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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Rotary Parivar,
Greetings!

A new Rotary year begins with fresh opportunities and challenges. Our focus for July is to build on the momentum from the previous year.

It shall be my endeavour to work in the best interest of our club always. Your unstinted support is a prerequisite to take our Club to the glorious stature that it deserves. **"Yes, together we shall do it."**

The current Rotary Year began on an unfortunate note! Our beloved and respected Commodore PS Bawa Ji, departed for heavenly abode on 14 July 2024 and left behind a void which will be difficult to fill. On behalf of our Club I place on record, his invaluable contributions as a mentor and a great contributor to where we stand today. He was an exemplary person worthy of emulation. May The Almighty keep him in his folds and give strength to his family to bear this irreparable loss.

We began with the first Board meeting on 1st July 2024 (On Zoom) to discuss and decide our way forward. We tackled key issues, set new goals and strategized on how to do better. Club Assembly was held on 9 July 2024, wherein the way forward was shared by the President and the Directors present. It was an opportunity for us to come together, discuss our progress & plans. Members took keen interest in the proceedings and gave valuable suggestions which have been taken note off. Rtn PP Ascharaj L Sahani highlighted the urgent need to enlighten the members on the organisation and functioning of Rotary and the Charter which the Rotarians have to comply with. Rtn PP GL Moondra, reiterated that all members who are yet to contribute to PHF, must do so forthwith.

A comprehensive health check-up camp in conjunction with Friends Club was held on 26 July in the club premises. This was followed by a Fellowship get together on 28 July at the residence of Rtn PP Dr Amita Rani. It was a potluck lunch with the theme "MANGO" which was a delightful success. It provided an excellent platform for fostering bonhomie and camaraderie within the members. On 29 July, we had a Interactor Club Installation Ceremony at Balvantray Mehta Vidya Bhawan. Detailed reports on each of these events have been shared. Highlights also appear in this issue of UTSAV.

Regular Club Meeting was held on 30 July in which we had a renowned mountaineer, Brigadier Ashok Abbey, sharing "Conquest of Mount Everest - A Quest".

Before closing, I would like to inform that we have activity filled ensuing month with our Installation with GOV on 20 August, for which we all must put our best foot forward and make it a memorable evening.

Let's keep the momentum going and make the most of the opportunities ahead. **Be Happy and remain Positive!**

Best Wishes,

Rtn Rajni Bagla

President Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla

THE BOARD 2024-2025

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rtn Stephanie A. Urchick
RI President 2024-25



Rotary is at its best when we foster a sense of inclusion and belonging in our clubs. In fact, I would go so far as to say that belonging is *The Magic of Rotary* itself.

With a focus on inclusivity and belonging, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. When we are committed to one another and focused on our goals, we are most effective.

Rotary's Action Plan can help. The Action Plan comes with tools you can use to collect feedback, assess your club's strengths and weaknesses, and address challenges.

The world is changing, and our clubs can't afford to stand still. But the changes we make need to be consistent and strategic — building on one another toward a greater vision. The Action Plan can help you work toward that vision and create effective change within your club. Following the Action Plan and addressing suggestions from the community will go a long way to fostering the sense of belonging we want all Rotary members to feel in their clubs.

That's why expanding our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is so important. Committing ourselves to each other's well-being is the first step to expanding our reach, allowing us to spread Positive Peace in these troubled times.

Peacebuilding is one of our top priorities, and one of the most effective ways we can build peace is with our Rotary Peace Fellowships, through which peace and development professionals learn how to prevent and end conflict.

We offer the fellowships through our Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities around the globe, where more than 1,800 Rotary Peace Fellows have graduated. And 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 peace center at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Opening another peace center is a monumental achievement, and it is my great honor to invite you to celebrate at next year's Rotary Presidential Peace Conference at the Istanbul center. The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advances peacebuilding. Registration for the conference is officially open. I hope to see you there.

The 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference has great potential for our peacebuilding efforts — but only if we have your support.

The truth is, we're not going to bring peace to the world, end polio, or grow membership by waving a wand and saying some funny words. It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member inducted.

