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"The purpose of human life is to serve,
and to show compassion and the will to help others."
Albert Shweitzer

5TH AUGUST 2022

The entire country was responding enthusiastically to the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign initiated by the Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The Members of RCDC contributed to the patriotic fervour by distributing 5000 flags, over three days, in the slum clusters around the Naraina Industrial Area. The campaign was launched, in association with a NGO called Indraprastha Sanjeevni, by the Chief Guest - Mr Jitendra Mani DCP Delhi Metro



6TH AUGUST 2022

Rotary Club of Gurgaon Qutab Enclave organised a Camp at RDK. We always welcome all the clubs of the District and beyond to extend their benevolence to the underprivileged patients at RDK.



12TH AUGUST 2022

RCDC, once again, evidenced their commitment to improving the environment by planting more trees at the Main Road Park in Greater NOIDA, in collaboration with Export Promotion Industrial Park Welfare Association. First Lady Rtn Shashi Aggarwal gifted Basil planter to everyone who participated in the event.



13TH AUGUST 2022

Team RCDC were at their 'Temple Of Service' --- Rotary Divyang Kendra, to make the Independence Day celebrations more meaningful and relevant. The meeting started with donating limbs and assisting patients with the necessary support they needed at this stage. This was followed with flag hoisting and a club meeting where the President Rtn Sanjay Aggarwal spoke about the projects done until now and future plans. The members were treated to a delicious lunch after the meeting.





14TH AUGUST 2022

Our Club Secretary Rtn Dr Neelam Sethi is very committed to fulfilling her responsibilities even whilst on a holiday ! She was at Sunny lake and on behalf of the club she delivered a talk on Carcinoma Of Cervix, Vaccination of CaCx & Menstrual hygiene. They also distributed sanitary napkins and food packets to all the women. Also organised Tea and Samosas for all the attendees. Almost 40 people in all were at the event including 6 Rotarians --- Rtn Dr Neelam Sethi and Rtn Dr K.K. Sethi from RCDC and four Members from Rotary Club of Nainital.



16TH TO 18th AUGUST 2022

Commitment is definitely the stepping stone to achieving big things in life and it pretty much underpins our motive to serve humanity and the underprivileged. It is this level of commitment that is truly admirable in our Members like Rtn Dr Ganesh Mani, Rtn Dr Manju Mani, Rtn Mukta Raghunath and Rtn C.Raghunath. After nearly two and a half years of not being able to engage with schools for this very noble cause, the Gift Of Life team sprung into action at the first opportunity they had to organise health camps again. They were at the DTEA School in RK Puram for three days during which they conducted a full fledged Health Check-Up Camp with the primary focus of identifying children with problems in their heart. While Rtn Mukta Raghunath and Rtn C.Raghunath were instrumental in organising the camp on behalf of RCDC (like they have always been) , Dr Manju Mani was personally checking the little children to understand their problems. Club Secretary Rtn Dr Neelam Sethi advised the older girls along with Dr Manju Mani on menstrual and personal hygiene. The camps will be organised on a regular basis and students who are identified with cardiac issues will be treated by our very committed and altruistic Dr Ganesh Mani.



17TH & 18TH AUGUST 2022

BLOOD DONATION CAMP WITH DPSRU

A single drop of blood can make a huge difference to humanity. Delhi Pharmaceutical Research and Sciences University Faculty and staff enthusiastically participated in a Blood Donation Camp organised with RCDC and collected 64 units of blood. DPSRU Rotaracts volunteered for screening and donation through the day. Prof RK Goyal Vice-Chancellor encouraged the students and motivated them to participate in this noble project and IPP Prof Harvinder Popli Director DPSRU coordinated the entire event.



