



From the President's Desk

The last month of the year had a fair amount of activities spearheaded by our Members.

Two Blood Donation Camps - one each at Concentrix and Amity School, Sector 43 led by PP Rtn JK Puri received a good response. We have so far collected 784 blood units and are gradually inching towards our target of 1000 units.

Two Eye Camps - one each at Govt. School, Chakkarpur School and another Govt. School in Sushant Lok -1 were conducted by our associate NGO Vision Springs. The initiative was led by Rtn Dinesh Saksena & R'anne Dr Manju Saksena. A total of 150 students were identified in need of spectacles. The same has been ordered for and will be given to the children in due course.

Two glittering Interact Club Installation Ceremonies at Sherwood Convent and St Xavier's School were conducted with great pomp and splendor. The efforts of PP Rtn Sunil Khanna in managing the events are truly laudable.

Rotary Club Delhi invited me as a Guest Speaker. I spoke on the topic Armed Forces vis-a-vis Corporate - challenges and opportunities. The talk was well received.

We look back at the first half of the Rotary year with tremendous amount of satisfaction at having touched every facet of Rotary core areas.

We look forward to an eventful second half of our Rotary year with anticipation and excitement, especially the approval of our Global Grant Project for Skill Development Centre and its execution with three other Gurgaon Clubs.

Jai Hind



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Events of the Month – December 2023

Blood donation camp at SP Infocity (13th December)

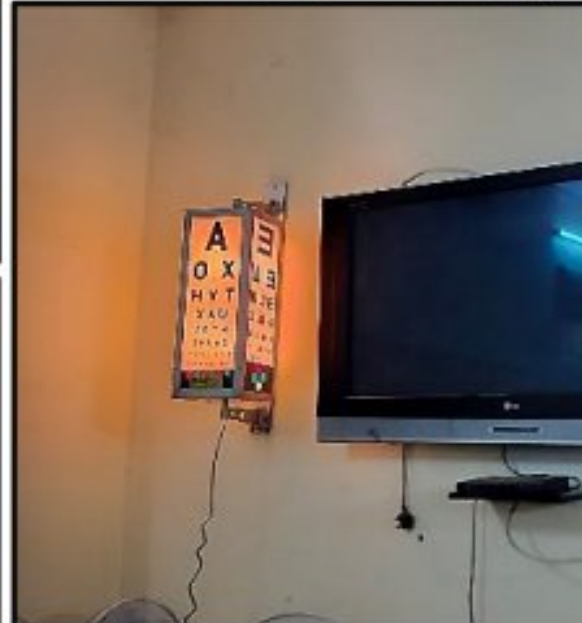
Led by Rtn JK Puri and bolstered by Rtn Anil Bhatnagar's unwavering support, our club proudly hosted its **fifth** successful blood donation drive, uniting Cocentrix employees in SP Infocity for a lifesaving cause. A total of **146 units** of blood were collected, bringing our overall tally to an impressive **762 units** across all five BDCs conducted so far. Thanks to President Baljit Ahluwalia, Rtn Sunil Verma and Rtn Neera Verma for their infectious enthusiasm that kept the donor spirits high, and to Rtn Ashutosh for adding to the blood donation tally.



↑ Rtn Ashutosh Anshu donating Blood.



Eye Camp at Govt. Senior Secondary High School Chakkarpur (14th Dec)



Under the leadership of Rtn Dr. Dinesh Saksena and in association with NGO Vision Springs, our club set up an Eye Camp to check the eyesight of Class VI, IX and XI children of Government Senior Secondary High School at Chakkarpur. 686 children from class 6th, 9th and 11th, all sections were screened starting from 9 am to 3.30 pm. The two teams from Vision Spring sincerely worked till the end. Spectacles were prescribed to **82 children** (12%) whereas **15 children** needed hospital referral. The spectacles would be ready in **3 weeks** time approximately. The camp was quite successful with every one's cooperation. The school staff helped us in organising the set-up and provided hot tea too to the entire team. Special thanks to, President Balji Ahluwalia, R'anne Dr. Manju Saksena, Rtn Sushma Mattoo, Rtn Gita Jain, Rtn Meeta Ghosh and R'anne Reena Mittal for their presence to motivate team members.



