

From the President's Desk

Dear friends,

The extended winter chill persisted through the month of February and even threatens to continue in March.

Our activity for the month commenced on the first day itself with a visit to the two Government Schools on 1st February to distribute spectacles to 150 children. This visit was a follow up of a preliminary visit made about a month ago and tested the eyesight of around 500 children. Compliments to Dr Dinesh Saksena for liaising with Vision Springs to organise this activity.

The sixth Blood Donation Camp set up in Scottish High School on 3rd February got us 46 units and the overall tally is 830 units - slowly inching towards our target of 1000 units. Thanks to PP Rtn JK Puri well supported by Rtn Anil Bhatnagar for driving this initiative.

We visited the School Donate an Hour and positioned Fire Safety Equipment with a demonstration carried out by the professional group.

It was a pleasure to address the Members of Rotary Club Gurgaon Central about the details of our Global Grant Project. The talk was well received and members of the four Clubs await the approval of the Project from the US office.

The Vice Chancellor of DSEU visited the SDC at Pusa on 16th February to have a look at the various Courses being run there. It was good to share our plans about setting up the SDC at DSEU Rajokri.

This month we start a new column - Know your New Members. We introduce Dr Subhash Nijhawan who joined us at the start of the Rotary year 2023 - 24.

Jai Hind



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Events of the Month (February) 2024

Distribution of Spectacles at Govt. School, Chakkarpur and Govt. Model Sanskriti School, Sushant Lok – 1 (Feb 1)



On February 1st, a team of our members, including Rtn. Dinesh Saksena, President Baljit Ahluwalia, PP JK Puri, PE Rajeev Goel, Rtn. Anil Bhatnagar, R'Anne Manju Saksena, and R'Anne Geeta Bhatnagar visited the schools to distribute 150 spectacles to students at Govt. Senior Secondary School in Chakkarpur and Govt. Sanskriti School in Sushant Lok. This initiative followed by an eye camp held a month prior by our member, eye specialist Rtn. Dinesh Saksena, with support from Vision Springs.

Nearly 500 children were examined, and 150 were identified as needing glasses. We covered the entire cost of these spectacles. Today The children were thrilled to receive their glasses and wore them with pride, their smiles reflecting the impact of our efforts on their lives.





This was a day of great satisfaction for our club and the team of our members who handled the distribution at both the schools.

We extend our sincere thanks to the principals of both schools, Mrs. Anjana Dhingra and Mr. Dinesh Juneja and the staff members for their invaluable cooperation in making this project a success.



Blood Donation Camp At Scottish International High School (3rd Feb)

Our club organized a successful blood donation camp on February 3rd at the Scottish High International School, further bolstering our efforts towards reaching our goal of **1,000 collected units**. The camp was spearheaded by BDC Chair PP Rtn JK Puri, who received exceptional support from Rtn Anil Bhatnagar. This marks our sixth BDC, and with a total of **46 units** collected today, our camps have cumulatively contributed **830 units** towards the target. We were delighted to witness active participation not only from teachers and parents, but even a security guard who is a regular donor selflessly came forward to donate blood. Thanks to Rtn Anubhav and R'Anne Deepa for their active participation in the camp.





↑ R'anne Deepa Guglani donating blood



Security Guard - a regular blood donor

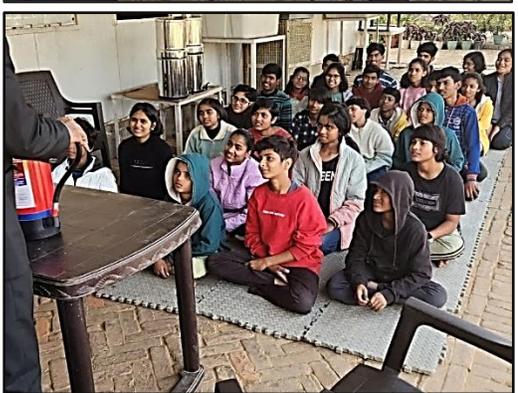
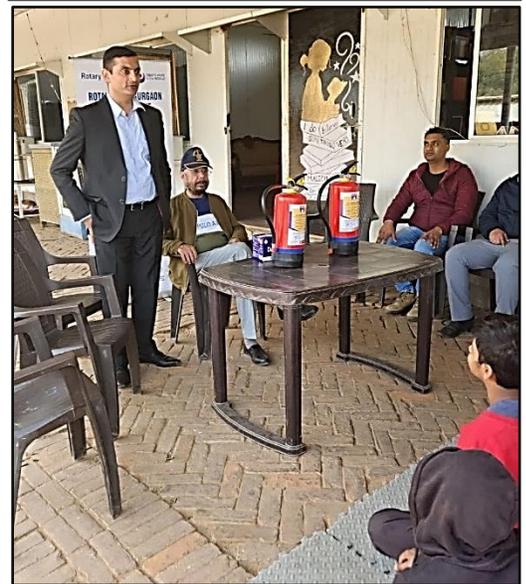
Certificate of appreciation for the camp being presented to the team of Scottish International High School →