RCDC BLOOD DONATION CAMP AT LOVELY PROFESSIONAL UNIVERSITY ON 17 AND 18 AUGUST AND COLLECTED 1101 UNITS OF BLOOD



**Blood Donation
Camp**

17th, 18th Aug. 2022

Venue :
Block - 28, 56 Basement
Lovely Professional University Punjab-144411

Time: 10:00 am onwards

**Donate blood.
Give the gift of life.**

Organised By :
Pitampura Blood Centre
Noida Charitable Blood Bank






Rotary Club of Delhi South Central
&
Rotary Club of Delhi Central

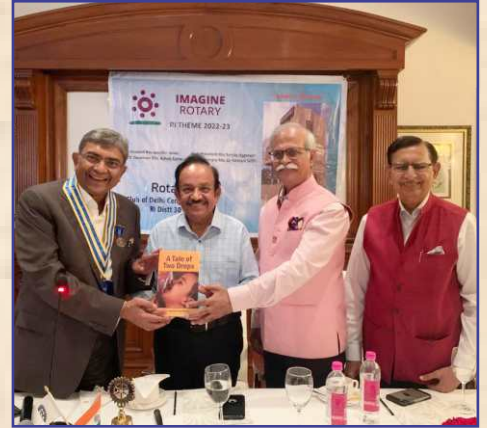


20TH AUGUST 2022

SPEAKER MEETING

The eminent Speaker on this day was the former Union Health Minister Dr Harshvardhan and the topic was "Global Challenges of Polio and Covid ---An Indian Perspective". RCDC had a record attendance on the day because they considered it their privilege to listen to a man who was described by the Late Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee as 'Dr Swasthya Vardhan'. Dr. Harshvardhan spoke about the instrumental role Rotarians and he played in eradicating Polio in India. He started the campaign in Delhi in 1994 when he was the Health Minister of the Union Territory of Delhi. He was supported by Shri L.K.Advani who encouraged him to start the movement in Delhi and soon it emerged as a nationwide mission. Indeed, the pulse polio drive became the largest mass campaign, with exemplary public-private partnership, for the cause of making India a healthy society. The former Union Health Minister, who not only engineered polio eradication in India, has also handled several outbreaks in the past, such as Dengue, Ebola and Plague. He said he still remembers the wholehearted contribution of the Rotary International in the success of the polio eradication movement. Rotary volunteers came to help the State when they planned and dreamt about polio eradication and successfully administered the





magical two drops to little babies across 4000 villages across Delhi/NCR in their very first collaborative project. It was this commitment and dedicated perseverance of Rotary and the State that has helped in eradicating Polio from India. However, he cautioned everyone about the cases new in Pakistan and other parts of the world and said that until the dreaded disease was eradicated from all over the world we were not completely safe.

Dr Harshvardhan also spoke about the Government's Covid-19 initiatives and how we were one of the few countries that had successfully controlled it. We were also one of the world leaders in making in the vaccine for the virus and today we are distributing to several other countries in the world.

Dr Harshvardhan was introduced by another very eminent personality --- Rtn Dr K.K.Sethi. The vote of thanks was rendered by PDG Rtn Ranjan Dhingra who spoke about the achievements of Dr Hatshvardhan and the pivotal he played as State Minister and Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare. PDG Rtn Dr.N.Subramanian, whose contribution to eradication of Polio is legendary, spoke about the disease and how imperative it was to eradicate it completely from the face of the earth.

27TH AUGUST 2022

CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION AT SHANTI SAHYOG SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Certificates were awarded to our Cutting & Tailoring Program Trainees - Batch 7 - who had completed their 6 month Course at RCDC's Skill Development Center, Tughlakabad Village, New Delhi 110044.

This Program is supported by Rotary Club of Delhi Central & SINGER.

The Centre were honoured to have Rtn Sanjay Aggarwal, President - Rotary Club of Delhi Central, as their Chief Guest along with his gracious Spouse Rtn Shashi Aggarwal and Club Secretary Rtn Dr Neelam Sethi and Club Chairman for This Project PP Rtn Prem Vohra, accompanied by other Club Members.

Total Students Qualified: 31

Batch 7

1st Prize: Tamanna

2nd Prize: Lovely

3rd Prize: Meenu Kumari

The trainees presented a catwalk displaying outfits stitched by them, which was greatly appreciated and applauded by all present.

The President of the Centre, Dr. Suman Khanna Aggarwal, Mrs. N. Rishi Sr. Vice President Wing Commander (Retd) J.S. Chadda, Vice-President, Board Members *A. K. Marchant and Sharmila Abraham welcomed the guests and showed them around.

*Rotary Club President - Sanjay Aggarwal - acceded to the Centre's request to donate a sewing machine to Tamanna - the student who won the First Prize.

Shanti Sahyog thanked the Rotary Club President & Members for taking time out to Grace the Event & for providing refreshments to the trainees. The event was followed with a wonderful lunch at NDIM.