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Club Meeting (15th December)



The club meeting commenced with President Baljit Ahluwalia briefing the members about the activities, recent and planned, highlighting that RCGQE is among the front runners in all areas in District 3011. Our activities are regularly finding a place in GML, DG's monthly news-letter. We are the dominant club with 5 Blood Donation Camps leading to collection of more than **750 units** of blood in just **6 months**.



GUEST
SPEAKER
Rtn
MUKESH
SHARMA



Introduced by Rtn Anil Bhatnagar, our meeting was graced by a true champion of life-saving initiatives, **PP Rtn Mukesh Sharma**. An eminent social activist and a Past President of Rotary Club of Gurgaon South City, who has dedicated a whole lifetime to providing blood and blood related services to various medical institutions in Gurgaon and the underprivileged who otherwise have no hope of getting timely help. He is now the President of The Rotary Club of Gurgaon South City Community Services Society which is managing five renowned charitable institutions dealing with Blood related services. Blood is our life, saving our lives and Rtn Sharma has ensured that blood and blood related services are available to save lives wherever required and possible. Beginning his address, he complimented our club for leading in collection of Blood Units in District 3011 **with 5 BDCs** and more than **750 units** already to its credit. He then spoke about the history of the five institutions conceptualized and established by the Rotary Club of Gurgaon South City under the aegis of The Rotary Club of Gurgaon South City Community Services Society between 2017 till now. All these institutions are saving lives of the underprivileged round the clock free of cost or at nominal charges.





These are:

1. Rotary Blood Centre, Gurugram (Since 2017)

The biggest standalone Charitable Blood Centre in Gurugram providing 24/7 services to more than 400 Medical Establishments in Gurugram and neighboring areas.

2. Rotary Thalassemia Centre, Gurugram (Since 2019)

The biggest standalone Charitable Thalassemia Centre in Gurugram providing free treatment to 140 registered patients.

3. Rotary Skill Centre, Gurugram (Since 2019)

The only Blood Centre providing free of cost training to Medical Lab Technicians in the field of Transfusion Medicine. It has a tie up with IPHH, Delhi, GD Goenka University, Gurugram and Shri Vishwakarma University, Palwal whose students are being trained and supported with placement in reputed Blood Centers and Path labs.

4. Rotary Dialysis Centre, Gurugram (Since 2022)

The biggest standalone Charitable Dialysis Centre in Gurugram providing high quality Dialysis services to patients at the lowest charges in Gurugram.

5. Rotary Charitable Path Lab, Gurugram (Since 2023)

The only charitable path lab in Gurugram providing free testing services to all BPL card holders and at nominal charges from others. The insight provided by PP Rtn



Mukesh Sharma in various Blood Related Services was well received and appreciated. He clarified all queries raised by the members after his address. President Rtn. Baljit Ahluwalia and R'anne Anita Ahluwalia presented a gift to Rtn Mukesh Sharma.

The vote of thanks was delivered by PP Rtn Lalit Mattu.

Blood donation camp at Amity School Sector 46 (16th December)



Under the guidance of Rtn J K Puri, our club organized the second Blood Donation Camp of the month at Amity School sector 46 Gurgaon. A total of **22 units** of blood were collected. Thanks to President Rtn Baljit S Ahluwalia, Rtn Dr D N Saksena, Rtn Dr S C Nijhawan and R'anne Dr. Manju Saksena for their presence at the blood donation camp as volunteers.



Eye Camp at Govt. Model Sanskriti Sr Secondary School, Sushant Lok-1(18th Dec)

Following the resounding success of their first eye camp on December 14th, the dynamic doctor duo, Rtn Dinesh Saxena and R'anne Manju Saxena, along with the Vision Springs team, organized another impactful eye camp at Govt. Modern Sanskriti High School, Sushant Lok.

