



# ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI GARDEN CITY



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DISTRICT 3011

# The World of Rotary

ROTARY is an organization of business professionals and government leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

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Rotary is the world's first Service Club. The first Rotary Club was founded in Chicago, Illinois, USA on 23rd February 1905.

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Rotary comprises of some 1.4 million service minded men and women belonging to over 45,000 Rotary Clubs in virtually every nation in the world.

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The Rotary Foundation provides some US \$100 million each year for international scholarships, cultural exchanges and humanitarian projects, large and small, that improve the quality of life of millions of people. Rotary is widely regarded as the world's largest private provider of international educational scholarships.

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Rotarians plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs that touch people's lives in their communities locally, regionally and worldwide.

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Rotary brings together people like you - leaders from diverse cultures and occupations - who want to use their distinct expertise for the welfare of the community; people whose sense of responsibility inspires them to give back to their communities; who step forward to tackle the toughest challenges and persevere to create lasting changes in communities around the world.

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## Service above Self



# RCDGC People of Action

With a membership representing a wide cross-section of society, including ambassadors, diplomats, industrialists, private businessmen, educationists, professionals from legal, healthcare, hospitality, social & public service, and other prominent citizens, the Rotary Club of Delhi Garden City (RCDGC) is one of the most active Rotary Clubs in the Delhi/NCR area.

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An affiliate of Rotary International, RC of Delhi Garden City was chartered in 1989 with its primary mission being:

**“To Promote Children’s Health & Education”**

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RCDGC has been actively serving the community since 1989 by managing a number of successful community service projects, as well as contributing to Rotary International’s key initiatives – Polio Eradication and Blood Donation. The Club has the organizational and process maturity to not only sustain its community service projects (some of which have been in operation since 1999), but also to initiate new pilot projects from time to time. Since 1989, we have worked with a number of Rotary Clubs worldwide and with several partner and affiliate organizations to execute our community service projects. We take great pride in the transparency of our operations and publish our accounts and project report annually on our website.

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Being a part of Rotary International, we actively support and service programs, such as - Polio Plus drive, Cancer Foundation, Education Foundation, Youth Exchange Program, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Rotary Blood Bank, to name a few. Rotary Blood Bank in Delhi and Rotary Cancer Institute at All India Institute of Medical Sciences are among the internationally known examples of the Community Service projects undertaken by The Rotary movement.

# Promoting International Peace & Goodwill

RC Delhi Garden City has always had a strong tradition of promoting international peace, goodwill and service. We are the only Rotary Club in India that had two Ambassadors play an important role in our founding in 1989 - H.E. Tazhee Kim, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea and H.E. Eijiro Noda, Ambassador of Japan were both Charter Members of our club. H.E. Tazhee Kim also served as President of RC Delhi Garden City in 1991-92.

- H.E. Mr. Dominic Asquith, High Commissioner of The United Kingdom
  - H.E. Mr. Nadir Patel, High Commissioner of Canada
  - H.E. Ms Nina Vaskunlahti, Ambassador of Finland
- H.E. Mr. Chung-Kwang Tien, Representative, Taipei Economic & Cultural Centre
  - H.E. Mr. Ernest Rwamucyo, High Commissioner of Rwanda
  - H.E. Mr. Vladimir Maric, Ambassador of Republic of Serbia
    - H.E. Mr. Hamza Yahia-Cherif, Ambassador of Algeria
- H.E. Mr. Alphonsus Stoelinga, Ambassador of The Netherlands
  - H.E. Thorir Ibsen, Ambassador of Iceland
  - H.E. Mrs. Gennet Zewide, Embassy of Ethiopia
  - H.E. Mr. Gustavo de Aristegui, Ambassador of Spain
  - H.E. Mr. Feilim McLaughlin, Ambassador of Ireland
    - H.E. Mr. Tarek Azouz, Ambassador of Tunisia
    - H.E. Mr. Viljar Lubi, Ambassador of Estonia
  - H.E. Mr. Joongyu Lee, Ambassador of Republic of Korea
- H.E. Mr. Jess Dutton, Deputy High Commissioner of Canada
  - H.E. Mr. John Aquilina U.O.M., High Commissioner of Malta
- HE Prof Sudharshan Seneviratne, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka
  - H.E. Mr. Tariq Karim, High Commissioner of Bangladesh
  - H.E. Mr. Bong-Kil Shin, Ambassador of Republic of Korea
    - H.E. Mr. Pham Sanh Chau, Ambassador of Vietnam
  - H.E. Ms. Katrin Kivi, Ambassador of Republic of Estonia
    - H.E. Mr. Naor Gilon, Ambassador of Israel

