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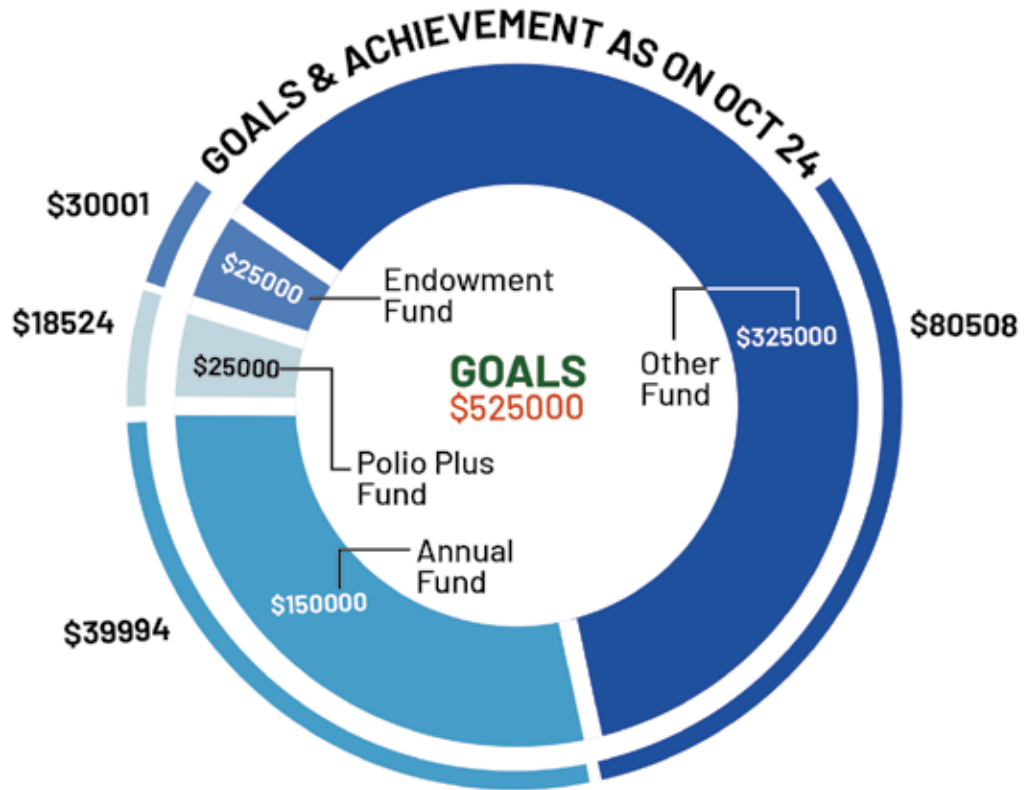
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RI President 2024-25



**Rajendra Man Sherchan**  
District Governor 2024-25



The Rotary Foundation



Doing good in the world!



Basic Education & Literacy



Maternal & Child Health



Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution



Disease Prevention & Treatment



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene



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# GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors,  
Greetings of the season!

As we celebrate Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, December reminds us of the incredible impact we can create together in building healthier, more resilient communities. This year, our district has taken bold steps to address pressing health issues, exemplifying Rotary's commitment to service.

Key Highlights from November

**1. End Polio Now Campaign - A District-Wide Movement** : Rotary District 3292 marked World POLIO Day with extraordinary efforts:

**a. Rallies Across Cities**: Over 700 Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and community members united to spread awareness about polio eradication. Even 600 Non-Rotarians cyclists participated in the cycle rally to spread the awareness of eradicating POLIO.

**b. Illuminating Dharahara**: The iconic monument, Dharahara, was lit with the message End Polio Now, symbolizing hope and determination.

**c. Hoardings and Billboards**: Key locations across the district showcased the End Polio Now message, amplifying awareness and advocacy.

**2. Mobile Vans for ETS Testing**

As part of our commitment to disease prevention, we are distributing mobile vans for ETS (Early Testing Services) across the district. These vans will enhance access to vital diagnostic services, bringing healthcare closer to underserved communities.

**3. Cervical Cancer Screening Camps**

Collaborating with multiple Rotary clubs, we are conducting cervical cancer screening camps, a crucial step in early detection and prevention of one of the most prevalent cancers affecting women in our region.

**4. Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)**

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award was a resounding success, with enthusiastic participation from Rotaractors and Interactors under the age of 21. This program showcased the passion and potential of our young leaders, inspiring them to contribute meaningfully to their communities.

**5. Vibrant Club Workshops and Club Visits**

To strengthen club engagement and ensure alignment with our district goals, we have been conducting Vibrant Club Workshops and visiting as many clubs as possible. These visits have allowed us to witness firsthand the impactful projects being conducted and celebrate the dedication of our members.

**Our Commitment to Healing**

Rotary District 3292 is committed to its mission to serve and heal communities. Through our disease prevention and treatment initiatives, we strive to spread the Magic of Rotary by bringing hope, health, and healing to those in need. With unwavering support from Rotary clubs across the district, we are rigorously working to address health challenges and transform lives. Together, we are proving that service above self can create a ripple effect of positive change, reaching even the most vulnerable.

**Message from the Governor**

This December, let us reflect on our shared journey of service and envision even greater accomplishments ahead. Rotary has proven that when we unite for a cause, we bring hope, health, and happiness to countless lives.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to Service Above Self. Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and meaningful connections.

Yours in Rotary,

**Rtn. Rajendra Man Sherchan**

District Governor 2024-25

Rotary International District 3292, Nepal-Bhutan

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# RI PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

One of Rotary's greatest strengths is the ability of our members to come together to create lasting change, and The Rotary Foundation helps us transform dreams of change into reality.

From eradicating polio to building peace, much of the work we do around the world would not be possible without our continued support of our Foundation.

The cause of peace is especially important to me, and one of the most effective ways we build peace is our Rotary Peace Fellowship — a product of The Rotary Foundation. The program helps current and aspiring peace and development professionals around the world learn how to prevent and how to end conflict.

Thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next Rotary Peace Center, at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Opening yet another peace center is a monumental achievement that we will celebrate at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul.

The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advocates for peace. Keynote speakers, panel discussions, and breakout sessions will allow us to share ideas about building peace and foster meaningful conversations about promoting peace everywhere.

Registration for the Presidential Peace Conference is open. I hope to see you there, but if you can't make it, our Foundation offers so many ways to change the world for the better. November is Rotary Foundation Month, a great time to get to know your Foundation better and

pursue causes that appeal to you.

Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. By working together to respond to pressing community needs, clubs and districts strengthen their global partnerships.

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and in communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants.

Our Foundation can even help you support our wonderful youth programs, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Interact.

Your gifts to our Foundation also make Programs of Scale possible. These are long-term projects that seek to solve otherwise intractable problems.

To ensure these good works continue beyond our lifetimes, it is up to us to reach our ambitious Rotary Endowment goal of \$2.025 billion by 30 June 2025.

The Magic of Rotary does not appear out of nowhere. We create the magic with every new member inducted, every project completed, and every dollar donated to our Foundation.

Please join me in supporting The Rotary Foundation, and together, we will change the world for the better.

Yours in Rotary  
Rtn Stephanie A. Urchick  
President 2024-25  
Rotary International



# Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation - An Overview



**RTN. CA KUMUD TRIPATHY**  
**CHAIR**  
**DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

Rotary began with the vision of one man: Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney, who founded the Rotary Club of Chicago on February 23, 1905. His goal was to create a space where professionals from diverse backgrounds could share ideas and build lasting friendships. In 1907, this same club initiated Rotary's first public service project: constructing public comfort stations. This milestone established Rotary as the world's first service club. Today, Rotary International, as a member organization, operates under the guidance of a Board of Directors, while The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, a separate entity, functions as a public charity governed by a Board of Trustees. Both entities are tax-exempt under U.S. law and have headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA.



**ROTARY'S FIRST PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT**

At the 1917 Rotary convention, outgoing President Arch Klumph proposed the creation of an endowment "to do good in the world." This idea, supported by an initial contribution of \$26.50, became a powerful force for global change. As of June 30, 2023, The Rotary Foundation has assets totaling \$1.450 billion. Over the past century, it has invested over \$4 billion in transformative projects that improve health, provide education, protect the environment, and alleviate poverty worldwide.

The Rotary Foundation funds projects through Global Grants and District Grants, supporting Rotary members in advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Contributions to the Foundation fuel life-changing projects that benefit communities globally and often return to support local efforts, allowing Rotarians to continue making a difference. Analysis over the last four years shows that contributions to the Annual Fund have resulted in more than tenfold increases in funding for local community service projects. Rotary recognizes its contributors through various honors, including Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, Benefactor, PHF, MPHf, PHS, Major Donor, AKS, and Bequest Society.

Rotary's core values—Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity, and Leadership—guide its mission, embodied in the motto "Service Above Self." As Rotarians, it is both our duty and our privilege to support the Foundation, ensuring it can continue to bring positive change to our communities and the world.

# Contribution to TRF (in USD)

YEAR	ANNUAL FUND	POLIO PLUS	OTHER FUND	ENDOWMENT FUND	TOTAL GIVING
20-21	348,621	17,196	456,575	0	822,392
21-22	230,200	32,743	215,936	191,321	670,198
22-23	235,721	27,935	182,315	116,175	562,146
23-24	179,099	40,428	479,047	19,999	718,573
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>993,641</b>	<b>118,302</b>	<b>1,333,873</b>	<b>327,495</b>	<b>2,773,309</b>

## Types of Grants

The Rotary Foundation offers various grants to support humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams. Here's an overview:

**Global Grants:** These grants fund significant international projects with long-term, sustainable impacts in one or more of Rotary's focus areas. They range from \$30,000 to \$400,000.

**District Grants:** These grants support smaller-scale, short-term projects that address immediate needs within local or international communities.

**Disaster Response Grants:** These grants aid disaster relief and recovery efforts, funded through the Rotary Disaster Response Fund.

**Programs of Scale Grants:** These grants

support Rotary member-led, evidence-based programs with a track record of success. They provide substantial financial support of more than USD 2 million.

**Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge:** This initiative provides long-term resources to implement large-scale, impactful programs aimed at reducing severe disease and child mortality from malaria, respiratory infections, and diarrhea in targeted countries.

## The Lifecycle of a Rotary Grant

The lifecycle of a Rotary grant consists of several key stages, each crucial for ensuring the project's success and accountability:

### 1. Draft

Rotary members plan the project or scholarship and build their grant application online. During this stage, members outline project goals, objectives, budget, and expected outcomes.

### 2. Authorization

Club and district leaders review the application to verify that it aligns with Rotary's goals and guidelines. They also ensure the funding request is reasonable

and authorize the grant.

### 3. Submitted

The project planners automatically submit the authorized application to The Rotary Foundation for review. This stage marks the formal request for Foundation support.

### 4. Approved

If the application meets the Foundation's criteria, the Foundation team reviews the submitted application. Upon approval, the Foundation issues payment to support the project.

