

KOSHISH

December 2024



ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI AKASH MEGAPOLIS



MESSAGE

**From The
Rotary International President's Desk
Stephanie Urchick**



To adapt, as laid out in Rotary's Action Plan, we must occasionally step out of our comfort zone and try something new. Here are two examples of clubs that adapted — one with heart and one through critical thinking and strategy.

The Rotary Club of Chandigarh Mid Town, India, led with heart earlier this year. To engage members and grow membership, Club President Nitin Kapur personally called every former member of the club and invited them to a gathering billed as an alumni meetup.

Eight former members attended, and the results were stupendous. The visitors had a chance to connect once more — not only with current members but with the sense of camaraderie and belonging that membership gave them. By the end of the evening, the club welcomed six of the former members back into the Rotary family.

Club President Kapur showed courage when he reached out to the alumni. Not only did he adapt and try something new but he had the strength of character to show the club's alumni how much they still meant to the family of Rotary. That bravery paid off.

People want to feel needed and appreciated. People want to feel that they belong. And they might never feel that way if we don't have the courage to tell them.

Meanwhile, the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hansoo, Korea, has been experimenting with different club models to great effect. Over the past four years, Seoul-Hansoo has created and maintained four satellite clubs — a service club, an interest-

based club for musicians, a cause-based club that mentors professionals, and a club for college students.

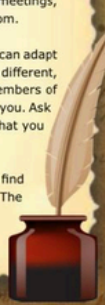
These satellite clubs are part of a five-year plan the Seoul-Hansoo club implemented to increase membership through innovation.

What's the secret to founding and maintaining so many satellite clubs? Membership between Seoul-Hansoo and its satellite clubs is fluid and synergistic. Many members of the satellite clubs attend the sponsor club's meetings. And many of the sponsor club's members participate in the satellite clubs.

Additionally, the focus of each satellite club is no accident. Each one appeals to different interests of people in the sponsor club and in the community, attracting existing and potential members. This is an excellent strategy to both retain and attract members because it offers flexibility. If someone is interested in joining but they can't make it to the sponsor club's meetings, they have plenty of options to choose from.

These are just two examples of how we can adapt with our hearts and minds. Every club is different, so I encourage you to reach out to members of your club and of the community around you. Ask them about the club experience and what you can do to improve.

Talk to enough people and you might find ways that you can adapt and spark The Magic of Rotary in your club.





MESSAGE

**From The
District Governor's Desk
Dr. Mahesh Trikha**



Dear Magical Presidents and District Team,

Allow me to wish you all a very Happy New Year! I can't believe we are already in January 2025; it seems like only yesterday when all of us were installed together to be a part of this wonderful journey together! As we come to the start of the new year we reflect on the past few months marked by growth, collaboration and the transformative power of Rotary. We recently attended the Mid Year Review and the Institute at Kochi where we felt proud of everything our District has done in 6 months. From the energy of the District events to the meaningful projects that you have all done, we have collectively made great strides in shaping the future of RI District 3011. **At the District Conference we presented projects as reported by 30 Clubs and the total of those projects was INR 61 crores benefiting 5053684 lives and man hours spent 333190 which is a fantastic achievement.** You would have seen details of this in 'Journey So Far' that was distributed along with your kit at the District Conference but let me assure you that it is an evolving document and it will be updated each month with the projects you have planned. There are some impactful projects in December that I must make a mention of - The Sport Event For Divyangs organised by Rotary Club of Faridabad East at which the Chief Guest was Shri Vipul Goel Cabinet Minister in the Haryana State Government, the Public Image programme organised by Rotary Club of Faridabad Heritage at which we inaugurated a Rotary Wheel at the project site and planted 500 trees, the launch of the Cervical Cancer Vaccination for 15000 girls by Rotary Club of Faridabad NIT and Rotary Club of Delhi South at which 750 girls were administered vaccines, are some that remain etched in my mind.

