

## From the President's Desk

As we step in the last quarter of Rotary Year 2023 24, we move in with a fair amount of hope and expectation. Time has come to wrap up all the hard work and stamp it with excellence. We are all set to achieve the goals that we had set for ourselves at the beginning of the year.

But first things first. An overdue picnic at Aramgarh finally happened on 3rd March. It was a fun time and a group of 26 enthusiasts got together for saying Goodbye to the extended winter. A lot of fun activities and merriment was the order of the day. A time well spent on fellowship and gorging good food.

Our focus this year has been organizing Blood Donation Camps. In the six camps so far, we have collected 830 units. A visit to Rotary Blood Centre in Gurgaon on 23rd March helped members to understand the modalities of blood processing, preservation and other activities related to blood plasma with sophisticated machines etc. The President and Treasurer of the Centre took us through the paces.

24th March was a red letter day for our Club. We rang in the 27th Anniversary of our Charter Day with a lot of fanfare. A few guests from the District including PDG Dr Sushil Khurana and PDG Deepak Talwar joined us in the celebrations. We took this opportunity to honour our four Charter Members - namely PP Rtn Lalit Mattu, PP Rtn Sunil Khanna, Rtn Dinesh Saksena and Rtn Atul Naval. All four of them went down memory lane and shared nostalgic memories. An evening to remember.

More in the next. Exciting quarter ahead.

Jai Hind



### Key Club Office Bearers 2023 - 24

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Wg Cdr Baljit S Ahluwalia

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Director Youth Services  
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Club Learning Facilitator  
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Chair – News Bulletin  
Anil Kumar Bhatnagar



**R. Gordon R. McInally**  
**President 2023-24**

## **April 2024**

These are times that cry out for peace. The Middle East is in its most volatile condition in years. The war in Ukraine is the largest in Europe since World War II, and there are armed conflicts in Sudan and parts of Central Africa. Nearly every continent is experiencing a major armed conflict.

Rotary has a vital role to play in advancing the cause of peace — I often say Rotary needs to work toward peace as aggressively as those who wish to wage war. It's the spirit found in our vision statement: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." We must never lose track of that last call — that to bring about change in the world, we need to foster change within.

It is up to us to model peacebuilding behavior among each other. We can do better than questioning the motives of one another and jumping to the harshest possible explanation. After hearing words that might strain or offend us, we have an opportunity to ask, with compassion and curiosity, the intent of those offending words. And then we have another opportunity to repair the breach.

If we wish to be a beacon to the world, let us start by being so to one another. Let's help each other find greater understanding and productive alternatives to words that cause hurt and distrust. And let's stick to our principles, but never doubt the sincerity of each other to end conflicts, not inflame them.

I'm reminded of a speech that U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy made on 4 April 1968, that dreadful day when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Kennedy was in Indianapolis speaking to an audience in a predominantly African American neighborhood where people had yet to learn that Dr. King had been killed.

He shared the terrible news. He honored Dr. King for all he had done for the cause of justice and peace. And then he connected with the fuming, grieving crowd by saying: "For those of you who are Black and are tempted to be filled with hatred and distrust at the injustice of such an act, against all white people, I can only say that I feel in my own heart the same kind of feeling. I had a member of my family killed." It was the first time he had spoken publicly about President John F. Kennedy's assassination. And while many American cities exploded in violence that night, Indianapolis did not.

It is in times of crisis and despair that we need empathy most of all. Empathy is the most powerful tool of peace, and it is vital if we are to take the first brave, humble steps to **Create Hope in the World**.