## Current Members

- H.E. Ms Marje Luup, Ambassador of Estonia
- H.E. Mr. Wael Hamed, Ambassador of Egypt

# Highlights of our Club

- Annual Fund Raising/ Charity Ball at some Ambassador/ High Commissioner Residence every year.
- To promote International Goodwill, hold Golf Tournament between our Club & Heads of Diplomatic Missions every year.
- We have had approximately 25 Ambassadors and High Commissioners as our members fostering a great deal of international goodwill.
- Our Charter President Man Mohan Bhagat was a forerunner and included a woman on the Board in the year of charter ie 1989 when women were first allowed in Rotary and we have 29 women members out of total membership of 68 in the club  
Women in our club participate actively in club activities.  
21 of the women members have been either President or Secretary.
- First Charity Ball was held at Canadian Embassy in 2000. It was a path breaking event as such fund raisers had not been held at a diplomat's premises before.
- Annual Inter School English Extempore Debate Competition, the most awaited event for Schools in Delhi/ NCR
  - 100% PHF Club
    - We regularly win awards and 2 of our projects have won RI awards
    - RI Significant Achievement Award for Balgram Orphanage (2006-07)
    - RI Significant Achievement Award for Basti Vikas Kendra School, Srinivasपुरi (2008-09)
  - RI President K R Ravindran visited our Happy School and appreciated the work done (2015-16)
  - Swachh Vidyalaya Swachh Bharat Rolling Trophy instituted by PDG Ramesh Chander (2015-16)
- Have been getting 'Platinum Award' by the District continuously since last several years for our outstanding performance.



# Dignitaries at our Meetings as Special Guest

Dr. Alexander Evans - Chare d' Affairs, British High Commission

Shri Amitabh Kant - CEO of NITI Aayog, Govt. of India

Prof. Amitabh Mattoo - Dean of the School of International Studies, Chair & professor at JNU

Mr. Arif Mohammad Khan - Governor of Kerala

Justice Badar Durrez Ahmed - Senior most Judge of the Delhi High Court

Mr. Donald Lu - Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy Delhi

Maj Gen G.D. Bakshi – SM VSM, Indian Army

Mr. Gardiner Harris - South Asia Correspondent, New York Times

Mr. Gilian Sorensen - Senior Advisor at the United Nations

H.E. Gustavo de Aristegui - Ambassador of Spain

Gen J J Singh - PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Former Chief of Army Staff (COAS)

Justice J. S. Verma - Former Chief Justice of India

Shri Kapil Dev – Former Cricketer

Mr. KTS Tulsi – Former Member of Parliament

Mr. Mani Shanker Aiyer – Former Member of Parliament

Mr. Mark Reynhardt - Political Counsellor, South African High Commission

Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia - Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of India

Mr. Navtej Singh Sarna – Indian Foreign Service and Diplomat

Mr. Neeraj Kumar - Ex-Commissioner of Police

Mr. Onno Ruhl - Country Head of the World Bank

Shri Prakash Chandra - Former Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes

Padma Shri Prakash Singh - Former Director General of Police in Assam & UP and also  
former Director General of the Border Security Force.

Shri Rao Inderjit Singh - Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for  
Ministry of Planning and Minister of State for Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Mrs. Renu Sud Karnad - CEO, HDFC Ltd

Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh – Former Member of Parliament

Ms Stevie Clayton - CEO of Australia's largest HIV/AIDS NGO

Mr. Thomas Richardson - Head IMF India

Mr. Yashovardhan Azad - Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission

# Our Projects - Making a Difference

## Basti Vikas Kendra – Srinivasapuri

Started in 1999, daily labourers leave their 3-6year old children in the Balwadi for a full day's care where we provide primary education, mid-day meals, uniforms, toys, medical checkups, etc.

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The batch comprises of 50-60 students every year from nearby slum areas.

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The Club meets all the expenses involved for teachers, maids/cooks as well as teaching supplies and sports goods for children and infrastructure improvement.



# Our Projects - Making a Difference

## Skill Development - Sewing Centres

Our Club is running 3 Sewing and Tailoring training centres in association with Singer India Ltd. two of these have been running for almost 7-8 years. The third one is two years old.



The centres are located in Noida, South Extension and Gurugram.

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A Diploma certificate is provided by Singer after six months of training to the women in the economically weaker sections of society, so that the women can earn a livelihood.

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The Centres train about 40-45 girls of upto 18 years of age every year.

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We have also started training them on Industrial Sewing machines to make them ready for employment, if they choose to seek that.



