



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

Rotary



R. I. President: Shekhar Mehta

District Governor: Anup Mittal

ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI SOUTH NEWSLETTER "ASHOKA" June, 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE CLUB



Esteemed Members and spouses,

Rotary Year 2021-22 has been 'Above and Beyond'!

I am privileged to have the opportunity to serve as the 53rd President of this prestigious Club. This has been a unique year of learning, bonding, fellowships all devoted to a single cause 'Serve to Change Lives'. I must say it has been a very rewarding and satisfying experience.

Our Seniors always mentored the leadership team. Our BOD & Committee Chair shared their experience to execute Community Projects, arranged Fellowships, created public image if Rotary and our Club, and kept our members & spouses engaged with outstanding Speaker meetings, week after week.

We started our journey with legacy projects and added a few long-term, sustainable projects. The main highlights of this year have been: Planted 1,59,337 trees, 44125 Covid vaccinations, 32 Gift of Life surgeries, served 19 Polio Booths & administered 1931 polio drops to kids, 4 Breast Cancer awareness talks, 12 Holistic Health Camps,

300 merit-cum-means monthly scholarships to girl students, started 2 Literacy Centers for 250+ street children, enrolled 25 girls for GDA course at IGNOU, served 4500 leprosy patients with food, medicines, walking aids, distributed 3000 blankets to homeless, served hundreds of senior citizens & disabled children, organized 3 Blood Donation Camps with 533 units of Blood, set up an Oxygen Generating Plant. The final tally is 628 Projects, 9820 Hours, totaling to Rs.10.8 crores with the penultimate being the Covid vaccination Camp on 30th June at the Jamia Hamdard University.

We celebrated our Rotaractors Golden Jubilee Year along with our 53rd year gala celebrations and also added a new Interactors Club. We organized joint programmes with Rotractors and Interactors such as: National Debate, Blood Donation, Literacy & Hygiene Camps.

We retained 100% membership, added 10 new members, encouraged spouse members to become members. We also added 21 members & spouses to PHF, arranged 13 Board meetings, 4 Assembly meetings, arranged Fellowship on Diwali, Christmas, 2 Walk & Talks, visits to Vrindavan & Gurukul, and the meticulously planned GOV & Thanksgiving. We participated in the District PETS, SETS, Seminars and Thanksgiving. We published '*Ashoka*' our monthly Bulletin, CSR, Gift of Life & Tree Plantation brochures and our Yearbook '*Above & Beyond*'. We also have a beautiful year film that we showed at the GOV.

We have qualified for RI Citation which we should be receiving soon. We also submitted our Citations to the District and we are so proud that our Club was recognized as the '*Elite Club, Elite President, Elite Secretary*' and to top it all our Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Kriti Makhija was awarded the '*Best Hony. Secretary*' of the District in the District 3011. **It is truly heartwarming that a**

spouse member with just 18 months being in Rotary got the, 'Rotarian of the year Award' from our Club, second time in a row, and also the coveted award of being the outstanding Secretary of the District.

It is indeed very gratifying that our leadership team worked meticulously, and our Club was once again, awarded the Elite Club status and was duly specially recognized by DG, Rtn. Anup Mittal and the District leaders. Our senior members, Rtn. Hemant Ahuja, Rtn. Satish Kapur, Rtn. Amarnath Goel, Rtn. Som Dua were specially recognized for their distinguished '*50 years of Service to Rotary*'. Our member, Dr. H.K. Chopra was given the '*Vocational Award*' for disease prevention and cure.

This spectacular achievement could not have been possible but for the support of the Seniors, BOD, Committee Chairs, members, spouses, associates, CSR partners and the involvement & participation of my family members.

I am looking forward to handing over the baton to PE Rtn. Lalit Sawhney and I am sure, he will make us all '*Imagine Rotary*' and take RCDS to reach newer heights.

Dear friends, this year has made a very positive impact on my life, and I am forever grateful to you and to our Club for giving me this opportunity to '*serve to change lives*'.

Thank you once again,

Anil K Agarwal
President



FIRST LADY MESSAGE



My Dear Friends,

A wonderful year has flown by! It seems like yesterday; Anil and his team had the installation and we have already had the RCDS Thanksgiving and the District Thanksgiving.

It has been my greatest pleasure to be amidst you

all, learn about Rotary, to serve the communities and to make friends for life.

Our family has been in philanthropy for long, however, we both have been inspired and motivated by the work done by you in serving the communities with empathy, goodness, and grace to change lives.

I am gratified by the love, care, and attention that I have received during our fellowships from each one of you and these will remain fresh in my heart forever.

I am humbled to see all the lovely congratulatory messages of a year of tremendous achievements, and I know it is God's grace that we could work with such kind and noble people.

Anil has a passion to help others selflessly and always go 'above and beyond', and I am happy our children have imbibed his habits and we are so fortunate our daughter in law, Gul has helped Anil whole heartedly,

in taking up so many community projects and closely with many of you to serve underprivileged. It has been an honor for our family to serve the unserved and we shall treasure these moments.

As we bid farewell to this incredible year, I pray that we continue to lead by example and give care and attention those who need it the most and make this world a better place to live.

I thank you all for the privilege of having served the Club alongside Anil and I am sure our friendship will flourish in the times to come, and we shall continue to serve Above and Beyond.

God bless you all with happiness and prosperity.

Kiran Agarwal

From the desk of the **E D I T O R**



As we enter June the last month in the life of a Rotary year, a very apt adage comes to mind -'Time and Tide wait for None'. I cannot recall a year when this innocuous proverb has been so audaciously challenged as by RCDS. The President and his team hit the ground running, and have been running ever since, breasted the tape in style, for such has been their commitment and fervour to take RCDS to new heights. I am certain and convinced that RCDS will be crowned with the highest ranking that the district reserves for its best Ratna!! A pictorial account of the past twelve months in the life of RCDS 2021-22 is a document of persistence, commitment and fervour. This is covered in the Year Book 2021-22 released on the occasion of the GOV on June 23, 2021. No avenue of service can claim being accorded less or more preference or entitlement.

They have all performed admirably and with equal felicity. Metaphorically speaking it's time to plan 'Beating the Retreat' to the famous and lyrically beloved tune of Muhammad Iqbal "Saare Jehan Se Achha Hindustan Hamaara!! - but with a twist ' Saare Jehan Se Achha RCDS Hamaara"!!

Before I sign off on completing a year as the Editor of Ashok, I must acknowledge the support of the entire editorial team and their exceptional commitment to produce a well documented newsletter. If I name one, I must name all, as they all measured up to their strength. The team : Mentor, Deepak Kapoor, Advisor, Bhuvna Shashinath, Admin Kriti Makhija, Coordinators, Aarti Malhotra, Monica Krishen, Priti Sanwalka and Priyanka Agarwal. God bless you all.

My gratitude would be incomplete without thanking our designer and printer Abhijeet.

Inderjeet Singh,
Editor

GOV and Thanksgiving June 23, 2021.

GOV is one of the most awaited and noteworthy events in the directory of events of a club. It's the official visit of the Governor, when the club gets an opportunity to unfold its plan for the year, but if the visit is closer to a Rotary year, ending as it happened this year, then it affords an opportunity to showcase the completion of projects and other events that are a part of the Rotary year.

A GOV committee under the leadership of PP Deepak Kapoor, was specially tasked to create a programme, which, whilst it was comprehensive in its coverage and presentation was crisp and elegant in its welcome of the DG team. After all RCDS is a club with a difference. They delivered all that and more. We in RCDS who have known PP DK, his understated elegance of communication, and sometimes the tongue in cheek euphemisms are all effective weapons in his arsenal of communication!! He deploys them to great effect without ruffling of feathers. RCDS was served well, and to great effect, by a sterling delivery as an MC. Cheers Deepak and to a well deserved Bunnahabhain!!

The evening proceeded with elan and to great effect. The District's and the Club's alternate presentations were an orchestrated symphony in harmony. Whereas, the club revealed the depth and length of its commitment to the various avenues of service, the District Governor was equally liberal with his appreciation of the contribution of RCDS in enriching the community and adding to the district's lustre.