27TH AUGUST 2022

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

RCDC was the main host of this important District Event and had a key role to play in organising this seminar. District Secretary - Meets Rtn Mohit Luthra who is also Vice-President RCDC, was the MOC and he conducted the entire event seamlessly as he always does. DG Rtn Ashok Kantoor presented a memento which was received by Honorary Secretary Rtn Dr Neelam Sethi on behalf of the club



I WANT TO END POLIO. JOIN ME

PDC Dr. N. Subramanian

ENPC ZONE 4

ARRFC 2018-20,

TRF Cadre 2021-24

District chair CSR 2018-19,

District chair WinS 2017-18

District Governor 2016-17, RI District 3011

Chairman Emeritus, Rotary Delhi Central Charitable Trust

The recent rise in Polio cases in Mozambique, Pakistan, Malawi and Afghanistan are a matter of grave concern. The numbers this year till now are 20 compared to 6 cases last year, 14 of these being in Pakistan. Five cases have been detected in Mozambique.

The discovery of dreaded polio virus in sewage sample in the UK and Jerusalem while indicative of strong monitoring and surveillance, the recent case report of Polio in New York after so many years should be viewed with concern about emergence of this disease in other parts of the world reinforce the need of continuing our commitment to end Polio.

What we started 35 years ago cannot be left unfinished. Our promise of a Polio free world must be honoured.

Let us look back at some of the significant milestones in our attempt to eradicate polio. In 1979 while reading about the eradication of smallpox on a flight home from Philippines, past RI President Clem Renauf wondered if it was possible to address a global disease. His discussions with John Sever, District Governor in Maryland USA and chief of infectious diseases at US National Institute of Health led to initiation of Polio eradication as a worldwide Rotary programme under the Health, Hunger and Humanities (3-H) grant. This was approved by RI board in 1979 and funds to the tune of seven million dollars were raised to start Polio immunization project in Philippines.

In a recent address to Rotary, Dr. Harshvardhan, former minister of health and architect of the Polio programme in India described the significant role of Rotary at every step of Polio eradication in a very lucid manner. Rotary's role in initiating a global partnership, involvement of volunteers in the NID and contribution of The Rotary Foundation have helped the governments to save over 19 million people who would have otherwise been paralysed and over 1.4 million who would have been dead.

Rotary International in partnership with UNICEF has been leading partner in global Polio eradication initiative, the first initiative which envisioned Polio eradication through mass immunization. Rotary contributed over 2 billion dollars (15800 crores) and countless volunteer hours to immunise over 3 billion children from 120 countries and promoted several governments to contribute over 10 billion dollars (79000 crores) towards Polio eradication. More than 1 million Rotarians have contributed their time and personal resources towards Polio eradication. Our focus areas have been building awareness, advocacy, fund raising and engagement of volunteers.

Let us understand the value of what Rotary and the global health systems have achieved. Before the availability of the Vaccines, apart from the Atom Bomb, the biggest fear in the US was Polio. In 1952, 3145 people died of polio and 21269 suffered some kind of paralysis in the US alone.

At the start of the Rotary initiated GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE in 1988, over 350000 children in 125 countries became paralysed every year due to Polio. This dropped to 26 cases in 3 countries in 2015.

1938: Foundation for infantile paralysis was set up, which later was renamed the MARCH OF DIMES and provided funding for treatment of many

1955: The Salk vaccine (IPV) trial involving 1.8 million children commenced in the USA

1978: Start of Polio vaccination in India

1988: Global Polio Eradication initiative. Rotary in partnership with WHO, UNICEF and CDC formed the largest Private Public partnership in health.

1988: India committed to the World Health assembly resolution on Polio eradication

1995: National Immunisation Day (NID) and Sub National Immunisation Day which ensured immunisation of over 177 million children on NID and 77 million children on SNID. This is perhaps the largest immunisation programme involving over 2.4 million workers.