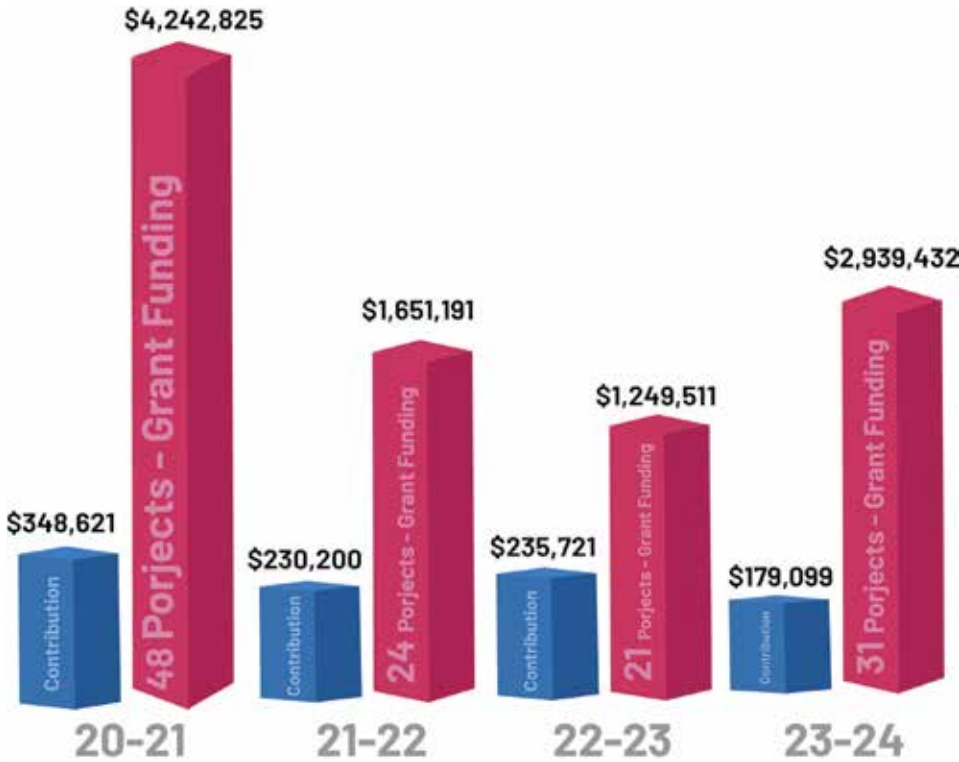
### 5. Completion

Rotary members implement the project

or scholarship as planned and provide annual reports to the Foundation detailing progress, finances, and impact. Upon the completion of the work or studies, the clubs must submit a final report within two months. Once the final report is received and reviewed, the grant is officially closed.

This lifecycle ensures proper planning, accountability, and impact assessment, aligning projects with Rotary's mission.

# Contribution Vs Funding (in USD)



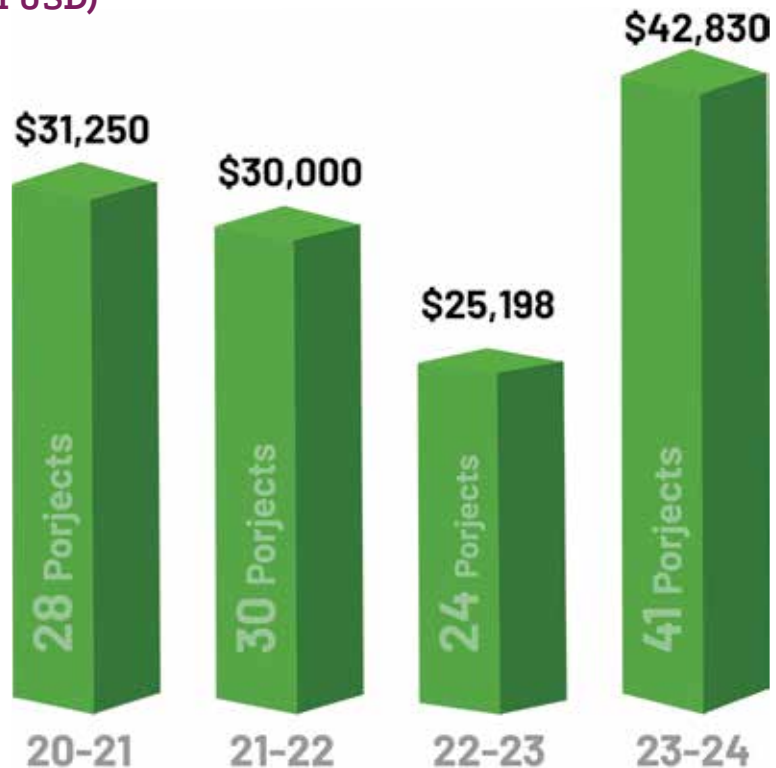
Over the past four years, total contributions to the Annual Fund amounted to USD 993,641. In that same period, total grant funding reached USD 10,082,959—representing an impact that is 10 times greater than the contributions received.

## Ongoing Projects

As of the latest report, a total of **223** applications are in various stages of the grant process. Currently, **59** applications are in draft status, with **9** awaiting authorization. Meanwhile, **12** applications have successfully reached the submission stage, and a significant **143** applications have already been approved. These **143 approvals** are contributing to ongoing global grant projects, aimed at supporting impactful initiatives in our communities.

## District Grant

(in USD)





# Stewardship & Responsibilities

RID 3292 oversees the responsible management of funds provided by The Rotary Foundation to clubs within the district. This includes managing District Grants and Global Grants, ensuring that these funds are used transparently and effectively.

It is essential to maintain constant and consistent updates for all TRF-funded projects from the beginning to the end. Regular reporting allows for accurate tracking, ensures accountability, and highlights the impact of each project.

## Stewardship Defined

Good stewardship means doing the right thing even when unobserved. For Rotary projects, this entails:

- Using TRF funds responsibly and transparently
- Following TRF policies in grant implementation
- Ensuring proper grant management and strict financial compliance

## Consequences of Poor Stewardship

Failing to uphold stewardship standards can lead to:

- Loss of Rotary funds
- Damage to Rotary's reputation
- Weakening of project effectiveness and limited impact
- Negative impacts on beneficiaries
- Potential sanctions
- Failure to pass the Four-Way Test of ethics

## Current Reporting Status

As of the October 2024 quarterly analysis, compliance with reporting stands at 73%, with 20 TRF-funded grants having overdue reports. Timely and accurate reporting is crucial for maintaining trust and ensuring ongoing support for Rotary projects.

## Goals & Achievement RY 24-25 (in USD)

CONTRIBUTION	GOALS	ACHIEVEMENT (as on October 24)	BALANCE
ANNUAL FUND	150,000	39,994	110,006
POLIO PLUS	25,000	18,524	6,476
ENDOWMENT FUND	25,000	30,001	(5,001)
OTHER FUND	325,000	80,508	244,492
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>525,000</b>	<b>169,027 (32%)</b>	<b>355,973 (68%)</b>

# Why Should One Contribute To The Rotary Foundation?

November is **The Rotary Foundation Month**, and contributing to it aligns with our shared responsibility to make a difference. If we don't support it, who else will? Currently, the GML Team is questioning a few donors about what motivated them to contribute to the Foundation. Here are a few of their experiences:



**Rtn Dr Dinesh Lal Shrestha**  
Rotary Club of YALA

My sole inspiration comes from what the great Mahatma Gandhi once said: "*Be the change that you wish to see in the world.*" I strive to live by this principle to make a meaningful difference in our societies and beyond by giving back in any way possible, whether through service or financial contributions, such as through the [Paul Harris Society \(PHS\)](#).

Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self" and its reputation as one of the most vibrant and financially effective global charitable organizations reassure me that our contributions are used wisely. I have personally witnessed the transformative impact of Rotary's service projects—most recently, the education project implemented by the Rotary Club of Yala under a global grant. This remarkable initiative was made possible through the

support of The Rotary Foundation.

I feel fortunate to contribute annually through PHS to support such meaningful causes, serving communities locally and globally for lasting change.



**Rtn Lata Baral Sharma**  
Rotary Club of Tripureswor

I have been associated with the Rotary Club of Tripureswor for the past 20 years. Witnessing the scarcity and poverty during my travels, even just outside the Kathmandu Valley, instilled in me a deep desire to contribute to the well-being of those in need. The Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," inspired me to join the organization and dedicate myself to making a difference.

Since becoming a member, I have consistently taken the lead in helping those in need. Understanding that even small contributions can have a significant, long-

lasting impact when channeled effectively, I felt privileged to accept the invitation from DG Rtn. Rajendra Man Sherchan to become a Major Donor. It has been a fulfilling journey, knowing that my support reaches individuals across the globe who truly need it.



**Rtr. Bappa Shah**  
IPP, Rotaract Club of Birtamode

As a Rotaractor, receiving the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition has been an incredibly humbling and inspiring experience. Being the only Rotaractor from Zone 1 to achieve this honor fills me with immense pride and instills a renewed sense of responsibility to serve my community and the world.

This recognition is not just a personal milestone but a testament to the collective efforts of all Rotaractors and Rotarians who share the vision of "Service Above Self." It serves as a reminder of the impact we can



create by working together and staying committed to making a difference.

Becoming a PHF symbolizes the trust and acknowledgment of my contributions. More importantly, it reinforces my belief in the power of Rotary and Rotaract. It motivates me to continue striving for excellence in service, fostering meaningful connections, and inspiring others to join hands in pursuing greater causes.



**Rtn Pyar Jung Thapa**  
Rotary Club of Himalayan Golfers

The spirit of Rotary, 'Service Above Self,' inspired me the most to become a **Major Donor**, as I realized that my contribution would yield multiple returns for the benefit of underserved communities in Nepal. *During my presidency, I also felt the need to set an example by motivating members to become Major Donors, supporting our Club in implementing Global Grant Projects, and enhancing the Club's image.*

Regarding support for my Rotary journey, beyond personal recognition, I was able to help our Club receive the 'Winner Total Contribution to Polio Award' and inspire Club members to contribute. I am pleased that I could support the Global Grant Project of RC Bagmati on the 'Prevention of Early Childhood Blindness' through my Major Donor contribution.

As a Major Donor, I feel a profound sense of satisfaction knowing that I have helped provide meaningful service to others while fostering fellowship.



**Rtn Namrata Giri**  
Rotary Club of Jawalakhel Manjushree

As the President of the Rotary Club of Jawalakhel Manjushree, lead by example to inspire other members to become **Paul Harris Fellows (PHF)**. Demonstrate the values you advocate by practicing what you preach.



**Rtn Tara Nath Pathak**  
Rotary Club of Narayangarh

The Rotary Club of Narayangarh has been actively engaging in global grants for several years. We have implemented projects such as establishing community water supply systems, irrigation facilities, child development centers, and school teacher training programs to equip underprivileged communities with essential skills and foster self-reliance.

