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I LOVE MY DELHI



PP Rtn. Atul Dev, Charter President of Rotary Club of Indraprastha–Okhla and a former Member of Rotary Club of Delhi made an exciting, interesting enlightening and informative presentation on DELHI tracing the historical background of Delhi. Delhi is a city deep with history, rich in culture, adorned with splendid ancient and modern architectural marvels, and brimming with human diversity.

My talk today is basically about how Delhi was conceived and delivered by the British, said Rtn. Atul Dev.

Delhi had seven different names as under before New Delhi was conceived:

1. First Delhi — Quila Rai Pithora in the vicinity of Qutab Minar called Lalkot built by Tomar King Anangpal of Kannauj.
2. Second Delhi — Present Hauz Khas area built by Alauddin Khilji.
3. Third Delhi — Tughlakabad built by Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq.
4. Fourth Delhi — Jahapanah built by Mohammad Bin Tughlaq.
5. Fifth Delhi — Firozabad built by Firoz Shah Tughlaq near Firoz Shah Kotla.
6. Sixth Delhi — Indraprastha built by Emperor Humayun near Purana Quila (Old Fort).
7. Seventh Delhi — Shahjahanabad near Chandni Chowk and Red Fort built by

Emperor Shah Jahan who shifted the Capital from Agra to Delhi in the 17th century.

8. Eighth Delhi — New Delhi when Britishers shifted the Capital from Calcutta to New Delhi in 1911.

The Britishers ruled India for 90 years from 1857 to 1947. How New Delhi was conceived by Britishers and delivered to Delhiwalas on 12th December 1931, will be showcased and highlighted in this presentation.

British Rulers wanted to shift the Capital of India from Calcutta because of the intransigent nature of the occupants of the Writers' Building at Calcutta. We had three Capitals of India at that time: Calcutta, Delhi and Simla. Simla was the Summer Capital of the British Rulers.

The Britishers held three DELHI DARBARS in 1877, 1903 and 1911 to commemorate the proclamation of Queen Victoria as Empress of India. The Delhi Durbar of 1903 was held to celebrate the coronation of King Edward VIII and Queen Alexandra as Emperor and Empress of India.

Delhi Durban of 1911 was held in December to commemorate the coronation of King George V and Queen Mary as Emperor and Empress of India.

Delhi was chosen as the Capital because of its tradition of Hindu–Muslim Unity and also due to its strategic and geographic location and as a seat of culture.

26,800 Delhi Durbar Silver Medals of 1911 were awarded mostly to Men and Officers of the British Regiments. A small number were also struck in gold for award to Indian Princely Rulers and the Highest Ranking Government Officers.

There is a magnificent Tiara belonging to the present Queen called the Delhi Durbar Tiara. The necklace was presented to Queen Mary by the Maharani of Patiala on behalf of the Ladies of India to mark the first visit to India by a British Queen Empress.

Today Coronation Park where Delhi Durbars were held, is a jealously guarded open space whose emptiness comes as a bit of a shock after the dense traffic and crowded shanty towns of northern Delhi's urban sprawl. It is mostly overgrown, neglected and locked. The Park is sometimes used for big religious festivals and municipal conventions.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19th Sept. 2013

ASHOK HOTEL, NEW DELHI

TIME: 5.45 p.m.

SPEAKER:

Dr. B.B. DAS

SUBJECT:

India in Search of a Leader

Lutyens' Delhi is an area in Delhi, specifically New Delhi, named after the leading British Architect Edwin Lutyens (1869–1944), who was responsible for much of the architectural design and building when India was part of the British Empire.

Lutyens laid out the central administrative area of the city. At the heart of the city was the impressive Rashtrapati Bhawan, formerly known as Viceroy's House, located on the top of Raisina Hill. The Rajpath, also known as King's Way, connects India Gate to Rashtrapati Bhawan, while Queen's Way (Janpath), which crosses it is at a right angle.

The Secretariat Buildings, North Block and South Block, which house various ministries of the Government of India including Prime Minister of India Office (PMO), are beside the Rashtrapati Bhawan and were designed by Herbert Baker, who designed the Parliament House.

