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Message from Head-South Asia

Dear District Governors,

I am happy to inform you that SAO staff had very interactive sessions at Zone 4,5 & 6A Institute at Kaula Lumpur. Also, for the first time, SAO staff attended Institute for Zones 1B, 9 & 10 at Taipei, Taiwan where DGEs from Bangladesh & Pakistan were present. A special session was conducted by SAO staff for them.

Heartiest Congratulations to PDG Vijay Jalan from D-3141 on being appointed as the new RRFC for Zone 4 & 6A. We wish him great success in his new role!

December month is to focus on Disease Prevention and Treatment. As Disease results in misery, pain and poverty, Rotarians around the world are combating diseases by educating & equipping communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases. During RY 2016-17, 97 Global Grants amounting to USD 6.6 million were paid to various clubs & districts in South Asia region for Disease Prevention & Treatment. Please promote the projects being undertaken in your area through Rotary Showcase for entire world to see what we are doing.

The overwhelming response received for the webinars conducted on various topics has encouraged our staff to hold more webinars in future on different topics. Information on scheduled webinars as well recording of recently held webinars has been covered under "SAO Activities" on page 10.

With warm regards,

Rajeev Ranjan
Head-South Asia

Highlights

Membership figures as of 01 December 2017

Country	Clubs#	Rotarians#	Variance from 01 July 2017 **	
			Clubs	Rotarians
India	3,772	145,830	57	6,841
Pakistan	238	4,424	9	244
Bangladesh	341	9,650	5	245
Sri Lanka	72	1,929	1	65
Nepal	115	4,489	0	121
Bhutan	1	19	0	3
Maldives	1	41	0	0
Total	4,540	166,382	72	7,519
Worldwide	35,797	1,230,244	132	27,213

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	84
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

13 Dec 17 – Webinar on Membership & Club Invoice

15 Dec 17 – Webinar on Term Gift & Global Grant

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

CLUB FLEXIBILITY

Flexibility has been a buzz word in the Rotary world since April 2016 Council on Legislation meeting, during which proposed legislation that gave clubs more options for members, meetings, and attendance was passed. Now, club members are excited to take advantage of the new possibilities to make their club experience more engaging for current members and more attractive to prospective members. If you are curious about how your club can take advantage of the new flexibility or you know of clubs in your district who would benefit from these changes, start by visiting www.rotary.org/clubflexibility . Links to some of the useful resources as given below:

- Frequently Asked Questions (https://my.rotary.org/en/club-flexibility-faq#_blank) – web page that answers frequently asked questions
- Start Guide for Flexible Meetings and Attendance (https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/start-guide-flexible-meeting-format-and-attendance#_blank) – A worksheet that includes questions to consider before making these kinds of changes and sample bylaws edited to capture the changes
- Start Guide for Alternative Membership Types (https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/start-guide-alternative-membership-types#_blank) – A worksheet that includes questions to consider before making these kinds of changes and sample bylaws edited to capture the changes

NEW IN THE LEARNING CENTER

- **Protecting Youth Program Participants:** This interactive course reviews Rotary's policies and guidelines for working with young volunteers. Find best practices and apply your knowledge to challenging scenarios.
- **Kick-start Your New Member Orientation:** Are new members leaving Rotary within a year or two? Learn how to better connect with them and help them get involved from the start.
- **Practicing Flexibility and Innovation:** A rigid club is no fun. If you find that your club's rules prevent members from getting the experience they want from Rotary, try changing those rules.

