

KOSHISH

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ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI AKASH MEGAPOLIS

From the District Governor's Desk - Dr. Mahesh P. Trikha



Dear Magical Presidents and District Team,

It has been a truly magical quarter so far and I am overwhelmed when I look back at what we have achieved, the records we set in motion and the incredible energy and willingness with which we have taken on challenges in the first 100 days of RI Year 2024-25. All the projects and commitments so far puts us in a position that aligns with our ambition to situate RI District 3011 at the heart of cutting-edge developments within the region and develop our ambition to become a leading international organisation in the eyes of the people at large. In our endeavour to help and support the underprivileged segments of society we have signed an MOU with several organisations over the past three months and September was equally fulfilling in terms of our partnerships and knowledge exchange strategy. We will drive collaborative working with all our partners and develop our Centres for literacy, work in waste water management, upkeep of EV, for vaccinating girl children, utilising the PHD Chambers of Commerce for Club and District events, establishing kitchens in underprivileged schools to incentivise children, to ensure a world without child blindness etc and other approaches to enhance the mammoth projects we undertake and to support our strategies. While these are evidence of the mammoth tasks we have undertaken in 100 Days there is more coming for the next 100 so watch this space carefully.

In addition, the projects that each one of the clubs has undertaken to embed innovation that advances our adoption and fulfilment of more projects, maximizing the impact of the initiatives taken by us and our status as one of the best Districts in the country, is truly commendable. We have covered covered the work done over the past 100 days in this edition of the GML and that in itself will give you an idea of what you have achieved.

The photograph on the cover would have definitely caught your attention. I must let you know that we were privileged and honoured to have an audience with the Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha Shri Om Birla and we invited him to be the Chief Guest at a Half Marathon that we are planning to hold to raise awareness for cervical cancer. It was wonderful experience to meet a man of such immensely high stature who is so grounded and humble.

I must also make a mention of the wonderful seminars we have undertaken in a month which is meant for Peace Building and Conflict Prevention. The ICCR cultural event was a fantastic treat for everyone. This was followed by the Peace Seminar with some excellent Speakers, a very informative seminar on Clubfoot Disability and Elimination and, of course, 'Navachar' - The Adult Literacy Seminar at which the Chief Guest was PRID Rtn Kamal Sanghvi was evidence of the tremendous amount of hard work we put in to retain our brand identity and to ensure that our good work is recognised by the future leaders of the country.

From the desk of Rotary International President - Stephanie Urchick



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The Magic of Rotary is belonging, and it's a feeling that can appear when you least expect it. Earlier this year, I was in Slovakia serving as a president's representative during a six-week trip through Europe. When I wrote to Katarina Cechova, governor of District 2240 at the time, I mentioned that my grandmother Veronica Zilka grew up in a small village in the area before settling in the U.S. It wasn't long before Cechova tracked down my grandmother's village, Jakubova Vol'a. She even organized a visit for me, where I received an unforgettable Slovakian welcome. When I entered the community center of Jakubova Vol'a, a small crowd of people dressed in traditional Slovakian clothing greeted me. They sang with beautiful and powerful Central European voices that reminded me of my grandmother. A lot of families play cards or games when they get together. When I was young, my father would pick up his accordion and lead my family in song. My grandmother would sing along with her impressive voice. When I walked into the community center and heard traditional music from my childhood - when I saw a woman play the accordion the way my dad played - I suddenly felt like a little girl sitting at my grandmother's house in Monessen, Pennsylvania. I burst into tears of joy at the memories. But the magic didn't stop there. District Governor Cechova really outdid herself. A local genealogist worked with a videographer to make a short film about my grandmother. We watched the video together in the community center. When the video ended, I turned around and saw a man standing in the back of the room. I quickly learned that this stranger, Frantisek Zilka, was my second cousin. His grandmother and mine had been sisters. I felt like I had been struck by lightning. I visited my newfound cousin's home, which happens to be the home where my grandmother was born. There, he shared old photographs I had never seen of my dad, my uncle, and my grandmother. Since then, I can't stop thinking about my family of Rotary. When I refer to you as my family, I'm not just being kind. I really think of everyone in Rotary as my family. But I never would have imagined that my Rotary family would introduce me to long-lost personal family. Sitting in that community center listening to traditional Slovakian music from my childhood filled me with joy and a profound sense of belonging. I am so grateful to District Governor Cechova and everyone who helped create that magical experience. As members of Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to share the same magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club - other members of our Rotary family - feel like they truly belong.

From the President's heart...

The past month has been both busy and challenging. Family commitments required me to be out of the country for over half of that time, while the remainder was dedicated to caring for ailing family members. Such experiences often remind us that life brings its own set of trials; however, I hold firmly to the belief that, "This too shall pass." With the festive season on the horizon, I remain hopeful that brighter days are ahead, filled with renewal and joy.

