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International  
Day of  
**Persons with  
Disabilities**

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

Perhaps the most engaging aspect of November was the diversity of our 4 speakers at the weekly meetings, all of them outstanding in their respective fields. We had the President of a major philanthropic organization on 4th November, followed by the dynamic DIG Traffic, Sindh Police on 11th November, an ex-federal Secretary and ex-provincial minister on 18th November (who coincidentally is also a RCK member), and then a well-known personality who has worn many hats in his life – including being a film-maker, media personality, award-winning writer, social worker, environmentalist and ex-Senator on 25th November! Those members who did not attend these meetings really missed out. Although not the same thing, you can still read the synopsis of these meetings in this issue of Karachi Rotarian.

I would urge everyone to also read the Message of Rotary International President, Francesco Arezzo. His monthly message is reproduced by us in every Issue of Karachi Rotarian, and is a must-read, as it will give you a great insight into what are the focus areas of Rotary International on a monthly basis. His current message is quite heart-warming, as he has frankly talked about a personal weakness he had, which he has successfully overcome, with the support and encouragement of fellow Rotarians. His story is indeed inspiring for all of us.

Also, once again, I will draw your attention to the District 3271 News segment in this e-newsletter. It is highly recommended to review fully the different activities undertaken in November by the various clubs in our District. All clubs can always learn from each other's experience, and draw inspiration and ideas from what other clubs are doing, all in line with Rotary's vision.

We trust you will find this Issue informative and enjoyable!

Best wishes,



Zohare Ali Shariff  
Editor, Karachi Rotarian,  
Honorary Secretary RCK, 2025-2026

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Rotarians,

You will be reading this issue of the Karachi Rotarian in early December, and I want to take this opportunity to talk to you about a very important event that will be taking place next month – A District Conference, in which RCK needs to have a sizeable participation. This District Conference is titled SMARTCON-26, and it will be held in Hyderabad on 30th and 31st January 2026.

All intending participants need to register as soon as possible, by paying the required fee into a designated Bank Alfalah account, and sharing the deposit slip with RCK Executive Secretary, Shahzad Ahsan, who will note your participation, and share your deposit slip with the District Secretary also.

The theme of SMARTCON-26 is Connecting People, Sustainable Lifestyle. The conference promises to be a powerful celebration of service, leadership, innovation & culture, bringing together 1,000+ Rotarians, diplomats, leaders & professionals from across Pakistan and beyond. Participants will experience an inspiring blend of fellowship, learning & celebration at an event where ideas connect, partnerships grow, and the spirit of Rotary shines brighter than ever!

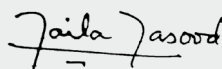
Further details of this event, relating to registration, and to accommodation options available, are on the following page of this e-newsletter. The District has obtained special room rates from a number of hotels in Hyderabad, But you need to book very fast, as undoubtedly the rooms are in high demand!

As the oldest and the largest club of District 3271, it is incumbent on RCK to send across a large delegation to this flagship District conference, I earnestly hope members will respond positively, and while we thank all those members who have already registered, we look forward to many more members registering in the next few days.

Before I end, a gentle reminder. We are now in the 6th month of the current Rotary calendar. Half the year will be gone at the end of December. It is absolutely imperative that all the members who have not yet paid their annual subscription fees so far, should do so forthwith. You will appreciate the subscription became due 5 months ago, and 5 months is more than enough grace time. If anyone is facing any difficulty of any sort in settling the annual fee, please immediately contact RCK's Executive Secretary, Shahzad Ahsan, or even me. Thank you!

Wishing you all a fulfilling month ahead,

Yours sincerely,



Naila Masood  
President, 2025-26  
Rotary Club of Karachi



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FRANCESCO AREZZO  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
PRESIDENT 2025-26



SHAKEEL KAIM KHANI  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-26  
RID 3271 PAKISTAN



SYED TAHZEEB KAZMI  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
CHAIRMAN 2025-26



SYED KASHIF RAFI  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
SECRETARY 2025-26

# SMARTCON-26

CONNECTING PEOPLE, SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

BOOK YOUR DATES  
JAN 30<sup>TH</sup> – JAN 31<sup>ST</sup> 2026

HYDERABAD

REGISTER NOW

	ROTARIAN	ROTARIAN WITH SPOUSE	ROTARACTOR
1 <sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER – 31 <sup>ST</sup> DEC 2025	RS. 20,000	RS. 38,000	RS. 15,000
1 <sup>ST</sup> JANUARY – 30 <sup>TH</sup> JAN 2026	RS. 25,000	RS. 48,000	RS. 20,000

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## AGENDA

(This agenda is a work in progress and is subject to finalization)

