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ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI CENTRAL



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RI President 2024 - 25

Rtn. Dr. Mahesh Trikha
District Governor 2024 - 25

Rtn Padmini Parameswaran
Club President 2024 - 25

Rtn Pradeep Batra
Club Secretary 2024 - 25



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CARVE YOUR NAME ON HEARTS. NOT TOMBSTONES. A LEGACY IS ETCHED
INTO THE MINDS OF OTHERS AND THE STORIES THEY SHARE ABOUT YOU.
SHANNON L. ALDER

MESSAGE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Magical President and Members,

At the outset allow me to Congratulate the Club on entering your 50th year of Rotary Service ! It is my proud privilege to be able to write a message for you in your Club Bulletin as the District Governor in this very important year. As a club you have always maintained your position as one of the best Clubs of RI District 3011 and we are proud of the significant contribution you have made in your efforts to serve humanity over the last 50 Years. I am happy to see that your legacy is being carried forward and every Member is making an effort to retain its glory.

As we begin the new RI Year I would like to inform all Members that we are maintaining a clear focus on delivering social values and high ethical conduct throughout our masterplan for the year, embedding sustainable projects and activities to deliver a wider social impact and across communities. We ensure our commitment to green initiatives which will underpin our work in the Seven Focus Areas of Rotary.

We also need to encourage more people to join the ranks of this prestigious organisation and I am confident that each one of you is more than capable of introducing at least one member. The transformational impact of RI District 3011 is due to the determination, positivity and creativity of each and every Member. The organisation has grown only because of your tireless commitment to ensuring that we seize every opportunity to unlock more potential and I am sure we will continue to do so.

I am truly happy that you have started the year with a commitment to Disease Prevention and Treatment and with a Blood Donation Camp on the very first day of the New Rotary Year. What you have achieved in this area through all your other big projects like 'Gift of Life', Rotary Divyang Kendra and Polio Reparative Surgeries is already very significant and we know you will do more as an anchor organisation with a mission to transform lives and economies.

RI Year 2024-25 is a very important year for your Club and it is time to take some strategic decisions to drive efficiencies. New target operating models should be created for every avenue of service, responding to the need of the communities. We should also further align activity across the District and beyond to help build the Public Image and also to engage more Partners for the work we do in Rotary. We must capitalise on the fact that our activity is translational and engagement with businesses and Corporate has become integral to our work. It is crucial that we continue to do all we can to raise the profile of Rotary and drive interest from potential segments of society, communities and the industry.

Sujata and I extend our best wishes to President Rtn Padmini Parameswaran and Col Subra and the Members of the Team for a very successful and productive 2024-25. We look forward to many achievements, accolades and recognitions in the future.

Best Regards

Yours Sincerely

Rtn Dr. Mahesh Trikha
District Governor RI District 3011



RTN DR. MAHESH TRIKHA

PROFILE

CLUB PRESIDENT

RI YEAR 2024-25

Rtn Padmini Parameswaran was born in Chennai and brought up largely in North India. Her father, Mr. R. Natrajan, a qualified Russian trained Electrical Engineer from BIT Sindhri, spent most of his professional life working at the American Company Kaiser, then at TATA Steel in Jamshedpur and eventually with one of India's largest PSU – Bharat Heavy Electricals in Haridwar. Padmini went to school in Hyderabad and in Haridwar and for her degree and future qualifications to Delhi University. She has completed a BA and MA in English and then a Bachelor and Master of Education in later years because as an Army Wife she opted to take on a profession that could take her to different stations where her husband, Col. S. Parameswaran, was posted. Her last tenure as a Teacher was at Springdales School Dhaula Kuan.

In the year 1998, Padmini began her career with British Education when she took over as the Deputy Director at Middlesex University's (UK) Regional Office in India. She set up offices, under her own leadership as Regional Director South Asia, for Brighton International Business School, University of Central Lancashire, Northumbria University, University of East London and is currently employed at Teesside University where she is also the World Lead for all the Regional Offices across South Asia, China, South East Asia, West Africa, Middle East and North Africa. The universities have benefitted greatly over the years and have all surpassed the international student recruitment numbers and partnerships over the last two and half decades.