Whilst, the President the first amongst the movers and shakers of the club held forth on the various initiatives, the District Governor was liberal in his felicitations for the vast number of projects the club managed to complete in a year. The President was of course equally forthcoming in high praise of his team for their remarkable contribution to the success of the Rotary Year 2021-22. And talking of the movers and shakers can the inimitable Kriti the Secretary, be missing from the midst of action!! She took the year by scruff of its neck- metaphorically of course- and her inimitable energy and traction, as though powered by a divine force, was in full force. She cajoled, she inspired, she yelled and occasionally shot from the hip to good effect. The club's achievements are a witness to her stellar performance, for which she was deservedly awarded the Rotarian of the Year award. However, if that was not all - to the beat and thunder of the drums at the District Award ceremony, she shared with two other worthies, the Best Secretary of the year award!! A befitting cherry on the cake to an action packed year!!

The GOV which began at 6.15 concluded to much bonhomie, back slapping, raising of toasts in the best traditions of a warm and fun filled fellowship. The au revoirs, auf wiedersehens, good nights or Subhakhairs signalled the cap on an eminently successful evening a great GOV and a sterling RCDS performance. Cheers.

The GOV and 'Jashn' the District Thanksgiving and Awards night are covered in detail elsewhere in this issue of the Ashoka.

Inderjeet Singh,
Editor

RCDS Literacy and Skilling Mission

Smart TV support to aid skilling and learning

June, 2022

**Venue 1 : Dukh Nivvana Samiti,
Arya Samaj VV
Venue 2: Motilal Nehru Camp,
Munirka**

Partner : DNS & Sankalp

We started 3 Healthcare skilling courses with IGNOU for June 1 2022 at DNS for which a smart TV was must. Also for our literacy centre at Munirka support 200+ children from Grade 5 to Grade 8 needed a smart TV for learning support for the children. RCDS bought and installed the TVs at both locations. This will go a long way in skilling and grade level literacy. The smart TVs will support not just the current batches but also all future skilling and learning needs.



GDA Inaugural Session and Induction with IGNOU

1st June, 2022

Venue: DNS Arya Samaj Vasant Vihar

RCDS Team: President Anil K Agarwal, PE Lalit Sawhney, Rtn. Som Dua, Dr. Shweta Javali, Rtn. Deepak Kapoor and Rtn. Tridibes Basu. R'Anee Rajni Dua also graced the occasion.

Arya Samaj team: President Minnie S Gupta, Mr Jarnal Singh and Mr Sapra

The planning and hardwork over months came to fruition today as we attended the inaugural session and induction with IGNOU for the healthcare training programs in collaboration with Dukh Nivaran Samiti. Starting today, we are running 3 IGNOU certified healthcare courses, which will be held over a period of six months of intensive classroom and on the job training with leading hospitals.

The 25 young girls from EWS, who have registered for the training will be suitable to gain employment in healthcare sector. We were delighted to see a great response on registrations and what's even more heart-warming that it's an all-girls batch – dual objective met- Skill India and Women

empowerment! All the necessary support and expenses for registration is borne by RCDS and DNS is supporting with the logistics and the training facility. RCDS has also equipped the center with a state of the art 'smart TV' for the course. Team RCDS and partners are committed to the cause and this is first of the many vocational skill training that we are planning to do to #SkillIndia for a prosperous future for all!

President Anil spoke to the young girls in detail about the other course that RCDS runs and encouraged them to be our brand ambassador to tell more of their friends and family about the same. Rtn. Som Dua encouraged the girls to do the course with full commitment and dedication as this fully paid course could be their golden ticket to a brighter tomorrow. PE Lalit also expressed his delight to be part of this inaugural session. The discussions were informative and was followed by detailed Questions Answers Session. Women empowerment is the first step for a prosperous world and what better than giving the young girls the gift of skill leading to employment and financial independence.



Diaper Support to Mother Teresa Home, Jungpura

6th June, 2022

Partner- Himalaya Drug Company Limited

"Faith in action is love - and Love in action is service" – Mother Teresa.

And serving humanity is what Rotary Club of Delhi South and each of our members is committed to. Our work to support Mother Teresa's Jeevan Jyoti Home is only a means to put our love for poorest of the poor into action. As part of our community service outreach, we have been supporting them with diapers and other necessities to provide material support to the children. 17 cartons of Himalaya Adult Diapers containing quarter stock were delivered on June 6, 2022



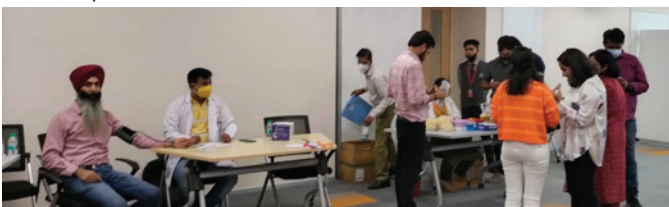
RCDS Blood Donation Camp

10th June, 2022

Partnership: PriceWaterhouseCoopers & Rotary Blood Bank
Venue: PwC Office in Udyog Vihar Gurgaon
8 am to 6 pm
51 Units of blood donated by Volunteers

RCDS Team: Deepak & Sarita Kapoor, Rajni & Som Dua, Sarvpreet Singh, Rajeev & Vandana Seoni, Sanjeev Krishna

We organized a blood donation camp in partnership with Rotary Blood Bank and PriceWaterhouseCoopers on Friday June 10, 2022 during 8 am to 3 pm. Many thanks to Team PwC for making wonderful arrangements. Tea, Coffee, Lunch for volunteers was organised by PwC. Frooti, Snack, Donor Certificate and Mug for Donors was organised by Rotary Blood Bank. All logistics arrangements were done by RCDS and PwC together. Thanks to Members for being at the Camp. Special thanks to Sanjeev, Sumit and Deepak for organising the camp well.



RCDS Blood Donation Camp

Partnership: Rotary Blood Bank
Venue: DLF Mall of India, Noida
31 Units of blood donated by Volunteers

RCDS Team: Anil K. Agarwal, Naman Agarwal, Rajni & Som Dua, Aashima Agarwal

BVN Interactor team and Rotaractors

We, RCDS, RaCDS and our Interactor Club BVN, organized a blood donation camp in partnership with Rotary Blood Bank on June 16, 2022 during 10 am to 6 pm. The camp started with a few of our own volunteers donating blood and leading by example. The Interactors also spread awareness and motivated public for blood donation. Many thanks to Rotary Blood Bank for all the support.

Frooti, Snack, Donor Certificate and Mug for Donors was organised by Rotary Blood Bank. All logistics arrangements were done by RCDS. Thanks to Members for being at the Camp. Special thanks to Sumit and Naman for organising the camp well.



Langar Seva

11th June, 2022

Langar Seva June 11, 2022 by Kriti & Sumit Makhija
Venue : Jhang Bhawan Haridwar
Number of beneficiaries: 70

Rotary Couple, Rtn Kriti Makhija and Rtn Sumit Makhija leave no opportunity to serve the lesser privileged. For every happy and remembrance moment in their life, they donate and serve with 'tan man and dhan'. Remembering her father on his 4th death anniversary, Rtn. Kriti and her husband Rtn. Sumit organised langar Seva for 70+ brahmans and underserved people. The langar service was preceded by special prayers. The seva was a therapeutic and blissful experience and brought peace for the family. Kriti says, "the best way to remember Papa is to live by his moral code- to serve and spread joy". And the seva was a great tribute in remembrance of her father.



