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Message from Head-South Asia

Dear District Governors,

As you are aware, November is Rotary Foundation Month. The Rotary Foundation is the heart of Rotary International; where we continually see how Rotarians are making a difference in the world through projects in local communities as well as overseas through Rotary Grants funding. Sharing with you few pointers (see page 3) to ensure success of events promoting Rotary Foundation among your communities.

Also, 11 November 2017 is Rotary Day at the United Nations when critical humanitarian activities that Rotary and UN lead around the world will be highlighted. This year, Rotary will honor six Rotary members or Rotary Peace Centers alumni who have done outstanding work for peace, professionally or as volunteers.

I am happy to share that RI Board has elected Gulam A. Vahanvaty to be the TRF Trustee of The Rotary Foundation beginning 1 July 2018 to serve a term of four years.

We at RISAO are periodically holding webinars to provide details of various Rotary International and Rotary Foundation programs. Two webinars are being organized in this month; one on Thursday, 16 November on "Grant Management Process" and another on Thursday, 23 November on "TRF Recognitions". More details are available on page 8.

With warm regards,

Rajeev Ranjan
Head-South Asia

Highlights

Membership figures as of 01 November 2017

Country	Clubs#	Rotarians#	Variance from 01 July 2017 **	
			Clubs	Rotarians
India	3,757	145,223	42	6,234
Pakistan	235	4,428	6	248
Bangladesh	341	9,653	5	248
Sri Lanka	72	1,927	1	63
Nepal	115	4,468	0	100
Bhutan	1	19	0	3
Maldives	1	41	0	0
Total	4,522	165,759	54	6,896
Worldwide	35,774	1,227,314	109	24,283

These are system generated figures. Official month-end membership statistics would be available by around 10th of next month.

** Variance from 01 July 2017 official starting figures.

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RI Exchange Rate for US \$1

Country	Local Currency	Rate of Exchange
India	INR	65
Bangladesh	BDT	83
Nepal	NPR	104
Pakistan	PKR	105
Sri Lanka	LKR	154

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

Important Dates

16 Nov 17 - Webinar on Grant Management Process (see page 8)

23 Nov 17 –Webinar on TRF Recognitions (see page 8)

30 Nov 17 –Deadline for submission of videos for Interact Video Awards (see page 3)

15 Dec 17 – Deadline for submission of Community Assessment Report for Wash-in-Schools Competitive Grants (see page 5)

15 Dec 17 – Early registration discount ends for RI Convention.

31 Dec 17 – Deadline for appointment of new DRFC Chair

CREATING A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS



For district and regional Leaders

How can you help to create a positive experience for prospective members?

Working with prospective members is an important responsibility and a delicate task. From the time a prospective member is identified or expresses interest to the time they become a member (or not), there are opportunities to connect to get to know them better and for them to get to know your club.

Please let club and district leaders you work with know they can find tips and ideas for working with prospective members and [creating a positive experience](#), regardless of whether they join.

For Clubs

Are you creating a positive experience for prospective members?

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First Impressions Matter

Watch a recording of the webinar [First Impressions Matter: The Membership Experience](#) in which speakers talk about:

- The one thing you can do today to improve your club's public image.
- What happens to your club culture when you begin to affirm possibilities by saying "Yes, and" To new projects and ideas
- Following a dream and inspiring communities along the way

One participant described the webinar as "wonderfully engaging" noting that "the presentations were strategic and succinct, and the information provided was creative and inspiring".

A myriad of possibilities – new membership options

Clubs now have flexibility in [meeting frequency, format, and attendance](#), and may offer additional [membership types](#) to meet community needs. [Dual membership](#) enables young leaders to maintain their involvement in Rotaract while also being members of Rotary. Tell us how your club has used or is using this flexibility. Share your stories about:

[Corporate/family memberships](#)

[Alternate meeting frequency and formats](#)

[Dual membership – Rotary and Rotaract](#)

[Learn more](#) about the new flexibility for clubs and members.

Interact Video Awards

For Rotary's ninth annual Interact Video Awards, Interact clubs can create and submit a short video by 30 November showing how they are People of Action. The Interact club that earns the title of Best Video will receive a \$1,000 donation to support its service projects. Encourage Interact clubs in your region to make a video, tell their story, and inspire the world.

