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ANXIETY OF MOBILITY

Mr. Sanjaya Varma, Consultant and Advisor, ULTra Fairwood Pte. Ltd., a Singapore based Company, addressed our members at our regular weekly meeting held on 14th April 2011 on a very interesting subject—“**Anxiety of Mobility.**” By mobility Mr. Varma meant transport mobility and not mobile



phones. Making a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Varma said, whenever we have to travel there is always anxiousness causing anxiety. Whether the train or the flight will be on time, whether there will be traffic jam on the roads on the way to the Railway Station or Airport. We have to live and let live others with such anxieties.

Transport corridors are drivers of economic growth. To avoid traffic jams and to have uninterrupted fast traffic we have to remove the bottlenecks and transport corridors are therefore a must for smooth flow of traffic on roads.

Mobility is essential for social development. It enables people to access goods, services and information. But the development

of mobility in today's conditions also brings congestion, air pollution, traffic related accidents and environmental costs of transportation. Transport is the DNA which will shape a city's growth and character.

Time is very very expensive. You have to appreciate the value of your time. Our urban world has changed phenomenally during past 60 years since our independence. Eleven out of 22 big cities of the world are in Asia.

On an average, everyday 1643 people come to Delhi from their villages. It is estimated that 920 million people will be added to Urban India by 2050. By 2025 there will be more than 13 Urban concentrations in India which will have more than 10 million people.

More than ever before, cities are fast becoming homes to humanity's great expectations.

India is heading for trouble. The annual growth rate of Urban population in India is 2.1%, while the annual growth rate of vehicles in India is 9%. We have to create infrastructure and improve our public

transport system, which currently has low efficiency. We have to make programmes to shift from Urban centres to nearby Rural or Semi-Rural areas and reduce use of cars. Cars should be used for recreation purposes. For going to office or for work, people should use public transport which should be comfortable and convenient to undertake the journey and available easily nearest to both home and office.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21st April 2011
Time : 5.45 p.m.
Ashok Hotel, New Delhi

SPEAKER
PE Rtn. RAJEN MATA

SUBJECT
IMPRESSIONS OF PETS 2011 AT AGRA



India has highest road fatalities—1,34,000 in 2010. India has overtaken China in Road accidents. In road deaths per year per 10,000 vehicles, India is ranked at 25.3 as against UK at 1.6 and USA at 2.1. On an average, 400 people die in India everyday on account of road accidents. It is also the mental stress that kills you.

We should try to segregate traffic by moving people and not vehicles. The cost of congestion is enormous. There is huge loss of transit time as well. It is estimated that we loose 420 million man hours per month in Delhi and NCR in transit time.

Besides loosing precious loss of man hours in transit time there is also high fuel wastage as well. In 2006 we lost ₹ 994.46 crores a year just in Delhi alone. It is estimated that there will be 600 million cars running on roads in India by the year 2050. We need a better public transport system.

Why can't we have walkways? We have to have sustainable development, practices and solutions. Urban transportation is not being included by town planners in the initial design process of the urban areas. We have relatively inflexible planning.

Car centric infrastructure development creates insufficient and ineffective public transport. Transport congestion leads to increase in transport infrastructure costs and increased needs in planning suitable solutions for smarter transport mode development.

An efficient, affordable, safe, and convenient public transport system is the most cost effective solution to tackle the problem

of urban traffic congestion. 900 new cars are being registered everyday in Delhi. A paradigm change in our urban transport is highly essential. The principles of public transport today are the same as were in the State Coach era. New modes of public transport have come up and are running in many cities of the world. Vehicles operate according to a published schedules. Passengers go to a designated stop and wait for the vehicle to arrive. ULTra is a transport system in which the vehicle is waiting for you, rather than you waiting for vehicle. ULTra is a new age transport solution and is being successfully operating at the Heathrow Airport in London. Think of a system which is free from environmental problems. Train is a solution for intercity movement. In ULTra new age transport system, you choose your destination by pressing a key and hop into the vehicle which is controlled by a computer centre. ULTra is a battery powered 6 seater vehicle. There is no driver or operator in the ULTra vehicle. Vehicle runs automatically and will take you to your desired destination.

The average speed of a vehicle in Delhi in 19 kms. an hour, while the average speed of Metro Train in Delhi is 26 kms. per hour. Therefore there is an urgent need for a Personal Rapid Transport (PRT) system in Delhi to enable people to commute at a fast speed thru' public transport. ULTra PRT is the answer to this problem whose line speed is 40 kms an hour. ULTra can be used as a PRT non-competitive complementary and supplementary integrated

system to Mass Rapid Transport (MRT) system. ULTra can be used as a feeder service integrated with high speed MRT systems. Shorter journey can be made quickly in ULTra vehicles. ULTra has innovative design. Amritsar will be the first city in India to have ULTra vehicle transport system which is being developed on BOT pattern. ULTra is a good mode for integrated connectivity for PRT applications, since last mile connectivity has to be provided under any good public transport system for people's mobility, on a mass scale in a big major urban town or city. □

**SAMVEDNA
DIST. INTERCITY MEET
ON CANCER**

The District Intercity Meet "SAMVEDNA" on Cancer, scheduled to be held on 23rd April 2011, has been postponed to **Saturday 7th May 2011** due to certain unavoidable reasons. The venue and time remains the same. Members are requested to note the change of the date and attend "SAMVEDNA" in large numbers with their gracious spouse on Saturday 7th May 2011 at 2.30 pm at NCUI Convention Centre on Khelgaon Marg (Near Siri Fort Auditorium next to PHD House), New Delhi. The meeting will be followed by High Tea. There are no registration charges.

