

Rotary



A WORLD OF FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE

"Polio eradication is the single most ambitious public health effort the world has ever undertaken. Rotary laid the foundation with its unwavering sense of purpose and its belief that anything is possible if you put your mind and body to it." - *Bill Gates*



WHO WE ARE

Rotary is an international membership organization with a network of 1.2 million friends, leaders and problem solvers - known as Rotarians - who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. Each day, our members pour their passion, integrity, and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting impact. For more than 115 years, we've bridged cultures and connected continents to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, and fight disease.



WHEN WE STARTED

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris. The name "Rotary" was derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Currently 35000 plus Rotary Clubs exist in over 200 countries and territories.

The principal motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self."



WHAT WE DO

ROTARY MEMBERS WHO
SPEND 16 MILLION
VOLUNTEER HOURS EACH
YEAR BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE
A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY
TO TAKE ACTION ON OUR
WORLD'S MOST PERSISTENT
ISSUES.

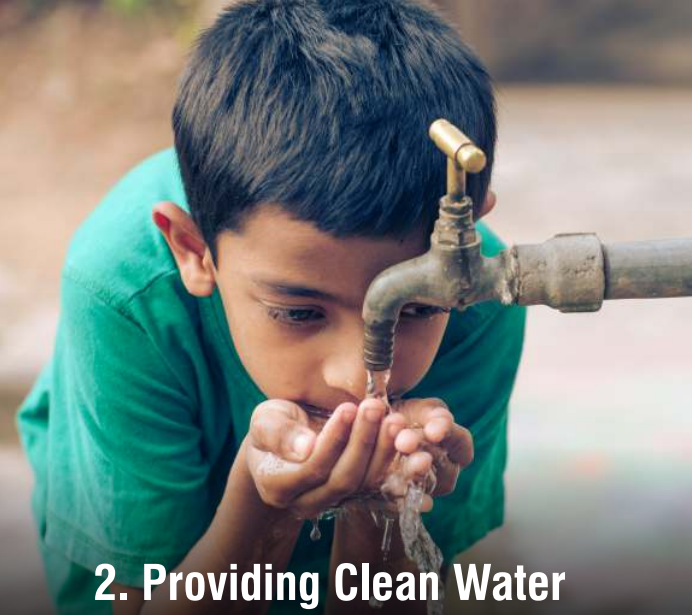


1. Fighting Disease

We believe good healthcare is everyone's right. Yet 400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic healthcare.

We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and healthcare access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Rotarians combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and help people in routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

A close-up photograph of a young boy with dark hair, wearing a green t-shirt, leaning over a public water tap. He is cupping his hands under the running water and drinking. The background is blurred, showing an outdoor setting.

2. Providing Clean Water

We help bring sustainable clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day.

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programmes, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.



3. Saving Mothers & Children

Rotary makes high-quality healthcare available to vulnerable mothers and children so that they can live longer and grow stronger.

An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate healthcare, and poor sanitation - all of which can be prevented.

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.



4. Supporting Education

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population.

Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for adults.



5. Growing Local Economies

Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day. Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty.

Our members and our Foundation work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

We provide training and access to well-paying jobs and financial management institutions. We create opportunities to help individuals and communities thrive financially and socially.



6. Promoting Peace

Today, over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. And half of them are children.

As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.

Our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.



OUR PROGRAMMES

Youth Programmes

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programmes help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service through Rotaract Clubs, Interact Clubs, Leadership Development Programmes, Youth Exchange etc.

Rotaract  | **Interact** 

Rotary 



Rotary Community Corps

Rotary Community Corps is a group of non-Rotarians who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects.

There are more than 10,000 corps in 100 countries. RCCs are active everywhere Rotary is present: in urban and rural areas, and in both developed and developing countries.



Friendship Exchange

We help people experience different cultures and build international friendships through Rotary Friendship Exchange.

This is an international exchange programme for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs.



Scholarships

The Rotary Foundation and Rotary Clubs invest in our future leaders and philanthropists by funding scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study. \$7.5 million in scholarships, on average, are given out by Rotary each year. 350,000 scholarships have been awarded so far.

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation (TRF), a non-profit corporation was founded in 1917 “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we are engaged in eradicating polio, promoting peace and providing clean water. TRF which is one of the world’s leading humanitarian foundations addresses challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact. Since its inception, TRF has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.



Polio Eradication - a countdown to history

The eradication of polio is Rotary's longest standing and single greatest achievement worldwide. Along with our partners, we have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries. Since 1988 - an estimated 3.5 lakh cases occurred in that year - we have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide and we won't stop until we end the disease for good. For the last several years, we've seen wild polio cases in only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Rotary has contributed more than \$2 billion to fight polio, including matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio eradication programme with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.



