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ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI CENTRAL

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Club President 2024 - 25

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Club Secretary 2024 - 25

ENCORE ! THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY



Vision is perhaps our greatest strength... it has kept us alive to the power and continuity of thought through the centuries, it makes us peer into the future and lends shape to the unknown.

.....Li Ka-shing

CLUB ASSEMBLY 2024-25 – MILEY SUR MERA TUMHARA

The Club assembly for the RI Year 2024-25 was held at the picturesque Karma Lakeland on NH8. It was called 'Miley Sur Mera Tumhara' because the intention was to bring all our voices together under one roof and accept every Member's suggestion and advice before implementing our plans.

Rotary fellowship is about empathy, compassion, and understanding. It is the ability to put ourselves in someone else's shoes and truly understand their perspective. It is about being there for each other in times of need, showing kindness and support, and fostering a sense of belonging and community. It is the time to come together as Fellow Rotarians and friends to foster a foundation of mutual respect, tolerance, and acceptance. It is about working towards a common goal for the greater good of all in adherence with the 'Four Way Test' that is perhaps the best set of ground rules prescribed by Rotary International.

The weather was warm but the beauty of Spring was evident in all the magnificent riot of colours of the flowers that were still in full bloom; the lush green foliage around our rooms and the golf course helped in maintaining serenity and peace all around. It was a perfect time of the year to be one with nature and also to discuss some of the most important plans that were to be unfurled for the year.

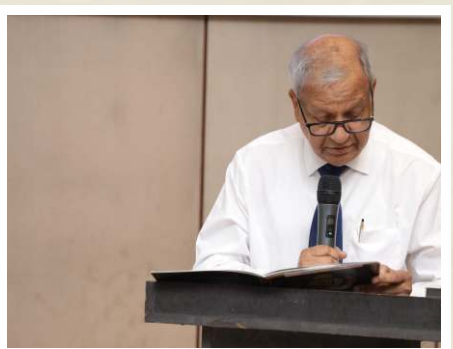
The accommodation was largely in the villas surrounding the main reception area and it was a happy group that was welcomed to Karma shortly after noon on the 30th of March 2024. After a round of some high Spirits and lunch the Members checked into their rooms and returned for the Board Meeting that was scheduled at 3:30 pm. President Rtn Padmini Parameswaran discussed the plans, projects and other important details with the Board Members before taking to the Club Assembly. The Strategic Plans were also explained in detail in the brochure that was shared with

the Members before the Assembly. The Budget for the year with a slight increase in Membership costs was also passed. The most poignant moment of the stay was when the Members were invited for the unfurling of the National Flag and to sing the customary National Anthem with the Staff at Karma on the lawns outside. It is moments like these that reiterate our belief in the strength of our unity and in our confidence to do what we can for the communities around us.

The approved Budget was presented at the Club Assembly and President Rtn Padmini Parameswaran also presented the approved plans for RI Year 2024-25. There are several proposals in the plans that are already being taken through some processes and we hope that all of them will be implemented in RI Year 2024-25.

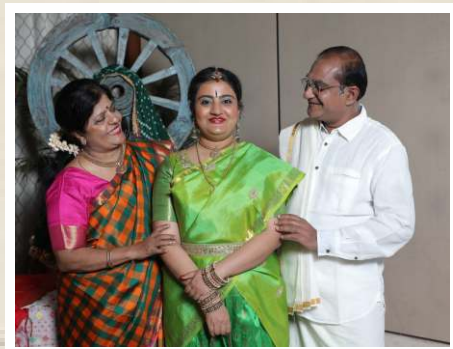
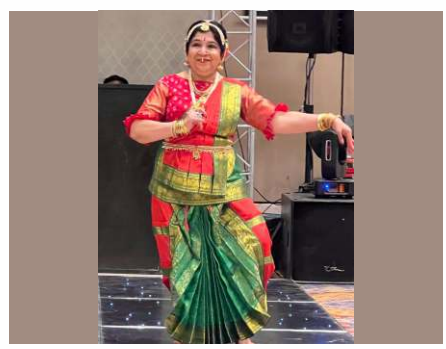
It was the breathtaking performances and the tremendous amount of effort that had gone into every state that was represented by groups of Rotarians that were the best part of the entire event. PP Rtn Suneel Mutneja was the MOC for the evening and he worked his magic on everyone in his soothing tenor. The high standard of performance, the skill, the creativity and the abilities of every individual was at full display and one really wonders if we have underestimated our own selves and not projected ourselves as the most talented Club in RI District 3011. The event was definitely one of the most exciting evenings we have had in a long time and we would like to let everyone know here that we shared some of the videos with the First Lady of the District Rtn Sujata Trikha and she has told us at more than one occasion that it was one of the most beautiful club performances she has witnessed. On the whole a very productive one and half days. The photographs will tell you all.