### DAY - 01

DAY 1	JAN 30 2026	
Hour:Minute	Time	Event
	11:00 AM	Registration
	3:00 PM	Arrival of Guests
0:15	3:15 PM	Opening of House of Friendship
0:30	3:30 PM	Performance
0:05	4:00 PM	Conference Called to Order by the
0:05	4:05 PM	Recitation of Holy Quran by
0:05	4:10 PM	National Anthems of _____ & Pakistan
0:05	4:15 PM	Welcome Address by DISCON 2026 Chair - <b>RPIC. Syed Tahzeeb Kazmi</b>
0:05	4:20 PM	Official Launch of DISCON 2026
0:05	4:25 PM	Introduction of District Governor <b>Shakil Kaim Khani</b>
0:10	4:30 PM	Address by the District Governor <b>Shakil Kaim Khani</b>
0:10	4:40 PM	Address by the Past TRF Trustee, <b>Aziz Memon</b>
0:10	4:50 PM	Address by the PRID. <b>Muhammad Faiz Kidwai</b>
0:05	5:00 PM	Introduction of RIPR. _____ by _____
0:20	5:05 PM	Address by the RIPR.
0:05	5:25 PM	Introduction of the Chief Guest by
0:15	5:30 PM	Address by the Chief Guest,
0:10	5:45 PM	Shields & Souvenir
0:05	5:55 PM	Expression of Gratitude by DGE, <b>Shahzad Sabir</b>
0:05	6:00 PM	Launching of DISCON 2027
	8:00 PM	Dinner
1:15	9:15 PM	Musical Performance by
2:00	11:15 PM	End of Day 1

## DAY - 02

DAY 2	JAN 31 2026
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Fellowship & Entertainment
9:25 AM	Recitation from Holy Quran by
9:30 AM	Opening Remarks by DG Shakil Kaim Khani
9:35 AM	In Memorarium by
9:50 AM	District Accounts - IPDG. Rizwan Adhia
10:00 AM	Rotary In Action - Rotary Club's Presentations; Moderator PP. Ali Hafeez Azmat
11:00 AM	Performance
11:15 AM	<b>FIRST PLENARY SESSION -</b>
	Moderator:
	Panelists:
11:45 AM	Expression of Gratitude by
11:50 AM	Presentation of Mementoes
11:55 AM	<b>SECOND PLENARY SESSION- POLIO</b>
	Moderator - Past TRF Trustee Aziz Memon
	<b>Panelists:</b>
1:10 AM	Expression of Gratitude by
1:20 AM	Presentation of Mementoes
1:30 PM	Prayers & Lunch
2:30 PM	Performance
2:45 PM	<b>THIRD PLENARY SESSION - ROTARY PAKISTAN SMART VILLAGES</b>
	Moderator:
	Panelists:
3:30 PM	Expression of Gratitude by
3:35 PM	Presentation of Momentoes
3:45 PM	Address by the RIPR.
4:05 PM	Prayers & Tea
4:25 PM	Performance
4:40 PM	<b>FOURTH PLENARY SESSION- AGRITECH</b>
	Moderator:
	Panelists:
5:30 PM	Expression of Gratitude by
5:35 PM	Presentation of Momentoes
5:40 PM	Election Announcement & Acceptance Speech - DGND. _____
6:05 PM	Our Year Together - DGE. Shahzad Sabir
6:25 PM	Concluding Remarks by RIPR
6:50 PM	Gratitude by DISCON 2026 Chair RPIC. Syed Tahzeeb Kazmi & Gift Distribution to RIPR
	<b>Break</b>
8:00 PM	Dinner
9:30 PM	Performance by

# ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS



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### SAGAR INN HOTEL

Main Auto Bhan Road  
Behind Mcdonalds, Hyderabad

ROOMS CATEGORY	DISCOUNTED RATES
Master Bed Single	6,500/-
Twin Queen	7,500/-
Triple	8,500/-


Distance to venue: 12 kilometers

**Don't miss out—secure your stay early and enjoy the full SMARTCON-26 experience**




For Assistance  
Rtn. Sarfaraz Noor (RCH-MEHRAN)  
**0333-7061982**





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### Legacy

Commercial I, Palm village  
Main bypass, N-5 Hyderabad

CATEGORY	DISCOUNTED RATES
Master Bed	25,000 + Tax
Twin Queen	28,000 + Tax
Triple Single	30,000 + Tax
Suite	40,000 + Tax


Distance to venue: 200 meters

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### INDUS HOTEL

Thandi Sarak, Hyderabad


ROOMS CATEGORY	OCCUPANCY	DISCOUNTED RATES
Deluxe King	1	18,000/- + Tax
Deluxe King	2	22,000/- + Tax
Emirates Executive King	1	25,000/- + Tax
Executive King	2	28,000/- + Tax
Executive King	1	25,000/- + Tax
Executive King	2	28,000/- + Tax
Gold Executive	1	30,000/- + Tax
Gold Executive	2	33,000/- + Tax

Suites

Noori (Deluxe Suite)	30,000/- + Tax
VIP (Executive Suite)	50,000/- + Tax
Whalej (Emirates Executive Suite)	50,000/- + Tax
Diplomatic (Executive Suite)	50,000/- + Tax
Presidential (Gold Floor)	60,000/- + Tax

Distance to venue: 9 kilometers

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### GRAND BLU HOTEL

Rohaana Faraz Villas  
Bypass Hyderabad

ROOMS CATEGORY	OCCUPANCY	DISCOUNTED RATES
Executive King	2	18,000/- + Tax
Deluxe Twin	2	18,000/- + Tax
Deluxe Triple Room	3	20,000/- + Tax
Deluxe Family Room	3	20,000/- + Tax
Executive King Suite	2	27,000/- + Tax

Distance to venue: 200 meters

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### SAGAR INN GUEST HOUSE

A, B & C  
Main Auto Bhan Road  
Behind Mcdonalds, Hyderabad

ROOMS CATEGORY	DISCOUNTED RATES
Master Bed Single	4,500/-
Twin Queen	5,500/-
Triple	6,500/-

Distance to venue: 12 kilometers

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# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## To health and happiness

This month's special issue of Rotary magazine is all about happiness, that most elemental of human yearnings.