Padmini's experience in Rotary spans over a few decades. She was an Interactor at School and President of her Interact Club, she was a Rotaractor in college for a brief period of time and then a R'Ann at the Rotary Club of Delhi South East where her husband was a Member from 2008 and until 2022. Both, Padmini and Subra, became Major Donors in the RI Year 2013-14 when her husband, Col. S. Parameswaran was the President of Rotary Club of Delhi South East. She was pinned as a Rotarian in the RI Year 2017 by Rtn Dr Manju Mani and has been a proud Member of the Rotary Club of Delhi Central ever since. She and her Partner, Col Subra, have now attained Major Donor Level 2 in the RI Year 2021

ROTARY DESIGNATIONS AND AWARDS

District GML Editor -2016-17
Best R'Ann in R.I. District 3011 Award –2016-17
District GML Editor – 2020-21
Club Secretary -2020-21
Best Secretary in R.I District 3011 Award -2020-21



Rtn PADMINI PARAMESWARAN
RC DELHI CENTRAL

District Chair and Chief Editor GML – 2021-22
District Chair and Chief Editor GML- 2022-23
District GML Editor- 2023-24
District Chair GML – 2024-25

For her, personally, the association with Rotary brings back pleasant memories of several visits to a village her Interact Club had adopted and the contribution all the Interactors had made towards Adult Literacy, awareness on hygiene and sanitation and also in motivating Rotarians to help in uplifting the village and looking after their basic needs. The main intention of being a part of Rotary even today is to share whatever little we have over and above our basic needs with people who need it more. She is, currently, President 2024-25, at Rotary Club of Delhi Central and is looking forward to a year full of meaningful Rotary Service and building new relationships alongside sustaining the old.

Padmini's Spouse, Col. S. Parameswaran, is an Army Man and he was in the Air Defence wing of the Army before he took a premature retirement soon after the action in Kargil. He led the only Air Defence Regiment that went to the battle ground at Kargil and he carries with him the experience of having participated in a war before he finally retired prematurely. He is a Rotarian and has been one since the year 2008. After a successful stint as the President of Rotary Club of Delhi South East (RCDSE) and after several years of dedicated work he resigned from RCDSE in January 2022 and joined Rotary eClub One, RI District 5450, as a Rotarian once again in March 2022.

The couple have a daughter, Shriya, who heads the Web Development team in the Canada Operations of Walmart and is located in San Mateo, California. She is married to Mukund Krishna, an Engineer who works in the semi-conductor industry and they have one child, a son called Azad. Padmini and Col Parameswaran also have a son, Abhishek who is in the alcohol industry and is CSO Global of a company called 'Nao Spirits' that make their own brand of Gin called 'Greater Than' and he is married to Sanjana who is a New Product Development Manager at L'Oreal, Singapore and they are blessed with a son named Arzh.

PROFILE

CLUB SECRETARY

RI YEAR 2024-25

1. Rtn Col Pradeep Batra was born in Jaipur where his father had settled after being displaced from Pakistan. He left his home in service to the nation at an incredible young age of 10 years. He joined the Indian Army through Sainik School Chittorgarh, National Defence Academy (NDA) and Indian Military Academy (IMA). He was commissioned in the year 1980 in the elite Bihar Regiment (of Galwan fame) but was later selected to be transferred to the Military Intelligence.

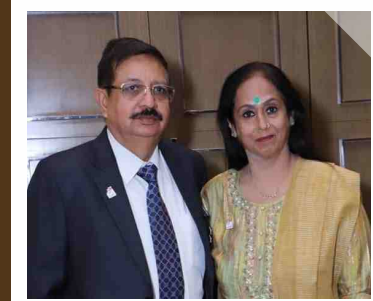
2. He graduated from National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla and Indian Military Academy Dehradun. Later he completed M Sc (Military Sciences) from Defence Services Staff College, Wellington (1992), MBA in (HR & Finance), Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications, Diploma in Hospital Administration from Apollo group of Hospitals. He has also done courses in Media Communication, Defence Procurement and Corporate & Industrial Safety, Security, & Fire Protection Management System.

3. He is known to be a specialist in the Operation Intelligence of Pakistan & Afghanistan and insurgency operations in the North East. During his long service tenure of 37 plus years he has served in various parts of the country in all possible terrains extending from the jungles of Nagaland & Manipur, to deserts of Rajasthan, Indo - Tibetan border and the Kashmir Valley. He has the unique distinction of having served in three Corps Headquarters on our Western Front as well as Instructor in Army War College. He also has vast experience in Administration and HR having been part raising a newly commissioned large Headquarter at New Delhi.