Witnessing the direct impact of these projects on underprivileged individuals is truly heartwarming and fills me with immense joy as a Rotarian. This experience also inspired me to contribute to The

Rotary Foundation (TRF). By contributing as much as possible to TRF, we can bring the Magic of Rotary to life through impactful initiatives like these.

I am confident that Rotary District 3292 will continue to inspire Rotarians in our club to contribute, helping us achieve the district goal of USD \$525,000 for TRF.



## Arch Klumph Society (AKS) Members

**DR. ROOP JYOTI:**  
Rotary Year 2015-2016.

**PDG JAYA R L SHAH:**  
Rotary Year 2016-2017.

**DR. HARISHCHANDRA NEUPANE:**  
Rotary Year 2019-2020.

**GURU PANDITA U ANAND:**  
Contributed and achieved  
Rotary Year 2019-2020.

**PAST PRESIDENT SASHI RAJ PANDEY:**  
Rotary Year 2023-2024.



# The Rotary Foundation Seminar and Recognition

**Aloft, Thamel, Kathmandu**  
**November 9, 2024**

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The Rotary Foundation Seminar and Recognition Programme was held at Aloft Thamel in Kathmandu on November 9, 2024, with the participation of over 100 Rotarians. The event was chaired by District Governor (DG) Rajendra Man Sherchan.

DG Sherchan, along with District Leadership Facilitator (DLF) Past District Governor (PDG) Jitendra Bahadur Rajbhandary, National Polio Committee Co-chair and District Coordinator PDG Sanjay Giri, and District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) Kumud Tripathy, shared their insights during the program. Additionally, motivational speaker Mr. Lalit Shankar Yogi inspired attendees with his speech.

[A video presentation on the End Polio Now program, organized by Rotary International District 3292, was showcased during the event.](#)

The program also included a recognition segment where Rotarians who contributed to the Rotary Foundation were honored. The evening concluded with a cocktail dinner, providing an opportunity for fellowship and networking.



# Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Rotary District 3292 proudly hosted the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) 2024 from November 8 to 10, 2024, at the tranquil Doleshwor Village Resort, Bhaktapur. This vibrant three-day event welcomed over 50 participants from diverse backgrounds, equipping them with leadership skills, vision, and inspiration to serve their communities.

Under the theme **“Creating Magic Through Leadership,”** the program featured interactive sessions, outdoor activities, and cultural exchanges, leaving participants with enhanced capabilities, stronger connections, and a renewed sense of purpose.





### Day 1: Setting the Stage for Leadership

The event began on November 8, 2024, as enthusiastic participants gathered at Rotary Hall, Thapathali, eager for the journey ahead. Upon arriving at Doleshwor Village Resort, the opening ceremony, graced by Chief Guest DG Rajendra Man Sherchan and Special Guest Ward Chairperson Mr. Pushpa Raj Basnet, set an inspiring tone for the program. Uplifting speeches, a group photo session, and warm wishes energized everyone to make the most of the experience.

The first day featured empowering sessions:

- "Purpose of Leadership and Ikigai" by PDG Rtn. Sanjay Giri.
- "Vision, Goal Setting, and Creating Magic Through Leadership" by Rtn. Upendra Paudel, Chairman of Nabil Bank.
- "The Power of Leadership" by Rtn. Sushma Sharma, MD, Ful Prasad.

The day concluded with lively fellowship activities, including games, group discussions, and a vibrant dance session, helping participants connect and energize for the days ahead.

### Day 2: Exploration and Inspiration

Day 2 began with a hike to Doleshwor Temple followed by a peaceful meditation session led by Rtn. Durga Dev Subedi. The reflective start paved the way for insightful sessions:

- "Communication and Presentation Skills" by Rtn. Aaradhana Shrestha.
- "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" by Rtn. Sunil Ratna Tuladhar.
- "Road Safety Awareness" by Rtn. Binod Singh, Former AIG.
- "Insights on the Salt Trading Project" by Mr. Krishna Kumar Shakya, highlighting community-driven initiatives.
- "Addiction and Prevention" by Rtn. and Rylarian Shambhavi Chapagain.

The day ended on a creative note with a talent show and a campfire session, fostering camaraderie, creativity, and cultural exchange.

### Day 3: Leadership in Action and Farewell

The final day kicked off with an energetic Zumba session led by Rtn. Jassu Gurung, followed by impactful sessions:

• "Creating Magic Through Leadership" by Miss Nepal Earth 2022, Dr. Sareesha Shrestha.

• "What After RYLA" by Rtn. Amit Giri, emphasizing Rotary's values and the lasting impact of RYLA.

Participants showcased their creativity and leadership skills through group project presentations. The program concluded with a heartfelt closing ceremony, featuring thank-you notes, award presentations, and a memorable group photo session, leaving everyone inspired and empowered. Nearly 30 Rotary clubs from District 3292 collaborated to make RYLA 2024 a grand success.

Outstanding participants were recognized for their excellence, including Ms. RYLA, Tulasha Khatri; Mr. RYLA, Kaustuv Kumar Batajoo; the Best Talent Award recipient, Sushila Karki from RAC Rajdhani; and the Best Participant Award winner, Rejina Lekhak from RAC Dillibazar Kathmandu. Additionally, Unika Karmacharya from the Interact Club of Lalitpur and Prasanna Shakya from RAC Suredhara were also honored.

# Participants' Perspectives

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) 2024 left a lasting impression on its participants, many of whom shared heartfelt reflections on the transformative experience. Here's what they had to say:

## Personal Growth and Leadership Skills

"RYLA 2024 was a turning point in my life. The sessions were incredibly insightful, especially the ones on goal-setting and visionary leadership. I feel more confident about taking on leadership roles in my community."

Kaustuv Kumar Batajoo, Mr. RYLA 2024



## Actionable Learning

"The road safety and addiction awareness sessions opened my eyes to real-world issues. I now feel equipped to raise awareness about these topics in my community."

Prasanna Shakya, RYLA Champion

## Fun and Fellowship

"The campfire and talent show were the highlights for me! They allowed us to showcase our creativity and bond as a group. RYLA felt like a family."

Sushila Karki, Best Talent Award Winner



## Inspirational Speakers

"The session on Ikigai by PDG Rtn. Sanjay Giri gave me clarity on my purpose in life. He is such an inspiring speaker! Each session offered something valuable, and I am grateful for this opportunity."

Tulasha Khatri, Ms. RYLA 2024



## Fellowship and Networking

"Meeting like-minded youth and sharing ideas was the best part. The group projects helped me understand the power of teamwork and collaboration."

Unika Karmacharya, RYLA Champion

## Practical Insights

"The discussions on entrepreneurship and the Salt Trading Project were incredibly insightful. I'm motivated to take initiative in community-driven projects."

A Participant from RAC Dillibazar  
Kathmandu

## A Transformative Experience

"RYLA 2024 was more than an event—it was a life-changing experience. The combination of leadership sessions, outdoor activities, and cultural exchanges was perfect. I'm taking back unforgettable memories and lessons."

Rejina Lekhak, Best Participant Award  
Winner

Before RYLA, I was anxious, but the program became an incredible journey. It offered interactive sessions, talent showcases, and inspiring speeches on leadership and vision. Highlights included yoga, a visit to Doleshwor Temple, and cultural performances. RYLA boosted my confidence, communication skills, and character, reinforcing that "character is more important than knowledge."

Priyanka Shrestha. (Participants)

# Awareness on Cerebral Palsy & Down Syndrome program

## District Cerebral Palsy/Down Syndrome Committee



The District Committee on Cerebral Palsy and Down Syndrome organized an awareness program on Cerebral Palsy and Down Syndrome at Ratna Hotel, Biratnagar, on 13th November 2024 for Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Zone 7 to enhance their understanding of these conditions. The meeting aimed to empower Rotarians to become advocates for inclusion and active participants in improving the lives of individuals affected by these conditions.

The program was hosted by the **Rotary Clubs of Patan Durbar Square, Biratnagar Down Town, Biratnagar Central, Biratnagar Fusion, and Biratnagar Mid-town**, with support from the **Self-Help Group** for Cerebral Palsy, Dhapakhel.

Thirty-four Rotarians from Zone 7 actively participated in the event. Rotarian Dr.

Pragya Karmacharya Rajbhandari, Co-chair of the District Committee on Cerebral Palsy and Down Syndrome, Service Chair of RC Patan Durbar Square, and Technical Director of the Self-Help Group for Cerebral Palsy, provided an overview to enhance knowledge about Cerebral Palsy and Down Syndrome. She also explained the contributions of the Self-Help Group for Cerebral Palsy and the Cerebral Palsy Clinic and Care Center in supporting children with Cerebral Palsy and other neurological conditions in Nepal.

Dr. Bernhard Schmitt, a Pediatric Neurologist from Switzerland, discussed the significant contributions of the Self-Help Group for Cerebral Palsy in empowering individuals with Cerebral Palsy and their families.

Rotarian Mamata Varma from the Rotary

Club of Biratnagar Down Town shared insights about their involvement and support for the Adarsha Day Care Center in Biratnagar.

Co-Chair Rtn. Rachna Devi Rathi, District Committee on Cerebral Palsy and Down Syndrome, who also managed the event, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all Rotary Clubs for their excellent coordination. Special thanks were extended to all speakers, participants, and volunteers for their valuable contributions.

The event concluded with a commitment to continued advocacy and action for individuals with Cerebral Palsy and Down Syndrome. Recommendations included conducting similar awareness programs in other regions, enhancing access to therapy and education, and fostering partnerships for sustainable change.





## Region IV Vibrant Club Workshop

The Region IV Vibrant Club Workshop concluded successfully in Pokhara on November 16, 2024, with 107 participants in attendance. The event was graced by District Governor Rajendra Man Sherchan and coordinated by Jayaram Paudel, the Learning Facilitator Chair for Region IV.

District Chair Jitendra Man outlined the program schedule, emphasizing the importance of vibrant club workshops and the role of healthy and diverse clubs in enhancing societal impact. Past District Governor (PDG) Sanjaya led an interactive session on the Basic Education and Literacy Plan of Action, integrating Rotary culture

and practices. District Governor-Elect (DGE) Binod Koirala shared insights on boosting member engagement within clubs, while PDG Kiranlal Shrestha delivered a memorable speech during the opening session.

Rotary International Trustee Anna Brit discussed the significance of the Rotary Foundation and addressed current issues related to it. District Membership Chair Subash Sigdel provided valuable insights into membership status and its critical role in building influential Rotary clubs. Additionally, Meenu Shrestha Kunwar,

Amit Giri, and Kumud Tripathy conducted sessions on club administration, public image, and the Rotary Foundation. An interactive Q&A session allowed participants to engage directly with district leaders, including PDGs, the DG, and the DGE, to address their queries.

The President of Waling shared their experiences from the workshop, and the President of Damauli expressed gratitude through a vote of thanks, highlighting the program's fruitful outcomes. The event began with a welcome speech by Jayaram Paudel and was expertly facilitated by Joint Secretary Laxmi Thapa Giri.







