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ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI AKASH MEGAPOLIS





Dear Magical Presidents, District Team and Fellow Rotarians.

When we look back with a sense of immense pride at the humungous body of work and significant milestones achieved by RI District 3011 over the past eight months, its has been the most satisfying experience and none of it could have been achieved without the unconditional support we have received from each one of you.

'Gulabi Pankh' was indeed a movement! The breathtaking vision of more than a thousand women present at the venue on that day with their pink stoles was truly overwhelming and it was as if they were sending a profound message to each one of us do something in the area of Breast Cancer Prevention. It was a magnificent event and one that remains etched in my mind as a significant step towards our commitment to spread awareness on Cancer Prevention and Treatment. Truly grateful to Dr Savita Chopra and Team 'Gulabi Pankh', Rotary Club of Delhi Genesis, Rotary Club of Faridabad Amrita, Inner Wheel and Lioness Club and Faridabad Amrita Hospital to have conducted an outstanding event. The other Cancer we have pledged to prevent is Cervical Cancer and our District has taken huge strides in the area to provide free vaccines to hundred of thousands of persons aged between 9 years and 26 years of age not only within our District but also beyond. We were truly overwhelmed with the massive response we received at Guntur in India a couple of weeks ago. A whopping figure of 1335 vaccinations were administered in one single day by RI District 3011 and RI District 3150. I would particularly like to acknowledge the exceptional efforts of our team

led by Rtn Dr. Vandana Bhalla, Rtn Virendra Mehta, Rtn Alka Singhal, Inner Wheel Chairman M. Premalatha prioritising the work at hand, the safety and wellbeing of young people who took the vaccine, and ensuring that operations continued despite the fact that they were in another city.

I also take the opportunity to wish a Very Happy International Women's Day to all our Women in Rotary and to all the Women across the District who have a significant role to play in support of the organisation! We are a proud District today because we have the highest number of Women Rotarian Memberships across the country and here I would like to add that we also have the most active women Rotarians. It is because of your creativity, your compassionate nature, your abundant energy, dedication and devotion that we are able to take ambitious steps in the right direction and achieve each one of them with perfection. Look at the example of the most important ones covered this month ---Gulabi Pankh and Cervical Cancer Vaccination Drive—they have both been achieved because of the powerful women spearheading it.

We look forward to four more months to achieve our goals and set ourselves new targets. Lets work together and align our strategy towards the milestones that we have yet to attain.

With Warm Regards

Yours Sincerely

Rtn Mahesh P. Trikha District Governor RI District 3011

From the President's heart...



Sonia Sahny President 2024-25 As the last wisps of winter dissipate, February transforms the city of Delhi into a vibrant tapestry of colors, heralding the arrival of spring. The air is filled with the sweet fragrance of blooming flowers, and the gentle breeze sets the tone for romantic moments with loved ones.

Music, a universal language of love, was the perfect accompaniment to this enchanting atmosphere. We were delighted to host the "Symphony of Harmony," a cross-cultural musical event that celebrated the beauty of love and togetherness. This unforgettable evening was both humbling and exhilarating, leaving an indelible mark on our hearts.

The celebrations continued on Valentine's Day, as we shared moments of joy and affection with our senior friends. This heartwarming experience added a deeper dimension to the month of love, reminding us that love knows no age boundaries. As we reflect on the Magic of Rotary, we are filled with gratitude for the beauty of love, music, and community that surrounds us.

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BLOOD DONATION CAMP

Organized by DLDAV MODEL SCHOOL, Pitampura and supported by DELHI AKASH MEGAPOLIS in collaboration with Rotaract Club of BPIT





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ADAY OF HEROES

Some days leave an unforgettable mark on our hearts. 1rst of February was one such day, where kindness, compassion, and a shared mission brought together students, teachers, doctors, and volunteers for a cause greater than all of us — saving lives. The Interact Club of Darbari Lal DAV Model School , Pitampura, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of BPIT, organized a Blood Donation Camp that surpassed all expectations, uniting the community in an extraordinary act of service. With 150+ registrations, 88 successful blood donations, and 250+ free health checkups, this initiative proved that when we come together will purpose, magic happens.

SYMPHONY FOR HARMONY







On February 9th, RCD Akash Megapolis, in association with International Fellowship of Rotarians Musicians-3011 Malhaar, and The Neemrana Music Foundation, co-hosted "Symphony of Harmony" with 6 other clubs from the district 3011, at the Andhra Association Auditorium in Lodhi Road. The evening featured mesmerizing performances by Diego Carneiro (Cello) from Brazil, Suhel Saeed (Sitar), and Aamir Salim (Tabla). The audience was enthralled by individual pieces, impromptu jugalbandis, and Diego's astonishing rendition of Indian tunes. Over 120 attendees, including The High Commissioner of Equador His Excellency Fernando Bucheli, Chairman of The Neemrana Foundation Ms. Priya Wacziarg, Past District Governors Subramanian and Deepak Talwar, enjoyed great fellowship over high tea. Young Rotaractors contributed to the event's success by assisting with photography, backstage management, and ushering. This event embodied the true international spirit of Rotary, symbolizing collaboration and unity among diverse culture.

SYMPHONY FOR HARMONY VERY SPECIAL ARTS INDIA



Monday morning at VSAI was transformed into a melodic masterpiece as Diego Carnero, from Brazil, enthralled students and staff with his heartfelt performance. In an engaging interactive session, he guided students in creating rhythmic patterns that mirrored life in the Amazon Basin. The students reciprocated by teaching him the nuances of SARGAM.

The highlight of the morning was a spontaneous rendition of 'Sare Jahan Se Achha', with Diego's soulful cello accompaniment. The impromptu performance was a treat for the ears, leaving a lasting impression on all who witnessed it.