1 JULY

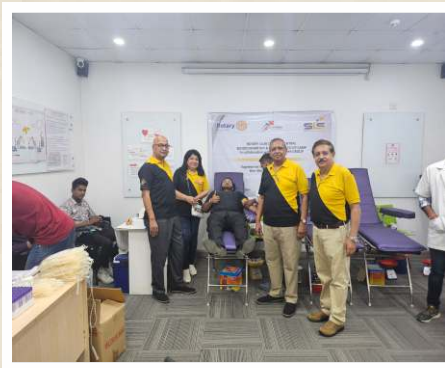
The Members of RCDC organised a Blood Donation and Health Check-Up Camp at Sijyways Warehouse near the airport in New Delhi on 1 July 2024 to start the new RI Year on a positive note.

Around 230 persons underwent a Vision, Dental, Diabetes and General Health Check-Up which was actually beneficial to all concerned because many were made aware of underlying problems that could be treated very quickly.

The Blood Centre collected 74 Units of Blood over 6 and a half hours which was a substantial count for the first one of the year.

We would like to thank PP Rtn S.L Sharma for allowing us to use his premises and outstanding resources -- the Team that works under him and even those who were connected with him and who were helping us 24/7 --- they were brilliant !! We just asked PP Rtn S.L Sharma if we could hold a Camp at his warehouse and he didn't hesitate even once before agreeing. So thank you so much, PP Rtn S.L Sharma for being the magnanimous person you always are. The July Team with Co-Chair for the event PP Rtn Vinit Vidyarthi did a marvellous job and the Club is eternally grateful to Rtn Rashmi Batra and Club Secretary Rtn Col. Pradeep Batra for organising everything a day earlier, to Rtn Anil Ahuja for always standing by our side at every event in July, PP Rtn Sanjeev Singhal who made it a point to be at all meetings and all others who are part of the July team and all Club Members who came and stood with us on the 1st of July for this fabulous start !!





1 JULY : TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

The Club also organised a Tree Plantation Drive at the RWA of a Society in Dwarka. Club Secretary Rtn Col Batra planted trees on behalf of the club.



6 JULY

In keeping with the tradition of visiting a place of worship at the beginning of a new RI Year, Members of RCDC prayed for an auspicious start at the 'cat Mayur Vihar. The Temple was stunning to say the least and it's divine beauty coupled with a very tranquil and peaceful atmosphere added to positive impact the entire experience had on the group of Rotarians. The lamps that were lit all around the 'parikrama' added to the pristine beauty and the atmosphere was charged with a positive energy that reinforced our faith in the almighty.

Members enjoyed a 'Sadya' meal after offering their prayers and needless to say the delicious, multicourse meal was enjoyed by all. The Malayalam prayer song sung by Rtn Dr K. Lalitha added better vibes and more positivity to the entire evening.

We thank PP Rtn Vinit Vidyarthi and Sunita (she didn't sit for a moment) for organising this divine experience for us. They were at the venue, looking after all the Members and ensuring everyone was comfortable. Rtn Vinit Vidyarthi had spoken to us about arranging the Temple Visit around a year ago and we are so happy we agreed to go ahead with it. It was an incredible experience ! Rtn Sanjeev Singhal was Co-Chair for the event and we thank him, and Archana too for helping in putting this together.





11 JULY

The first meeting of the year was held at RDK. It was soon after RDK's Board Meeting and we had also invited our young Rotaractors from DPSRU for the event. After the official part of RCDC's meeting the Young President of DPSRU Rtr Mohd Affan and IPP of DPSRU Rtr Shagun Azad took over and they spoke about the several projects they undertook last year, continuity and the projects that have already started working on this year. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm in the youngsters. They are going beyond their resources they have within and using what they can from the communities outside to implement some interesting and innovative projects



19 JULY : ENCORE !!

The Installation was on this day. We have to give you details of the time leading upto it. We sussed out at least a dozen venues and couldn't find any that could suit our immaculate taste in everything classy. PP Rtn Viney Singal suggested the IHC and there we were -- all booked and all set for the big day. Event Chairs PP Rtn Mohit Luthra and Rtn Anil Ahuja (did not leave our side for a moment) were either on the phone or with us on all the visits we made to the venue. We had our initial apprehensions like everyone does before a big event but Rtn Viney Singal assured us that everything would go as per plan. We cannot thank the Staff and Management at IHC enough for their splendid organisational abilities.

