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Dear Rotary Parivar,
Rotary Greetings,

Can you believe we are already halfway through this Rotary Year?

In this month of January 2024 we experienced cold foggy days causing delay in opening of schools followed by a few days of shut down, as the temperature in Delhi dipped further.

The spell was broken on first Sunday at our Club's Fellowship meet at USI club, as sun rays filtered through the fog to provide some comfort from the biting cold. There were only smiles laughter and positiveness as we together welcomed 2024 over a delightful Fellowship Meeting.

We have passed the half-way mark in this Rotary Year. It is with humble pride that we can look back on 2023 and reflect on how far we have come on the course of action that we have planned. A detailed report on our activities is available in this issue of UTSAV.

We will shortly also begin our work on setting up of a Resource Center for Inclusive Education for children with Learning Disabilities as The Soch Foundation and MCD are on the verge of signing an MOU for setting up the Center in an MCD School in Sheikh Sarai, New Delhi. I look forward to your active participation in the upcoming project, events and meetings.

Wishing you all Happy Valentine's Day, in the upcoming month.

Rtn Harinder Singh Arora
President

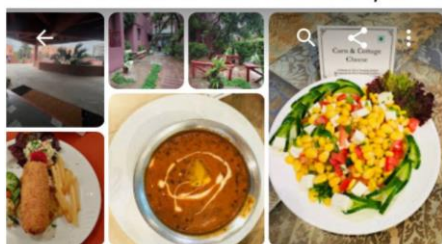
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FELLOWSHIP MEET OVER BREAKFAST AT THE USI ON SUNDAY 7 JAN 2024



NEW YEAR SPECIAL BREAKFAST TIME
SUNDAY. 9.30 TO 11.30 JAN 7TH, 2024



The United Service Institution of India
Rao Tularam Marg Anuj Vihar, New Delhi

The Club started the New Year with a bang by conducting a Fellowship Meeting (No 395) over Breakfast at the United Service Institution of India, Rao Tularam Marg, Anuj Vihar, New Delhi. The Breakfast Meet was organised kind courtesy Rtn PP Sunil Bandula and Rtn Ravindra Wadhawan.

We present herewith a photo-feature of the event.



REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2024

President, Rtn Harinder Singh Arora, called the 396th Meeting of the Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla to Order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday 16 Jan 2024 at The Friends Club, New Delhi.



Members recited the National Anthem led by the Secretary, Rtn Rajni Bagla. Rtn PP Sunil Bandula was invited to read out the Four-Way Test. The President welcome visiting Rotarian Hugh Mose and R'Ann Janice from the USA. Our Club presented a Club Flag to the visiting Rotarian.

The President welcomed the Guest Speaker, Mr Sujit Sanyal, a well know



Advertising Professional who, post retirement, has devoted his entire life to social causes. He stated that Mr Sanyal would be talking to the Club on the Life and Times of Shailendra, well known Film Lyricist and well know personality of the film world who would have celebrated his 100th Birthday this year! The President requested Rtn PP Atul Dev to introduce the Guest Speaker.

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Shailendra started his career as an apprentice with Indian Railways in Matunga workshop, Bombay in 1947. He started writing poetry during these days. The filmmaker Raj Kapoor noticed Shailendra, when the latter was reading out his poem *Jalta hai Punjab* at a mushaira. Kapoor offered to buy the poem *Jalta Hai Punjab* written by Shailendra for his movie *Aag* (1948).

Shailendra, a member of the left wing Indian People's Theatre Association (IPTA), was wary of mainstream Indian cinema and refused. However, after his wife became pregnant, Shailendra himself approached Raj Kapoor in need of money. At this time, Raj Kapoor was filming *Barsaat* (1949) and two of the film songs had not yet been written. For ₹ 500, Shailendra wrote these two songs: *Patli kamar hai* and *Barsaat mein*. The music for *Barsaat* was composed by Shankar–Jaikishan.

The team of Raj Kapoor, Shailendra and Shankar–Jaikishan went on to produce many other hit songs. The song *Awara Hoon* from the 1951 film *Awaara*, written by Shailendra, became the most appreciated Hindustani film song outside India at the time. Shailendra had penned down numerous song lyrics for Raj Kapoor's films. *Shree 420*, released in 1955, is one of them. One can easily understand the power and magic of Shailendra's lyrics from the song "*Pyaar hua iqaraar hua hai, Pyaar se phir kyo darta hai dil*".