The Rashtrapati Bhawan is the Official Residence of the Head of the State, ie, the President of India, located at Raisina Hill in New Delhi. Until 1950 it was known as "Viceroy's House" and served as the residence of the Viceroy and Governor-General of India.

At present, it is the largest residence of any Head of State in the World. The construction of the building was planned for 4 years, but World War 1 intervened and construction required 19 years to complete. Its first occupant, Lord Irwin, began occupation on Jan. 23, 1931.

Lutyens and Baker who had been assigned to work on the Viceroy's House and the Secretariats, began on friendly terms. Baker had been assigned to work on the two Secretariat Buildings which were in front of Viceroy's House.

Lutyens travelled between India and England almost every year for twenty years, to work on the building of the Viceroy's house in both countries. Lutyens had to reduce the building size from 13,000,000 cubic feet (370,000 m³) to 8,500,000 cubic feet (241,000 m³). because of the budget restrictions of Lord Hardinge. While he had demanded that costs be reduced, he nevertheless wanted the house to retain a certain amount of ceremonial grandeur. Rashtrapati Bhawan has: 4 Floors – 340 rooms – 200,000 sq ft.

The Parliament House was planned at the introductory stage to be a part of the Rashtrapati Bhawan. But in 1919 according to the Montague–Chelmsford reforms, it was announced to be designed as the Indian Parliament.

The Parliament House of India comprises 3 Semicircular Chambers, namely the Chamber of Princes, the Council of States and Legislative Assembly.

The dome of the Delhi Parliament House of India is 27.4 metres high. The Parliament House is spread over 2.02 hectares.

Parliament House is a circular structure designed by Herbert Baker and was opened in 1927. The huge structure of the Parliament House in Delhi has 247 pillars with broad corridor.

In 1912 Baker came to India to work with Lutyens on the Secretariat buildings and Parliament House in New Delhi and the bungalows of Members of Parliament. He also designed the building of St. Stephen's College.

Princes' Park — The Maharajas wanted to build their residences in close proximity to the Viceroy's house. But the Imperial Government was not quite comfortable with the idea.

Finally, the princes were allotted plots — almost eight acres each—in the Princes' Park at the end of the King's Way, albeit not as close to the Viceroy's House as the Maharajas wanted. Among the few lucky ones to get plots in the coveted Princes' Park around the statue of King George V were the Rulers of Hyderabad, Baroda, Gwalior, Patiala, Jaipur, Jodhpur and Bikaner. Others like Dholpur, Kapurthala, Mandi, J&K, etc, got it further away. Kashmir got it on what is now Rajaji Marg between the Viceroy's House and C-in-C's House. Teen Murti Bhavan in New Delhi was designed by Architect Robert Tor Russel as the Residence of the Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in India.

War Memorial & Canopy — India Gate on which 90,000 names of World War-1 and Third Anglo Afghan War are engraved.

Coronation Park is a Park located on Burari Road Near Nirankari Sarovar in Delhi. The park is sometimes referred to as the Coronation Memorial. It was the venue of Delhi Durbar of 1877 when Queen Victoria was proclaimed the Empress of India. Later it was used to celebrate the accession of Edward VII in 1903, and finally, it was here that the Durbar commemorating the coronation of King George V as Emperor of India took place on 11 December 1911, subsequent to his coronation at Westminster Abbey in June 1911.

Connaught Place is one of the largest financial, commercial and business centers in Delhi. It is often abbreviated as CP and houses the headquarters of several Indian firms. Its surroundings occupy a place of pride amongst the heritage structures of the city. It was developed as a showpiece of Lutyens' Delhi featuring a Central Business District.

Named after the Duke of Connaught, the construction work was started in 1929 and completed in 1933. It was renamed as the Rajiv Chowk after the late Indian Prime

Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The Connaught Place of today is one of the most vibrant business districts of Delhi.

According to many leading architects, the inspiration behind Connaught Place and Connaught Circus, named after the Duke of Connaught, was the Royal Crescent building in the City of Bath in England.

Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar had the Parliament sanction to change CP and Connaught Circus into Indira and Rajiv Gandhi names.

Early commercial establishments were of traders from Kashmere Gate area: Kaverter's, Galgotia and Snowwhite. Most of Indian Princely States now had their local homes in the nearby areas around King's Way, and would frequent shops for designer clothes, artefacts, shoes, and pianos.

The Imperial, New Delhi's first luxury hotel opened in 1931 on Queen's Way, which in coming years not just became a haunt for the Royalty but place for political talks. Most famously, it was here that Pandit Nehru, Mahatma Gandhi, Jinnah and Lord Mountbatten met to discuss the Partition of India and the birth of Pakistan.

Working from 1912 to 1931 Lutyens forged a new style of architecture for the city, combining the neo-classical with accents borrowed from India's Mughal and Buddhist past. Lutyens designed 4 Bungalows on Wellington Crescent.

Today many of the bungalows have been so extensively modified or are in such disrepair that it is hard to get a sense of their previous grandeur. One Lutyens-era home that has been preserved in close to its original state is 10 Aurangzeb Road, the current residence of the Dutch Ambassador, and once the home of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the Founder of Pakistan.

Its cornerstone was laid by Lutyens in 1920, but much of the design was done by F.B. Blomfield, the Colonial Architect who also designed the Imperial Hotel in New Delhi.

Contractors — It would not be an exaggeration to say that most of New Delhi was built by a coterie of Sardar Contractors of whom five did the lion's share of building. The Top Five Builders were: Sobha Singh, Basakha Singh, Ranjit Singh, Mohan Singh and Dharam Singh Sethi (*Panj Piyare*). The British gave them due credit by inscribing their names on stone slabs. You can see them in the alcoves of South and North Blocks.

Henry Alexander Nesbitt Medd (September 21, 1892 to October 26, 1977), was a British-born architect, whose career was made in India. Post inauguration of New Delhi, when most of architects left, he stayed on, designed many more buildings and eventually remained, Chief Architect to the Government of India (1939–47), concluded Rtn. Atul Dev.

INTERACT INSTALLATION CEREMONY HELD AT D.A.V. CENTENARY PUBLIC SCHOOL, CHANDER NAGAR ON 10th SEPT.

**OUR CHIEF GUEST
Commr. (Retd.) Dr. BINAY BHANU DAS**



Dr. B.B. Das, after a distinguished career in the Indian Navy for 33 years, has had many prized appointments. Having many years of experience in the field of technical and management education,

Dr. Das has the credit of creating Four Management Institutions in Delhi and NCR and taking them to the height of great success—KIET, JIMS, INJ and DIT. He has published and presented many research papers almost in all Management subjects both in national and international forums. His passion and flair for teaching and intense concern for the development of students and teaching faculties has earned him their highest respect. Dr. Das is also a columnist and regularly writes articles and editorials on current issues. He has passion to create new Institutions with innovative and unique concepts to be followed by others. Dr. B.B. Das was in DRDO for ten years as Technical Director and handled many prestigious projects and steered fundamental research in IITs for 6 years as Member Secretary of Naval Research Board under the visionary guidance of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, who later on served as the President of India.

Dr. Das has been recognised, acknowledged and has been honoured with following Awards:

1. Chief of Staff Committee Commendation for Outstanding Contribution in the field of Management Education at College of Defence Management.
2. Global Indian Achievers Award 2011 by the Institute of Economics Studies, New Delhi for Excellence in Education, Quality, Innovation and Management.
3. Gold Medal Award 2001 by Institute of Economics Studies, New Delhi for Excellence in enhancing the image of India in Education.

Dr. Das is a widely travelled personality having visited most of the European and South East Asian Countries. His hobbies include Music, Painting, Photography, Handwriting Study and of course Reading and Writing. He is also interested in Sports and Games of Volleyball, Badminton, Billiards, Cricket etc.