Chabeel Seva at Gurudwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha GK II

11th June, 2022

Chabeel Seva June 11 by Kriti & Sumit Makhija
Venue : Gurudwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha GK II
Number of beneficiaries: 100

Regular Patrons and strong Devotees, Rtn Kriti Makhija and her husband Rtn Sumit Makhija have been going to this Gurudwara for last 15 years. Remembering her father on his 4th death anniversary which on the auspicious day of Nirjala Ekadashi, Rtn. Kriti and her husband Rtn. Sumit organised Chabeel Seva for 100+ people. The langar service was preceded by Ardaas. The seva was a humbling and another opportunity to serve the lesser privileged



Sub-National Immunization Day

19th June, 2022

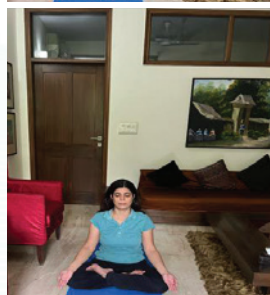
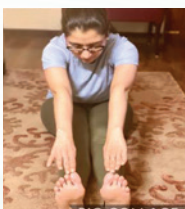
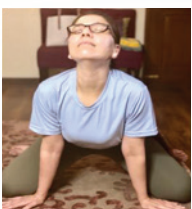
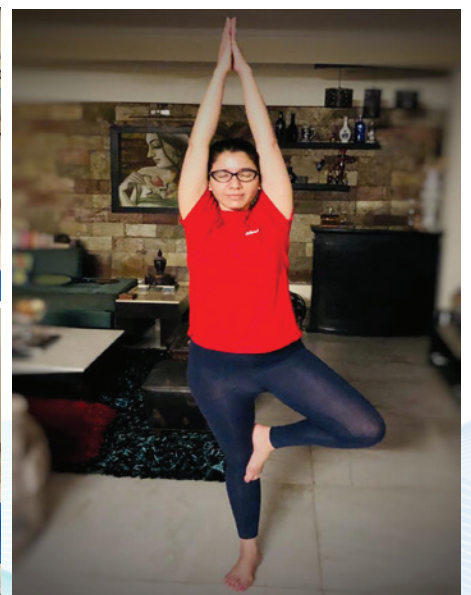
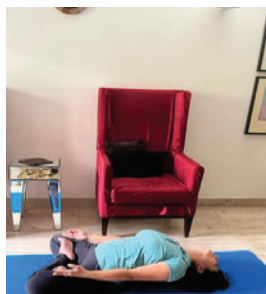
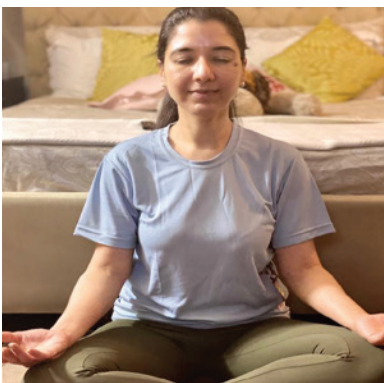


Celebration of Yoga Day across all Sankalp centres

21st June, 2022



RCDS YOGA



Governor's Official Visit and Thanksgiving

23rd June, 2022

The much-awaited Governor's Visit to the Rotary Club of Delhi South was held on 23rd of June 2022 at India International Centre. The preparation of the visit started 15 days ahead by the GOV team under the leadership of PP Deepak Kapoor, who was also entrusted the responsibility to be the MC of the Thanksgiving event, kunki, "Deepak jaisa koi nahin", perfect combination of personality, charisma, shayari, wit and more. The venue was perfectly set up- banner, flowers, awards, standees, AV and looked elegant to match RCDS style.

The District Governor Rtn. Anup Mittal and his good lady Shruti Mittal joined us at the venue at 6:15 pm along with other District dignitaries Rtn. Vivek Jain (District

Secretary Administration), Rtn. Sammeer Gupta (District Secretary- Admin), Rtn. Namrata Suri (District Secretary Admin), DGN Rtn. Jeetendra Gupta and his charming wife Deeptie and DGND Mahesh Tripathi. DG Anup was welcomed with bouquet of hand made flowers and card by RCDS- Sankalp literacy Centre children, Prashant and Anubha. The District team met with RCDS Board, Committee chairs, Interactor Clubs and Rotaractor Club to know the highlights of the work done. They reviewed all the GOV documents at the meeting and also were completely abreast with the work done as all reports and documents were submitted way ahead of time by Hony Sect, Kriti. President Anil gave an overview of the year gone by and DG Anup Mittal spoke about the work at District level and complemented President Anil and team on the exceptional work and said that a Club like ours was perfectly poised to mentor other Clubs.

Just as we entered the 'Multi- purpose' hall for the Club meeting and thanksgiving, we were greeted with many smiles and hugs but our host for the evening MC Deepak Kapoor, who had a difficult task of time keeping, ensured we towed the line and did not delay the celebration any further. President Anil called RCDS 2390th meeting to order and it was a delightful moment to see First lady Kiran collar the president (don't miss that picture, it is priceless). Rtn. Sanghamitra Basu began the event with National Anthem a beautiful invocation while the Chief guest, dignitaries and Club Officials lighted the lamp.

Deepak then in his inimitable style welcomed the dignitaries and DG, First lady and all dignitaries. Each of them were presented with an eco-logical potted plants by RCDS leaders. To showcase RCDS achievements, on cue from MC, Rtn. Sumit played the RCDS AV, which was the kaleidoscope of the year gone by. Every RCDS members present in the room sure would have felt proud to see the vibrant colors of impact and happiness, across all areas of projects, membership, giving, club services. President, Rtn Anil K Agarwal then walked to the podium amidst applause and addressed the gathering to express his pride to be the 53rd President of this illustrious club, lead an expectational team and having delivered one of the most successful year in the history of RCDS. He gave a holistic, straight from the heart

address which connected with every person in the room. He expressed his immense gratitude to the entire RCDS Family, seniors and mentors, and especially called out a few exceptional people who were key to the unparalleled success in RY 2021-22.

President RCDS 2021-22, Anil K Agarwal's address and the RCDS year film were remarkable and rounded up the year, very well capturing the vibrancy of the Club and the impact of our 600+ projects in 2021-22, the highest in the history of RCDS and as DG Anup Ji said, perhaps highest in the district. The special felicitation for President Anil K Agarwal by DG Anup Mittal Ji was a surprise element and brought a lot of cheer.

The special highlight of the evening was the unveiling of our yearbook 2021-22, 'Above and Beyond', representing the spirit, mission and action of RCDS all through the year. The book was unveiled by DG Anup Mittal, PDG Hemant Ahuja, President Anil, PP Deepak and Hony. Sect Kriti.

DG Rtn. Anup Mittal was then invited to share his thought and inspirations. He started by complimenting President Anil and his team for outstanding, stellar work in 2021-22. The DG praised President Anil for his stellar leadership and starting many mega project and initiative aligned to RI & Distt. He praised Hony Secretary Kriti for walking shoulder to shoulder with the President to deliver this exceptional year. He went on to talk about some converging District Initiatives – prosthetic hand, sanitary pad factory, skill to employment programme and more. He also spoke about 'Happy District' initiatives and said his personal goal and that of all of us should be always happy and 24x7 Rotarian, always ready to be of service. He added that our club should seriously consider adoption of EOBO, Each one donating to TRF, and consider becoming PHF, PHS and major donors to TRF.

President Anil and PDG Hemant Ahuja then gave a plaque to the DG as a token of our appreciation for his support through RY 2021-22.

Hony Secretary, Kriti, then took on the MC for the next segment- Felicitation and awards. This segment took the excitement level a notch higher. She started by saying, "This year has been stellar thanks to the unstinted commitment and support of our members and also some of our key partners – this height of success would not have been possible without their support and equal commitment to serve to change lives. And this, felicitation and awards, is to express our gratitude and acknowledge their incredible support".

The evening ended on a very high note with conferring Honorary PHF to 4 patrons from the Club, Dr Vikas Kohli CHF for being our partner in Gift of Life programme, Shri SK Jindal for his support for Gift of Life, Holistic Health Camps and tree plantation, Mr Hamid Ahmed for tree plantation and daily COVID vaccination camp & our very special Gul Shankar, the girl with the most charming smile and golden heart who worked tirelessly all through the year

across all projects, handled 3 large projects and supported President Anil and Hony Sect Kriti in all activities.

Mementoes were also given to 10 of our partners – Sankalp Society, Sitaram Bhartiya, ACRE, RGIRC, Lepira Society, DNS, Velocity, Mr. Sati, Dr, Naik & DR and Mrs Yadav from AIIMS.

The coveted 'Rotarian of the year' was given to Hony Sect. Rtn. Kriti Makhija by President Anil, second year in a row, amidst applause. He said that she was a winner hand down as she epitomises the values and spirit of Rotary.

MC Deepak added more wit and shayari to the evening when he said he could hear the glasses being set and the wine being poured and recited a few line of 'madhushala'.

PDG Hemant Ahuja, in his gracious style gave the most befitting vote of thanks. And President Anil Called the formal meeting to close.

Then conversations, celebrations and congratulation continued..... It was a day of celebrations of our achievements in 2021-22 and also a day of hearing from our DG about the larger vision and work done at the District level, to learn, be inspired, imagine new possibilities and continue to serve to change lives with full 'Josh, Junoon and Jazbaa'. It was a day of pride and gratitude for every RCDS member in the room, for our remarkable achievements and thanksgiving to our District team and all our partners who made 2021-22, an absolutely sterling year.