Click here to learn more: [LEARN MORE](#)

JOIN GROUP DISCUSSIONS

You may like to connect with other Rotary members by joining a discussion group or starting a new one. Find others who share your interests and activities, connect with project partners and tap into the diversity of global perspectives of Rotary. To find more details about discussion groups, click

<https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-ideas/groups/membership-best-practices>

ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS – EXCLUSIVE OFFERS

Most of you are aware of Rotary Global Rewards which is a benefit program for **Rotary and Rotaract club members** to find & redeem discounts and special offers on dining, travel, health, gifting, apparels, services, ecommerce, real estate etc. given by various reputed organizations. To know more about Rotary's member benefit program click on the links given below

[How to find deals on mobile or desktop](#)

[How to create a My Rotary account](#)

[How to use Rotary Global Rewards \(video, EN only\)](#)

Now the Good News for Rotary & Rotaract members in India. A special offer is being introduced wherein the members will not only get exclusive deals but will be rewarded with reward points every time they order online. Members can compare prices and find the best deals from leading online stores in India such as Flipkart, Amazon, MakeMyTrip, etc. To know more about these offers, click <https://rotaryrewards.vantagecircle.com/>

Members who are interested in giving back to Rotary can add their own offers through “Create a New Offer”. Click on [How to create an offer](#) to know more on this.

Foundation (TRF)

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Major Gifts

In November 2017, Mr. Darshan Chadda of D-3141 contributed US\$ 30,000 for Basic Education & Literacy.

Contribution status of India and South Asia for 2017-18* in comparison to 2016-17:

Funds/Region		2017-18 TRF Contribution as of Nov 2017 (interim update)*	2016-17 Contribution updated till 30 Nov 2016	Variance
Annual Fund	South Asia	\$1,765,730	\$1,795,854	-1.68%
	India	\$1,390,274	\$1,449,484	-4.08%
Polio Plus	South Asia	\$177,411	\$123,806	43.30%
	India	\$117,389	\$96,228	21.99%
Other Giving	South Asia	\$1,098,896	\$596,229	84.31%
	India	\$911,948	\$560,784	62.62%
Endowment Fund	South Asia	\$124,455	\$360,269	-65.45%
	India	\$90,225	\$339,026	-73.39%
Total Contributions	South Asia	\$3,166,492	\$2,876,157	10.09%
	India	\$2,509,836	\$2,445,521	2.63%

Zone-wise contribution update:

Zone	AF Per Capita	Annual Fund	Polio Plus	Other Giving	Endowment Fund	Total Contributions
4	\$12.73	\$678,523	\$44,489	\$564,885	\$65,198	\$1,353,096
5	\$8.83	\$573,206	\$54,743	\$255,883	\$25,689	\$909,522
6A	\$9.52	\$257,275	\$43,152	\$210,321	\$555	\$511,303

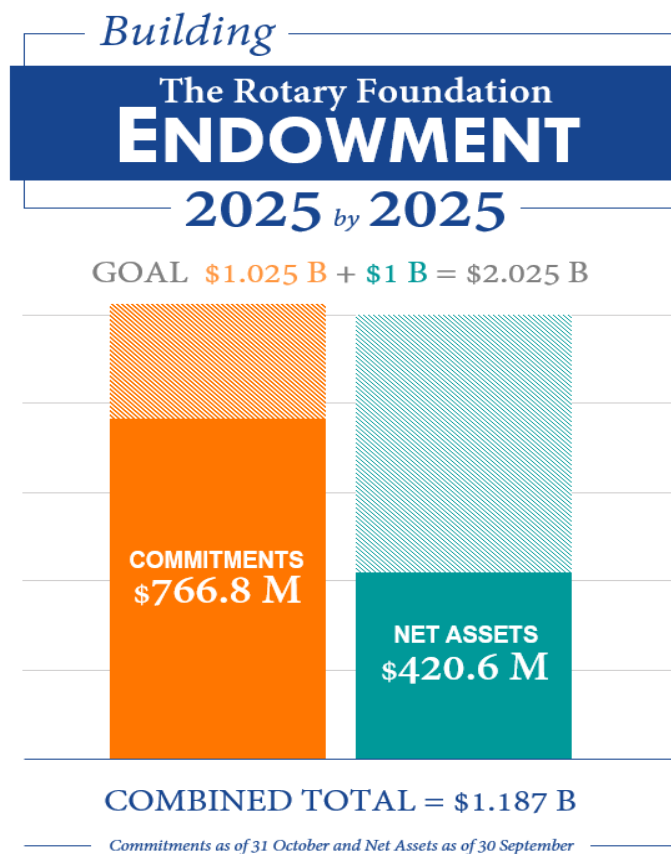
Zone-wise TRF Giving Clubs: RY 2017-18

Zone	Total Clubs	TRF Giving Clubs	% TRF Giving Clubs
Zone-4	1410	390	28%
Zone-5	1734	436	25%
Zone-6A	813	215	26%

Top 3 districts in South Asia:

District	Total Contributions (in USD)
3141	406,424
3281	308,471
3131	247,675

Endowment Update



GRANTS

Grants approved during November 2017 for South Asia Region.