# Prevention of Early Childhood Blindness

## Rotary Club of Bagmati

GG# 2352110 | Cost: USD 48,239 | Project Date: May 2024 - November 2024

### Project Overview

This Global Grant project is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Bagmati aimed at addressing the healthcare needs of premature babies at the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology, Nepal. Premature babies, born before 34 weeks of gestation and weighing less than 2000 grams, are at high risk of developing Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP). This condition arises due to oxygen therapy provided in Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) to aid their breathing, which can adversely affect their eyes.

ROP is a preventable cause of blindness if diagnosed and treated promptly. The grant facilitates the purchase of specialized equipment to diagnose and treat ROP effectively, thereby preventing blindness in these vulnerable infants.

### Equipment Funded by the Grant

- 1. Portable Indirect Laser:** This portable device is used for laser therapy on the retinas of premature babies, allowing treatment to be performed directly within NICUs, thereby avoiding the need to transport critically ill infants.
- 2. Head-Mounted Indirect Ophthalmoscope:** Worn by ophthalmologists during laser therapy and examinations.
- 3. Handheld Portable Fundus Camera:** This portable and versatile device captures images of the retina for diagnostic and documentation purposes, making it suitable for use in clinics, operating rooms, and community centers.

These advanced and highly expensive instruments are critical for ensuring timely and effective treatment, especially in under-resourced areas.

### Impact and Beneficiaries

The Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology, a leading referral center,



serves underprivileged patients from across Nepal and neighboring countries. Catering to approximately 1,300 patients daily, it offers subsidized treatment to those in need. This project strengthens the institute's capacity to deliver high-quality care for ROP and other retinal diseases, particularly for underprivileged and deprived patients.

### Funding Contributions

The total project cost of USD 48,239 was funded as follows:  
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### Acknowledgments

The project was spearheaded by: Rotarian Manju Dhamala (President 2023/2024), Rotarian Dr. Eli Pradhan Ranjitkar and Secretary Kejan. Their dedicated efforts, in collaboration with international partners and supporting Rotary Clubs, have enabled this impactful initiative to prevent childhood blindness and improve neonatal healthcare outcomes.

### Handover

On 19th November 2024, the Rotary Club of Bagmati Kathmandu handed over equipment for the treatment and prevention of childhood blindness, valued at US\$48,239, to the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology. The club also launched the Rotary Retina Support Program 2019 and handed over a cheque for NRs. 150,000.00 to the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology. AKS/PDG V.R. Muthu and Rtn.

# Club News & Activities

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## New Club Charter

RC Changu, Bhaktapur  
November 13, 2024

On November 13, 2024 Rotary Club of Changu, Bhaktapur announce the establishment of the Club under the visionary leadership of Charter President Rotarian Uttam Mani Paudyal. The Charter Presentation Ceremony was held at German Homes Hospitality, Gattthaghar, Bhaktapur on the same date.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of District Governor Rotarian Rajendra Man Sherchan, along with Past District Governors, Assistant Governors, and 138 distinguished guests. Each Charter member received a Certificate of Charter Membership and a Rotary pin, and their spouses were warmly welcomed into the Rotary family.

The evening concluded with a delightful fellowship dinner, fostering camaraderie and shared commitment to service. Impressively, 18 Charter members have already expressed interest in becoming Paul Harris Fellows,

reflecting their dedication to Rotary's values and mission.

This momentous occasion marks the beginning of a new chapter in service for the community of Changu, Bhaktapur.

### Brief Profile of Charter President

Born in 1974 in Mandan Deupur-8, Kavre District, Rtn. Uttam Mani Paudyal is a dedicated professional and Rotarian. He holds an MBA from Tribhuvan University and a Master's in Financial Administration from the UK, where he also worked with Barclays Bank. In 2023, he furthered his education with a Master's in International Affairs from Middlesex University.

Currently serving as a Training Manager at UNDP and managing his family business, Uttam joined Rotary in 2013 as a member of the Rotary Club of Bhadgaon, holding various leadership roles, including Club President in 2021/22. As the Charter President of the Rotary Club of Changu, he exemplifies service and leadership, inspiring others with his commitment to community and development.

## Free Eye Check Up

RC Itahari Yugal & RC Itahari  
October 26, 2024

On Saturday, 26th October 2024, a free eye check-up camp was successfully organized by the Rotary Club of Itahari Yugal, Rotary Club of Itahari, Rotaract Club of Itahari, Rotaract Club of Sundarharaicha, and Rotaract Club Peacezone Itahari. The event was conducted in collaboration with Ramlal Golchha Eye Hospital, Biratnagar, and Itahari Sub-Metropolitan City, Ward No. 8.

The camp aimed to provide essential eye care services to the local community, focusing on early detection and treatment of eye-related issues. A total of 224 individuals attended the camp, the majority of whom were residents of Ward No. 8. After thorough examinations, 28 individuals were diagnosed with conditions requiring surgical intervention. To address this, operations were promptly arranged at the Red Cross facility, where 22 surgeries were successfully completed, significantly improving the quality of life for the patients.

This initiative not only highlighted the pressing need for accessible eye care in the region but also showcased the impact of collective efforts by service-oriented organizations. The success of the camp reaffirmed the commitment of Rotary and Rotaract Clubs to serving the community and emphasized the importance of health-focused initiatives in enhancing overall well-being.



## Support for the Elderly and Children in Need

RC Jawalakhel Manjushree  
November 15 2024

The Rotary Club of Jawalakhel Manjushree recently visited Divine Service Home for the elderly in Golfutar, where they distributed blankets and contributed towards a one-time meal for the aged residents.

On the same day, the club extended their support to Kanti Children's Hospital, donating nutrition baskets and blankets to children in the burn ward. Many of these young patients, some with severe burns and undergoing limb



surgeries, had traveled from distant districts such as Kalikot and Jajarkot.

It was a deeply humbling experience, and the club felt grateful to make a small yet meaningful difference in the lives of those in need.

## Diwali Meet and Greet High Tea Program

Hosted by District First Lady, Rtn. Sarojani Sherchan

October 30, 2024



This pioneering initiative by First Lady Sherchan is expected to inspire more women to join Rotary and empower current members in District 3292 to aspire to leadership roles.

The gathering celebrated the spirit and leadership of Rotary, with distinguished women leaders who each serve as a beacon of inspiration. Past District Governor and AKS Rtn. Jaya Rajya Laxmi Shah, a highly respected patron of women's leadership in Rotary, is a guiding force for women leaders in District 3292. Rtn. Dr. Suniti Acharya, the first woman Rotarian of District 3292 Nepal-Bhutan and current Chair of Women Leadership in Rotary, continues to lead and inspire within and beyond the district. Rtn.

Manju Karki, Advisor to Women Leadership in Rotary, is a mentor and exemplary professional whose contributions shine as a guiding light for others.

The event was also graced by District First Ladies Rtn. Sangita Giri and Rtn. Niru Karki, Presidents, Assistant Governors, District Chairs, Co-Chairs, Past Presidents, Secretaries, President-Elects, and other dedicated Rotarians. This gathering provided an invaluable opportunity for Rotary leaders to connect, share insights, and reaffirm their commitment to Rotary's values and mission of service.

Rotary International is committed to encouraging women to join its membership and pursue leadership roles. On October 30, 2024, District First Lady Rtn. Sarojani Sherchan hosted the Diwali Meet and Greet High Tea Program at her residence. This event aimed to uplift, motivate, and support newly appointed Lady Presidents, Assistant Governors, District Chairs, and Co-Chairs of Rotary District 3292 Nepal-Bhutan. While, like other districts worldwide, Rotary District 3292 still lacks the desired number of women members and leaders, the representation of women in Nepal is gradually increasing.





## Rotary and Rotaract Unite for Flood Relief in Godavari

RC Himalayan Golfers & RTR Himalayan Golfers

October 4 & 8, 2024

The Rotary Club of Himalayan Golfers (RCHG), in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Himalayan Golfers, recently undertook a significant humanitarian initiative in the flood-affected areas of Godavari. Following a survey conducted by the Rotaract Club, 17 families in urgent need of relief were identified. Demonstrating the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self," RCHG members graciously contributed funds totaling NPR 50,000 in the first phase and NPR 100,000 in the second phase to aid the victims.

On October 4, 2024, RCHG began its first phase of relief distribution. Essential grocery

items, including one sack of rice, two kinds of lentils, beaten rice, oil, and sanitary essentials, were handed over to the affected families. RCHG members Mr. and Mrs. Purna Man Sakya, Deepak Rajbhandary, and Daman Bahadur Ghale, along with Rotaractors and volunteers, participated actively. A brief site visit to observe the affected area further highlighted the dire situation of the victims.

Based on these observations, RCHG planned the second phase of relief efforts, focusing on providing warm mattresses, blankets, and essential utensils to 14 families who had lost all their belongings. The second phase of relief distribution took place on October 8,

2024. Generous contributions from **\*\*Hope for Nepal Foundation\*\*** included 41 blankets, two community water filters, two bags of rice, 5 kg of beaten rice (chiura), and lentils, ensuring the victims received crucial support before the upcoming Bada Dashain 2081. Food items for this effort were graciously donated by Ms. Shiva Sing.

The relief efforts were a resounding success, marked by active participation from both the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Himalayan Golfers. The affected families expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the immediate support, which brought a ray of hope and comfort during a challenging time.

## Cricket for Differently-Abled Children in Dhading Bensi

RC Dhading

November 17, 2024

The Rotary Club of Dhading and the Rotaract Club of Dhading jointly organized a special event, "Cricket for Differently-Abled Children," in Neelkantha Municipality, Dhading Bensi, Dhading. This program was supported by the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise and Dream Cricket Australia.

More than 50 differently-abled children from Namuna Bhudhaik Apanjat Basic School and Sabalambi Bairaha Basic School participated in the cricket game. The children enthusiastically learned about cricket and enjoyed playing the game, experiencing great joy and excitement.

The primary objective of the program was to raise awareness about cricket among differently-abled children and demonstrate that, with proper training and support, they too can excel in the sport. This initiative aimed to inspire and empower the children to explore their potential in sports.

The event was graced by the Chief District Officer (CDO) of Dhading District as the special guest.





# Rotary Clubs Provide Relief Materials and Water Filters in Bethanchok

November 17, 2024

Rotary Clubs from Kavrepalanchok, including the **Rotary Club of Panauti**, **Rotary Club of Kavre-Banepa**, **Rotary Club of Dhulikhel-Nepal**, **Rotary Club of Kavre Valley**, and **Rotary E-Club of Namobuddha**, joined forces with **Rotary International District 3292 Nepal-Bhutan** to support disaster-affected communities in Patikharka, BethanChowk Gaunpalika, Ward No. 4. This collaborative effort delivered comprehensive relief in response to the devastating floods and landslides of September 2024.