Foundation (TRF)

Rotary Foundation Month

November is Rotary Foundation month. Here are few things you can do to ensure your November events are a success:

1. Educate Rotarians about Foundation's history and its impact on families and communities, what Paul Harris Society is and why making significant annual gifts to our Foundation helps us Do Good in the World.
2. Share Rotary's work on your social media channels.
3. Encouraging districts to publicize grants projects that are making a difference in their communities.
4. Encourage the Non-Giving clubs to "Give" to the Foundation.
5. Recognize and thank new Major Donors and Paul Harris Society members.
6. Thank Rotarians who gave to the Foundation for the first time ever.
7. Reach out to members who gave last year but who have not given this year - thank them for their past support and invite them to contribute again.
8. Promote Online Giving in your region and encourage Rotarians to contribute online.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

The international fundraising goal for RY 2017-18 has been revised as below:

	GOALS 2017-18 (in US\$ millions)
ANNUAL FUND:	135.0
ENDOWMENT FUND:	51.9
POLIOPLUS:	150.0
OTHER:	23.1
GRAND TOTAL	360.0

Mentioned below is the contribution status of India for 2017-18 (interim report as on 25 October 2017) in comparison to 2016-17:

Total Contribution	2017-18 Total Contribution as of 25 October 2017 (interim update)*	2016-17 Total Contribution as of 31 October 2016	Variance
Zone 4	\$1,075,837	\$936,232	15%
Zone 5	\$696,330	\$619,028	12%
Zone 6A	\$247,610	\$284,360	-13%
India Total	\$1,888,353	\$1,731,914	9%
South-Asia Total	\$2,176,302	\$1,996,518	9%

AKS Induction

Two AKS members from India, **Past District Governor Ramesh Aggarwal & Nanda Aggarwal (D-3012) and Sathish Manandi & Sudha Sathish Manandi (D-3190)** were officially inducted into the Arch Klumph Society in a ceremony held in Evanston on 22-24 September 2017. During the 3 days AKS Induction program, the inductees were taken on tour of WHQ and Paul Harris Home, given updates on Rotary's program and video interviews of AKS Inductees were conducted.

Club Recognition

Please note that the Club Banners, for AF Per Capita; 100% EREY Club; 100% Sustaining Member, achieved by clubs in your districts for Rotary Year 2016-17 will soon be reaching District Governors for distribution to eligible clubs.

GRANTS

Grants approved during October 2017 for South Asia Region.

Rotary Grants	Number of grants	Amount (USD)
Global Grants	27	2.43 million
Total	27	2.43 million

Area of Focus	No. of Global Grants
Basic Education and Literacy	4
Disease Prevention and Treatment	14
Economic and Community Development	2
Maternal Child Health	2
Water and Sanitation	5
Total	27

Community Assessment mandatory

Starting 1 July 2018, any club or district that applies for a global grant to support a humanitarian project or a vocational training team will be required to conduct a community assessment first and include the results in their grant application. [Learn more.](#)

Processing of grant payments

It has been noticed that project sponsors find it challenging to complete the pre-payment requirements before the grant amount can be paid out. Once the project sponsors receive the application approval e-mail from Rotary Foundation (India), please follow the steps mentioned, which would help us to transfer the grant funds smoothly into the project bank account.

- a) Provide project bank account information by logging into www.rotary.org>MyRotary>takeaction>grantscenter>Myactions>bank information
- b) Provide the names of the club members who would be the bank account signatories for this specific grant bank account. If you are planning to send the contributions directly to the bank account instead of Rotary Foundation (India), please upload the bank statement showing the credit of the amount. However, in that case, you will not be eligible for 80G exemption and recognitions.
- c) Print the scanned copy of the legal agreement form, which is always attached to the approval e-mail. The same needs to be signed by the club president in originals and send the hard copy to South Asia office.

d) All cash contribution from host to be remitted in favour of Rotary Foundation (India) and International partners need to remit their share of cash contributions to their respective regional office.

e) Fulfill any payment contingency, if mentioned in the approval e-mail.

Rotary Foundation (India) reporting deadlines

All grants paid out from Rotary Foundation (India) should provide an Interim/progress report by 31 May for the activities up to 31 Mar every or the Final report can be submitted within two months of project completion whichever is earlier.

It may please be noted that submission of online reports alone does not mean that the report has been submitted or guarantee that the grant report is accepted. The submission of the report online should be followed up by submitting the hard copy (original) documentation of the supporting documents or vice versa to South Asia Office for review. The reporting requirement and necessary formats can be downloaded [here](#).

