



Harbinger of Hope



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RI President 2023-24

GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

Dear Rotarians and Friends,

As we step into the vibrant month of March, I am delighted to share with you some remarkable updates and initiatives from our district.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who took part in the Medical Mission to Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh, from February 25th to March 4th. Led by our esteemed Mission Director, PDG Subhash Garg, the dedication and commitment exhibited by our medical professionals and volunteers were truly praiseworthy. Their efforts have made a significant impact on many lives. Building on this success, I'm excited to announce our upcoming Medical Mission to Mozambique, Southeast Africa, from April 14th to 28th. Let's continue extending our compassionate outreach to those in need, both locally and globally.

I take great pride in recognizing the exceptional achievements of the clubs within our district. Your relentless efforts and innovative projects are making a profound difference in our communities, and I encourage you to sustain the excellent work.

Moreover, I'm delighted to announce the approval of a global grant for Artificial Limbs for Panipat Royale. This initiative reflects our dedication to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities. Clubs are encouraged to organize camps where these limbs can be provided free of charge, offering invaluable support to those in need.

Additionally, I'd like to bring your attention to the upcoming elections for District Governor Nominee Designate (2026-27), set for Sunday, May 12th, 2024. Any club interested in nominating a candidate for this esteemed position is invited to submit the nomination form.

I also want to highlight the significance of Polio Immunization Day on March 3rd. It's vital for our commitment to global polio eradication. I urge each club to donate at least \$1500 to make a meaningful impact. Together, let's work towards a polio-free world.

Finally, as we celebrate the festival of colors, Holi, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. May this joyous occasion bring happiness, prosperity, and harmony into your lives.

Thank you for your commitment to Rotary's principles and ideals. Together, let us continue to serve humanity and create hope in the world.

Yours in Rotary

Rtn. Arun Mongia
District Governor

First Lady of the District 3080

Time flies quickly and here we are entering the last quarter of the rotary year. The governor's official visits are in full swing. Because of the enthusiastic and kind contributions made by Rotarians to several programs, District 3080 is continuously progressing and carving out a place for itself. "I was truly inspired after spending time and visiting several women-led clubs recently. Each club offered a unique and vibrant atmosphere, showcasing the incredible talents and leadership of the women involved. It's a lovely reminder of the incredible strength and creativity that women offer to the world. You are a leader, an innovator, and an inspiration. Keep reaching for the stars, and know that the entire world is cheering you on!!

Regards

Rtn. Charu Mongia

From the Editor's Desk

As the vibrant colors of spring begin to paint the world around us, it's an opportune moment to reflect on the spirit of renewal and growth that defines Rotary District 3080. March symbolizes a time of transition, a bridge between the chill of winter and the warmth of summer, much like the evolution we witness within our Rotary community.

Throughout March, our district has witnessed remarkable achievements and milestones. From the successful completion of our literacy initiatives to the heartwarming collaborations with local organizations, each endeavor has reinforced the ethos of Rotary – **Service above Self**.

As we navigate through the challenges and triumphs of the past month, let us also take a moment to express our gratitude to every Rotarian who has dedicated their time, talents, and resources to make a difference. Your unwavering commitment to Rotary's ideals serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration for us all.

Looking ahead, let us embrace the opportunities that lie on the horizon with enthusiasm and determination. Together, let us continue to foster connections, promote understanding, and create hope in the world.

In the spirit of Rotary, let us march forward, united in our mission to make a lasting impact on humanity.



Everly Yours

PP Rajiv Bhatia

Winners of Quiz Contest of February 2024

Rotary Emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931 at the time of Viena Convention.

We received multiple entries for this contest. We have chosen three winners by a draw. These winners will be awarded in the District Award Function.



PP Rtn Ashok Jain
RC Shimla Midtown



Puneet Gupta
RC Yamunanagar Riviera



PP Ramesh Rawal
RC Roorkee Midtown



Winners of Caption Contest of February 2024

We received multiple entries for this contest. We have chosen two winners whose captions were best. These winners will be awarded in the District Award Function.