More than a feeling, though, this state of positive well-being, and the conditions necessary to create and sustain it, should be considered a universal right. December also marks Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, when we highlight our members' work to promote health and wellness, including mental wellness. Globally, nearly 1 in 7 people have a mental health disorder, according to a recent World Health Organization report. Yet only 9 percent of people with depression receive adequate treatment.

We are fortunate in Rotary to have a powerful way to support emotional well-being and happiness: friendship. The connections we build in Rotary can be a powerful force for change. I know this from personal experience.

When my fellow members first proposed that I become club president, I demurred. I had a stutter. I was terrified of speaking. But having club members who supported me and surrounded me with affection enabled me to face my fear, and I found a way to stand confidently before a crowd.

Today, I regularly address audiences — some numbering in the thousands — in a language that is not native to me. The Rotary members in my life helped me create lasting change within myself.

That fellowship gives us the courage and means to create lasting change in the world as well, and mental health services are in desperate need of improvement.

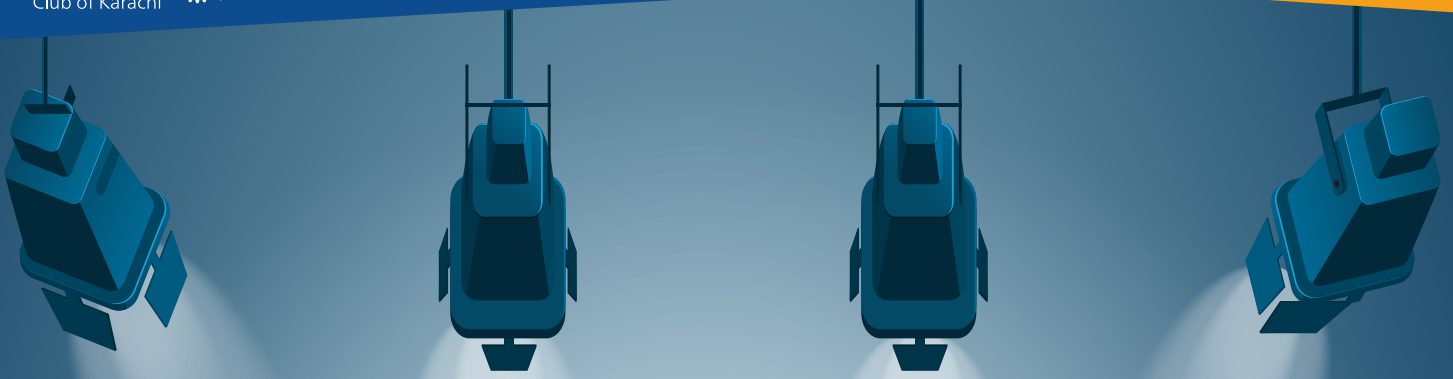
The WHO reports that governments on average devote only 2 percent of their health budgets to mental health, and only 11 percent of that funding reaches community-based services. In some countries, only one trained mental health professional is available for every 100,000 people. The WHO has called for strategic and urgent action to close the gap.



Rotary can answer that call by championing mental health awareness in our clubs, working with local health systems, funding training for community health workers, and supporting initiatives that bring care to places where none exists. Even small investments in mental health yield enormous returns in productivity, public health, and happiness.

While we are creating lasting change in the world, we cannot forget to take care of each other. Past RI President Gordon McInally wisely reminds us that we must go beyond asking, "How are you?" We owe it to each other to instead ask, "How are you really?" As we transition to a new year filled with new possibilities, let us Unite for Good — for healing, friendship, and access to happiness





# ROUNDUP

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

NOVEMBER - 2025

**Week - 01**

November 04, 2025

**Air Commodore (R)  
Shabbir Ahmed Khan**

President, Rashid Memorial Welfare Organization

**Week - 02**

November 11, 2025

**Syed Peer Muhammad Shah**

Deputy Inspector General of Police,  
Traffic, Karachi

**Week - 03**

November 18, 2025

**Mohammad Younus Dagha**

Former Minister for Revenue, Industries & Commerce,  
Govt. of Sindh

**Week - 04**

November 25, 2025

**Senator (R) Javed Jabbar**

Film-maker, media personality, award-winning writer,  
social worker, environmentalist and ex-Senator

Guest Speaker

# Air Commodore (R) Shabbir Ahmed Khan

President, Rashid Memorial Welfare Organization



Meeting #	Date	Topic	Participants
17 of 2025-2026	Tuesday, November 04, 2025	Rashidabad: a journey of Hope, Resilience & Faith	64

Air Commodore (R) Shabbir Ahmed Khan is a distinguished veteran of the Pakistan Air Force, where he served as a combat pilot in the 1971 war and later as Commandant of the PAF Academy in 1992. After retiring in 1997, he devoted himself to welfare and nation-building. Along with fellow officers, he pledged his pension commutation to establish Rashidabad, a 100-acre model city in Sindh providing education, healthcare, and social welfare. He later initiated two more projects, a 125-acre site near Swabi named after M.M Alam, and a 14-acre educational satellite near Rashidabad, set to open in 2026, continuing his lifelong mission of service to humanity.

