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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Rotary Parivar,
Rotary Greetings,

The month of August for us started with a remarkable evening of GOV and Installation. The monsoon rains soon there-after abated giving us all a breather for arranging the events.

We managed within one month tree plantations at two places, both well organized by Rtn Shashi Sharma. Interestingly the Speaker Meeting conducted by Mr Sanjay Awasthi from UN was on Immigration issues just the day before the entire nation was moonstruck with the landing of Chandrayaan 3 on the hallowed surface of our most enchanting neighbour in the universe.

Kudos to our club members for an appreciable increase in participation at the three events on Healthcare, Literacy and Slum Children Development. More than half of our members and spouses were present on 2nd Aug at Jeewan Hospital and at the Delhi State Council of Women School on 11th August, even though the camp for improving facilities for slum children on 29th August at Jamia School saw fewer numbers!

Next month promises to be an interesting month with an interesting talk on Teachers Day as the speakers Ms Shivani and Ms Ambita, Directors of Soch Foundation, will have an open house discussion on the Resource Centre for Children with special needs. Please do come geared up for the same.

Best Wishes,

Rtn Harinder Singh Arora
President
Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla

CLUB GOV-CUM-INSTALLATION : 1 AUGUST 2023

On 1 Aug 2023 our club had its GOV-cum-Installation at the Friends Club. The function was attended by the DG, Rtn Jeetender Gupta, Rtn PP Deepti Gupta and District Secretary Rtn Suresh Chander. The GOV was conducted in the Conference Room of Friends Club and the Installation Ceremony in the Banquet Hall of Friends Club.



The GOV commenced at 6:30 PM sharp with President Rtn Harinder Arora and the entire Club Board present. The DG took stock of the club activities during the past year and the forecasts for the current year, which had been pre-loaded on the Rotary website. A very fine departure from printed Brochures in the past! During the GOV the DG made the following points:

- a) The club was starting the year with 22 members. Since we had come down from 28 members during the year, our target should be 30 members during the year.
- b) The club must ensure that all members are involved in the service projects. Every member must do at least one hour per month. For this, if necessary, a roster may be prepared.
- c) For our service projects to have an impact we must follow the formula: **Impact – Engage – Reach – Adapt.**
- d) The DG appreciated our initiative in the Cervical Cancer Project. He had made this into a District Programme and wanted our club to continue to provide the lead. To this end he had appointed Rtn PP Vandana Bhalla as the District Cervical Cancer Project Chair.
- e) He advised the club to look at the contributions to the Rotary Foundation. He wanted each Rotarian to contribute US \$ 100 per year (Each Rotarian Each Year - EREY). To start with he advised the President to commence collection with US \$ 25 per Rotarian in the month of Aug itself.

On completion of the GOV, the DG and the Board migrated to the Banquet Hall for the Installation Ceremony. The Banquet Hall was very tastefully decorated and prepared for the function by the personal efforts of R'Ann Dr Anita Singh and Rtn PP Sukh Mohinder Singh, who had spent the entire day doing it up.

IPP Rtn Vandana Bhalla, not yet having been relieved of her charge, called the 386th meeting of the Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla to Order at 7:30 PM. The National Anthem was sung led by Rtn Secy Rajni Bagla. The 4-Way Test was read out by Rtn PP Dr Amita Rani Gupta.



Thereafter the DG and other District dignitaries were invited to light the lamp to mark the auspicious beginning of the Installation function.

Rtn PP Atul Dev, the MC of the evening welcomed the guests – DG Jeetenter Gupta, Rtn PP Depti Gupta, Dist Secy Rtn PP Suresh Chander, Rtn PP Madhu Deva, President RC Connaught Place Raisinha Hills, Rtn PP Rajiv Deva, Ms Sheetal Mishra daughter of Rtn Renu Mishra, Mr Ramneet Arora, son of Rtn President Harinder Arora, Mr Ravi Wadhawan, Chartered Accountant and Mr Rohit Gupta, Advocate.