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POLIO RAVIVAR
SUNDAY
24th APRIL 2011**

A NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

The family of RCND was expanded with the induction of one more new member to our fraternity on 14th April. The particulars of the new member are given hereunder:



Name	:	RAJESH PURI
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Birthday (Self)	:	9th December 1956
Birthday (Spouse)	:	2nd June
Wedding Anniversary	:	29th September
Blood Group (Self)	:	B+
Blood Group (Spouse)	:	O+
Hobbies & Interest	:	Cricket & Music
Inducted on	:	14th April 2011
Proposed by	:	Rtn. Ashish Makhija

THE BLOOD CAMP WITH GREEN PARK ASSOCIATION TO BE REPEATED EVERY SIX MONTHS



The Camp organised on Saturday, 16th April 2011 was a first time effort in the Green Park Market. The camp was a half day duration between 4 pm to 8 pm and there were 52 donors and 37 were rejected, mainly females. The camp was organised opposite the Evergreen Sweet House.

The normally busy Saturday evening feels the pinch of the IPL matches. The turnout in the market was reduced because of the cricket fever. The formal inauguration was delayed to 6 pm, because of the deserted look in the market. Red balloons were released to mark the festivity.

RCND was represented by President Pratap Burman, First Lady Chanchala Burman, Rtn. Kashish Chandan and PP Rtn. Kamal Bhamhani. The Office Bearers of the Green Park Association were also present in full strength. Special mention must be made of the General Secretary of the Association, Mr. Lalit Kumar, who put special efforts in organising the camp. The camp had the support of the commercial shops and establishments in the market.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- The 292nd regular weekly club meeting held on Thursday 14th April 2011 at Ashok Hotel was called to order by President Rtn. Pratap Burman.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn. Madhumati Singh.
- President Informed about the sad demise of our former, very active and dedicated member, Rtn. Hari Om Sachdev last week on 9th April 2011. Members stood in silence for a minute in homage to late Mr. Hari Om Sachdev.
- President welcomed all present.
- President accorded a special welcome to our Guest from NIGER, Ms. Balkissa IDE SIDDO, who is now presently in India and is working as a Research Analyst (Research in Marketing) in a Research and Consultancy American firm, GRAIL RESEARCH with office in Noida. She is here on a three year assignment and wishes to join our Rotary Club as a member. She was requested to introduce herself to the members. She speaks English and French.
- President extended a very special and cordial welcome to our Guest Speaker of the evening, Mr. Sanjaya Varma, Advisor, ULTra Fairwood Pte. Ltd. a Singapore based company with office at Noida.
- President informed the members that he was extremely pleased to confirm that all arrangements have been finalised for the trip to Austria. The tour will depart from New Delhi on 19th May and return back on 29th May 2011. The hotel accommodation has been arranged. 12 double rooms have been booked and blocked with one of the best hotels in Vienna. Such of the members who have opted to join this trip will have to pay 25% of the tour cost immediately to confirm their participation. We hope that

a group of 24 people will be undertaking this trip. You will receive my e-mails on this Austrian trip tomorrow morning.

- President informed that a number of members have contributed towards The Cancer Foundation. Cheques for donations are pouring in. Once again he requested members to send their cheques immediately. The Cancer Foundation District Intercity Meet **SAMVEDNA** is being held on 23rd April. Please attend this Intercity Meet in large numbers. Intercity will be followed by High Tea.
- A Blood Donation Camp has been organised on Saturday 16th April 2011 from 3 pm to 8 pm at Green Park near Evergreen Sweet House. Members are requested to participate in this Blood Camp being organised by PP Rtn. Kamal Bhamhani.
- President introduced the Chief Guest and the speaker of the evening Mr. Sanjaya Varma. Sanjaya and Pratap both started their career almost simultaneously in 1970 at Worli, Mumbai with India Foils Ltd. Pratap has known Sanjaya for over 40 years. He is currently a Traffic Management Consultant and Advisor with an Austrian Company with Office in Singapore.
- Mr. Sanjaya Varma made a highly interesting and informative presentation on a intriguing subject—"Anxiety of Mobility".
- Proposing formal vote of thanks, Rtn. Vinod Gupta said it was indeed a highly wonderful and interesting presentation giving us a new word—PRT—Personal Rapid Transport, Mobility meaning transport.
- A memento was presented to the Chief Guest of the evening, Mr. Sanjaya Varma in appreciation.
- A new member was inducted into the family of RCND. Rtn. Rajesh Puri was inducted as a member of Rotary Club of New Delhi by

THE BOARD 2010 – 11

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Many Happy Returns

BIRTHDAY

PP Rtn. Sunil Charla April 24

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

IPP Rtn. Sanjay Kapur April 15
PP Rtn. Pran Mehta April 26

Vice President, Rtn. Ashish Makhija, who had also proposed the name of Rajesh to the membership of the Club.

- VP Rtn. Ashish Makhija was greeted on his Birthday on 15th April. IPP Rtn. Sanjay Kapur was greeted, in absentia, on his Wedding Anniversary on 15th April.
- Sunshine of ₹ 2000 was collected by Rtn. Kashish Chandan.
- Next meeting will be held as usual next Thursday on 21st April 2011 at Ashok Hotel. Speaker will be informed later by E-mail, SMS and Club Bulletin.
- The meeting was then declared adjourned by President, Rtn. Pratap Burman.

OBITUARY

We regret to inform the sad demise of Rtn. Hari Om Sachdev, our former member, on April 9, 2011.

We convey our heartfelt condolences and pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give strength and courage to the members of bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss with fortitude.

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