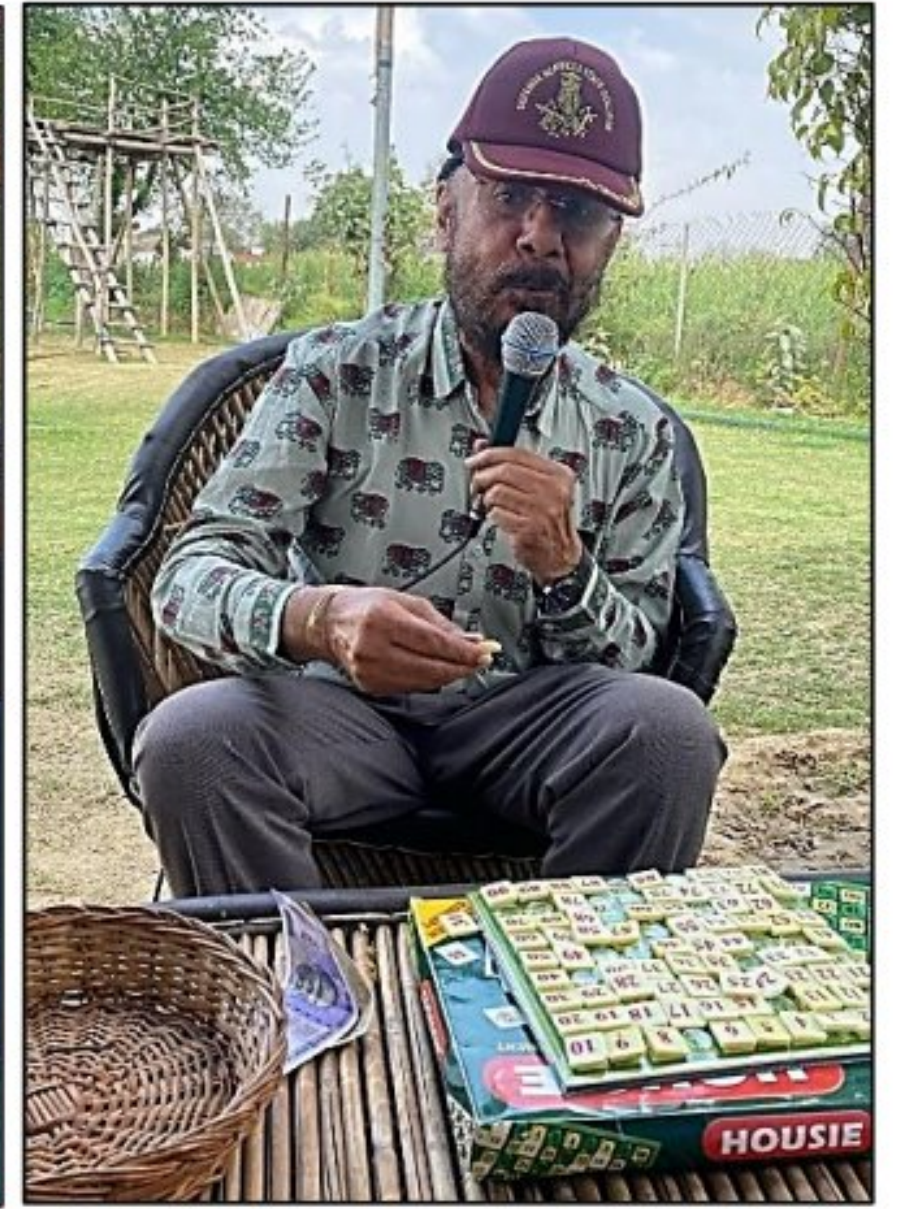
# Events of the Month (March) 2024

## Picnic at Aaramgarh ( 3<sup>rd</sup> March)



The sun smiled down on a perfect Sunday afternoon as our club finally gathered for a long-awaited picnic at Aaramgarh Farm. The weather could not have been more cooperative, setting the stage for a day of fun and relaxation. Upon arrival, we were greeted with a refreshing spread of snacks, cold beverages, and steaming cups of tea and coffee. The idyllic setting and delicious refreshments created the perfect atmosphere for an afternoon of enjoyment. R'anne Reena Mittal and R'anne Anita Ahluwalia enthusiastically led us in a variety of entertaining games, ensuring everyone had a blast. President Baljit Ahluwalia then took the reins for a lively game of Tambola, keeping everyone engaged and excited. To cap off the day, a delicious hot lunch was served, leaving everyone feeling happy and satisfied. It was truly a fun-filled experience that will be cherished by all.