As part of the initiative, 101 blankets, T-shirts, hoodies, and stationery items were distributed to students of **Shree Kalika Secondary School**. This was made possible through the support of German volunteer Klaus Meyer, in coordination with Rtn. Manju Dhamala from the **Rotary Club of Bagmati**. The school also received a 1,000-liter capacity water tank, with two additional

tanks provided by the **Rotary Club of Balaju**, ensuring improved access to clean water.

Additionally, 22 water filters were distributed to the local community with the support of **Wine To Water Nepal** and in collaboration with the Rotary International District 3292 WASH Committee. Rtn. Er. Situ Sainju, Co-Chair of the WASH Committee, conducted an orientation session to educate recipients on the proper use and maintenance of the filters, promoting their effective and sustained use.

This relief program underscored Rotary's dedication to rebuilding disaster-stricken areas while addressing critical challenges related to water, sanitation, and hygiene. Special thanks were extended to District Governor Rajendra Man Sherchan and WASH Committee Chair Dinesh Manandhar of RID3292 for their invaluable support and coordination, which played a key role in the program's success.

## Handover of foodstuff to senior citizens

RC Purbi Chitwan  
November 16, 2024

A foodstuff handover program was successfully organized at Krishna Mandir Briddha Ashram, located in Khairahani Municipality-5. The initiative was aimed at supporting the well-being of the senior citizens residing in the ashram. The event benefited a total of 15 elderly individuals and 4 children, reflecting the community's commitment to care for both the elderly and young dependents. Various essential food items were distributed, ensuring the recipients' nutritional needs were met. The program was conducted within a total budget of Rs. 22,000.00, showcasing efficient resource allocation to make a meaningful impact.





## Annual Family Tour Program

RC Surunga

November 4-10, 2024

For the Rotary Year 2024/25, the Rotary Club of Surunga organized its Annual Family Tour from November 4 to November 10.

The meaningful itinerary included visits to various destinations in India, such as New Jalpaiguri, Varanasi, and the sacred site of Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya. This annual event, aimed at fostering fellowship and unity within the Rotary family, brought together 52 participants, including members and their families, representing a diverse group spanning from young children to elders.

Prominent figures, such as AG Kumar Mani Pokhrel and Deputy Mayor of Kanakai Municipality Asha Sharma Shivakoti, lent additional significance to the tour. Deputy Mayor Shivakoti's involvement was particularly impactful in strengthening Rotary's public image and emphasizing the club's commitment to community values.

The trip was filled with moments of connection and cultural exploration, reinforcing Rotary's principles of service and camaraderie.

## 67th Birthday Celebration of the Haribansa Acharya & Blood Donation



RC Yala

November 12, 2024

A highlight of the event was the celebration of legendary Haribansa Acharya's birthday with a traditional Newari ceremony. The Rotary Anns group organized a sagaun (ceremonial offering) and tika to honor the icon, adding cultural depth to the occasion and reflecting Nepal's rich traditions.

The birthday celebration also served as a social cause, collecting 62 packets of life-saving blood in a successful donation drive at Patan Durbar Square. Despite some people being unable to donate due to medical restrictions, their support remained strong.

Every donor was honored as a "Living God" for their selflessness. The event was organized



## Visit to RCC

RC Narayani Mid Town

November 15, 2024

On November 15, 2025, the Rotary Club of Narayani Mid Town visited their RCC village, Gardash, at Ichhakamana Gaunpalika, reaffirming their commitment to Rotary's literacy mission. The visit focused on the Rastriya Madhyamic School, which the club has supported since 2072 BS by sponsoring 20 students for their education and well-being.

The team, led by Vice President Rtn Bhupendra Shrestha, engaged with the school's management committee, principal, and students to identify areas for further action and assistance. Discussions centered on the needs of the students and potential measures to enhance their educational journey.

A total of 7 Rotarians participated in this meaningful visit, highlighting the club's dedication to fostering literacy and supporting community development. The event underscored Rotary's mission of making a lasting impact on education and empowering the younger generation.

by the Rotary Club of Yala, Nepal Cancer Relief Society Lalitpur Branch, Madan Devi Foundation, and Lalitpur Metropolitan City Ward 16, with support from Nepa TV, Newa TV, Vintage and Classic Wheels Nepal, Nepal Cancer Hospital, and others.

Adding grace to the occasion were iconic comedians Madan Krishna Shrestha and Haribansa Acharya, whose presence inspired many. This event proved that celebrations are truly meaningful when they make a difference in the community.



# Food Donation Program at Manav Sewa Ashram on Charter Day

RC Central Lumbini  
October 26, 2024

The Rotary Club of Central Lumbini celebrated its 9th Charter Day with a meaningful food donation program at Manav Sewa Ashram, Rupandehi. With NPR 50,000 contributed by its members, the initiative, led by Program Coordinator Rtn. Shivashankar Jaiswal, aimed to provide meals to those in need, exemplifying Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self."

Chief guest Ramji Adhikari, Central President



of Manav Sewa Ashram Nepal, emphasized the significance of partnerships between the Ashram and Rotary to address homelessness and ensure everyone receives necessary support. He highlighted that joint efforts could help achieve the shared vision of compassionate social change.

Charter President Rtn. Bimal Senchury reflected on the club's nine-year journey, showcasing its impact in promoting fellowship and service. Past President Rtn. Krishna Prasad Pandey, in his welcome address, highlighted the importance of Charter Day and the food donation program's



role in uplifting the community.

President-Elect Rtn. Bishnu Sharma expressed gratitude to all members for their contributions, while Rtn. Basu Badal, the program's initiator, underlined how such initiatives inspire societal compassion. Secretary Rtn. Gangadhar Bhandari skillfully hosted the event, which saw active participation from Rotarians and locals.

The Rotary Club reaffirmed its commitment to service, vowing to continue impactful initiatives to foster hope and humanity in the community.

# Blood Donation

RC Butwal Chautari  
November 9, 2024

RC Butwal Chautari successfully organized a blood donation program, showcasing the club's dedication to addressing the community's health needs. Held in Butwal, the event received an enthusiastic response, with over 100 participants contributing to this life-saving cause. A total of 66 units of blood were collected and donated to the Blood Bank in Butwal, Rupandehi, to support patients requiring transfusions.

The program's expenditure was approximately NPR 20,000, covering the necessary arrangements to ensure a smooth, safe, and efficient donation process. The event underscored the strong commitment of club members and local supporters to making a meaningful impact, particularly in addressing the region's blood shortage.

This blood donation program not only reflected the community's spirit of compassion but also served as a vital initiative to strengthen local healthcare resources.



# Free Health Check Up Camp

Rotary Biratnagar Central  
November 6 & 7 2024

The Rotary Club of Biratnagar Central, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Biratnagar Central, organized a two-day Free Health Check-up Camp at Keshaliya Road Nahar to mark the occasion of Chhath Puja.

The camp offered on-the-spot first aid and sugar screening services. Additionally, patients received free OPD consultations and special discounts on further treatments.

The initiative successfully benefited around 200 individuals. The total cost of the project amounted to NPR 15,000.





## Welcoming a New Member and Lighting Up Tihar

RC Mahabouddha  
October 30, 2024

RC Mahabouddha celebrated Tihar with joy and tradition at Ridi Lounge, embracing the festival of lights with its rich cultural significance. Tihar honors the bond between humans and animals and highlights the deep connection between brothers and sisters through the Bhai Tika ceremony.

The event also marked a special moment as the club inducted a new member, Krishna Maharjan. The induction ceremony was

graced by the presence of the Assistant Governor, President, and Past President, who warmly welcomed the new member with enthusiasm and goodwill.

The evening concluded on a festive note, with members and guests coming together for singing, dancing, and a celebratory dinner. The event beautifully blended fellowship and tradition, leaving everyone in high spirits.

## Cervical Cancer Screening

RC Himalaya Patan.  
November 16, 2024

A cervical health screening camp was organized to raise awareness about cervical health, promote early detection of cervical cancer, and provide free Liquid-Based Cytology (LBC) screening for women in Jalbinayak, Ward No. 6, Wada Bhawan, Kirtipur, on Saturday, 16th November. This initiative was supported by Kirtipur Ward No. 6 and implemented by a technical team from Kirtipur Hospital.

RC Himalaya Patan successfully conducted Pap smear tests and provided around 100 LBC screenings to women in the Kirtipur

community. Many participants expressed their gratitude for the initiative, highlighting its importance in addressing their health concerns. They also recommended organizing similar camps and awareness programs to enhance community health outreach.

The camp served as a valuable platform for women to address their health concerns and receive essential screenings. It underscored the need for continued efforts to raise awareness and ensure cervical health services are accessible to all.

## Free Pediatric Heart Screening Camp

RC Patan  
November 16-20, 2024

The Rotary Club of Patan, Nepal Heart Foundation, and Padmodaya Veteran Club 2031 organized a 3-day pediatric heart screening camp in Sindhupalchowk, examining over 8,500 children from 36 schools.

### Specialty

Focused on the early detection of congenital and rheumatic heart diseases among children.

### Facts & Figures

Total Screened: Over 8,500 children  
Diagnosed Cases: 61 (41 congenital heart defects, 20 rheumatic heart diseases)  
Surgical Needs: 18 children identified for surgery

### Budget

Supported through club resources and partner organizations.

### Beneficiary Profile

School children from the Sindhupalchowk district.

### Impact/Outcome

- Identified children with heart conditions.
- Provided early interventions to save lives.
- Distributed free medications.
- Made referrals for advanced treatment.





## Inspiring to rise through life learning skills

R E-Club of Namobuddha, Bagmati  
November 5, 2024

During Interact Week 2024, the Rotary E-Club of Namobuddha organized a series of skill-building programs for the Interact Club of KUHS. The activities included essential life skills such as cooking, gardening, and knitting, all conducted under the leadership of President Rtn. Ganga Luitel.

The students enthusiastically participated, showcasing their excitement and eagerness to learn. Mr. Tejendra Prakash Rajbhandari, Principal of KUHS, commended the initiative and encouraged the continuation of such programs in the future.



## Free Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) Health Camp and Food Distribution Program

RC Patan East  
November 20, 2024

The Rotary Club of Patan East successfully organized a Free Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) Health Camp and Food Distribution Program at Aaphno Ghar Ashram Nepal, located in Suryabinayak Municipality-8, Doleshwor, on November 20, 2024. The event was held in the presence of AG Arjun Shrestha from District 3292 to commemorate the birthday of Rtn Vikash Jain.

The program received technical support from Nepal ENT Center (Aarus Lifestyle Hospital, Pulchowk) and financial support from Rtn Vikash Jain. During the ENT screening and treatment camp, a total of 105 individuals benefited. Seven cases of severe hearing loss in the left ear were identified, while 17 patients had their ears cleaned of debris. Some individuals were advised to visit the hospital for further care.