During the camp, the Vision Springs staff diligently screened a total of **370** children, identifying **68** who required spectacles. This brings the total number of children screened across the two schools to a remarkable **1056**, with **150** recommended for spectacles.





The team will revisit the schools to distribute the prescribed spectacles, ensuring that these children can see the world clearly and reach their full potential. Our sincere thanks to President Baljit Ahluwalia, Rtn JK Puri, Rtn Anil Bhatnagar ,Rtn Vinod Sud, R'anne Anita Ahluwalia, R'anne Geeta Bhatnagar, and R'anne Indu Sud for sparing time to be amongst the children. Above all a great round of applause for Rtn Dinesh Saksen and R'anne Dr. Manju Saksena for conceptualizing, coordinating and conducting a well organised Eye Camp which will help **150** children to live a quality life.



Installation- Interact Club- Sherwood Convent School (19th Dec)



The installation ceremony of the Interact club Sherwood Convent School was a true delight. Students wowed the crowd with their amazing performances and soul stirring speeches by the outgoing and incoming Presidents. Many thanks to President Baljit Ahluwalia for being present at the event and Rtn Sunil Khanna for coordinating and organizing the event with such a finesse.



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Installation- Interact Club- St Xavier's School (20th Dec)



Back-to-back installations, back-to-back smiles! The energy crackled in the air as another installation ceremony of the Interact club of **St Xavier School** today. It was another impressive function for all those who were present.

This is the **9th premier school** of Gurgaon wherein our Rotary Club Gurgaon **Qutab Enclave** has a presence. The school children paid a tribute to the Mathematician Ramanujam's contribution through the medium of a Quiz and a skit checked awareness levels. The incoming Interact Club Members were pinned with badges and promised to undertake a number of activities. Principal John Rafi and President Baljit Ahluwalia addressed the students and exhorted them to follow the



principle of Service Above Self. Thanks to Rtn Sunil Khanna's (Director of Youth Services) tireless efforts, the event unfolded with remarkable smoothness and grace.



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President Baljit Ahluwalia as a Guest Speaker at Rotary Club Of Delhi

Rotary Club of Delhi Since 1939

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Armed Forces Vis-a-Vis Corporate Sector Challenges and Opportunities

Date: 14th December 2023, Venue : Hotel Ashok, Speaker: Wing Commander Baljeet S Ahluwalia

Introduction: The speaker meeting held on 14th December proved to be an insightful and thought-provoking session, as Wing Commander Baljeet S Ahluwalia shared his perspectives on the theme "Armed Forces Vis-a-Vis Corporate Sector - Challenges and Opportunities." The event brought together a diverse audience, comprising individuals from various professional backgrounds, eager to gain insights into the parallels and distinctions between military and corporate life.

Speaker Profile: Wing Commander Baljeet S Ahluwalia, a distinguished officer with a wealth of experience in the Armed Forces, brought a unique perspective to the discussion. His background provided a rare opportunity for attendees to understand the transferable skills and values cultivated in the military and their applicability in the corporate sector.

Key Points Discussed:

1. Leadership and Discipline: Wg Cdr emphasized the crucial role of leadership and discipline in both the Armed Forces and the corporate sector. Drawing parallels between the two, he highlighted how the military's emphasis on hierarchy, chain of command, and clear communication could contribute to effective leadership in the corporate world.

Our President was a guest speaker on 14th December at Rotary Club of Delhi, the oldest Rotary club in District 3011. Goes without saying that with his unmatched grasp on the subject, he left his own indelible stamp on the standard set by the Delhi club that boasts of membership from amongst the elite and the best in Delhi. This picture of the cover of the club's newsletter is ample proof of that. Congratulations to President Baljit for putting out club in such lime light once again.

