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Message from Head-South Asia

Dear District Governor,

The month of September brought a mix of sorrow and joy for Rotary world.

We all are shocked at the sudden and untimely demise of PRID Yash Pal Das. YP, as he was popularly known, was a very active, soft spoken and kind-hearted Rotarian.

There is a proud moment also when Dr. Tunji Funsho, Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee Chair was named as one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People in the world. Dr. Funsho, who played an essential role in ensuring Africa's certification as wild polio-free in August 2020, is the first Rotary member to receive this honor for the organization's work to eradicate polio.

COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc claiming millions of lives, massively decimating economies and pushing unprecedented humanitarian crises resulting in loss of livelihoods, burden on the medical infrastructure. As people of action, Rotary members while following social-distancing and health guidelines, continue to remain committed to helping the world recover from economic crises and work towards community development. Sharing your insights and ideas with others through digital tools such as Learning Center, the Rotary Voices Blog, Rotary Showcase and other social media platforms will go a long way.

With warm regards,

Rajeev Ranjan
Head-South Asia

Highlights

Membership figures as of 01 October 2020

Country	Clubs #	Rotarians #	Variance from 01 July 2020 **	
			Clubs	Rotarians
Bangladesh	400	11,312	0	155
Bhutan	1	22	0	-1
India	4,026	155,813	85	7,432
Maldives	1	42	0	0
Nepal	135	5,290	10	368
Pakistan	272	3,682	14	384
Sri Lanka	70	1,905	0	43
Total	4,905	178,066	109	8,381
Worldwide	36,308	1,192,869	149	17,979

** Variance from 01 July 2020 official starting figures.

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

October 2020

RI Exchange Rate for US \$1

Country	Local Currency	Rate of Exchange
Bangladesh	BDT	85
India	INR	74
Nepal	NPR	118
Pakistan	PKR	166
Sri Lanka	LKR	185

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

Forthcoming SAO Holidays

26 October – Dussehra
16 November – Bhai Dooj
30 November – Guru Nanak Jayanti



Show how your Interact club takes action

This is a great opportunity to share how your Interact club members are taking action across the globe, in your community, and in yourselves in the 2020 Interact Awards.

NEW this year: Interact clubs are invited to submit a video, photos, and/or an essay showcasing their club's service projects or leadership development activities.

Submit your nomination by **1 December 2020** for a chance to be named "Best Video," "Best Photo," or "Best Essay" and receive funds to support your Interact club's next project. Comprehensive details available [click here](#)

"Virtual Travel" around the world with Rotary

Many Rotary and Rotaract clubs are holding virtual events and meetings instead of gathering in person. Now is a perfect time to visit! [Find a club](#), see if it is meeting online, and request an online meeting invitation link. Whether you are visiting a different club in your hometown or a club halfway across the world, you will meet new people and enjoy a new Rotary experience. **Get creative with your own meetings and events.** If your club is thinking about moving club meetings online exclusively or simply offering a virtual option, look at the [Meeting Online learning topic](#) (My Rotary login required) for tips on virtual engagement.

Service Above Self Award – nomination period open during October

Rotary's Service Above Self Award honors Rotarians – and now also Rotaractors – who help others by volunteering their time and talents. **Only district governors can nominate candidates for this award**, and up to 150 recipients are selected each year. Entirely [online nomination](#) needs to be completed **between 1-31 October**.

Rotary and Toastmasters: New Alliance, New Opportunities

Watch this inspirational [video](#) featuring Past RI president Mark Maloney and Past President of Toastmasters International Deepak Menon promoting the Rotary-Toastmasters connection.

Membership Development

Online Club Meetings

The current pandemic has forced us to rethink how we connect with one another. Online and offline platforms are helping strangers form social connections, which are crucial for our health, especially in a pandemic. In [How to Meet New People, Even at a Distance](#), Dr. Arthur Aron, a psychology professor at Stony Brook University and co-creator of the popular [36 Questions that Lead to Love](#), says one way to find closeness with strangers is to “do exciting things together” and share a “feeling you have things in common.” Rotary clubs can still provide service and connection to members in virtual settings.

Design an Inclusive Plan for Your Organization

Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, and we’re committed to reflecting the communities we serve by being inclusive of all cultures, experiences, and identities. Throughout 2020-21, Rotary will host a webinar series to help members understand and implement diversity, equity, and inclusion principles. But where do you start? To effect real change, we need to create a plan that welcomes all people, extends to all activities, and has measurable results. By designing an inclusive plan for your organization, you can ensure that current policies, programs or structures provide equal access and opportunity to those who may be unintentionally excluded or marginalized.

