

# RESOLUTION 24R-23

To request the RI Board to consider adding Hindi as one of the officially recognized languages of RI

**Proposer(s):** District 3170, India

1 WHEREAS, currently, only English, French, German, Italian, Korean,  
2 Portuguese, and Spanish are recognized as official languages of RI, and

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4 WHEREAS, Rotary has developed within India to the extent that it is now the  
5 second largest membership concentration worldwide, and

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7 WHEREAS, as India's national language, Hindi is spoken proficiently in most  
8 parts of the country, whether it be in rural, semi-urban, or urban areas, and

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10 WHEREAS, language is the best medium for communication, which creates  
11 direct impact and comfort to an individual, and

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13 WHEREAS, language provides diversity, equity, and inclusion

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15 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
16 International consider adding Hindi as one of the officially recognized languages  
17 of RI, which will help revitalize membership, enhance participation and  
18 engagement, and help grow contributions to TRF.

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## **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

19 Rotary's aims, objectives, motto, and philosophy of service can best be explained  
20 within the comfort zone of the individual member. Information about the  
21 organization, provided in the local language, will create interest amongst the  
22 members. Transformation of a person into a Rotarian is made easier through the  
23 use of the language of a land wherein great potential for Rotary membership  
24 development and retention exists. Providing online learning in Hindi will  
25 reinforce the commitment of members towards RI.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

26 If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI  
27 which cannot be determined at this time. RI currently provides support for Hindi  
28 based upon needs determined from surveying clubs and the local office. For  
29 example, club officer kits are provided in Hindi.

- 1 The increase in expenses would be due to providing more publications in Hindi,
- 2 adding Hindi to the RI website, and full-time translation and interpretation
- 3 services.