Aaphno Ghar Ashram Nepal (AGAN) is a shelter that houses 182 residents, primarily individuals suffering from mental health issues or homelessness, aged between 19 and 90 years. The Ashram's Chairperson expressed gratitude to the organizers for their support to the residents, referred to as "Prabhuj," and encouraged visitors to inform the Ashram about any individuals in need. The facility is situated near Doleshwor Temple in Suryabinayak Municipality-8.

As part of the program, cooked meals were provided to all 182 residents, with the cost amounting to NPR 10,500 for the day. The Chairperson also extended an invitation to the public to visit the Ashram and support its cause.



## Self-Defence Training

RC Birgunj Metropolis  
October 19, 2024

The Rotary Club of Birgunj Metropolis, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Birgunj, Rotaract Club of Birgunj Metropolis, and Rotaract Club of Birgunj, organized a self-defense training program for the female Interact members of our club.

The program was held at Jeevan Jyoti School, one of our Interact schools, and was attended by all Interact members from the school.

Dignitaries present at the event included Rtn. Anil Jayswal, President of RC Birgunj Metropolis; Rtn. Hariom Kumar Shah, Secretary; Rtn. Mukesh Mittal; PP Prakash Karn; and President Deepu Barnwal.



# Empowering Education: Rotary Club of Butwal Downtown's Support to Rural Schools

RC Butwal Downtown  
November 17, 2024

On November 17th, the Rotary Club of Butwal Downtown handed over essential educational materials to Shree Saraswati Secondary School in Limgha, a remote village in Gulmi. The program was conducted under the chairmanship of Club President Rtn. Shiva Gyawali, with Tika Ram Pandey, President of Satyawati Village, serving as the chief guest. Rtn. Shankar Gyawali, the club's TRF Chair, facilitated the donation of the educational materials.



The donated items included science models of human body parts, a smart board, benches, stools, and other vital supplies. This initiative is part of the club's ongoing efforts to support education in underprivileged and rural areas, aligning with Rotary's literacy mission. The club has consistently worked to improve educational resources and infrastructure, aiming to make a meaningful impact on the quality of education in village communities.

Additionally, the club presented the Rotary Four-Way Test to the school administration, reinforcing values of ethics and integrity in education.

## Key Highlights of the Initiative:

- **Total Contribution** (in Kind and Cash): NPR 250,000
- **Volunteer Hours**: 15 members contributing 24 hours each, totaling 360 hours.
- **Beneficiaries**: 300 students of Shree Saraswati Secondary School.

This program exemplifies Rotary's dedication to fostering education and empowering communities through sustainable development.

# Importance of Supporting The Rotary Foundation

RC Biratnagar Downtown  
November 22, 2024



The Rotary Club of Biratnagar Downtown organized a talk program highlighting the significance of supporting The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The event was held at Sweet Tooth Gourmet Café in Biratnagar, under the leadership of TRF Chair and Past President Rtn. Archana Sharma.

We had the honor of hosting RI Plan Lead for The Rotary Foundation and Regional Coordinator PDG Basu Dev Golyan, along with TRF Chair for Region 7, Rtn. Kamal Agarwal, as keynote speakers.

Through insightful presentations and practical examples, they provided an in-depth understanding of how to engage effectively with The Rotary Foundation. They emphasized the importance of contributing to TRF and elaborated on its vital role within Rotary. Additionally, they addressed all queries from club members with clarity and precision.

The session proved to be highly informative, enriching the members with valuable knowledge about TRF and inspiring them to support its initiatives.

# MOU between DID 3292 and Creation Nepal

RC Balaju  
October 19, 2024

During the official visit of DG Rtn Rajendra Man Sherchan, an MOU signing ceremony took place with Creation Nepal for a river cleaning initiative in Nepal. RC Balaju President Rtn Deepak Shrestha welcomed DG Rtn Sherchan with a Khada and introduced Mr. Ujjwal Upadhyay, the Team Leader of Creation Nepal. Mr. Upadhyay provided an overview of his organization, highlighting that Creation Group is committed to making the rivers of Kathmandu Valley plastic-free. Following his presentation, the MOU was signed by DG Rtn Rajendra Man Sherchan and Mr. Ujjwal Upadhyay, marking the beginning of the river cleanup program. This initiative aims to tackle the critical issue of river pollution while empowering



# Breast Cancer Screening Health camp

RC Patan West  
October 26, 2024



On October 26, 2024, the Rotary Club of Patan West successfully conducted a Breast Cancer Screening Health Camp at the National Hospital and Cancer Center in Jawalakhel, Lalitpur. A total of 40 women received breast cancer screenings during the program, benefiting from free medical consultations.



Among the attendees, 25 patients underwent mammograms and ultrasound scans (USGs). The health camp offered significant financial support, providing a 20% discount on USGs and a 50% discount on mammograms to make the services more accessible.

The event was graced by the presence of club members, the club president, and past presidents, whose collective efforts ensured the success of the camp.

# Brainstorm Your Mind. Get Set for the Rota Quiz 2024

RC Dharan Foothills  
November 22, 2024

The Rotary Club of Dharan Foothills successfully hosted the Zonal Rota Quiz on November 22, 2024. The event featured participation from the Rotary Club of Dharan (Zone 41), Rotary Club of Dharan Ghopa (Zone 40), Rotary Club of Dharan Foothills (Zone 44), and Rotary Club of Itahari (Zone 39) in the preliminary zonal round.

The quiz was skillfully facilitated by Rtn. Sunita Agrawal, Chair of the Rota Quiz Subcommittee for Region 7, from RC Biratnagar Downtown. Her thought-provoking questions and insightful responses provided an enriching dive into the expansive

world of Rotary, making the event both engaging and educational.

The competition was spirited yet focused on learning, with participants embracing the opportunity to expand their knowledge rather than solely aiming for victory. After a challenging and dynamic contest, RC Dharan Foothills secured the first position, followed by RC Dharan Ghopa as the first runner-up.

The event concluded with the distribution of certificates and a small token of appreciation for all contestants, generously sponsored by Expert Education Group, Itahari.



# Clean Up Drive

RC Kathmandu Downtown  
November 16, 2024



The Rotary Club of Kathmandu Downtown, in partnership with the Ring Road Cleaning Team, organized a cleanup drive in the Bashundhara area. This initiative reflects Rotary's commitment to its "Environment" focus area, promoting a cleaner, greener community and contributing to pollution reduction. The younger generation to actively engage in environmental conservation efforts.



## District Governor Official Visit

RC Birtamode  
November 22, 2024

President-elect Rtn. Prakash Shiwakoti extended a warm welcome, acknowledging key dignitaries and members, including District Governor (DG) Rtn. Rajendra Man Sherchan, AG Sujan Pradhan, AG Binod Basnet and other esteemed participants.

DG Rtn. Sherchan conducted the club assembly, providing feedback and valuable insights on directors' reports. He

emphasized the importance of a robust club in contributing to a successful district. His suggestions were received positively for implementation.

The AG praised the unity and leadership within the club, recognizing it as a trailblazing entity.

Rtn. Simran Shiwakoti was honored with a PHF pin and certificate by the DG, celebrating her contribution. The club announced its second major donor, PP Rtn. Navin Gattani,

and felicitated him. The club launched its newsletter (first quarter), reflecting its activities and initiatives.

VP Rtn. Parbata Kharel Bimali expressed gratitude, and President Rtn. Suresh K Agrawal delivered closing remarks, officially concluding the meeting. This meeting demonstrated strong organizational leadership, community engagement, and a commitment to service ideals.

## Rotary Club and Red Cross Extend Vital Support to Roshi Flood Victims

RC Pashupati  
November 12, 2024

In a collaborative effort to assist flood victims, the Rotary Club of Pashupati Kathmandu, in partnership with the Red Cross Society, distributed essential relief materials to families affected by recent floods in Roshi Village Municipality. The distribution event was held at Roshi Janabijaya Secondary School in Mangaltar, benefiting 30 flood-stricken individuals.

The relief package included blankets, pressure cookers, food supplies, and clothing, providing much-needed support to help ease the challenges faced by these families during this difficult time.



# Anti Drug Abuse & Mental Health Awareness Program

RC Kapilvastu  
November 20 & 22, 2024

On 20th November 2024, the Rotary Club of Kapilvastu organized an Anti-Drug Abuse Program for high school students. The program was held at Samayathan Secondary School, Shivaraj-4, Kapilvastu, under the chairmanship of Rtn. Balkrishna Pandeya. The event featured Mr. Giri Prasad Gaire, Headmaster of Samayathan Secondary School, as the Chief Guest, and Basant Pun, Coordinator of the Lumbini Province Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign, as the facilitator. Approximately 150 students participated in the program, which left a positive and meaningful impact on the youth of Shivaraj Municipality. Teachers and students expressed their gratitude to the Rotary Club of Kapilvastu for organizing such an informative session and requested similar initiatives in the future, specifically targeting young people.

On 22nd November 2024, the Rotary Club of Kapilvastu hosted a Mental Health Awareness



Program for teachers and students from various high schools and campuses within Shivaraj Municipality. The program took place at Samayathan Multiple Campus, Shivaraj-4, Kapilvastu, under the chairmanship of Rtn. Balkrishna Pandeya.

The event featured two esteemed facilitators: Rtn. Dr. Bikram Kafle, a resident of Rotary E-Club of Medico Fusion Hybrid Nepal, and Mrs. Yasodha Bagale, Membership Chair of

RC E-Club of Medico Fusion Hybrid Nepal. The Chief Guest was the Head of Samayathan Multiple Campus. Nearly 90 teachers and 100 students participated in this impactful program, which provided valuable knowledge and insights into mental health. Participants shared their appreciation and satisfaction with the initiative, highlighting its importance and expressing a desire for similar awareness programs in the future.

# Deusi-Bhailo

R E-Club of District 3292, Nepal  
October 26, 2024



The Rotary E-Club of District 3292, Nepal, organized a vibrant Deusi-Bhailo program at Gokarna House Restaurant, Sanepa, Lalitpur, to celebrate the festivals of Dashain and Tihar. The event brought together Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and RotaKids, exemplifying the strong bond within the Rotary family.

The program was a collaborative effort by the Rotaract Club of Kathmandu Metropolis, the Interact Club of LRI School, the Interact Club of Rato Bangala School, and RotaKids, with

enthusiastic participation from Rotary E-Club members. The evening was filled with traditional Deusi-Bhailo songs, fun activities, fellowship, and shared laughter, offering an excellent opportunity for new and existing members to connect and strengthen their relationships.

Proceeds from the event, collected as dakshina, were shared among the organizing clubs, with the surplus donated to the Maya Ghar project to support those in need. This act of giving reflected Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self."



## Tarpaulin (Tripal) and Bed Foam Distribution

RC Biratnagar Fusion  
November 23, 2024

The Rotary Club of Biratnagar Fusion successfully organized a humanitarian outreach program to provide essential relief materials to the residents of Katahari Ward 4. The initiative aimed to address some of the challenges faced by local families, particularly those dealing with inadequate shelter and basic living conditions. As part of this effort, the Club distributed tripals (tarpaulins) and bed foam to 150 families in need.