IPP Rtn Vandana Bhalla presented her Report. She covered the year's activities which included the regular meetings which were held twice every month, the medical camps done in association with BLK Hospital and Rtn Dr Neeraj Bhalla, the start of a regular medical camp in the Flatted Factory Complex with Rtn PP Dr Amita Rani Gupta personally attending to patients,

the tree plantation drives conducted under the guidance of Rtn Shashi Bhushan Sharma, who as a

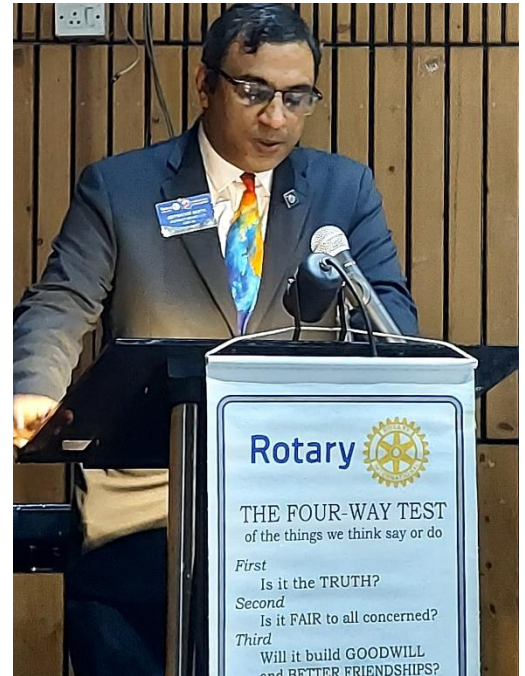


horticulturist provided expert guidance to the programme, the blanket presentation to the slum dwellers during the winter and the start of the Cervical Cancer Project in association with BLK Hospital and Rotary Cancer Foundation.

At the end of her Report, the Outgoing President Rtn Vandana Bhalla and the incoming President Rtn Harinder Singh Arora exchanged the President's Collar and President's pins. This was followed by the Outgoing Secretary Rtn Dr Amita Rani Gupta exchanging pins with Incoming Secretary Rtn Rajni Bagla. Rtn President Harinder Singh Arora then briefly addressed the Club. He started by thanking all the members for having reposed faith in him to have elected him as the President. He hoped that he would be able to keep up the standards of the Club as set in the past and keep up the reputation of the Club.

Thereafter the DG, Rtn Jeetender Gupta, was introduced by the MC, Rtn PP Atul Dev.

The DG, Rtn Jeetender Guta, spoke to the Club. The DG started his talk by Greeting all the Members with a Happy Namaste. At the very outset, I would like to thank each one of you for your overall contribution till date towards furthering the objectives of Rotary. I would request each one of you to make consistent efforts to increase your reach by growing more not only in terms of number of members but also following the principle of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, so as to adapt with times. I am hopeful that your club will take member engagement to the next level, thereby, making your club irresistible for both new and existing members. Our focus should not only be confined to “Each One Bring One” but also towards “Each One Retain One”. Please align your service projects with the annual theme and vision of RI / District leaders. Also explore ways and means to magnify the scale of your service projects, as a step towards increasing its Impact. For our service projects to have an impact we must follow the formula: **Impact – Engage – Reach – Adapt**. The DG appreciated our initiative in the Cervical Cancer Project. He had made this into a District Programme and wanted our club to continue to provide the lead. To this end he had appointed Rtn PP Vandana Bhalla as the District Cervical Cancer Project Chair. Each Rotarian should support “The Rotary Foundation (TRF)”, irrespective of the quantum of personal contribution, so that we could do Bigger and Bolder projects across the world. Please follow the principle of Each One Each Year by contributing US \$ 100 per member. You can start with US \$ 25 per member during Aug itself. Our best wishes to Team 2023-24 for an eventful and successful Rotary Year 2023-24 ahead. My personal interpretation of HOPE in the context of Rotary would be Hands, Opportunities, Projects & Experiences. Let our hearts be in the right place as we make all efforts to **“CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD”**.



Thereafter the MC requested the Rtn PP Sukh Mohinder Singh to announce the names of the winners of the three running trophies of the Club and requested the DG to kindly give these away to the winners. Rtn PP Sukh Mohinder Singh at the outset explained that the President Rtn Vandana Bhalla had recused herself from the Selection Committee and Rtn Secy Dr Amita Rani Gupta was not available and thus an ad hoc Committee had been constituted consisting of Rtn President Harinder Singh Arora, Rtn Secy Rajni Bagla and himself. The Awards were announced and given away to the winners – Best Rotarian Trophy - Rtn Secy Dr Amita Rani Gupta, Best Contribution to Projects Trophy – Rtn President Vandana Bhalla and Best Contribution by R’Ann (Spouse) Trophy – Rtn Renu Mishra.



