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PUNJAB-IT'S TOURISM ENIGMA

The Club meeting held on 16th December, the members had the privilege to listen to Sh. Shivdular Singh Dhillon, IAS (Retd.) who has been serving the Punjab Government at various prestigious positions. After superannuating from the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), he was appointed Presently as Secretary & Chief Executive of Punjab State Red Cross, He is also a Member of the National Managing Body of Indian Red Cross, and represented India in the Commonwealth Conference on International Humanitarian Law at Pretoria, South Africa in April this year. He has attended as an Observer, the UNESCO World Heritage Meeting in July 2024. He is also on the Boards of various Foundations and Trusts. A packed schedule notwithstanding, he does take out some time to be involved with quite a few NGOs for various social causes too. And yet, all he wants to be, is a good human being. Having had his education from various Institutions, he did his BA (Hons) in English in which he topped in the University, and MA (English) from Punjab University. He has been a keen

Sportsman and Debater, having won a Gold in the National Shooting Championship, he also has won numerous prizes and trophies in various Debates and Declamations across the major Universities of North India, as well as in the Universities of Hull and Cambridge in UK. He has delivered talks and lectures on varied subjects ranging from Literature, Ethics, Heritage Conservation, Culture, History, and Tourism to Management and eGovernance amongst others, at various Universities, Business Schools and other fora across India, and abroad. He started his career as a Probationary Officer in the State Bank, having topped in the Country in the competitive examination held for this post. Thereafter, he joined the State Civil Service and has held various posts in the Administration and Departments like Transport, Power, Local Bodies, Infrastructure Development, Excise & Taxation, Sports, Rural Development, Tourism & Culture, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs and has headed various Departments, Boards, Foundations, Trusts and Corporations. He also headed



the districts of Fatehgarh Sahib and Amritsar as Deputy Commissioner. He was the first State Civil Service Officer in the Country to have been sent by the Govt. of India for a long term Foreign Training. During this, he did his MBA with Distinction from the University of Hull in UK, where he stood first in the University. During his career he has been known and acknowledged as an Officer of unimpeachable integrity, honesty and competence. His services have won him numerous Appreciations and Accolades from the highest quarters and he has been conferred the State Award by the Governor of Punjab and has also received numerous Awards at the national level from the Government of India as well as various bodies and organizations. He has represented the Country at various international events in diverse fields.

A widely travelled person, he has visited more than 35 countries. Basically a nature lover, he is also an avid trekker and has trekked over more than 4000 kms across the Shivaliks,

Dhauladhars, Himalayas, Alps and the Rockies, and has done the west coast to east coast walk across UK. A voracious reader, he also dabbles in poetry and has won the 'International Poet of Merit Award' from the USA. In capacity as Advisor Tourism & Culture by the Govt of Punjab he highlighted that The Tourist potential of the state of Punjab has not been harnessed. Punjab is a land of great historical value and numerous Heritage buildings are scattered all over remaining unnoticed. The state is already well-known for its historic and spiritual sites and its architecture. There are several untapped tourism potentials in the state. The call out for attention and preserving them is the call of the day. According to him A tourism network should be adequately planned and the tourist map should include the

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NEXT MEETING
Business Meeting only
members gracious presence is requested on 30 December 2024 at Rotary House at 6 pm.

WE MEET EVERY MONDAY AT ROTARY HOUSE AT 6:00 PM

ROTARY'S SERVICE AWARDS

Rotary celebrates people of action who are committed to service and whose lives mirror Rotary's values. Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation offer several opportunities to recognize members and other participants for their devotion to service and their commitment to creating lasting change in their communities and around the world.

AWARDS THAT RECOGNIZE MEMBERS

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

The Service Above Self Award is considered the highest honor that RI can bestow on a member. It recognizes up to 150 outstanding Rotarians and Rotaractors each year whose service activities make an impact on humanity. No more than one recipient is selected from a given district each year, and a person can receive the award only once. Current governors and RI directors can nominate one candidate from their district using this online nomination form. RI's current special representatives to non-districted Rotary clubs may also nominate one member per year from the group of non-districted clubs they serve. All eligible nominations will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the RI Membership Committee for recommendation to the RI Board for selection. The nominations take place from 1st to 31st. October of each year.

Nominees must be Rotarians or Rotaractors in good standing, and may not be current, incoming, or immediate past governors, RI directors, RI presidents, or Rotary Foundation trustees. Nominees must have demonstrated exemplary continuing humanitarian service, in any form and at any level. Emphasis is placed on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary, rather than one's performance in an elected or appointed Rotary assignment. Personal financial contributions to Rotary, its Foundation, or any individual project are not relevant considerations for this award. The type of award is Engraved crystal and lapel pin .

