

VASANT VIHAR WELFARE ASSOCIATION

ICONIC TEMPLE ON PASCHIMI MARG

This temple is an oasis of serenity and beauty. Along with the beautiful statues of our Gods and Goddesses, it has halls to hold special functions, a library with some books which are over 1000 years old, and specially trained priests for all prayers.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Gurpreet Singh Bindra



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I am very proud of the fact that my team and I have made great headway in regularising water supply in Vasant Vihar, and adopting a more environmentally-conscious mindset with various Rain Water Harvesting projects and tree plantation drives.

It is our collective vision to ensure that Vasant Vihar becomes not only a 'Zero Waste' but also a 'Smart' colony. With support from all residents, we shall achieve that too!

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As we come to the end of the current term, this will be the last issue before the elections to the VVWA Managing Committee. It is also a good time to put in perspective, the past two years, see the good that has happened, the issues that exist and the way forward. The current term was essentially free of Covid, except for a period when the Omicron strain held reign. This allowed us to focus on the development of our colony.

For years, Vasant Vihar suffered from a severe water shortage, particularly during the summer months. Over this past term, VVWA had meetings with DJB and was able to make significant structural changes in the way water was pumped and stored, coupled with the plugging of all leakages from Moti Bagh to Vasant Vihar. We are happy to state that with these changes during the last summer, Vasant Vihar saw no shortage of water on any given day. The infrastructure for the 24x7 water supply scheme is also lying ready for commissioning. This will happen once the water is allocated.

Residents would have noticed that earlier whenever there were heavy rains, Vasant Vihar became a virtual lake. VVWA carried out extensive Rain Water Harvesting systems installation. Funds were raised through CSR, MLA funds, Donations etc. The result was that there was largely no water logging during the recent heavy July rains. There are a few isolated patches of water logging, which will see more Rain Water Harvesting systems to plug these locations.

The green cover and the environment is another area, where VVWA was active. Extensive tree plantation was carried out. We are now close to 7,000 trees in Vasant Vihar now. The Munirka Marg park saw the planting of a 955 tree Miyawaki forest, - a very large (possibly the largest) private Rain Water Harvesting system in Delhi. A Sewage treatment plant is also an important aspect in the development of this park.

One very significant work that took place related to an alleged land grab of our E-7 park, E-7 street, E-4 street and part of E-4 park. In December 2018, a mob of about 50-60 people came armed with an order from the Sub Divisional Magistrate that they were permitted to take possession and to build a boundary wall. This take over was resisted and we were able to send back the miscreants. Thereafter, in association with the Society, VVWA took up the matter for resolution. We studied the records from 1962 onwards, took out all the relevant documents and placed them before the Asst. District Magistrate (ADM) who was conducting the enquiry into the matter. The problem existed with respect to two khasras No. 33 and 107, which were mistakenly left out when the

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perpetual lease was signed. This mistake was found and DDA wrote to Land & Development Office (L & D.O) to issue a notification for the acquisition of this land.

Thereafter, since the DDA and Revenue Department did not furnish the necessary information, the land acquisition notices were not issued. We were able to establish this fact and the land now stands secured. It also helped that Vasant Vihar had been in possession of the land since 1968.

For the benefit of our residents, several camps such as Medical, High-Security (HSRP) number plates, Senior Citizens registration and servants' verification in association with the local Police, E-shram camp etc. were organised. In addition to this, the Delhi State Legal Services Authority, in association with VVWA organised a Lok Adalat Camp for traffic challans in Kalyan Kendra. The camp was very successful and over 6,000 challans were settled.

VVWA undertook a major exercise of pruning of trees in the colony. We all know that pruning is necessary for the proper maintenance of the trees. However, a few residents of the colony went to the National Green Tribunal against pruning. The Hon'ble High Court has lodged complaints against us and the Tree Officer. These complaints are under active consideration by the Court. However, the Hon'ble High Court has ordered that no further pruning will be carried out all over Delhi unless it conforms to the Tree Protection Act. The Government probably will bring in new guidelines.