4. Rotary Journey He joined Rotary in the year 2020 and has been an active member since then. In a short span of four years, he has served as Sergeant at Arms and Director Community Service. He has been regular contributor of EREY and achieved Paul Harris Fellow in 2020-21.

RASHMI BATRA

5. Ms. Rashmi Batra is a dedicated and an accomplished academician and an administrator, with over 35 years of experience in the education field. A high achieving leader with focus on academic excellence and demonstrated results in student's achievements.



RTN COL PRADEEP BATRA
RC DELHI CENTRAL

6. She is an alumna of St. Mary's Convent, Mhow, (M.P.) besides she has done B.Sc. M.Sc. (M.Sc.) & B.Ed.

7. She has been an Academician for over 35 years out of which has served as Principal of various schools in Delhi, Dwarka and Gurugram for past 20 years. Currently she is working as the Founder Principal, SRF Vidyalaya, Gurugram. An initiative of SRF Foundation under the aegis of SRF Ltd. for the children of the under privileged section of the society

8. She is multi-talented person with keen interest in Music, Literature, Reading, Cooking, Stitching and Embroidery. She joined Rotary in the year 2020 and has been an active member since then having served as Sergeant at Arms twice. She has been regular contributor of EREY and achieved Paul Harris Fellow in 2020-21.

Children

7. The couple have two children (both married)

(a) Son: Ankit, BTech, MBA working in IT Company at Gurugram.

(b) Daughter: Aashna, Lawyer from Campus Law Centre currently working for a corporate law firm as Senior Associate.

PEM 1 - AYAANSH

The event was held at 'Orana Conventions' on Golf Course Extension Road in Gurgaon. It was the District Governor 2024-25 Rtn Dr. Mahesh Trikha's first interactive meeting with the Presidents Elect. It was a beautifully organised event and it was nice to be treated like Royalty on the day. The

District Governor has a special relationship with his Team, his Presidents and Secretaries and the warmth was evident from the minute the Presidents Elect stepped into the foyer of the venue to when they were seated and formally introduced on stage by the DG. Our take away from the event was the camaraderie we shared with fellow Presidents, the excitement of being a part of a big Rotary family and the special bonds of friendship that were forged with the District Team.



PEM 2 -- CHEERIO - BON VOYAGE

PEM 2 was held at picturesque Veda Farm and what made the event even more special was the festive feel to it on a bright and sunny winter afternoon. The theme was red, white and green --- the colours of Christmas and this added to the vibrant ambience and beautiful atmosphere. DG Rtn Mahesh Trikha and First Lady Rtn Sujata Trikha were given a befitting send-off to Orlando. The food was delicious and spirits were high as people swayed to the songs sung by a Crooner in the background



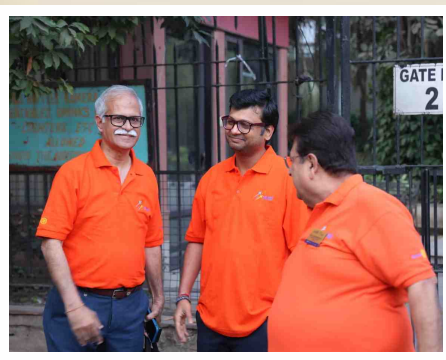
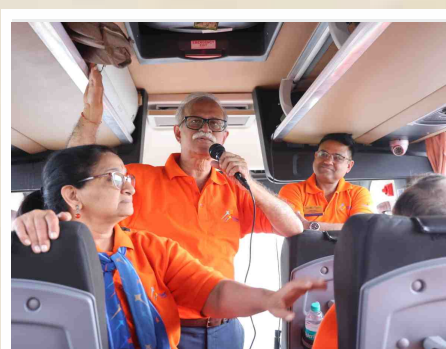
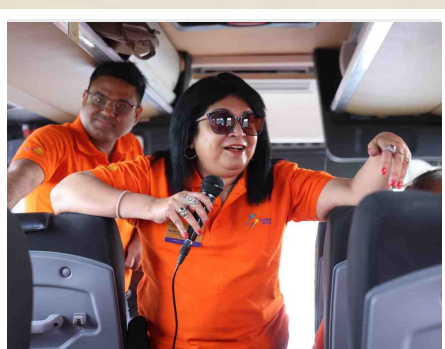
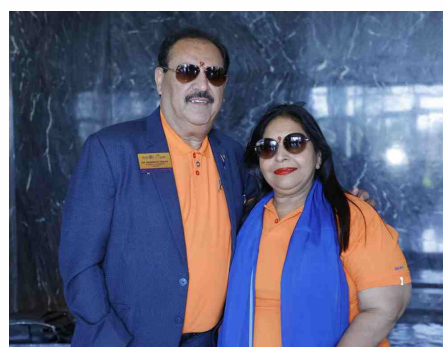


