



KOSHISH

JANUARY 2025

ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI AKASH MEGAPOLIS

MESSAGE

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

I always walk into meetings at my home club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, with a smile on my face.

A few years ago, someone arrived late. Instead of scolding the person, we cheered. Since then, we've made it a tradition to applaud all members when they arrive for meetings. It's tough not to smile with a greeting like that.

There's nothing more powerful for engaging and retaining members than a club that's vibrant, welcoming, and — yes — fun.

Think back to what drew you to Rotary. Chances are, it wasn't just the service projects or professional networking. It was the people — the friendships, the shared laughter, and the joy of working toward a common purpose. That's what keeps us coming back.

If you're looking for that sense of joy in your meetings, don't be afraid to ask yourself and your fellow members some tough questions. If you were a prospective member, would you join your current club? It's a powerful question but don't stop there.

Do members of your club feel that they belong? Are your meetings fun? If not, what can you do about it together?

At your next meeting or event, try something new to bring out a few extra smiles. It's the simple things that create lasting bonds and make clubs simply irresistible.

Here's one example of a club moving in the right direction. The Rotary Club of Fukushima, Japan, has been combining environmental responsibility with community fun since 2021. In Japan, people have made picking up trash into a sport known as SpoGomi, and every year the club hosts a game. This year, more than 400 participants cheered each other on while they came together to improve their community.

This event is an excellent example of how Rotary clubs can have fun, make a difference, and raise awareness for broader global challenges all at the same time. And the inclusive, family-friendly format allows people of all ages to participate.

When we enjoy what we do, that energy becomes contagious. It's what attracts new members and keeps our clubs strong and engaged. It helps people feel that they belong.

Retention and culture go hand in hand. The healthier our club culture, the more likely members are to stay. Rotary magazine is an outstanding resource for inspiration on how to enhance our club culture and deepen member engagement. I encourage you to explore the stories and strategies in these pages, drawing from other clubs' successes to find ideas that work for you.

Together, we can create a more engaged, enjoyable, and inclusive Rotary that every member can feel proud to be part of. Let's continue with renewed commitment and enthusiasm, living The Magic of Rotary.

MESSAGE

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

Dear Magical Presidents, District Team and Rotarians,

Allow me to begin with wishing all of you a Very Happy New Year! The year has started on a very positive and happy note with the District Conference and a newly elected future leader. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations once again to DGND Rtn Dr. Pushpa Sethi for being elected as the First Lady Governor (2027-28) and creating history in RI District 3011! We are sure that her leadership will inspire others to reach their full potential and provide support and encouragement to enable successful outcomes in the future.

The District Conference was a reiteration and implementation of the promises we made at the start of the year. Our commitment and endeavour to ensure that you had the best and most memorable experience in Rotary Year 2024-25 underpinned all our efforts and we brought together a plethora of motivational and inspirational Speakers — the highlight being the Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand Lt Gen Gurmeet Singhji, quality entertainment with the best Sufi Singer in recent times, an election that was fairly conducted and awards that were bestowed upon the most deserving individuals. It was a truly remarkable event and I am truly grateful to the Conference Chair Rtn Manoj Kumar Jain and the entire team that put together a seamless conference. It was a result of your hard work and the toil that went into meticulous planning and implementation.

We are looking forward to many more exciting events over the next few months. While we keep

Innovation, enterprise and engagement as the focus of all our endeavours we must also pay more attention to The Rotary Foundation. Let us demonstrate excellent teamwork and operate on every level towards benevolent contributions to a Foundation that has been making a huge difference in the lives of people across the world. Your efforts will be acknowledged and appreciated at the 'Million Dollar Dinner' being hosted on the 5th of March.

It's also time for us to pay our respects to the almighty and for that we have organized a trip to Amritsar and Kartarpur Sahib in April. Please do register at the earliest for this memorable excursion; it will be a once in a lifetime experience for everyone.

You have covered as many projects as you did in the first half of the year and with as much zeal, passion and enthusiasm as you have always evidenced. Please do revisit your goals, review the outcomes and compare them with what you had predicted initially. It's always good to see how much we have achieved over the past few months and tweak our strategy to make suitable plans for the next few. We must always remember to exemplify Rotary ethos and demonstrate its core values in everything we do.

Wish you a wonderful year ahead!

Yours sincerely
Rtn Mahesh Trikha
District Governor RI District 3011

From the President's heart...



**Sonia Sahny
President 2024-25**

Dear Akash Megapolis Family

I wish you all a fabulous 2025! As I reflect on our journey so far, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for your unwavering dedication to our Rotary mission. Together, we have made significant strides in various avenues of service, positively impacting countless lives and communities.