While we have no doubt, that the next Committee will take care of the routine work, there are two major activities that will warrant their immediate attention. One is to carry forward the recently launched project to make Vasant Vihar a 'Zero Waste' colony. The sanction for a Compactor - exclusively for Vasant Vihar - has been obtained from the MCD. The tender for the construction of a Fixed Compactor Transfer Station (FCTS), which is essential for the operation of the Compactor, has been received by MCD. In the next couple of months, this will become operational. A plan for composting all the wet waste has been submitted to MCD for their approval. The second major project is to take our objective of turning Vasant Vihar into a 'Smart' colony going forward.

Unfortunately, there has been an unpleasant development in our colony. A group of individuals have taken VVWA to Court over many colony developmental works matters. There has been a glut of police complaints that we have had to deal with on a regular basis. The most disturbing fact has been that young women who work for VVWA and our community on a purely voluntary basis, have been subjected to having cases of criminal defamation filed against them. I do not see any justification for this. It is leading to an unhealthy division in our community. Activities such as these can only cause unavoidable appurtenant damage. Going forward, there will certainly be a reluctance for members to come forward to work for the community. This trend must be arrested at an early date.

I would like to thank Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Shankar Prasad, and his entire Committee of both the Society and the Club for the unstinted support, that they have given us. The Society and VVWA coming together to work is a happy sign for our community. My office staff, Mr. Varughese, Mr. Saini, Mr. Vinod Chauhan and Mr. Pradeep Chauhan as usual have been outstanding and have steered the colony through their very difficult times. I gratefully thank them.

Finally, it has been an honour for me to lead the team that we have in VVWA. Our Office Bearers and Block Representatives have been outstanding and have made exemplary contributions. I would not single out anyone because everyone has contributed to the total effort. They have done exemplary work, and I have simply basked in their glory.

Also, a grateful thanks to each and every member of VVWA for having entrusted us with the responsibility. There may have been shortcomings but at every stage, it has been our endeavour to render the best possible service.

Power Girls of V.V.

'POWER GIRLS' IS A SPECIAL SERIES ABOUT WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS
AND PROFESSIONALS IN VASANT VIHAR

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-Featuring-
Shweta Ghai



With God's grace and combined community effort, the world has finally resumed traveling after the ravages of Covid. Everyone has realized the importance of family time and traveling together to enjoy precious moments and to create treasured memories post 2021. Amidst our very own Vasant Vihar community, Shweta Ghai of Trip India Travel is working towards achieving her goal of organising experiential stays for over 500 families by 2025. Her belief in providing customized service to her clients with the provision of ticketing, hotel stays, holiday packages, visas, travel insurance, corporate events and off-sites for all domestic and international travel under the same roof, has made her the go-to person among all her clients. Shweta had also been actively involved in the marketing of her family's 50 cottage resort in Shimla called Shilon Resort.

Among her many achievements is her travel portal www.tripindiatravel.com launched in 2019. She brings the benefit of a wallet recharge system that allows Corporates/ SMEs to independently make bookings, avail "Service First and Pay Later" option, that has helped in adding 14 new clients within 8 months of its launch!



She undertook an important project for IIT Varanasi this year for their Onsite Event "Kashiyatra" in January 2023 which involved a youth gathering of over 2000 pax traveling PAN India to the Varanasi campus.

As official Travel Partner for the World Transplant Games Event at Perth, Australia in April 2023 she made travel arrangements for 45 athletes from India to Australia and back!

Though the company engages in both inbound and outbound travel, Shweta is happiest while taking care of diplomats and foreigners traveling into India. The Company's endeavour is to connect the foreigners with India's rich heritage and culture and give them an unforgettable experience of our Incredible country.



From offering block printing craft workshops in Jaipur, to food tours in New Delhi, from yoga and meditation at Rishikesh to spa therapies in Kerala, from photography tours, wildlife tours to adventure tours across India, from solo / group tours to All ladies / Senior citizen customized tours, Shweta has done it all successfully. A multi-faceted young woman, she has made the travel field her own winning arena!



OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

by Milly Murgai



BLOCK

Vasant Vihar's smallest but friendliest block

I have lived in C Block only 12 years but have been a part of it since 1974! From the day my father was allotted C 6/6 as his plot, we knew that this address was going to be a part of our lives for many more decades to come. I have watched my parents lay the foundation stone of their home in a total wilderness, I have watched as they planted a neem tree in front of their wall and today it provides shade to over half a dozen homes on the street. Slowly, slowly, as they say in Hindi, "सुनसान सड़क आबाद हो गई" and today 12 years after I have moved in, there is a total transformation from what my parents envisaged as their home.



C Block is the smallest block in our colony, but it has the largest market. There are large shops such as Pal Stores and Raj King Mart, and popular cafes such Bread 'n More and Café Grumpee; the infamous liquor shops are still there; bookshops, chemists, dry cleaners, tailors, hardware shops, you name it, we have it. There are of course some negatives to having these – traffic issues, parking problems, extraneous people – but then this is the reality of our lives!

The DDA park next to our block is one of the loveliest parks in the neighbourhood and it is frequented by walkers, garden gym aficionados, smiling and laughing children and elderly walkers. Unfortunately, like the C9 park, at nighttime it becomes a drinking and drugging den.

A walk-through C Block will take you past many embassies and High Commissions, and also past the well-known Tagore International School and the Tamanna School. Unfortunately, we are also the entry point of rural and semi-urban clusters around us such as Chauhan Mohalla, Basant Gaon, Prajapati Colony. Two wheelers enter our block and come racing down the block roads with no concern for the safety of the pedestrians and others, throughout the day.



As with all of Vasant Vihar, every road abounds with trees and flowers. I have the pleasure of looking out of my window and seeing trees full of laburnums and gulmohars, an ancient neem tree full of parrots, and bougainvilleas flowering all around.

One of the best attributes of C Block are its residents! In the month of April, a simple discussion about not knowing who your neighbours are, resulted in a spontaneous gathering of over 50 residents to celebrate a "Know Your Neighbour" Day. Food was provided by our residents, conversation and laughter was in abundance and we hope we have laid the foundation for a regular meeting with our neighbours!

There are many things that bother us and annoy us in our neighbourhood – but then these are common to all blocks. Excess traffic, excess number of parked cars, encroachments all around, a constantly dirty dhalao, and of course too many people in and around the market. But we love our block and we accept it, warts and all!

MILESTONES ACHIEVED

Since January 2021

VVWA, over the last 2 1/2 years has achieved many goals, begun and progressed with several plans and projects, and made some improvements in the lives of our residents.

Meetings with ministers and bureaucrats

The first step always is to meet and present our issues to the powers that be! Among them were Meenakshi Lekhi - our MP, Saurabh Bharadwaj, LG Arun Baijal, Delhi, ACP Delhi – 28th July 2022, Traffic ACP, South-WestZone, frequent visits with our MLA, Mrs. Parmila Tokas, Raghav Chadha, Somnath Bharati, Satinder Jain, and several DC's.



Meeting with representatives of over 11 schools concerning traffic control – 29th July 2022

High Court appointed Encroachment committee became operational since April 2023, and several meetings have been held since then. The first raid was conducted on 22nd August 2023.

Security issues - Marshalls for colony – removal of beggars and cows and extraneous vendors – working since July – a complete article about them is on Page 14.

Tree plantation– we have planted over 2,000 trees, thereby increasing the green cover substantially.



New members – an amazing number of people have joined the organisation, specially from the younger generation.

Development of the Miyawaki Park at the Munirka Park.



MILESTONES ACHIEVED

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Regular fumigation every year.



CCTV – an ongoing process – installed in many homes.

Rainwater harvesting - inaugurated on 19.07.2022, 30 pits of Society, 11 of VVWA – 42 pits are operational presently.

Scarcity of water – no longer exists.



Convex Mirrors – over 30 convex mirrors were installed all over the colony, making life easier for our residents.

Compactor permission – provision of this for handling waste in Vasant Vihar has been sanctioned. For it to operate successfully, we need a fixed compactor transit station. Tenders have been received by MCD for this next step.



Zero Waste Colony – waste management systems established in many blocks and working towards making VV a zero-waste colony.



Dhalaos closed at A1, A3, A15, D4 streets.