# Our Projects - Making a Difference

## Digital & Employment Soft Skills Development Centre



RCDGC has set up a Digital & Employment Soft Skills Development Centre at South Extension. in association with NIIT Foundation.

The aim and object of this project is to make Children from the Economical Weaker Section of the Society equipped with such skills which will provide them with job opportunity in different corporate houses of repute. Presently the Centre caters to 40 Children and with the capacity to upgrade 80 Children. Besides digital skills, the curriculum includes communication and presentation skills, work behaviour, corporate culture and other soft skills.

Besides the above Centre the Club runs several Computer and IT Skill Development Centres at various locations in association with local Non-Government Organizations.



# Our Projects - Making a Difference

## Clean Drinking Water in MCD Schools

Another hallmark project undertaken since 2016-17 is to provide clean drinking water to children.

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Our Club has installed Water Filtration plants in 11 schools benefitting over 6,000 children and staff at the cost of Rs. 55 lacs.

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These water filtration plants are being maintained by the Club under an AMC.



# Our Projects - Making a Difference

## Blindness & Vision Care

WHO estimates suggest that between 200,000 and 700,000 children in India suffer from potentially treatable forms of blindness, such as cataract or corneal opacities.

Our club has been actively supporting surgeries for treating congenital blindness since 2013 by sponsoring subsidized surgeries for children at the Dr. Shroff's Charity Hospital in Delhi throughout of initiative Project Prakash. Over the years, we have helped nearly 100 children by restoring their eyesight.

We have also set up a Vision Care Centre in a South Delhi slum. The Centre encourages parents to bring their children for screening and a comprehensive checkup. The critical cases are thereafter referred to Dr. Shroff's Charitable Eye Hospital at Daryaganj. The Club provides affordable spectacles for the elderly through this initiative.





# Our Projects - Making a Difference

## Annual Inter School Debating Competition

We are into our 15th year of organizing an Annual Inter School Debate Competition, in association with our Interact Club of Kulachi Hansraj Model School. It has become the most awaited event for Delhi Schools. We are back to physical debating competitions after running successful online debates for two years, due to covid disturbances.



Elite schools from Delhi & NCR participate in the competition and debates are conducted on Asian Parliamentary principles.





# Our Projects - Making a Difference

## Rehabilitation Centre – Special Children

Renovation and upgradation of a state-of-the-art centre for special children in South Delhi . This aims to provide total care to 40 special children with physical, speech and learning disability. For the benefit of the underprivileged population with sufficient amount of facilities under the following provisions:

- Advanced Medical Equipment for therapies.
- Timely therapies to prevent permanent disability.
- Facility to ensure holistic development of children and instill in them a sense of self-reliance.
- Special education to ensure basic life skills for the children.
- Early intervention centre, free consultation and screening expected to address the ailment in the early stages.
- Free transport & nutritious meals to ensure attendance of the registered patients.

### **CAPACITY BUILDING OF PARENTS**

- Enable them to deal better with the child at home.
- Facilitate families for certificates & pensions of their differently abled children.
- Education to families about specific disabilities, provisions, govt. schemes & policies and how to avail the benefits.
- Personalized support for the families with disabled children.

# Our Projects - Making a Difference

## Cervical Cancer Vaccination Drive



Cervical Cancer is a cancer of the female reproductive tract develops in the cervix of a female. Cervical Cancer usually develops slowly over time with initial appearance of abnormal cells in the cervical tissue. Later, cancer cells start to grow and spread more deeply into the cervix and to surrounding areas.

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Cervical Cancer Vaccination Drives is held at schools and our target audience is girl students from the Economical Weaker Section of the Society.

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We administer Cervavac vaccine, approved by WHO-IACR,BMGF, DBT-BIRAC, CDC. in two doses, 6 months apart, to girls age group of 9 to 18 years.



# Our Projects - Making a Difference

## Club Foot



The Club supported a complete renovation and upgradation of their Ortho OPD at a cost of Rs 40 Lacs.

Club foot is a congenital birth defect in which a foot, in some cases both feet, grow inwards. Patients learn to walk on the side of the foot. It is probably the second or third cause of physical disability in India, after road traffic accidents and trauma. It's more of a cosmetic problem initially. As they grow older and they find that they can no longer play with their friends,

that's when it starts sinking in that this is a functional problem as well. Around 75,000 children are born in India with Club feet. Our Club has been supporting Club Foot surgeries since 2013.

All our contributions are matched by the St. Stephens Hospital Patients Welfare Association which doubles the impact of contributions from RCDGC members.



## Get Involved



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