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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Dear fellow Rotarians and members of the Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan*

As we bid farewell to the month of June 2023, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the exceptional year we've had at Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan. Let's take a moment to celebrate the incredible events and happenings that have defined this month and our Rotary journey during the Rotary Year 2022-23.

In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." This quote resonates deeply with the essence of our Rotary values, where selfless service is at the core of all that we do.

During the month, we conducted a successful Free Eye Checkup Camp in association with Viaan Eye & Retina Centre and the Resident Welfare Association in Sector 57, Gurgaon.

Another significant achievement was the organization of the Blood Donation Camps in association with CVENT India Pvt Ltd and Rotary Blood Centre, Gurugram on 27th & 28th June 2023. We collected an impressive total of 125 units of blood, emphasizing our commitment to saving lives in the community.

Our 2022-23 Thanksgiving was held at VIP Club, M3M Golf Estate Gurgaon on 24th June 2023, was a delightful affair. Members present were delighted and thoroughly enjoyed and cherished the moments of the

#### THE 4-WAY TEST

*of the things we think, say or do*

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned ?

*Let us all keep the above tests in mind before we say, think or do anything*

year as we celebrated the contributions made by each and every one of you.

The "Anugrahit" District Thanksgiving function on 30th June 2023 at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi, was a memorable night for our club. We received several well-deserved recognitions and awards, including the Pinnacle and Elite awards. Notably, PP Rtn. Sarvesh Dutt, PP Rtn. Ruchi Rai, PP Rtn. Ratan Kumar, and PP Rtn. Deepak Jain received prestigious awards for their remarkable contributions. Our club's overall performance earned us the Elite Club title, with Rtn. Abhishek Aneja and Rtn. Amit Kumar Jain being recognized as Elite President and Elite Secretary, respectively. These achievements exemplify our dedication to excellence and service.

I take immense pride in sharing that our Rotaract Club of Young Souvenirs received the Governor Appreciation Award in the Diamond category during the same "Anugrahit" District Thanksgiving function. They received several accolades for their outstanding work in partnership with Nazariya and Project SHE. Rtr. Pearl Gupta was recognized as Outstanding President, Rtr. Gunjit Setia as Best Secretary, and Rtr. Gunjit, Rtr. Mukund, and Rtr. Trishita received appreciation awards for being in DAC. Our young leaders have proven their commitment to service and community development.

Our journey this year has been nothing short of extraordinary, as we envisioned and achieved great things together. From tree plantation drives to community outreach, our focus on all seven areas of service has made a meaningful impact on the lives of many.

In the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi's words, let us continue to lose ourselves in the service of others, finding fulfillment and purpose in the work we do for our community.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering support, guidance, and dedication throughout this journey. It is your passion and commitment to Rotary's values that have led us to success. As my term as President comes to an end, I am grateful for the love and encouragement I received from all of you. I look forward to receiving the same support and camaraderie in the coming years.

Thank you for making this year an unforgettable one. Let us continue to live by the motto "Service above Self" and create a brighter future for our community and beyond.

Yours in Rotary,

*Rtn Abhishek Aneja,*  
*President*

## RI President's Message



**Rtn. Jennifer Jones**

**President 2022-23, Rotary International**

In President Jennifer Jones' June 2023 Message, she thanks all of us for the moments they have shared and for our efforts to Imagine Rotary. She says that we looked past what we are today and reached for what we could be tomorrow. "We imagine a Rotary that will continue to tell our stories in impactful ways, work to reduce our carbon footprint, and focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts that lift every voice in our organization and beyond" .... "we look forward to continuing these efforts as we Create Hope in the World. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with each of you."

### **NOT GOODBYE, BUT GOOD WORK**

To Everyone in our Rotary Family,

Speaking to you through the pages of Rotary magazine this past year has brought me so much joy. I have especially enjoyed sharing the incredible stories of the wonderful people Nick and I have met on the Imagine Impact Tour.

From Patzin in the mountainous western highlands of Guatemala to a small village outside of Lusaka, Zambia, we have been greeted by countless people who imagine and work toward a better world.

We were inspired by teachers who imagine a better education for girls and boys facing gender-based violence, by Rotaractors in a refugee settlement who created a flour mill to provide for their families in a critical food shortage, and by brave polio workers who push tirelessly to reach every last child.

All of us have imagined Rotary this year. This means looking past what we are today and reaching for what we could be tomorrow. We imagine a Rotary that will continue to tell our stories in impactful ways, work to reduce our carbon footprint, and focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts that lift every voice in our organization and beyond.