Supply and Commissioning of Fire Extinguishing Equipment At DoaR (19th Feb)



During our visit to “Donate an Hour”, an NGO supporting underprivileged students, on January 26th, Rtn Anubhav Guglani noticed a critical absence: a **fire safety** system. With his more than **20 years** of experience in the field of **fire safety**, he recognized the immediate risk.. Taking initiative to resolve it, he discussed the situation with President Baljit Ahluwalia. Together, they secured the support of our Rotary group to equip the facility with new fire extinguishers. But simply providing equipment was not enough. We wanted to empower the children with the knowledge and skills to use them effectively. We conducted a fire safety information session and drill to train them. The children's enthusiasm was contagious! Their eagerness to learn and participate was truly inspiring. We not only explained fire safety principles but also provided them hands-on experience of using the extinguisher, ensuring that they felt prepared in case of an emergency. A big thank you to Rtn Anubhav Guglani for leading this initiative, and to President Baljit Ahluwalia and Rtn Nijhawan for attending.



Get to Know Our New Member!

We are delighted to launch a new series from this edition, introducing our esteemed members who have joined our club this year. Kicking off this exciting journey, we welcome Dr. Subhash Nijhawan!

A Warm Welcome! We are delighted to introduce Dr. Subhash Chander Nijhawan, a recent addition to our vibrant club. Dr. Nijhawan brings a wealth of experience and a compassionate heart to our community.

A Distinguished Career: Born and raised in Meerut, Dr. Nijhawan graduated from the prestigious Meerut College before pursuing his MBBS from Meerut Medical College in 1971. His dedication to service led him to join the Army Medical Corps as a Captain, serving for five years in various locations, including Meerut, Dharamshala, and Arunachal Pradesh.

From the Battlefield to the Clinic: Following his military service, Dr. Nijhawan established a successful family practice in Delhi, treating patients for 46 years. Throughout his career, he was dedicated to providing excellent care for all, including extensive charitable work and free treatment for those in need. This commitment continued during the COVID outbreak, where he selflessly offered his expertise to help countless individuals.

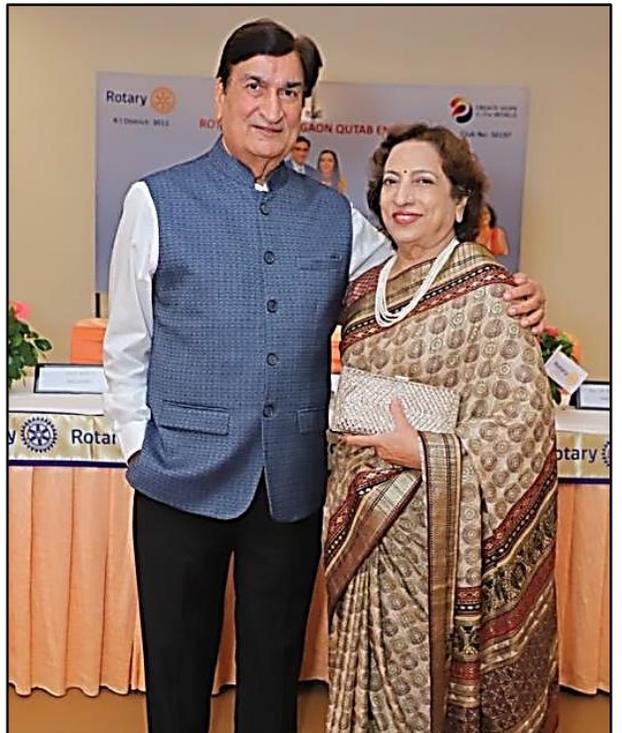
A Life of Service Continues: Now settled in Palm Drive, Gurugram, Dr. Nijhawan remains dedicated to service. He is a registered Sewadar (volunteer) with the Shri Ram Sharnam Ashram and attends Satsang regularly. Additionally, his association with ISKCON reflects his deep spiritual connection.

Beyond Medicine: Dr. Nijhawan's commitment extends beyond medicine. He is currently pursuing a degree course in Gita Saar, demonstrating his lifelong pursuit of knowledge and spiritual growth.

Family and Values: Married to Shubh Nijhawan (a retired PNB employee) Dr. Nijhawan finds joy in his family - a daughter, Shalini, a son, Sharon, and another daughter, Shivani.

A Purposeful Future: Looking ahead, Dr. Nijhawan aspires to dedicate his remaining years to charitable work. With a grateful heart for his blessings, he seeks to serve the underprivileged and contribute meaningfully to our community.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Nijhawan with R'anne Shubh Nijhawan and look forward to their contributions as a valued members of our Rotary family.





March	BIRTHDAYS
9th	S. Ratnam
15th	J. K. Puri
23rd	Kapil Pahuja
March	ANNIVERSARIES
9th	K. C. Agarwal & Rajeshwari
21st	Nagi and S Ratnam



Club Calendar for March 2024

3rd	Sunday	Club Picnic at Aaramgarh
13th	Wednesday	Presenting Oxygen Concentrators to Rotary Blood Centre, Gurgaon
24th	Sunday	Charter Day Celebration