The main objectives of the distribution were:

- To provide families with tarpaulins (tripals) for improved shelter and protection from adverse weather conditions.
- To offer bed foam to enhance comfort and well-being, especially for children and the elderly.
- To support overall community resilience by improving living conditions.

The materials were generously provided by Rural Reconstruction Nepal. The Rotary

Club extends heartfelt thanks to the local community leaders, volunteers, and donors who made this program possible. The cooperation of local authorities in Katahari Ward 4 was instrumental in ensuring the smooth execution of the distribution.

The Club remains committed to continuing its efforts and expanding its reach to more communities in the future, striving to ensure that no family is left behind in the face of adversity.

## Helped Senior Citizens at Devighat, Nuwakot

RC Dillibazar-Kathmandu & RC Kathmandu Metro  
November 9, 2024

The Rotary Club of Dillibazar - Kathmandu raised a total of Rs. 94,650. Of this amount, Rs. 58,650 in cheques from RC Dillibazar and Rs. 36,000 from RC Metro were handed over to the Devighat Senior Citizen Protection and Study Foundation. Additionally, winter clothes, hats, food items, hygiene kits, and Rs. 6,100 in cash were provided to support 38 older adults.

The distribution program saw the participation of President Rtn. Sagar Nidhi Tiwari, Secretary Rtn. Rajesh Aryal and his spouse Manita Aryal, PP Rtn. Parthibeshwor Timilsina and his spouse Gajab Timilsina, PP Rtn. Surendra Dhakal, PP Rtn. Samjhana Pokhrel, Rtn. Yovraj Roka, Rtn. Sujita Adhikari and his spouse Shamvu Pokhrel, Rtn. Sabita KC, Rtn. Balaram Sapkota, Rtn. Sandhya Raj Bhandari, Rtn. Rishikesh Pant, Rtn. Saurav Pant, Rtn. Babita Basnet with her Sanima, Rtn. Manohari Thapa, and Rtn. Youbraj Adhikari with his spouse Laxmi Adhikari from RC Dillibazar. Additionally, Secretary Rtn.

Ramesh Neupane from RC Metro was present, along with senior citizens.

The program was held on Kartik 24, 2081, at the Devighat Senior Citizen Protection and Study Foundation. It was jointly organized by the Rotary Club of Dillibazar-Kathmandu and the Rotary Club of Metro, with partial support from the GMP Timilsina Foundation.

This initiative aims to enhance the health, comfort, and overall quality of life for senior citizens.



## Distribution of Warm Clothes to Needy Children

RC Patan West  
November 16, 2024

On November 16, 2024, the Rotary Club of Patan West distributed warm clothing to underprivileged children at Navakiran Children's Home in Dhapakhel, Lalitpur. The initiative aimed to support 45 children in need, addressing the challenges posed by the cold season.

A total of Rs. 61,000, donated by RC Patan West, was utilized to purchase the clothing. The distribution program was attended by the club's president, secretary, immediate past president, and other members, reflecting the collective effort to bring warmth and comfort to the children during winter.



awareness, empowering communities, reducing financial burdens, boosting productivity, and promoting long-term health and development.



## Blanket Distribution Programme

RC Lahan  
November 24, 2024

The Rotary Club of Lahan distributed fiber blankets to 200 families from the Dalit community in need. The program, organized in two locations, was supported by The Distillery Nepal Pvt. Ltd., Kathmandu, with company representatives Janak Raj Regmi, Vikash Chandra, and Kamal Prasad Misra present.

Details of the distribution are as follows:

**1. Sakhunankarkati, Ward No. 3:** The event was attended by Past Sabha Sadh Ashok Kumar Yadav, Gaupalika Adhyaksh Kedar Yadav, and Ward Adhyaksh Bhogendra Yadav.

**2. Lahan, Ward No. 20:** The distribution took

place in the presence of Ward Adhyaksh Ganesh Chaudhary, and members Kanchan Shah and Mahendra Shah.

This initiative provided essential winter relief to 200 Dalit families, ensuring warmth and comfort during the cold season.



## Free Health Checkup Camp for Women and Children

RC Biratnagar Downtown  
November 25, 2024

The total cost of the camp was NPR 10,500, and it benefitted 250 children and 70 women from Bakhri Village. These free health camps in underprivileged areas are essential for increasing access to healthcare, raising

As part of the Rotary Arogya Mission, our club collaborated with Birat Nursing Home Pvt. Ltd. to organize a free pediatric and gynecological health screening camp at Shree Bakhri Adharbhat Vidyalaya, Ward No. 12, Bakhri. A dedicated nine-member team, including four doctors and five support staff, conducted the health examinations. Women patients also received free medications as part of the initiative, while the RCC Coordinator of Bakhri Village attended and provided assistance for the program.



## Mythos Cerro Torre – Asian Premiere

RC Patan  
November 18, 2024

The Rotary Club of Patan hosted the Asian premiere of Mythos Cerro Torre, directed by renowned mountaineer Reinhold Messner, at Dhokaima Cafe. The event featured Ewerhard Ed Engels, CEO of Riva Film Production and a Rotarian from Germany.

**Specialty:** A cinematic exploration of the 1959 Cerro Torre expedition, one of mountaineering's most mysterious tales.



### Facts & Figures:

**Attendance:** Rotarians, Rotaractors, and guests.

**Budget:** Supported by the Rotary Club of Patan and Ewerhard Ed Engels.

**Beneficiary Profile:** Enthusiasts of adventure, history, and cinema.

### Impact/Outcome:

The premiere underscored Rotary's role in connecting communities. Attendees were captivated by the film's stunning visuals and its compelling narrative of triumph and tragedy.

## Cadre WASH Sustainability Site Visit



Participation from District 3292  
November 9–14, 2024

Cadre of TA in WASH and Environment, Past President of RC Patan South, Rtn. Dr. Dinesh Raj Manandhar, Chair of WASH committee, has recently attended the WASH Sustainability Site Visit Training organized by Rotary International Nov. 9–14, 2024. The training was attended by 19 Cadre members from Australia, India, Luxembourg, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, The Netherlands, Uganda, USA along with 4 facilitators from Rotary International. The main objective of the training was to make all Cadres oriented in the sustainability tools and

learning & sharing of knowledge among the experts from various countries. The training was classroom based discussions and group work as well as field visit to schools and learning/sharing and feedback to the tools.

The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers is a network of Rotary members who work to increase the impact of projects funded by The Rotary Foundation. Cadre use professional expertise and technical skills in Rotary's 7 Area of Focus and financial auditing to help members plan projects, submit stronger grant applications, and implement effective monitoring and evaluation activities.

Cadre advisers are part of Rotary's district resource networks. In addition to technical and regional expertise, Cadre are regularly learning about the latest grant requirements and policies, advising techniques, elements of sustainable projects, and approaches to monitoring and evaluation. When a Cadre adviser provides guidance on planning and implementation, the most common result is a high-quality and a sustainable project.

District 3292 is proud of Rtn. Dinesh Raj Manandhar, who represented our district as Cadre and shared his knowledge from Nepal and his international experiences and brought up vast pool of knowledge to our district.



## Deusi Bhailo

RC Patan Heritage  
November 1, 2024

The Rotary Club of Patan Heritage had a wonderful time celebrating Deusi Bhailo and sharing warm Tihar greetings! It was a joy to join Rotary and Rotaract members in embracing the vibrant festive spirit of Tihar, Nhu Daan 1145, and Chhath.



## Education and Sports Material Distribution Program

RC Dillibazar-Kathmandu  
September 27, 2024

For this project, the Rotary Club of Dillibazar – Kathmandu raised Rs. 34,150, which was used to provide educational and sports materials to the Center Deaf School in Naxal.

The distribution program was attended by several members of RC Dillibazar, including President Rtn. Sagar Nidhi Tiwari, Immediate Past President (IPP) Rtn. Indira Parajuli and her spouse Bishnu Parajuli, Past Presidents (PP) Rtn. Parthibeshwor Timilsina and his spouse Gajab Kumari Timilsina, PP Rtn. Samjhana Pokhrel, PP Rtn. Punya Poudel, PP Rtn. Uday Raj Sharma, and Treasurer Rtn.

Sandhya Raj Bhandari. Other attendees included the School Management Committee Chair and Members, Head Teachers, school staff, and students.

The program, held at the Center Deaf School, was part of the Basic Education and Literacy Program. It is hoped that this support will enable differently-abled students to pursue higher education, leading to a more productive life while enhancing their social skills, physical health, and overall confidence.

## District Governor Official Visit

RC Pokhara New Road  
November 15, 2024

The Rotary Club of Pokhara Newroad successfully hosted its District Governor (DG) visit on November 15, 2024. This milestone event featured an inspiring agenda, including reports, recognitions, and special addresses by prominent Rotary leaders.

The club was honored to host **Ann-Britt Åsebol, Trustee of The Rotary Foundation (2024-2028)**, during the DG program. Trustee Åsebol highlighted the Foundation's vital role in transforming Rotarians' contributions into impactful projects addressing global challenges like poverty, illiteracy, and polio eradication, fostering sustainable change worldwide.

In her closing remarks, Trustee Åsebol urged Rotarians to support The Rotary Foundation,

inspiring them to "give and be part of Rotary's life-changing work," leaving attendees motivated to deepen their commitment to Rotary's mission.

District Governor Rtn. Rajendra Man Sherchan praised the club's dedication and impactful work since 2010, emphasizing alignment with Rotary goals and objectives. He encouraged increased contributions to The Rotary Foundation and expanded community service within Rotary's seven focus areas.

The event concluded on a high note, with renewed commitments from club members and leaders to uphold Rotary's ideals and expand their impact on the community.



# Interact Activities

## Polyunion For Rhetoric Convocations

Interact Club of Devdaha, Oxford, Horizon,  
Sagarmatha, Deep and Shanti

October 25 & 26, 2024

The Polyunion for Rhetoric Convocations (PURC) was a groundbreaking two-day event held on October 25th and 26th, aimed at cultivating leadership abilities and boosting public speaking confidence among young individuals. The program offered a rich variety of rhetorical sessions, including dynamic discussions and thought-provoking panel discussions, all designed to foster professional growth.

Organized in partnership with multiple Interact Clubs from Interact District 3292, Zone 4, the event took place at Pathak Foodland in Khaireni-5 (Devdaha) and drew more than 100 enthusiastic participants. The event was funded through registration fees and generous sponsorship contributions.

Highlights of PURC included expert-led sessions and a motivating panel discussion featuring District Interact Representative

Itr. Deepsan Adhikari and Zonal Interact Representative Itr. Sushant Gyawali. The event also provided Interactors with valuable networking opportunities, fostering connections and friendships across the zone.

By the end of the program, participants had not only honed their leadership skills but also found renewed inspiration to excel in their personal development and contribute actively to Interact initiatives.