Dr. Das, a Ph.D. from Faculty of Management Science (FMS), Delhi University, believes to lead by example, self-discipline and adherence to values. With excellent understanding of human behaviour, he has been able to motivate and inspire subordinates to achieve time bound organizational objectives. Innovative in thinking, well experienced in crisis management, a hard task master, yet Dr. Das is a highly affectionate person. He always takes the organisation to the heights of total success by infusing professional pride and self confidence. Far-sighted, methodical and extremely hard working, Dr. Das believes in quality, honesty and punctuality. He is a versatile speaker with excellent modulation. .

Dr. Das will address our members on a very interesting subject: "INDIA IN SEARCH OF A LEADER".

The Interact Club of DAV Centenary Public School, Chander Nagar had its Installation Ceremony on 10-09-13. It was a moment of great pleasure and pride for all the INTERACTORS and also for those students who joined INTERACT Club on this day. All the Interactors are looking forward to contribute to the community through the School's Interact Club.

The ceremony began with the National Anthem led by school choir. The Installation ceremony was presided by Rtn. Surendra Singh, President of Rotary Club of New Delhi. Vice President RCND Rtn. Pankaj Rai, Jt. Secretary of the Club, Rtn. Gaurav Bhargav and Past President Rtn. Vimal Gupta were also present.

The program started with lightening of the lamp amidst the chants of Vedic Mantras followed by a welcome address by the School Principal, Mrs. Archana Koul. A Class II Student, Kajal Soni recited a poem on environment written by Mrs. Sudha Sharma, one of our Hindi Teachers. Outgoing Interact President Anuprerna Duggar then shared her experiences and handed over to Interact Secretary Ayush Vij for giving brief account of the activities during the previous year. The Incoming President, Intr. Prashansa Luthra was then called over and the outgoing President handed over the Pin,

Collar and Gavel to her. Prashansa then introduced her Board Members. These Interactors were pinned by eminent guests of RCND, School Principal and Interact Incharges. All the Interactors were given the Interact Oath by the RCND President Rtn. Surendra Singh. After the Oath taking ceremony the Interactors were addressed by President of RCND. His speech inspired all present. The School Principal, Mrs. Archana Koul was presented the "Meritorious Contribution Award" for her exemplary contribution as a Teacher. She was felicitated and honoured with a Shawl, Citation and an Award on being bestowed with National Teachers Award on Teachers Day on 5th Sept. 2013.

Rtn. Pankaj Rai, Vice President RCND motivated all the Interactors through his motivational address where he gave some valuable tips to be successful in life. All the Students were very much inspired by the tips given by him.

Lastly, the Teacher Incharge, Mrs. Sandeepa Vij gave the Vote of Thanks.

It was a great experience for the Interactors. We thank all the Members of Rotary Club of New Delhi for taking the lead and helping us establish this Interact Club in our School and supporting us in this endeavour.

Reporting Courtesy: Intr. Ayush Vij

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. The 410th Regular Weekly Club meeting held on 12th September 2013 at Ashok Hotel was called to order by President, Rtn. Surendra Singh.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Rakesh Bansal.
3. President welcomed all present.
4. A very special welcome was accorded to Guest Speaker of the evening, Rtn. Atul Dev, who is Charter President of Rotary Club of Indraprastha–Okhla and who will make an interesting presentation on a very interesting subject: "I Love My Delhi."
5. President also welcomed Rtn. Col. Bruno Russi who was attending after some time since he has been travelling abroad.
6. President also acknowledged the presence of AG Rtn. Kamal Bhambhani, Charter President Rtn. B.P.S. Puri and PP Rtn. Pratap Burman.
7. President informed we had a very exciting Installation Function of Interact Club at DAV Centenary Public School, Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad on 10th September 2013. This is a very vibrant Interact Club and had donated Rs. 35,000 to the Cancer Foundation and are doing lot of activities like tree plantation, clean environment, garbage management, Polio awareness, save water etc. Their School Principal, Mrs. Archana Koul was honoured and felicitated by RCND with a Shawl and a Citation on having been bestowed with the National Level Teachers Award on Teachers Day this year.
8. Rtn. Col. Bruno Russi speaking very briefly said, "I was in Switzerland in mid-August this year. I had met Arthur Mattli and Florence and they told me how much they miss India. Both of them want to come to India may be on a vacation. As and when they come to New Delhi they would certainly wish to meet their Friends from Rotary. They have sent their

Greetings and Best wishes to all Rotary Friends".