PRASHIKSHAN PETS -- 2024

Prashikshan was definitely an appropriate title for an event like PETS where the Presidents Elect learn more about their role and responsibilities. DGE Rtn Dr Mahesh Trikha and Rtn Sujata Trikha and the organising Team hosted a spectacular PETS 2024-25 at the very beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel that is nestled in a valley between the mountains of the Shivalik range in Dehradun. It started with a bus journey with fellow Rotarians, a sumptuous breakfast enroute and a lot of fun and games while getting to know each other.

It was a meticulously planned event with educative and informative sessions for Presidents Elect and their Partners. The Seniors imparting knowledge were the Past District Governors who are both seasoned and experienced Teachers. The Chief Guest at the event was PRID Rtn Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi who enthralled the audience with his very interesting Speech that was full of humour and a lot of learning.

The two evenings spent at this stunning location were equally entertaining with a ramp walk on the evening of the 5th of April and performances by Presidents Elect on the 'States of India' on the evening on the 6th. The Presidents Elect were given Graduation Certificates for having undergone a Training Programme.



ADHIGAM SETS - 2024

The event was held on 04 and 05 May 2024 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sector 83, Gurgaon. The programme was a packed two days schedule of training sessions, motivating speeches and 'Bollywood' Performances for and by the Secretaries Elect. The training sessions are an imperative part of the process because a Secretary's role in Rotary is, perhaps, the most significant one; without an effective Secretary the administrative and communication channels will cease to be impactful.

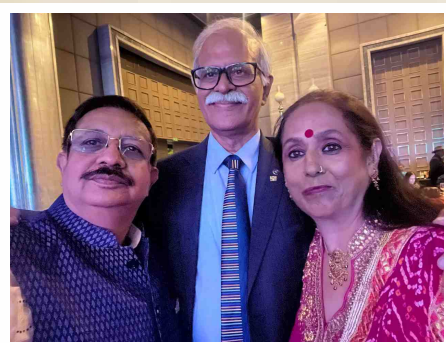
The event had some excellent and motivational Speakers like Chief Guest PRID A.S. Venkatesh who spoke about the Rotary Theme for the RI Year 2024-25, 'Magic of Rotary' at length. The event saw some eminent Guest Speakers like Mr. Anant Kashibatla who spoke about 'The Secret To Extraordinary Focus' and how importance it was to remain focused on intent and whatever we do.

A very learned faculty were the Trainers at the breakout sessions and the Training imparted by PDG Rtn Deepak Talwar, PDG Rtn Sanjay Khanna, PDG AKS Rtn Dr. N. Subramanian, PDG and District Learning Facilitator Rtn Ramesh Chander was very inspiring because each of them presented

very relevant training modules that were a part of the Secretary's roles and responsibilities. A Partner's Session was also organised for the Spouse of the Secretaries Elect and there was plenty of learning involved even in the fun and games that were a part of the schedule.

The evening was full was a colourful display of skill when all the Secretaries Elect and Partners, AGs, COG and Partners and Presidents Elect and Partners came dressed as their favourite Bollywood Star and performed to songs and dances of music from their films.

Day 2 started with DG Rtn Mahesh Trikha explaining his Action Plan, defining Simply Irresistible and how the five elements of Irresistible were meaningful work, supportive management, a positive work environment and trust in leadership. This was followed by a very insightful presentation on CSR by Ms Bhawna Verma from RISAO and by Rtn Sarika Yadav and Rtn Samrat Yadav who made a very interesting presentation on Digitalisation in Rotary. Club Secretary Rtn Pradeep Batra and Rtn Rashmi Batra participated in all the events and the training sessions.



SANGHOSHTI - DISTRICT GRANTS MANAGEMENT, STEWARDSHIP AND TRF 2ND LEVEL SEMINAR & CSR INITIATIVES.

The event was organised by DGE Rtn Dr Mahesh Trikha and sponsored by Rotary Clubs of RCD South East, RCD Regency Next, RCD Humanity, RC Gurgaon Cosmopolitan and RC Faridabad Arth, was held on Sunday 9th June 2024 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The event was conducted seamlessly by District Secretary and MoC for the event Rtn Sanjeev Jawahar. The excitement was for getting the first Programs of Scale Grant of \$ 2 million from TRF --- it's the first in Asia and First given to a non-African country.