## District Sports Meet

November 6, 7, & 8, 2024

The District Sports Meet 2024 was successfully held from November 6 to 8, with Hotel Star, Chitwan, serving as the residential venue and Little Flower School and Cassi Sports as the sports venues. Over 200 individuals participated, including athletes, members of the Organizing Committee (OC), and Interactors, all of whom contributed to the success of the event. The meet featured a variety of events, such as track and field

competitions, team sports, and indoor games, aimed at promoting sportsmanship, teamwork, and youth engagement.

In addition to fostering athletic excellence, the event played a pivotal role in building friendships and encouraging collaboration among Interactors across District 3292. By bringing together participants from diverse backgrounds, it created a platform for shared experiences and mutual understanding, strengthening the sense of unity within the Interact community. Moreover, the meet showcased the

remarkable sports talent within the district, providing young athletes with opportunities to shine and gain recognition.

The event was graced by the presence of distinguished guests, including Rtn. Bipin Pokhrel, District Interact Committee Chair; Rtr. Himal Acharya, Past District Interact Representative; and Mr. Gautam KC, a national cricket player from Chitwan Rhinos. Their participation and words of encouragement were instrumental in inspiring both the participants and the organizers.

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## Zonal Leadership Training Seminar

Interact District 3292- Nepal & Bhutan, Zone 3  
November 23-25, 2024

The Zonal Leadership Training Seminar for Zone 3 was conducted across three locations over three consecutive days: November 23 in Pokhara, November 24 in Baglung, and November 25 in Damauli. The training seminar was led by Itr. Deepsan Adhikari, District Interact Representative, alongside Itr. Amrita Adhikari, Assistant District Interact Representative; Itr.

Aanchal Nepal, District Secretary; and Itr. Prajwal Pantha, District Treasurer. The event was coordinated by Itr. Rupsika Kunwar, Zonal Interact Representative for Zone 3.

With over 500 participants from 12 Interact Clubs, the session was a resounding success. Attendees gained essential

knowledge, skills, confidence, and inspiration to advance in their Interact journey. The event also provided an invaluable opportunity for Interactors to connect with their leaders. Moreover, it served as a platform to recognize and appreciate the exemplary service and leadership demonstrated by the clubs.



# A Successful Global Grant Application



**RTN. PRAMOD SAGAR PRADHAN**  
PP, ROTARY CLUB OF YALA

In the Rotary year 2023-24, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) endorsed 1,287 Global Grant Projects worth \$72 million across its 530 districts in 200 countries. One of these successful projects was Rotary Club of Yala's Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL).



**STREET CHILD OF NEPAL PROFESSIONALS OBSERVING TARL PROJECTS**

This project is supported by international partners RC Aachen of Germany and RC Hilversum-West of the Netherlands. It aims to train primary school teachers in the TaRL pedagogical approach to improve the academic achievement of children in community schools and help them develop foundational reading and mathematics skills for rapid recovery.

## **The Beginning**

First, we should *study Rotary's global grant literature, attend Grant Management Seminars, and enrich ourselves with the valuable information available in the Rotary Learning Centre.* Additionally, we can review and learn from numerous global grant project reports available online. This will guide us in drafting a global grant application, which must go through TRF's highly credible vetting system. Selected grants are reviewed post-approval to ensure that Rotarians complete their projects as described in the application, with strong financial management in place. This process ensures that grants are implemented with transparency and integrity.

## **Finding International Project Partner**

A Rotary global grant project can only be realized as a collaborative undertaking between national and international clubs. At times, our clubs may find international project partners but lack tangible project ideas. Conversely, we may have great project ideas but struggle to find international project partners. In Yala, based on various community needs and requests, we have drafted several projects addressing issues related to Rotary's Focus Areas. This allows us to present ready-to-implement project ideas to potential international partners interested in our community development initiatives.

Our visibility on online platforms like club's Official Website, and Social Media played a key role

in building cooperation with RC Aachen of Germany and RC Hilversum-West of the Netherlands as international partners. They were seeking a credible club in Nepal for a collaborative global grant project. Together, we developed a successful application for the TaRL project, selected from several other project ideas.

Another extremely helpful platform for finding international partners is <https://www.rotarygrants.org>, developed by District 5340. Here, we can list our project proposals to attract international partners interested in supporting specific project objectives.

Of the many factors involved, two aspects we consider most important for any successful global grant project application are [Community Assessment and Sustainability](#). While we may secure international project partners, without proper community assessment and a strong focus on sustainability, the project application is unlikely to succeed.

### Community Assessment

The TaRL pedagogy had previously been implemented by Street Child of Nepal in community schools in the Terai and Middle-Hill districts of Nepal. We used these pilot projects as the foundation for an extensive community assessment conducted in more than 30 public schools in the Lalitpur and Kavre districts. This assessment provided valuable insights into the needs of the target beneficiaries—such as schools, students, teachers, and School Management Committees—as well as the skills and resources they could contribute to the project.

The combination of the pilot projects and the community assessment was instrumental in drafting the application:

- [To clearly articulate the specific issue or problem the project aims to address.](#) Proficiency tests in Math, Nepali, and English, conducted with 300 primary school children from 15 community schools, were used to underscore the urgency and importance of the problem, as well as the necessity of addressing it.
- [To detail the project description and solution to the identified need.](#) This included outlining the objectives, activities, and timeline, explaining how the

project is innovative or unique compared to existing solutions, and describing the expected outcomes and impact of the project, along with methods for measuring success.

### Sustainability

From day one of this project's development, we have been consistently focused on its sustainability. The project covers 26–28 schools over a two-year period, with the implementation period in each school lasting only one year. This raises several important questions:

- [What will happen in the project schools after the project concludes?](#)
  - [Will these schools be able to sustain TaRL as a teaching and learning approach?](#)
  - [What role can Rotary play in improving foundational education in the 26,500+ public schools across Nepal?](#)
- And many more.

To ensure continuity in project schools, we are training teachers who can transfer their newly acquired skills to other teachers. The training materials are simple, cost-effective, and can be easily prepared by teachers and students at minimal expense. Local government representatives, who chair the School Management Committees, have committed to providing resources for training materials.

The Nepal Government has decided to implement the TaRL approach in all 26,500+ public schools across the country. However, one major challenge is identifying resource persons who can train teachers

in TaRL pedagogy on this scale. Teachers trained under this project could serve as resource persons to address this challenge.

Rotary Clubs of Nepal could collaborate with the Government and other organizations to help train tens of thousands of teachers required to implement TaRL pedagogy nationwide.

### Project Implementation and Reporting

Now that we have received Rotary global grant funding for this project, our primary responsibility is to ensure its proper implementation. [Documentation and reporting are essential for maintaining transparency, accountability, and the ability to communicate progress and outcomes to both national and international partners.](#)

We need to evaluate the project's outcomes, measure its successes, and reflect on its challenges in relation to the goals that were set. During implementation, we may need to adapt and adjust our strategies to achieve the desired outcomes. If these adjustments involve financial reallocations, we must secure approval from our international partners and TRF.

[For any Rotary global grant project, progress reports must be submitted every 12 months, with a final report due within two months of the project's completion. Failure to submit reports on time may result in Rotary International taking strict measures against the cooperating clubs and districts.](#)



# District Governor Official Visit

The Rotary District Governor's visit to a club is an annual tradition that fosters engagement and collaboration. During these visits, the Governor meets with club members to review their activities, address challenges, and outline future goals. This interaction provides valuable guidance, reinforces Rotary's broader vision, and strengthens connections within the Rotary network. It also plays a pivotal role in aligning the club's initiatives with district objectives, promoting greater collaboration among clubs.

In the first five months of his term, DG Rajendra Man Sherchan visited 56 clubs across District 3292.

ROTARY CLUB OF MECHINAGAR



ROTARY CLUB OF NAMOBUDDHA



ROTARY CLUB OF MATRIBHUMI BALUWATAR



# District Governor's Calendar

## DECEMBER 2024

DATE	DAY	EVENT
03-08	Tue-Sunday	Rotary Institute, Kochi
12	Thursday	DG Visit of RC Patan West
13	Friday	DG Visit of RC Dillibazar Kathmandu
14	Saturday	DG Visit of Eclub of District 3292   RC Rudramati Kathmandu
16	Monday	Council of Governors meeting
17	Tuesday	DG Visit of RC Budhanilkantha   RC Kathmandu Metro
18	Wednesday	DG Visit of RC Biratnagar
19	Thursday	DG Visit of RC Biratnagar Downtown   RC Itahari
20	Friday	DG Visit of RC Biratnagar Central   RC Biratnagar Fusion
21	Saturday	DG Visit of Dharan Foothills   Vibrant Club workshop - Region 7
22	Sunday	DG Visit of RC Biratnagar Midtown   RC Dharan Ghopa
23	Monday	DG Visit of RC Dharan
24	Tuesday	DG Visit of RC Pokhara Annapurna
25	Wednesday	DG Visit of RC Lekhnath   RC Pokhara
26	Thursday	DG Visit of RC Pokhara Midtown   RC Pokhara Paradise
27	Friday	ICM on Mental Health
28	Saturday	DG Visit of Kathmandu Circle   RC Kathmandu Height
29	Sunday	DG Visit of RC Kathmandu North
30	Monday	DG Visit of RC Kavre Banepa



# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As Nepal bids farewell to its vibrant festivals and prepares for the festive spirit of Christmas and the dawn of 2025, we welcome the crisp chill of November with enthusiasm. Amid the changing seasons and celebrations, the Rotary Clubs of District 3292 remain steadfast in their dedication to service, undertaking impactful projects across communities.

This November, District 3292 marked a significant milestone with *The Rotary Foundation Seminar and Recognition* held on November 9, 2024. This event celebrated the monthly theme, highlighting its importance within the Rotary community. *A special feature article by District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) Chair Rtn. Kumud Tripathy provided insights into the contributions of the past four years and shared updates on the goals and achievements for the Rota Year 2024-25.*

This issue of the GML (Governor's Monthly Letter) shines a spotlight on key district activities, including *the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), an Awareness Program on Cerebral Palsy and Down Syndrome, and the Region IV Vibrant Club Workshop.* Additionally, it highlights the

Rotary Club of Bagmati's transformative Global Grant initiative. *From July to November, an impressive 71% of our clubs reported their projects and activities, a testament to the dynamic spirit of RID3292.* We are committed to showcasing stories from all 161 clubs, ensuring that every effort is recognized and celebrated.

The GML & Publication Team sincerely thanks all Rotary Clubs for their collaboration in bringing this 40-page issue to life. Your support enables us to share these inspiring stories widely.

As we transition into December, focusing on Disease Prevention and Treatment, I am confident that Rotary Clubs across the district will continue their efforts to foster healthier and happier communities. I urge club leaders to share their impactful initiatives with the GML team, amplifying our collective influence on a global scale.

Stay warm, spread kindness, and cherish the spirit of giving. Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Yours in Rotary,

**Rtn. Gautam Shrestha**

Chair 2024-25

District Publication & GML Sub-Committee

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