## Meeting Proceedings

- Invocation followed by the National Anthem.
- Guest Speaker, Air Commodore (Retd.) Shabbir Ahmed Khan, President of Rashid Memorial Welfare Organization (RMWO), invited to the head table.
- Birthday greetings: Rtn. Omer Memon (Nov. 2), Rtn. Minhas Molwani (Nov. 3), and Rtn. Danial Baweja (Nov. 4).
- Wedding Anniversaries: Rtn. Mohiuddin Chawla (Oct. 30), Rtn. Muhammad Aslam (Nov 1), and PP Murtaza Mandviwala (Nov. 2).
- Rotary Fellowship Dinner to be hosted by Rtn. Mansoor Younus Sheikh on Nov. 29 at his residence.
- Project Updates - month of October 2025: 14 Breast Cancer Awareness sessions with 1,065 participants; 100 screened, 49 advised for mammograms. Mental Health Project: 149 patients, 182 sessions. Dialysis Project: 2,895 treatments. Artificial Limbs Project: 123 new patients, 187 repairs.
- Drug Awareness Programme: Seminar held on Oct. 30 at Beaconhouse International College, Korangi, in collaboration with Sindh Police South Zone. Attended by DIG South Syed Asad Raza, SP Asad Mirza, President RCK Ms. Naila Masood & Rtn. Tanvir Malik, and Beaconhouse country head, Ms. Safia Cassim.
- Donations invited for uniforms, sweaters, shoes, and bags for Mansehra schoolchildren.
- Induction of new members: Rtn. Dilawar Ahmed Dakhan and Rtn. Gohar Manzoor.

- President introduced the guest speaker, who spoke on "Rashidabad: A Journey of Hope, Resilience and Faith."
- Sunshine Collection: Total Rs. 69,630 till last week; Rs. 3,400 this week; total Rs. 73,030.

## Key Insights from the Talk

The speaker gave a detailed introduction to Rashidabad, a project of the Rashid Memorial Welfare Organization. The RMWO was set up by a group of dedicated retired PAF officers in 1998 in memory of Ft. Lt. Rashid Ahmed Khan, who embraced 'Shahadat' on 13th December, 1997.

The Mission of RMWO is to "Set up model Towns throughout the rural landscape of our country by integrating all essential facilities in a well-knit mosaic so as to ensure a positive beneficial outflow to the needy rural folk – all under one roof. The main thrust is on education, health and vocational training,"

Rashidabad is located in interior Sindh, 35 kms from Hyderabad towards Mirpur Khas on the main Hyderabad – Mirpur Khas Highway.

Rashidabad is a unique project. One single project that houses several leading community welfare and development organizations, providing humanitarian services. The partners who have set up fully functional facilities, benefiting over 1.8 million people, include TCF, Ida Rieu, Darul Sukoon, Fatimid, FEDF, Hunar Foundation. LRBT and still others.



Guest Speaker

# Syed Peer Muhammad Shah

Deputy Inspector General of Police, Traffic, Karachi



Meeting #	Date	Topic	Participants
18 of 2025-2026	Tuesday, November 11, 2025	TRACKS Faceless E-Ticketing System	86

Syed Peer Muhammad Shah is currently serving as DIG Traffic Karachi. He holds a B.E. degree from MUET, an MSc in Criminal Justice Policy from LSE, and is pursuing a PhD in Criminology. Since joining the Police Service of Pakistan in 2002, he has held key field and command roles across Punjab and Sindh, including DIG Headquarters, DIG Establishment, DIG Hyderabad Range, and DIG Sukkur Range. He has been awarded the President’s Police Medal, Tamgha-e-Shujaat, and two Quaid-e-Azam Police Medals for leading critical anti-dacoit and counterterrorism operations. He founded the Lok Sahaita Trust, leading flood relief, STEM talent programs and the Sukkur Marathon. He also introduced TRACS, which has automated enforcement, improved transparency, and set a new national standard in traffic management.

## Meeting Proceedings

- Invocation, followed by the National Anthem.
- Guest Speaker invited to the head table.
- A special welcome was extended to the 8-member visiting Japanese delegation, introduced by Trustee Aziz Memon, who also shared brief remarks.
- Birthday greetings: PP Shiraz Sachedina and PP Obaid Fatteh (Nov 5), Rtn. Qayser Alam (Nov 7), Rtn. Sahibzadi Mahin Khan and Rtn. Syed Fawad Ali Shah (Nov 10).
- Fellowship Dinner rescheduled to Dec 6, 2025, hosted by Rtn. Mansoor Younus Sheikh; registrations open.
- Sunshine update: Books donated by Mr. Zafar Masud, President BOP, offered for sale to support Sunshine Collection.
- Project updates: 32 new mental health patients (total 3,512); 740 dialysis treatments; 58 artificial limb patients served.
- Appeal for donations to support school uniforms, sweaters, shoes, and bags for students in Mansehra; initiative led by Trustee Aziz Memon.
- President introduced the guest speaker, who spoke on “TRACKS – Faceless E-Ticketing System.”
- Sunshine Collection: Total Rs. 73,030 till the previous week

## Key Insights from the Talk

- The speaker gave a detailed introduction TRACS (Traffic Regulation And Citation System), the new, AI based traffic violations monitoring system that has been introduced in Karachi.
- The system is based on installation of thousands of CCTV cameras on the roads of the city, integrated with AI, to detect a range of traffic violations, record these and issue tickets for payment of penalties.
- The system practically eliminates direct interaction between traffic police personnel and the public, and provides documentary evidence of traffic violations, this eliminating corruption.
- Thus, manual ticket system gets eliminated, transparency, efficiency and accountability is enhanced, and seamless online payment of fines is enabled.
- TRACS is integrated with Driving License System, Excise & Taxation System, Transport Department, Payment Gateways (1LINK, JazzCash, etc.) and Nadra E-Sahulat.
- Before the system was launched, it was thoroughly tested and world-class training was imparted to especially selected 80+ officers. Also, dummy tickets issuance was practiced for 3 months.