Foundation (TRF)

FUND DEVELOPMENT

2020-21 Fundraising Goal

The fundraising goal for Rotary Foundation(India) for RY 2020-21 has been finalized as \$26.8 million by our zone and district leaders. Here is the zone-wise, fund-wise breakup of the goal:

Zone	Annual Fund	Polio Plus	Endowment Fund	Other Giving	Total Fundraising Goal
4	\$3,784,500	\$271,500	\$540,000	\$4,273,500	\$8,869,500
5	\$3,550,000	\$460,000	\$755,000	\$4,560,000	\$9,325,000
6	\$2,045,000	\$118,500	\$1,200,000	\$160,000	\$3,523,500
7	\$3,065,000	\$400,000	\$955,000	\$2,120,000	\$6,540,000
Zone 4,5,6 & 7 Total	\$12,444,500	\$1,250,000	\$3,450,000	\$11,113,500	\$28,258,000
India Total	\$11,794,500	\$1,210,000	\$2,925,000	\$10,958,500	\$26,888,000

2020-21 Zone-wise TRF Contribution Update (interim September)

Zone	Annual Fund	PolioPlus Fund	Endowment Fund	Other funds	2020-21 Total Contribution as on 30 September (interim)	2019-20 Total Contribution as on 30 September (final)	% Variance
4	\$315,729	\$13,680	\$48,527	\$574,788	\$952,724	\$767,573	24.1%
5	\$83,601	\$22,435	\$21,862	\$241,916	\$369,813	\$446,594	-17.2%
6	\$46,291	\$18,698	\$0	\$173,882	\$238,871	\$464,264	-48.5%
7	\$119,085	\$19,639	\$43,458	\$259,517	\$441,699	\$511,004	-13.6%
1B*	\$44,097	\$9,246	\$1,000	\$63,361	\$117,704	\$71,103	65.5%
India	\$545,171	\$61,922	\$113,847	\$1,169,261	\$1,890,201	\$1,895,036	-0.3%
South-Asia	\$608,802	\$83,698	\$114,847	\$1,313,464	\$2,120,811	\$2,260,538	-6.2%

**Zone-1B figures include only Pakistan & Bangladesh*

2020-21 AKS Members

Zone	District	Donor	Recognition Level
5	3212	PNB Murugadoss	Arch Klumph – Trustees Circle

2020-21 Major Gifts (August 2020)

Major Gift Donors	Gift Type	District	Zone
PNB Murugadoss	Directed Gift	3212	5
Sri Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust	Directed Gift	3190	7
Suresh Jain	Directed Gift	3011	4
Sunil Kejriwal	Directed Gift	3141	4
Smriti Goenka	Global Grant	3141	4
Dilip Gopikisan Piramal	Endowment Gift	3141	4

2019-20 Foundation Banners

Foundation Banners for Rotary Year 2019-20 and “End Polio Now” Certificates will be shipped to 2020-21 District Governors by late October to early November from RI World Headquarters for distribution to eligible clubs. List of winning clubs will be included in the shipments to District Governors.

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY – Way to enhance Annual Fund contribution

The Paul Harris Society (PHS) recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus Fund, or approved global grants.

The Paul Harris Society has more than doubled in size since 2013-14. Society members make up a vital community of leaders whose contributions account for over **18 percent** of the donations to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund and over **17 percent** of donations to the Foundation overall. This support allows The Rotary Foundation to fund extraordinary projects and activities close to home and around the globe.

Ways to expand Paul Harris Society within your district:

- Show how Foundation contributions to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus Fund, or an approved Foundation grant are transformed into high-impact, sustainable solutions to pressing needs around the world
- Explain the importance of the society through club and district presentations; encourage members to join online by visiting [Paul Harris Society](#) page on Rotary.org or by signing in the [PHS form](#)
- Invite prospective members to join during one-on-one meetings
- Use Foundation reports to identify prospective members based on past giving, thank members who have fulfilled their annual commitment, and remind those who have not
- Plan recognition events for Paul Harris Society members or recognize them during other suitable events

To download PHS brochure, please [click here](#). For all your queries related to PHS, you may contact Hema Gupta at hema.gupta@rotary.org.

GRANTS

Grants approved during the month of September 2020 for South Asia Region.

