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Dear Rotary Parivar,
Rotary Greetings,

We witnessed heavy rains in July in North India, bringing the heat down, but making the weather humid but we still kept our spirits warm.

Rotary Year 2023-24 started off with great enthusiasm. On 4th July, at the first Regular Meeting, we had our Club Assembly where we witnessed great excitement and bonding amongst all of us, as plans for the year ahead were rolled out by the Directors.

In support of the Environment, a Tree Plantation Drive has been launched with the first one being done on 28th July in a Park in Jangpura Extension, New Delhi, in the presence of Director Horticulture MCD and the local MLA. This programme was a great success having been well organised by Rtn Sashi Bhushan Sharma.

As part of our program for Basic Education and Literacy we interacted this month with a team from UNICEF, Mr Rahul Bansal and Ms Micky, who were the two speakers at our Regular Meeting on 25th July thanks to Rtn Subodh Vir Raheja.

Our GOV and Installation got postponed to 1st August as Friends Club was inaccessible for almost a week due to flooding of Friends Colony West. We thank DG Jeetender Gupta for accommodating our request for the change.

We have many more events planned for coming months. Members are advised to look out for the announcements. Our programmes are being well documented in our Bulletin, UTSAV through the herculean and dedicated efforts of Rtn PP Atul Dev.

Best Wishes,
Rtn Harinder Singh Arora
President
Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JULY 2023



Even as we face new and serious challenges, Rotary takes care of its members and those we serve, works to build lasting peace, and embeds belonging and inclusion in everything we do. That is why I am asking everyone in Rotary to **Create Hope in the World**.

This year, we're prioritizing projects to support mental health. This effort is deeply personal to me. I know what it's like to see someone suffer in silence. I have also witnessed the power of personal connections, the value of discussing emotional and mental well-being, and the lifesaving impact of preventive care and treatment.

Research shows that performing acts of kindness is an effective step any of us can take to protect our well-being. And by building peace within, we become more capable of bringing peace to the world.

Building peace is the essence of Rotary. Many of our service projects foster the conditions for Positive Peace. We work tirelessly to overcome barriers and create new connections. This year, we'll promote virtual international exchanges for members to strengthen those vital connections.

Peace isn't a dream, and it's not passive. It's the result of working hard, earning trust, and having open conversations that may be difficult. Peace must be waged persistently — and bravely. Everything we do across our areas of focus has the potential to foster the hope that can make peace possible.

The spirit of connection and purpose should inspire every Rotary member. When club leaders focus on offering an excellent club experience, we retain more members and attract more prospective members. We must make our clubs as welcoming and as engaging as we can.

Our goal is to create a sense of belonging, from our club meetings to our service activities. We need to continue creating inclusive, welcoming environments where everyone can be their authentic selves. All people of action need to be able to imagine a place for themselves in Rotary — it's up to us to ensure they can do so.

Over the next year, I will be putting a focus on continuing our journey in diversity, equity, and inclusion — ensuring that Rotary reflects the communities we serve and continues to take significant steps toward accessing the full range of human talents and experiences, so that we can better serve humanity. And we will continue to empower women and girls by helping them unlock the potential already within them.

As we begin this journey together, I take inspiration from Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, who in the 18th century spoke of all the world becoming kin, promoting "sense and worth, over all the earth." This has long been my call to action, and I share it now with you.

Let us build peace within and spread it freely. Let us create belonging and imagine the future of Rotary afresh. Let us work together joyously and **Create Hope in the World**.



R. Gordon R. McInally
RI President 2023-24



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in the **WORLD**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S INSTALLATION

Rtn Jeetender Gupta was installed as District Governor 2023-2024 for Rotary International District 3011 on 1 Jul 2023.

Present from our Club for this installation were – Rtn President Harinder Singh Arora and Rtn IPP Vandana Bhalla (Now AG). We present a photo report of the function.



REGULAR MEETING – CLUB ASSEMBLY - 4 JUL 2023



The President, Rtn Harinder Arora, called the 384 meeting to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday 4 July at the Friends Club. This meeting was declared by the President as the Club Assembly. The National Anthem was sung by all members led by Rtn Secy Rajni Bagla. The 4-Wat Test was read out by Rtn Shashi Sharma.