Guest Speaker

# Mohammad Younus Dagha

Former Minister for Revenue, Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Sindh



Meeting #	Date	Topic	Participants
19 of 2025-2026	Tuesday, November 18, 2025	Karachi - NFC Award & Constitutional amendments - An Apolitical Discussion."	69

Mr. Mohammad Younus Dagha is a veteran civil servant with over 34 years of leadership experience across energy, finance, commerce, trade diplomacy, and public administration. He holds degrees in Business Administration, Economics, Law, and Commerce. He has served as Federal Secretary for Finance, Commerce, and Water & Power, and held senior administrative roles in Sindh, KP, and Gilgit-Baltistan. As Chairman of the FPCCI Policy Advisory Board (2021–2024) and later founder of PRAC, he led major policy papers across key economic sectors. He also served as Sindh’s Caretaker Minister for Finance, Revenue, Industries, and Commerce.

## Meeting Proceedings

- Invocation by Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn. Aslam Khan and National Anthem
- Guest Speaker, Mr. Mohammad Younus Dagha, Former Minister for Revenue, Industries & Commerce, invited to the head table.
- Warm welcome extended to visiting Rotarians PDG Nancy Barbee and PDG Mary Eileen (USA).
- Birthday greetings: Rtn. Kashif Naseem & Rtn. Atif Iqbal (Nov 13); IPP Shoaib Ismail & Rtn. Dr. Wajiha Mohammad Ali (Nov 15).
- Wedding anniversaries: Rtn. Asma Zeeshan (Nov 12); Rtn. Danial Baweja & Rtn. Fiza Ahmed (Nov 15).
- Project updates for the week: 31 new mental health patients (total 3,529); 700 dialysis treatments; 62 artificial limb patients.
- Breast Cancer Awareness: Three sessions at Genesis Holding (35 participants, 15 screenings), Iqra University (160 participants), Manzil Educational Foundation (35 participants)
- Appreciation certificates awarded to PC Hotel staff
- Rs. 400,000 donation cheque to RCK Midtown for Government School Bahadur Yar Jang workbooks
- President introduced the speaker, who delivered a talk on “Karachi – NFC Award & Constitutional Amendments: An Apolitical Discussion.”
- Sunshine Collection: Rs. 12,100 collected today; total for the year so far: Rs. 86,430.00

## Key Insights from the Talk

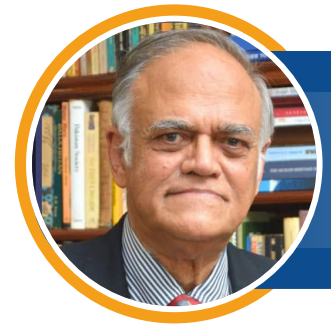
1. Karachi transformed from "Paris of Asia" to the 3rd most unlivable city globally despite being Pakistan's irreplaceable economic engine.
2. The 18th Amendment (2010) reversed genuine local government devolution by transferring powers to provinces.
3. Karachi lost Rs. 3,360 billion in 15 years through development fund deficits, lost GST/OZT transfers, and misused Infrastructure Development Cess.
4. The World Bank estimates Karachi needs US\$9–10 billion to bridge its infrastructure and service delivery gaps.
5. The 11th NFC must restore one-sixth GST transfers to local governments, ensure equitable development funding, and guarantee transparent IDC utilisation.



Guest Speaker

# Senator (R) Javed Jabbar

Film-maker, media personality, award-winning writer, social worker, environmentalist and ex-Senator



Meeting #	Date	Topic	Participants
20 of 2025-2026	Tuesday, November 25, 2025	Character ... some reflections	67

Senator (R) Javed Jabbar is a distinguished public figure with award-winning contributions in writing, filmmaking, media, education, environment, and public affairs. Author of 21 books and producer of acclaimed documentaries, he received the Hilal-i-Imtiaz (2025) for Literature. He served six years in the Senate and held major federal cabinet portfolios, introducing key policy reforms. A lifelong volunteer leader, he founded several development organisations, twice served as Global Vice-President of IUCN, engaged in Track-II diplomacy, acted as a Supreme Court mediator, produced 1971: Untold Story, and led Pakistan’s 2022–23 National Anthem re-recording.