9. PP Rtn. Sanjiv Rai Mehra was invited by President to introduce the Speaker of the evening, Rtn. Atul Dev, a fellow Rotarian from Rotary Club of Indraprastha–Okhla and a former Rotarian Member of Rotary Club of Delhi and known to quite a lot of our Senior Members.
10. Rtn. Atul Dev made an exciting presentation on the subject titled: "I Love My Delhi".
11. Proposing formal vote of thanks, PP Rtn. Yadav Bhargava said, the Speaker has rekindled our memories of Delhi.
12. A memento was presented to the Speaker of the evening as a token of our appreciation.
13. The next Polio NID is on Sunday 15th September 2013. Members are requested to assist and encourage new Chairman, Rtn. Rajesh Puri and visit the Polio Centre at Panchkuian Road.
14. On Saturday 21st September 2013 is the Blood Donation Camp at Patel Nagar.
15. AG Rtn. Kamal Bhambhani invited all Members to this Camp which will be at East Patel Nagar Main Market near the Park and will be from 10.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
16. Rtn. Ajay Malhotra and Rtn. Rakesh Bansal were greeted on their Birthdays. Rtn. Ranjit Sahni and Rtn. Pankaj Rai were greeted in absentia.
17. In Fun "N" Fund, the Jackpot now is Rs. 18,800. The lucky ticket holder was PP Rtn. Sanjiv Rai Mehra but was unlucky in getting the Jackpot which now goes over to next week.
18. Sunshine of Rs. 2010 was collected by Rtn. Ajay Malhotra.
19. Next meeting will be addressed by Dr. B.B. Das who will speak on: "India in Search of a Leader".
20. The meeting was then declared adjourned by President, Rtn. Surendra Singh.

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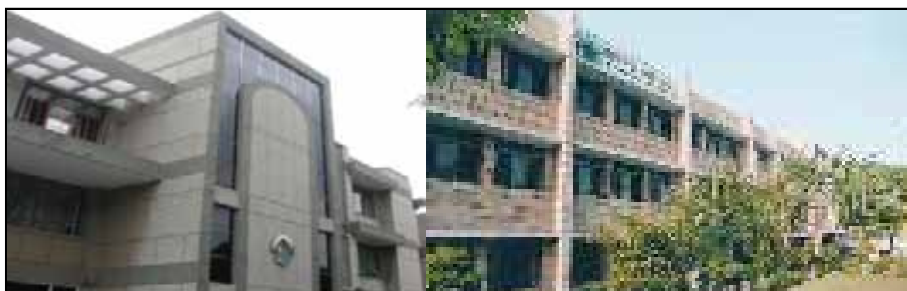
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R'ann Lorrain Young	Sept. 24
Rtn. Kashish Chandan	Sept. 25
NO WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK	

POLIO NID — POLIO RAVIVAR SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2013

At the last Polio NID/Polio Ravivar on Sunday 15th September 2013, vehicles as required were provided to transport the Polio Vaccine to various Polio Booths in our area. President Rtn. Surendra Singh, PP Rtn. Pran Mehta, PP Rtn. Vimal Gupta and Rtn. Rajesh Puri were present at the Distributing Centre on Panchkuian Road. In the evening our Medical Co-ordinator Dr. Madan Narain informed that a total of 3653 Children were administered the two life saving drops of Polio Vaccine in all the Polio Booths in our allocated area. The number was small because of the hot, humid and sultry weather and also due to house to house mopping up operation during the next four or five days to ensure that no children are left out without Polio drops. The next Polio-NID will be on Sunday 17th November 2013.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP Saturday 21st September 2013

PP Rtn. Kamal Bhambhani is organising a Blood Donation Camp on his Birthday on Saturday 21st September 2013 at Patel Nagar, from 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. All Members are invited to this Camp and are requested to block their date. Many District Dignitaries are expected to grace this Camp.



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