IPP Rtn Vandana Bhalla also announced the presentation of Special Recognition Mementos to Rtn PP Atul Dev (For running the Club Bulletin), Rtn PP Pradip Mitra (For meticulous maintenance of accounts and Rtn Dr Neeraj Bhalla (For dedicated contribution to the various medical camps and Cervical Cancer Vaccination Project).



The DG was invited to welcome and pin the new Rotarians inducted in the Club – Rtn Ravi Wadhawan, Chartered Accountant and Rtn Rohit Gupta, Advocate.

The Secretary, Rtn Rajni Bagla then greeted Rtn Sukh Mohinder Singh for his birthday on 26 Aug. She announced the next Regular Meeting will be on Tuesday 22 Aug 2023. Details of speaker and subject will be communicated. Health Checkup Camp will be held on 3 Aug. Our Club has been invited to attend Independence Day Flag Hoisting at DCW School on 11 Aug.



The Vote of



Thanks was proposed by Rtn Anil Datta. The President adjourned the meeting at 9 PM after inviting all members and guests to join in for the Fellowship with drinks and dinner with live music.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR RTN JEETENDER GUPTA

District Governor Rtn. Jeetender Gupta is a highly qualified professional with BCA, MBA, LLB and LLM degrees. He is an Advocate-on-Record with the Honorable Supreme Court and a mediator with the Delhi High Court. He is also actively associated with a multitude of industry associations. A frequent speaker and moderator at several media, industry and academic platforms, he has been in the news for all the right reasons for more than a couple of times.



Justice for the common man drives Jeetender – he contributes his full might to this cause through PILs and petitions. Noteworthy among these causes are the MBBS admissions for specially-abled students; and, more recently, compensation to the Covid orphans.

Jeetender joined rotary in 2001 at the young age of 26 and became the President of his club in 2006. Ever since, he has been actively engaged with Rotary service as well as Rotary District administration and teams. He has served in various roles like AG, District Chair Meets, District Director Administration, District Secretary Membership and District Secretary International Services, among other roles.

A Permanent Trustee of Rotary Blood Bank Faridabad and Life Member of the Rotary Cancer Foundation and Rotary Habitat Centre, he has also been a trainer for multiple times for his club, RC Delhi, the oldest club in North India.

Jeetender has bagged numerous Rotary accolades, including the Four Avenues of Service Award, Running Trophy in Exemplary Service in Vocational Services Award and the prestigious Chaman Lal Gupta Memorial Trophy ... to name a few.



He has also been involved in a number of Rotary Friendship Exchange Programs ... he was a team member in the US friendship exchange team ... the team leader of the friendship exchange with Canada ... and the coordinator of the visiting teams from the US, Canada and Taiwan

PP Rtn. Dr. Deepti Singh Gupta did her graduation and masters from the Hindu College of the Delhi University and has a doctorate in Botany. She is a published author with Rupa Books. Her debut fiction novel, MySuitcaseHeart, hit the stands in 2021.

Their son, Kushagra Gupta, is a law graduate from the NLU, Patiala. A past Rotaract President, Kushagra is now enrolled with London School of Economics to pursue his LLM.

Rotarian Jeetender Gupta is the youngest District Governor in entire India during his tenure in 2023-24.

Both Deepti and Jeetender are major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

MEDICAL CAMP HELD AT JEEVAN HOSPITAL ON 3 AUGUST 2023

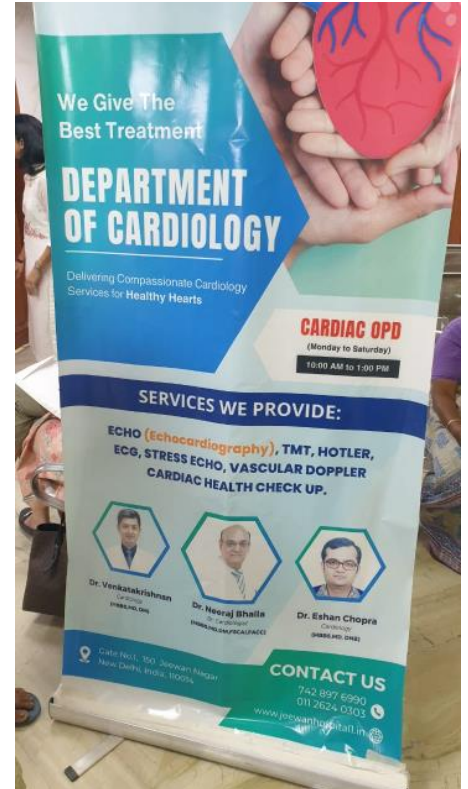
Our Club organised a Mega Health Camp at Jeewan Hospital and Nursing Home, Bharat Nagar, New Delhi on 3 Aug 2023. The Camp has been Coordinated by Lord Dr Neeraj Bhalla on behalf of the Club with the Assistance of Rtn PP Dr Amita Rani Gupta. The Camp was held from 10 AM to 2 PM.