I love my Rotary family and I know you do too. That's why I know that together, we can make every club and district simply irresistible. This year, let us change the world by embracing

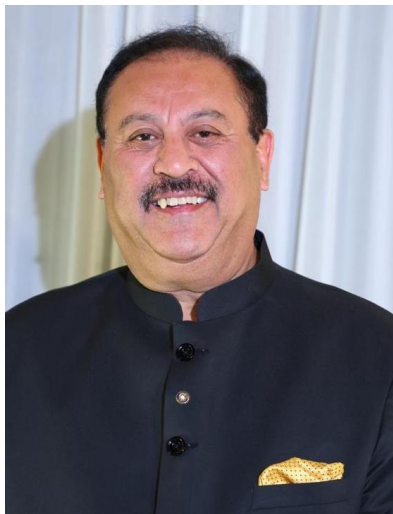
The Magic of Rotary.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3011

Rtn DG Dr Mahesh Trikha

A Profile

Dr Mahesh Trikha did his schooling from Delhi and completed his Degree from the prestigious Delhi University and also achieved a Post Graduate qualification in Sales and Marketing from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. His more recent and significant addition to his qualifications is an Honorary Doctorate in Business Management conferred upon him by the 100 year old University of Macaria, Russia, for his phenomenal contributions to the Logistics Industry in India.



Mahesh's Rotary journey began in the year 2005 when he joined as a member of the prestigious Rotary Club of Delhi South East. The Club has a history of exemplary and outstanding service to humanity and has been the recipient of several awards over the years. It was his inherent altruistic and philanthropic nature, passionately supported by his intent to do good for the society at large that encouraged him to join Rotary, which has a history of doing good in the world.

It was for his exemplary attributes and willingness to serve society that the Club was awarded the Ramesh Chand Jain Memorial Trophy as the best Club of the District in the year 2012-13 when he was the leader and he collected an astronomical record of 5444 units of Blood in the year 2012-13. Dr Trikha's selfless contribution to serving humanity during Covid times will always be remembered because he was instrumental in saving hundreds of lives through his dedicated efforts of providing Donors and Plasma through the Blood Bank. Mahesh and his spouse Sujata are Major Donor Level 3 with their huge contribution towards The Rotary Foundation.

Under the Literacy Mission too, Mahesh has rendered unflinching and relentless support of distributing books and learning material all across the country through his logistics company, completely free of cost. He was recognised for his tremendous efforts in this area by none other than Past Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta.

As a Professional and a Businessman, it is his inspirational and dedicated efforts, diligence, the ability to strategically plan and brilliantly execute, his remarkable business acumen, the ability to adapt to the constantly changing winds of the business world, recognising a range of perspectives and hearing voices and ideas as a leader, that have resulted in his becoming the Chairman of one of the largest international freight and logistics company – AARGUS GLOBAL LOGISTICS in Delhi. His willingness to take a leap into uncharted territory and take calculated risks when required has resulted in favourable outcomes and unparalleled success.

The Trikhas have two children - Son Saurabh Trikha & Daughter-in-Law Bhavna Trikha and Daughter Saakshi Mehta & Son-in-Law Raghav Mehta and grandchildren Anaishaa Trikha, Ayansh Trikha & Ayra Mehta.

REGULAR CLUB MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 JULY 2024 CLUB ASSEMBLY

The President, Rtn Rajni Bagla, called the 408 Meeting of Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday 9 July 2024 at the Friends Club, New Delhi.

The Members sang the National Anthem. Rtn PP Sunil Bandula read out the Four-Way Test. The President then announced that since this was the Club Assembly each of the Directors will give out their plans as approved by the Board during the First Board Meeting held on 2 July 2024.