PP Rtn Meeta Ghosh gets a District position

Exciting news! Our very own PP Rtn Meeta Ghosh has soared to new heights, securing a prestigious role of District Adult Literacy – Co Chair for 2024-25 in our District 3011.

Congratulations Rtn Meeta. You continue to do the club proud, joining the long list of many veterans from the club who have held prestigious District roles earlier and are doing so even this year.

Rotary District 3011

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT-3011

2024-25

Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchick
Rotary International President
2024-25

Rtn. Mahesh Trikha
District Governor
2024-25

Rtn. Meeta Ghosh
Rotary Club of Gurgaon Qutab Enclave
District - Adult Literacy - Co-Chair
RY : 2024-25

Board of Directors Meeting - Spotlights (22nd Dec)



नया साल मुबारक सब को



सफ़र एक और बरस का हुआ है खत्म अभी,
अलविदा इस को मगर कहना भी आसान नहीं।
क्यूँ कि ये ना तो फ़साना था ना ही किस्सा था,
एक हकीकत था, हमारे सफ़र का हिस्सा था।

इस ने दिखलाए थे कुछ ख़्वाब तो कुछ तोड़े भी,
रिश्ते तोड़े भी तो कुछ और नए जोड़े भी।
इस ने मनचाही मंज़िलों पे भी पहुँचाया था,
कभी गुमराह किया, राह से भटकाया था।

महक गुलों की, काँटों की चुभन भी थी इस में,
कभी आसान सफ़र भी, थकन भी थी इस में।
कभी चेहरों को तबस्सुम दिया, खुशी भी दी,
तो कभी दर्द, कभी अशकों की सौगात मिली।

सफ़र में ज़िंदगी के, पाओं के छालों की तरह,
ये संग ए मील है, गुज़रे हुए सालों की तरह।

आप शायद मेरी बातों से इत्तेफ़ाक़ करें,
इस बरस जो भी कुछ अच्छा था वही याद रखें।

अब नए साल की दस्तक है 'सहर' घर घर को,
खुश आमदीद, नया साल मुबारक सब को।

अनिल भटनागर 'सहर'

Interact club members in the limelight

Ms Jigya and Ms Armani from Amity International School, Sector 46 get a District position (ADIR) and Zonal Position (ZIR) respectively. They received their pins on 2nd December 2023 during the District Interact Leadership Assembly (DILA). The theme for competition was Modern United Nations.



Congratulations Jigya and Armani. You have done your Interact Club, Amity School and RCGQE proud.



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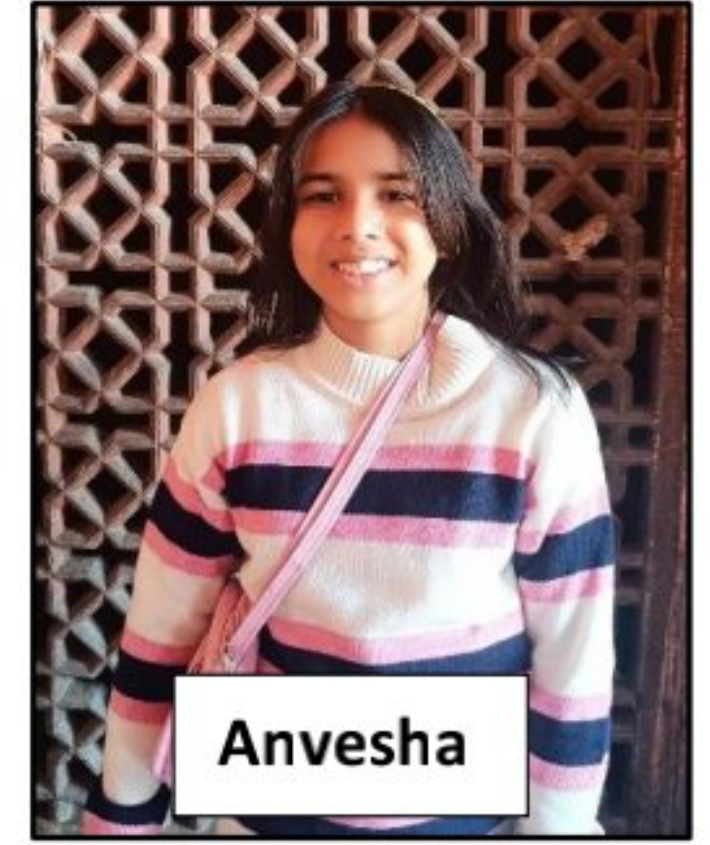