The calendar has flipped to January, reminding us of the promise of new beginnings and the endless possibilities that lie ahead. This month marked a significant milestone for us, as we proudly announced the opening of our sixth centre. This achievement is a testament to our unwavering commitment to empowering future generations and contributing to a literate India. By expanding our reach and increasing access to educational resources, we are helping to create a brighter, more literate future for India's youth.

Moving forward, I look forward to your continued support and active participation in our upcoming initiatives and projects. Let us strive to make the remainder of the year truly memorable and meaningful, filled with purpose, compassion, and service to humanity.

KOSHISH - AN ATTEMPT... START OF OUR SIXTH CENTRE



RCD Akash Megapolis's flagship project, Koshish - An Attempt, marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of its sixth center for pre-primary non-formal education on Friday, January 24th. The ceremony was graced by the chief guest Dr. Pushpa Sethi, District Governor 2027-28, and PP Vinay Mahendru of RCD Southend.

This new center expands Koshish's mission to provide accessible, quality education to young children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, offering them a transformative alternative to life on the streets.

The event also featured an awareness drive on the hazards of plastic use, targeting women from nearby slum dwellings. As part of this initiative, Rotary-branded cloth bags were distributed to promote eco-friendly practices.

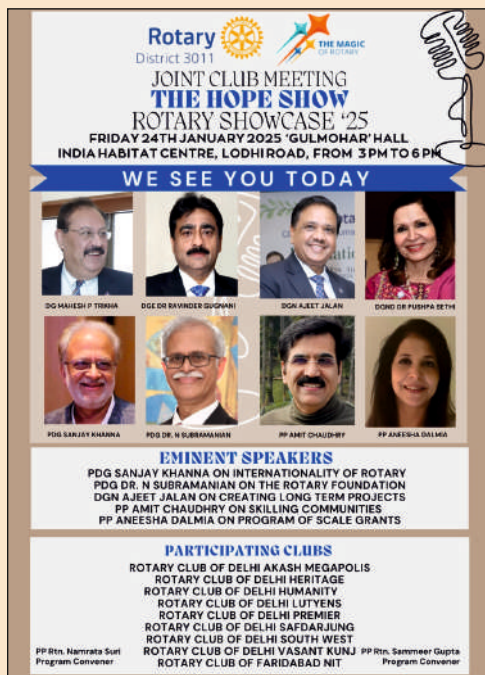
REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor at the Koshish Centre. The students, dressed in vibrant and colorful attire, showcased their talent and spirit through a series of captivating performances. The audience was treated to a spectacular display of music, dance, and drama, as the children enthusiastically expressed their love and pride for their country.

The energy and excitement were palpable as the little ones took to the stage, their faces beaming with joy and patriotism. The event was a testament to the centre's commitment to nurturing the values of nationalism and civic responsibility among its students. As the celebrations drew to a close, the students and staff alike felt a sense of pride and unity, reaffirming their commitment to the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

JOINT CLUB MEETING - THE HOPE SHOW



Nine Rotary Clubs, including RCD Akash Megapolis, in District 3011 joined forces for a meeting focused on educating existing and new members about various aspects of Rotary. The event featured five esteemed speakers from within the district, including:-

- PP Aneesha Dalmia (Rotary Club of Delhi Premier), who discussed her club's Program of Scale Grants project on Water, which secured a \$7 million grant.
- PP Amit Chaudhry (Rotary Club of Delhi South End), who shared insights on running Skill Development Centres and offered his services to other clubs.
- DGN Ajeet Jalan, who emphasized the importance of sustainable long-term projects.
- PDG Dr. N Subramanian, who provided an overview of The Rotary Foundation's operations and highlighted India's significant contributions.
- PDG Sanjay Khanna, who spoke on Rotary's internationality, sharing historical and current examples.

The meeting brought together over 110 Rotarians and 25 Rotaractors for a day of learning and fellowship



AN ATTEMPT AT SPREADING HUMANITY



In an effort to bring warmth and comfort to those in need, the Koshish Centre organized a blanket distribution drive in the surrounding slums. This timely initiative aimed to alleviate the suffering of the local residents, who often bear the brunt of harsh winter conditions.

The distribution of blankets was met with immense gratitude from the locals, who appreciated the thoughtful gesture. The cold weather can be particularly unforgiving for those living in poverty, and this small act of kindness went a long way in bringing some warmth and relief to their lives.



In a separate gesture, Mrs. Kavita Tayal, a long-time supporter of the Koshish Centre, distributed woollen caps and socks to the children at the centre. This generous act was a heartwarming display of kindness and compassion, and the children were overjoyed to receive these essential winter items. Mrs. Tayal's thoughtful gesture will undoubtedly help the children brave the chilly weather with greater ease and confidence.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION - FELLOWSHIP LUNCH



Rotary Club of Akash Megapolis (RCD) gathered for its monthly fellowship at PP Vikram Sahny's quaint little farm on Sunday, January 26th. The luncheon meeting drew a strong turnout from members, who savored a delectable array of kababs and paranthas.