Director Community Services - Rtn Bela Verma



- Our ongoing project - Cervical Cancer Vaccination for girls will be continued this year too.
- The Club will organise health camps at different locations for mammography check, blood donation, dental check, detection of diabetes, hypertension and BMI check, as also Cardio related diseases. Plan to organize two blood donation camps, two cancer screening camps and four dental check-up camps in association with our Rotaract Club and Interact Clubs.
- The Club will focus on safeguarding the environment. This will be done by lectures educating and discouraging youth and their parents in select institutions to avoid use of plastic and organise tree plantation in areas where the plants can be taken care of, thus enhancing their survivability.
- Hygiene and sanitation would be another key area for focus. Lectures will be organised on aspects/ factors which lead to enhanced hygiene and sanitation thus improving overall health quality, both a healthy mind and a healthy body.
- Our medical team under Rtn PP Dr Amita Rani Gupta will continue to provide medical check ups in the Flatted Factory Complex, as done in the year gone by.

Director Vocational Services - Rtn Subodh Raheja

- The concept of "Classification Talks" will be reintroduced in the Club. Members will be requested to deliver small talks of duration 5 minutes, during club meetings, on their Classification. This helps in better fellowship and career advice for member's children.
- The Club will organise Career Counselling talks in schools and colleges.
- Visits to establishments/factories run by Rotarians will be organised to acquaint them with that particular line of business.
- Members with some specialised classifications will be encouraged to assist members who may need to utilise their expertise, such as that of Lawyers and Chartered Accountants.



Director Club Service – Rtn PP Sunil Bandula

- Membership growth is of the highest priority. We need to induct a minimum of 5 members during the year.
- Retention of Members is of equal importance. Towards this end we need to ensure that we have interesting programmes in our club as well as have interesting speakers during our regular meetings. We have a wide variety of programmes to choose from for our Regular Meetings, such as Rotary Quiz, Heritage Walks, Visits to factories of members, a collective visit to a play/theatre, Fellowship Get-togethers at various members homes or public places, etc, apart from inviting interesting speakers.
- Project/camps undertaken should be meaningful and interesting, adhering to our vision and the need of the hour, to make them attractive for maximum attendance/participation by members.
- Major events of the year such as the Club Installation, Club Charter Day, Visit of District Governor and Thanksgiving should be organised with deliberation.
- Rtn PP Atul Dev is requested to continue the publication of our monthly bulletin as hither-to-fore.
- A close watch will be kept on the finances of the club. The Board has NOT proposed any increment in Annual Club Subscription during the current year. However, a proposal is on record to carry out a review after six months.



Director International Services - Rtn PP Sukh Mohinder Singh



- Motivate club members to contribute towards the Rotary Foundation and seek the PHF Recognition. Our Club should endeavour to be an ALL PHF Club.
- Eminent foreign nationals/diplomats to be invited as guest speakers.
- Efforts must be made to participate in the Students International Exchange Programme.

Director New Generation – Rtn PP Narender Bhasin (Though NOT present in person, the plans were submitted)

- Nurture existing, Rotaract Club and three Interact Clubs. At present there are no plans to add new clubs.
- Will maintain close liaison with the schools where our Rotaract and Interact Clubs are running.
- Participate in RYLA.

After the Presentations by the various Directors, the President invited other recommendations from Members. The following Members participated:

Rtn PP Ascharaj Lal Sahni. He stated that our Club has very many new members coming into Rotary as a whole as well as to our club. It is important that they are properly inducted with the help of Mentors. Members not properly mentored will soon leave duly disappointed. Talks on Rotary by experienced Rotarians must be organised.



Rtn PP GL Moondra. He emphasised that our Club must make efforts to contribute towards Rotary Foundation. We must endeavour to become an ALL PHF Club.



Rtn PP Dr Amita Rani Gupta.

Gave her commitment to continue to run the medical camp at the Flatted Factory Complex but with a slight change in venue to make it more convenient for the workers in that area. This camp had attracted upto 50 workers per day for medical check-up.



Rtn PP Atul Dev. Stressed that the Club must concentrate on one major Project in our Community Service Avenue programmes. Potential Members are keen to be associated with a worthwhile project, so let us make our Prime Project very appealing and interesting. Camps should be carefully planned and organised with due deliberation. All this will lead to getting new members and retention of present members. The importance of the Second Avenue of Service - Vocational Service - must be understood in relation to our community and educational institutions. He stressed the importance of "Classification Talks" which build good fellowship and greatly assist in Vocational Service programmes.