**LOOKING
BEYOND SELF**



ATUL CHOPRA
RC Panipat Central

**INSIDE-OUTSIDE ROTARY REMAINS ALWAYS
CLOSE TO OUR HEARTBEATS.**



AMIT BHANDARI
RC Panipat Rainbow

ROTARY QUIZ CONTEST

Answer the following question and get a chance to be recognised in a district event

The first head of state to address a Rotary convention was
..... in

Kindly email your answer by 15th April, 2024 at ynr3080@gmail.com . Don't forget to give your name and club name. You must write **ROTARY QUIZ ANSWER** in the subject. Names of three winners will be chosen by draw and published in next issue with their photographs. Winners will also be recognised in a coming district event.

CAPTION CONTEST

Try your imagination and give a caption to this picture. Kindly email your caption by 15th April, 2024 at ynr3080@gmail.com. Don't forget to give your name and club name. You must write **CAPTION CONTEST** in the subject. Best three captions will be chosen by DG and editorial team and published in next issue with names and photos. Winners will also be recognised in a coming district event.



SEVEN WONDERS OF ROTARY

Here are the Seven Wonders of Rotary to the world, Rotary's impactful projects and initiatives around the world that contribute to positive change and make a difference in communities.

1. Polio Eradication Efforts: Rotary International has been a leading partner in the global effort to eradicate polio. Through the Rotary Polio Plus program, Rotary has helped immunize millions of children worldwide, bringing the world closer than ever to eradicating this crippling disease.

2. Rotary Youth Programs: Rotary sponsors various youth programs such as Rotary Youth Exchange, Interact clubs (for high school students), Rotaract clubs (for young adults), and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). These programs empower youth to develop leadership skills, promote international

- understanding, and engage in community service.
- 3. Clean Water and Sanitation Projects:** Rotary clubs undertake numerous projects to provide clean water, sanitation facilities, and hygiene education to communities in need around the world. These projects improve health, prevent disease, and enhance quality of life.
- 4. Literacy and Education Initiatives:** Rotary supports literacy and education programs globally, including the provision of books, educational materials, teacher training, and scholarships. These initiatives help empower individuals, break the cycle of poverty, and promote lifelong learning.



- 5. Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief:** Rotary responds to disasters and humanitarian crises by providing immediate relief, funding long-term recovery projects, and supporting communities in rebuilding efforts. Rotary's Disaster Response Fund enables quick and effective responses to emergencies worldwide.
- 6. Peace building and Conflict Resolution:** Rotary promotes peace and conflict resolution through initiatives such as the Rotary Peace Centers, which offer fellowships for individuals to pursue graduate studies in peace and conflict resolution. Rotary also supports peace building projects at the grassroots level.

7. **Vocational Training and Economic Development:** Rotary fosters economic development and self-sufficiency through vocational training programs, micro finance initiatives, and support for small businesses. These efforts empower individuals to create sustainable livelihoods and improve economic conditions in their communities.

While these are just a few examples, Rotary's impact extends far beyond these areas, with thousands of clubs worldwide working on a wide range of projects to address pressing humanitarian needs and promote goodwill and understanding across borders.

Each of these endeavors contributes to Rotary's mission of "**Service Above Self**" and reflects the spirit of Rotary's commitment to making the world a better place.

And what are the Seven Wonders of becoming a Rotarian?

Becoming a Rotarian offers great benefits and opportunities, in the following aspects:

1. **Service Opportunities:** Rotarians have the chance to engage in meaningful service projects that address local and global community needs, making a positive impact on society.
2. **Networking:** Joining Rotary provides access to a diverse network of professionals, community leaders, and like-minded individuals who share a commitment to service and making a difference.
3. **Personal Growth:** Through participation in Rotary meetings, projects, and leadership

roles, members have opportunities for personal development, leadership skills enhancement, and cultural exchange.

4. **International Understanding:** Rotary's global network fosters cross-cultural understanding and international goodwill through programs like Rotary Youth Exchange and global service projects.
5. **Community Involvement:** Rotarians play an active role in their local communities, collaborating with other organizations, government entities, and businesses to address community needs and promote positive change.
6. **Ethical Leadership:** Rotary promotes high ethical standards and values, emphasizing the importance of integrity, honesty, and ethical leadership in both personal and professional life.
7. **Friendship and Fellowship:** Rotary clubs provide a supportive and inclusive environment where members build lasting friendships, share experiences, and work together toward common goals.

These key aspects capture the essence of the Rotary experience and the benefits that come with membership in Rotary International.