During my recent visit to the United States, I had the invaluable opportunity to reconnect with friends I made through Rotary nearly 15 years ago. Dr. Rajesh Patel and Dr. Shobha Patel graciously opened their home to my family during a friendship exchange. Their residence in Long Island has become our primary point of contact in the United States, embodying the spirit of hospitality and warmth. Raj and Shobha, remarkably humble and down-to-earth, have truly become like family to us, and their generosity has left an indelible mark on our hearts.

My visit also included a memorable meeting with DGN Rose and PDG Arnold Quaranta from the Rotary Club of The Ronkonkomas, whom I met for the first time more than 15 years ago on their trip to Delhi for a Polio NID event. This experience has blossomed into a profound and lasting friendship. Each time we gather, we seamlessly pick up from where we left off, reinforcing the bonds that Rotary fosters across borders. This connection truly exemplifies the transformative power of Rotary, where relationships extend beyond mere acquaintanceship to form genuine, lasting friendships. Moreover, these interactions serve as a poignant reminder of our shared commitment to community service and the significance of collaboration.

I encourage each of you to actively seek out opportunities for cross-country exchanges. You may discover unexpected friendships and collaborations, illustrating the magic of lasting connections. Embrace these experiences, for they hold the potential to change lives, including your own!



Sonia Sahny
President 2024-25

COLLABORATING WITH FELLOW ROTARIANS



IPP Anchal Khurana and Hon. Secretary Rekha Bhatt along with Rotarian Nalin Bhatt, Bhupesh and Pooja Khanna and Vikram Sahny met Rotarian Prajval from Bangalore on 1st September. We got an insight into the working of the fellow Rotarians at different levels.



TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

To show their utmost gratitude to their beloved teachers, the students at Koshish celebrated Teachers Day on 5th September. Children gave small tokens of appreciation to their teachers.



HEALTH IS WEALTH



RCD Akash Megapolis organised a MEDICAL CAMP in collaboration with CK Birla Hospital Punjabi Bagh, in Rohini area of Delhi on 28th September, 2024. More than a hundred people benefitted from it.



INTERACT CHARTER & INSTALLATIONS

The Future Is In Safe Hands



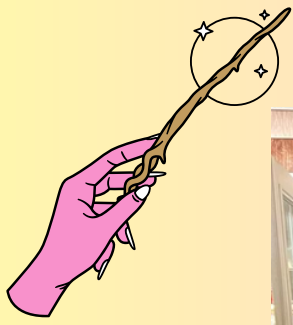
With the support of Rtn. Vivek Sardan, PP Vikram Sahny and the RCDAM family, the interactors of Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh, have been selected in Top 100 PAN India Ideathon.

29TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 FELLOWSHIP DINNER

RCD Akash Megapolis had a fun-filled fellowship meeting at The Smokey Lounge in Vasant Vihar.



A fun-filled and memorable evening spent with dear ones to celebrate life! Amidst music dance, delectable food and drinks, ideas flowed freely along with valuable conversations. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time as they celebrated the birthdays of members born in the month of September!



MAGIC OF ROTARY



Friendship that started in 2010, through the Check Dam Project and thereafter through Rotary Friendship Exchange with District 7255, is going strong. President Sonia Sahny on a trip to the US, met PDG Arnold Quaranta and his wife DGN Rose Quaranta from Ronkonkoma Rotary Club, and presented them with our club flag. She stayed with Rotarian Dr. Rajesh Patel and Dr. Shobha from Rotary Club of Riverside, who have become family to Sonia and Vikram Sahny. They have hosted each other and their extended families and friends several times in the past 14 years. The rendezvous was an enlightening experience with exchange of ideas on various platforms.



KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

Rekha Bhatt - Hon. Secretary



Associated with Rotary since almost 20 years, Rekha is passionate to serve the society in whatever possible manner she can. She worked with Jaiprakash Associates briefly, but chose to become a full time mother to her two wonderful sons. She is involved with the children of Koshish and various projects for the welfare of the society. Her spouse, Rtn. Nalin Bhat, is into construction business. As a couple, they are always at the forefront, and actively participate in all activities related to Rotary. Over the years, Rekha has earned and nurtured some beautiful friendships, courtesy Rotary, and she wishes to contribute to the world to the best of her ability!