We were humbled with the accolades from District team and the partners who extended warm compliments to President Anil K Agarwal, Hony Sect. Kriti Makhija and Team 2021-22, for giving RCDS the best year in its 53-year history.

What a GOV and Thanks giving- elegant and perfectly delivered event! The RCDS Team stood together is solidarity, each once helping, applauding and looking their best in their 'finest formals' – indeed a very good looking team.

A special thank you to our MOC, PP Deepak Kapoor for hosting the evening in his inimitable style and a big shout out to the entire GOV team for flawless execution and making it a memorable evening.

GOV Committee:

Chairman & MOC - **PP Deepak Kapoor**

Members – **President Anil, PP Tridib Basu, IPP Pradeep, PE Lalit Sawhney, Hony Secy. Kriti, Rtn. Meenakshi, Rtn. Naman, PP Som Dua and Rajni Dua, Sarita Kapoor and Dolly Suri**

Coordination and venue support: **Gul Shankar**

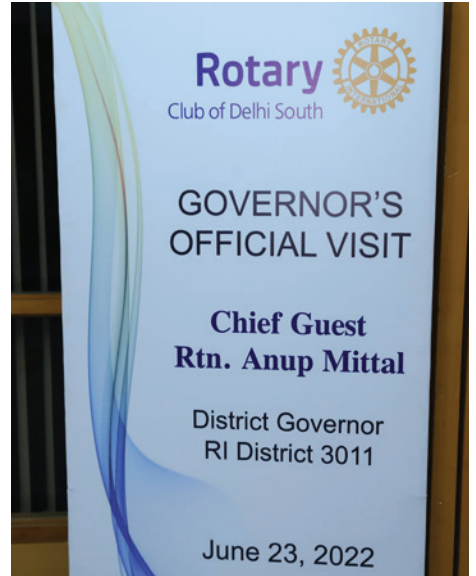
AV support: **Sumit Makhija**

Registration and welcome: **Archana Katariya and Ila Jain**

Awards handover: **Sarita Kapoor and Rachna Sadana**

Year Book, Directory and Film: **Kriti, Gul and President Anil**

GOV



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Stationary and Goodies Distribution

24th June, 2022

Stationary and goodies distribution by Kriti & Sumit Makhija
Venue : RCDS Sankalp Centre Munirka
Number of beneficiaries: 200

Rotary Couple, Rtn Kriti Makhija and Rtn Sumit Makhija leave no opportunity to serve the lesser privileged. For every happy and remembrance moment in their life, they donate and serve with 'tan man and dhan'. Remembering her father on his 4th death anniversary, Rtn. Kriti together with their mom and son visited the RCDS Sankalp centre to celebrate the life and legacy of her father. The vibrancy of the place filled our hearts with joy. The joy amongst children to see them talk to them and get their copies and full stationary set along with frooti and oreo biscuits was unparalleled. The children bestowed the family with handmade cards and flowers which the family will cherish always. The Children interacted confidently with the family and it was truly amazing to see how much they value what they are learning at the centre. Kriti says, "papa was a person who always gave from his heart and the best way to remember him was by sharing our blessings. There sure could not have been a better way to celebrate my dad's life and legacy- prayers and giving".



'Jashn'- District Awards & Thanksgiving

25th June, 2022

The District award & Thanksgiving event, 'Jashn', started at 2 pm and ended past 2 am. The energy level of DG Anup Mittal was unmatched - he was on the stage for over 12 hours with no break and without the loss of enthusiasm or energy. Each of his team member, including First lady Rtn. Shruti Mittal gave up after a bit and sat down but DG Anup was untiring. The long 12 hours program was tiring but totally worth it as we brought home the following awards and certificate of recognition.

Our Club were honored as the Elite Club of the District. It was truly a proud moment for the RCDS entourage led by RCDS inspiring President, Anil K Agarwal to walk up the stage to receive the honor of 'Elite Club, Elite President and Elite Hony. Secretary' - This is indeed an award for each of the RCDS family, partners and volunteers.

Our stalwarts and senior members got recognition for 50+ years of being Rotarians. We felt proud to be in the audience and cheer for these stalwarts. Heartiest congratulation to:

- PDG Hemant Ahuja
- Rtn Satish Kapur ji
- Rtn Som Dua ji
- Rtn AmarNath Ji

Special recognition and awards were bestowed on:

- PE Lalit Sawhney for District chair - Social Media
- PP Deepak Kapoor for District chair - CSR
- PDG Hemant Ahuja- PDG award

Vocational service award for Dr. HK Chopra for 'Disease Prevention and Cure'. Team RCDS was delighted to see Dr. Chopra and the event and cheered for him as he went

upon the stage to receive the award.

Each time we went up the stage, DG Anup would say, pls wait till the end and we were tired, especially Amar ji, but we waited and the long 12-hour wait was worth it...

Our Hony Secy, Kriti made us super proud, as she walked up to the stage, elegantly and gracefully to receive the award for 'Best Hony. Secretary of the District', shared with 2 more club secretaries. However, as they had left it was her show entirely. The members of Kohinoor team complimented her by saying, 'you deserved and earned it. May be its a record that a Rotarian who is just 18 months in Rotary has won this coveted award. Surely no one and specially a woman Rotarian (of not all woman members club) has ever done. You have set an example and set the BAR too high and am sure it will immensely motivate each and every one'.

We also bagged 15 Commendation Certificates as below:

1. Supporting T.E.A.C.H Program
2. Attendance Reporting
3. Joint Club meetings
4. New Interact Club
5. Vocational Award
6. Blood Donation Camps
7. Social media Presence
8. Health Check-up Camps
9. Membership Growth
10. Club Bulletin
11. Supporting Environment
12. Peace Building Initiatives
13. The Polio NID Program
14. Public Image Campaign
15. New Service Project

We also got 5 Participation Certificates for:

1. District Literacy meet
2. District Rotary Foundation Seminar

3. District Membership Seminar
4. District Grants Seminar
5. District Wins Seminar

Our overall performance of the year was applauded by the District at the GOV (Governor's official Visit) on 23rd June as most exceptional performance, one of the highest number of projects and the most elegant GOV in district. District officials met us at the 'Jashn' we repeatedly heard them say that our GOV was the best in the District and that our club executed the 'Best Projects'.

Sitting through the function, we noticed of the excellent work being done by Clubs & individuals. Many had made generous donations to TRF from USD 20K to 50 K and a few AKS as well. They were the ones to walk away with maximum individual contributor awards and also super-elite titles. Our Club has so way to go on TRF contributions.

We achieved many recognitions and missed a few. DGND commented, if he was to give the award, Our Club would get the Best Club award.

President Anil and I express our heartfelt gratitude to every RCDS family member, partner and volunteer, for supporting the leadership team of the year to reach greater heights.

Our grateful thanks to Rajni Ji & Som Ji & PE Lalit ji for staying with us for a long time and very special gratitude to Amarnath Ji for being us & cheering us till the culmination of the award function..... yes 2 am.

Take a bow team RCDS and Heartiest Congratulations to all members, seniors and mentors.







Gurukul Kitchen Renovation and Handwash Stations Project

26th June, 2022

Since we visited Gurukul in early march, we have fructified long term association with this great institution empowering girls. On our visit we saw the plight of their kitchen, dinig hall and handwash facilities and took it upon ourselves to renovate it. We are in constant touch with Gurukul Management and have identified the machines, Equipments and materials required for the renovation.

We needed a total of 5 lakhs for the project and upon appeal we got generous donations from RCDS family and friend and family of President Anil as below. We are grateful all the donors

- Ms Shubhika & Dr Sushil Aggarwal- Rs 10000
- Mr Gyanendra Shankar-Rs 25000
- Mr Rajiv Shankar-Rs 10000
- Mrs Hem Lata Garg-Rs 10000
- Mr Piyush Shankar- Rs 25000

This project was completed and inaugurated on June 26 2002 by President Anil. He was welcome graciously and shown around the premises. He spoke to the students and management at length and inspired them and assured them of our continued support.

Acharya Sumedha Ji and their teachers are very appreciative of the support provided by us and were asking for Dr Vaneeta, Sangamitra Ji, Dolly Ji, Dr Indu Agarwal. They have invited Members to visit the Gurukul and even stay in their guest house .

A student, who passed out in 1983, the first batch of Gurukul, did her masters in Sanskrit and is presently a teacher in a Govt School. Mr B K Tripathi , IAS , DM of AMROHA Distirct was present and commended the good work done by us .