-From the Desk of Editor



ROTARY 3080 MEDICAL MISSION IN JHABUA: A TRIUMPH OF COMPASSION AND CARE

In a remarkable display of humanitarianism and medical expertise, a team comprising 16 dedicated doctors hailing from various regions including Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chandigarh, Jharkhand, and Gujarat embarked on a mission to provide essential healthcare services in the tribal heartland of Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh from February 25th to March 4th, 2024. Led by the esteemed PDG Subhash Garg, this team embarked on a journey to extend healing hands to those in need.

Under the mentorship and direction of PDG Subhash Garg, supported by DG Arun Mongia, Dr. S.K. Sablok, and President Chirag Vinayak, the volunteers initiated a voyage driven by compassion and dedication. Their actions showcased not only medical proficiency but also the profound impact of human kindness.

Jhabua, a district nestled in the heart of Madhya Pradesh, is home to a predominantly tribal population, constituting approximately 80% of its inhabitants. Despite the serene beauty of its landscapes, access to adequate healthcare remains a pressing issue for the



residents of this region. Recognizing this need, the team of doctors, fueled by a spirit of service and compassion, set out on their mission.



con of hope for the community. The impact of their efforts extended far beyond the confines of the operation theater, touching the lives of countless families and individuals.

The endeavor of these selfless medical professionals did not go unnoticed. The local Rotary Club of Jhabua, along with the esteemed District Governor Ritu Grover, extended their heartfelt appreciation and support for the noble cause. Their recognition served as a testament to the profound impact of collaborative efforts in

Over the course of their expedition, the team undertook an extraordinary feat, conducting a staggering 140 surgeries and operations. Each procedure not only brought relief to individuals suffering from various ailments but also symbolized a bea





addressing healthcare disparities in underserved regions.

In addition to the surgeries, the medical team conducted over 10,000 Outpatient Department (OPD) consultations within a span of eight days, providing crucial medical assessments and treatments to those in need. Furthermore, recognizing the importance of holistic care, free medicines were generously distributed to all patients, ensuring continued support beyond the



duration of the mission.

Moreover, in a gesture of solidarity and empowerment, the team distributed steel utensils to over 500 individuals, underscoring their commitment to not only alleviate immediate healthcare needs but also to foster sustainable solutions for the community's well-being.



The success of this medical mission stands as a testament to the power of collaboration, compassion, and dedicated service. Through their commitment, these 16 doctors have not only transformed lives but have also ignited a beacon of hope

in the hearts of the people of Jhabua. As their footsteps fade into the horizon, their legacy of healing and humanity continues to resonate, inspiring others to follow suit in the pursuit of a healthier, more equitable world.