During the Club Assembly the Directors, Rtn PP Sunil Bandula, Rtn Subodh Raheja, Rtn PP Dr Amita Rani Gupta and Rtn PP Narender Bhasin shared the plans of their respective Avenue of Service with the club members. Members were requested to note these and make further proposals to make our programmes more purposeful.



check-up at flatted industrial complex has already been resumed and planning more such facility at DSCW after it is approved by the Board.

Rtn PP Narender Bhasin, Director New Generations, made his presentation. Currently we have two Interact Clubs we will add one/two more Interact Club. Arrange periodical meetings and interactions between these clubs. Regularly meeting Teacher Incharge with Club members who can help and support them to do meaningful projects. Charter a Rotaract club. Organise a slogan/essay



competition for all students in NCR Delhi.



Rtn Subodh Vir Raheja, Director International Service, made his presentation. The plans for his Avenue of Service include inviting Ambassadors of different countries to share their country's vision, program and social obligations commitments. Inviting UN delegates to address us on their social activities and any association with us. Participate in the Students Exchange program of Rotary. Plans members visit to other countries and their clubs and thus create a sister club association.

Rtn PP Sunil Bandula, Director Vocational Service, made his presentation. Plans for Vocational Service include making contact with corporates and seeing their financial assistance for Rotary projects. Propagation of ethics in business by lectures and Group Discussions. Promotion of our 4-Way Test amongst the non Rotary world for business ethics.

After the Directors had made their presentations, Rtn PP Sukh Mohinder Singh was requested to make a brief presentation on "Know Your Rotary". He made the following points:

1. The need and importance of observing meeting times. By starting the meeting at 7.00 PM it has to be ended by 8.30 PM
2. Participation in the Club Community Service/Health Check Up Camps has to be better. Reminded the members about this and urged them to do better on this. More members participating gives Rotary better image.



3. Introducing prospective members should be done with seriousness and after having found the prospect meeting the criteria and showing good commitment to give both his finance and his/her time at least 2 hours for meetings and 2 hours for participation in community projects

The President, in his presentation, identified that Membership Development is going to be a key focus area for the coming year. Current year statistics have seen the Club shrink in size to just 23 members. He stated that Membership Development is the responsibility of every member and there will be several opportunities for all members to participate in activities that will identify potential members for the club in Rotary year 2023-24.

He asked each one to think about an activity in which they would like to participate and share any thoughts or ideas they have about the future of the club. Members gave their suggestions which were accepted and are as follows:

- 1) Rtn Shashi Sharma to arrange for a picnic in December.
- 2) Rtn PP Gagandeep Singh Sapra suggested that we keep an attendance register during meetings as that would improve attendance.
- 3) The members approved the project at Jamia Millia where tables and chairs would be given to the school for the children. A date would be fixed for this shortly.

The Secretary, Rtn Rajni Bagla, conveyed Birthday Greetings to Rtn PP Gagandeep Singh Sapra (7 Jul), R'Ann Suman Harjit Singh (13 Jul), Rtn Bela Verma (21 Jul), Rtn Brig Davinder Singh (22 Jul) and R'Ann Dr Anita Singh (23 Jul). The GOV and Installation will be held on 1 Aug. Next meeting will be held on 25 Jul. Speaker details follow.



The President adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM with a request for greater member participation in all the club meetings, service projects, camps and social events and expressed his desire to have every member in the club serve in a leadership capacity.

REGULAR MEETING – SPEAKERS FROM UNICEF - 25 JUL 2023



The President, Rtn Harinder Arora, called the 385 meeting to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday 25 July at the Friends Club. The National Anthem was sung by all members led by Rtn Secy Rajni Bagla. The 4-Way Test was read out.

The President welcomed the two Guest Speakers two senior and experienced persons from UNICEF Delhi, namely, Mr Rahul Bansal, Head of Private Sector Partnerships and Fundraising and Ms Micky Dhamanda, Partnerships Specialist (Philanthropy). They were

speaking on the subject of **Empowering the Future** by encashing the potential of a million lives through education.



The Guest Speakers were introduced by Rtn Subodh Raheja.



The talk was divided in three parts - What is UNICEF and how it works. Second part was about how UNICEF is working with Government of India (GOI) for improving Foundational Literacy and numeracy. Third part was association of UNICEF with Rotary. UNICEF In India works with Mutual Agreement and Cooperation with the government and with nodal Ministry of Education and also with ancillary partners like Ministry of Women and Child Development and

other stake holders like Civil Society, Frontline health workers, local level community leaders and Academic and Educational institutions.



