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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Rotary Parivar,
Rotary Greetings,

Can you believe we are halfway through this Rotary Year?

I am so appreciative for everyone's support to our club during the first half of my Presidential year. Proud, thankful and honoured are on the top of that list as well.

We have had six great months with a number of service projects having been done, several enjoyable Regular meetings and Fellowship Meetings, which culminated in a very successful Club Assembly on the 26th Dec when we sat together and elected the Team for 2024-25 and Rtn Renu Mishra as the President for Rotary Year 2025-2026.

Our six months progress achieved and election results are given in this issue of Utsav.

Moving into the first half of 2024, and the second half of this Rotary Year, all I ask is for you is to continue doing what we are doing and to initiate work on setting up of a Special Needs Resource Centre, which is part of the RCIO plans announced at the last GOV in addition make our club 100% PHF. I would request all members to give a serious thought on how to take all of these dream projects forward in the New Year.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all on January 7, 2024 when we resume our regular meetings schedule.

With Warm Greetings,
Rtn Harinder Singh Arora
President

Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla

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DISTRICT INTERACT LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY (DILA)

DILA 2023 was held on Saturday 2 Dec 2023 at Apeejay School, Panchshila Park, New Delhi. Our Interact Club of Balvantray Mehta Vidya Bhawan, Greater Kailash - 2 participated.

Each Interact Club exhibited their projects through photographs. After Registration the Assembly was held where the District Governor called the meeting to Order followed by the National Anthem and exchange of collar by the Outgoing DIR and Incoming DIR.



Rotary.

The DG welcome the Interactors and advised them to actively participate in the programmes. During his talk he laid emphasis on increased awareness in three areas:

- Cervical Cancer Vaccination
- Thalassemia awareness
- Mental Health of students in particular

This year a new format, in the form of Model United Nations (MUN) was followed, where participants had represented various countries and brainstormed over various issues including all seven focus areas of

Breakaway Discussions by Interactors were held in different Rooms in presence of Counsellors on the following subjects:

- UNGA - Threats of Cyber War and Role of AI
- COSOC - Community & Economic Development
- UNCSD - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- UNSC - Peace Building and Conflict Prevention
- UNCSW - Maternal and Child Health
- WHO - Fighting the Next Pandemic
- UNEP - Supporting the Environment
- UNESCO - Basic Education & Literacy

This was followed by a General Assembly. It was attended by the President, Secretary and Teachers. The best delegate Interactors from each session presented the synopsis of the deliberations.

In concluding session Pinning was done of District Interact Council. Concluding remarks were made by the DG. He congratulated and thanked the Interactors, teachers and the organising team for the grand success of the event. It was indeed a very useful and successful event. The interactors were engaged in meaningful discussions, collaborated on community service projects, and fostered leadership skills.



Report by Rtn PP Narender Bhasin

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER 2023

The 393rd Meeting of the Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla was called to Order by Rtn President Harinder Singh Arora at 7:30 PM on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at Friends Club.

Members sang the National Anthem. Rtn PP Sunil Bandula read out the 4-Way Test.



The President welcomed the Guest Speaker of the evening, Prof Danish Iqbal, a National Award Winning Playright, who would be speaking on "Our Cultural Traditions and its Convergence". The President also welcomed guest, Mr Subodh Wadhwa.

Rtn PP Narender Bhasin introduced the Guest Speaker as besides being Professor at Jamia University Mass Communication Reach Centre, Danish Sahib is a writer, performer, researcher, cultural organiser, art administrator, media person, an actor and director. The Hindu newspaper wrote about him -- suffice to say there are more colours on Danish's firmament than a rainbow contains. He is a visiting faculty in almost all prominent universities of the world, also NSD, National School of Drama. He has been performing at Jashan-e-Rekhta, also he did just 2 days ago.

Prof Danish Iqbal delivered an illustrated lecture on "Our Cultural Tradition & its Convergence," focusing on the dance-drama production



'Noor Jehan: The Light of the World.' The production,

authored by Prof Iqbal, seamlessly blends dance, music, poetry, literature, and storytelling to delve into the early life of Noor Jehan, a luminary in pre-partition cinema and music.



During the lecture, Prof Iqbal emphasized the production's narrative structure, systematically weaving together the cultural and political contexts that shaped Noor Jehan's evolution. The dance-drama unfolds her remarkable journey, highlighting not only her rise to fame

but also her influential contributions to popular culture and advocacy for India's freedom and breaking the glass ceiling by singing new genres.



Integral to conveying the essence of Noor Jehan's spirit are the choreography and production design by Shinjini

Kulkarni. These elements play a pivotal role in bringing to life the quintessential aspects of Noor Jehan's persona. Overall, Prof Danish Iqbal's lecture provided valuable insights into the profound impact of 'Noor Jehan: The Light of the World' as a cultural exploration and celebration. He supplemented his talk with the video projection of his earlier you tube program.