CLUBS IN ACTION

RC YAMUNA NAGAR RIVIERA



SANITARY NAPKINS AND RICE ON WOMEN'S DAY

RC SAHARNPUR HARMONY



GOV ORGANISED

RC SOLAN



FIRST AID TRAINING PROGRAMME

RC SHAHABAD MARKANDA



BMD CAMP ORGANISED

RC DOON VIKAS



MASS MARRIAGES ORGANISED

RC PANIPAT RAINBOW



SAWAMANI & GREEN FODDER TROLLEY FOR COWS & REFRESHMENTS FOR CHILDREN AT GAUSHALA

RC SAHARNPUR HARMONY



TREE PLANTATION

RC RISHIKESH DIVAS



WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATED

RC SHAHABAD MARKANDA



DENTAL CHECKUP CAMP ORGANISED

RC RADAUR



HOLI CELEBRATIONS

RC PAONTA SAHIB



HOLI CELEBRATIONS

RC ROPAR CETRAL



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

RC HARIDWAR



HOLI CELEBRATIONS

RC MOHALI MIDTOWN



CATARACT SURGERIES

RC CHANDIGARH CITY BEAUTIFUL



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS CELEBRATED

RC SAHARNPUR



HOLI MILAN SAMAROH

RC SHIMLA HILL QUEENS



SCHOLARSHIP TO GIRL STUDENTS

RC RISHIKESH DIVAS



SCHOOL BAGS TO STUDENTS

RC JAGADHRI NORTH



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

RC SHIMLA



E WASTE COLLECTION

RC SHIMLA HILL QUEENS



DIAPERS TO NEEDY GIRLS

RC PAONTA SAHIB



LAUGHTER AND YOGA SESSION

RC HARIDWAR



FREE CANCER CONSULTATION

RC BADDI



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

RC JAGADHRI NORTH



BABY KITS DISTRIBUTED

RC PAONTA SAKHI



CLEANLINESS DRIVE IN YAMUNA RIVER

RC SHIMLA



DONATION OF A COMPUTER

RC ROOPNAGAR



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

RC CHANDIGARH



CYCLE TO A POOR STUDENT

RC SHIMLA



WHEEL CHAIRS DONATED

RC PAONTA SAHIB



CLEANLINESS DRIVE ON RIVER SIDE

RC HARIDWAR



INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WORKSHOP

RC ROOPNAGAR



GROCERY DISTRIBUTION

RC PANIPAT RAINBOW



BEDS WITH MATTRESS GIVEN TO OLD AGE HOME

RC SHIMLA



BLOOD DONATION

RC NANGAL



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

RC NAHAN



MARRIAGE OF A POOR GIRL

RC DEHRADUN SHIVALIK HILLS



EXCELLENCE AWARDS ON WOMEN'S DAY

RC SRI ANANDPUR SAHIB



CAMP FOR SCREENING OF BREAST CANCER AND BMD TEST

RC PAONTA SAHIB



FOOD PACKETS DISTRIBUTED AT POLIO BOOTH

RC ROORKEE MIDTOWN



MEGA HEALTH CHECKUP CAMP

RC ROORKEE CENTRAL



BENCHES DISTRIBUTION

RC AMABALA DIAMOND



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

RC PINJORE HILLS



HEALTH CAMP IN SCHOOL

RC RISHIKESH



CEILING FANS DONATED

RC PANCHKULA MIDTOWN



20 CYCLES DONATED

RC SHIMLA



SCHOOL SHOES DONATED

RC CHANDIGARH MIDTOWN



WALKATHON ON WORLD TB DAY

RC KALKA HERITAGE



HEALTH CAMP IN A SCHOOL

RC PANIPAT RAINBOW



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

RC SHIMLA MIDTOWN



FINANCIAL HELP TO POOR LADY

RC PINJORE HILLS



NUTRITION DIET DISTRIBUTED TO T.B.PATIENTS

RC HARIDWAR



FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO BLINDS

RC SAHARANPUR



GOV ORGANISED

MOHALI MIDTOWN



Shelter Boxes given to Needy

RC CHANDIGARH UPTOWN



GOV ORGANISED



DG Arun Mongia, DGE Rajpal Singh, PDG Jitendra Dhingra, PDG T K Ruby attended Ganga Milan, District Conference of District 3090 at Jawalapur. from March 22nd to March 24th.



HOW TO SOCIALIZER ROTARY TO THE SOCIETY ?

One important aspect of increasing membership in Rotary is Rotary Socialization Strategies. These can be as following:

Engage with Social Media:

- Utilize platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn to share Rotary's activities, Rotary's achievements, and impact.
- Create engaging content, share stories of Rotary members and projects, and use relevant hashtags to reach a wider audience.

Community Events:

- Organize or participate in community events such as fairs, festivals, or parades where you can set up a Rotary booth or display to interact with the public, distribute information, and answer questions about Rotary.

Collaborate with Local Organizations:

- Partner with other community organizations, businesses, schools, and government agencies to collaborate on projects and events.
- This can help increase visibility and build relationships within the community.

Public Speaking:

- Offer to speak at local events, schools, or clubs to educate others about Rotary's mission, values, and impact.
- Share personal stories and examples of how Rotary has made a difference in people's lives.

Word of Mouth:

- Encourage Rotary members to share their Rotary experiences and involvement with friends, family, and colleagues.
- Personal recommendations and testimonials can be powerful in spreading awareness.

Media Outreach:

- Reach out to local newspapers, radio stations, and television channels to share news about Rotary events, projects, and initiatives.
- Press releases, interviews, and feature stories can help garner media coverage and reach a broader audience.

Open House Events:

- Host open house events at your Rotary club where members of the community can learn more about Rotary, meet current members, and ask questions in a casual setting.

Online Presence:

- Maintain an informative and user-friendly website for your Rotary club or district, providing information about meetings, projects, and membership opportunities.
- Utilize email newsletters to keep members and supporters informed about upcoming events and initiatives.

By employing these strategies, Rotarians can effectively socialize Rotary within society and increase awareness of its impactful work in the community.