The President then summed up the points made by the Directors. The President stated that since this was the first meeting of the Rotary Year, she was delighted at the full house and the clear enunciation of Club plans as given out by the Directors. She urged Members and spouses to find time and attend each of the programmes so that our Club emerges right on top in the District.

The Secretary, Rtn Brig Davinder Singh, conveyed Birthday Greetings to Rtn Gagandeep Singh Sapra MPH (7 Jul), Rtn Bela Verma (21 Jul), Rtn Secy Brig Davinder Singh (22 Jul) & R'Ann Dr Anita Singh (23 Jul). The next meeting will be on 16 Jul. The Speaker is Brig Ashok Abbey AVSM, who will be speaking on "The Conquering of Mt Everest". The Sunshine collection was Rs 1600 collected by R'Ann Dr Anita Singh.

The President adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

HEALTH CHECK-UP CAMP HELD ON FRIDAY 26 JULY 2024

A comprehensive Health Check Up Camp was organised by Rotary Club of Indraprastha – Okhla in association with



Friends Club, at the Club premises on 26 July 2024, from 10 AM to 1 PM. The camp was supported by prominent hospitals like Apollo, Oncoplus and ICLINIX. The

hospitals besides making available a panel of doctors, also provisioned all the relevant test and checking equipment pertaining to their respective specialisations.



Mineral Density and the Pulmonary Functional Test (PFT). Besides a qualified physiotherapist along with support team interacted with all those needing assistance for joint and muscular related



the camp throughout the duration of the camp, to ensure its smooth conduct.

Friends Club was represented by the club General Manager and his team who provided the requisite logistic support as required during the camp. The beneficiaries, majority from EWS, had access to a “Class Test Facilities and a good medical advice” at no cost to them. Feedback from the environment was extremely satisfying and also encouraging for the members of our Club.



The Camp extended the facilities of Eye Check-up including provisioning of spectacles, measuring of Blood Pressure, random Blood Sugar and HbA1c check, Weight Check, Body Mass Index and Bone



ailments and suggested specific exercises/treatment.

Over hundred staff personnel and members of the Friends Club availed the facilities provided. Final consultation post the check-up/tests was provided by Dr Kiran Kukreja.

Participation by members of Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla was very extensive. Members closely supervised



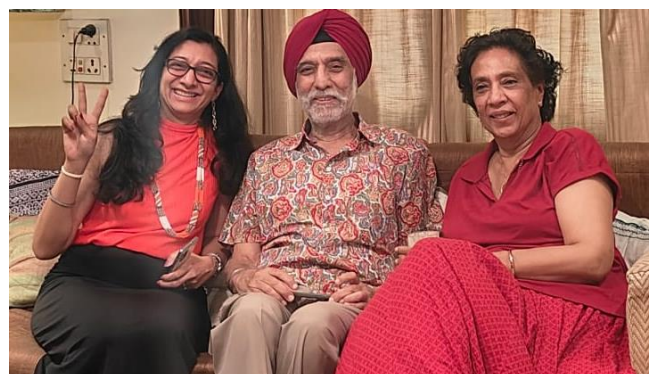
FELLOWSHIP GET-TOGETHER HELD ON SUNDAY 28 JULY 2024 A MANGO FIESTA

A Fellowship Meet of the Club was organised at the residence of Rtn PP Dr Amita Rani Gupta on 28 July 2024. The theme for the Fellowship Meet was "Mango Fiesta"! While the host had laid on the mangoes, the members were requested to make it a potluck affair with individual contributions in alignment with the theme. The Meet saw a full house with a vast variety of dishes based on the mango ranging from the mango rice pullao, the mango curry (Punjabi Curry), mango salad, mango chutney, mango pudding and mango ice cream. Even the members had made it a point to dress in the colours of the mango!!