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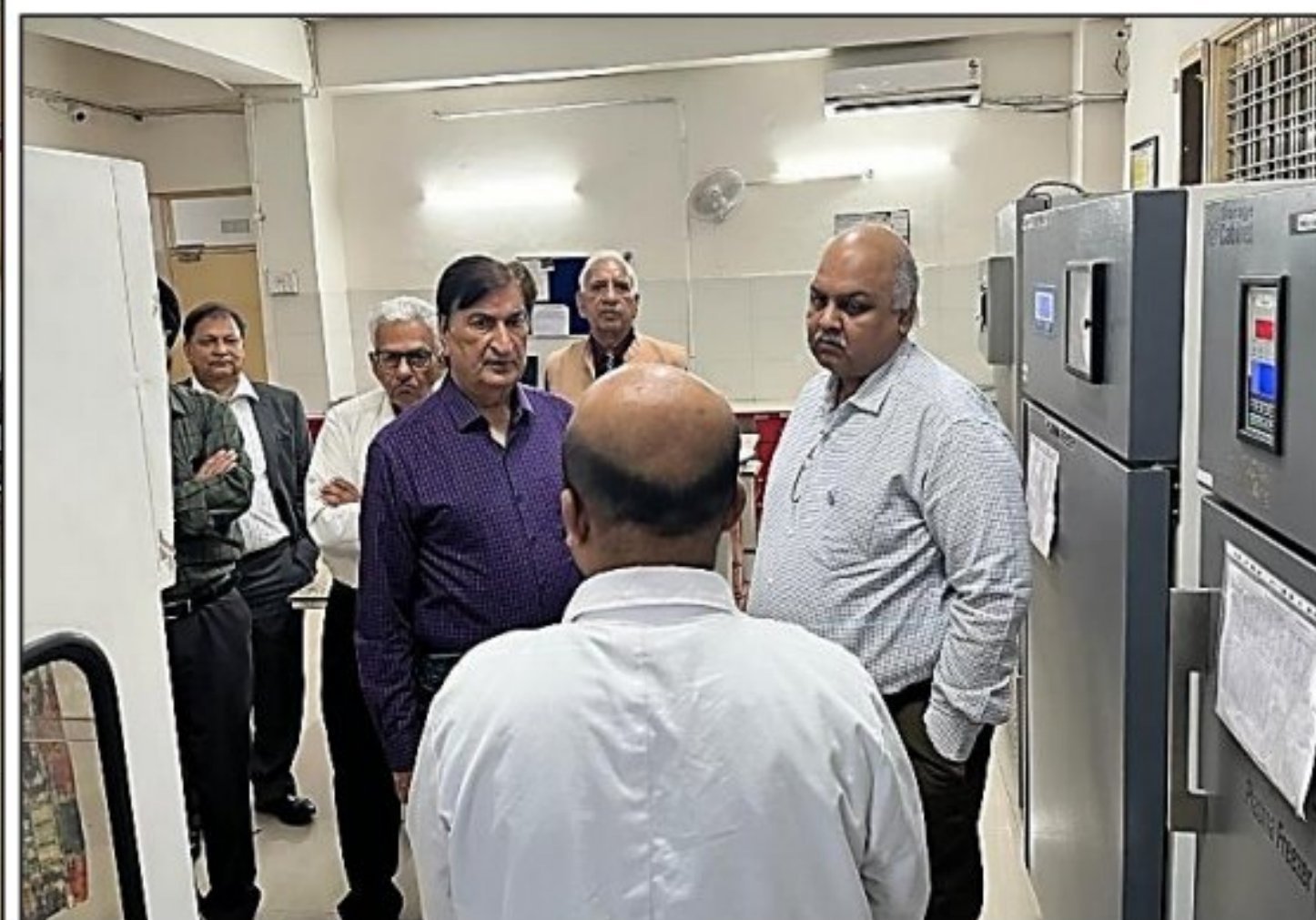
# Donation of Oxygen Concentrators At Rotary Blood Centre, Kadipur (13<sup>th</sup> March)



Inspired by a talk from President Rtn Mukesh Sharma at a recent club meeting, our members embarked on a visit to the Gurgaon Blood Centre. We were eager to learn about the blood donation process, from examination to segregation. Warmly welcomed by President Mukesh Sharma, Secretary Rtn KS Yadav, and Treasurer Rtn RM Bhardwaj, we were given a guided tour of the Centre's state-of-the-art facilities. The staff explained the various stages of blood processing, showcasing the advanced machinery, the Thalassemia Centre and the Dialysis Ward.