Please forward all grant related queries to roy.john@rotary.org and you may also contact him at 011-42250146.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) CORNER

Congratulations to Rotary club of E-magnum (D-3012) for the launch of their first CSR funded global grant project on 16 October 2017. The project has been funded by Zeco Aircon Pvt. Ltd. The project was formally inaugurated by PRID and Trustee Sushil Gupta in the presence of Rtn. Ravi Singhal, who is the corporate head of Zeco Aircon as well as the current club president of RC E-magnum, others club members, school management and community. GG1755525 is being implemented under AOF- Basic education & literacy and WASH in schools. The grant funds have been used to support government schools by providing school benches, activity room, toilets, hand washing stations etc.



CSR team is pleased to announce first CSR partnership with Foseco India Limited in RY 2017-18. This partnership is solicited by RCs Poona Downtown and Pune East (D-3131) for two projects.

We are thankful to those few District Governors and District CSR Chairs who have responded to CSR Questionnaire and CSR Action Plan forwarded to them on behalf of Rotary Leadership in India. Others are requested to send in their response at the earliest.

WASH-IN-SCHOOLS TARGET CHALLENGE

Global Hand Washing Day was celebrated by Rotary clubs/ districts on 15 October 2017 to increase awareness and understand the importance of hand washing with soap. Here are the glimpse of the celebrations held by Districts 3012 and 3211.



We really admire and appreciate the efforts done by the districts for holding wonderful events.

All six participating districts for WASH in Schools Competitive Grant are implementing community assessment phase1 grants. A complete final narrative and financial report of the community assessment is to be submitted **no later than 15 December, 2017 to AOF@rotary.org**. In addition to the online submission, audited accounts and original financial documents, including receipts and vouchers, must be submitted directly to WinS team at SAO.

We are eager to hear from the participating districts about their experience of implementing community assessment in the respective schools.

POLIO UPDATES

The 5th annual World Polio Day event, on 24 October 2017 brought together more than 100,000 viewers around the world. The program was co-hosted with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation at the latter's Seattle Headquarters. More than 3,000 events took place this World Polio Day to recognize the progress we have made in the fight to end polio.

Financial Services (FS)

JULY 2017 CLUB INVOICE

We thank and commend those Rotary clubs that have paid their dues on time. Rotary clubs that have not yet paid their dues for July 2017 'Club invoice', are requested to make the payment at the earliest as anytime the gates of Rotary dues payment for July 2017 would close.

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 must have received the paper invoice by now. Please pay the invoice on priority.

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 may send email to data@rotary.org

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRF DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS

a) Online Giving by Donors in India

Rupee-enabled online giving is available to Donors in India through both Rotary Foundation (India) [RF(I)] website www.rotaryfoundationindia.org and 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 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 the mailing address of your club in RI records to comply with the above requirement.

Publications

RI Publications

RI Official Directory 2017-18 (Book)

RI Official Directory 2017-18 (Book), comprising all clubs and districts information, is now available on SAO shelves, **priced @ USD \$ 10.00 each**. You may place your order by remitting the amount equivalent to the publication order.

RI / TRF MERCHANDISE



Rotarian at Work T-Shirt

100% cotton unisex t-shirt for Rotarians at Work. Navy blue with short sleeves and crew neck

US \$15.00



Rotary People of Action Water Bottle

This is a 24 oz streamlined stainless steel beverage bottle with screw-on top

US \$14.00

RI/TRF related merchandise can be ordered through <http://shop.rotary.org>

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

SAO Activities

- ☆ Jayashree Jayaraman, Manager CSR & WINS attended the launch of CSR Global Grant project at Sultanpur village, Haryana on 16 October 2017. The event was organized by Rotary club of E-magnam.
- ☆ Shakuntala Raha participated in TRF Seminar of D 3054 on invitation of DG Maullin Patel to promote major gifts of The Rotary Foundation.
- ☆ As Rotary International was gearing up to start its 5th Annual World Polio Day at the Bill and Melinda Gates headquarters, RI South Asia Office celebrated the event on its premises. The staff members assembled in the conference room at 14:00 IST for a presentation on World Polio Day that covered Polio history,

milestones, Polio Plus, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary International's commitment and role. Two videos, "I dream of an empty ward" and "Drop to Zero" were screened. On the occasion, staff photograph was clicked with the "This Close" symbol.



Webinars:

The Grant team at RISAO is organizing a webinar on 16 November 2017 on **Grant Management process** between **2:30 PM - 3:30 PM IST**. To access the webinar, please register online by clicking the following link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7275414951230286849>

The Fund Development team at SAO is organizing a webinar on 23 November 2017 on **TRF Recognitions** between **2:30 PM - 3:30 PM IST**. To access the webinar, please register online by clicking the following link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6841178226625174018>

Please feel free to share your queries pertaining to TRF Recognitions after the Presentation is over and also share your feedback.

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