What was truly remarkable was how music transcended language barriers, enabling Diego to connect with the students on a deeper level. His ability to respond to their emotions and communicate through melody was a heartening testament to the universal power of music. This was such a delight! The music notes of the song, Saare-Jahan-Se-Achha, were downloaded and Diego magnanimously, played while the special children of the NGO, Very Special Arts, sang melodiously at the centre. It was truly a humbling experience.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

On the occasion of Valentine's Day, the Rotary Club of Delhi Akash Megapolis organized a heartwarming dinner for 32 senior citizens at the Sukhshala Old Age Home in Old Rajinder Nagar. The senior citizens, who often feel neglected and forgotten, were treated to a memorable evening, which will be etched in their hearts forever. This thoughtful gesture brought immense joy and cheer to the residents, making the day truly special.

The evening was filled with delightful conversations, as the senior citizens shared stories of their past, reminiscing about fond memories and experiences. The atmosphere was warm and convivial, with blessings, smiles, and laughter flowing freely.

By reaching out to the elderly and showing they care, the club's members demonstrated the true spirit of Valentine's Day – spreading love, kindness, and warmth.



FELLOWSHIP DINNER A CAPTIVATING JOURNEY

What a magical evening it was! The DJinns of Ferozeshah Speaker Fellowship meeting, hosted by RCD Akash Megapolis on 23rd February, was a resounding triumph that left an indelible mark on the hearts of all attendees.

The erudite Historian Nitika Arora masterfully wove a spellbinding narrative that transported us to the enchanting alleys, nooks, and corners of Ferozeshah Kotla. As we embarked on this captivating journey, we found ourselves in the mystical realm of the diinns, who are believed to still inhabit this ancient monument.

The evening was a testament to the power of storytelling, as Nitika Arora regaled us with tales of diverse faiths and communities, showcasing the rich cultural tapestry of our society. Her words painted vivid pictures of a bygone era, immersing us in the history and mystique of Ferozeshah Kotla.

But the evening's magic didn't stop there! As if the stars had aligned in our favour, the meeting coincided with India's thrilling victory over Pakistan in the One Day match of the 2025 Champions Trophy. The excitement and euphoria that filled the air were palpable, making the evening an unforgettable celebration of history, culture, and sportsmanship.

In the end, it was an evening that will be etched in our memories forever – a testament to the transformative power of knowledge, storytelling, and community. Kudos to Team RCD Akash Megapolis for hosting such a fantastic event, and we eagerly look forward to the next installment of the Speaker Fellowship series!







KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

PP Rtn. Bhupesh Khanna



An entrepreneur by profession, and a philanthropist by nature, Bhupesh Khanna is a perfect example of a person who upholds high ethical standards in business as well as life in general. His spouse is an educationist and they are blessed with two magnificent children. Daughter is an ACA and is based out of the UK, and son is in currently in Grade XI. Bhupesh, became a part of the Rotary family in 2017, and since then has been an intrinsic part of the RCDAM, displaying his commintment to the society.

Rtn. Vivek Kakar



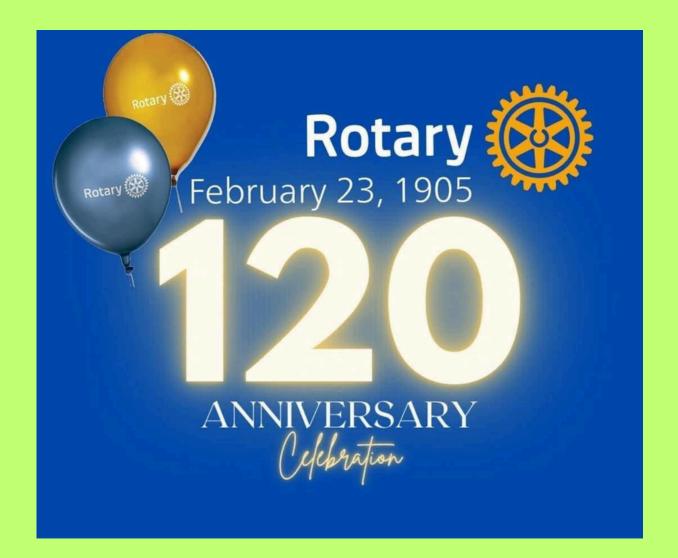
Post his MBA in wealth management from SP Jain Institute, Vivek Kakar forayed into his family business currently is and **Managing Director at Vivek Financial Focus** Ltd, a company started in 1995. The company is the space of wealth management dealing in shares, mutual funds and fixed income securities. He has been associated with Rotary since his school days and have always strived to make a difference to the society. Amongst other interests, he has a strong spiritual pull therefore has been involved various spiritual groups organization. He is deep rooted with family values and puts in all the effort in bringing change to the society via education and spiritual upliftment.



17th February - Rajiv Mathur

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

4th February - Rekha & Nalin Bhatt 6th February - Ankita & Dr. Rajeev Mathur 8th February - Jyotsna & Sanjiv Saran 16th February - Anita & Rajiv Mathur







Saturday, 8 March- Holi Milan Dinner at Mathur Villa @ 7:00 pm

Friday, 21 March- CPR & First-Aid training in collaboration with C. K. Birla Hospital at VSA India @ 11:00 am

ROTARY KNOWLEDGE

THE FAMILY OF ROTARY: THE 4-WAY TEST & THE 4 AVENUES OF SERVICE

The Rotary "4-Way Test" has become an important fixture in Rotary, guiding Rotarians in their personal as well as professional lives.

It was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. This test was for employees to follow in their business and professional lives. It became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways.

It asks the following four questions: "Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Roxie Wetterau, Club President in 2014-15, added an important fifth test:

Is it FUN?



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