To further support the Centre's life-saving work, we proudly donated **three much-needed Oxygen Concentrators** to the center.





We extend our gratitude to Rtn J K Puri, Rtn Dr Subhash Nijhawan, and PE Rtn Rajeev Goel, R'anne Anita Ahluwalia for their presence during this visit. Organizing blood donation camps has been a cornerstone of our club's projects. Through six successful camps, we have collected an impressive **830 blood units**. With just **170 units** remaining to reach our ambitious goal of **1,000 units**, we are determined to make a difference.

A huge thank you to Rtn J K Puri, Rtn Anil Bhatnagar, and all the other members who have passionately championed this noble cause.



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## Trip To Jim Corbett (15<sup>th</sup> March -17<sup>th</sup> March)



Twenty-two of our club members embarked on an unforgettable two-day adventure to Jim Corbett National Park, from March 15th to 17th. The journey began comfortably by bus, reaching the resort just in time for a delicious lunch. After refueling, some members ventured out for an exciting jungle walk, immersing themselves in the park's rich natural beauty. As evening fell, the fun continued with lively games of Tambola and energetic dancing.

The next day, the thrill of the jungle was experienced through a captivating safari adventure. It was an enriching experience, allowing all to witness the wonders of wildlife firsthand. The evenings were filled with laughter and camaraderie, with a mix of fun games and lighthearted conversations. After a final breakfast together on the last day, the group reluctantly said goodbye to Jim Corbett, taking with us a treasure trove of memories and strengthened friendships. A big thank you to Rtn Meeta Ghosh for organizing this fantastic trip! It was a truly memorable excursion for all who participated.









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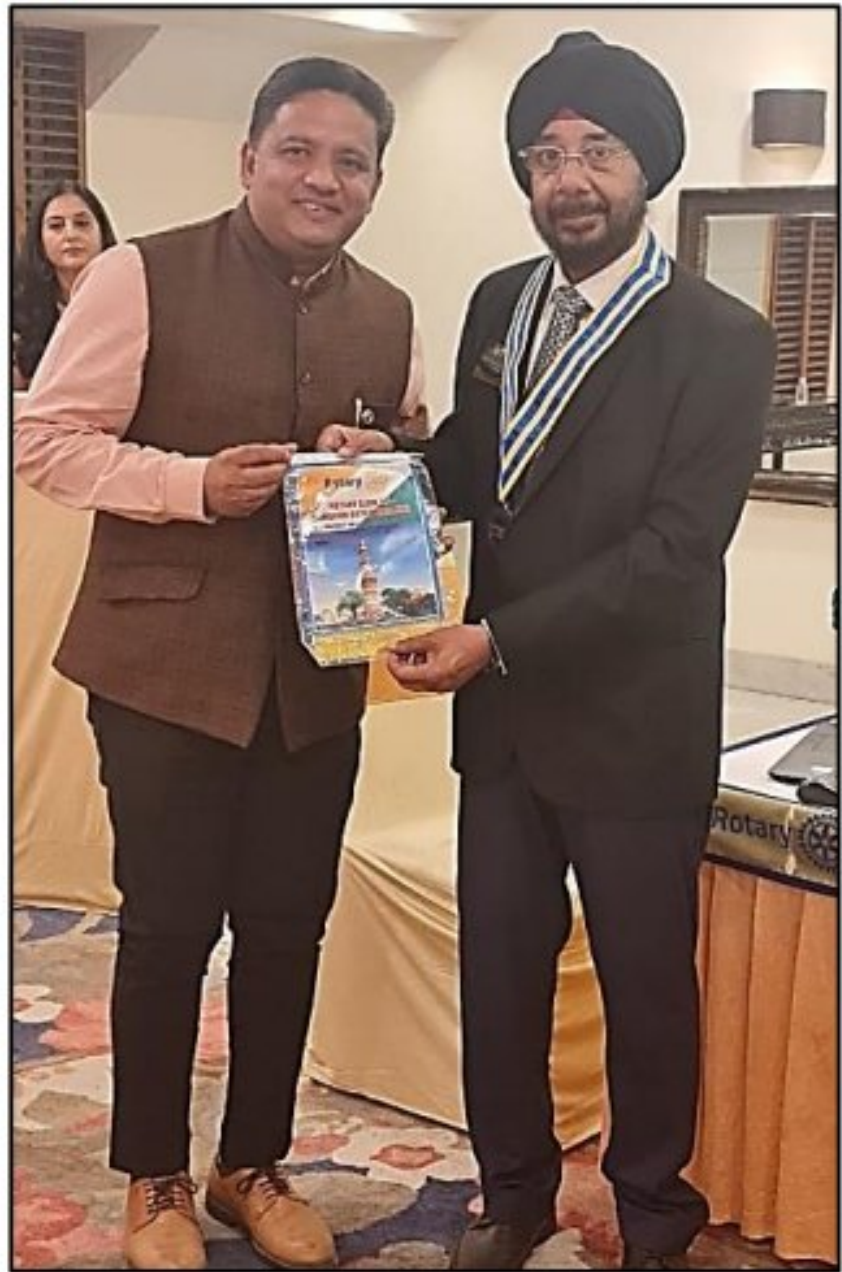