The GOV was a success because the room for this purpose was done up so beautifully. We had told the person looking after the decor to add lots of flowers but also bring in the 50th installation in style ; he didn't disappoint us and the ambience was perfect and conducive for the GOV.

The event was well attended by Members of RCDC, the Leadership Team of the DG Rtn Dr Mahesh Trikha, the First Lady Rtn Sujata Trikha, DGE Rtn Dr Ravi Gugnani (who attended the GOV), DGN Rtn Ajit Jalan and Anju Jalan, IPDG Rtn Jeetender Gupta and Rtn Dr. Deepti S Gupta, District Learning Facilitator PDG Rtn Ramesh Chander and Rajshree Chander, Members of the CoG PDG Rtn Deepak Talwar, District Mentor PDG Rtn Sanjay Khanna, our own PDG Rtn Ranjan Dhir (who could not be present because of a prior commitment), PDG AKS Rtn Dr. N. Subramanian and Rtn Dr. K Lalitha, District Secretary PP Rtn Sanjeev Jawahar and Vinita, District Communications Officer PP Rtn Sammeer Gupta and Tripti and many other Members of the District Team, Batchmate Presidents and all the Members of RCDC. The entire ceremony was seamlessly and flawlessly conducted by Event Chair PP Rtn Mohit Luthra who has earned his place among the best MOCs the District has ever seen or heard. He displayed with professional ease and perfection despite not being very well on the day and we express our gratitude to him for a wonderful job done. Thank you Rtn Rachna Luthra for rendering the prayer song and setting the tone for the event and thank you Rtn Rashmi Batra for the detailed explanation of the Four Way Test. Club Secretary (2023-24) Rtn Poonam Jain presented the report for the year gone by in her inimitable style. It was a brilliant year and we congratulate the Team led by IPP Rtn Vineet Sood for winning so many laurels and awards for the

club. Indeed, it is an honour to have received Best Secretary, Best President and the Best Awards under several areas. President Rtn Padmini Parameswaran was collared by outgoing President (2023-24) Rtn Vineet Sood. DG Rtn Dr. Mahesh Trikha made an impactful speech and President Rtn Padmini Parameswaran unveiled her plans for the year through a comprehensive presentation.

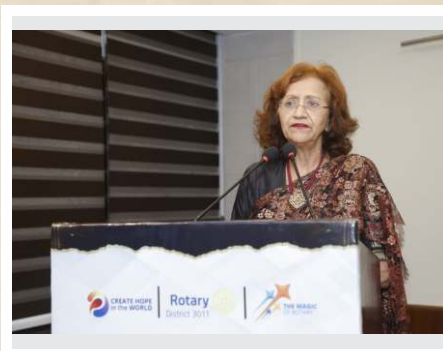
The Board for RI Year 2024-25 was introduced by the President and honoured with black and gold stoles. We are proud of every Member of RCDC who helped in achieving the EREY status for the Club in the first month of the New RI Year. A big Congratulations to AKS Rtn Dr. N. Subramanian and Rtn Dr. K. Lalitha for committing to be a Member of the prestigious Arch Klumph Society in the 49th Year !! We also salute the humbleness with which they accept this status and for being a part of organising process of the Installation -- even arriving early to help with the stage management. As we step into the 50th Year of Serving Humanity, we can proudly look back at the achievements made by the Members to make the Club one of the best in RI District 3011. We urge every Member to retain the essence of the past but to contribute more and achieve bigger goals that will leave an indelible imprint in the Golden Period of our History. We welcome our 5 new Members who were pinned on this day and we hope they have a wonderful journey with us moving forward.

Thank you Event Co-Chair Rtn Anil Ahuja for being with us all along from planning to implementation -- he even handled the IT console entirely, Rtn Tina Ahuja, Rtn Rachna Luthra, Manju Bhagat and Rakhi for managing the entire back stage. Thank you Club Secretary Rtn Col Pradeep Batra and Rtn Rashmi Batra for always being there in the planning and execution stage, a special thanks are in order for PP Rtn Vineet Bhagat and Manju, PP Rtn Vinit Vidyarthi and Sunita (also an integral part of July Team), IPP Rtn Vineet Sood, Rtn Anjali Sood, PP Rtn Dr. Harvinder Popli, PP Rtn K.S. Popli, PP Rtn Sunil Jain and Rtn Poonam Jain, Rtn Surinder Miglani and Meenu Miglani for being with the guests and looking after everyone. Last but not the least we would also like to thank PP Rtn Col.S. Parameswaran for his ideas, his support at every juncture and guidance.

