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Dear Rotary Parivar,
Rotary Greetings,

As March brought the first day of spring with the vernal equinox, it is the start of new beginnings.

For us the month of March marked two significant milestones The first - 35th Charter Day of our Club. It was on 21st March 1990 The Rotary Club of Okhla received the Charter certificate from Rotary International and later in 2009 with joining of 16 members from RC Delhi Qutab... Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla was born.

The other momentous occasion was completion of one year of our Cervical Cancer Vaccination programme started on 17 th March last year by PP Vandana Bhalla and Rtn Dr Neeraj Bhalla. I would like to thank everyone who supported us with dedicated hard work and perseverance that has helped us in giving the second dose to all girls vaccinated during last Rotary Year in our camps.

Now we need to focus on getting new members in the club. I request each member to introduce a new member and increase the number of members to have greater impact on our service projects and activities.

With warm greetings!

Rtn Harinder Singh Arora

President

Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla

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REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024

The President, Rtn President Harinder Arora, called the 400 Meeting of Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla to Order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday 12 March 2024 at Friends Club.



The President invited the members to sing the National Anthem led by R'Ann Meena Raheja. The Four-Way Test was read out by Rtn PP Sunil Bandula. The President welcomed the Guest Speaker of the evening, Mr Vickram Bahl, a well known Television Journalist, who had very kindly agreed to speak on a very current topic – **Is World War III imminent?**

Before the start of the talk, Mr Vickram Bahl was formally introduced by Rtn Subodh Vir Raheja.

Mr Vickram Bahl, in his own imitable manner started his talk by explaining the various names being given to the possible future World War. World War III, World War 3, WWIII, WW3, or



the Third World War are the names given to a hypothetical global conflict subsequent to World War I and World War II. The term has been in use since as early as 1941. Some apply it loosely to limited or more minor conflicts such as the Cold War or the war on terror. In contrast, others assume that such a conflict would surpass prior world wars in both scope and destructive impact.



The various global military conflicts that have occurred since the start of the 21st century, most recently the Syrian civil war since 2011 and the Russian invasion of Ukraine since 2022, alongside recent rising tensions between the United States and China, have been perceived as potential flashpoints or triggers for a third world war.

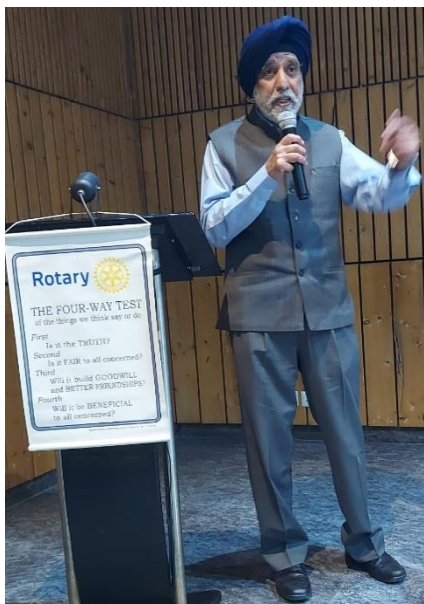
One thing certain is that seeing the situation in the world today, a major conflict will only happen accidentally and not deliberately. Today the world is not polarised into two camps to create a situation like the Second World War and thus have two sides in any conflict.

Historically, World War I happened through an escalating crisis; World War II happened through deliberate action. Hypothesized flashpoints in the 2010s and the 2020s include the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Chinese expansion into adjacent islands and seas, Sino-Indian border dispute, Chinese threats of



military operation against Taiwan, Indian—Pakistani border conflicts, and foreign involvement in the Syrian civil war. Other hypothesized risks are that a war involving or between Saudi Arabia and Iran, Israel and Iran, United States and Iran India and Pakistan, Ukraine and Russia, Poland and Belarus, South Korea and North Korea or Taiwan and China could escalate via alliances or intervention into a war between "great powers" such as the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Russia, China, India, Japan or an all-out war between military alliances NATO and CSTO (Collective Security Threat Organisation), or even the possibility of a "rogue commander", under any nuclear power, might launch an unauthorized strike that escalates into a full-blown war.

Emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, could hypothetically generate risk in the decades ahead. Incorporating AI into decision support systems used to decide whether to launch, could also generate new risks, including the risk of an adversarial exploitation of such an AI's algorithms by a third party to trigger a launch recommendation. A perception that some sort of emerging technology would lead to "world domination" might also be destabilizing, for example by leading to fear of a pre-emptive strike.



The world's leading militaries are developing cyber strategies, including ways to alter the enemy's command and control systems, early warning systems, logistics, and transportation. The 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine has sparked concerns about a large-scale cyberattack, with Russia having previously launched cyberattacks to compromise organizations across Ukraine. Nearly 40 discrete attacks were launched by Russia which permanently destroyed files in hundreds of systems across dozens of organizations, with 40% aimed at critical infrastructure sectors in Ukraine. Russia's use of cyberwarfare has turned the war into a large-scale "hybrid" war in Ukraine.

To sum up the possibility of a World War III, as we visualise it, is unlikely due to the enormous amount of damage it can inflict on entire mankind.

After a very active question/answer session, the President had to intervene to say that time was running out! The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Rtn Brig Davinder Singh. A live plant as a memento was presented to the Guest Speaker by Rtn PP AL Sahni.



The Secretary, Rtn Rajni Bagla conveyed Wedding Anniversary Greetings to R'Ann Dr Anita Singh & Rtn PP Sukh Mohinder Singh (5 Mar) and Birthday Greetings to Rtn Shashi Bhushan Sharma (20 Mar), R'Ann Harpreet Kaur Sapra (22 Mar) and Rtn PN Renu Mishra (25 Mar). The Sunshine Collection was Rs 1000 collected by R'Ann Dr Anita Singh.

The President announced that the Club would be celebrating its 35th Charter Day by a function on Thursday 21 March 2024. Request all members to make it a point to attend.

The President adjourned the meeting at 10 PM.

CLUB CELEBRATES CHARTER DAY 21 MARCH 2024

The Club celebrated its 35th Charter Day with a **SPECIAL MEETING** followed by a Grand Fellowship Get Together on 21 March 2024 at the Friends Club.



The President, Rtn President Harinder Arora, called the 401 Meeting of Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla to Order at 7:30 PM on that date. He invited the Members to sing the National Anthem led by Rtn PE Rajni Bagla. The 4 -Way Test was read out by Rtn Subodh Raheja. He welcomed the guest Mr Madhusudan Bagrodia and Mr Anil Madan, both former Members of the Club. PE and Secretary, Rtn Rajni Bagla, gave out a very brief history of our Club since it was Chartered in 1990. During the course of the Fellowship, **Mr Madhusudan Bagrodia added some**

interesting anecdotes from our history, these have been incorporated in the presentation made by the Secretary. These are reproduced below.

Our Club was Chartered on **21 March 1990** as **Rotary Club of Delhi Okhla** with 27 Members. Initially we were meeting at The Oberoi and later shifted to the India International Centre. Soon our Club became well known in the District for our AIDS HIV Projects initiated under President AS Gona in 1995 and annually conducting the RYLA under Rtn PP Harjit Singh.



In 2008 the members indicated to DG that the club had lost its membership and was down to just six members and since the club is no longer sustainable, its Charter may be cancelled. These six members were: PP Rtn Prof AS Kohli, PP Rtn Dr Indra Manocha, PP Rtn Subhash Wadhwa, PP Rtn Reet Ahluwalia, PP Rtn Harjit Singh and PP Rtn Narender Bhasin.

In the meanwhile, in 2009, **Rotary Club of Indraprastha** was created by 12 members who had broken away from **Rotary Club of Delhi Qutab**. Adding 4 new members, these 16 members approached DG Ashish Ghosh for a Charter but were refused. He instead suggested that our members join Rotary Club of Delhi Okhla and revive that club.