To add to the fun and enjoyment, the President, Rtn Rajni Bagla, had laid on games to be played by all. Thank you, Rtn PP Dr Amita Rani Gupta, for hosting it so graciously. Thank you, Madam President, for conceiving of this great afternoon and looking into all the help that the host needed. All in all, it was a great afternoon.

We present here a photo feature of the event.





INTERACT CLUB INSTALLATION HELD ON MONDAY 29 JULY 2024



Balvantray Mehta Vidya Bhawan
Anguridevi Shersingh Memorial Academy

INTEGRATED INTERACT CLUB



INSTALLATION CEREMONY 2024-2025
AT 11.30 AM ON 29TH JULY 2024

Venue **Balvantray Mehta Vidya Bhawan School Auditorium**
Greater Kailash, New Delhi 110048

A sombre and well conducted Installation ceremony of Integrated Interact Club of Balvantray Mehta Vidya Bhawan (ASMA) was held on 29 July 2024. Rtn PP Radhika Backliwal, District Chairperson New Generation was the Chief Guest with Rtn PP Mona Puri, District Interact Chair, being the Guest of Honour. Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla, being the parent club, was represented by its President, Rtn Rajni Bagla, accompanied by several members from the Club. The school was represented by its Director Group Captain Bahri and Principal Ms Vandana Baberwal with her team.

The function commenced as scheduled with the Prayer (Hum ko Man ki Shakti Dena..). The Meeting was then "Called to Order" by the outgoing President. Post singing of the National Anthem and



reading of the Four-Way Test, Lamp Lighting Ceremony by the dignitaries followed. Group Captain Bahri welcomed the invitees and addressed the audience highlighting brief history of the school, achievements of the Interact Club during the previous Rotary Year and the integrated functioning between normal and the special children. He further highlighted that the



association between the school and Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla was over two decades old and the two institutions have an overlapping charter. The interactors then presented a well coordinated cultural programme based on a skit Nukkad Natak which highlighted the causes of water logging and flooding with suggested remedial measures – the need of the hour - and a song. Both these items were well received and greatly appreciated by the audience.



After the welcoming ceremonies, the outgoing President presented her Report of her year and at the end presented the President's Collar to the incoming President - Ms. Ananya Singh. The newly inducted President made a brief acceptance speech and then presented her Board. This was followed by pinning of Appointment Badges on the inducted Team by the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and Rtn President Rajni Bagla. Rtn PP Monica Puri then administered the Oath to the new inducted Interactors and





addressed the gathering. In her address she advised the Interactors to actively participate in District programs like Plastic Warriors, Adult Literacy, Water Conservation, etc.

Rtn PP Radhika Backliwal then addressed the Interactors. She stressed on the Rotary Family and advised them to imbibe Rotary Principles in their work for the betterment of society.

This was followed by a speech by Rtn President Rajni Bagla. In her speech she exhorted and motivated the Interactors to rise to greater challenges with grit and perseverance and enhance the quality of the deliverables by the Interact Club. She assured that the Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla would continue to support as hither-to-fore. Thereafter Rtn President Rajni Bagla presented mementoes (Mini Planters) to the distinguished guest from the District, The School Director, the Principal and the staff members connected with the Interact Club.



Ms Vandana Baberwal, Principal, Balvantray Mehta Vidya Bhawan, then ended the programme by proposing a Vote of Thanks. She expressed her gratitude to the District and Rotary Club of Indraprastha – Okhla for joining them at the Installation Ceremony. She also highlighted the achievements of the school and awards won by it from various authorities and institutions. She



then invited distinguished guests to tea.



REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 JULY 2024

The President, Rtn Rajni Bagla, called the 409th Meeting of Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla to order at 7:45 PM at Friends Club, New Delhi.

The President request Members to kindly rise and observe silence for a Minute to pay homage to our Member, Rtn PP Cmde Parmbir Singh Bawa, who passed away on 16 Jul 2024.

The Club sang the National Anthem led by Rtn PP Pradip Mitra. Rtn Subodh Raheja read out the Four-Way Test. The President welcomed the Guest Speaker, Brig Ashok Abbey, and requested him to join them on the dais. She informed the Members that Brig Abbey will be speaking on the subject – **Everest – The Quest for the Summit**. She also welcomed Mrs Abbey who had accompanied her husband. The President requested Rtn PP Atul Dev to introduce the Guest Speaker.