ROTARY FOUNDATION CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service honors one Rotarian or Rotaractor per district who has been actively involved in service related to The Rotary Foundation. District Rotary Foundation committee chairs can nominate one candidate from their district by completing this online nomination form. Nominations must be endorsed by the current governor of the nominee's district, and governors can endorse only one nomination from their district per year. The general secretary reviews nominations to confirm that they have the required signatures and endorsements and that nominees haven't already received the award. Upon confirmation, RI sends electronic certificates to nominators for presentations to the recipients. The nomination is held in November-December of each year.

Nominees must be active Rotarians or Rotaractors in good standing, and may not be current, incoming, or immediate past district governors, RI directors, or Rotary Foundation trustees. You cannot nominate yourself for the award, and a person can receive this award only once. Service to The Rotary Foundation must have been for more than one year. Financial

contributions to the Foundation, however notable, are not relevant considerations for this award. The type of award is Electronic certificate

ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award honors up to 50 Rotarians and Rotaractors who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Foundation and who have received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four years earlier. Nominations can be made by any Rotarian or Rotaractor and must be endorsed by the current governor of the nominee's district. The nominee must also be endorsed by a Rotarian or Rotaractor outside the nominee's district. District governors can endorse only one nomination for their district. Current and incoming trustees are not eligible to nominate or endorse candidates for this award. Nominations can be made by completing the online nomination form and including detailed information about the specific Foundation activities and responsibilities of the nominee since they received the Citation for Meritorious Service. Eligible nominations are reviewed and recommended by the TRF Awards Review Committee and recipients are approved by the full Board of Trustees. The period of nomination is 1 January to 28 or 29 February .

Any active Rotarian or Rotaractor in good standing who received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four full calendar years earlier may be nominated except for current, incoming, or immediate past district governors, RI directors, or Rotary Foundation trustees. You can't nominate yourself for the award, and a person can receive the award only once. Financial contributions to the Foundation, however notable, are not relevant considerations for this award. The type of award is Engraved crystal and lapel pin

ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD

The Rotary Foundation District Service Award honors Rotarians and Rotaractors who are making a difference through the Foundation's programs, promoting the Rotary Foundation and its goals of world understanding and peace. Members are nominated by their clubs to the district Rotary Foundation committee, which forwards these nominations to the district governor. Governors can approve nominees and award one or more members with this certificate at the district conference. The selection is made by the district governor with the input of the district Rotary Foundation committee. The period of nomination is all year, but ideally before district conference .

Any active Rotarian or Rotaractor in good standing who has demonstrated laudable service in promoting The Rotary Foundation and its goal of world understanding and peace and who is recommended to the district Rotary Foundation committee and selected by the governor. The requisite service does not depend on, but does not preclude, any financial support for The Rotary Foundation. The type of award is Electronic certificate .

AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARD (DISTRICT-LEVEL)

The Avenues of Service Award recognizes the efforts

of individual Rotarians and Rotaractors in each of Rotary's five Avenues of Service: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth Service. Current club presidents can nominate a member for one or more Avenues of Service Awards by completing this online nomination form. See these examples of eligible service activities. The governor is notified of the nomination and will determine if the achievement is worthy of recognition by certificate. The governor then presents the certificate to the recipient. The nomination is for All year .

Any active Rotarian or Rotaractor in good standing except current club presidents; incoming, current, or immediate past governors; general secretaries, RI directors, RI presidents, Foundation Trustees, and RIBI presidents, vice presidents, or honorary treasurers. A person can receive this award only once. The type of award is Electronic certificate.

AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARD (RI-LEVEL)

The Avenues of Service Award recognizes individual Rotarians and Rotaractors who have received recognition in all five Avenues of Service: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth Service. A governor can nominate a Rotarian or Rotaractor who has achieved recognition in all five Avenues of Service for recognition by RI by submitting this online nomination form. When the nomination is received, RI will review candidates for eligibility, and send the Avenues of Service engraved crystal and pin for presentation to the Rotarian. The type of award is Engraved crystal and lapel pin SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD

The Service Award for a Polio-Free World honors Rotarians who have made outstanding contributions to our polio eradication efforts. Individuals can be nominated for regional or international service.