Negotiations were conducted between the two Groups. There were no demands from either side and an amicable plan was drawn up. PDG Deepak Talwar played a very active role in getting the two groups together. From the other side we had PP Atul Dev, Late Bimal Chadha, Madhusudan Bagrodia & Late Ashoo Mittal

participating in the meetings. PP Subhash Wadhwa was the Chief Negotiator from their side. PP Kohli, PP Harjit & PP Bhasin also joined the meetings.

There was only one request from both sides – how to retain our respective names. A solution was found in deciding the new entity as:

Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla

Rtn PP Atul Dev was unanimously named the Charter President for the new entity. The Club applied for a fresh Charter under this new name.

The new Charter was received in December 2009. A formal installation was held in Jan 2010.



Rtn IPP Vandana Bhalla and Rtn Dr Neeraj Bhalla.

Our Club has been known for our **Blood Donation Camps**, particularly in collaboration with Jamia Millia, thanks to Rtn PP Prof AS Kohli. We regularly crossed 400 units per day and were thus in the top 5 Blood Donation Clubs in the District. Our goodwill still exists in the Rotary Blood Bank.

Our club has sailed along and our recent achievement in initiating the **Cervical Cancer Detection** programme has been much appreciated in the District, thanks to

Our name now also occurs in the **Major Donor** list of the District with the joining in of Rtn PP GL Moondra and Rtn Nidhi Prakash.



After the history was given out the President adjourned the formal meeting and invited members to join in the Fellowship and celebrate the Charter Day.

Charter Day celebrations ended on a high at 11 PM after a fun filled evening enjoyed by all.

RI PRESIDENT 2024-2025

Stephanie A. Urchick



Stephanie Urchick is a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA. She will serve RI as President in 2024-25. She has been an RI Director and Rotary Foundation Trustee. She has served RI in numerous capacities, including as training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and RI president's representative. In addition, Stephanie was a representative and member-at-large to three sessions of the Council on Legislation.

Stephanie's professional background is in the higher education, consulting and entertainment industries. She received her doctorate degree in Leadership Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has been recognized and awarded by The Rotary Foundation and numerous community and international organizations.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

Rtn Sudesh Wadhwa

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He has earlier been an Active Member of Rotary Club of Delhi Qutab.



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?

10 ROTARY MYTHS

Here are the top 10 myths about Rotary that we need to break!

- Myth 1 - Rotary is for men only
- Myth 2 - Rotary is for old people
- Myth 3 - You have to attend every week
- Myth 4 - Rotary is only for Doctors, Lawyers and CEOs
- Myth 5 - Membership is by invitation only
- Myth 6 - Rotary is a religious organisation or a secret society
- Myth 7 - All Rotarians do is cook barbecues
- Myth 8 - You've seen one Rotary club, you've seen them all
- Myth 9 - You cannot discuss your business or profession in Rotary
- Myth 10 - Rotary is an "old fashioned" organisation, with boring and ritualistic meetings

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

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

This was an exciting month when our Club celebrated its 35th Charter Day. Our Club has many new Rotarians as its members and it was good to see their attendance and careful note of our history which was given out by Rtn PE Rajni Bagla and former member, Mr Madhusudan Bagrodia. We were pleased to have another past Rotarian with us – Mr Anil Madan. Would they consider rejoining?

Our Club sails along with regular meetings and appropriate events and camps. To the incoming team I can only remind them – You do not have much time left, make the best of it!

Let us keep our **Hope in Rotary** !

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

Greetings in April

Birthdays

11 Apr – R'Ann Surila Bandula
21 Apr – Rtn IPP Vandana Bhalla

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries this month

April Programmes

Tuesday 2 Apr – Regular Meeting
Speaker: Dr Sumana Chakravartty Datta
Subject: Indus Valley and the Harrapan Civilization

Tuesday 23 Apr – Regular Meeting
Speaker: Dr Kadambari, CEO, PHD RDF
Subject: Rotary's Water Initiatives