Dr Neeraj Bhalla is a part of Jeewan hospital. He had planned this Camp and wanted to partner with Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla. Details of participants

are on the Banner in display at the site. Rotarian participants including President Harinder Arora, were there at 9:30 AM with boxes of sweets that were given to the entire staff there. The Rotarians attending got the staff organised and we also started off the registration work, for all the patients who had come.

The Camp was considered a major success by the Director, Jeewan Hospital, where a large number of cardiac cases were examined and future course of treatment prescribed.



FLAG HOISTING AT DELHI STATE COUNCIL OF WOMEN (DSCW) SCHOOL



On 11 Aug 2023 our club joined the celebrations of Independence Day by Delhi State Council of Women Girls School in New Friends Colony.

Our Rotarians distributed Sanitary Pads, Learning Books and Refreshment Boxes to the students.



INSTALLATION OF INTERACTORS CLUB ON 21 AUGUST 2023



The new Team of our Interact Club in Balvantray Mehta Vidya Bhawan - ASMA was installed on 21 Aug 2023.

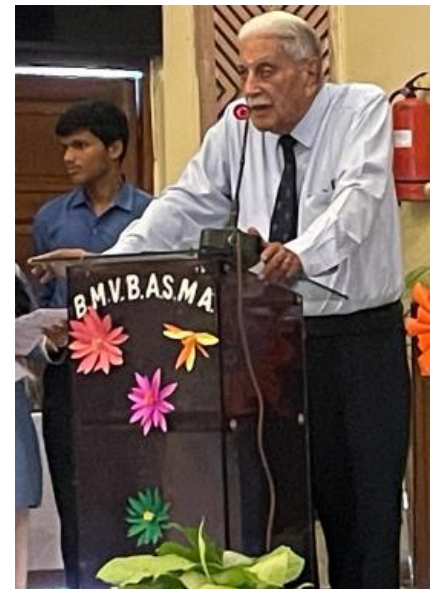
The auditorium was well decorated and all guests were welcomed with tilak and shower of rose petals by traditionally dressed girl Interactors. Nicely decorated folders with program schedule were given to each guest.

The meeting started well on time, outgoing Vice President S Akshaya, the President being sick, called the meeting to order and invited all to join in singing the National Anthem. Few special need children, deaf and dumb, presented the National Anthem in sign language simultaneously along with the others. Thereafter, the Chief Guest, our President, School Director and guests lighted the lamp while Ganesh Vandana was recited by the Interactors. An Interactor read out the 4-Way Test.



The school Director Group Captain SC Bahri (Retd) thanked Rotary for a long and meaningful association, helping them in many ways, making the students self-confident and better citizens. Group Captain Bahri shared that in some ways their organisation, Servants of

People Society, and Rotary have common goals to serve the society specially the poor and helping them educate.



The outgoing Vice President welcomed the guests and gave details of the projects done. These projects were later shown through video presentation. A Nukkad Natak - **Stress Management** - was presented on how the students get stress from various directions and how they have to handle it. It was very well conceived and performed. The audience enjoyed the performance.



Zero Hunger, a UN deliberation, was the theme of unique format presentation, stage drama and videos - Health Minister interviewed by a journalist, how to cope with the shortage of food in sustainable way. It summed up, while Government takes various efforts it is also the responsibility of each individual to grow food and ensure zero wastage.