Rotary Grants	Number of grants	Amount (USD)
District Grants	Nil	Nil
Global Grants	30	2,426,596

Area of Focus	No. of Global Grants	Amount (USD)
Basic Education and Literacy	1	94,251
Disease Prevention and Treatment	21	1,703,924
Community Economic Development	2	248,021
Water Sanitation and Hygiene	6	380,400
Total	30	2,426,596

With the new Rotary year underway, please find below several **grant-related resources** that can be helpful to you:

- [A Guide to Global Grants](#) is for all members who are interested in applying for global grants or developing more effective and sustainable service projects. This is also a valuable training resource.
- The [Areas of Focus Policy Statements](#) provides details on each of Rotary's areas of focus.
- [Community Assessment Tools](#) offers tips and resources for clubs as they conduct their community assessments, a requirement for global grants.
- The [Grant Management Seminar](#) learning plan in Rotary's [Learning Center](#) includes courses on qualifying a club for Rotary grants, conducting a community assessment, planning an effective project, making your project sustainable, managing grant finances, reporting on grants, and more. Districts can opt to replace or supplement in-person grant management seminars with these online courses and can use Learning Center reports to track participants' progress for the purpose of qualifying their clubs.
- The [Lead Your District: Rotary Foundation Committee](#) manual explains the structure and purpose of the committee and its subcommittees, as well as the types of Rotary Foundation grants and programs.
- [Rotary grants staff members](#) are available to answer your questions.

Here are resources that can help Rotary clubs and districts **find partners for global grant projects**:

- [Rotary Discussion Groups](#), a forum where members can exchange project ideas and request help
- [Rotary Action Groups](#), which are networks of Rotary members and others who are experts in a particular field and can help clubs and districts with their projects

- [Intercountry committees](#), networks of Rotary clubs or districts in two or more countries that work together on service projects, forming new clubs, and other activities
- [Project fairs](#), regional events that Rotary districts host to encourage international friendship and collaboration
- [Rotary Fellowships](#), independent social groups with a shared interest in a hobby, recreational activity, or profession

Here are some **important updates for the year**:

- Rotary has a new area of focus — supporting the environment — after a unanimous vote by The Rotary Foundation Trustees and the RI Board of Directors. The Foundation is developing the eligibility criteria for grants in this area of focus and will have more information beginning in October. It will start accepting global grant applications focused on the environment on 1 July 2021.
- The success of Rotary’s global grants means that the demand for the grants is expected to dramatically exceed the resources of the World Fund. Because of this, the Foundation Trustees decided to stop matching cash contributions to grants. That change took effect 1 July. Grants that had already been approved are not affected. And cash can still be contributed — it just won’t be matched. World Fund resources will still be used to match District Designated Fund (DDF) contributions at 100 percent.
- International sponsors of global grants now need to contribute only 15 percent of the project budget, not 30 percent.
- Disaster response grants may no longer be used for COVID-19 activities. Clubs and districts may continue to use district and global grants to help communities through the pandemic.
- The Trustees decided not to continue using global grants to fund the construction of low-cost shelters and simple schools. Based on the pilot that allowed these activities, the Trustees concluded that these grants were not widely used and were difficult to administer. District grants and disaster response grants may still be used for low-cost shelters and simple schools.
- Beginning in July 2022, Rotaract clubs can be the primary sponsors of global grants. We’ll tell you more about this in the coming months.

You will also receive the quarterly [Giving & Grants newsletter, which](#) includes updates and resources on fundraising, grants, and related topics.

Finally, please take a moment to review your district’s grants in the [Grant Center](#) and provide any missing authorizations.

Grant Management Recertification

Members can now be recertified for grants in the Learning Center. The [Grant Management Seminar Recertification course](#) is available for people who have previously completed the full nine-course Grant Management Seminar and now just need to maintain their qualification to apply for grants.

We’re here to support you in your training efforts. Send your questions and suggestions to the Learning and Development staff at learn@rotary.org

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) CORNER

To understand the process of accepting CSR Contribution and implementation of Global Grant project in Rotary, following links will be quite helpful:

- [CSR FAQ](#)
- [CSR Process Flow](#)

For any further queries, please reach out to CSR staff at RISAQ, Bhawna.verma@rotary.org and reeti.mondal@rotary.org.

POLIO UPDATE

Officially reported Wild Poliovirus cases as of August 2020:

Total global cases (01 January to 22 September 2020)	120 (82 during same period in 2019)
Total in global WPV cases in 2019	176
Total in non-endemic countries in 2020	0
Country Statistics	
- Afghanistan	47 cases (between 01 Jan-22 Sep 2020)
- Pakistan	73 cases (between 01 Jan-22 Sep 2020) as compared to 147 cases in the year 2019

Financial Services (FS)

Important! All receipts for RI Club Dues payments and RFI Contributions are being sent electronically through encrypted emails. Therefore, all club officers/Rotarians/donors are requested to update their email IDs at "My Rotary" or mail the request to data@rotary.org to ensure delivery of all receipts/ communications.