Thank you Team July -- you have been exceptionally good and we are eternally grateful to you for giving us a fabulous start to a new RI Year.

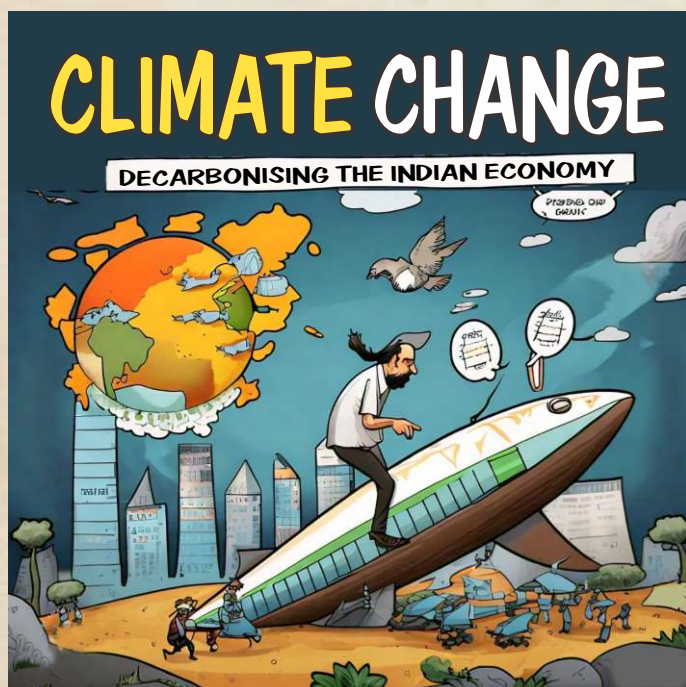








CLIMATE CHANGE - DECARBONISING THE INDIAN ECONOMY



Climate change is a global crisis that knows no boundaries, impacting ecosystems, economies, and communities across the world. From extreme weather events to sea-level rise, the signs of climate change are becoming increasingly evident, underscoring the need for immediate action. Energy is the first thing which comes to mind when we talk about climate change.

Energy accounts for 45% of all the carbon emissions around the world.

At 2nd Energy Summit of Indo American chamber of Commerce, we discussed means of decarbonising the Indian economy

Five sectors – energy, agriculture, industry, transportation and infrastructure/buildings – contribute to more than 96% of India's GHG emissions today.

Come to think almost three-fourths of the India of 2050 (and 80-plus percent of the India of 2070) is yet to be built. Developing this robust infrastructure in India will multiply demand across sectors: power (eightfold), steel (eightfold), cement (threefold), auto (threefold), and food (twofold).

PM Modi has given a direction to this by addressing different sections of economy and individuals

His Vision of Panchamrit, which are as follows

500GW of Renewable Energy capacity by 2030

50% of Energy from Renewable sources by 2030

Reduction of total projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes from now to 2030.

Reduction of the carbon intensity of the economy by 45 per cent by 2030, over 2005 levels.

Achieving the target of net zero emissions by 2070

The one main missing link to above ambitions, is the Financing and technology. India would need around US\$500billion by 2030(US\$400 bn in debt and US\$100bn in equity) to achieve its goals of decarbonisation. Just to give an idea, today's total debt in RE segment is around US\$80billion. Such scale would require international support and collaboration from developed nations and internal financial market reforms.

To address these financing issues and from where all this money will come, three Rotarians from Delhi Central (purely coincidental) joined for a free flow panel discussion/dialogue to find the solution to this burning issue.

On this panel we had financing stalwarts namely, Mr KS Popli, ex CMD IREDA and Mr Chintan Shah, President Renew Power and ex Director (technical) IREDA and Sunil Jain, Chairman Energy Summit IACC, Founder Partner, Sundev Renewables.

We debated on the key reforms required to fulfil the above aspirations.