Any Rotarian can nominate a member by submitting this online nomination form. The general secretary reviews nominations to confirm that nominees haven't already received the award. The International PolioPlus Committee then reviews candidates for eligibility and upon confirmation, forwards their names to The Rotary Foundation trustee chair for approval of regional awards, and to The Rotary Foundation trustees for approval of international awards. The period of nomination is Annually, 15 July to 1 October

Any Rotarian is eligible except current and incoming trustees of the Foundation, current and incoming directors of Rotary International, members of the International PolioPlus Committee, and current and incoming district governors; any Rotarian who has previously received either the regional or international award is ineligible for the regional award. Find more information on criteria and guidelines for the Service Award for a Polio-Free World

For regional awards, printable certificates suitable for framing are sent via email to the relevant district governor to present to the recipient. For international awards, bronze plaques are sent to the relevant Rotary International director to present to

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Blanket and Ration Distribution



The INTERACT CLUB of St. John's High School, in collaboration with their school NSS branch and social justice group, successfully conducted a blanket and ration distribution drive on December 22, 2024 at Nayagaon. This initiative aimed to support underprivileged families during the winter season. Students distributed over 150 blankets and essential food supplies to needy households, demonstrating compassion and social responsibility. The

beneficiaries expressed heartfelt gratitude, and the drive highlighted the importance of



youth-led community service. Such initiatives continue to foster empathy and a sense of civic duty among students.



ROLLOVER LIMIT ON DISTRICT DESIGNATED FUNDS

It's vital to us in Rotary that we always use the resources entrusted to us in the most effective way possible. To ensure that we adhere to that and honor the expectations of our donors, the ability to roll over unused District Designated Funds (DDF) has been limited to five years. The Rotary Foundation Trustees voted in 2020-21 to set a five-year time frame for districts to use their DDF.

It was pointed out that a large balance of unused DDF was being rolled forward year after year. Donors entrust the Foundation with their contributions with the expectation that the funding will be used in a timely manner to make a positive difference in the world. As of 30 June 2024, the balance totaled approximately US\$44 million.

Districts can begin planning early to use their full district grant allocation. They should also consider using DDF to fund club-sponsored and district-sponsored global grants or using DDF to increase the size and scope of a project they already plan to fund through a global grant. The current year's DDF will be used first. When the district has fully spent that, then they'll start to spend DDF from the oldest year that has a balance. However, because the 2020-21 year represents an accumulation of previous years' rollover, districts will be permitted to transfer DDF from that year to PolioPlus, the Rotary Peace Centers, the Endowment, Disaster Response Fund, or World Fund now even if the current year's DDF has not been fully spent.

Districts will have until 30 June to advise The Rotary Foundation where to redirect unspent funds. If no direction is given, the unused DDF will go to the World Fund. The redirection will be effective in the Rotary Year beginning 1 July 2026. Districts need to fill out an online Qualtrics form. The link will be sent to all districts beginning in March 2026 and the form needs to be submitted by 30 June 2026. Districts with unused DDF nearing the rollover limit will receive the form in March each year and need to submit it by 30 June to specify how the funding will be allocated. Global grant applications that are submitted but not approved by 30 June 2026 will use DDF for 2026-27 when they're approved, before using any rollover DDF. DDF cannot be added to an individual's fund.

CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

29 Dec PP Vijay Wadhawan 9316116425

Anniversary Greetings:

25 Dec Rtn Atul Gandhi & Munisha 9872531109

28 Dec Rtn Karan S Bhandari & Navneet 9876062209

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ROTARY'S SERVICE AWARDS

the recipient.

AWARDS THAT RECOGNIZE NON-MEMBERS

ROTARY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO HUMANITY

The Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity recognizes up to 150 non-Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service in accord with Rotary's ideals. The district governor nominates one eligible candidate from their district by completing the online nomination form. RI's current special representatives to non-districted Rotary clubs can also each submit one nomination per year. Eligible nominations are reviewed by a subcommittee of the RI Membership Committee for recommendation to the RI Board for selection. The period of nomination is 1-31 March

Only nonmembers, including the spouse or partner of an active Rotarian or Rotaractor in good standing, may be nominated for this award. A person can receive the award only once. Candidates will be considered based solely on the humanitarian service they have demonstrated through Rotary, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others. Personal financial contributions to Rotary, its Foundation, or any individual project are not relevant considerations for this award. The type of award is Engraved crystal and lapel pin .

