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Time to experience the magic

As we embark on this new Rotary year, let us embrace it with a spirit of renewal and inspiration. This is a pivotal time for all members to reaffirm their commitment to Rotary's noble ideals. A thriving membership is not just a goal but the heartbeat of our vibrant community, essential for driving forward our impactful service and project initiatives.

Our seasoned members carry a vital responsibility: to warmly welcome and actively engage new members, ensuring they feel valued and integral from the start. Each member joins Rotary with a unique spark — be it a passion for service, a quest for fellowship, a desire to forge lasting friendships, or a journey of personal growth. It is our collective duty to nurture these motivations, understanding that they evolve over time, thus fortifying the ties that bind us together as a club.

Introducing innovative roles like 'Plan Lead Coordinators' and 'Action Plan Champions' highlights our commitment to strategic growth and collaborative achievement. By working closely across districts

and clubs, let us chart a clear path towards achieving ambitious multi-year goals and executing action plans that resonate with every club and members.

As we embrace this new year, let us seize the fresh opportunities it brings, and confront the inevitable challenges with resilience and innovation. Embrace cutting-edge technologies and foster partnerships across diverse sectors — from youth initiatives and Rotary Community Corps (RCC) to corporate alliances, governmental collaborations and NGO partnerships — this will amplify our impact and elevate our standing in the community.

Amidst the multitude of projects we undertake, let us heed the stirring call of our global leader, Stephanie Urchick. Let us champion the transformative power of our action plan, finding balance between continuity and change, and work for positive peace. Let this year be marked by bold steps, taken with optimism and a steadfast resolve to surpass past achievements.

Now is our moment to ignite the magic of Rotary, to create ripples of positive change that resonate far and wide.

Anirudha Roychowdhury
RI Director, 2023–25

The Rotary Action Plan (RAP) is a strategic guide for Rotary International & its member clubs, outlining key priorities to maximize effectiveness & impact in pursuit of the organization's mission to promote peace, advance goodwill, & improve lives worldwide. The plan is built on four pillars:

Impact, Reach, Engage, & Adapt

Together, these pillars form a comprehensive framework that guides Rotary clubs in their efforts to make a lasting impact & contribute to a better world.

Impact

This pillar highlights Rotary's dedication to making a real difference in communities globally.

By focusing on Rotary's areas of focus—such as promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers & children, supporting education, & growing local economies—clubs strive to create sustainable projects that bring measurable positive change to people's lives.



Reach

The Reach pillar aims to expand Rotary's influence by growing its membership & embracing diversity. By welcoming individuals from a range of communities, backgrounds, & regions, Rotary can extend its reach & strengthen its global network. This diversity allows for broader perspectives & innovative solutions to complex challenges.



Engage

Engagement is about empowering members & motivating them to take action. Rotary encourages a culture of collaboration, creativity, & volunteerism within clubs & districts. By providing effective communication, training, & support, Rotary enables members to actively participate in projects, leadership roles, & programs, leveraging their skills & resources to achieve Rotary's goals.



Adapt

The Adapt pillar underscores Rotary's focus on being flexible & resilient in an ever-changing world. By embracing new technologies, strategies, & approaches, Rotary can remain relevant & innovative. This adaptability allows Rotary to meet emerging challenges head-on & continue to uphold its values of service, integrity, & leadership.





Rotary at a glance

Rotary clubs	:	36,978
Rotaract clubs	:	10,634
Interact clubs	:	14,613
RCCs	:	13,460
Rotary members	:	1,181,186
Rotaract members	:	162,325
Interact members	:	336,191

As on June 17, 2024

Membership Summary

As on June 1, 2024

RI District	Rotary Clubs	No of Rotarians	Women Rotarians (%)	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaract Members	Interact Clubs	RCC
2981	140	6,033	6.03	73	504	32	254
2982	87	3,923	6.07	44	909	86	186
3000	145	6,121	11.89	106	1,815	214	217
3011	137	5,154	30.29	87	2,452	159	39
3012	167	4,207	24.67	78	1,139	101	61
3020	84	4,879	8.05	41	818	112	351
3030	101	5,770	16.66	56	1,000	480	386
3040	98	2,404	14.23	40	809	54	214
3053	74	2,992	16.71	27	414	39	131
3055	78	3,207	12.63	70	1,089	46	378
3056	87	3,840	24.58	34	450	98	201
3060	103	5,215	15.95	67	2,305	66	144
3070	119	3,282	15.51	49	570	55	63
3080	109	4,384	12.61	66	1,925	166	126
3090	128	2,707	5.87	21	374	258	166
3100	112	2,222	10.76	13	58	34	151
3110	141	3,825	11.84	18	127	55	109
3120	89	3,788	16.00	48	587	25	55
3131	144	5,808	33.40	131	3,181	258	151
3132	93	3,819	14.04	44	638	102	214
3141	116	6,419	27.87	141	6,046	170	241
3142	110	3,989	21.84	64	2,275	108	97
3150	110	4,352	13.69	101	2,012	113	130
3160	80	2,639	8.75	32	258	95	82
3170	149	6,717	15.24	126	2,020	172	180
3181	89	3,730	10.86	47	505	88	121
3182	86	3,717	10.71	48	249	86	103
3191	94	3,489	18.14	70	1,940	132	35
3192	86	3,612	21.59	89	2,431	145	40
3201	176	6,865	9.96	139	2,606	101	95
3203	96	5,049	7.31	50	933	115	39
3204	79	2,606	6.75	24	237	14	13
3211	161	5,274	8.72	9	97	22	135
3212	125	4,770	11.66	102	3,799	185	153
3231	96	3,487	7.11	42	569	39	417
3232	188	6,569	20.99	128	4,500	127	102
3240	104	3,553	17.17	47	709	44	234
3250	108	4,212	21.94	63	1,003	58	191
3261	100	3,422	23.50	26	275	26	45
3262	117	3,907	15.64	81	830	642	287
3291	145	3,912	26.41			78	751
India Total	4,651	175,870		2,542	54,458	5,000	7,088
3220	70	2,041	17.49	97	4,242	115	77
3271	112	1,548	21.51	196	2,061	275	28
0063 (3272)	129	1,499	17.88	97	1,233	22	49
0064 (3281)	332	7,081	17.65	249	1,701	117	214
0065 (3282)	180	3,512	9.94	179	1,305	24	47
3292	157	5,613	18.99	185	5,435	110	137
S Asia Total	5,631	197,164	15.98	3,545	70,435	5,663	7,640