RI EXCHANGE RATE

Effective 01 July 2019, Rotary exchange rates are based on the prevailing market rate as of the first of each month and can be accessed through <https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-rates>.

RI CLUBS AND DISTRICT SUPPORT

JULY 2020 CLUB INVOICE

- July 2020 Invoice can be viewed online at <https://my.rotary.org/en/manage> 'Pay or view your club invoice'.
- To ensure that club is in good standing, check club balance by navigating to My Rotary > Manage > Club and District Administration > Club Administration > Club Finances > Daily club balance report.
- All clubs are requested to pay the club dues within 120 days of issue of the invoice.
- All clubs are requested to make payment of RI dues through **NEFT/ RTGS/ net banking channels** using the **club's Virtual Account number mentioned on the invoice only**.
- Starting July 2020 invoice cycle, we have made a shift from RBL Bank to HSBC bank for payment of Club Dues. The new bank account details are mentioned on the Club Invoice.
- Payments made using the Virtual Account number of other clubs are difficult to identify and may not be credited to the correct club.

Please write to ruma.mondal@rotary.org for any clarifications/ assistance on the above processes

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Payment of Club Dues in India

- All the cheques/demand drafts should be dispatched to RI South Asia Office at the following address:
Rotary International South Asia Office
Pullman/Novotel Commercial Tower,
First Floor, Asset No. 2, Hospitality District,
Aerocity (Near IGI Airport)
New Delhi 110037
- Prior to making payment in INR, check current RI exchange rate from <https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-rates>
- Please note that to update subscription information regarding 'The Rotarian' or regional magazine, the club officers must send email to data@rotary.org

Payment of Non-Club Dues in India

(for Charter Fee of new Rotary Club/Rotaract Club & Registration Fee for RI Convention):

- Online payment of non-club dues can be made by using NEFT details given below.

Bank Name:	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
Beneficiary name:	Rotary International South Asia Office
Account Number:	5000099999
IFSC Code:	HSBC0110002
Branch:	NEW DELHI MAIN BRANCH, BIRLA TOWERS, 25 BARAKHAMBA ROAD MARG, CONNAUGHT PLACE NEW DELHI 110001
- Once payment is made, please share the transactions details with SAO for information and records.

Cheques/demand drafts should be drawn in favor of 'Rotary International South Asia Office', payable at New Delhi and sent to RI South Asia Office.

TRF – CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROTARY FOUNDATION INDIA

IMPORTANT! Effective 01 April 2020, **all** contributions to Rotary Foundation India will require the PAN number of the donor. Tax exemption certificate u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 will be issued to the **Remitter of the Funds only** subject to availability of PAN number.

PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROTARY FOUNDATION INDIA:

All contributions to Rotary Foundation India are eligible for benefits under Section 80G of Income Tax Act subject to compliance with Income Tax statutory requirements and laws.

Online Giving by Donors in India

To improve both customer satisfaction and process efficiencies, we highly recommend contributions online via www.rotary.org because of the following advantages:

- www.rotary.org offers more payment options – credit cards, debit cards and net banking.
- Contributions made on Rotary.org get an immediate receipt to the registered email ID.
- Contributors can see their contributions updated in My Rotary immediately.
- There are very few cases of incorrect/returned transactions.
- All information provided on this portal is secured with global security permissions.

- Recurring giving options are being tested and will be open on Rotary.org soon

To contribute via Rotary.org through Credit / Debit Card or net banking, please use either Rotary Foundation(India) website www.rotaryfoundationindia.org or Rotary International website www.rotary.org. The path to make a contribution to Rotary using above modes is <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>. Please make sure to select the currency as Indian Rupees (INR).

Please register with the official email address and correct donor ID to receive timely credit.

Donation/Contribution through Cheque/Demand Draft

- Draw a cheque/demand draft in favor of '**Rotary Foundation (India)**' payable at New Delhi and dispatch to RI South Asia Office.
- The donor's name (i.e. drawer of cheque/remitter of bank draft) should be clearly mentioned along with donor's address and his/her 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/purchaser, if mentioned in face of the demand draft/pay order, otherwise it will be as requested in the cover letter.
- All the cheques/demand drafts should be dispatched to RI South Asia Office at the following address:
 Rotary International South Asia Office
 Pullman/Novotel Commercial Tower,
 First Floor, Asset No. 2, Hospitality District,
 Aerocity (Near IGI Airport)
 New Delhi 110037

All contributions in Indian Rupees, will be eligible for benefits under Section 80G of Income Tax Act.