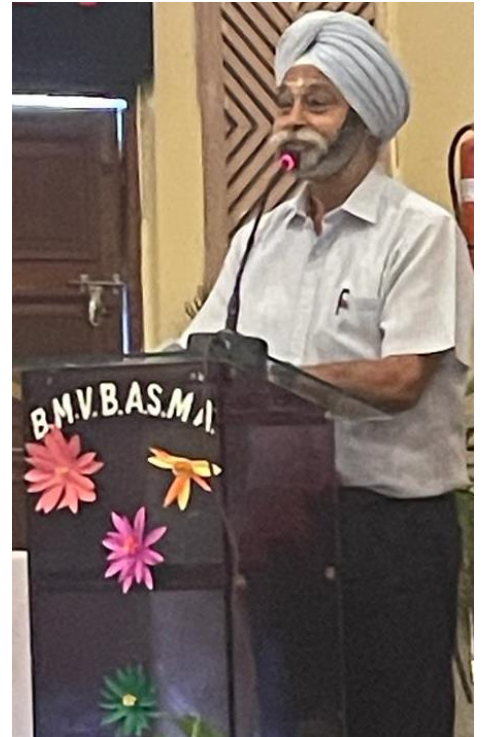
At this point the President's Collar was exchanged. The incoming president Ms Anushka Chauhan promised to follow Interact principles and Service

Above Self and work hard to achieve the set goals. She introduced the new board. Guests and our members pin the Interactors Team for 2023-24.



Chief Guest, Rtn Sanjai Seth, District Chair Interact, administered the Oath of office to the newly inducted Team. He congratulated the Interactors, assured them they will enjoy team spirit, learn leadership qualities and will have satisfaction of being useful to society. He presented Rotary Interact Flags to the President and the Secretary.

Our President, Rtn Harinder Arora, spoke and informed the Interactors that they are part of 10700 clubs and over 20 lakhs Interactors in 110 countries. He advised them to set the goals as per the Interact Motto and work on them. He wished them best of luck. He thanked the School, the Teachers and Interact In-charges for their cooperation. He also presented mementos to the Chief



Guest, Director of School, Principals and Teacher In-Charges. He said to Interactors – “Its your day, enjoy it” and invited them to join him for some snacks.



School Principal, Mrs Vandana Baberwal, blessed the Interactors and advised them to work for the community they belong to. The newly inducted Vice President proposed the Vote of Thanks and assured us they will follow the guidelines given to them.

Interactor President Anushka Chauhan adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2023

The President, Rtn Harinder Singh Arora, called the 387th Meeting of Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla to Order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday 22 Aug 2023 at Friends Club, New Delhi.



The National Anthem was sung led by Rtn PP Dr Amita Rani Gupta. The 4-Way Test was read out by Rtn PP Sunil Bandula. The President then welcomed the team that had come to make their presentation on the problem of Illegal Migration in the context of the present World Order – Mr Sanjay Awasthi, India Head International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and Ms Suraksha Chandershekhar, Senior Project Assistant IOM. Rtn PP Sukh Mohinder Singh introduced

the Guest Speakers.

Mr Sanjay Awasthi introduced International Organisation for Migration (IOM) as an intergovernmental organization that works closely with governmental, non-governmental, and intergovernmental partners in the field of migration to aid orderly and humane migration for the benefit of the human race. It has been recognised by the United Nations. It is the officially recognised body as an intergovernmental organisation in the field of migration dedicated to ensuring the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need. The IOM works to help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, be they refugees, displaced persons or other uprooted people. The IOM works in the four broad areas of migration management: migration and development, facilitating migration, regulating migration, and addressing forced migration. Cross-cutting activities include the promotion of international migration law, policy debate and guidance, protection of migrants' rights, migration health and the gender dimension of migration.



He explained that IOM is a United Nations agency that provides services and advice concerning migration to governments and migrants, including internally displaced persons, refugees, and migrant workers. IOM was established in 1951 as the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM) to help resettle people displaced by World War II. It became

a United Nations agency in 2016. The IOM is the principal UN agency working in the field of migration. The IOM promotes humane and orderly migration by providing services and advice to governments and migrants. The IOM works in the four broad areas of migration management: migration and development, facilitating migration, regulating migration, and addressing forced migration. India became an IOM Member State on 18 June 2008. Carrying forward the presentation Ms Suraksha Chandershekhar, Senior Project Assistant, explained that from its roots as an operational logistics agency, the IOM has



broadened its scope to become the leading international agency working with governments and civil societies to advance the understanding of migration issues, encourage social and economic development through migration, and uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants. The broader scope of activities has been matched by rapid expansion from a relatively small agency into one with an annual operating budget of US\$1.8 billion and some 11,500 staff working in over 150 countries worldwide.

As the "UN migration agency", the IOM has become a main point of reference in the heated global debate on the social, economic and political implications of migration in the 21st century.