UNICEF is for children and is with children

and is working with GOI to empower children through education. For this it has Life Cycle Approach covering from zero years to 24 years. Uses Global knowledge and practices for creating relevant localised solutions which have direct impact and are measurable. NIPUN (National Initiative for Proficiency With Understanding And Numeracy)

Bharat

Mission is the program started by GOI and



UNICEF is fully associated with it. This mission has been started to improve Foundational Literacy and Numeracy of students in Grade3 and above as they were found lacking these. And also to reduce educational inequalities and disabilities and resultant huge educational loss/learning loss.

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UNICEF association with Rotary in India is limited. Both at present are promoting WASH and Literacy programs in their respective domains in their own ways. The talk concluded with a brief interesting interactive session as there are good number of Members associated with education.

The Secretary, Rtn Rajni Bagla conveyed Birthday Greetings to PP Sukh Mohinder Singh (26 Aug). The members were informed of the Tree Plantation drive programme on 28 Jul at Jangpura. Members were requested to attend in large numbers. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Rtn PP Sukh Mohinder Singh proposed vote of thanks.

The President adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

TREE PLANTATION HELD ON 28 JUL 2023

Rotary  
ROTARY CLUB OF INDRAPRASTHA-OKHLA
R.I. District 3011

TREE PLANTATION INITIATIVE

As per our commitment to nature and mother earth, we are having tree plantation drive in H block round park, opposite Govt School, Jangpura Ext, New Delhi on Friday, 28th July 2023 at 9.30 AM sharp.

Chief Guest is
Shri Sharad Kapoor,
MCD Councillor of the area.
Dr Alok Singh,
Director (Horticulture)MCD will be the guest of honour.

The Club conducted the first of its Tree Plantation project on Friday 28 Jul 2023 at Jangpura New Delhi.

We present herewith a photo feature of the programme.





NEW MEMBER – RTN NIDHI PRAKASH MPHJ INDUCTED



We welcome our new member Rtn Nidhi Prakash. While she is new to our club, she is not new to Rotary. She has migrated to us from Rotary Club of Indore Malvika. She is a third generation Rotarian.

She has done her Masters in Computer Management (MCM) from DAVV, Indore, MP. She has worked as a software engineer with M/s Tecnocate, New Delhi.

Her entire family is PHF. She herself is a PHF +8! An amazing achievement by all standards. Her Mother is Level 3 Major Donar. Her Father-in-Law is the Charter President of Rotary Club of Sonepat.

A very welcome addition to our Family of Rotary.

FIVE AVENUES OF SERVICE IN ROTARY EXPLAINED

Rotary principals involve Rotary's commitment to **Service above Self**, which is channelled through Five Avenues of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, International and New Generations.

Club Service works to strengthen fellowship of members through training and hospitably. Clubs have serious topics to work toward, so having various social events that bring members and their guest informally and for fun, contributes to genuine fellowship.

Vocational Service encourages members to serve other people through their vocations, education, skillsets, which encourages high ethical standards.

Community Service is exactly what the name implies-projects and activities each club undertakes to improve community life.

International Service volunteers work to expand the Rotarians humanitarian work around the world. This important service promotes understanding and peace, sponsors projects in other countries and works with international partners to support projects in their communities.

New Generation Service works to engage youth and young adults in leaderships roles.

*Rtn President Harinder Singh Arora and Members
Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla*

Welcome

*District Governor Jeetender Gupta and his Team
For the Governor's Official Visit on 1 Aug 2023*

THE 4-WAY TEST

THE 4-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I present to you the First Issue of **UTSAV**, the E-Bulletin of Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla for the Rotary Year 2023-24.

I am honoured to have been asked by the Incoming President, Rtn Harinder Singh Arora, to continue publishing the Club Bulletin. I accept the responsibility willingly and assure him and members of Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla of my very best efforts to keep the Club Bulletin as readable as possible.

The year started with much enthusiasm with our very first Regular Meeting being held on 4 Jul. The President declared it as the Club Assembly where the President and Directors presented and discussed their plans for the year. A detailed Report of this meeting appears in this issue.

Enjoy Reading !

Yours-in-Rotary,

Rtn PP Atul Dev
Editor **UTSAV**

Greetings in August

Birthdays

26 Aug – Rtn PP Sukh Mohinder Singh

Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries this month

August Programmes

1 Aug – GOV & Installation

3 Aug – Health Check-up Camp

15 Aug – Flag Hoisting in DCW School

22 Aug – Regular Meeting