DGE Rtn Dr Mahesh Trikha extended a very warm and cordial welcome to all present and said Sanghoshti Seminar is a 2nd level TRF Seminar and will give everyone information about importance of the TRF.

Our own RRFC AKS PDG Rtn Dr N. Subramanian said India are the 2nd largest contributors to TRF and we are the largest beneficiary of getting Global Grants from TRF. He congratulated the District on being awarded the Programs of Scale of \$ 2 millions. He conveyed a special congratulations to IPDG Rtn Ashok Kantoor for getting substantial substantial CSR funds from a PSU, like Coal India for Literacy promotion.

He added that we can get funds from TRF for District Grants, Global Grants, Scale Grants, Disaster Grants etc. Rotary has also been giving Peace Scholarships. These scholarships have made a huge difference. Over 1800 trained and graduate Peace Scholars are working at different organisations in several countries. He added that Benefits of TRF Grants are not only to the beneficiaries but it also helps in creating better image of Rotary. He said Contributions can be made to Annual Fund, Polio Plus Fund, Endowment Fund of TRF and also to CSR funds of RFI. He said we should aim at making our Clubs 100% EREY Clubs.

PDG Rtn Ashish Ajmera, EMGA, Zone 4 from Durat spoke about the different ways in which we can donate to the Foundation.

PDG Rtn Sharat Jain, ARRFC said contributions to the Annual Fund of TRF is the most important source for getting DDF and Global Grants. What

was contributed by the District to TRF Annual Fund in the year 2021--22 will be available for the District in 2024-25.

PDG Rtn Sanjiv Rai Mehra, ARRFC spoke on Polio and said we have to double our efforts in eradicating the disease.

PDG Rtn Deepak Talwar, DRFC speaking on Stewardship and Global Grants said Reporting is important. When a club gets a grant, they have to file a report about implementing the project through a progress report and a completion report. Global Grants are for a minimum value of \$ 30,000 and should be completed within 2 to 3 years. The project must be sustainable and should be under one of the 7 focus areas. The project must be need based, what the community wants.

Ms Reeti Bora Mondal from RISAO spoke on CSR funds and said no International partner is required in CSR funding. CSR grant fund should be of minimum value of US \$ 21,000. Community assessment is not mandatory for CSR funds. A Rotary Club can have maximum 5 CSR grant funds in a year. Stewardship of CSR funds is very important. Rotarians and DDF can also add their contributions to CSR funds. The project has to be implemented by the Rotary Club. CSR India Grant Fund A/c has to be a separate Bank account for operation of CSR.

IPDG Rtn Ashok Kantoor speaking on CSR Initiatives said the target of contributions to TRF in 2024-25 has been revised and changed to \$ 3 million from the previous goal of 2.2 million.

Every Club must have a separate Trust account. All CSR funds grant contributions to RFI are eligible for TRF recognitions.

After this a very meaningful Q & A session was held moderated by DGSC Rtn Dheeraj Bhutani, with eminent faculty of DG 2024-25 Rtn Dr. Mahesh Trikha, PDG Rtn Dr N Subramanian, PDG Rtn Sharat Jain from District 3012, PDG Rtn Sanjiv Rai Mehra, PDG Rtn Deepak Talwar, IPDG Rtn Ashok Kantoor, DGN Rtn Ravindra Gugnani and Ms Reeti Mondal from RISAO.

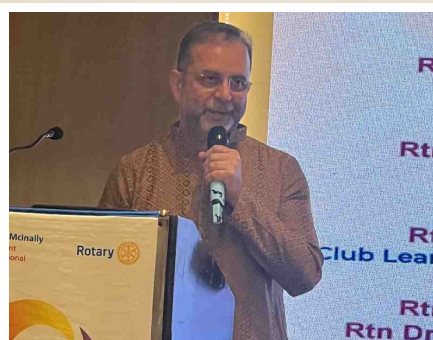


SHUKRANA -- THANKSGIVING

President 2023-24 Rtn Vineet Sood and Club Secretary Rtn Poonam Jain held the Club's Thanksgiving Event at the Hotel Surya in New Friends Colony on 22 June.