After a very interesting talk, Rtn Prof AS Kohli proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The Secretary, Rtn Rajni Bagla, conveyed Birthday Greetings to R'Ann Jasjit Kaur (4 Dec), Rtn Rohit Gupta (5 Dec), Rtn Nidhi Prakash (15 Dec) & Lord Dr Neeraj Bhalla (17 Dec). Wedding Anniversary Greetings were conveyed to R'Ann Harpreet & Rtn PP Gagandeep Sapra (2 Dec).



The Secretary announced that the next meeting will be on 26 Dec and will be a Club Assembly to conduct the Annual Elections. Rtn Prof AS Kohli has very kindly agreed to be the Returning Officer. Further instructions will be communicated to all concerned. The Secretary further announced that the next year will commence with a Fellowship Meeting for Breakfast on Tuesday 7 Jan 2024. Sunshine collection was Rs 1800, collected by R'Ann Dr Anita Singh.

The President adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION CAMP HELD ON 19th DECEMBER 2023



Our Club conducted a Cervical Cancer Vaccination Camp at Vivekananda Public School for the second dose of the vaccine Cervavac on 19 Dec 2023. We vaccinated 44 girls for the second dose. With this vaccination these girls are 100% vaccinated against the HPV virus and against five kinds of cancer.



REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER 2023

The 394th Meeting of the Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla was called to Order by Rtn President Harinder Singh Arora at 7:30 PM on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at Friends Club.

Members sang the National Anthem. Rtn PP Sunil Bandula read out the 4-Way Test.

The Agenda for the day's meeting being the CLUB ASSEMBLY, the President handed over the meeting to Rtn PP Prof AS Kohli to conduct the Annual Elections of the Club.

Rtn PP Kohli announced that he had received nominations for various posts to be elected. These were as follows:

- President (2025-26) – Two Nominations were received. Rtn PP Gagandeep Sapra and Rtn Renu Mishra. Since both nominations were defective, both of them were rejected.
- Vice President – No nomination received.
- Secretary – One Nomination of Rtn Renu Mishra received. Since nomination was defective it was rejected.
- Treasurer – One Nomination of Rtn PP Pradeep Mitra received. Since there was only one nomination and it was found in order he was declared elected to the post of Treasurer.
- Directors (5) – Five Nominations were received from Since these were one per post to be elected, the 5 Directors were elected unanimously. Directors elected were:
 - Rtn PP Narender Bhasin (Youth Services/New Generation)
 - Rtn Subodh Vir Raheja (Community Services)
 - Rtn Bela Verma (Vocational Services)
 - Rtn PP Harjit Singh (Club Services)
 - Rtn PP Sukh Mohinder Singh (International Services)

The President thanked Rtn PP Prof AS Kohli for having conducted the election. He then announced that the three posts for which nominations were rejected or there were no nominations would be conducted on the floor of the house. He invited nominations for the three posts and gave 15 minutes to the house to propose/second candidates for the three posts.

After 15 minutes the following proposals/nominations were on the floor of the house:

- President (2025-26) – Rtn PP Gagandeep Singh and Rtn Renu Mishra
- Vice President – Rtn PP Sunil Bandula and Rtn Brig Davinder Singh. Later Rtn Brig Davinder Singh withdrew his nomination.
- Secretary – Rtn Renu Mishra

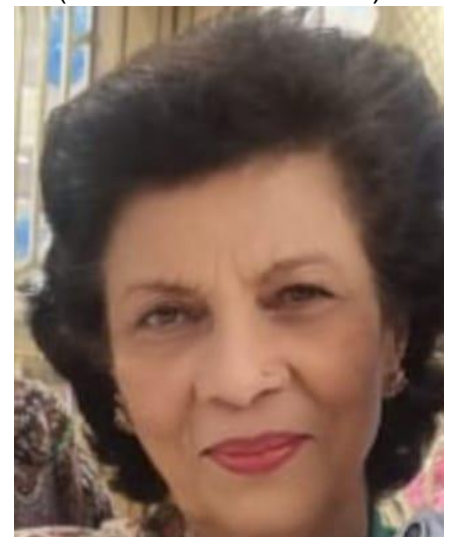
The President announced the unopposed election of the Vice President (Rtn PP Sunil Bandula) and Secretary (Rtn Renu Mishra). Thereafter the President proceeded with the election of one of two candidates for the post of President (2025-26).

Voting was then conducted for the post of President 2025-2026. There were 21 Members present of these 19 cast their vote. The votes were counted in front of the candidates and all the members present. Voted polled were as follows:

- Rtn PP Gagandeep Sapra – 6
- Rtn Renu Mishra – 13

Rtn Renu Mishra was declared elected President (2025-26)

The President congratulated all the new office bearers and wished them well for their year. He thanked Rtn PP Prof AS Kohli for having



conducted the entire election process so meticulously. He thanked the members present for their cooperation in conducting the Annual Elections so smoothly.

