In our regular meeting on November 01, 2019 President Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali welcomed the Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) team which recently visited the Rotary Ahmedabad Metro, RI District 3054; PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, PE Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, Rtn. Ritu Bhatia, Secretary Rtn. Nitin Kapur, R’ann Shivani Kapur, PP Rtn. Prem Anand, R’ann Indu Anand, Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia and R’ann Nandita Sisodia. The President also welcomed Cyclist Rase Rajan from Salem City (Tamilnadu), Mr. Ravi Singh from South Africa accompanied by Mr. Baljit Singh, Jaswinder Singh and Anand Singh.

Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra gave an elaborate and colourful presentation, sharing the amazing stories and magical experience of our RFE team during the 5 days visit to Ahmedabad (Gujarat), the land of vibrant history and national heritage, a rapidly growing metropolis, which is an industrial hub, an educational hotspot, a city with magnificent past, one of the most important cities in Gujarat and one of the largest cities of India.


The RFE program gives Rotarians the opportunity to host and visit Rotarians around the world. It is a friendly exchange program.

The current RI theme, ‘Rotary Connects the World’, inspired our Club to be innovative and be ready to serve our communities and beyond. In view of this, our RFE team visited Rotary Club of Ahmedabad Metro in October 2019 for one of the most memorable experience of team members.

Day 01 - The traditional Gujarati homemade pot luck dinner by all the host families at Surthi Residence on arrival was a welcoming fellowship in true Rotary Spirit. It was an ice breaker to know each other especially the visiting as well as hosting families. The magic of Rotary turned the smiles into laughter as if they were friends forever.

Day 02 - Started with early morning walk to lanes as old as 2000 years and as young as 600 years. The Rani ki vav step wells, that stored water for months of draught while maintaining ground water like Rain water harvesting of present times, was amazing. After learning experience visit to Gandhi Ashram, Navjeevan Book Trust served special lunch on request by RFE Chair 3054 PP Mehul Rathod. It was a delightful food street experience at Manik Chowk, which bubbles with activity 10 p.m. onwards till 3 a.m. Ashrafi kulfi could not to be missed after the hot and spicy delicacies, as it was a coolant to stomach.

Day 03 - Visit to Calico museum one of its kind to trace history of textiles in India. Built by Sarabhai Group and beautifully maintained allows entry to 20 visitors only every day. The visit to vintage car museum, perhaps the biggest collection of the world, was an enthralling experience. Evening was Garbha nite celebrations by host Club President Dr Sanjeev and Secretary Rijuta. Dandiya by our RFE team was followed by Gidda and Bhangra by host Club, which was an ideal cultural exchange performance which lasted till midnight. The abundance of food stalls, the ethnic décor, the colourful ambience and the traditional puja was very enjoyable.

Day 04 - Visit to Sarkhej Roza took us back into history more than 1000 years ago and managed by Rotarian who is President of the foundation. The water cooler with filter was jointly sponsored by the
RFE teams of Ahmedabad and Chandigarh Midtown. The project visit to Medical camp was organized at a village adopted by Ahmedabad Metro where happy school and WinS project are under progress. Dr. Sanjay Kalra also conducted one day VTT seminar for Dentists of Ahmedabad. Shopping was another interesting part of the visit as our members went around several outlets of textiles, handicrafts and handloom. It was an experience of Gujarati village, museum of countless utensils, folk music, dance and traditional organic food.

Our RFE team thanked the Rotarians of the host Club for memorable moments and tremendous hospitality and bid them goodbye, with a promise to meet soon at Chandigarh.

District RFE Chair Dr. Sanjay Kalra informed that our Club and District welcomes Rotary friendship teams across continents to North India. Please connect with our Rotary Friendship Exchange page @ www.rid3080.org.

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Welcome address by President Salil Dev Bali

Micro loan announcement by PP Prem Anand

President Salil Bali thanking for gifts from Ahmedabad presented by RFE team

RFE team presents gift to Rtn. Shuchi Thakur

Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra presents punctuality award to Rtn. Mohinder Singh Kamra. Looking on are President Salil Bali and Secretary Rtn. Nitin Kapur

Joined by Rtn. Renu Nayyar, Capt. Kapil Nayyar celebrates his birthday

Dr. Sanjay Kalra presents gift to Rtn. R.S. Sihota

Dr. Sanjay Kalra presents birthday gift to Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua, joined by R'ann Guninder Dua

Rase Rajan thanks Rotarians for connecting with him
Longest Journey by Bicycle in a Country

Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown with Cyclist Rase Rajan from Salem City (Tamilnadu), whose moto is ‘Use Cycle...Save Petrol...Save Nature’. Riding for Guinness Record, he started his journey on 02.10.2017 with a target of 40000 kilometer, already done 35000 km. He will finish his journey on 30.12.2019 at Salem, from where he had started.

International TB Union Conference at Hyderabad

PP Dr. Rita Kalra with PRID Yash Das and Union President Dr. Chakalla and SEAO Director Dr. TONSEING representing Rotary International at centennial dinner.

PP Dr. Rita Kalra with Minister of State Health and Family Welfare Mr. Alwini Chorney.

Eco Achievers Quiz

Like every year Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown will join hands with SAEVUS, India’s top company in Wild life and Environment to conduct Eco Achievers Quiz. It will be conducted at Gurukul Global School, Manimajra on 8th November 2019 (Friday) between 8.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. We are expecting a very large response from schools. Our members are requested to be present. The quiz is held in 40 cities across India.

Micro loan

President Salil Dev Bali presents a micro loan cheque of Rs. 30000 to Mr. Ram for garment business. Looking on are Guarantor Rtn. Arjan Singh and PP Prem Anand.

As reported in previous bulletin No. 17, mother of Rtn. Ravinder Jain, Smt. Sita Devi left for heavenly abode on 23rd October 2019 at Gurgoan.
Prayer for the peace of Noble Soul will be held on Wednesday, 6th November 2019, at Jain Bhawan, Sector 15, Panchkula, between 02 p.m. to 03 p.m.
**Acknowledgement with thanks**

**Donation for Club Projects**
Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua  Rs. 2100

**Birthday of Spouses**
- R’ann Dilpreet  November 10
- R’ann Indu Vohra  November 11
- R’ann Veena Bindra  November 14

**Birthday of Rotarians**
- PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati  November 10
- Rtn. Dev Jeet Singh  November 12

**Wedding Anniversary**
Rtn. Dr. Shashi & Mr. Naresh K. Jain  November 11

**Punctuality Award**
Won by Rtn. Mohinder Singh Kamra

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