Vanshika

District 3011 organised a District Interact Leadership Assembly (DILA) with a brand new format in the form of Model United Nations (MUN) where participants would represent various countries and brainstorm over various issues including all seven focus areas of Rotary. Countries were allotted to different schools on a random basis to make the competition challenging and interesting.

Besides Jigya and Armani getting their pins for District and Zonal positions respectively, children from 3 of our clubs, Amity Sector 43, Amity Sector 46 and DoAr took part in the main competition based on Model United Nations theme. Each school was assigned a country. Vanishka Pal of DoAr Interact Club made an impactful speech representing Sweden

whereas Anvesha, also from the same club had an opportunity to present a Resolution from UNESCO's side at the UNGA. She eventually lost when a toss was made for final selection. Nevertheless, our clubs are leaving an impact in all such assemblies at District level. Well done Vanshika and Anvesha.



Anvesha



DoAr's submission for Interact Awards.

https://youtu.be/_INzzlxuhXo?si=z0a02Kg9nqNpvLR3

These are screenshots from the above video on Youtube which has been submitted by DoAr for **Interact Awards** and hopefully will get it too.

Vinay is the Secretary, DoAr's Interact Club. He went to his village during Diwali break and found that the taps in many houses were leaking all the time, causing waste of precious potable water. He talked to the Village Panchayat who had done nothing about it except reporting it to concerned department many times. Eventually he took it upon himself to stop this colossal wastage and went about fitting plastic taps or repairing the existing ones.



This OUT OF THE BOX idea has now been taken up as a project by DoAr students who went to Jafrabad village in Tauru, Haryana and fixed 50 taps in a day, all by themselves saving a mindblowing 324000 litres of water everyday. DoAr has posted a video of this activity on Instagram. It needs to be seen by all to understand the impact created by this laudable effort by DoAr children.

Interactors of DoaR India - Explorer Academy are continuing with their mission to save water. https://www.instagram.com/reel/C1Q5tGmP_5s/?igsh=MzY1NDJmNzMyNQ==

Interact Club of Shalom Presidency visits Yuva Ekta Foundation

In collaboration with the Joy of Sharing drive, members of our Interact Club of Shalom Presidency School had an opportunity to visit the NGO, Yuva Ekta



Foundation, Village Behelpa, Damdama Lake Rd., Bhondsi, on December 21, 2023. The students shared the collected material, like clothing, stationery, edibles, games, etc., as a token of love. Furthermore, they also spent some quality time understanding their lives and daily schedules. This act of kindness really put a smile on the faces of each of the members residing in the area.



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January	BIRTHDAYS
2 nd	vMeeta Ghosh
6 th	Dr. Subash Chander Nijhawan
8 th	Rishabh Jain
24 th	Renu Sharma
24 th	Rajeev Goel
January	ANNIVERSARIES
19 th	Sunil Verma & Neera Verma
23 rd	Mohin & Seema Bangia
23 rd	Atul & Vanita Naval
31 st	Sanjay Kakkar & Archana Kakkar



Club Calendar for January 2024

12 th	Friday	Club – Speaker Meeting – Rtn Ashok Thussu
		Distribution of Spectacles at Chakkarpur School
		Distribution of Spectacles at Sushant Lok – 1 School
26 th	Friday	Installation of DoAr Explorer Academy Interact club