## Charter Day Celebration ( 24<sup>th</sup> March)

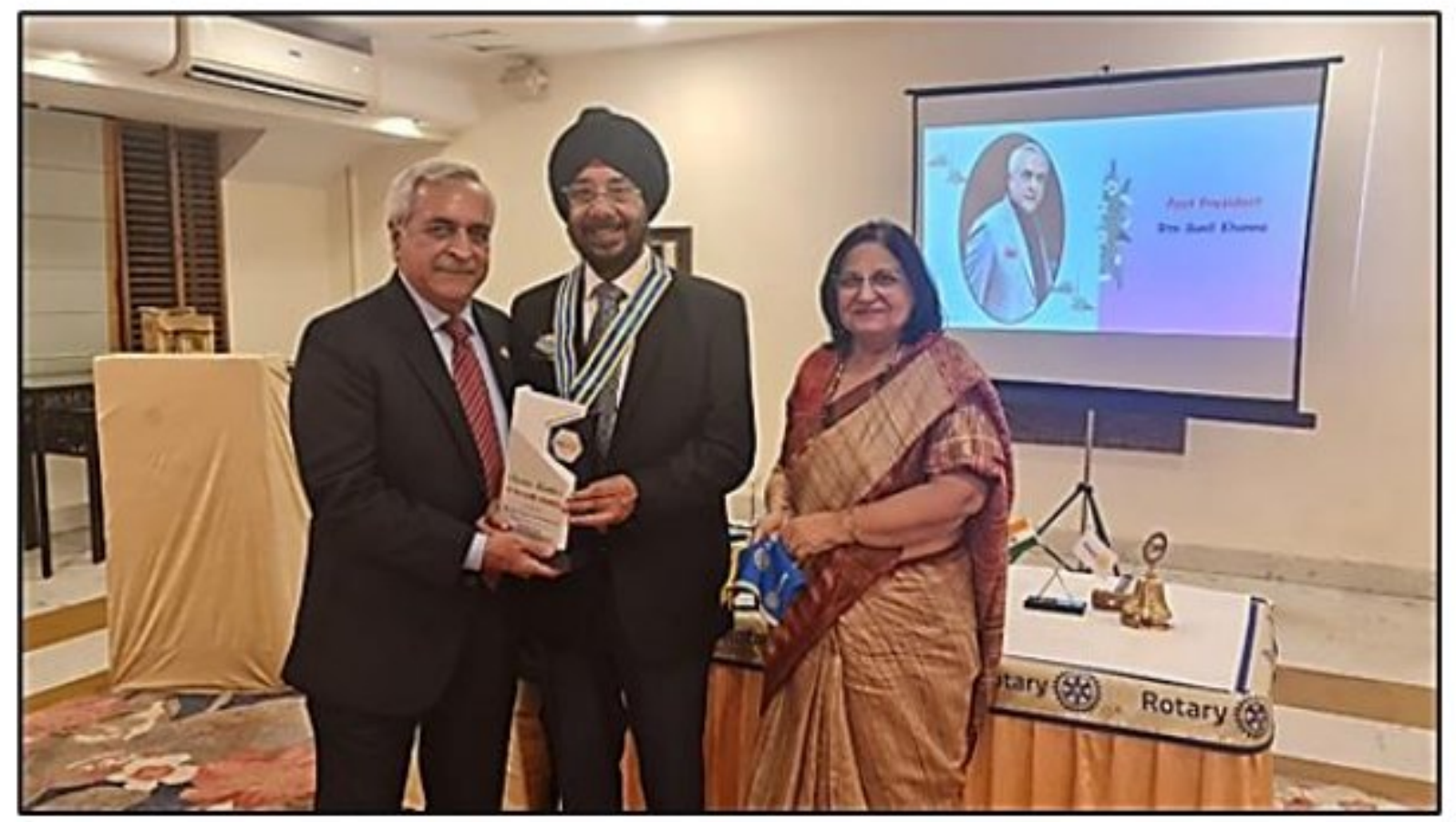


On March 24th, our club came together to celebrate a momentous occasion – our Charter Day! The festivities began with a formal opening ceremony, followed by a stirring rendition of the National Anthem.

President Baljit Ahluwalia and First Lady R'anne Anita Ahluwalia warmly welcomed our esteemed guests, including PDG Deepak Talwar, PDG Dr. Sushil Khurana, PP Dr Rtn Ashok Sethi, PP Dr Rtn Pushpa Sethi, Dr Rtn Rashmi Khurana, Rtn Bharti Agarwal, and AG Vivek Duggal, President Rotary club Gurgaon Manish Aggarwal. Each guest was presented with a commemorative stoll, a token of our appreciation for their presence.



The ceremony then shifted to honoring our club's esteemed Charter members Rtn Lalit Mattu, Rtn Sunil Khanna, Rtn Atul Naval, and Rtn Dr. Dinesh Saxena. Each of them was presented with a memento and Stoll by President Baljit Ahluwalia and R'anne Anita Ahluwalia. The members expressed their gratitude and shared their inspiring journeys within Rotary and our club. While Rtn Atul could not be present, he sent a heartfelt video message. Rtn Meeta Ghosh and Rtn J K Puri accepted the award on behalf of Rtn Lalit Mattu and Rtn Atul Naval respectively, who were unable to attend.





Following this, President Baljit Ahluwalia provided an update on our ongoing Global Grant project, keeping everyone informed about our club's impactful endeavors.



