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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Rotarians and fellow members of the Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits as we reflect on the wonderful activities conducted by our club in the month of February. It fills me with immense pride to share the remarkable achievements and impactful initiatives that we have undertaken.

On the occasion of World Cancer Awareness Day, the Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan joined hands with Fortis Hospitals and Sushant University, Gurgaon, to conduct an awareness session on Blood Cancer and Blood Disorders. The talk was delivered by Dr. Rahul Bhargava, Principal Director and Chief Haematology at Fortis Hospitals. I am pleased to inform you that over 200 students and teachers attended this session, contributing to spreading awareness about this critical issue.

Our regular club meeting was merged with the District Conference, a grand event held at the prestigious Hotel Leela Ambience, Gurgaon, on 11th and 12th February. The conference was a perfect blend of learning, entertainment, and camaraderie. We had the privilege of hosting esteemed speakers such as Former Vice President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Mr. Rajat Sharma, Founder of India TV, Mr. Deep Kalra, Founder of Make My Trip, Swami Prakashananda, Head of Chinmaya Mission Delhi, and renowned personalities like Actor Neha Dhupia, Actor and Director Satish Kaushik, and Indian Idol Abhijit Sawant. The event showcased our club's projects and sponsors, and the presence of distinguished guests made it an unforgettable experience. I am delighted to announce that our club received the Platinum Award for our exceptional participation at the District Conference.

### THE 4-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 GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Let us all keep the above tests in mind before we say, think or do anything Our support extended beyond our club as well. The Rotaract Club of Young Souvenir, sponsored by our club, organized the 'PRAYAS' webinar on Waste Management on 19th February. Where myself and Ms. Monika Khanna Gulati, Co-Founder of NCR Waste Matters, shared their valuable insights and expertise during this event. By empowering the youth through such initiatives, we strive to make a lasting impact on our community.

In addition to these accomplishments, we welcomed the family of 3000 students to the family of Rotary. We had the Installation of Charter President Itr. Prachi Yadav and her team of Interact Club of Shalom Hills International School, Gurgaon on 17th February 2023. The Interact Club Charter was also handed over during the ceremony, marking an important milestone in our commitment to youth empowerment and community service.

As Mother Teresa once said, "The meaning of life is found in contributing to the service of society." With this inspiring quote in mind, we march forward, united in our mission to serve and uplift those in need.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting line-up of events in the coming month. On 4th March 2023, we will be organizing a Blood Donation Camp at DLF Galleria Market, Gurgaon. This noble endeavour will contribute to saving lives and making a tangible difference in society. Furthermore, on 11th March, we will host the District Grant Management Seminar, equipping our members with the necessary skills to maximize the impact of our projects.

In our continued commitment to promoting good health, we will conduct a Free Health Check-up Camp and Cancer Detection Camp at Maanas School, Gurgaon, on 13th March. By offering free healthcare services, we hope to create a healthier and happier community. Additionally, on 19th March, we will organize a Free Dental Health Check-up Camp at Earth Saviours Foundation, Gurgaon, emphasizing the importance of oral health.

Lastly, on 23rd March, we have arranged a Speaker Meeting on the intriguing topic of Astrology, featuring Rtn. Urmi Gupta. This promises to be an enlightening session, providing us with new perspectives and insights.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the members who attended the District Conference and made our presence felt. Your enthusiasm and dedication have been instrumental in our club's recognition with the Platinum Award.

Let us Rotary Greetings,

With Rotary Regards,

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## RI President's Message



Rtn. Jennifer Jones

As we planned for this Rotary year, I could have never "imagined" the breadth of stories we would encounter nor the scope of the people we would meet.

I find oxygen in sharing time with our members — hearing their truths and learning about their personal journeys and their deepest desires for goodness.

And so it was that I encountered two very different men with very similar stories.

One-hundred-year-old Genshitsu Sen is a remarkable human being and a joyful soul. We greeted each other in Kyoto, during my trip to Japan in November, with a hug and an instant connection.

Not only is Sen a former grand master of the Urasenke tea tradition but he is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Kyoto, where he has served as club president. He assisted in the charter of the Rotary Club of Kyoto-South. And he has also served as governor of District 2650 and held leadership roles in Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

During that same week, I had the great pleasure to record a birthday video for a 100-year-old World War II naval hero who is an exemplary leader and who served two terms as governor of District 5810 in Texas.

Both men are decorated World War II heroes in their respective countries and share unthinkable history. And although they served on opposing sides of the war, their stories are remarkably similar — and they are both honorable men who chose Rotary to carry on lives of peacemaking.

I have been reflecting so much lately that we are all on this planet simply trying to do our best, and we are much more similar than we are different.

I feel incredibly fortunate to share in these stories and to meet such incredible people.