AWARDS THAT RECOGNIZE ALUMNI

ROTARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award recognizes one Rotary Alumni Association each year that has demonstrated the significant impact of Rotary programs. Any member of the Rotary community (Rotary member, non-Rotarian alumnus, etc.) can nominate a candidate through the online nomination form. Eligible nominations are reviewed by the RI Membership and TRF Awards Review committees for recommendation to the RI Board and Rotary Foundation Trustees for selection. The period of nomination is 1 July-15 September

To be nominated, alumni associations must be formally chartered by Rotary International. They should enhance the awareness of the value of alumni within Rotary, involve a majority of their members in a project or activity over the past year, have an online presence, demonstrate collaboration between Rotarians and alumni, and support the Object of Rotary and Service Above Self. The type of award is Banner (with presidential theme and year)

ROTARY ALUMNI GLOBAL SERVICE AWARD

The Rotary Alumni Global Service Award recognizes one outstanding Rotary alumnus or alumna each year whose career, activities, and service to humanity illustrate the impact of Rotary's programs. Any member of the Rotary community (Rotary member, non-Rotarian alumnus, etc.) can nominate a candidate through the online nomination form. Eligible nominations are reviewed by the subcommittee of the RI Membership and TRF Awards Review committees for recommendation to the RI Board and Rotary Foundation Trustees for selection. The period of nomination is 1 July-15 September .

All Rotary alumni are eligible except for current or past RI directors or trustees of The Rotary Foundation. Nominees must have achieved distinction in their profession or vocation, performed sustainable service benefiting the international community, and demonstrated the social benefits of Rotary's programs. The type of award is Engraved crystal

AWARDS THAT RECOGNIZE A CLUB

ROTARY CITATION FOR ROTARY CLUBS

The Rotary Citation for Rotary clubs is the most important award for Rotary clubs. It recognizes clubs that pursue activities that support organizational priorities. The number of clubs that can earn this award is unlimited. A newly chartered club is not precluded from earning this award. A club president selects more than 50% of the recommended goals in Rotary Club Central, achieves them during the year, and reports the achievement in Rotary Club Central. Club leaders set and achieve goals during their Rotary year. The achievement of the goals must be reported in Rotary Club Central by 30 June.

Clubs must be in good financial standing, meaning they must pay both dues invoices on time. Club must also show they have achieved at least 50% of the goals in Rotary Club Central. Even if clubs achieve these goals, they aren't eligible if their achievement isn't reported by 30 June. The type of certificate is Electronic certificate

ROTARY CITATION FOR ROTARACT CLUBS

The Rotary Citation for Rotaract clubs recognizes clubs that achieve a set number of goals during a Rotary year. The number of clubs that can earn this award is unlimited. A club president selects more than 50% of the goals, achieves them during theyear, and reports the achievement by completing this online nomination form. The Rotary sponsor club president can also submit the form. Club leaders set and achieve goals during their Rotary year. The nomination form must be

completed and submitted by 15 August to be recognized for the Rotary year that ended 30 June. Clubs must achieve more than 50% of the goals and submit the online application. Even if clubs achieve these goals, they aren't eligible if the nomination form isn't submitted by 15 August for the Rotary year that ended 30 June. The type of certificate is Electronic certificate

ROTARY CITATION FOR INTERACT CLUBS

The Rotary Citation for Interact clubs recognizes clubs that achieve a set number of goals during a Rotary year. The number of clubs that can earn this award is unlimited. The Rotary sponsor club president completes this online nomination form showing the club's achievements. The nomination form must be completed and submitted by 15 August for the Rotary year that ended 30 June. Clubs must achieve more than 50% of the goals and submit the online application.

Even if clubs achieve these goals, they aren't eligible if the nomination form isn't submitted by 15 August for the Rotary year that ended 30 June. The type of certificate is Electronic certificate

SIGNIFICANT SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes Rotary and Rotaract clubs for projects that made an impact and gives district recognition to club activities that address a significant problem or need. Club presidents can use the online nomination form to send a project description to the district governor for any project carried out during their year of service. The governor is notified of the nomination and will determine if the achievement is worthy of recognition by certificate. The governor then presents the certificate. Rotary and Rotaract clubs that have completed projects that made an impact are eligible for recognition. The type of certificate is Electronic certificate.

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PUNJAB-IT'S TOURISM ENIGMA

formation of Nodes . These nodes should highlight the tourist map of Punjab. Affectionately he calls such heritage structures like Havellis, Forts etc. as The Pearls of a Necklace. He strongly felt that Punjab is known for its rich cultural heritage, including traditional arts, music, and festivals. These cultural activities can be promoted to attract tourists interested in experiencing local culture.

Although Punjab, is known for its rich culture, history, and heritage. However, it has not yet been fully explored as a tourist destination. Some of the reasons for this include a lack of

infrastructure and facilities, and a lack of promotion and marketing of the region's attractions. Overall, with its rich culture and diverse landscapes, Punjab has great potential to be developed as a major tourism destination in Pakistan. To tap into the untapped tourism potential, the government and private sector must invest in infrastructure and facilities, and together ,promote the region as a tourist destination. The fellowship was hosted by Rtn. G S Chawla.

Rtn. Abha Joshi

