

ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI AKASH MEGAPOLIS




MESSAGE

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



Dear Magical Friends, District Team and Rotarians,

November has been a magical month and an auspicious start, indeed, with festivals marking the first week of the month. The festive spirit was evident in DILA which was held on the 5th of November. The ambience was electric and the happiness on the faces of the several hundred students and Rotarians present at the event was evidence of the very enjoyable they were having at the event. The Carnival like atmosphere and the very learned Speakers added their sparkle of enthusiasm to the entire learning process. DILA 2024 will remain etched in everyone's memories for many years to come as an example of how a joyful environment can make training sessions more pleasurable and meaningful at the same time.

Dear Friends and Colleagues, it is now time to review our goals and aspirations in the coming month. We must take a look at how initiatives which are making a real difference to people's lives and to the communities and how we can become a change maker and help to fund around us; how we can launch new initiatives designed to support effective project management. We have to ensure that our plans cover essential areas, including operational project management, implementing effective project, continuous improvement strategies, and people leadership within your Clubs. An effective strategy can lead to achievements and it will be in your own interest to plan ahead for the next 6 odd months that remain with us. We have largely succeeded in our mission until now but our work as Rotarians only increases with every passing day so do

review your strategies, aim higher and achieve the impossible.

We had the Curtain Raiser for the Conference in November and the Team had explained in great detail about the excitement we have in store for you at the Conference. If DILA is anything to go by then you would have realised that the benchmark for the District Team is exceedingly high. So please don't miss the opportunity of registering for the biggest event of the year. The earlier you do it the better it is for us to look after you better.

December is the month of Disease Prevention and Treatment so lets focus on projects that will take us to the communities and look after their health related problems. We also have the massive CSR grant organised by Dr Vandana Bhalla for administering Cervical Cancer Vaccines. Please make use of the opportunity and try to cover as many communities and schools as possible to give the life saving vaccines. I would also like to advise all of you to conduct Thalassemia tests alongside the Blood Donation Camps organised by your Clubs. Together we can build a more resilient and strong society to take the nation forward on its journey towards success and prosperity.

With Best Wishes
Yours Sincerely
Rtn Dr. Mahesh P. Trikha
District Governor 2024-25




MESSAGE

From The
Rotary International President's Desk
Stephanie Urchick



One of Rotary's greatest strengths is the ability of our members to come together to create lasting change, and The Rotary Foundation helps us transform dreams of change into reality.

From eradicating polio to building peace, much of the work we do around the world would not be possible without our continued support of our Foundation.

The cause of peace is especially important to me, and one of the most effective ways we build peace is our Rotary Peace Fellowship — a product of The Rotary Foundation. The program helps current and aspiring peace and development professionals around the world learn how to prevent and how to end conflict.

Thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next Rotary Peace Center, at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Opening yet another peace center is a monumental achievement that we will celebrate at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul.

The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advocates for peace. Keynote speakers, panel discussions, and breakout sessions will allow us to share ideas about building peace and foster meaningful conversations about promoting peace everywhere.

Registration for the Presidential Peace Conference is open. I hope to see you there, but if you can't make it, our Foundation offers so many ways to change the world for the better.

November is Rotary Foundation Month, a great time to get to know your Foundation better and pursue causes that appeal to you.

Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. By working together to respond to pressing community needs, clubs and districts strengthen their global partnerships.

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and in communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants.

Our Foundation can even help you support our wonderful youth programs, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Interact.

Your gifts to our Foundation also make Programs of Scale possible. These are long-term projects that seek to solve otherwise intractable problems.

To ensure these good works continue beyond our lifetimes, it is up to us to reach our ambitious Rotary Endowment goal of \$2.025 billion by 30 June 2025.

The Magic of Rotary does not appear out of nowhere. We create the magic with every new member inducted, every project completed, and every dollar donated to our Foundation.

Please join me in supporting The Rotary Foundation, and together, we will change the world for the better.

From the
President's
heart...



Sonia Sahny
President 2024-25

Children are the torchbearers of tomorrow, and it is our collective responsibility to provide them with a nurturing and supportive environment. This Children's Day, a heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Disha Advertising for celebrating with the children at Koshish, and to PP Vikram Sahny for bringing smiles to the special students of Very Special Arts India. These thoughtful gestures not only brighten young lives but also remind us of the importance of empowering the next generation.