After an honourable career in the Indian Air Force, Rtn. Ajay transitioned into the creative industries of digital printing and Recording Studio. Drawing on the discipline from his years of service, he established Sign Square, a leading digital printing business offering high-quality Flex banners, Vinyl stickers and all types of other visual branding innovative solutions. Alongside, he also runs a professional recording studio, where they produce, record and edit music and also sound projects like live streaming of musical events on You tube & Face Book etc. with precision and excellence. This journey from serving the nation to building a business has been a fulfilling one. His wife, a dedicated homemaker, has been his pillar of support throughout. His son, Ankit Sharma, is a software engineer in London, and his daughter, Arti Sharma, successfully runs her own digital marketing business. Together, they strive to make an impact in our respective fields while staying rooted in our family values.

Ajay Sharma



ACHIEVEMENTS

APPROVAL OF OUR GLOBAL GRANT

The global grant application for funding to construct a check dam and provide training, in conjunction with PHD Rural Development Foundation (PHD RDF), in Jodhawas and Bhangdoli Villages, Alwar District, Rajasthan, India, submitted by the Rotary Club of Delhi Akash Megapolis and the Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale, has been approved by Rotary Foundation (India) (RF(I)) and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation (TRF).



We shall be making a check dam in Alwar this year. The dates are 15th to 19th November, 2024.

We welcome participation of Rotarians, Interactors, Rotractors and non Rotarians to be a part of this meaningful project.

You may reach out to PP Dr. Aanchal Khurana at 9958297103 for details.



The Rotary Foundation received highest rating from Charity Navigator for 16th consecutive year. The Rotary Foundation earned the highest rating – four stars – from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.!

KNOW THESE FACTS, THEY ARE FUN! WILL SURELY HELP IN THE LONG RUN!

**Know
your
STOCK
MARKET!**

1830's - Corporate Shares being traded.

1850's - a stock exchange came into existence with four Gujarati and one Parsi stockbroker. They gathered together under a Banyan tree in front of Bombay Town Hall.

1874 - With around 200 brokers, the business shifted to a new street, which is the modern day Dalal Street.

1894 - Establishment of The Ahmedabad Share and Stock Brokers' Association.

1908 - The Calcutta Stock Exchange Association was formed.

1934 - Establishment of the Lahore Stock Exchange.

1944 - Establishment of The Hyderabad Stock Exchange Limited.

1947- Delhi Stock and Share Brokers' Association Limited" and "The Delhi Stocks and Shares Exchange Limited" were established and later on merged into 'The Delhi Stock Exchange Association Limited'.

1956- India passed the Securities Contracts Regulation Act, which formalised stock trading.

1964- The newly-created UTI launched India's first mutual fund scheme, the US 64. The scheme raised Rs 6,400 crore by 1988, making UTI the big player in the Indian market.

1986- On 1st January this year, BSE SENSEX, a 30-share index was established. This was the country's first equity index with base year as 1978-79 and base value of 100.

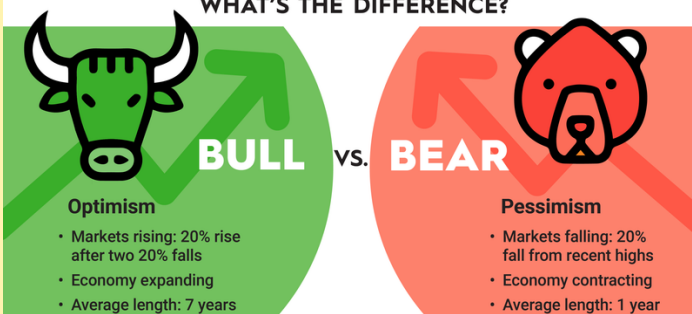
1988 - To regulate the Indian Stock Market, need for a regulator was felt, thus, The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) was established. However, it was granted statutory power in 1992.

1992 - The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) was established.

1996 - The NSE launched Nifty 50 index on April 22 this year.

1996-1999 - NSDL and CDSL, the two depositories of India were established during this period.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



Inputs by PP Vikram Sahny



OCTOBER CALENDAR

1. Saturday, 5th October- 2 Blood Donation Camps at Mira Model School, Janakpuri & Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh.
2. Saturday, 19th October - Eye Check-up Camp at Koshish
3. Saturday, 19th October - Diwali Fellowship Dinner at Madan Residence`
4. Friday, 25th October- Distribution of cloth bags at DAV School.

CELEBRATION TIME!

13th September - PP Dr. Aanchal Khurana

27th September - Shyamoli Barua



ROTARY KNOWLEDGE

- The first service project of the first Rotary Club was the installation of public toilets in Chicago in 1917. This project made Rotary the World's First Service Club.
- In 1929, The Rotary Foundation made its first gift, \$500, to the International Society for Crippled Children.
- The first woman joined Rotary in 1987. Today, more than 196,000 women are members of Rotary International.
- From literacy and peace to water and health, Rotarians are always working to better the world, and stay committed till the end.



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