Brig Abbey using a well made Power Point presentation covered the entire history of expeditions that had attempted to climb the Everest right till the time it was actually conquered in June 1953.



The allure of Everest began to attract serious attention in the 19th century, when it was still known as Peak XV. The first significant step towards its conquest was the Great Trigonometric Survey of India, initiated in 1806. The British surveyors identified Peak XV as the world's highest peak, although it remained unclimbed and largely unexplored.

In the early 20th century, British interest in Everest intensified. The first British expedition to Everest took place in 1921. Led by George

Mallory and supported by a team including climbers like Andrew Irvine and the renowned geologist and explorer, Mallory attempted to reach the summit. Their expedition was primarily exploratory, setting up base camps and mapping potential routes, but failed to reach the summit. Mallory famously remarked, "Because it's there," when asked about his motivation to climb Everest, encapsulating the spirit of future endeavours.



In 1922, a second British expedition led by Lieutenant Colonel Edward Norton aimed to establish a higher base camp and achieve a notable ascent. This expedition was notable for the use of oxygen tanks, a novel idea at the time. Despite pushing the boundary of human endurance, the team reached an altitude of 8,320 meters (27,300 feet) before turning back due to exhaustion and the risks of further ascent.

The 1924 expedition, featuring Mallory and Irvine, remains shrouded in mystery. Mallory and Irvine made their final push towards the summit, but neither returned. The prevailing theory is that they

perished in their attempt, though the exact details of their climb are unknown. Mallory's body was discovered in 1999 at approximately 8,155 meters (26,760 feet), but Irvine's fate remains a mystery. The 1930s saw continued interest and multiple expeditions, although none succeeded. The 1935 expedition led by Bill Tilman and Fraser was notable for its detailed reconnaissance of the north face of Everest, but it too failed to summit. The political climate leading up to World War II also affected exploration, diverting resources and attention away from Everest.



After the war, the drive to conquer Everest was rejuvenated. The British resumed their efforts with renewed vigor. In 1950, the Chinese successfully reached the summit of Shishapangma, which reignited interest in Everest. The 1951 expedition, led by Eric Shipton, explored the south face of Everest and concluded that it offered a more feasible route than previously attempted. This paved the way for future expeditions. The 1952 Swiss expedition, led by Charles E. Houston and Toni Hagen, made significant progress on the southeast ridge but did not succeed in reaching the summit. Their high point was reached by the climbers Raymond Lambert and Franz Meyer, who came within 200 meters of the summit but were forced to turn back due to exhaustion and severe weather.

The historic breakthrough came with the British expedition of 1953, led by John Hunt. The team included renowned climbers like Edmund Hillary from New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa of Nepal. This expedition is particularly notable for its successful summit attempt on May 29, 1953, a momentous occasion that remains one of the most celebrated achievements in mountaineering history. On May 28, Hillary and Tenzing set out for the final push to the summit. They faced technical challenges, including the notorious Hillary Step, a nearly vertical rock face near the summit. Their ascent was aided by the use of supplemental oxygen, which had been tested and refined in earlier expeditions. **Finally, on May 29, 1953, Hillary and Tenzing reached the summit of Everest.** Tenzing Norgay famously offered a symbolic gesture by placing a few offerings at the summit. The achievement was marked by a brief stay at the top before their descent, which was equally challenging. The climbers returned to base camp with their historic news, and the ascent was celebrated globally.

The presentation was followed by a series of questions from the members. The talk was well received by the members, which was indicated by the members by the loud applause that Brig





Abbey received. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Rtn Gagandeep Singh Sapra. Rtn Premila Bhagat presented a memento to the Guest on behalf of Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla.

The Secretary, Rtn Brig Davinder Singh, informed the Members of the coming programmes – Sunday 4 Aug – Tree Plantation Camp, 6 Aug - Regular Meeting with Guest Speaker Ms Parvin Malhotra, Career Counsellor and 20 Aug – Club Installation Ceremony with GOV. Sunshine Collection was Rs 1200 collected by Rtn Dr Anita Singh.

