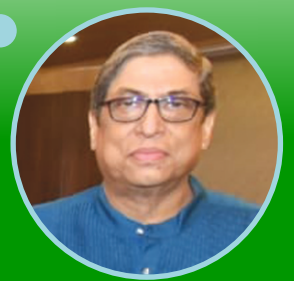




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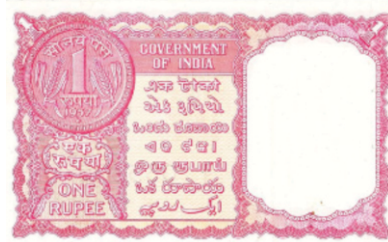
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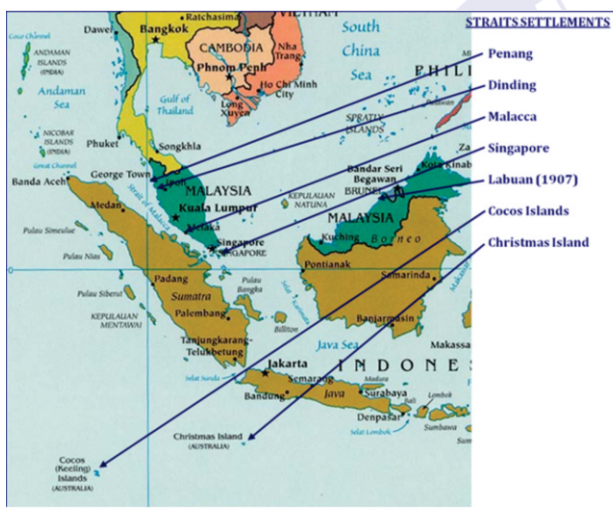
International ventures of the Rupee

The pristine Seychelles waters; Basra port in Iraq, and the UAE are some of the places where the Rupee was once used as legal tender. Looking back at some of the international ventures of the Rupee on the 6th Anniversary of our recent demonetization adventure.



The Indian rupee was once the official currency of countries such as Aden (Yemen), Oman, Dubai, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the Trucial States, Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, Seychelles, and Mauritius. Starting with our neighbor, post-partition, the Pakistani rupee came into existence, initially using Indian coins and notes, over-stamped with "Pakistan". In 1948, Pakistan started issuing its own currency – the Pakistani Rupee.

After the devaluation of the rupee in 1966, the countries still using it – Oman, Qatar, and the Trucial States (which became the UAE in 1971) – replaced the Gulf rupee with their own currencies. Kuwait and Bahrain had done so in 1961 and 1965 with their respective Dinar. Aden, a port in Yemen was under the Bombay Presidency till 1937. The Indian Rupee was used there as well.



Settlements in 1837, as it was administered as part of British India. This attempt was resisted by the locals.

In 1867, the administration of the Straits Settlements was separated from India and the Straits dollar was made the standard currency, and attempts to reintroduce the rupee were finally abandoned. In Mozambique, the British Indian rupees were over-stamped, and in Kenya, the British East Africa Company minted the rupee. It was maintained as the florin, using the same standard, until 1920. In Somalia, the Italian colonial authority minted 'Rupia' to exactly the same standard.

In India itself, there were multiple rupees. The Indian rupee replaced the Danish Indian rupee in 1845, the French Indian rupee in 1954, and the Portuguese Indian escudo in 1961. Following the independence of India in 1947 and the accession of the princely states to the new Union, the Indian rupee replaced all the currencies of the previously autonomous states (although the Hyderabad rupee was not demonetized until 1959).

By 1942, an acute scarcity of small coins was felt throughout India, as the second world war had kept the mints busy issuing imperial coins. Princely



states like Bikaner, Bunder, Junagadh, Nawanagar, Rajkot, and many more issued Cash Coupons to meet the shortage. India, at present, does not permit rupees to be officially used for international transactions except those with Nepal and Bhutan (Bhutanese Ngultrum is at par with the Indian Rupee). The Indian rupee is also accepted in towns on the Nepalese side of the Nepal-India border.