All in all a great project and as President Anil says, "a satisfying trip devoted to help girl students to become confident women of tomorrow. Thank you for your contributions for promoting Girl child in the country".

About Gurukul

Gurukul Kanya Mahavidhalya is a residential Girls School having 950 students from EWS families from 15 different States of India - UP , Harayna, Rajasthan , Gujarat , Maharastra, Telengana etc. Class 6-12 Affiliated to UP Board and BA to Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University.

Students are getting best of education & moral values and get admission in IIT and other top institutions. Many students after completing education get into civil services including UP State and IAS. Most of them become Teachers . Their athletes have been competing at National level and an archery player went to Olympics .



Leprosy Control Project- Physiotherapy and Disability Care Camps

Date: 02/06/2022 - 02nd June, 2022

Report Prepared By: Chanda Jha

Designation: Project Manager- Rotary Delhi

Topic: Physiotherapy & Disability Care Camps conducted in the month of May'2022

No. of Camps	Date of Camps Conducted	Place of Camp Conducted	No. of Self-care Kits distributed	No. of MCR Footwears	No. of Customized MCR Footwears	No. of Aids/ Appliances
41	11/05/2022	Sarvodaya Kushta Ashram- A				
24	10	13	Nill			
42	12/05/2022	Sarvodaya Kushta Ashram- A	10	8	2	Nill
43	13/05/2022	Missionaries of Charity	47	24	23	Nill
44	18/05/2022	Adarsh Kushta Seva Samiti	33	21	12	Nill
TOTAL			114	63	50	Nill

Type of Target Group: Person Affected with Leprosy and their family Members.

Name of the Resource Persons: Mr. Lakhinder Gorai (Physiotherapist cum Counselor) & Mr. Shiv Kumar (Shoes Technician)

Topics covered:

- Health education on early signs & symptoms of Leprosy
- Importance of Self-care practices at home to prevent disability & recurrent ulcers.
- Importance of wearing MCR Protective Footwear
- Physiotherapy Session

Methodology: Demo, Lecture, Interactive

Material used: Pictorial charts, Footwear, Self-care kits



Major activities conducted during the camp:

- Dissemination Knowledge of Self-care & its importance to prevent the skin from drying & cracking to further prevent from recurrent ulcers.
- Practical session as how to do self-care was taught & kits were distributed to the people in need
- MCR Footwear Distribution**
- Awareness on the importance of wearing MCR protective footwear was covered and it was advised to wear it instead of any normal footwear.
- Measurements were taken for customized footwear and customized in the colonies.
- Practical session as how to do self-care was taught.

No. of participants: Direct Beneficiaries in the month of May

Male	Female	Male child	Female child	Total Population
190	37	Nill	Nill	227

No. of Indirect Beneficiaries: Approx. 454 (IEC)



Gift of Life

Meet Aashi and Sagar: Stories that make us believe in humanity

The first impression of Gift of Life program is was quite a morbid picture when one gets to know that this project is for children's heart treatment. It makes one think of unwell children and suffering, but look at these children, better yet, meet them, and your whole mindset will change and you will realize how wrong that picture is!

Little Aashi

Meeting 6-year-old Aashi from Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh. She was diagnosed with a Congenital Heart Defect called the Atrial septal defect (ASD) and needed immediate medical intervention through a ASD device procedure.

Aashi's family comes from a humble background and could not afford the astronomical cost of treatment. In the family's dilemma, all hope seemed lost. After consulting Dr. Vikas Kohli, Aashi was enrolled under CHF's Hridaan project and they reached out to RCDS for support.



Only after reading her story, I realised the impact that this defect could have had on her life and the value of timely medical intervention in bringing normalcy to her life.

When you think of Aashi, a child who could potentially lose the gift of life, you will think about an unhappy, uncomfortable child with distressed parents. However, these medical complexities did not bother little Aashi who happily played her toys and played. Just look at this pretty, smiling girl full of life and her parents, well they were despondent but never lost hope in Humanity...and look at the magic their hope manifested into reality.

With generous and kind donations from CHF and fellow Rotarians, Hony Secretary Kriti Makhija and Rtn Sumit Makhija, Aashi was operated in May and will now lead a normal life. After a very successful surgery, the doctors cleared her to receive follow-ups locally with medication for about three months. Aashi's little heart is now strong, and her priceless smile intact - such is the magic of our #GiftOfLife project!

Little Sagar

Next, met little Sagar at a hospital in New Delhi. This time, I did not know what to expect when I got his papers.

When I met spoke to CHF team, they told me how his heart defect had been and how critical his case was. He need an urgent intervention. Sagar was diagnosed with Pulmonary Atresia with Ventricular Septal Defect, a life-threatening condition.



He needed a total repair surgery the cost of which cost was exorbitant for the family. 90% of Indian families earn less than Rs. 25,000 a month, and Sagar's family was one of them. His surgery and recovery was a distant dream for them as they could not afford the exorbitant cost of treatment. His family was desperate for help but was also more than able to seek it through the proper channels. That is where CHF stepped in and also got our attention on this case to support Sagar.

Once again, while everyone around the child spoke of serious heart disorders among children, Sagar blissfully jumped around his bed and played rested in his mothers lap.



Sagar was blessed with the kind grant from Ms. Neerja Bhargava and Child Heart Foundation, and was operated on April 21, 2022. The surgery was successful. However, he had an extended stay in the hospital May 11th as his condition post-surgery was very critical. Sagar was in the ICU all through as he needed constant monitoring and the cost increased significantly, almost double.

We extended a little more support than original approved amount, CHF also extended more support and what is amazing is that hospital gave discount and the staff raised finds for Little Sagar too.... Now this is Humanity coming together to give a gift of life!

Sagar was discharged with a clen chit and a healthy heart to lead a normal, healthy life like any other child of his age.

These stories point out to something more profound about the perception of the state of heart defects in children in India. While knowledge and conversation around heart defects are less with over 200,000 such cases in India every year, a happier picture of children smiling after surgery and humanity coming together to support these children is also a part of this truth.

- Kriti Makhija

Books for Rotary International Literacy Mission for RCDS Sankalp Literacy Centers and DNS school



Pursuant to the request made by RCDS to RILM, we received 171 books on June 16, 2022. We handed over 98 books to Sankalp and 73 to DNS school. These books will add to the grade level adequacy and interest in education that we want to foster in children. RCDS team is very grateful to RILM team Rtn. Pran Mehta and Ruchi Rai.

THE STELLAR YEAR, 2021-22: RCDS FAMILY SPEAK

As a charter member with 53 years standing, I naturally have a great sense of belonging & pride in our premier club. Therefore, it is a matter of great joy for me to enjoy the privilege of witnessing & participating (as a mentor) in a year of unprecedented successes, where our Club President Anil & Hony Secy Kriti, have truly excelled; by working in perfect cohesion, along with their team, to not only excel, but also exceed our fondest expectations. The year 2021-22 will be long remembered for the outstanding service projects to serve the community & noteworthy work done to enhance the image of Rotary in the community. Partnering with several credible NGOs, unprecedented fund raising & amazing success in the field of new generations too have been feathers in an overcrowded cap of our President, who has shown commendable resourcefulness & deep commitment to ideals of Rotary. I wholeheartedly extend my compliments to the leadership team, who have befittingly even received due recognition from DG Anup Mittal at the recently concluded 'Jashn'.

I have no doubt that the superlative all round performance this year, will inspire our incoming team, under President Lalit Sawhney, to build further on these successes. God bless our family of RCDS!

-PDG Hemant Ahuja

After finishing the Rotary year 20-21 with "Elite" recognition for RCDS, I passed on the reins of leading the club to the duo who had just been recognized as "Rotarians of the Year for 20-21". I had witnessed Anil's and Kriti's tremendous capability to lead from front during the RY20-21 and I continued to get amazed by their leadership on projects and fellowship every week in RY21-22. While Pres. Anil would exploit his connections and delivered 'above and beyond' expectations on Tree plantation, Vaccination, Education, Health Camps, Gift of life, Skill building, Polio support, Leprosy control project etc., Kriti would spread the news far and wide in social media and MSM to bring high recognition to the "Rotary". The record keeping by Kriti was immaculate. A yearbook, 'Above and Beyond', was published at short notice to record the memories of the fellowship and projects in RY21-22. This also helped in preparing for GOV on June 23, 2022, that was most well-organized event to match the performance of 11 Cr worth of service via 619 projects covering all areas of Rotary focus. The year ended with 'Elite' recognition from Distt Governor for individual Pres. and Secy. And for the CLUB. Kriti also got recognized as best secretary in the district. I feel honored to be a part of the team that led the club in RY21-22.