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## **District Governor's Message**



Rtn. Ashok Kantoor

Dear Presidents and Team,

I think the month that just galloped past was by far one of the best that we have had in this year. The District Conference was one of the most exciting and enjoyable events of the year. It was evidence of our outstanding management and operational skills, leadership, vision and strategic insights that were in play during the entire duration of the magnificent event. I thank each one of you for the exemplary support rendered into making this the biggest success. Needless to say that the RIP Representative PRID Rtn Robert Hall and his Partner Charlene Hall were very impressed with your commitment to the mission of transforming lives and economies and they were very happy with tremendous amount of work being done at every level of the District. PRID Rtn Robert Hall said that he had been to 12 District Conferences as R.I. President's Representative and this was, by far, the best one he had ever had the privilege to attend. For me, personally, this was one of the biggest goals achieved in my life so far and I am very, very proud of the entire District machinery that helped us in the entire process.

Our motto is be the change and our endeavour is to support a wide range of local community service projects in our area of operations and sometimes beyond. It is truly commendable to see many clubs gearing up to support the relief work being undertaken to help the earthquake victims in Turkey and contributing towards their rehabilitation. This is what Rotarians so ----provide relief to mankind in every part of the world and alleviate their sufferings in every possible way !! The projects undertaken by all the clubs in the month of February despite the fact that there were many other events that needed their fime is also a commendable achievement. We are happy to see that the aerator project in support of water conservation and sensitizing several thousand students all across schools in Delhi- NCR, the hand wash stations that have been set up in schools, revival of defunct borewells, support to healthcare projects like cancer awareness, support rendered to 'viklangs' and several others, are all underway and will see fruition before the end of the Rotary Year. Rotary is all about continuity and sustenance so what has been initiated in the current year can also be followed every year to ensure growth and development.

We look forward to many other events and meaningful projects over the next few months. Until then stay well and stay safe.

Warm Regards Yours Sincerely

**Rtn Ashok Kantoor** 

District Governor R.I. District 3011

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# Some Events of February 2023

### World Cancer Awareness Day











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## Installation Ceremony of the Interact Club of Shalom Hills International School



















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### District Conference 11th & 12th Feb 2023





















Our Regular Club meeting was merged with District Conference which was held on 11th & 12th February 2023 at Hotel Leela Ambience, Gurgaon followed by Lunch, High Tea Cocktails & Dinner. Rotary stalls showcasing projects, sponsors stall, Food court. It was going to be packed with learning and entertainment with many esteemed speakers - Former Vice President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Mr. Rajat Sharma Founder of India TV, Mr. Deep Kalra Founder Make My Trip, Swami Prakashananda Head of Chinmaya Mission Delhi, Actor Neha Dhupua, Actor and Director Satush Kaushik, Indian Idol Abhijit Sawant and many other esteemed speakers.

President Rtn Abhishek Aneja, Secretary Rtn Amit Kumar Jain, PP Rtn Ruchi Rai, PP Rtn Pradeep Agarwal, PP Rtn Deepak Jain, PP Rtn Ratan Kumar, PP Rtn Gopesh Aneja, AG Rtn Sarvesh Dutt & R'anne Ritu Dutt, PP Rtn Abhinav Bansal, IPP Rtn Vivek Duggal, Rtn Naveen Chaudhary and Rtn. Ish Seth attended this conference from our Club and our Club got the Platinum Award for the participation at District Conference.

### Prayas – Webinar on Waste Management



Rotaract Club of Young Souvenir sponsored by Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan organized an event 'PRAYAS' webinar on Waste Management which was held on 19th February 2023. Speakers were President Rtn. Abhishek Aneja and Ms. Monika Khanna Gulati, Co-Founder of NCR Waste Matters.

## From the Desk of the Secretary

Heartiest Congratulations to Rtn Naveen Chowdhry for being formally nominated as the President for RY 2024-25 in the Club board meeting held 13th March 2023.

#### ROTARY MONTHS Jul Start of new Rotary officers year of service **Membership and New** Aug **Club Development Basic Education and** Sep Literacy Oct **Economic and Community Development Rotary Foundation** Nov Dec **Disease Prevention and** Treatment **Vocational Service** Jan Feb **Peace and Conflict Prevention/ Resolution** Mar Water and Sanitation **Maternal and Child** Apr Health May **Youth Service** The Rotary Foundation's Jun 110th Anniversary

## Birthdays

March	

### Anniversaries

	March	

## Upcoming events

4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 **Blood Donation Camp** 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 **District Grant Management Seminar** 

13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Free Health Checkup

13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Mammography Camp

19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Free Dental Health Checkup Camp

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 Speaker Meeting



Education Child & Literacy



Conflict Prevention/ Health Resolution



Disease Prevention Treatment



Sanitation & Hygiene



Community & Support the

Economic Environment Development

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