-From the Desk of Editor

Rotary History



Some of Rotary's Most Memorable Conventions

Since 1910, the Rotary convention has combined fellowship with Rotary business and inspired attendees with notable guest speakers and entertainers, workshops, and messages from Rotary leaders.

On 15 August 1910, Paul Harris convened the first Rotary convention. At the time, there were 16 clubs in the United States. They shared the Rotary name and had similar objectives, but no central office or constitution.

"This is going to be a convention in which we will get down to business and endeavor to launch the National Association of Rotary Clubs. We need the best thought and cooperation of every single man who is here," Harris told the 60 registrants assembled at the Congress Hotel in Chicago. "We are going to try and have a good time as we go along, that is, we are going to intersperse enough good time so that you will not remember it as a sad occasion; but nevertheless, the primary purpose of this convention is to transact business."

In Rotary's early years, the convention delegates debated and voted on changes to Rotary's Constitution and Bylaws. As membership and convention attendance grew, this process evolved, and in 1977, the Council on Legislation became Rotary's legislative body. The convention remained the main event for meeting friends, celebrating accomplishments, and discussing the future of Rotary.



Many Rotary milestones and memorable moments are associated with a convention:

- **1917** : At the convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, outgoing President Arch C. Klumph inspired the creation of The Rotary Foundation when he gave a speech proposing "endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." Convention delegates changed the constitution to allow for an endowment fund – the precursor to The Rotary Foundation. To celebrate the Foundation's centennial, the convention returned to Atlanta in 2017.
- **1921** : Delegates added the promotion of peace and goodwill to Rotary's Constitution at the convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, the first held outside the United States.
- **1931** : Austria created the first commemorative postage stamp honoring Rotary on the occasion of the convention in Vienna. Many other countries have since issued commemorative stamps to coincide with Rotary conventions, including Brazil, Japan, and Germany.
- **1945** : In January, the U.S. government issued a directive limiting the size of meetings that involved travel from communities outside the meeting location. Rather than request an exemption, Rotary held the 1945 convention in Chicago as four separate meetings from 31 May to 19 June. Total attendance was 141 – the second smallest in convention history.
- **1978** : Rotary President Clem Renouf announced a new grant program to improve health, alleviate hunger, and enhance human and social development at the convention in Tokyo. Members would use the Health, Hunger and Humanity grants to create access to clean drinking water, support literacy programs, provide medical care, and more – setting the stage for today's global grants.
- **1980** : Albert Sabin, the developer of the oral polio vaccine, spoke at the Rotary Convention in 1980 and again in 1985. Both times, Sabin stressed the importance of mass vaccination campaigns.
- **1988** : Rotary began its PolioPlus campaign with an initial fundraising pledge of \$120 million. At the convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, Rotary announced that almost \$220 million had been raised. When contributions and pledges from late-reporting clubs were tallied, the campaign had raised \$247 million.
- **1989** : Rotaract members gathered for the first Rotaract Preconvention in conjunction with the convention in Seoul, Korea.
- **2004** : The convention in Osaka, Japan, set a record for largest number of paid attendees, drawing 45,381 people. Sadako Ogata, a former Ambassadorial Scholar and United Nations high commissioner for refugees, recalled her time as a scholar and its impact on her efforts to understand the causes and consequences of conflict.

IMPORTANCE OF ROOM 711 IN ROTARY

The number 711 has a very special significance for Rotary. Room 711 of the old Unity Building, formerly located at 127 North Dearborn Street in downtown Chicago, Illinois, USA, was the birthplace of Rotary International. That historic room, which was the office of engineer Gus Loehr, was the location of that first meeting when Paul Harris met with several friends to discuss his new idea of a club for professionals and businessmen.

A few Chicago Rotarians set about to preserve the room and restore it to its 1905 authenticity. For years, Room 711 was preserved as a miniature Rotary museum by Rotarians

around the world who voluntarily belonged to and contributed annually to the "Paul Harris 711 Club," which provided funds for leasing, maintenance and preservation. In 1989, the Unity Building was about to be torn down. Members of the 711 Club carefully dismantled the landmark room and placed its contents in storage. There it stayed until 1994, when the recreated Room 711 found a permanent home, and this piece of the Rotary heritage is preserved at the RI World Headquarters in Evanston.