The President adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

WE LOST ONE OF US **Rtn PP Commodore Parmbir Singh Bawa VSM (Retd) PHF**

Parmbir Singh Bawa was born in 1941 in Gujarkhan, then part of Undivided India, to Dr Harnam Singh Bawa and Sardarni Vidyawanti Bawa. He joined the National Defence Academy as a Naval Cadet in 1957, passing out in 1960 with a well-deserved bronze medal!

Commodore PS Bawa ex-19th Course NDA was commissioned into the Executive Branch of the Indian Navy on 1st July 1962. After initial courses both afloat and ashore, he joined the Submarine Arm during 1965 and subsequently was deputed for Long Navigation & Direction Course. He completed his Staff Course from Defence Services Staff College in 1973 as the youngest in his course and also earned his Diploma in System Management from the Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Bombay in 1981.

During his illustrious career spanning over 32 years, majority of time he served the Submarine Arm with distinction. As part of the First Batch, he was deputed to former USSR to undergo specialised Submarine Course at Vladivostok. As a member of the crew of first Submarine, INS Kalvari, he was appointed as Navigation and subsequently as Executive Officer. He had the distinction of being the Commissioning Commanding Officer of INS Vaghsheer. Later in his career as a Submariner he held the prestigious appointment as the Captain, 9th Submarine Squadron. Soon thereafter he was appointed as Commanding Officer INS Anjadip and Captain (P) 31st Patrol Vessel, a squadron of 10 ships. On successful completion of Surface Ship command, he was deputed to Naval Headquarters as the Director, Acquisition Project. Later, he was appointed as the Naval Attache, Embassy of India, Moscow. On return from Moscow, he was appointed as Director of Surface Acquisitions from where he proceeded on premature retirement on 28th February 1994.



Retirement had brought many joys to Pami and his late wife Shashi. Both had the unique opportunity to educate children from underprivileged background with the support of the NGO, Gram Jyoti. At first, the organization sent Pami out into the slum area to teach the children closer to their home. To be in a more conducive environment, he and Shashi set up mini classrooms in both their garage and their garden that could each accommodate a handful of students. Pami was an active member of the Rotary Club of Indraprastha-Okhla, where he participated in many health camps. His love for travel continued beyond the seas as he embarked with his children and grandchildren on travels across America, Europe, SE Asia and India by road, air and of course the waters! He continued to be a committed mentor and shoulder to many friends, family and the under privileged.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

THE FOUR-WAY TEST 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?

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

With this issue of UTSAV we start a new Rotary Year. A new Team is in place. UTSAV wishes Rtn President Rajni Bagla and Rtn Secretary Brig Davinder Singh all the very best for their Rotary Year 2024-2025.

The new Team has started off with a flying start. The very first month is packed with events that have kept the Editors of UTSAV on their toes! We have had our Club Assembly, a regular meeting with an interesting Speaker and a Mango Fellowship hosted by Rtn PP Dr Amita Rani Gupta besides the Installation of our Rotaract Club and one Health Check-up camp and we have a Regular Meeting with a Speaker on the 30th! Phew!

We have our Club Installation planned for 20 Aug. We look forward to this event as we have been missing our formal installations for some years now. The DG was kind enough to give us this date and has also agreed to do his GOV on that date.

To quote the RI President – “This year, let us change the world by embracing ***The Magic of Rotary!***”

Yours-in-Rotary,
Rtn PP Atul Dev
Editor **UTSAV**

Greetings in Aug

Birthdays

26 Aug – Rtn PP Sukh Mohinder Singh PHF
28 Aug – Rtn Ravinder Wadhwan

Wedding Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this month

Aug Programmes

6 Aug – Regular Meeting
Speaker: Ms Pervin Malhotra, Career
Counsellor
Subject: Are you a Stepping Stone OR a
Stumbling Block for your Child's Future

20 Aug – Club Installation & GOV