The afternoon was filled with camaraderie, entertainment, and lively discussions. Members enjoyed thrilling games of tambola, followed by an engaging conversation on national politics, fostering a sense of community and connection among the attendees.

KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

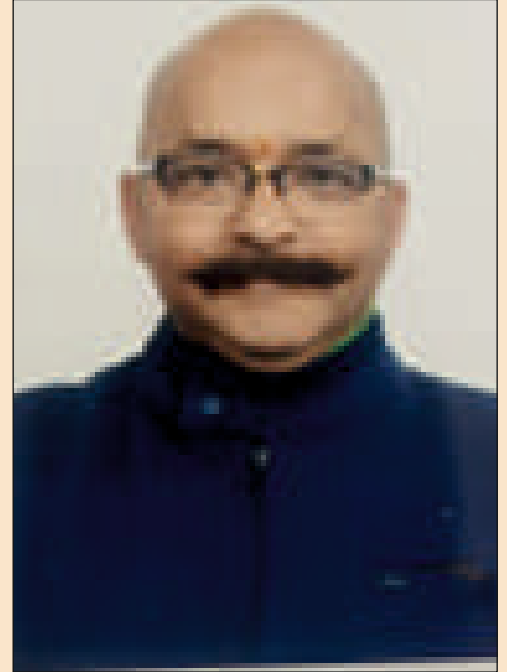
Rtn. Nalin Kant Bhatt: A Seasoned Professional & Dedicated Rotarian

At 63 years young, Nalin Kant Bhatt embodies the spirit of a true leader. A Civil Engineering graduate, Nalin has built a successful career as a Civil and Interiors contractor, with a keen eye for detail and a passion for delivering excellence.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Nalin is a devoted family man. He is lovingly "managed" by his bossy wife, Rekha, and is the proud father of two accomplished sons, Devyansh (34) and Madhav (31).

Nalin's commitment to community service is evident in his dedication to Rotary. As a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Delhi Akash Megapolis, he has played a pivotal role in shaping the club's vision and mission. His leadership skills were further demonstrated during his tenure as Club President, where he inspired and motivated fellow members to strive for excellence.

With his rich experience, warm personality, and generous spirit, Nalin Kant Bhatt continues to be a driving force within the Rotary community, inspiring others to follow in his footsteps.



Prof. (Dr.) Rajiv Mathur is a professional-turned-entrepreneur with more than three decades of experience in Business Management, Industrial Security, Emergency Response, Brand Building, and Marketing. Rajiv has held CXO-level positions in large organizations, co-founded two start-ups, and currently works in the Risk Consulting space.

He has been a Professor of Practice for the past twenty years, a speaker at various international platforms, and a member of numerous global and domestic forums, associations, and voluntary organizations.

Rajiv is an author, and his latest book, *One Thousand Days*, is a #1 Best Seller. He has also curated a YouTube channel called *"Jaane-Anjaane with Rajiv Mathur"*. He lives with his mother and has a wonderful wife and two grown-up children.



5TH JANUARY- PE RTN. KUSHAL GARG

14TH JANUARY-ROTARY PARTNER JYOTSNA SARAN

23RD JANUARY-ROTARY PARTNER ANITA MATHUR



22ND JANUARY- RTN. AVINASH & SHIPRA AGARWAL

23RD JANUARY- RTN. SANDEEP AND NISHI DEWAN

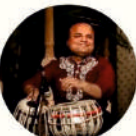
27TH JANUARY- RTN. MAHESH & RITU REHANI




International Fellowship
 of Rotarian Musicians 3011 Malhaar
 &
 The Neemrana Music Foundation
 present
SYMPHONY FOR HARMONY



**DIEGO
CARNEIRO**
From Brazil, On Cello



AMIR SALIM
Tabla Maestro



SUHEL SAEED KHAN
Sitar Maestro

 Sunday, 9th February 2025
  5:30 PM High Tea
 6:30 PM Performances

 Andhra Association Auditorium,
 Lodhi Road.

HOST CLUBS

RCD Aakash Megapolis | RCD Humanity | RCD Panchshila Park
 RCD Central | RCD Premier | RCD South | RCD South Central

Convenors
Rtn. Dinesh Jain (9810014031) **Priya Wacziarg** (98100953099) **Rtn. Vikram Sahny** (9811021723)

The event is being organised by RCDAM. Diego Carneiro is Internationally acclaimed Cello Player and is currently on his International Tour. He has graciously agreed to do a complimentary show for us. Sitar & Tabla players are very reputed names from Dilli Gharana. Request you all to attend on Sunday, 9th February.






RCD AKASH MEGAPOLIS

Everybody
needs
Somebody

YOUR
PRESENCE
MATTERS!!!