Nick and I want to thank all of you for the moments we've shared and for your efforts to Imagine Rotary. And now, we look forward to continuing these efforts as we Create Hope in the World. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with each of you.

**Jennifer Jones**

**President, Rotary International**

## District Governor's Message



**Rtn. Ashok Kantoor**  
**District Governor 2022-23**  
**RI District 3011**

Dear Presidents, Team and Fellow Rotarians,

At the very outset I would like to start with congratulating each one of you because we have achieved and surpassed 100% of all the goals that we set for ourselves at the beginning of the year. Time has flown by very quickly and here we are in the very last month of a Rotary Year that has been one of the most gratifying times that I have ever experienced. While all of you carried on relentlessly with your plans and completed each one of them in record time, it was the love for humanity and commitment with which you carried out your tasks that was truly exemplary and heartwarming. The year might have come to an end but your enthusiasm continues unabated and that is what Rotarians are really about. They are exceptional human beings with a much higher resolve, grit and determination than others and they continue to serve humanity despite any change or challenges.

We had developed a strategic plan at the beginning of the year that allowed the District to build on its success and consolidate its position as an enterprising District, working in partnership with other stakeholders to have a transformational impact on people, our area and the wider world. I am happy to see that we have achieved most of the objectives. We have created an entrepreneurial culture in the District by developing the skills, behaviours, and confidence to fuel enterprise in the younger people. We have developed and nurtured sustainable projects providing benefits to the underprivileged and the communities. We have driven regeneration, working with businesses and organisations like hospitals etc to co-create solutions to challenges, drawing on the knowledge, expertise and talents of Rotarians and institutions we collaborate with. We have delivered our best at the highest levels of

achievement and worked hard to support a talented, diverse, and future-facing workforce for our region and beyond.

There were many 'Firsts' this year as far as creative thinking and introducing new District events and Projects that were focused to deliver on every aspect of the seven areas of focus. For the first time we went completely paperless and every GoV was entirely paperless. We organised a Women's Bicycle Rally which was focused on creating cancer awareness and the second one was organised to create awareness about the prevention of Polio and Leprosy on World Polio Day. We established a state of the art Maternity Block consisting of OT, OPD, Ward and other medical facilities at the MCD Hospital in Fatehpur Beri. We also established centres for treating clubfoot, signed an MOU on cancer and chemotherapy with Dr AV Cancer Hospital, set up a Rotary Skin Bank with AIIMS among various others. We worked on conservation of water by establishing a huge number of Hand Wash Stations in schools, by rejuvenating large waterbodies and converting defunct borewells into rain water harvesting. We completed many check-dams and started work on several more and also made young students aware of the importance of water through the use of aerators. We also gave Bicycles to Doctors, Nurses and General Staff working at AIIMS to be able to commute within AIIMS on environment friendly transport. For the first time in the District we held a Badminton Tournament for Rotarians; another first was the cultural event we organised in collaboration with ICCR to promote Peace & Conflict Resolution with several Ambassadors of different countries on World Culture Day.

We also increased membership by chartering 10 new Rotary Clubs and 480 new members, and a record breaking 46 new Interact Clubs. We have also exceeded the massive record set by PDG Dr.N.Subramanian in the year 2016-17 when he was the District Governor, with a collection of USD 1.83 million in TRF contributions. I am listing out only a few achievements but there were many more that might not find enough space on these pages.

It has been an exceedingly satisfying year, indeed, not just in terms of the work that was done but also in the relationships that we have built and strengthened over the months. We have received love, warmth, hospitality and support from all of you at all times and never once did any of you falter in the commitments you made and implemented. Alka and I are really and truly grateful to all of you for the respect and love you have shared with us this year and I would like to reiterate that as a part of our commitment to ensuring the well-being of the communities I will always stand with you at all times.

I thank each one of you for your overwhelming support and contribution in terms of time and monetary generosity

I sign off with warm regards

Rtn Ashok Kantoor  
District Governor (2022-23)

## Excerpt from "What is my Rotary" by PP Rtn. Aadesh Poddar



This year 2023 I have completed 30 years of my association with Rotary International. Every single day I have taken pride in being a Rotarian.

“मैं कतरा हूँ मगर हस्ती पे अपनी नाज़ करता हूँ  
बिना मेरे कोई दरिया , दरिया हो नहीं सकता”

Each drop is important to make an ocean

“Each Rotarian is the corner stone  
Every club is the pillar of Rotary edifice  
Fellowship is the mortar  
Values and principles provide the uprightness  
It is a beautiful building  
But remains a lifeless monument, until the spirit of  
service activities make a home there”

- RIPP Rajendra Saboo

Dear friends, today we will talk about our Rotary which has become a vibrant International organization with dedicated participation of likeminded people, believing in “**Service Above Self**”

118 years ago, Rotary started with the vision of one man Paul Percy Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the first Rotary Club of Chicago on 23rd February 1905, with four like minded professionals from different vocations and diverse backgrounds. It was formed with an idea to exchange their views and begin meaningful lasting friendship. Since they were meeting every week at each other's office in rotation so the name “**Rotary**” was given.