We have just concluded a wonderful District Conference and while the details will be covered in our January issue I must let you know how grateful I am to every Member of the District who has contributed towards the planning, execution, implementation and funding process that made us burn the midnight oil on several nights leading up to this point. **Congratulations to DGND Rtn Dr. Pushpa Sethi for creating history and being elected as the first Woman District Governor (2027-28) of RI District 3011.** We are proud of her achievements and we are sure she will prove to be a great leader of this District in the future.

It's that time of the year when we should pay attention to The Rotary Foundation and I will urge all our Presidents and Team to start focusing your incredible talent towards garnering more contributions to TRF. We exist in Rotary because of the mammoth and very ambitious projects we are able to undertake each year; Service To Humanity is our main motto in life and this can be achieved only if we are able to fund all our noble projects with ease. Our endeavours in this area will create stability and continuity and help us complete larger and more meaningful projects.

I hope the New Year brings with it more zeal and enthusiasm to take on larger projects that benefit more communities around us. We want you to look back at RI Year 2024-25 a few years down the line to remember it as the best year you have ever seen. We also need to restate our commitment to community engagement, social responsibility, and fostering positive societal impact. Our partnership aims to drive healthcare innovation, reduce economic inequalities and enhance opportunities for facilities, shelter and education in our region.

With Warm and Sincere Regards

DG Rtn Mahesh Trikha
District Governor
RI District 3011



**From the
President's
heart...**



Dear fellow Rotarians,

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and dedication that made our recent fundraiser event an extraordinary success. This achievement would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our sponsors, donors, contributors, and every individual who worked behind the scenes to turn our vision into reality.

As we step into this new year, I wish you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous year ahead. Let us channel the same enthusiasm and commitment toward creating an even greater impact in the coming months. Together, we can take our efforts to new heights and bring about meaningful change on an even larger scale.

Looking forward to an inspiring year of collaboration, growth, and service!

**Sonia Sahny
President 2024-25**

KOSHISH - An Attempt...

Start of our Sixth Centre

It's indeed a matter of pride for the members of RCD Akash Megapolis as our sixth center of 'Koshish- an attempt...' opened its doors to the students of Rohini. We look forward to your wholehearted support in making this center as successful as the previous ones.

A special mention to our visiting rotarian from United States, Adam Hays, member of the Rotary Club of Anchorage Downtown, Alaska, USA, District 5010. During a visit to our Koshish centers in November, he was so impressed that he has committed an annual contribution from his family to bear the full costs of a sixth class at Koshish.



INTERACTION WITH THE INTERACTS



Interact students of Prince Public School, sector 24 Rohini visited to two KOSHISH Centres with Mrs Ragini and Mrs Kuldeep.

They distributed 22+23=45, woollen sweaters, stationery materials and chocolates to children and indulged in activities like singing songs, reciting poems with children. The children enjoyed every moment of it.

Ek Koshish - to Bring a Smile, Christmas Celebration



Kids at Koshish celebrated Christmas by dressing up as Santas and penning down their wishes . They made marvellous drawings and cut a Christmas cake as a part of the festivities. They truly had a remarkable time.

COMPUTER - The Future Beckons



RCD Akash Megapolis strongly believes in inclusion, collaboration and equity. RCDAM sponsored an inter school computer festival for children with special needs on 6th December 2024. More than 40 students with varied special needs participated in this event.

A HEALTHY MIND RESIDES IN A HEALTHY BODY!



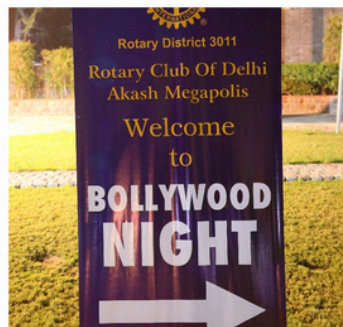
Mamography and Eye check up camps were set up at Amar Colony Community Center on 28th December, 2024. A substantial number of people came for the check-up and gained from the same. Women were made aware of the need for regular mammograms.