रोटरी पानीपत रेनबो का कीर्तिमान

इस रोटरी वर्ष की शुरुआत में डिस्ट्रिक्ट गवर्नर रो.अरुण मोंगिया जी के आवाहन पर रोटरी क्लब पानीपत रेनबो के प्रधान रो. अमित भंडारी के द्वारा 1000 यूनिट रक्त एकत्रित करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया था। 28 मार्च को रोटरी क्लब पानीपत रेनबो द्वारा दसवां रक्तदान शिविर गौशाला मंदिर में लगाया गया जो कि भारतीय सेना को समर्पित था। इस शिविर में रक्त की कुल 144 यूनिट एकत्रित की गई और इस के साथ ही क्लब के द्वारा निर्धारित 1000 यूनिट के लक्ष्य को पार कर लिया गया है।



FALI S. NARIMAN – THE GREATEST WARRIOR OF RULE OF LAW

Lawyers in India never retire. They simply drop dead' said Fali Nariman. He proved it. He completed his written submissions in a Constitutional Bench case till late night. It was past one hour midnight of February 21, 2024. He quietly passed away in sleep. The light had gone out. The Rule of Law in India lost its warrior. He was a titan of law. The nation lost its 'Conscience Keeper'. Fali was Nani Palkhivala's student. When we lost Nani on December 11, 2002, the banner on the Marine Drive in Mumbai proclaimed: We the Nation – We the people have lost a legend. Both the teacher and the student were court-room genius. Throughout. Both were unique. Both were incomparable. Matchless. Both made history. Both grew with the Constitution. Both shaped the Constitution. Both were true constitutional czars. We are being governed by the Constitution in the 75th year of Indian Republic. We owe this to both of them.

In 1987, the US Embassy in India organized a meet of Lawyers, Judges and Academics from India and US in Srinagar. The occasion was the bicentennial celebrations of the US Constitution. Indeed, it was special. I spoke on 'How Young is the US Constitution'. Constitutions never get aged. They are not a fossil. They are like a plant. They grow with the passage of time. They keep pace with the change of times. The Constitutions are meant to have only birthdays. No death days. I had the joy of meeting Fali. He met very warmly. Complemented me. Thereafter, on different occasions, we met. I saw him in action in court and in conferences. One could always have the fragrance of Fali's mind. Also, the charisma of his personality. I took out Fali's three books : **Before The Memory**

Fades, The State of The Nation and God Save The Hon'ble Supreme Court. All the three have his different cover photographs. I kept on looking at them. Two smiling and one not so smiling. All the three reflecting the glow and the towering intellect on his face. The aura of his personality is fully pictured. One could only admire. Feel good. Feel his warmth.



Fali joined the Bar in 1950. He practiced for 74 years. Continued till the last. He never hung up his gown. Through the medium of arguments in Court-Rooms. Parliamentary interventions. Public lectures. Televised interviews. Newspaper articles and columns. Above, all his books. He educated different generations of lawyers and judges. He was a doyen of the Bar. A paragon. A legend. In his lifetime. Leaving the jurisprudence so enriched by his contributions. He was like a colossus.

Fali was always fearless. He wrote and spoke with candour. He was the guardian of judicial institutions. He argued before the Supreme Court in the NJAC matter. He was asked, whom are you representing? He smiled and said : Independent Indian Judiciary. Fali argued Minerva Mills case with H.M.Seervai, Nani Palkhivala and Soli Sorabjee. What a formidable Parsi foursome. We have lost even Fali.

In the Cauvery River Water Dispute matter, K. Parasaran, former Attorney General of India was opposing him. The arguments turned intense. There was a war of words. One of the member of the Tribunal expressed serious concern if the two friends would ever see each other eye to eye. Fali spontaneously replied : 'My Lords, this case has brought us even closer. Now we see eyeball to eyeball. K Parasaran used to share stories in court. In one of the cases, they were appearing against each other. The case was called. Fali was yet to come. Parasaran started with the story of Guru and Tiger. At that moment, Fali rushed and entered the court. Parasaran remarked : Talk about the tiger and the tiger enters the court hall. Fali, indeed, was a tiger.

The Supreme Court made history in a recent Chandigarh Mayor case. Particularly, in the context of horse trading. Fali on one of the earlier occasions had sharply remarked : using the phrase 'horse trading' when humans defect is an insult to horses. Mind you, horse is a very loyal animal. So true.