The organization that started with just five members has grown into the strength of 1.2 million Rotarians represented by 37000 Clubs all over the world.

In 1917, “Endowment Fund for Rotary” was created which was renamed, “The Rotary Foundation” in 1928, with US Dollars 500 in its kitty. And first noticeable service project was a grant of US\$ 500 given to crippled children society in 1930 and since then there is no looking back.

TRF, i.e. The Rotary Foundation is a huge and vast subject to talk about. I will just touch some salient features.

It is a non profit corporation that supports the efforts of RI to achieve World understanding, peace through International, Humanitarian, Educational and Cultural exchange programmes, global service project etc. etc. It is supported solely by voluntary contribution from Rotarians and well wishers of the Foundation who share and believe in its vision of a better world.

TRF gets great donations from corporates and individuals. Here I would like to mention one individual contribution of Rotarian Ravi Shanker of Bangalore City Club who donated 100 crores dollars in August 2018. Till date it is the biggest donation given by an individual. I give a big salute to him.

“कैसे आकाश में सूरख नहीं हो सकता  
एक पत्थर तो तबीयत से उछालो यारों”

### Now lets talk about the Objects of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

□ **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

□ **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

□ **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

□ **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

We channelise our commitment at Home and abroad through five avenues of service, which are the very foundation of club activities.

□ **Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.

□ **Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.

□ **Community Service** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.

□ **International Service** exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.

□ **Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

This year seven areas of focus for the new grants structure are identified by the RI.

- Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution.
- Disease Prevention and Treatment.
- Water and Sanitation.
- Maternal and Child Health.
- Basic Education and Literacy.
- Economic and Community Development.

We have had a glimpse of global Rotary International At district level our District 3011 has 123 clubs with the strength of 4735 members (updated on 1st April 2023) I will touch very briefly on some of Rotary activities in Delhi and NCR.

1. We have a rotary cancer hospital at AIIMS, New Delhi.

2. We have a Viklang Kendra in Karkardooma, New Delhi where physically disabled people are treated free of cost. Artificial limbs are also made and provided to the needy.

3. We do free heart surgery of young children under the banner of "Gift of Life" at Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospitals.

4. On education front we have a Rotary Public School, it's a CBSE co-ed English medium school well equipped with latest technologies. 25% of children are given free education.

“दोस्तों : -

मंज़िलें क्या हैं ? रास्ता क्या है ?

हौसला हो तो फ़ासला क्या है ?”

आपकी अपनी Rotary में आपको बहुत कुछ “बहुजन हिताय” “बहुजन सुखाय” के मंत्र के अंतर्गत करने के अनेकों अवसर मिलते हैं - बस हौसला होना चाहिए, हसरत होनी चाहिए, हमदर्दी होनी चाहिए”

Friends, every year Rotary International elects/nominates a President to lead the organization. This year RI President is Jennifer E. Jones, Each President has his/her own vision and mission to take Rotary forward with his/her dream team.

A RI Theme is also released by RIP. This year the RI Theme is “Imagine Rotary”. सोचिए अगर Paul Harris ने Rotary के concept को Imagine ना किया होता तो...

Every District elects a new Governor every year and every year every club elects a new President who with his leadership and with his new ideas touches the new heights of Serving the Humanity.

My dear friends, particularly my new friends I would like to make a statement that Rotary is not an entertainment club. It's a prestigious platform to make new friends and together with them serve the less privileged.

यह आपको अपने से अलग कुछ सोचने - करने की प्रेरणा देती है. अच्छे मित्रों से जोड़ती है और इस बड़े परिवार “बसुधैव कुटुंबकम” का एक उपयोगी सदस्य बने रहने का मौका देती है.

Live with Rotary, grow with Rotary, take pride in the Rotary. Believe you me, it will slowly and gradually awaken the dormant sentiments of your oneness with the wide world.

Thank you.

# Some Events of June 2023

*Focus Area: Disease Prevention & Treatment*  
*Free Eye Checkup Camp; 4th June 2023*



Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan conducted Free Eye Checkup Camp in association with Viaan Eye & Retina Centre & Resident Welfare Association, Sector 57, Gurgaon on 4th June 2023. President Rtn Abhishek Aneja, Secretary Rtn. Amit Kumar Jain, Rtn. Dr. Neeraj Sanduja, Rtn Krishan Kumar Aggarwal, Rtn Naveen Chowdhry, Rtn. Anshu Jindal attended this event.