Disaster Response

Rotary members and The Rotary Foundation play a unique role in disaster recovery and rebuilding efforts. Working closely with our partner ShelterBox (to provide emergency shelter and supplies to people who have lost their homes after natural disaster) and other organizations that specialize in disaster relief, Rotary members lead projects to support every phase of a community's recovery. This has been effectively done for the past several decades during earthquakes, tsunamis, floods etc. all over the world.



Rotary addresses the Global Corona Virus crisis

Rotary supports efforts to promote proper hand washing techniques, teach people other ways to stay healthy, and supply training and vital medical equipment to healthcare providers. Now all over the world, we're helping health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and also donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals that are under strain because of the pandemic.

- **Contribution to PM CARES Fund: ₹ 105 Cr.**
- **Value of Covid related work done by Indian Rotarians is worth ₹ 95 Cr.**



The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do.

One of the most widely quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary "4-Way Test." This is a set of four simple questions which one must ask oneself before taking up any business or service or professional life.

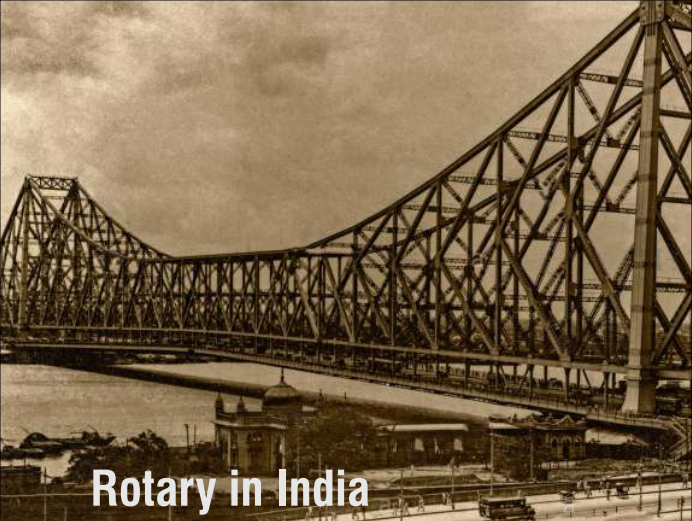
1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



AVENUES OF SERVICE

We channel our commitment to service through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- Club Service
- Vocational Service
- Community Service
- International Service
- Youth Service



Rotary in India

Calcutta was the home town for the first Rotary Club in the mainland of Asia. The new club was chartered with 20 members on the new year day of 1920. Mahatma Gandhi had addressed Rotary Club of Calcutta which had only non-Indians on the rolls even then. After a long period, Rotary Clubs were formed in Bombay as well as Madras in 1929. The first Club in Kerala - Rotary Club of Cochin- was chartered in 1937 with 22 members.

Today, 3895 clubs operate throughout India and Rotary has grown to include 1,55,000 Rotarians.

Rotary International Presidents from India were

- Nitish Laharry (1962-63)
- Rajendra K. Saboo(1991-92)
- Kalyan Banerjee (2011-12)
- Shekhar Mehta of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar will be the President for 2021-22



ROTARY DISTRICT 3211

A Rotary District is a geographical territory in which Rotary Clubs are grouped together for international administrative purposes. The District Governor heads each such District.

Our Rotary District 3211 comprises of 142 Rotary Clubs located in the Revenue districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha and Kottayam.

Some of the signature projects are massive assistance and rehabilitation of persons affected by Tsunami, artificial limb donation camps, hundreds of free heart surgeries, holistic project to promote health and hygiene in thousands of schools, tree planting, blood bank, waste management, [450 houses](#) for the 2018 flood victims, Covid related service activities including the supply of [₹3 Cr. worth ICU ventilators](#) to medical colleges in our Rotary District.



John F. Kennedy



JRD Tata



George Bush



Angela Merkel

Famous Rotarians worldwide


John F. Kennedy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Thomas A Edison, Edmund Hilary, Neil Armstrong, Walt Disney, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, JRD Tata, George W. Bush, Nicolas Sarkozy, Angela Merkel.



Benefits of joining a Rotary Club

Membership in Rotary offers a number of benefits, including:

- enjoying fellowship and making new friends
- giving back to the society through humanitarian service
- developing leadership and public speaking skills
- advancing business and professional contacts.



“ALONE WE CAN DO
SO LITTLE;
TOGETHER WE CAN
DO SO MUCH”

HELEN KELLER

As an individual you may have your limitations in serving the community by using your talent, time and finances. But, when you are part of Rotary, it gives you an opportunity to participate in major service projects collectively.

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