Source: RI South Asia Office

Good Wishes from the Past President (2023-24)

I am proud to have been allowed to serve as your president for the Rotary year 2023-24. This has been a rewarding and amazing experience. There are many wonderful people in our club with great energy, helping to create a better life for those in need. Only with their support and cooperation, we completed an eventful & successful year.

I want to thank :

- Our board for their commitment to the club, the donated time, and all their hard work to ensure we had a successful year.
- Our committees and committee chairs for doing the actual work of the club
- Our club members for rising to the occasion when called upon. Your ongoing support of club initiatives is incredible.
- Our District Governor Rtn. Hiralal Yadav for his guidance, positive attitude and encouragement.
- Our Assistant District Governor Bulbul for her support and coordination.
- Our CSR partner Nipha Group of Industries, without their support our projects could not have been fulfilled.

I am not going to try to highlight all our accomplishments for the year, but there is one that must be mentioned. That is of course – “Swanirbhar” - Women's Empowerment- the TOTO distribution. With your support, we have been able to bring change in the lives of at least four women, making them Swanirbhar. This was a phenomenal success.

The construction of two water kiosks -one at CNMC Hospital and the other at ChetlaBosti, will not only continue to provide clean and safe drinking water to hundreds of people daily but will also promote the public image of Rotary as well as RC Ballygunge for years.

This year our flagship project “Shantihi” ie, Peace Through Film And Music was a great success. This was possible only for the untiring efforts of our club members.

You should all be very pleased with what our club accomplished this year. Almost all of what we set out to do was looked after. I salute the members of the Rotary Club of Ballygunge.

Good luck to incoming President RtnAmlan Bhattacharya. I wish you well in the year ahead. You have a lot of work to do, on top of all the regular day-to-day club activities. Fortunately, you have a strong and talented workforce and will also have the club's full support.

In closing, thank you again, for allowing me to serve as your president. My main personal goal in this role was to have fun together in the club while supporting the things that matter to the community. I think we came pretty close.

Thanking You
Rtn Rinku Das Chowdhury
President 2023-24

Editor's Column

It is a matter of great pleasure to share the statement of Flt Lt KP Nagesh, Rotary International Director – Elect while speaking to media on Sunday:

A significant shift has occurred on the global stage of Rotary International. India, once a leading recipient of Rotary's grants and programmes, has transformed into a major donor. “In the last 10 years, India's position has transformed,” said Flt Lt KP Nagesh, Rotary International director-elect, “We were once receivers of grants and benefits, but now we are major donors, second only to the USA in supporting needy people worldwide.

He emphasized Rotary's plans to significantly increase involvement with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds. “Companies trust Rotary International for using their CSR funds effectively. We are transparent and have minimal administrative costs. We spend from our own pockets and provide detailed audit reports to both donors and Rotary International, he said and added, “Rotary India's target is to increase CSR activities 10 times in the next two years.”

Udbodhan (2024-25)



We, the Rotarians of Ballygunge, Kolkata under the leadership of our President Dr. Amlan Bhattacharya, witnessed the “Magic of Rotary” by attending the ceremony namely “Udbodhan” held on July 1, 2024 at “Dhono Dhanyo” Auditorium, while Dr. Krishnendu Gupta has duly adopted the charge of the prestigious post of “District Governor for the year 2024 – 25 of Rotary District 3291.

Happy Announcements



Minutes of 2497th RWM of Rotary Club of Ballygunge held on 04th of July, 2024 at Cosy Room of International Club, Kolkata

- President called 2497 the RWM to order.
- President requested all to rise for the National Anthem which was sung in chorus.
- President gives his inaugural speech highlighting the aspects of Rotary and members participation in the functioning of Rotary Club.

Project 1:

President announced the successful completion of the first project of RY 24-25 on 01/07/2024 an award-winning documentary "Tare KhunjeBerai" was shown and a brief panel discussion on Cerebral Palsy held in Rotary Sadan to celebrate Doctor's Day. He briefly discussed the project outline.

SAD:

President announced the 1st SAD is kept unchanged at Rs.10,500/= as in previous year. He also requested members to contribute the SAD as early as possible. The 2nd SAD amount shall be discussed / finalised in coming days.

Installation:

President discussed about the installation on 18/07/2024 to held in Eastern Metropolitan Club at 7pm. Registration starts at 6:30 pm. He further requested Installation Chair PP Susanta Kumar Sarkar to speak on the installation. PP Susanta Kumar Sarkar enumerated the installation budget, souvenir contribution and venue. Dignitaries to be invited and proceedings of the installation was also discussed with members participation.

Contribution to Club Project Fund:

PP Balaram Pyne contributed Rs.2000/- towards the Club Project Fund to the President. All members thanked him for his kind gesture.

- The President requested members to come forward with suggestions/thoughts/feedback, if any.
- President handed over to the Secretary for Club Business.
- Secretary welcomed and thanked the members of RCB and announced the Club Business.
- Minutes of previous meeting confirmed. The President terminated the Meeting.

Members Present - 15