In the days when composers would recommend lyricists to producers, Shankar–Jaikishan once promised Shailendra that they would recommend him around, but didn't keep their promise. Shailendra sent them a note with the lines, *Chhoti Si Yeh Duniya, Pehchaane Raaste Hain. Kahin To Miloge, toh Poochhenge Haal* ("The world is small, the roads are familiar. We'll meet sometime, and ask 'How do you do?'"). Shankar–Jaikishan realised what the message meant and having said sorry, turned the lines into a popular song. The song, sung by Kishore Kumar, was featured in the

film *Rangoli* (1962), for which the producer Rajendra Singh Bedi wanted to sign up Majrooh Sultanpuri as the lyricist. However, Shankar–Jaikishan insisted on Shailendra and the producer had to oblige.

Apart from Shankar–Jaikishan, Shailendra also shared a rapport with composers such as Salil Chowdhary (*Madhumati*), Sachin Dev Burman (*Guide*, *Bandini*, *Kala Bazar*), and Ravi Shankar (*Anuradha*). Apart from Raj Kapoor, he shared a rapport with filmmakers such as Bimal Roy (*Do Bigha Zameen*, *Madhumati*, *Bandini*) and Dev Anand (*Guide* and *Kala Bazar*).

Shailendra also wrote lyrics for several Bhojpuri films. Avijit Ghosh mentions in his book, *Cinema Bhojpuri*, that Shailendra penned songs for *Ganga Maiya Tohe Piyari Chadhaibo* (the first Bhojpuri film), *Ganga*, *Mitwa* and *Vidhana Naach Nachave*. In page 184, Ghosh also writes that Shailendra received the best lyricist award for *Ganga Maiyya...* for all Bhojpuri and Magadhi films released till then at a function held in April 1965 in Calcutta.

As a producer the only film Shailendra produced is *Teesri Kasam* (1966). Directed by Basu Bhattacharya and starring Raj Kapoor and Waheeda Rehman, it was an adaptation of Phanishwar Nath Renu's famous short story *Maare Gaye Ghulfam*. The film is today regarded as a cult classic and won the National Film Award For the Best Film. However, the film was a box office bomb and resulted in a financial crisis for Shailendra. His falling health resulting from tensions associated with film production and anxiety due to financial loss, coupled with alcohol abuse, ultimately led to his early death on 14 December 1966.



Shailendra's son Shaily Shailendra also became a lyricist. At the age of 17, Raj Kapoor asked him to complete his father's song *Jeena yahan, marna yahan* for the film *Mera Naam Joker*. Shaily Shailendra completed the "mukhra" of the song whereas Shailendra completed the "antara" only before his demise. Lyricist, writer, and director Gulzar has stated on many occasions that Shailendra was the best lyricist produced by the Hindi film industry.

Shailendra's song *Mera Joota Hai Japani* was featured in the 2016 Hollywood movie *Deadpool* (2016). A street in the Dhauli Pyau locality of Mathura was named after Shailendra on March 9, 2016 - Geetkar-Jankavi Shailendra Marg – Mathura. Shailendra won the Filmfare Best Lyricist Award three times.



While Mr Sanyal was wanting to end his talk, the members kept asking for more because of the very familiar film numbers that were played and made the entire talk very interesting and absorbing.

The President requested Rtn Brig Davindar Singh to propose the Vote of Thanks. A memento was presented to the Guest Speaker.

The Secretary conveyed Greetings to the Rotarians whose birthdays and wedding anniversaries fell during the month – Birthdays Greetings were conveyed to Rtn PP Dr Ganeshi Lal Moondra (10 Jan) and to Lord Varun Prakash (23 Jan). Wedding Anniversaries Greetings were conveyed to R'Ann Teeku Datta & Rtn Anil Datta (12 Jan) and Rtn Secy/PE Rajni Bagla & Lord Anil Bagla (22 Jan).