The Secretary announced the programmes for Jan. 7 Jan the Club will have a Fellowship Breakfast at the USI at 9:30 AM. Location and other details will be forwarded shortly. The Club will have its traditional Republic Day Fellowship Brunch on 21 Jan. Details will be communicated to all concerned in due course.

Sunshine Collection was Rs 18000 collected by R'Ann Dr Anita Singh.

The President adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF INTERACT CLUB YOUTH VISIONERS HELD ON 29th DECEMBER 2023

The Installation Ceremony of Interact club YOUNG VISIONARIES of Balwantray Mehta Vidya Bhawan Lajpat Nagar was held on 29th December 2023.

The function started with the singing of the National Anthem followed by Lighting of the Lamp by the dignitaries. This was followed by Ganesh Vandana in impressive dance format by eight Interactors.



Origin of 4-Way Test and its importance in Rotary was explained before it was read out.

The School Principal of the School Blessed the Interactors with some valuable advice:

- Don't say it's the problem, consider it's the challenge and overcome it.
- Never stop dreaming, never stop trying, and never stop learning.
- Success is not in never failing but, rising every time you fall.

President Harinder Singh presented the Interact Club Charter to the Interact Club President Kumkum amidst thunderous applause by the audience.

This was followed by the Interact Secretary placing the Presidential Collar round the President's neck. Thereafter the President called the meeting to Order.

Interact President's Acceptance Speech was well worded. She was highly confident and extremely well presented her speech completely extempore. She referred to Mother Teresa's Selfless Service as her guiding force.

Rtn PP Rakesh Kumar, District Interact Adviser, who was present at the function as Chief Guest admitted that he had not come across such an impressive speech by any Interact Club President in the last five years.



Pinning was done to the Interactors and oath was taken by them lead by Rtn PP Rakesh Kumar.

A well conceived, well performed, dance drama was presented expressing excessive and ill use of all kinds of social media that effect studies.

Rtn PP Rakesh Kumar, in his speech, motivated the Interactors with a short story and blessed them.

President Harinder Singh Arora, in his speech, welcomed Interactors to the Rotary family and advised them to follow Rotary objectives and live up to Rotary values. He blessed them. The President thanked the school management and was grateful to the Teacher In-Charge, Ms Swati Vats, for bringing out the best in the Interactors.

The meeting was adjourned on a very happy note.



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,

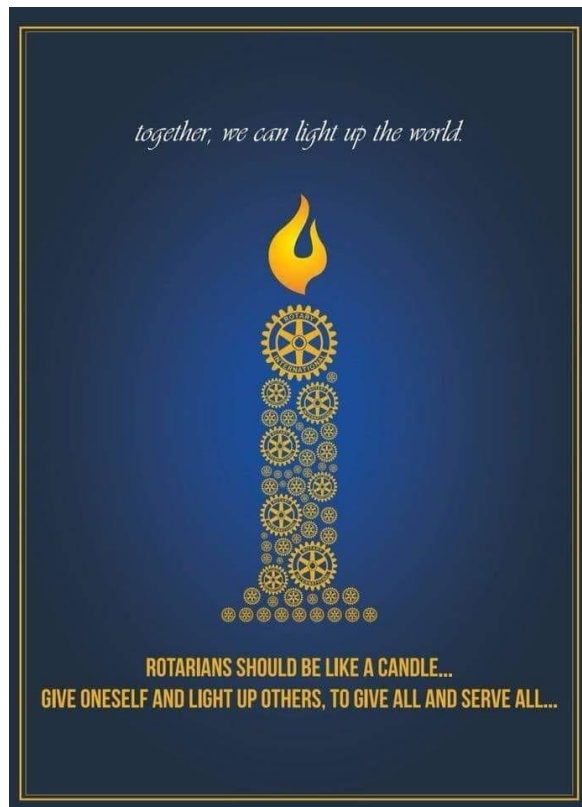
I present herewith the sixth Issue of **UTSAV**, the E-Bulletin of Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla, for the Rotary Year 2023-24.

This is the time of the year when we take time off from work and spend it on vacations and merry making. Let us wish each other all the best for the New Year. May 2024 be better for all with greater achievements for everyone.

2023 has been a year of achievements for our club, let us build on it during 2024 and achieve more.

People have Hope in Rotary ! Wishing you a Happy New Year.

Yours-in-Rotary,
Rtn PP Atul Dev
Editor **UTSAV**



Greetings in January

Birthdays

10 Jan – Rtn PP Dr Ganeshi Lal Moondra
23 Jan – Lord Varun Prakash

Wedding Anniversaries

12 Jan – R'Ann Teeku Datta & Rtn Anil Datta
22 Jan – Rtn PE Rajni Bagla & Lord Anil Bagla

January Programmes

7 Jan – Fellowship Meeting over Breakfast at USI, at 9:30 AM (Sunday)

16 Jan – Regular Meeting. Details Later

21 Jan – Fellowship Lunch. Details later (Sunday)