Today is our 2198th 2nd Club Assembly Members attended last RWM : 13

Birthday Greetings :

Nov 16th Shreyas, Son of PP Sanjay Bhatt
Astha, Daughter of Rtn. Dr. BN Jha
Nov 17th Rtn. Dr. Biplab K Nandi



Agenda – 2198th RWM

-  **Registration of Society (account & renewal)**
-  **Formation of Trust**
-  **AG & DG Visit**
-  **Joint RWM**

National Philanthropy Day

National Philanthropy Day is celebrated annually on November 15. This day signifies the importance of working together for the common good. Philanthropic deeds come in all different shapes and sizes — charitable giving, volunteering, etc. — and on National Philanthropy Day, no act of kindness goes unnoticed. President Reagan first proclaimed November 15 as National Philanthropy Day in 1986, and communities all throughout the world have celebrated the importance of this occasion ever since.



Why National Philanthropy Day is Important

✓ **Philanthropy makes the world go round**

For as long as humankind exists, there is always going to be a need to help each other out. National Philanthropy Day acknowledges

the importance of stepping up and doing your part to not only help those less fortunate, but to also ensure that the world as a whole is a better place to live.

✓ **It's important to acknowledge good deeds**

When we highlight the charitable acts of someone else, there is a good chance that another person may get inspired to go out in the community and contribute in his or her own way. Acknowledging philanthropic activity not only gives credit where credit is due, but it is also an excellent way to bring awareness to charitable opportunities that exist.

✓ **It's inspiring**

With so much negativity in the world, hearing about the good that goes on is certainly refreshing. National Philanthropy Day motivates us to get out and engage with others in order to make a positive impact.

Give to the Foundation every year

Dr. Bharat Pandya, TRF Trustee, 2022–26

Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself. — Anon

The Rotary Foundation works to bring just such happiness in the lives of people we touch and communities we transform. And this is made possible by our giving to TRF. The most basic need of a human being is to feel capable and have a sense of dignity. Thus, the best giving is to help people find their feet and support themselves and their family. This gives them a purpose, a sense of dignity and has the potential to transform the recipient into a giver. TRF believes not just in ‘giving the fish, but also teaching how to fish’.

Giving is an act of faith. There is true joy in giving. Experience the joy of giving to TRF. Your gift is going to make a difference in critical areas such as hunger, health, literacy, and water and polio eradication.



November is TRF month; a time for relearning and rededication to the Foundation and its many worthwhile programmes. A time to focus our attention on the pillar which gives real internationality to Rotary — **The Rotary Foundation.**

From a tiny beginning in the mind and heart of Arch Klumph, as an endowment fund “for doing good in the world”, today it has evolved into one of the foremost agencies of humanitarian service — a foundation which is respected, transparent, increasingly nimble and one of the best managed charities in the world. It has been given the highest four-star rating by Charity Navigator on –multiple parameters ranging from efficiency to transparency.

The opportunities and possibilities that we have in front of us can be transformed into success stories, thanks to TRF. That’s why it is important to know about EREY —Every Rotarian Every Year—initiative of TRF. Only when every Rotarian contributes every year to TRF, can its stability and long-term health be ensured.

That’s the goal and challenge. Taste the beauty of giving to TRF. I assure you, you will give again and again. Keep giving to TRF to do good in our world. Light the candle of giving and lead the way as you Imagine Rotary.

On November 13th, a team of doctors, ECG technicians, and Rotarian volunteers from Rotary Garden Reach visited Daspur Shri Shri Ramakrishna Sevashram, Pashchim Medinipur for a Medical Camp.



124 beneficiaries (senior citizens, children & others) were checked-up for general medicine, cardiology, gynea, dental; ECG & blood sugar tests were done for 75, gynea check-up for 13 women

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY – FAQs

WHAT IS THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who contribute US\$1,000 or more each Rotary year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved Foundation grants. Paul Harris Society recognition was administered by districts until it became an official Rotary Foundation recognition program in July 2013. Its purpose is to identify, engage, and thank members who have the ability and desire to make substantial annual gifts to help communities close to home and around the world.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AND PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY MEMBER?

