

History of Delhi Ashoka

Rotary Club of Delhi Ashoka, which forms a part of Rotary International District 3012 was chartered on 6th of December 2000 with the untiring efforts of by PDG Ramesh Aggarwal and some other seniors Rotarians from Rotary Club of Delhi City. The club which started with just a few members has now evolved as one of the finest and vibrant clubs in the District.

The club strictly adheres to the Four Pillars of an Effective Rotary Club:

1. Membership Growth and Retention,
2. Implementing need based service projects
3. Participating in the program of The Rotary Foundation and
4. Leadership Development.

Membership Growth and Retention: The club which started with a small knit group of about 20 members has grown into a full-fledged club today with a membership of 46 Rotarians, including 2 lady Rotarians (as of 4th July 2021).

The club has a diverse membership comprising of Rotarians from different professions and businesses. The club adheres to high standards in its regular and fellowship meetings. The club has the distinction of having prominent personalities as the guest speakers.

Our club has always maintained high quality standards for our regular meetings as well as fellowships. We have always inculcated the practice of inducting members from diverse professions, and today we have members in our club from over 30 different classifications. These factors have contributed towards the growth of quality membership in the club.

Service projects: The focus of the club is on changing the lives of the downtrodden sections of the society and this has been a major factor in the exponential growth of the club. The club takes the pride in implementing series of need-based projects over the years, worth over 10 crores with the support of The Rotary Foundation and generous contribution from the club members. Some of the leading projects by the club include:

1. WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) in Schools Project is the focused initiative of the club. Currently the club is engaged in

implementing WASH in Schools in 35 Government schools in Delhi and adjoining states through 3 separate Global Grants with a total cost of USD 4,20,000 Approximately (INR 300 Lakhs) with the support of Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, Rotary District 9810, Australia as the lead international partner. These schools also include 5 schools in Delhi where Rotary Club of Delhi Achievers is also our partner.

2. Setting up of Vocational Centre in association with Singer at Victoria Girls School, New Delhi. Project cost of over Rs. 3 lakhs funded completely by the club.
3. Adoption and conversion of school at Gejha into a Happy School in 2014-15, which has now become our flagship WinS project with the project cost of Rs. 5.50 lakhs funded completely by the club members.
4. Donation of Van to Naaz Foundation for helping HIV positive children in 2013-14 under TRF Matching Grant with the project cost of USD 13,000 (INR 8 lakhs) with the support of Rotary District 3271 in Pakistan as the International Partner.
5. Donation of Rs. 10 lakhs for re-building of a Government school in the disaster stricken Uttarakhand in 2013-14, entirely funded by the club members, in memory of our member Rtn Pawan Johri, who went missing during the disaster.
6. Undertaking corrective heart surgeries for 36 children in association with the Gift of Life from 2012 to 2017 under the two separate Matching Grant Projects costing USD 43,450 (INR 26 lakhs), supported by The Rotary Foundation and Rotary Club of Dortmund-Hördein Rotary District 1900, Germany and Rotary District 1610 in France as the International Partners.
7. Deafness Prevention Project for providing corrective surgeries to the needy children with the project cost of USD 23,500 (INR 14 lakhs) completed in the Rotary Year 2017-18 with the help of TRF Matching Grant fund supported by Rotary District 3271 in Pakistan.

8. Providing portable solar lanterns to the under privileged families in the eastern Nepal during the Rotary Year 2012-13 under the TRF Matching Grant funds of USD 17,500 (INR 11 lakhs) with Rotary Club of Biratnagar, Rotary District 3292, Nepal as the host club.
9. Donation of two dialysis machines to Sant Parmanad Hospital, New Delhi with the support of TRF Matching Grant funds of USD 22,000 (INR 11 Lakhs) during the Rotary Year 2012-13 with the support of Rotary Club of Sudbury, District 7010 Canada as an International Partner.
10. Donation of van to Rotary blood bank and upgradation of their existing van during the Rotary Year 2008-09 with the help of TRF Matching Grant funds of USD 25,000 (INR 12 lakhs) with the support of the International Partner -Rotary Club of Harrowgate, Rotary District 1040 in England.
11. Sponsored medicines for cancer patients at IRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi during the Rotary year 2005-06 through a TRF Matching Grant Project costing Rs. 2 lakhs with the support of Rotary District in Pakistan.
12. Donation of a van to the Rotary Blood Bank, Tuglakabad, New Delhi during the Rotary Year 2004-05 with the project cost of Rs. 8.50 lakhs entirely funded by the club members.
13. The club conducts at least two major Eye Check-up Camps every year and sponsors lenses, cataract surgeries and treatment for the needy people.
14. Besides the above major projects, the club avidly supports The Rotary Cancer Foundation with generous contribution every year and have also given more than 30 life members to the Foundation over the years.
15. Organising Blood Donation Camps has been a continuous feature of the club. The club has the distinction of winning the District Blood Donation Trophies four times: 2007-08, 2009-10, 2011-12 and 2012-13.
16. The club has also sponsored Rotaract club and an Interact club.

17. The club not only practices high ethical standards and adheres to 4 Way Test but also promotes the same by honouring individuals who excel in their vocations.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF): The club regularly participates in the programs of The Rotary Foundation. The club has undertaken series of service projects under the Global and Matching Grants of TRF over the years and takes pride in supporting its signature campaign of Polio Eradication by regularly participating Polio Immunization Days. The club members generously contribute to TRF year after year. The total contribution to TRF till date by the club is over USD 6,12,922 (INR 447 Lakhs) with PDG Ramesh Aggarwal as an Arch Klumph Society Member, 10 Major Donors, 41 PHFs and 5 Benefactors.

Leadership Development: The club has a system in place that automatically brings forward new leaders to serve not only at the club level but also move ahead to serve the District and beyond in different positions. In addition to providing various Assistant Governors and District Team members serving in different positions, over the years, the club, during the just 20 years of its existence, has also produced two District Governors. PDG Ramesh Aggarwal who served the undivided District 3010 in Rotary Year 2012-13 as the District Governor and has even gone ahead to attain various important posts at National and International level, making not only our club proud but also the district very proud of him. PDG Sharat Jain had the privilege of leading the district 3012 during 2016-17, the centennial year of The Rotary Foundation.