After a very detailed presentation with the help of a power point presentation, there were numerous questions from the audience. The President requested Rtn PP Dr Amita Rani Gupta to propose the Vote of Thanks.

The Secretary, Rtn Rajni Bagla, made her announcements. Birthday Greetings were conveyed to Rtn PP

Harjit Singh (10 Sep). Wedding Anniversary Greetings were conveyed to R'Ann Suman & Rtn PP Harjit Singh (2 Sep) and R'Ann Meena & Rtn Subodh Raheja (19 Sep). The Club will have a Tree Plantation drive on 27 Aug. The Installation of the Interact Club will be held on 29 Aug. Details for both programmes will be conveyed to all shortly. Next Regular Meeting of the Club will be on 5 Sep.

The President then requested Rtn PP Ascharaj Sahni and Rtn PP Dr Amita Rani Gupta to kindly pin the Rotary pin on the new Rotarians. This was done for Rtn Ravi Wadhawan, Rtn Rohit Gupta and Rtn Brig Devinder Singh.

The President adjourned the meeting at 9 PM.



TREE PLANTATION HELD ON SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2023



Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla organised a tree plantation drive on Sunday 27 Aug 2023 in New Friends Colony.

We thank Rtn Shashi Sharma whose efforts made our Tree Plantation Drive come to be a major success. In a Gym park in New Friends Colony, A Block, Shashi helped us plant beautiful ornamental plants and shrubs. He also gifted all participants herbs, Tulsi Brahmi and Sage plants.

The program was appreciated by one and all, everyone went back home happy. Members thanked Rtn Shashi for the plants given to them and the excellent organisation of the Tree Plantation Drive.





PRESENTATION OF FURNITURE TO JAMIA SCHOOL ON 29 AUGUST 2023



On 29th August Our Club distributed furniture to school students in Jamia School.

Improving Education of Slum Children

TUESDAY AUGUST 29, 2023

11.00 AM AT JAMIA SCHOOL, JAMIA NAGAR, NEW DELHI
FURNITURE HANDOVER AND REFRESHMENT DISTRIBUTION AT THE SCHOOL

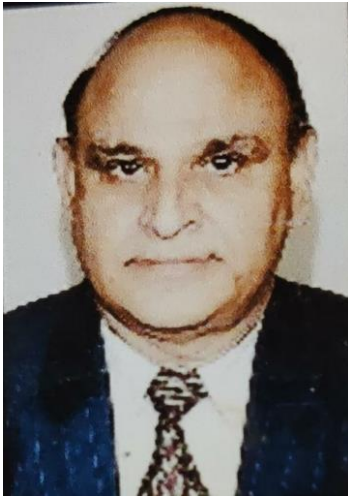


The students did not have chair and table to sit on and were sitting on floor. They were very happy to receive the furniture & refreshments. The staff and the students very happy to receive them.



NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

Rtn Ravinder Wadhawan



Is a Chartered Accountant both as Practicing and as a Consultant. This is the first time that he has joined any Rotary Club.

Spouse – Late Veena Wadhawan

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Rtn Rohit Gupta



Is an Advocate, practicing in the Supreme Court of India, High Courts of Delhi, Rajasthan, Chandigarh (Punjab & Haryana) and others as well as the District Courts in these locations.

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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?

Rotary is dedicated to causes that build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.

Promoting peace - Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.

Fighting disease - We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.

Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene - We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.

Saving mothers and children - Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.

Supporting education - More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

Growing local economies - We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

Protecting the environment - Rotary members are tackling environmental issues the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy and planning for the future.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

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

The month of August started with much enthusiasm with our GOV–cum–Installation being conducted on 1 Aug. A detailed Report of the event has been carried in this issue. Otherwise too the month of August has been a month packed with activities for the Club. We have tried to cover each of the events in which our members participated either our own functions or as invitees at other Institutions.

Enjoy Reading !

Yours-in-Rotary,

Rtn PP Atul Dev
Editor **UTSAV**

Greetings in September

Birthdays

10 Sep – Rtn PP Harjit Singh

Wedding Anniversaries

2 Sep – R'Ann Suman & Rtn PP Harjit Singh

19 Sep – R'Ann Meena & Rtn Subodh Raheja

September Programmes

5 Sep – Talk on Teachers Day for Children of Special Needs

12 Sep – Cervical Cancer Vaccination
Second dose at Balwantray School

19 Sep – Regular Meeting

26 Sep – Eye Camp & Dental Camp