Anyone who cumulatively contributes US\$1,000 during any time period becomes a Paul Harris Fellow. A person can also be named a fellow if someone else uses 1,000 Foundation recognition points to honour them as such. A member of the Paul Harris Society contributes at least US\$1,000 each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved Foundation grants.

AM I REQUIRED TO GIVE US\$1,000 BEFORE JOINING THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?

No, an immediate US\$1,000 contribution is not required at the time of enrolment. How you fulfil your Paul Harris Society giving intention each year is up to you. You can donate US\$1,000 at one time or in several smaller amounts that reach that total. One easy way is to donate automatically through the Rotary Direct recurring giving program.

HOW CAN I JOIN THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?

You can join the Paul Harris Society by doing any of the following:

- Complete the online sign-up form. Go to the Paul Harris Society page (rotary.org/phs) and choose Join.
- Email or call Rotary's Support Center (rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org) or the Rotary International office that serves your area.
- Mail a completed Paul Harris Society sign-up form to The Rotary Foundation.

On November 14th, "Nanhe Kadam": the Children's Day project included a Sit-n- Draw contest and Dental Awareness Camp for students of Shramik Vidyalaya, Coal Dock, Garden Reach. Food packets were provided to 140 students; 60 students took part in the Sit-n-Draw Contest coordinated by Rotaract Garden Reach. After the contest an interactive session on Dental/Oral hygiene was taken by PP Dr. JK Singh.



President Abinash Singh, PPs Dr. JK Singh, Capt. NK Jain and Rtr. Ifrah Murtaza, Rotaract Garden Reach, President were present

Magnify your generosity

AS Venkatesh, RI Director, 2021-23

November is celebrated as the Foundation month by clubs and districts. Over the years the work done by Rotarians through The Rotary Foundation has multiplied manifold with enormous impact on the communities that we live in. This is the external face of Rotary and it contributes to our brand equity. It also effectively contributes to our internal priority — membership growth.



There are two components in this. One is assessing the community need, identifying, planning and executing service projects in the seven areas of focus. The second part is the generous contributions made by Rotarians who choose to share their wealth through TRF. Both these aspects are intricately intertwined. I have been fortunate to participate in, and also witness, some path-breaking projects carried out by clubs and districts in our region.

I strongly urge every member of our Rotary family to engage in such work to truly experience the magic of Rotary. The ability to transform lives is an incredible gift that Rotary provides us. There is however an area that offers great scope for improvement in our region. That is contributing to the Foundation. Sadly, only about one in four Rotarians in our region contribute to TRF. All of us have something that we can share. All we need is the heart to share. Money is a magnifying tool. A miser has more to be miserly with, and a generous person has more to be generous with. Money only accentuates your desire. It is for us to decide what we desire.

Often times, it is not the lack of resources that makes one decide not to contribute, but the lack of awareness about TRF. Simply put, we let ignorance dictate our choices. So let us intentionally try and find out more about the activities of TRF and the impact it has made around the globe and in our own communities. And armed with this knowledge, then decide which of our desires we choose to magnify. I am not asking you to open your wallets. Let us open our hearts, and the rest will take care of itself! Let your generosity be magnified.

Why India did not compete in the 1950 Football World Cup (and no, it wasn't because they didn't have boots)

Mihir Vasavda

The countdown to every football World Cup inevitably gives rise to one of the most inane, over-used, and, as it turns out, a mythical piece of trivia. India, the oft-cited

story goes, did not play in the 1950 edition – the closest the country has come to participate in a World Cup – because the players did not want to wear shoes. And FIFA, the tale continues, did not allow players to step on the field barefoot.

**WHY INDIA DID NOT COMPETE IN THE
1950 FOOTBALL WORLD CUP?**

(and no, it wasn't because they didn't have boots..)