The Secretary also announced that the next meeting will be a Fellowship Meeting at the residence of the President on Saturday 20 Jan over some home made chhat. Sunshine Collection was Rs 2450, collected by R'Ann Harpreet Kaur Sapra.

The President adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

PRESIDENT HOSTS FELLOWSHIP MEETING OVER CHAAT ON SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2024

The President, Rtn Harinder Singh Arora, hosted a delightful Fellowship Meeting at his residence in Friends Colony over some home made chaat on Saturday 20 Jan. The Chaat, the Gajaar ka Halwa, and the Kaanji made such a deadly combination that members just would not stop eating more and more! We present here a photo-feature of the Fellowship Meeting.





ROTARY CLUB OF INDRAPRASTHA-OKHLA

HALF YEARLY REPORTS

We present herewith Reports on activities o Rotry Club of Indraprastha-Okhla during the first six months of the Rotary Year 2023-2024.

Community Services:

Women, Child Health & Nutrition: Hygiene awareness drive was undertaken for girls in DSCW School during their Independence Day Celebrations along with a talk on Cervical Vaccine and Menstruation. Sanitary Napkins, Note Books and Food Packets have been distributed twice every

month where a camps are held including at the three schools where the second dose of Cervical Cancer Vaccine has been administered.

Tree Plantation drive was carried out at Jangpura and New Friends Colony Parks. Besides planting of trees, saplings distributed to all present for planting in their homes.

Health Check for Sunlight Slum Area residents and Dental camp held in Friends Colony for all domestic help and their families.

Blood Donation Camp at Jamia was conducted with the help of Jamia University students.

Literacy/ Educational Services : Educational aids materials was provided to DSCW School alongwith and chairs and desks for an MCD school in Jamia. Our Club also helped our Interact Club in setting up a library open to the students of weaker section of society in their area,

Youth Services :

Our Club has successfully chartered one new Interact club and one Rotaract Club after conducting Orientation and Motivational talks in Balwantray Mehta Vidya Bhavan, Lajpat Nagar and Donbosco Technology Institute. In both the institutions the Management, Principal, Teachers and Students for made aware of the details, advantages and the process of setting up and functioning in association within the fold of Rotary and in close cooperation with Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla.

The charter for Balwantray Mehta Vidya Bhavan, Lajpat Nagar have been received from Rotary International and presented to the Interact President during Installation ceremony on 29th December 2023.

The Charter of the Rotract Club is expected any day next month and very soon we expect to hold their Installation ceremony.

Balwantray Mehta Vidya Bhavan GK2 Interact Club Installation ceremony was held in August 2023. This school also attended DILA where 10 interactors actively participated and gave presentations in all 8 modules as per new DiLA format.

We joined the inauguration of the Library-for-All project of Interact club, JOSH of Raghav Global school and donated books for their library.

In November we facilitated Entrepreneurship Awareness seminar in Donbosco Technology Institute with the support of Ministry of MSME for the benefit of students, complimenting Government policy of promoting self-employment.

Club Services:

Meetings: The Club has conducted a minimum of two Regular Meetings every month. These include meetings where Speakers were invited and Fellowship Meetings.

Membership: In last six months 3 new members have joined our Club and 3 more are expected to join in January 2024.

Bulletin: The Club Bulletin **UTSAV** has been published every month carrying full details of all the club activities.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

THE FOUR-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 seventh 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. Our two Fellowship Meetings held during January are a reflection of such a mood. We have presented adequate pictures to show the mood that we were in during the month.

2023 has been a year of achievements for our club, let us build on it during 2024 and achieve more. Our Club Reports for the First Half of the current Rotary Year are a testimonial to our work and achievements.

People have **Hope in Rotary** !

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

Greetings in February

Birthdays

- 8 Feb – Rtn Cmde PS Bawa, VSM PHF
- 8 Feb – R'Ann Uma Sharma
- 19 Feb – Rtn PP Narendra Bhasin PHF
- 25 Feb – R'Ann Meena Raheja

Wedding Anniversaries

- 19 Feb – R'Ann Surila & Rtn PP Sunil Bandula PHF
- 25 Feb – R'Ann Uma & Rtn Shashi Bhushan Sharma

February Programmes

- 6 Feb – Regular Meeting (Details later)
- 20 Feb – Regular Meeting. (Details Later)