## Meeting Proceedings

- Invocation by Rtn. Abdullah Feroz, followed by the National Anthem.
- Guest Speaker, Senator (R) Javed Jabbar, invited to the head table.
- Birthday greetings: PP Murtaza Mandviwala, PP Abbas Lavingia, Rtn. Faizan Tariq (Nov 19); Rtn. Abbas Shabbir Marvi (Nov 22); Rtn. Zainab Ebrahim (Nov 25).
- Wedding Anniversary: Rtn. Mohd. Moiez Shaikhali (Nov 25).
- Project updates: 27 new mental health patients (total 3,556); 730 dialysis treatments; 54 artificial limb patients served.
- MoU signed between RCK & Sindh Microfinance Bank to provide microfinance access for eligible Artificial Limbs Project beneficiaries, enabling income-generating opportunities.
- SMARTCOM–26 update: Trustee Aziz Memon invited members to participate in the District 3271 event in January.
- New Member Induction: Shahzad Ahsan, Executive Secretary, inducted into RCK.
- President introduced Senator (R) Javed Jabbar, who spoke on “Character... Some Reflections.”
- Presentation of Memento to the guest speaker by Trustee Aziz Memon, IPP Shoaib Ismail, PP Ajaz Saya, and PP Navin Merchant, along with RCK President Naila Masood & Honorary Secretary Zohare Ali Shariff.
- Sunshine Collection: Rs. 86,430 so far this year.

## Key Insights from the Talk

1. Character develops through multiple layers - DNA, life stages, relationships, education, economic circumstances, and faith, evolving through choices made at vital crossroads.
2. Personality is the character's "costume," but true character becomes visible only under conflict, stress, or temptation.
3. Integrity is not tied to wealth — both rich and poor can display strong or weak character.
4. Despite Pakistani compassion and hospitality, the nation faces a character crisis questioning whether leadership flaws caused or resulted from societal decline.
5. Character begins with each individual’s thoughts, words, and actions; echoing Marcus Aurelius, living authentically each day shapes personal character and collectively influences Pakistan’s future.





## International Day of Persons with Disabilities

3 DECEMBER

The 3rd of December is observed as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), first proclaimed in 1992, through a UN General Assembly Resolution. What began as the conclusion of the UN Decade of Disabled Persons (1983–1992), has since evolved into a global platform for advancing the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities. across every sphere of political, social, economic, and cultural life.

A disability may involve physical, sensory, cognitive, intellectual, or mental impairments, or chronic health conditions that significantly limit a person’s functioning compared to societal norms. However, as reflected in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), adopted in 2006, CRPD, emphasizes that disability does not reside in the individual alone. It emerges through inaccessible environments, discriminatory legislation, entrenched stigma, and a lack of supportive services that together restrict participation and opportunity.

Persons with disabilities continue to face disproportionate challenges such as lower educational achievement, fewer economic opportunities, and higher poverty rates. They also continue to die younger, experience poorer health, and face barriers across the entire health system, as per the 2022 WHO Global Report on Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities.

WHO data also shows that children with disabilities are nearly four times more likely to face violence; adults with disabilities are 1.5 times more likely, and adults with mental health conditions face almost four times the risk.

Over 1.3 billion people, or about 16% of humanity, lives with some form of disability. More than 100 million are children. In Pakistan, estimates of persons with disabilities range from 3.3 million to 27 million, reflecting gaps in data collection. Challenges of mobility, access, education, and employment remain widespread, reinforcing cycles of marginalization.

Rotary International has a long-standing history of advancing dignity, empowerment, and equal participation; values that align deeply with the spirit of IDPD. Through education, health initiatives, community service, and grassroots mobilization, Rotary continues to advocate for societies where every individual, regardless of ability can contribute meaningfully.

Disability inclusion is a year-round commitment for the Rotary Club of Karachi, which runs an Artificial Limbs Center established in June 2008, in collaboration with Jaipur Foot India and the local nonprofit organization, HASWA. The Centre is dedicated to restoring mobility and dignity for underserved communities. Over the past 17 years, it has provided more than 35,000 artificial limbs free of charge to patients across Pakistan.

The Center uses 2 technologies. One, a rigid design preferred by rural patients, especially farmers, as it allows them to walk barefoot in fields, developed by Jaipur Foot, India. And the second is modular limbs, which is lightweight and adaptable, offering flexibility for urban patients with varied lifestyles.

The work of the Center restores mobility, independence, and dignity to those who would otherwise remain marginalized.

The 2025 theme, “Advancing Access and Empowerment for People of All Abilities,” calls on societies to remove barriers, expand opportunities, and ensure people with disabilities are fully empowered to participate, lead, and thrive.

Fully in line with this theme, RCK recently concluded a MoU with the Sindh Microfinance Bank Limited, under which loans will be provided to interested and eligible beneficiaries of the ALP, to set up simple self-managed businesses. Thus by providing livelihood earning opportunities to people who were so far marginalized and dependent on others, this initiative of RCK and its ALP will seek to bring back these people into mainstream society.

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities reminds us that true inclusion goes beyond symbolic gestures, it demands commitment, policy reform, community awareness, and empathy.



# RCK ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION RECEIVES HIGHEST RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR FOR 17TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR



The Rotary Foundation is proud to announce that it has recently received a four-star rating — the highest level possible — for the 17th consecutive year from Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator in the United States.