This claim, however, has been countered in a recently-released book, *'Box to box: 75 years of the Indian football team.'* In a chapter titled, 'Blunder of the century', author Jaydeep Basu – who has also edited the book – reveals how ignorance, short-sightedness, lack of confidence in the players and misplaced priorities on behalf of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) cost India a golden chance to compete in a World Cup.

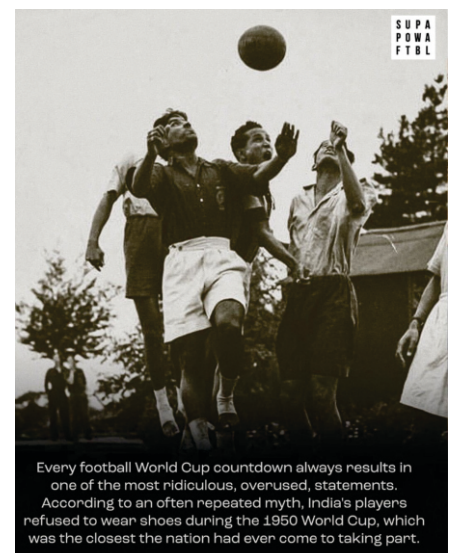
Basu, a veteran journalist, gives a blow-by-blow account of the series of events that led to the AIFF deciding against sending a team to Brazil despite the organisers' willingness to share the burden of expenses that would be incurred. Not just the Brazilian federation, the chapter claims that state-level bodies from across India agreed to chip in so that the AIFF – who did not have the capacity to raise the necessary funds – would face any difficulties.

Based on this, and a series of other factors noted in the book, India announced its squad for the World Cup on May 16, 1950, and the team was scheduled to leave for Brazil on June 15 or 16 to play its first match on June 28. "What happened thereafter remains the biggest unsolved mystery of Indian football," Basu writes, adding that 'it was an opportunity lost that would continue to haunt Indian football till they manage to play another World Cup.'

Apart from busting the myth surrounding India's non-participating in the 1950 World Cup, the story also highlights a common thread between then and now – the lack of foresight and imagination on the part of the AIFF through the course of India's football history.

The federation's failure is particularly tragic when one looks at stories in Indian football that inspire awe and have defied odds, which have been told by an eclectic bunch of writers who perfectly capture the 75-year history of the sport in independent India.

At a time when Indian football is facing a severe identity crisis with a stagnating and seemingly-directionless league, a dying ecosystem and the national team that's struggling to take meaningful steps forward, Box to Box is a reminder of what Indian football was and what it could have been.



From the delightful story of Dr. T Ao, the first captain of India's football team from Nagaland (the North Eastern state was recently in the news after one of its schools won the Subroto Cup for the first time after 44 years), to the humble-to-a-fault Tulsidas Balaram, the book chronicles the stories of some of the finest players the country has produced.

Minutes of the 2197th RWM held on November 8th, 2022 at BNR Officers' Club, Garden Reach

1. In absentia of the Club President, Vice-President Dr. Arabinda called the RWM to order and requested to rise for the National Anthem.
2. The club was briefed about the Bijoya-Deepawali Utsav held on November 5th, at the Club venue.
3. Discussion about Daspur Medical Camp on November 13th, 2022: Sports Items (by PP Dr. Sumanta), Blankets (30 by Rtn. Sudip) will be distributed to 55 students and supporting staff.
4. Vice President Dr. Arabinda confirmed the members about 2nd Club Assembly on November 15th, 2022.
5. 5th Board Meeting on November 19th, 2022. Hosts are Rtn. Shweta & PP Prosenjit Barua, at their residence at Jadavpur.
6. VP Dr. Arabinda announced that on November 22nd, 2022 is our AG Visit.
7. PP Timir suggested communicating with Mr. Subhash Dutta, noted environmentalist, for tree plantation and others projects on Environment.
8. Club Secretary, Rtn. Debasis conducted Club business.
9. Minutes of the last RWM were confirmed. President terminated the Meeting.