- IPP Pradeep Kumar

"Baptism by fire" commonly describes an individual who is pushed into doing something without any acclimatisation time, left to learn the ropes the hard way through the ensuing challenges.

We, as RCDS, provided an example to this phrase when we pushed Anil Agarwal, a new Rotarian to take on the leadership reigns as the President and to many members shock, he chose another new member as his Secretary. Much against the expectations that they may somehow see us through the year, what they delivered was an exhilarating game of roller coaster providing us all the thrills of impactful community service & delightful fellowships and landing us safely into a sweet spot with a sack full of achievements... leaving our posterity to fondly recall this unprecedented Rotary year with pride.

What made this stupendous work possible was the professionalism, grit and determination, backed by a newly learnt but steadfastly practiced Rotary spirit demonstrated by the President and the Secretary who worked in sync. They deservedly received recognition and accolades at the Club level as well as District level.

At a personal level, I feel gratified that I did my Rotary service having introduced both these individuals to RCDS as members, not too long back!

- PP Deepak Kapoor

My memories of Rotary go back to my time as a young bride whose husband.. not spouse got inducted into Rotary. He was a young 24 year old belonging to an illustrious Rotary family, his grandfather was from Rotary club Lahore before coming to Delhi post partition...

Wives sat prettily dressed and were addressed as Rotary Annes.. women were not inducted into Rotary. Times changed, our club changed and Rotary too evolved and changed and admitted women. RCDS had women Rotarians too and I became the first secretary of the club not so long ago in 2019.

This year has been a year of incredible evolution. A new Rotarian as President, Anil K Agarwal, a man with dreams. He set targets which seemed unachievable, whether they involved women empowerment and education, health camps, contribution to Rotary foundation, membership, community development, gift of life and many more. Often, I felt that people thought he was a dreamer, could he really do this? But, with his gentle smile, ability to give credit, immense patience and much more, he did all this and hit the ball out of the park.. so far that

the six smashed the windows of homes 100 meters away from the stadium.

The Honorary Secretary, another new kid on the block, not only new to Rotary but also young, relative to the average age of the club, was a lady, a woman of substance, someone whom books are written about. Vivacious, attractive, eloquent, able and above all a woman with a heart of gold, meticulous to the core whether in her representation of facts and figures or in her quick mails and her appreciation of people.

Both, President Anil and Secretary Kriti, worked like a well-oiled machine

The year was superlative, none like the years before e-mails were snail mails, and posts were not social media posts. RCDS rose to its golden years and even more. We did more in every field, service, fellowship and communication.

Everyone was enthused to work beyond their best, but PP Deepak Kapoor and PP Pradeep Kumar were just phenomenal in their support and guidance whilst PP Tridibes Basu kept the Delhi South Rotary Foundation flag flying higher than ever before

My one word.. superlative.

Big shoes to fill... but the wheel of Rotary goes on rotating as 'True Rotarian's have miles to go before, they sleep

- Vaneeta Kapoor

We would like to express our absolute privilege to be part of the RCDS for the last 14 years. It has been an outstanding show of leadership from President Anil Aggarwal, Secretary Kriti Makhija & the board of directors, for the year 2021-22. Witnessing the club give back to society through innumerable credible projects has been heartwarming. The inherent sense of service and execution of this vision has been vindicated by the awards & recognition earned by our club, including the "Rotarian of the year award" conferred upon Kriti for her selfless dedication to society. We are elated to witness this growth & to be under the guidance of such a tireless team of overachievers.

Wishing you continued success.

-Nina & Sam Bhandari

One of the very new members of RCDS, didn't know what to expect. Fellowship in the club ensured both Mini and I were welcomed with open arms and made comfortable. Leadership of President Anil is simply exemplary. He is there every step of the way. Kriti our wonderful Secretary is full of energy and an inspiration for us. Club got me involved and I loved

being part of the polio campaign, blanket distribution for under privileged, education for girl child and list goes on. I am truly excited to step up my involvement and contribution in 2022/23 and beyond. It is a privilege to be part of this wonderful club. Thanks everyone for including us in your/our family.

-Mini & Pramod

Over 600 projects! Wow, What an achievement!

Who would have thought that the year which started just after all of us had our share of impact from second and worst wave of COVID-19 in India, would go down as one of the best in the history of 53 years of Rotary Club of Delhi South?

President Anil and Secretary Kriti, two very new Rotarians, with the able Board and the Committee Chairs and Project Leaders gave us a taste of what we can achieve if we keep eyes on the ball and keep moving. The Board has been tenacious and carried on with undying attitude of being more in every sphere, despite the setbacks around us due to multiple waves of COVID-19. It was remarkable to see that each of the seven focus areas of Rotary International was touched by RCDS, mega projects were launched, and we made progress on all aspects, be it Polio or Leprosy Eradication or Education. President Anil, Secretary Kriti and RCDS Leadership team apart from leading from the front with empathy in their heart and determination in their step, kept inspiring all of us to Do More, Serve More..

I can say this with utmost confidence, as I had the first row view to the hard work, burning of midnight oil, endless calls, working till wee hours in the morning and working through COVID, non-stop and with a smile- yes that is my wife, your secretary, Kriti Makhija, a CFO by profession, a volunteer, a doer, a giver at heart. At times I do wonder that does she have more than 24 hours in a day that she accomplishes everything at work (an mind you she has a very hectic job), other industry roles, Rotary work and other philanthropy work and home... well I am still finding the answer. All I know is that she thrives in giving, making difference, spreading smiles.

Our achievements of the year gone by were aptly, beautifully, and timely compiled in the amazing yearbook, 'Above and Beyond' and beautifully captured video played at the GOV on June 23. These two excellent summations of the year will be a great memory for time to come of the year that will go down in the history of RCDS as one of the best under the astute leadership of President Anil K Agarwal and his able Hony. Secretary (two peas of the same pod- diligent, high action and extremely hardworking).

As the 53rd President of RCDS, Anil has shown us that if you can dream, you can achieve!

-Sumit Makhija

तू चल यूँ ही अब सुबह-ओर-शाम,
रुकना, झुकना नहीं तेरा काम,
पायेगा जो लक्ष्य है तेरा
लक्ष्य तो हर हाल में पाना है

That seemed to be the spirit with which Rotary year 2021-22 leadership team started doing their work from Day 1. President Anil and Secretary Kriti's energy was infectious and one continued to wonder how long will it last. But they pleasantly surprised everyone by executing one project after another on a daily basis and very often more than one a day! The range of the projects was another noticeable thing... a mix of existing projects where the scale was increased and a host of new projects covering all avenues of service. We can all feel the smile on the faces of the children who went through their heart surgeries or those young girls who received their scholarship month after month. Environment is healthier with a record number of trees having been planted and now in care of people ensuring their survival.

The team well achieved what they set out to do...

हिम्मत से जो तुम चले...
धरती हिली कदमों तले
पा लिया जो लक्ष्य था तेरा
लक्ष्य तो हर हाल में पाया है

-Sarita Kapoor

"I was introduced to RCDS as a Rotary Ann in 1993. This past year was my first as a Rotarian. I was warmly welcomed by the members. This club remains important to me - there are many Sunny memories tied along with it.

I have seen this club grow & prosper over almost 30 years. It was a pleasure to see that FY 21-22 continued the tradition of raising the bar. The vision of our club, the tenacity of the leadership alongside able contributions by members were duly recognised by the district resulting in a rich haul of awards/ recognitions. This made all of us proud.

The purpose of Rotary is to provide humanitarian service and advance goodwill & peace. This is what brings all of us together. This past year made me realize that we, at RCDS, play another important role. That of camaraderie & support within our community. We are a family of friends. This too is important!"

-Renu Kochchar

Rotary epitomizes SEVA before self ... this Rotary Year 21-22, RCDS, not only followed this to the 'T' but took it to dizzying Himalayan heights. Rotary year 20-21 was totally held on zoom platform with Pradeep handling projects online. This year the clouds of doom scattered and President Anil and First Lady Kiran, Hon Secy Kriti and Sumit went full guns blazing to carry forward the legacy of RCDS. They and their team worked tirelessly and with great compassion and empathy for those in need in a variety of areas. Gift of life to children with heart defects, empowerment of girls, and most importantly the need of the hour, health and immunization to fight the pandemic were just some of them. No stone was left unturned in their team efforts to do their best.