As the ceremony neared its conclusion, PHF certificates were presented to our dedicated President, Secretary, and Treasurer by PDG Rtn Deepak Talwar. Vote of thanks was delivered by PE Rtn Rajeev Goel. But the festivities did not end there! To lighten the mood and foster camaraderie, President Baljit Ahluwalia divided everyone into three teams for a fun and engaging quiz. The lively competition surely sparked laughter and friendly banter. The evening concluded with a delicious dinner, providing the perfect opportunity for informal chit-chat, and strengthening the bonds of fellowship within our club.



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"Lucky winner of the day"  
← R'anne Shubh Nijhawan



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# BRIEF REPORTS

## District Rotary Golf tournament



The District Rotary Golf Tournament, an annual tradition held the day before the District Conference, welcomed a new participant this year – the **South Asian Fellowship of Golfing Rotarians (SAFGR)**. It was held on 7<sup>th</sup> March this year. Over 100 Rotarian golfers, including both district club members and out-of-station guests, teed off at 1 pm for a shotgun start on the J P Greens Golf Course in Greater Noida.

**Rtn. Sunil Khanna**, representing our club, thoroughly enjoyed the event and the opportunity to meet fellow Rotarians from across the district. The District Governor and other officials were present to inaugurate the tournament, which concluded around 6 pm, followed by a prize distribution ceremony, refreshments, and a celebratory dinner.