1997: Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) Surveillance

1999: Wild Polio Virus 2 eliminated from India

Jan 2011: Last reported case of Polio in India

Feb 2012: India removed from the list of Endemic countries

May 2012: World Health assembly endorsed the Polio Eradication

End Strategy Plan 2013-18

March 2014: South East Asia Region of WHO declared Polio Free

2015: India Joins 125 countries to introduce IPV in Routine immunisation

2015-16: shift from Trivalent (tOPV) to bivalent (bOPV)

2017 onwards: increasing concerns about VDPV numbers being in excess of WPV cases

2022: Substantial increase in global cases to 20 with 14 cases in Pakistan, compared to 2021



WELCOME TO 2022-23 ROTARY YEAR!

Dear Rotary family,

I've always been inspired by something my brother David once told me: "In order to live in the kind of society you want, you have to help build it."

As people of action, Rotary members have a long history of creating positive change within our communities and ourselves. And now, as we begin the 2022-23 Rotary year, I'm excited to continue the work of growing Rotary into the organization we want it to be and know it can be.

Delivering on our promise

Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) are not corporate buzzwords. They're important reminders that we need to understand and embrace our differences, provide equitable opportunities for success, and welcome one another exactly as we are.



For Rotary, DEI means ensuring that our clubs, meetings, and events are places where participants can speak openly and respectfully and where everyone feels welcome. It's about removing barriers to entry and success and opening doors to inclusion.

How can you help? We want to reflect the communities in which we live and serve. Invite community and business leaders and influencers from groups that are underrepresented in your club to participate in a club activity. Encourage a new club member to take a leadership role. Remove obstacles that could prevent some people from joining your club, like a meeting time or place that isn't accessible to everyone. Our ability to adapt is the key to strengthening Rotary's future.

Putting members first

The main reason Rotarians and Rotaractors remain Rotary members is that they feel welcomed and supported in their clubs. Increasing our membership continues to be a priority, but giving our members experiences they value and reasons to stay is equally important.



How can you help? To serve our communities, we first need to serve our members. Talk to your club leaders and fellow members about what they want from their Rotary experience and work together to make it happen. Learning

what keeps members engaged is a powerful tool for strengthening Rotary. These membership resources can help.

Empowering women and girls

All over the world, gender can still affect a person's ability to get an education, funding for a small business, or proper health care. We know that projects that improve the health, well-being, education, and economic security of girls will have a positive impact on the next generation of empowered female leaders.



How can you help? Develop a club-based initiative or apply for a district grant or global grant to fund a project that promotes girls' health, education, or economic independence. From supporting a local women's shelter to improving girls' access to water and sanitation, every project can make a big difference. Share your stories and learn what other clubs are doing to empower girls and women on Rotary Showcase.

Imagine impact

We've always proudly showcased the many ways Rotary drives change and makes an impact. This year, we'll use a variety of storytelling approaches to highlight projects in each area of focus. Our goals are to raise the visibility of our work; engage new influencers, media, leaders, and potential partners; and share what we've learned about how clubs can make projects in their communities even more effective.



How can you help? Visit the Learning Center to learn more about Rotary's focus on increasing impact. And download resources from Rotary's newly updated Brand Center to tell your club's story. By sharing your club's successes, you're showing people that Rotary is a service and leadership organization that makes a difference.

Rotary members have demonstrated that when we dream big – as with our fight to end polio – we can make our dreams a reality. This year, I'm asking you to Imagine Rotary – and to imagine a world where we each contribute to lasting positive change.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Jones

RI President, 2022-23

Let's Celebrate!

Happy Birthday

Rtn. Surender Miglani	09 Sep
PP Rtn. Dr. Ganesh Mani	11 Sep
Rtn. Amit Modi	11 Sep
PP Rtn. Prem Kumar Vohra	18 Sep
PP Rtn. Munish Kumar Gaur	19 Sep
PP Rtn. Vinit Vidyarthi	20 Sep
Rtn. Dr. Sharan Choudhri	23 Sep
Rtn. Pradeep Col. Batra	25 Sep
PDG Rtn. Dr. Narasimhan Subramanian	28 Sep
Jatinder Singh	8 Sep
Kalpna Jain	10 Sep
Archana Singhal	25 Sep



HAPPY Wedding ANNIVERSARY

5 Sep
Rtn. Dr. Neelam Sethi and Rtn. KK Sethi
12 Sep
Rtn. Balasubramaniam Raghupati and Anita Raghupati
13 Sep
PP Rtn. Mohit Luthra and Rtn. Rachna Luthra



The best way to find yourself is to **lose yourself** in the *service of others.*

EDITORIAL TEAM



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