I have personally witnessed Anil ji and Kriti and Pradeep, discussing, planning and organizing projects well into the wee hours of the morning. I applaud and bow to their truly deserved phenomenal success on the ground and in the International Rotary world. The awards won personally by President Anil and Secy Kriti and our Elite club award for RCDS are testimony to their dedication, perseverance and tireless efforts. I am sure one day RCDS will bask in the glory of President Anil becoming Rotary International President!! And Kriti will soon follow suit!

-Rita Kumar

"There was a palpable air of expectancy when Rotary year 2021-2022 got under way under the Presidentship of Rtn. Anil Agarwal. Covid seemed to be on the wane and the members were looking forward to physical meetings and getting all aspects of life including their Rotary obligations back on track.

The quiet air of competence and assertiveness of Anil on the back of his manifold business and corporate achievements was not lost on any member, despite his relative recent joining of RCDS. This coupled with the more than apparent zest, joi de verve and infectious bubblyness of Honorary Secretary Kriti Makhija, promised for an exceptional Rotary year for RCDS, for as any Rotarian will tell you that the President and the Honorary Secretary are the twin engine and dynamo of any club, of course supported by a competent board and an involved membership! And boy, did they and the Club deliver! The manifold awards won by the Club at the District level with an Elite Club and best Honorary Secretary of the District, bear testimony to a year of stupendous achievements by RCDS.

The clear goals set by the Board, were by and large met and bear no repetition. My personal highlights of the RCDS events, apart from the resumption of physical meetings and fellowships were the speaker talks, with the talk by the

Russian Ambassador at Claridges Hotel at the height of the Russian / Ukrainian engagement, with his well-reasoned and clear responses on the issues involved, being most memorable.

Kudos to the Club under the Presidentship of Anil for a brilliant year."

-Hardeep Singh Anand

"Though covid was still there but we had some wonderful evenings together. Every time we attend the meeting we feel, we are with good friends, relaxed and at ease. The way RCDS is involved in its activities and social responsibility is amazing. People doing it with so much passion and dedication is mind blowing. Polio, leprosy, child education and all other areas of involvement of RCDS is truly amazing.

Thanks to everybody, and to Kriti For her dedication and being in forefront always.

Hope and we know coming months will be much better".

-Vinay Srivastava

" Towards the end of the Rotary Year, I feel like sharing mine & Rajni's experience of working closely with President Anil Agarwal & me particularly as Director, Vocational Service.

In my view, this year has been a year par excellence. RCDS could achieve

a grand performance in every area of Rotary service, whether it was Community service or fellowship or any other field. Although the year started with apprehensions of uncertainty because of Anil being new to Rotary, very soon we realised that his past experience of working with NGOs was very helpful to him.

His attending PETs gave him deep insights into Rotary systems & he developed good connections with District functionaries. More so, he took full advantage of his own network & used it affectively to spread the wings of RCDS. A new Rotarian, his family -Kiran, Gul & Ashima were always by his side & worked tirelessly for RCDS. Gul did wonders in organising logistics for the projects. Anil's office volunteers were a great support too. Anil knew what it takes to make things happen in the field & his family & office worked tirelessly as per his guidance.

Anil's diligence, passion, positivity & optimistic attitude in setting targets, whether Tree Plantations or Health Camps or Polio Centres or Covid vaccination motivated RCDS team members to achieve them. His humility in dealing with members was very helpful in the involvement of members & he never stopped amazing us with the highest level of perfectionism displayed throughout

the year. His charming personality helped in raising funds as well as volunteer hours from all members & motivated them to do their best throughout his tenure.

Anil had a very strong judgement when he selected his Secretary in Kriti. Kriti was yet another miracle for RCDS, whether it was Board Meetings, projects, fundraising, or communication with members or District Reporting or managing Public Image. Even the District could not achieve the Brand Image build-up which Kriti could do for RCDS. As is apparent from Emails or WhatsApps timings, she has been spending late burning the mid night oil, to serve the cause of Rotary. Sumit & Kriti's family gave Kriti full support to manage both--her profession as well as Rotary. It's a rare example of family dedication just as in the case of Anil. RCDS is incredibly fortunate to have both as members.

One great thing Anil did was to create Partners in Community Service. He magnanimously used his own Foundation -Shankar's Foundation, to support the cause of Rotary. Anil kept in mind all the seven focus areas of Community Service, including International Peace & Understanding. He acted as a seasoned Rotarian & did not hesitate to take the help of RCDS senior members & PDGs. He used all resources to raise CSR funds without which it would not have been possible to do Projects to the value of more than ten crores -leave aside nine thousand plus volunteering hours.

Anil has raised a high performance bar for future leaders & set an exemplary standard with his dedication. While appreciating his efforts wholeheartedly, we will have to take care of the Leadership Pipeline which I am sure we all will help in ensuring. With the example of Anil before us I am sure our new members will also be coming forward to be part of Leadership Succession Plans.

RCDS will always cherish memories of this super phenomenal year & we will always be incredibly grateful & proud of this Rotary year with Anil & Kriti at the helm of affairs. The year book, 'Above & Beyond', apt to its title demonstrates the work and spirit of this super combo of President Anil and Hony. Secretary Kriti ".

-Rajni & PP Som Dua

Dear President Anil, Secretary Kriti, the Board of Directors and the Members of the RCDS,

Many congratulations for a very successful Rotary Year. A few years ago, we stepped back and introspected and took steps to take this club to greater heights. Successive Presidents have strived to raise the bar higher, year after year, in the last few years to make this Club the best in the District and have succeeded. This

year Anil, you made this bar reach even greater heights. Thank you!

Kriti, many congratulations for being adjudged the Rotarian of the Year. Well deserved! In the RY 2019-20, Dr. Vaneeta honoured this club by agreeing to become the first Lady Secretary in 51 years of its existence and walked away with the Rotarian of the Year Award, shared with Lakshmi Khanna. I am so happy that you emulated this pioneer and did so much this year in all the spheres of Rotary activities and much more. We are so proud of you and grateful. I am specially touch to see a fellow Service Officer's daughter achieve this!

It was a greater challenge for you Anil, Kriti and the new members who were holding leadership positions in RCDS for RY 2021-22, as you were new to RCDS and Rotary. So well done and many congratulations to you and your BoDs who made this possible.

In the end we would just say - "Thank you for your Service and a wonderful year"! We wish you, all the very best in all your future endeavours.

Pradeep & Sonya Bahri

Dear Anil & Kriti,

You both have done tremendous & wonderful work to take our club to the next level as well as glorious heights, perhaps never achieved before.

The amount of the good work done by you both in one year is commendable & deserve all the accolades you have received and more will come.

Kriti you deserve the icing on the cake by getting THE Best Secretary of the District award.

Wish you both & your families who supported you all the time, all the very best.

- PP Suneel Bhasin

What a Great Moment, a life time memory of the 'Success Story of RCDS'. Many Many Congratulations to Anil ji & Kriti. Your untiring hard work and dedication has paid off. It has brought amazing accolades to our Club. It will go down the History of our Club in Golden letters. You both and your team kept the Club members on their toes. Your Dedication was infectious.

- Rita Bhasin

Rotary epitomizes Service before self, but for me has been much more than that. It has been an opportunity to meet fabulous people of different age groups, albeit with the same purpose - to serve and help. With the first year being virtual due to covid, it has been simply wonderful

to meet my Rotary family in person this past year and embrace their warmth. It has been an encouragement by prying out the humble writer and reporter in me, and my learning and growth for the same continues. My involvement with the project My Trash, Your Treasure along with NGO Sankalp was extremely gratifying, from distribution of clothes in the harsh winter to books, puzzles and school supplies to their school. I will always cherish the happiness and joy the children felt exploring my trash which was their treasure. Another project which is close to my heart is, Beti ko Shiksha aur Samman, and am glad that was given the opportunity to sponsor it. I look forward to carrying on my journey of contributing to the society under the guidance of RCDS in my own way.

-Monika Krishan

"Heartiest Congratulations to Pres Anil, Kriti for being outstanding and doing super justice to their roles as president and secretary. It's indeed a proud moment for RCDS Your leadership has taken the club to newer heights. Congratulations again for the well-deserved accolades and the awards".