*Focus Area: Support the Environment*  
*Tree Plantation – 350 saplings; 5th June 2023*



Tree Plantation Drive was held at M/s Harman Finochem Ltd., Aurangabad-Maharashtra and Ind-Sfift Laboratories Ltd., Chandigarh, during World Environment Day on 5th June 2023 by our Rtn. Ratan Kumar, Dist. Chair, Tree Plantation, Gurgaon Zone and Co-Chairman- CSR. In environment day 350 nos trees plantation done

# Completion of School Library project at Govt. Boys Sr. Sec School Badshahpur, Gurugram



It is great to End our Rotary Year 2022-23 with the motto of Service above Self where we gave a New Life to the School Library at Govt Boys School in Badshshpur Gurgaon under our ongoing Literacy Projects for schools.

## Blood Donation Camps (27th & 28th June 2023)



Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan organized Blood Donation Camps in association with CVENT India Pvt Ltd and Rotary Blood Centre, Gurugram on 27th & 28th June 2023. Total collections 125 units and 39 rejections in the 2 day.

# 2022-23 Thanksgiving and Club Assembly 2023-24





Our Thanksgiving for the Rotary Year 2022-23 and Club Assembly for the Rotary Year 2023-24 was held on 24th June 2023 at VIP Club, M3M Golf Estate Gurgaon. Members who attended were delighted and enjoyed the function thoroughly. AG Rtn. Munish Khullar along with his spouse Rtn Mansi Khullar graced the occasion as special guests.

## *"Anugrahit" District Thanksgiving Ceremony 2022-23*

"Anugrahit" District Thanksgiving function was held on 30th June 2023 at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi followed by Drinks & Dinner. What an evening it was, RCGC rocked at the District Awards which shows the commitment of our club leaders in all the spheres of the community development. Congratulation to all the club members and recipients of the prestigious awards. Our club has reached the Pinnacle of Success and has been an Elite performer in RI District 3011.

Our Club received quite a few recognitions and awards -

1. PP Rtn. Sarvesh Dutt - Pinnacle Award for AG
2. PP Rtn. Ruchi Rai - Pinnacle award for District Team
3. PP Rtn. Ratan Kumar - Elite award for District Team
4. PP Rtn. Deepak Jain - Elite award for District Team

For overall clubs performance, we won following award:

1. Elite Club - Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan
2. Rtn. Abhishek Aneja - Elite President
3. Rtn. Amit Kumar Jain - Elite Secretary





Our young leaders also carried on the flag of success as our Rotaract Club of Young Souvenirs received Governor Appreciation Award: Diamond category during the "Anugrahit" District Thanksgiving function was held on 30th June 2023 at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi



Our Rotaract Club of Young Souvenirs received different award from Rotaract District. Supporting partner, Nazariya, Project SHE, Club Recognition : To the Club

Rtr.Pearl Gupta : Outstanding President,

Rtr. Gunjit Setia: Best Secretary,

Rtr. Gunjit, Rtr Mukund, Rtr Trishita: appreciation awards for being in DAC





## *Sunday Dinner Fellowship at Kutumb Restaurant on 8th June '23*



Sunday Dinner Fellowship of Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan was held on 8th June 2023 at Kutumb Restaurant, SS Plaza Mall, Sector 47, Gurugram an initiative by President Rtn. Abhishek Aneja, Secretary Rtn. Amit Kumar Jain. It was one of the most memorable and exciting get together for the members and families who joined enjoyed the Sunday Brunch Fellowship.

## *Rotary Public Image*



PP Rtn. Deepak Jain actively participated in the BMW Night Golf Tournament at DLF Golf Club was held on 23rd June 2023 closest to the pin winner.

# From the Desk of the Secretary

## Birthdays

July	
28th	Rtn Amit Kumar Jain
31st	Rtn Pradeep Agrawal

## Anniversaries

July	
10th	R'anne Rishika Jain & Rtn. Amit Kumar Jain

## Upcoming events

### New Rotary Year start.....July 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023  
6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Mammography Camp  
Board Meeting

8<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Shankhnaad – District Installation  
Joint Installation of Rtn. Jeetender Gupta  
as District Governor 2023-24 &  
Club Presidents 2023-24

9<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
20<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023  
28<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Mammography Camp  
Eye Checkup Camp  
Regular Club Meeting  
Eye Checkup Camp  
Joint Clubs Meeting



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