Rotary Grants	Number of grants	Amount (USD)
Global Grants	17	1.04 million

Area of Focus	No. of Global Grants
Basic Education and Literacy	2
Disease Prevention and Treatment	10
Economic and Community Development	1
Maternal Child Health	1
Water and Sanitation	3
Total	17

Global Grants Community Assessment

The [Global Grants Community Assessment Results](#) form, is now available. **Starting 1 July 2018**, any club or district that applies for a global grant to support a humanitarian project or a vocational training team must first conduct a community assessment and submit the completed results form with its global grant application in the [Grant Center](#).

Make sure that Rotarians in your district who are planning global grant projects know about this requirement and the many benefits of conducting a community assessment. These assessments:

- Improve project design
- Help ensure that a project will truly benefit the people it's intended to help
- Make it easier to plan a project that will be sustainable
- Streamline the approval process by reducing the number of exchanges between applicants and the Foundation

Please encourage your clubs to review Rotary's [Community Assessment Tools](#) to learn about proven methods for evaluating a community's assets and needs, including community meetings, surveys, interviews, and focus groups.

Resources for finding global grant partners

One of the most common questions we get is how to find a partner for a global grant. Here are some suggestions:

- [Rotary Ideas](#). Clubs can request partners, materials, international support, and contributions.
- [My Rotary Discussion Groups](#). A forum for clubs to exchange project ideas and request assistance.
- [Rotarian Action Groups](#). Experts in a particular field who can assist with club and district projects.
- [Intercountry committees](#). Networks of Rotary clubs or districts in two or more countries that work together on service projects and other activities.
- [Project fairs](#). Regional events hosted by Rotary districts to encourage international friendship and collaboration.
- [Rotary Fellowships](#). Social groups that share a given hobby, recreational activity, or profession.

Scholarship alumni and Youth Exchange are other ways to forge a connection.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) CORNER

CSR team has been receiving multiple queries with regard to channelizing funds through Rotary Foundation (India) for implementing global grant projects. CSR kit has been shared with districts/clubs for CSR fund solicitation. We look forward to receiving the action plan on corporate leads from all districts/clubs in response to e-mail dated 24 November 2017 sent to District Governors and District CSR Chairs.

WASH-IN-SCHOOLS TARGET CHALLENGE

Rotary India WinS, with the support of TRF, has appointed a National Recognition Committee for the duration of the Target Challenge pilot program. The selected leaders, identified as true WinS Champions, have significant understanding of water, sanitation and hygiene and/or education and can bring the WinS initiative to an overwhelming success. A training session for the committee members will be conducted on 15 December 2017 in New Delhi. WASH in Schools Target Challenge team is privileged to welcome the National Recognition Committee members.

The Rotary Club of Delhi Ashoka, District 3012 has implemented a WASH in Schools Project under TRF at Government Primary School at Gheja village in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.



Financial Services (FS)

JULY 2017 CLUB INVOICE

We are happy to note that all the clubs in Districts 2981, 2982, 3141, 3142 and 3160, have paid their July 2017 Club Dues. Congratulations to the district leadership in these 5 districts!!

TERMINATED CLUBS

Clubs that are terminated due to non-payment of July 2016 dues can be re-instated within 150 days of date of termination by fulfilling following compliances:

- 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 Goods & Services tax @18%
- Reinstatement application.

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.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR RI DUES FOR CLUBS IN INDIA:

- 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 them 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.