The event was beautifully organised with excellent attendance from the Club, the District Governor 2023-24 Rtn Jeetender Gupta and Deepti, DGE Rtn Dr Ravi Gugnani, DGN Rtn Ajeet Jalan and many senior Dinitaries

from the District. DG 2023-24 Rtn Jeetender Gupta showered praises on President 2023-24 Vineet Sood and Club Secretary 2023-24 Rtn Poonam Jain ; the excitement in the air was palpable and there was definitely indication of many awards to come over the next few days. Rtn Vineet Sood made a fantastic presentation on the year gone by and was applauded by everyone for giving Rotary Club of Delhi Central one of the best years in recent times.



'SUPER SE UPAR' -- DISTRICT THANKSGIVING

The District Thanksgiving Event was held at the Taj Vivanta in Faridabad. It was a colourful event with Rotarians and their Spouse attired in tropical colors and prints. It added on to the festive atmosphere and there was a lot of happiness all around. First Lady Dr Derpti Singh Gupta and DG Rtn Jeetender Gupta have done an incredible job last year with a TRF collection of over USD 2 million, of being awarded a ISD 2 million Programs of Scale Award and many other accolades that were among the first.

RCDC has a lot to feel proud about Rtn Vineet Sood and Rtn Poonam Jain brought home several awards that were a first for RCDC too. We are really proud of them and all the accolades they have won for us. It was a befitting goodbye to a splendid Rotary Year and one that will be remembered for a long time.



RUNNING TROPHIES

1. Smt Sushma Kansal Memorial Trophy - Best President - legacy Club
2. PDG C.L. Batra Memorial Trophy For Best Secretary
3. PRID & Past TRF Trustee Sushil Gupta Memorial Trophy - Best water Conservation initiative

Rtn Vineet Sood
Rtn Poonam Jain
RCDC

OTHER AWARDS

5. Platinum Public Image Award
6. Super Star President
7. Super star Secretary
8. Super Star Asst Governor
9. Super star Award for District Vocational Services
10. Elite District Team Award
11. Elite District Team Award
12. Elite Award for 2nd Highest PHS members
13. Second Highest Annual Fund Contribution

RCDC
Rtn Vineet Sood
Rtn Poonam Jain
Rtn Kuljit S. Popli
Rtn Sunil Jain
Rtn C. Raghunath
Rtn Padmini Parameswaran
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WE ARE PROUD OF OUR DISTRICT APPOINTEES



Rtn. Dr. Neelam Sethi
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
Chair - TB Awareness and Elimination
RY : 2024-25



Rtn. C. Raghunath
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
Disease Prevention Segment
2024-25



PP Rtn. S L Sharma
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
Governor's Special Aide
2024-25



Rtn. Sandeep Batra
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
Zonal Chair - Environment (Renewable Energy)
2024-25



Rtn. Rakesh Jain
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
District Director- Water Shed Management
RY : 2024-25



Rtn. Kuljit Singh Popli
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
District Chair - Environment
2024-25



PDG Dr. Narasimhan Subramanian
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
RRFC (Zone - 4)
District Advisor - The Rotary Foundation
RY : 2024 - 25



Rtn. Sanjay Aggarwal
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
Co-Chair - CSR Initiative
RY : 2024 - 25



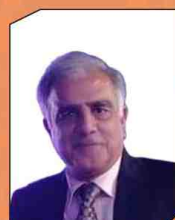
Rtn. Sunil Jain
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
Director Vocational Service
2024-25



Rtn. Rashmi Batra
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
Co-Chair - Project Positive Health
RY : 2024-25



Rtn. Poonam Jain
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
Zonal Chair - Plastic Warriors
RY : 2024-25



Rtn. Anil Ahuja
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
Zonal Chair - E Charging Station
RY : 2024 - 25



Rtn. Padmini Subra Parameswaran
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
District Chair & Chief Editor - GML
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Rtn. Poonam Jain
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
District Chair - Child Development - Co-Chair
RY : 2024-25



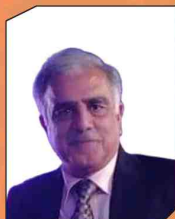
Rtn. Harvinder Popli
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
District Chair - Project Positive Health
RY 2024 - 25



Rtn. Vivek Madan
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
Zonal Chair Membership (Delhi)
RY : 2024 - 25



Rtn. Dr. Lalitha Subramaniam
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
Co-Advisor - Body & Organ Donation
RY : 2024 - 25



Rtn. Anil Ahuja
Rotary Club of Delhi Central
Zonal Chair - Skill Development
RY : 2024 - 25



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