SAVE THE DATES



FEBRUARY 2025

Saturday, 1st February- Health Mela & Blood Donation Camp at
 DLDAV School @ 8:00 am

Sunday, 9th February- 'Symphony for Harmony', Music Concert
 & High Tea at Andhra Association Auditorium, 5:00 pm

Friday, 14th February- 'Everybody needs Somebody'- Valentine
 Day Celebration at Gurunanak Sukhshala, Old Age Home, New
 Rajinder Nagar @ 6:00 pm followed by dinner

Sunday, 23rd February- Fellowship dinner, 'A Walk Through The
 Past' by KHOJ at Qutab Golf Club@7:00 pm





RCD Akash Megapolis
 The Forgotten
 Monuments
 of Delhi

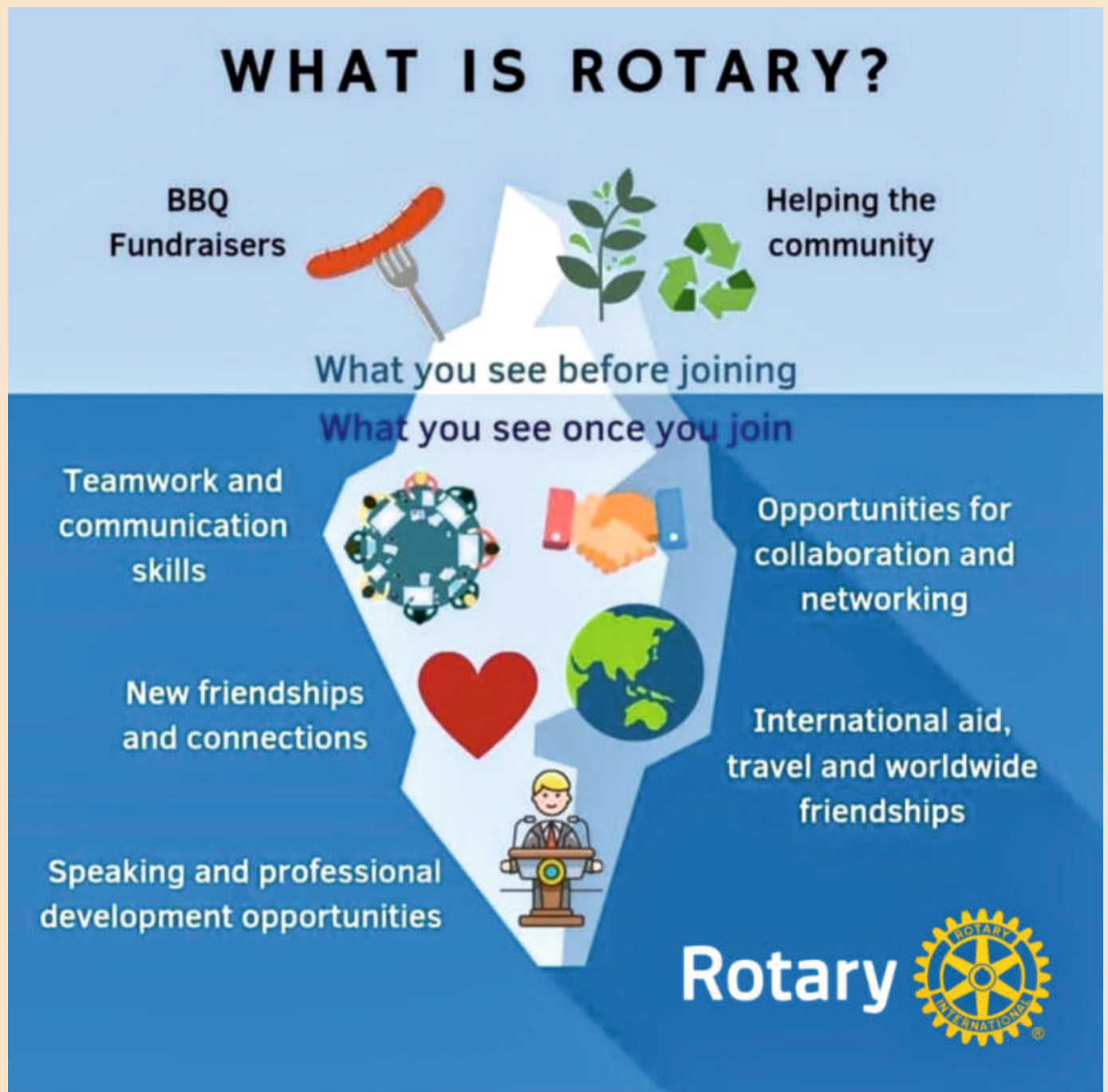
23 FEBRUARY 6:30 PM QUTAB GOLF CLUB

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

A VIRTUAL TREASURE HUNT

Curator: Rameen Khan, City Tales

ROTARY KNOWLEDGE



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