Donation/Contribution through Direct Cheques Deposits

In case you are unable to contribute online via Rotary.org, we offer the option to deposit cheques/ drafts directly at designated bank branches situated across India.

Global Grant Contributions-

To avail the direct bank branch deposit facility, please write to rfionline@rotary.org with the required information as mentioned below:

- Please select and communicate the preferred bank branch from the list of bank branches. For list of bank branches, [click here](#).
- Please fill out the excel "Direct Deposit Template for Grants" with complete information. For Template, [click here](#). In case you have additional cheques/ drafts after submission of the template, please fill and submit an additional template.

Please write to rfionline@rotary.org for any clarifications/ assistance on the above processes.

Unrestricted Contributions (Annual Fund, Term Gifts, Endowment Gifts and Polio Plus)-

To avail the direct bank branch deposit facility, please write to RFI-directdeposit@rotary.org with the required information as mentioned below:

- Please note this channel can be used for individual instrument values of INR 1 lakhs and above.
- Please select and communicate the preferred bank branch from the list of bank branches attached. For list of bank branches, [click here](#).
- Please fill out the excel "Direct Deposit Template for others" with complete information. For Template, [click here](#). In case you have additional cheques/ drafts after submission of the template, please fill and submit an additional template.
- Please write to RFI-directdeposit@rotary.org for any clarifications/ assistance on the above processes.

Please deposit the cheques/ drafts with the designated bank representative only at the bank branch. This designated bank representative will only accept cheques/ drafts listed on the “Direct Deposit Template” sent directly to him by Rotary Authorized Representatives.

IMPORTANT! Please DO NOT drop cheques in bank/ ATM drop boxes or deposit cheques at bank branches with conventional deposit slips. We will not be able to ensure the receipt or clearance of the cheques/drafts or provide credit in such cases.

Communications & Public Relations

New Leadership Development courses now available in Rotary’s Learning Center

As part of Rotary International’s alliance with Toastmasters, the first two courses in the new leadership and communication series, are now available in the Learning Center (rotary.org/learn). Rotary members are encouraged to take these courses. (available in English language)

The two courses especially focus on building skills and tactics required towards public speaking. They include:

- Develop a speech — Learn how to organize a speech that leaves a lasting impression on your audience.
- Deliver a speech— Explore and practice the effect your voice and body language can have when giving a speech.

These courses were developed by Toastmasters International; they include assignments to help you put your new skills into practice and peer evaluations to help you grow through collaboration.

Publications

Official Directory 2020-21

The Official Directory is available to members via My Rotary and is no longer printed, or available in downloadable electronic format.

Through the Online Official Directory, members can easily and securely search for fellow members, find club and district information, view committees, read senior leader biographies, and more. It’s our members’ guide to the worldwide fellowship of Rotary.

Because protecting personal data entrusted to us by our members, donors, and program participants is of the utmost importance to Rotary, the Board of Directors voted last year to discontinue printing the Official Directory. Much of the information provided in the directory is available via the Online searchable Official Directory on My Rotary.

SAO Activities

- Monthly TRF Zone Leaders Meet was held on 25 September led by Trustee Gulam Vahanvaty and attended by EMGAs, RRFCs, EPNCs and RISAO staff. The purpose of the Meet was to review the fundraising scenario in Zones 4,5,6,7 and bring in new thoughts and ideas to strengthen Foundation especially during the pandemic situation. An update of TRF Goals for India and Zones 4,5,6,7 for RY 2020-21 was shared with team and various online platforms for fundraising were also highlighted.
- Reeti Mondal attended a virtual multi-district International Seminar on WinS organized by RC of Dharwad Central (D-3170) on 27 September and presented on “Status of Recognition Applications under WinS Target Challenge, India”. The purpose of seminar was to create awareness towards Rotary’s WASH-in-Schools projects under Target Challenge and scope of work in developing countries like India specially post COVID-19 lockdown. The seminar was attended by more than 300 Rotarians from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Kenya, Honduras and U.K., including RIPE Shekhar Mehta and other Rotary dignitaries like PRID P.T. Prabhakar, PDG Ramesh Aggarwal and members of India WinS Recognition Committee.
- Shakuntala Raha, FD team attended TRF Seminar of D 3291 held virtually on 19 Sep and talked on soliciting major gifts.

Holidays

RI South Asia Office will remain closed on following days:

- * 26 October – Dussehra
- * 16 November – Bhai Dooj
- * 30 November – Guru Nanak Jayanti

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