Fali was hard task master with his juniors. This was because he was the hardest with himself. He demanded so much from himself. Therefore, he was demanding from his team. Senior advocate Navroz Seervai was a junior with Fali. He has recorded that one minute, Fali may be screaming at you. The next 10 minutes, he would be praising your contribution. No one felt aggrieved or hurt by his shouting. It was all done out of commitment to the case. Working with him was a learning process. He was a mix and a blend. He was mild. He was warm. He was also ferocious in a conference, if you went unprepared for a meeting with him. Prof Faizan Mustafa has shared a story. He had invited Fali to KIIT Law School in 2008. One of the speakers went on and on. He would not stop. Fali asked him to pass on to the speaker a slip with a note 'KIS I'. Mustafa did not understand what it meant. He looked at Fali. Fali told, the speaker needs to be told to 'keep it short, idiot'. Fali has shared a personal experience in his autobiography. It was during the hearing of an appeal in the Surpeme Court. Fali harshly interrupted a former Additional Solicitor General of India, Kirti Raval. He was nasty to him. Raval did not say a word. But Justice R.C.Lahoti (not yet CJI) told Fali, it is time for you to retire. Fali admits that the judge was absolutely right. This is

how, the hard way, he learnt this lesson. Never to happen again. A lawyer should never lose his temper in court. Self control is the best recipe. Ultimately, he was one of the finest human being. Every one truly understood him. He never meant anything negative to anyone.

Fali stayed away from Whatsapp. He did not possess a mobile phone. He had no time to spend on his mobile. He enjoyed cricket. He was a fan of cricket since his younger days. He would often watch a good evening game of cricket.

It is not correct to say that he has left the legal fraternity poorer. He made a living contribution. His contribution

will never fade. He was an intellectual giant. He will never die. Only physically, he would not be seen in the corridors of the Supreme Court. His anecdotes were a source of joy. May I say, his whole life was a source of joy. There cannot be another Fali Nariman. His life needs to be celebrated. In the best possible manner. We would fondly miss him.



PP Rtn. Balram K Gupta
Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown

PROJECT HUNNAR

Vocational Centre of Excellence at Rotary Chandigarh Midtown's adopted Village Bir Ghaggar was officially launched by performing Hawan and bhoomipoojan at the location. In a beautiful collaboration between Rotary Club Twin Cities Centralis Chehalis and Rotary Chandigarh Midtown under Global Grant 2349087, we're bringing a wave of socio-economic and cultural development to Village Bir Ghaghar.



This project is all about empowering our young girls and youth with vocational skills that matter. From computer training to sewing and tailoring, beautician training, to becoming a home care assistant - we've got it all covered! We are also introducing an open-air theatre for yoga and health education to strengthen community connections.

The launch was joined by online partners and notable attendees like Chandigarh Midtown Pres Jeeten, PP BL Ramsisaria, PP Ashok Puri and Ann. Sudha Puri, PP Dr. Rita Kalra, PP Dr. Sanjay Kalra, Rtn. Bhupinder, RCC President and MC Rakesh ji, Architect Nishant Chhatwal and many of our beloved villagers.

Designed with innovation at its heart, the center utilizes traditional materials like mud walls and sustainable solutions like solar power and a rainwater harvesting.



AGTS OF RID 3080

Assistant Governor and Assistant Trainers Training Seminar "**नेतृत्व The Leadership**" was held in Srinagar, from 28th February to 3rd March, 2024.



OUTSTANDING ROTARIANS OF THE MONTH

PRESIDENT



Amit Pal Sood
RC SHIMLA

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« Encounter with Rotary »

Rotarians of our district are traveling all over the world. Many times they encounter Rotary logo at a public place and they click a selfie/photo with that logo. Here we encourage Rotarians to share such moments with little description. We will be publishing these photos and let's see which remote corners have been covered by 3080 Rotarians.

Kindly email your memories by 15th April, 2024 at ynr3080@gmail.com. We will publish these in the next issue of GML. Don't forget to give your name and club name. You must write **ENCOUNTER WITH ROTARY** in the subject.



PP Sandeep Jain & Rtn. Manisha Jain
visited Rotary Park maintained by RC
Abbotsford Sumas, Canada

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-Paul Harris