



The Rotary Foundation Tie 2017-2018

Rotary brilliant blue 60” 100% silk tie with the Foundation logo embroidered in a repeating pattern. Complete with “Celebrating the 2nd Century of TRF” tag on the back.

US \$50.00

To look for other publications of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, click on link <https://shop.rotary.org/>; you can browse through subject wise tabs and download related publications or place order through SHOP Rotary in case it is a priced publication. **Please remember to review the contents of the publication, prior to downloading/placing order, as all publications are not meant for South Asia region.**

While placing orders for publications, following points should be considered:

- a) All registered users can shop online through SHOP Rotary at RI website by logging into MY ROTARY.
- b) There is a limit of mailing 5 copies per order for free publications.
- c) Rotarians / Rotary Clubs in India can place their order for publications by remitting an amount in INR which is equivalent to the price of publication. The remittance can be done either by cheque or demand draft drawn in favor of 'Rotary International South Asia office', payable at New Delhi.
- d) Rotarians / Rotary Clubs in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka & Nepal must deposit amount equivalent to the price of publication with the fiscal agent and forward scanned copy of money receipt to Abhishek Saxena at abhishek.saxena@rotary.org

For queries or more details, please write to abhishek.saxena@rotary.org

Subscribers of monthly magazine 'The Rotarian' are requested to:

- a) Update any changes in their postal (mailing) address by sending email to data@rotary.org with current and new mailing address.
- b) Since mailing labels are generated two months in advance, please remember that mailing to new address will be effective at least two months after the new address is communicated to data@rotary.org. Till then, the magazine will be mailed to old address.
- c) Prior to reporting non-delivery of magazine, please make an initial check at your local post office to find out if magazines are lying there undelivered due to unknown reasons. If not found, please write to Risao@rotary.org within sixty days of the close of month for which the magazine has not been received. Any late or overdue complaints beyond two months may not be resolved.
- d) The magazine subscribers in Pakistan receive their copy directly from RI World Headquarters and hence they requested to report non-receipt of monthly magazine to data@rotary.org.
- e) In cases where magazine subscribers from a club have opted for receiving the magazines bundled into one, the same will either be shipped to one given address or if no address is intimated, by default the magazine will be mailed to the reported club secretary / executive secretary.
- f) Subscribers can opt for a digital magazine for online reading as well for free download. In this case, the magazine is delivered to the registered email address of the subscriber on RI records. This option has helped other subscribers who experienced non-receipt of magazine due to postal issues. As long as a member has a valid email address, there is nothing to prevent them from receiving the magazine regularly. The digital copy is exactly same as printed version, so nothing will be missed. Also, the subscription charges for digital magazine are less than the charges for a printed paper copy. In addition, all electronic copies are saved in the subscriber's library and can be viewed again, as needed. Those interested in digital version of "The Rotarian" may write to data@rotary.org to effect the change.

RI Travel Services (RITS)

Effective 01 April 2017, RITS in India is functioning outside RISAO premises.

To contact RITS in India, please send your email to Bejoy.Samuel@rotary.org & RITSIndia@rotary.org. Bejoy Samuel can also be contacted on mobile No.9911564503 from Monday to Friday during office hours i.e. 0900 to 1700 hrs.

SAO Activities

Joseph Thomas, Sr. Coordinator, CDS attended a Training Program held for District Rotaract Representatives & Committee Chairs from Zone 4, 5 and 6A on 29th & 30th July at Hyderabad. The program was attended by RID Basker, RC Ashok Gupta, RC Rajendra Rai and ARCs.

RID Basker and Trustee Sushil Gupta called for a District Chairs Seminar on 22 July 2017 at hotel J.W. Marriott which was focused on Endowment Fund, Major Gift and CSR. This seminar was attended by District Governors, District Endowment & Major Gift Chairs, District CSR Chairs, Assistant Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinators, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators along with Endowment Major Gift Advisors of Zones 4, 5 and 6A. EMGA Aziz Memon from Pakistan also attended the seminar. Staff members from RISAQ viz. Rajeev Ranjan, Sanjay Parmar, Jayashree Jayaraman, Shakuntala Raha, Rajesh Anand, Roy John, Ashwini Sharma, Hema Gupta, Bhawna Verma were part of the faculty. RISAQ staff made a presentation covering topics such as Foundation Goals, Endowment and Major Gifts, CSR, Grant process and Stewardship.

Trushika Narang joined as Consultant (WinS) to fill in the temporary vacancy as Nida Hasan has proceeded on maternity leave till 18 February 2018.

SAO Holidays

Please note that our office will remain closed on 15 August on account of Independence Day.

For suggestions/comments about this newsletter, please write to Risao@rotary.org