Publications

RI Publications	
<p>RI Official Directory 2017-18 (Book)</p> <p>RI Official Directory 2017-18 (Book) comprised of all clubs and districts information is now available in SAO Shelves, priced @ USD \$ 10.00 each. You may place your order by remitting the amount equivalent to the publication order.</p>	
	<p>Connect for Good</p> <p>Guide to getting involved in Rotary, offering a menu of ways to connect with the club, community, and the Rotary world.</p> <p>US \$1.00</p>
RI / TRF MERCHANDISE	
 <p>Rotary iPhone 7+ Phone Case</p> <p>Blue flexible case with Rotary imprint.</p> <p>US \$12.00</p>	 <p>Rotary iPhone 7 Phone Case</p> <p>Blue flexible case with Rotary imprint.</p> <p>US \$12.00</p>
<p>RI/TRF related merchandise can be ordered through http://shop.rotary.org</p>	

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:

- All registered users can shop online through SHOP Rotary at RI website by logging into MY ROTARY.
- There is a limit of mailing 5 copies per order for free publications.
- 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.
- 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

RI Travel Services (RITS)

Rotary Travel Services have appointed BCD Travel in India as the official travel agency effective 01 December 2017 for all RI funded travel.

Summary of BCD Travel

BCD Travel was founded in January 2006 when BCD Group announced its decision to purchase TQ3 Travel Solutions Management Holding GmbH and a majority interest in The Travel Company (UK). These two companies were combined with WorldTravel BTI, under one ownership to form BCD Travel. The company formally began trading under its new brand on March 31, 2006.

BCD Travel is the third largest travel management company having its headquarter in Utrecht, The Netherlands, with regional headquarters in London, UK; Atlanta, USA (Americas) and Singapore (APAC). BCD Travel is governed by an executive team comprising some of the most experienced, talented, industry-savvy individuals in the corporate travel business.

The contact details of BCD Travels in India are given below:

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To know more about BCD Travel, please visit their website <https://www.bcdtravel.com/>

SAO Activities

Roy John, Nelson Abraham and Winson Mathew attended a one day Grants Management Seminar at Gajraula in D58. Roy John made a presentation on Grant Management and Stewardship practices.

SAO Staff Sonu Ram and Jatinder Singh participated in the internationally acclaimed Delhi Half Marathon on 19 November 2017. The 2 staff members used this event, which attracted 35,000 participants from world over for promoting Rotary and its polio efforts.



Abby McNear, Nick Smith from RI WHQ and SAO staff Jayashree Jayaraman, Shakuntala Raha and Joseph Thomas attended the Rotary Institute held in Kuala Lumpur as Staff Resources. It was a great opportunity for them to meet and interact with Past, Current and Future RI Officers from Zone 4, 5 & 6A.



Rajeev Ranjan and Jatinder Singh attended the GETS & Rotary Institute held in Taipei as Staff Resources. It was a great opportunity for them to meet and interact with Past, Current and Future RI Officers from Zone 1B, 9 and 10.



Webinars:

1. **Webinar on Grants Management process** was held on 16 November 2017. All those who were invited for the webinar have already received the video recording of the webinar and the PowerPoint presentation. The webinar recording can also be downloaded from <https://vimeo.com/243387280> (password: Rotary123) and in case you require the PowerPoint presentation, please contact Roy John by e-mail at roy.john@rotary.org or on phone (91-11) 42250146.
2. **Webinar on TRF Recognition** was held on 23 November 2017 by SAO Fund Development and Donor Services team. EMGAs Ashok Panjwani and K.P. Nagesh were also present and personally guided the team. Those who missed attending this webinar can access the recording through <https://vimeo.com/245281711>
3. **Webinar on “Membership & Club Invoice-Policy, Process & Payment”** has been scheduled for 13 December 2017 from 1430 to 1530 hrs. To attend this webinar, register online through following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4484942401507798274>
4. **Webinar on Term Gifts & Global Grant:** The next webinar by Fund Development team will be held on 15 December on Term Gift and Global Grants from 1430 to 1600 hrs (IST). To attend this webinar, kindly register online through <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4513407658300946945>

Holidays

Our office will remain closed on 25 December for Christmas.

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