1. All agreed that Banks, NBFCs and other FIs will not be able to bring this fund. Will require support from multilateral and bilateral development banks, and other innovative products to support raising capital.
2. Reform in Green Bond markets in India. This may entail credit enhancement support, partial guarantee funds. Bring liquidity into the bond market through capital market listing.
3. Bringing EPFO, Pension and Insurance funds into the financing of green projects for which a major policy reforms is required. This is a large pool capital available within the country which can be deployed and leveraged.
4. Make it mandatory for financing institutes to fund green/RE projects.
5. Important to create a robust market for quasi equity instruments and vibrant invest framework.
6. Bring an enabling framework for foreign pension funds, sovereign wealth funds into debt instruments

An Article by PP Rtn Sunil Jain

Director - Vocational Services - Rotary Club of Delhi Central

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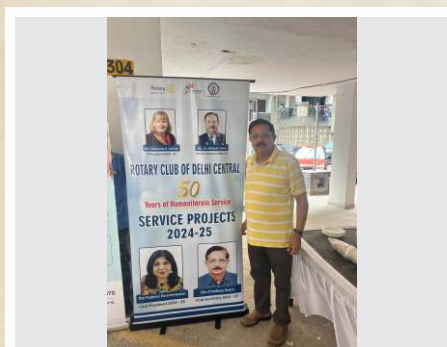
29 JULY : TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

The Members organised another Tree Plantation Drive in association with RAC DPSRU and Rotary Club of Delhi Shine under the Government's initiative of 'Ek Ped Maa Key Naam'. They planted several trees in and around the DPSRU Campus. Thank you Dr Harvinder Popli for making it happen !



30 JULY : HEALTH CHECK-UP CAMP

The Club organised a Health Check-Up Camp in association with Manipal Hospital at Airport Apartments in Dwarka. There were many Senior Citizens who underwent a complete Check-Up and were referred to the hospital for treatment.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Rotary District 3011 | THE MAGIC OF ROTARY | Interact

Rotary Club of Delhi Central
invites you to

Interact Installation
at Universal Public School

Projects to be covered

Preserve Water, Preserve Life
An Awareness Disquisition : Rtn C.S. Gupta

Plastic Warriors : Avoid Plastics or Recycle Them
Inauguration of the Plastic Collection Bin

Installation of New Team Starts at : 10:30 am Followed by Projects

On Friday, 23 August 2024
**At Universal Public School, Acharya Nagarj Marg, Block A,
Preet Vihar, New Delhi - 110092**

Rtn Padmini Parameswaran
Club President 2024- 25

Rtn Col Pradeep Batra
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Rotary District 3011 | THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Rotary Club of Delhi Central
is inviting you to a Speaker Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER

Hon'ble Justice
(Retd.) Sh. Jayant Nath
Pro-tem Chairperson Delhi Electricity
Regulatory Commission

Come and Listen to the Voice that Aligns itself to Your
Needs of Quick and Transparent Justice for All --
Former High Court Judge Hon'ble Justice Jayant Nath
Speaks On

"How Can Delays in Providing Justice be Reduced"

On Saturday, 24 August 2024 at Hotel Suryaa,
New Friends Colony
Lunch : 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm
Speaker Meeting : 2:15 pm to 3:00 pm

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Rtn Col Pradeep Batra
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CELEBRATIONS

AUGUST - BIRTHDAY

- 01-Aug PE Neelam Sethi
- 03-Aug PP Rtn Rakesh Jain
- 05-Aug Ms Usha Jain
- 06-Aug Rtn Krishna Kumar Guru
- 07-Aug Ms Krishna Kr Srikala Guru
- 12-Aug President Ms Padmini Parmeswaran
- 17-Aug Ms Rashmi Modi w/o Rtn Amit Modi
- 18-Aug Ms Ashima Gupta W/o Rtn Sanjay Gupta
- 20-Aug Rtn Navjeet Sobti
- 22-Aug PP Rtn Chandra Shekhar Gupta
- 25-Aug PP Rtn Dr Harvinder Popli
- 27-Aug PDG Rtn Ranjan Dhingra
- 28-Aug PP Rtn Vivek Madan
- 28-Aug Ms Shivani Shah w/o Rtn Chintan Shah
- 31-Aug Ms Archana Mahajan w/o Rtn Ramneek Mahajan
- 31-Aug Ms Sucheta Sethia w/o Vice President Pradeep Sethia

AUGUST - ANNIVERSARY

- 30-Aug Rtn Harish & Uma Nayyar

SEPTEMBER - BIRTHDAY

- 09-Sep Rtn Surendra Miglani
- 10-Sep Ms Kalpana Jain
- 11-Sep PP Rtn Dr Ganesh Mani
- 11-Sep Rtn Amit Modi
- 20-Sep PP Rtn Dr Vinit Vidhyarthi
- 23-Sep RTN Dr Sharan Choudhri
- 25-Sep Rtn Col Pradeep Batra
- 28-Sep PDG Rtn Dr N Subramaniam

SEPTEMBER - ANNIVERSARY

- 05-Sep Rtn Dr Kamal & PE Dr Neelam Sethi
- 13-Sep Rtn PP Mohit & Rtn Rachna Luthra

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