Our journey toward sustainability continues to make meaningful strides. The construction of our 15th check dam stands as a testament to the collective effort of Rotarians from across the globe. This initiative, year after year, has been made possible through the unwavering encouragement of PDG Elias Thomas of Rotary Club of Stanford-Springvale, Maine. It is truly inspiring to witness the spirit of Rotary breaking barriers, with individuals coming together from different corners of the world to create tangible change.

The beauty of Rotary lies in its ability to unite people for a shared cause. Efforts like these not only address present challenges but also secure resources for future generations. By working together, we are building a sustainable present that promises a brighter and stronger future for the leaders of tomorrow. Let us continue to collaborate, innovate, and lead by example in shaping a world that our future generations will be proud to inherit!

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



Join Us for a Special
**CHILDREN'S DAY
CELEBRATION!**

at Koshish School

on 14th Nov. 2024,
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Come and share joy with the children at Koshish School! The Disha team will conduct fun activities, while the children enjoy and participate. Here's what we have planned:

Magic Show

Art & Craft Competition

Clay Modelling Contest

Shoe Distribution

Tasty Snacks

Everyone is invited! Let's make this day memorable for the children.

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On Children's day, cultural activities were organised for Koshish children at community centre, Shahabad Dairy.

It was sponsored by **DISHA PUBLICATION**. The activities were:

- * Magic show - 12 activities by professional team
- * Dance, songs, poems recitation
- * Clay activity, painting and drawing activities
- * Briefing about program and sharing by teachers, volunteers and children
- * Prize distribution for best performers
- * Shoes distribution to children through teachers and team DISHA PUBLICATION
- * End of the program chocolate, fruity and snacks popcorn were distributed to children.

The videography of all activities have been made by DISHA PUBLICATION.

The children enjoyed and had a great time.



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



At VSA India, a puppet show and lunch for the special students was organised on the occasion of Children's Day. Everyone had a wonderful time which was quite evident in their laughter and smiles.



INTERACTION WITH THE INTERACTS

WORLD INTERACT DAY



4 of our interact schools participated in the DILA. It was indeed a wonderful day spent admist the future leaders of Rotary.

- 1. Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh**
- 2. Prince Public School, Rohini**
- 3. DLDAV School, Moti Nagar**
- 4. Maxfort School, Paschim Vihar**

CULTIVATE A HABIT TO KEEP THE BODY **HEALTHY!**



Medical Camp at Naval Children's school organised by RCD Akash Megapolis on 8th November in association of PSRI Hospital, Clove Dental and Center for Sight.

CARE FOR YOUR SIGHT



RCD Akash Megapolis with the support of Center for Sight held an eye check up camp for the specially abled and economically marginalised students at VSA India, Vasant Kunj on 13th November. 100 students and teachers were tested.

The “DAM” Inspirational Project!

A project which has attained worldwide recognition and is one of the leading activities of our club, The Check Dam Building, was a spectacular success. The Dam site was Jodhawas, near Alwar in Rajasthan, and the camp was set up from 15th-19th of November, 2024. As the project is a noble act towards community, it witnessed a large and whole hearted participation of the members from all far and wide. We had international members working with full vigour and enthusiasm.

Links to relive the
beautiful moments



Work On the Dam Site

Music & Work - Pleasurable

Evening Fun with folk dancers



The “DAM” International Team’s Visit To Koshish

Some of our DAM Building Rotarian friends visited our Koshish study centres, a place where we impart non formal education to children of migrant labourers and daily wagers and subsequently help them get admission in government schools. It was fun time both children and our visitors enjoyed the afternoon.



Kids' Dance At Koshish - [link](#)

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

19TH NOVEMBER, 2024

To acknowledge the efforts put in by the courageous and strong willed Rotarians from across the globe, the celebration cum farewell dinner for the “Dam” team was organised on Tuesday 19th November at Masonic Club, Janpath. It was a full house and everyone’s contribution was publicly praised. Our International fellow Rotarians put forward their thoughts and pledged to further help their Indian Counterparts to the best of their capacity. Discussions took place over free flow of drinks and sumptuous dinner. It was surely an evening to remember!



KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

RTN Satish Swaroop

Satish Swaroop embodies the essence of a multifaceted leader with a deep commitment to technology, environmental stewardship, and community service. He has established himself as a seasoned technologist, His expertise encompasses cutting-edge advancements in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and sustainable technologies, positioning him as a visionary in the tech space. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Satish is a passionate climate change enthusiast dedicated to advocating for sustainable practices. He actively engages in initiatives that promote renewable energy, waste reduction, and eco-friendly innovations. His work demonstrates a belief in the power of technology to combat environmental challenges and create a greener, more resilient future. Satish's dedication to community service is evident through his active membership in Rotary International. As a committed Rotarian, he participates in various service projects aimed at improving lives and fostering global goodwill. Whether organizing clean water initiatives, supporting educational programs, or championing healthcare drives, Satish embodies the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self." A true thought leader and changemaker, Satish Swaroop continues to inspire those around him through his unwavering dedication to technological excellence, environmental sustainability, and meaningful community engagement.

RTN Rajesh Malhotra



RTN Rajesh Malhotra is an IATA accredited Travel agent by profession and operates from his office in Rajouri Garden New Delhi. He is married to Mrs. Shefali Malhotra who is working for G4S Securities as Chief Financial Officer. They are blessed with a daughter named Nivriti Malhotra pursuing her BBA from Delhi and presently they are residents of Rajouri Garden in New Delhi



Rotary DIST 3011

RCD AKASH MEGAPOLIS

SAVE THE DATES

BOLLYWOOD NIGHT

YOUR PRESENCE MATTERS!!

DECEMBER 2024

- FRIDAY, 6th DECEMBER 11:00 AM, COMPUTER FESTIVAL, for specially abled students at VSAI, ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD DISABILITY DAY.
- SUNDAY, 15TH DECEMBER 7:00 PM BOLLYWOOD MUSICAL NIGHT @DILLI HAAT, JANAKPURI.
- SUNDAY, 22ND DECEMBER 11:00 AM- CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT VIKRAM'S FARM.
- SATURDAY, 28TH DECEMBER 11:00 AM MAMOGRAPHY CAMP AT AMAR COLONY MARKET.



Reminder

Bollywood Night with Lokesh Madan

Your Pass Includes

1. Music, Dance & Entertainment
2. Food & Drinks
3. Lucky Draw Every Hour
4. Bumper Lucky Draw



Date: December 15, 2024

Time: 6 PM onwards

Venue: Amphitheatre, Dilli Haat, Janakpuri

ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI AKASH MEGAPOLIS

Rotary DISTRICT - 3011

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

14th November - RTN. Rekha Bhatt

28th November- RTN. Vivek Kakkar

22nd November - RTN Vivek & Savita Sardana

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

ROTARY KNOWLEDGE

Fun Facts About Rotary

- 1. First Meeting:** Rotary's first meeting took place on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, initiated by Paul Harris and three friends.
- 2. Why "Rotary"?:** The name comes from the practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.
- 3. First Service Project:** Rotary's first community service was installing public toilets in Chicago, emphasizing public welfare.
- 4. The Rotary Wheel:** The iconic logo is a gear wheel, representing work and movement, officially adopted in 1924.
- 5. Polio Eradication:** Since 1985, Rotary's PolioPlus program has contributed over \$2 billion to nearly eradicate polio worldwide.
- 6. Women in Rotary:** Women were officially welcomed into Rotary in 1989 and now hold significant leadership roles globally.
- 7. Global Reach:** Rotary operates in more than 200 countries, with over 46,000 clubs uniting members worldwide.
- 8. Paul Harris Fellow:** This recognition honors individuals who donate \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation or have that amount contributed in their name.
- 9. The Four-Way Test:** A set of ethical guidelines created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor, asking:
 - * Is it the truth?
 - * Is it fair to all concerned?
 - * Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
 - * Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
- 10. Rotary in Space:** Astronaut and Rotarian Frank Borman carried the Four-Way Test on the Apollo 8 mission.
- 11. Youth Programs:** Rotary sponsors initiatives like Rotary Youth Exchange and Rotaract, fostering global understanding and leadership in young people.
- 12. Peace Advocacy:** Rotary's Peace Fellowship Program trains global leaders to resolve conflicts and promote peace, with many alumni working in the UN and other global institutions.
- 13. Rotary Flag Travels:** The Rotary flag has been displayed on Mount Everest and at the North and South Poles, symbolizing its global impact.
- 14. Business Connections:** Originally a networking group, Rotary still champions the motto: "Rotary means business."
- 15. Guinness World Record:** Rotary achieved a world record in 2012 for the largest smiley face formation, promoting the End Polio Now campaign.
- 16. Language Diversity:** Rotary conducts meetings in various languages, reflecting its global membership and inclusivity.



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