In a recent message to Trustee Aziz Memon, Eric Schmelling, the Chief Philanthropy Officer of The Rotary Foundation, wrote:

*“Dear Aziz,*

*We owe this success to the unwavering support and dedication of individuals like you. Thank you for being a crucial part of what makes our Foundation a powerful force for meaningful change and lasting impact through service.*

*Charity Navigator determines its ratings by examining how nonprofits use their funds, how sustainable their programs are, and how well they adhere to industry standards of transparency and accountability. You can learn more about how Rotary does that in our most recent annual report.*

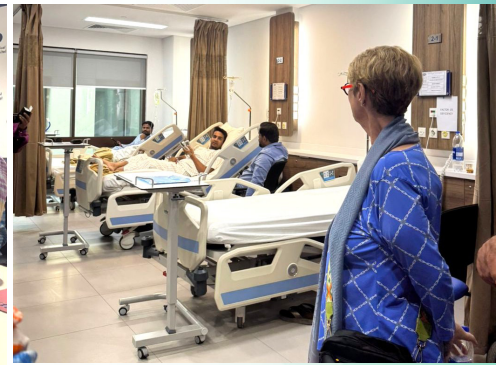
*Your support of The Rotary Foundation inspires others and directly makes a difference with initiatives around the world as well as projects based in your local community.*

*We’re deeply grateful for donors like you, who are dedicated to Doing Good in the World.”*

This recognition is a proud moment for the RCK also, as the home club of Trustee Aziz Memon. Transparent and independent verification and acknowledgement of the work of an organization is indeed a high accolade.

# VISIT OF EMINENT ROTARIANS FROM USA TO PAKISTAN AND TO THE RCK

Report by  
**Shafqat Ali**  
 Joint Secretary, RCK, 2025-2026



Two distinguished Rotarians from the United States—Past District Governors (PDG) Nancy Barbee (Jones County Rotary Club, North Carolina) and Mary Eileen (Metro New York City Rotary Club, New York), visited Karachi from November 16 to 20 to participate in the End Polio Now campaign.

The visitors had a very busy schedule, as outlined below:

**On Monday, November 17:**  
 Visit to Machar Colony for house-to-house immunization, visit to the EPI Center (Eidgah, Saddar Town), and Cantt Station Vaccination Center for transit immunization of children.

**On Tuesday, November 18:**  
 Visit to Emergency Response Unit (ERU) Gujro, Nutrition Corner, EPI Center & Birth Dose Initiative, vaccination activities in Jannat Gul Town, and the Rotary Team Support Center in Gharibabad.

**On Wednesday, November 19:**  
 On November 19, the visitors, accompanied by members of RCK, visited several major community service initiatives to understand their impact, operations, and long-term sustainability.

**Visit to Artificial Limbs Center (ALC)**  
 At the ALC, located within the Rotary Community Center (RCC) in Gulistan-e-Johar, guests were briefed on the center’s mission. A walkthrough showed the full patient journey—from registration to rehabilitation

—highlighting modern fabrication methods and compassionate care. Both PDGs praised the center’s high-quality prosthetics and holistic services.

**Visit to the Diabetic Center at RCC**  
 The visitors then toured the Diabetic Center, receiving an overview of its diabetes screening, monitoring, treatment counseling, and patient education services. They appreciated its structured approach and community support.

**Visit to Memon Medical Institute (MMI)**  
 Next on the agenda was MMI, where PP Ejaz Saya introduced the hospital’s mission and its collaborations with RCK to the esteemed guests. The tour covered the OPD, Laboratory, ICU, and OTs, showcasing advanced infrastructure and Rotary-supported services.

**Inspection of RCK’s Dialysis Center (Global Grant Project)**  
 A major highlight was the visit to the Dialysis Center, which offers free dialysis to about 100 patients daily. The visitors commended the project’s scale, efficiency, and life-saving impact acknowledging it as a remarkable example of Rotary’s mission to serving humanity.

**Presentation & Hosted Lunch at MMI**  
 The day ended with a presentation on Rotary project updates and future plans, followed by a lunch hosted by MMI with delicacies prepared in-house, allowing constructive discussion and fellowship, reinforcing bonds between Rotary communities across borders.

# MONTHLY PROGRESS OF ONGOING RCK HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS IN NOVEMBER 2025



**ARTIFICIAL LIMBS PROJECT:**  
132 new patients  
179 repairs



**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS:**  
3 sessions were held, benefiting 230 participants. 15 females were screened



**DIALYSIS PROJECT:**  
2,940 patients provided treatment



**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROJECT:**  
Total patients - 157 & total sessions - 189

## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The monthly Board meeting of RCK took place at the PC Hotel, on Tuesday, November 25, at 6.30 pm, before the Club's weekly meeting, which was a dinner meeting. The meeting was attended by 16 Board members.

- The Club's Honorary Treasurer, Ravi Kumar, reviewed the Club's financials.
- The Board reviewed the status of payment of annual subscription fee by members, and noted with concern that a sizeable number of members had still not paid their fee, even though over 5 months have passed since the fee became due. It was decided that Board members will follow up individually on this matter with several members each.
- Various proposals requesting the Club's financial and material support were reviewed and discussed.
- Trustee Aziz Memon recommended that RCK should have a joint meeting with one of the smaller clubs of the District. And the President and Honorary Secretary of smaller clubs can be invited to our weekly meetings.
- Membership applications of Nasir Khan, Sohail Mohammadi & Dr. Aftab Imam were reviewed and approved.