## President Baljit S Ahluwalia at TRF Fund Raiser

**Rotary**  
District 3011

# ONE IN A MILLION

## — TRF FUND RAISER —

ON Friday, 8th MARCH 2024, 6.30pm ONWARDS  
AT HOTEL LE MERIDIEN, NEW DELHI

**CREATE HOPE**  
in the WORLD



With Trustee Chair PRIP Barry Raisin



With RI President Rep PDG Alasdair Seale



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# President Baljit S Ahluwalia at YUGANTAR – District Conference - 2024

**Rotary Club Of Gurgaon Qutab Enclave**

Rtn Wg Cdr Baljit S Ahluwalia      Rtn Gita Jain  
 President      Hony. Secretary

**"Rotarians in Action ~ Doing Good in the World"**



← Our Club photo banner proudly shining like a beacon in the District Conference.



# Rtn Dr. D N Saksena at an International Conference



Rtn Dr. D N Saksena attended an International conference organised by Vision Spring in collaboration with Dr.RP Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS, New Delhi and various Govt. agencies associated with control of preventive blindness in school going children. Founder and Chief of Vision Spring Dr.Jordan Kasa Low and Mrs.Ella Godwin from US and Prof JS. Titiyal, Chief of R P Centre jointly inaugurated the conference. Various issues involved with providing holistic eye care to all the children right from an early stage were discussed and solutions proposed for implementation.



## Know your new member

**Welcome Aboard, Anubhav Guglani!**

**Continuing our new series, we are pleased to introduce Rtn. Anubhav Guglani in this edition.**

**A Decade of Leadership in Fire Safety:** Anubhav is a seasoned professional with over 24 years of experience in the engineering and business sectors. Currently, he serves as the Head of India Region for Schrack Seconet AG, where he has been instrumental in establishing them as a leading name in fire detection and nurse call systems across India and neighboring countries. Their products safeguard some of India's most critical infrastructure, including power plants, refineries, and hospitals.

**More Than an Engineer:** Anubhav's educational background is impressive, boasting a Senior Management Program from the prestigious Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, a PGDM in Marketing & International Business from Amity Business School, and a degree in Mechanical Engineering from J.C. Bose University of Science & Technology. But his accomplishments extend far beyond his academic achievements. Anubhav is a proven leader with a remarkable track record of success. He has played a key role in setting up new business ventures for multinational companies in India. Driven by a strong belief in the importance of life safety, Anubhav is passionate about raising awareness for high-quality fire protection systems. He advocates for prioritizing human life by ensuring access to these critical safeguards

**Family Man:** Anubhav's dedication to excellence extends to his personal life as well. Originally belonging to Karnal, he is now settled in The Palm Drive, Gurgaon, with his wife Deepa Guglani and their two children. His daughter is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Singapore, while his son is in grade 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Leader:** Anubhav's commitment to social responsibility extends beyond fire safety. He is actively involved with the NGO "Together We Will," focusing on child welfare and education.

**Sportsman:** Anubhav is a well-rounded athlete who thrives on a multi-sport lifestyle. Cycling, swimming, and running are all in his repertoire. He is a dedicated runner, particularly fond of half marathons, having conquered races in both Delhi and Mumbai.

**A Seeker of Inner Peace:** Anubhav's dedication to well-being extends beyond the professional realm. A dedicated practitioner of meditation and yoga, he finds deep meaning in spiritual exploration. Having participated in various spiritual retreats, he actively seeks opportunities to deepen his inner peace and connect with something larger than himself.

**We extend a warm welcome to our new member Rtn Anubhav Guglani and R'anne Deepa Guglani.**







<b>April</b>	<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Anju Khanna
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mohin Bangia</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Udit Kohli
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunil Khanna</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Rajeev & Shalli Goel
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dr. Subhash and Shubh Nijhawan</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Ashutosh Anshu and Suchita



### Club Calendar for April 2024

<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Club and Speaker Meeting</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Interact Clubs Debate Competition at Amity School, Sector - 46</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Visit to Rotary International's South Asia Office (RISAO)</b>