THE BOLLYWOOD MUSICAL NIGHT

FUNDRAISER FOR

KOSHISH- AN ATTEMPT...

15TH DECEMBER, 2024



RCD Akash Megapolis proudly hosted a highly successful Bollywood live musical night as part of its fundraising initiative on Sunday, 15th December. The event featured an exceptional performance by the renowned and multi-award-winning artist, Lokesh Madan, whose captivating musical

prowess enthralled the audience throughout the evening. This fundraiser was organized to support Koshish, the permanent flagship project of RCD Akash Megapolis. Koshish is a non-formal primary school dedicated to providing education to children of daily wage earners in Rohini, ensuring they receive access to learning opportunities that might otherwise remain out of reach. The funds raised through this event will contribute to the continued operation, development, and expansion of the project, helping it fulfill its mission of empowering underprivileged children through education.

The evening was a resounding success, marked by an electrifying atmosphere as the audience immersed themselves in the soulful melodies and energetic rhythms delivered by Lokesh Madan. Attendees were seen tapping their feet and singing along, creating a vibrant and joyful ambiance that celebrated both music and the spirit of giving.



3 Cheers!

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RTN PP SANDEEP DEWAN

RTN PP Sandeep Dewan is a B.sc, MBA, LLB from Delhi. He retired *voluntarily* as a Deputy Commissioner from the Ministry of Finance in 2020 after 30 years of service. He hails from a family of teachers. He is a Rotarian since 2004 - in RCD Megapolis. He started a Non-Formal Education project named *Koshish* with the motive of teaching children of migrant workers and getting them admitted to Government schools. It is one of the longest running projects in the District. He served two terms as the President of the club. He is an honest and a straight forward human who is extremely considerate and has been instrumental in saving and improving the lives of the slum dwellers. Nishi and Sandeep Dewan are blessed with a daughter working in Hyderabad and a son based in Delhi itself.



RTN NAVEEN SINGLA

Naveen Singla is A Chartered Accountant by Profession. He Completed his CA in 2015 and now he is a Fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountant of India. He is a Practising CA having office at Karolbagh, Palam in Delhi and Charkhi Dadri in Haryana . Income tax and GST Work is his core area in Practice. He married Tricha Singla in 2016. She is also a CA final student. She also handles the accounts of some major clients and helps in Audits and other office work. They are blessed with three children, a daughter born in 2021 and Twins(Boy and Girl) born in 2023. We strongly believe in Philanthropy and are associated with other social organisations also.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

7th December - Rtn. PP Nalin Bhatt

15th December - Rtn. PP Sandeep Dewan

12th December - Rtn. PP Rakesh & Madhu Madan

13th December - Rtn. PP Bhupesh & Pooja Khanna

25th December- Rtn. PP Ravi & Jyotsna Dayal

29th December- Rtn. PP Satish & Richa Swaroop



- Friday-Sunday, 3rd-5th District Conference
- Saturday, 25th January- Inauguration of 6th center and Distribution of cloth bags at Koshish Center at Rohini @10:30 am.
- Sunday, 26th January- Fellowship lunch at PP Vikram's Farm @. 12 noon.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

CONGRATS
on your
milestone

Friday, 31st January- Dinner meeting for visiting Rotarians from USA at Club President Sonia Sahny's residence @ 7:00 pm



ROTARY KNOWLEDGE



We are people of action

We connect passionate people with diverse perspectives to exchange ideas, forge lifelong friendships, and, above all, take action to change the world.

We are *problem-solvers*

Together, we apply our professional experience and personal commitment to tackle our communities' most persistent problems, finding new, effective ways to enhance health, stability, and prosperity across the globe.

We are opportunity-creators

**Rotary members look for opportunities to improve
our communities today and invest in the next
generation for tomorrow.**



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