# District 3271 News

**World Health Organization Pakistan** | **PAKISTAN POLIO ERADICATION PROGRAMME** | **POLIO GLOBAL ERADICATION INITIATIVE** | **THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY**

## How Close Are We? The Last Mile to Polio Eradication

In Collaboration with Aga Khan University

**AGENDA**

- 10:30 AM** Moderator: Dr. Ali Faisal Saleem (Associate Professor & Vice Chair, Department of Paediatrics & Child Health, Aga Khan University, WHO Polio SAGE Member)
- 10:35 AM** Welcoming Remarks: Dr. Dapeng Luo (WHO Representative in Pakistan)
- 10:40 AM** Opening Remarks: Dr. Azra Fazal Pechulho (TBG) (Minister of Health and Population Welfare, Government of Sindh)
- 10:45 AM** Keynote Address: Mr. Aziz Memon (National Chair, Pakistan PolioPlus Committee, Trustee, The Rotary Foundation 2020-24)
- 10:55 AM** Panel Discussion
- 12:25 PM** Closing Remarks: Prof. Dr. Karim Damji (Dean, AKU Medical College)
- 12:30 PM** Refreshment and Networking

**Panelists:** Dr. Christopher Maher (Global Polio Eradication Expert), Dr. Jamal Ahmed (WHO Global Polio Director), Ms. Ayesha Razi Farooq (Prime Minister's Focal Person for Polio Eradication), Dr. Sebastian Taylor (Member, Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for Polio Eradication), Prof. Dr. Shahnaz Ibrahim (Section Head, Paediatric Neurology, Aga Khan University; Chair, National Polio Certification Committee (NPCC)), Dr. M. Ahmed Saghiyar (WHO Polio Team Lead)

21 November 2025 | Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Main AKU Auditorium, Aga Khan University  
P.O. Box 3500, Stadium Road, Karachi 74800, Pakistan

Seminar on Polio Eradication at Aga Khan University

**The Pause Project**

## THE HEALING HOUR BECAUSE YOU MATTER

LET'S PAUSE, SHARE, AND CREATE A CIRCLE OF PEACE AND MINDFULNESS TOGETHER

Date: Tuesday, 18th November  
Time: 2:30-5:00 PM  
Location: NIC Karachi  
Register here: <https://forms.gle/aeFXj8JuyWUZzoSU7>

**ENTRY FEE:**  
BRING A SMALL POTTED PLANT AS A TOKEN OF GRATITUDE & GROWTH

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Rotary Club Climate Avenue - talk on Healing

**Rotary District 3271**

## DISTRICT COMMITTEE PROFESSIONAL AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

INVITES YOU TO A SEMINAR ON

### EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Co-hosted by:

- Rotary Club of Karachi New Central
- Rotary Club of Karachi Kehkashan
- Rotary Club of Karachi Bay
- Rotary Club of Karachi Nexus
- Rotary Club of Karachi South
- Rotary Club of Quetta Cosmopolitan

**Tuesday, 18th November**  
4:00 pm till 6:30 pm  
Pakistan American Cultural Center  
11 Fatima Jinnah Rd, Karachi Cantonment

Seminar on Empowering Communities through Professional Training - co-hosted by 6 Rotary clubs

**Rotary Zone 9 and 10** | **Public Image** | **Rotaract Asia Pacific Multi-District Information Organisation** | **RPICZ10B&C Monthly Webinar**

## NextGen Rotary: The New Face of Rotary

18th November 2025 | 09:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Tuesday GMT+8 | Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong

**Opening:** Rotary Public Image & the Webinar Series by PDG Dato' Bindi Rajasegaran & PDG Mildred V. Vitangcol (Rotary Public Image Coordinators (RPIC) Zone 10)

**Keynote:** Rotary Reimagined: Adapting Service to a Changing World by Rtn PDRR Ian De Borja

**Brief Insights:** Building Bridges, Not Walls: Strengthening Collaboration Between Rotaract and Rotary by IPDRR Jean Chen

**Resources & Discussion Wrap-Up:** Purpose with Relevance: Engaging the Modern Member by Ashvina Annamitra

**Moderated by:** ARPIC IPDRR Jonathan (Rotaract Club of Petaling Jaya, RI District 3300, Malaysia), IPDRR Jean Chen (Rotaract Club of Douliou Science, RI District 3470, Taiwan), Ashvina Annamitra (Rotaract Club of Petaling Jaya, RI District 3300, Malaysia; Past Rotaract District Public Image Chair and Public Image Specialist)

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Monthly Webinar NextGen Rotary: The New Face of Rotary





Rotary District 8271



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## INTERACT CLUB OF KARACHI SAFE CITY

PRESENTS

# OPEN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2025

For Creating Awareness To End Polio in Pakistan

SATURDAY | 29 NOVEMBER | 2025

4:00 PM Onwards

Venue

## Sindh Sports Club Nazimabad

Block-2 , Nazimabad, Karachi

**Men's Doubles Tournament**

**Registration Fee : PKR 1,000 (Per Player)**

**Last Date For Registration: 27th November 2025**

**Event Attraction**

Refreshments For Players | Participation Certificates For Players  
Trophy / Shield For Winners & Runners Up

For Registration Whatsapp Only: **+92 333 3221152 | +92 318 3509253**

Venue Provided By: District Sports Office Central, Sports & Youth Affairs Department, Government of Sindh



Rotary Club of Karachi Safe City - Badminton tournament



Rotary Club of Karachi Pearl - Oral Hygiene Awareness Session

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