-Rachna Sadana

Friends, let me share with you my experiences with you in the year 2021-22 at RCDS under the most dynamic leadership of President Anil K Agarwal, Secretary Kriti and the entire team. They gave me impactful experiences in community services like tree plantation, education of girl child, gift of life, kitchen and dining hall renovation at Gurukul, having health camps, blood donation camps and more. The list is endless... this not only kept me motivated and engaged but I felt, I too was able to give something back to society. I enjoyed listening to the most imminent speaker for all walks of life. The fellowship at Claridges were very engaging and full of fun and laughter. There was most enjoyable walk at, Sundar nursery along with RCDS friends. The year was full of most wonderful experiences and I feel, we are like one 'big family' where we have fun, we enjoy, inspire each other and work hard to make difference in society

-Ila Jain

It's been an outstanding year that just flew past with loads of projects, fellowships & some prominent guest speakers.

One really gets to learn the meaning of Micro, Small, Medium & Large projects. The projects that made significant contribution to the community being, Leprosy, Gift of life, Education for Girl

Child & Tree Plantation and many more.

Heartiest congratulations to ever smiling & cool President Anil & wonder girl Kriti & the leadership team for a wonderful year.

-Amarjit Singh

What a year it has been at the RCDS! The Josh, Jazba and Junoon has been infectious! It is a matter of great pride and privilege to be a part of our RCDS family which is a true embodiment of "service before self". It is amazing to see how the senior, or should we say more experienced, members of RCDS ensure that the new and / not so active members and their spouses are involved in club activities, projects and importantly, in discussions, so that all participate, and nobody is left out. They have shared their experiences with us in the most supportive way and generously, with the spirit of empowering us. The year gone by has brought smiles everyday - whether while participating or on reading messages or on hearing about how our club is benefiting the community and the planet. Thanks to President Anil, Secretary Kriti and all our friends in RCDS!

-Shirin and Sanjay Khajuria

At the commencement of the Rotary Year 2021 -22 we were still in the shadows of the worst phase of the Covid epidemic where we lost two of our senior members. President Anil & Secretary Kriti took on the responsibility with great enthusiasm and despite the constraints of physical meetings - the Installation & the programmes thereafter took off stupendously. The leadership seemed to defy the threat of CV and were present at all the community service project venues. Few other members ventured forth too with a sense of trepidation and RCDS was off to a flying start. Then it was an almost roller coaster ride - for the plethora of activities and community services scheduled under a wide canvas of avenues - whether Tree plantation, Education, Health. GOL, Beti ko Shiksha scholarships and others. Kriti filled the gap of the lack of physical meetings with her updates through whatsapp, emails & social media and literally kept all the members on toes. The leadership including the other members of the Board & Chairmen of various committees also worked in right earnest and did full justice to the portfolios that they were assigned. Several joyful fellowships were arranged with lot of fun, music, dancing and delectable spread of dishes.

The year was remarkable, despite the handicaps posed by Covid and a record number of service projects were undertaken with sincerity & commitment. Work was done under all avenues of service. We almost reached 100%

PHFs. Eminent speakers were invited to meetings both on Zoom & otherwise. Many new members were inducted in the RCDS family.

All the sincerity & hard work of the President, Secy & the leadership team was amply acknowledged at the District with the Club & the President receiving the Elite award & Kriti - the best Secretary.

Another year of extraordinary performance by RCDS !!!

-PP Rajiv Gujral

MY FIRST YEAR IN RCDS

Was happy to see great leadership in the club, by President Anil and Secretary Kriti, week after week. Leading from the front, on a large no. of diverse projects.

Have not seen this kind of presence of the club in social media, in print and on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter - ever since I joined Rotary 23 years' ago.

I loved getting the beautiful 'Year Book' covering the entire year's colourful activities, a lovely remembrance of my first year. And, I loved the most impressive video on our 2021-22 activities.

I and Jayshree were very happy to receive a very warm welcome during all the fellowships and physical meetings at Claridges. Also enjoyed the meetings on Promoting Peace - talks by Ambassadors of Russia & Ukraine, and by the Univ. of Michigan Professor on Innovation.

The icing of the cake was the District Thanksgiving when we received the Elite Club Awards, awards for the Elite President and Secretary, our 50 year+ Rotarians and the Award for the Best Secretary in the District. This was an absolutely fantastic ending to a great year, full of activities, fun and achievement.

-Lalit Sawhney

A pleasure to be a part of a vibrant club like RCDS. Lalit got inducted to the Club in July 2021, introduced by dear friends Tridib Basu and Pradeep Bahri.

We have enjoyed the year very much, with a mix of Zoom and physical meetings. I especially enjoyed the talk on Water Conservation by Raghu Hari Dalmia, the one on Innovation and the two divergent views from the Ukraine & Russian Ambassadors. The meetings at Claridges were fun - we ladies enjoyed the live bands and dancing on special occasions like the Diwali Nite.

My special thanks to the dynamic team of President Anil Agrawal and Secretary Kriti Makhija, for a wonderful Rotary Year 2021-22.

-Jayshree Sawhney

MESSAGES FROM THE DISTRICT

Dear Rotary Club of Delhi South,

I am honored and pleased to write this message for the exemplary work of the Club under the astute leadership of Rtn. Anil K. Agarwal and his team. With 600+ projects of Rs. 10.8 crores value and close to 9500 voluntary hours, this 53rd year of Rotary Club of Delhi South (RCDS) has added more laurels to the rich legacy of RCDS. Without doubt, 2021-22 will go down in the history of RCDS as one the best years of this third oldest Rotary Club in Delhi.

The impactful work of this year is not a just a reason to celebrate for all but should also be seen as an opportunity to reflect, recalibrate and do more in future times, to keep up with the tradition of the club.

Congratulations once again on an outstanding year. I am sure you will continue to 'serve to change lives' full josh, junoon and jazbaa and bring more laurels to the Rotary world.

DG Anup Mittal
RID 2021-22

Dear Anil,

You all are super-duper. It was nice being there and felt privileged. Thank you so much for the invite and I thoroughly enjoyed and learned a lot from you all, that's why I was there from beginning till the end enjoying the ambience, company of stalwarts, the report on 600+ projects, their success stories and sumptuous food. Congratulations again to you and tea, especially, Ms. Kriti for her wonderful work she done that too being a new Rotarian. Cheers and see you all tomorrow, 25th June, 2022, at District's Thanks giving ceremony at Taj Palace.

Dear Anil,

Lots of congratulations and good wishes for completing your successful tenure with multiple feathers of great meaningful services to the society.

Good luck for your successful GOV with DG Anup Mittal ji.

Sincere congratulations to all your club members.

ROTARY ZINDABAD!

PP Yogesh khanna
AG (21-22) Rotary 3011

Dear Kriti,

Last of the GOVs but the most elegant one. Congratulations on a successful year. Way to go. Cheers to you all.

You are and you looked amazing. Please be ready to be on my team.

Rtn. Namrata Suri
District Admin Chair, 2021-22

Dear Kriti,

Congratulations on all the awards. Very well deserved. Looking forward for a hat trick on 'Rotarian of the year' and continued excellence.

Rtn. Vivek Jain
District Secretary, 2021-22

Dear Kriti,

You deserved and earned every accolade and perhaps more. May be its a record that a Rotarian who is just 18 months in Rotary has won 'best secretary award. Surely no one and specially a woman Rotarian (of not all woman members club) has ever done. You have set an example and set the BAR too high and am sure it will immensely motivate everyone.

Keep it up. Cheers and congratulations again!

Rtn Mahesh Trikha
DGND 2021-22




THE FOUR WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all Concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIP**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Rtn. Anil K. Agarwal
RCDS President : 2021- 2022

JULY

Poddar, Pankaj	03-Jul	
Bhatia Raju	04-Jul	
Mehta, Arjun	06-Jul	
Gupta, Dr Anand P.	08-Jul	
Kanwar, Manju	08-Jul	
Chadha, Meenakshi	10-Jul	
Dua, Rajni	13-Jul	
Bahri, Sonya	17-Jul	
Agarwal, Pravin K	20-Jul	
Ahuja, Nalini	22-Jul	
Katariya, Archana	30-Jul	

Happy Anniversary

Chhibber, Brig BK AVSM, VSM	Neena	02-Jul
Wadhwa, Anil	Deepa	12-Jul
Bahri, Cdr Pradeep	Sonya	28-Jul