Camps – Lok Adalat (traffic) over 2000 people attended and over 6000 challans were dealt with. 14/02/2021. Registration of senior citizens and domestic staff verification – 25/09/22. HSRP – 9th and 10th January, 2021, E-Shram Camp – 10.07.2022



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And of course, our ever-popular journal aVVWAZ!

MEET OUR NEIGHBOURS

by Milly Murgai

Often when we enter a particular home there is a perception of elegance and style, and a welcoming aura. This is true of the residence of Preeti and Pankaj Saran, our former diplomats residing in A Block in Vasant Vihar. We had earlier introduced you to Pankaj Saran, today please meet Preeti, his wife and an extraordinary woman herself!

PREETI SARAN

Diplomacy and Grace, Poise and Confidence



Ms. Preeti Saran began her career as a diplomat with her first posting in Moscow. While talking to her one realises that there is a lot more to the role played by a diplomat or any member of our embassy. It is not just meetings and conversations with visitors, it involves cultural or information diplomacy; working towards better political and trade relations; looking after cultural and commercial interests; and engaging with the media of the host country.

It was fascinating to learn that the process of becoming an ambassador begins by training in a district in India, initially. She spent her first few months in Bihar. The idea is that if you are going to represent your country abroad, you need to learn more about it through practical training. Foreign policy, media management, commerce, diplomacy – are all taught in the Foundation Course at the Institute. Learning and becoming proficient in a foreign language is also an inherent part of their training and Preeti became proficient in Russian.

Since she and her husband were both diplomats, initially they were fortunate enough to spend 26 years in the same embassies abroad. But as they both moved up the hierarchy their paths changed. During her Delhi postings she dealt with the relations between India and its neighbours, and USA and Canada. She later became the Director in charge of both the Koreas and Japan.

What a varied professional life she has had!

During her stay in Russia, she worked in coordination with the ICCR to help launch the Festival of India.

During her stint in Cairo, she worked in close tandem with the Arab Press, to help them have a better understanding about our country. In Geneva and the UN, she worked with multilateral agencies on Human Rights, Intellectual Property Rights, trade and development. Once she was back in Delhi she worked with SAARC and specialised in relations with Nepal and Bhutan.

She emphasised that one of the main roles of every ambassador is to strengthen bilateral relations and create a better understanding of our country, wherever they are posted. As she correctly said, the call of duty does not have any boundaries! The Government of India provides support and the backbone, but you learn how to be dexterous and take initiatives. Three months before they move to any new posting they are coached about the country and its policies. After a few stints abroad they spend at least 3 years in New Delhi.

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Her husband and she worked in the same countries for many years, but in the last 10 years, their paths diverged. Her last posting abroad was as Ambassador to Vietnam. The constant movements continued until her younger son went to college. She felt that it was not easy on the children since it was a nomadic existence for many years, but they got firsthand experience and understanding about world events. The diverse exposure taught them a lot about how the world works! They were present when she hosted the then-PM in Toronto and the President in Vietnam.



Today, she is actively involved in the UN Commission on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Based in Geneva, this organisation has got over 100 countries to sign the treaty on these rights. She travels twice a year to attend the sessions; she talks to new probationers and at think tanks and is also part of the ICWA governing body.

A multi-faceted lady, her verve and enthusiasm for her career, is keeping her active even after retirement and her experience in her varied fields is keeping her happily occupied with various organisations. We are proud of the fact that she is a part of our community!



ONE LITTLE ACT OF KINDNESS

By Devalina Kohli

Sometimes one little act of kindness and collective action is enough to renew one's faith in humanity. One such event happened in Vasant Vihar recently.

One of our residents called late at night to say that she was coming back from an event and had come across a dog in great pain and screaming horribly near the F 10 road. She was with the dog and didn't quite know what to do but did not want to abandon it either. As it was quite late, we were in a quandary as where to take the dog, so we reached out to the Vasant Vihar Animal Rescue Group, which is a totally voluntary body of like-minded animal lovers.

Its members immediately rallied round even though it was 10.30 at night. A Para-vet was consulted, a 24 hour vet hospital was recommended, and eventually an Animal Foundation sent their ambulance with a para-vet to take the dog to a 24-hour emergency hospital. What was heartening was that some 'like-minded neighbours' also gathered there to wait with this lady (who was willing to foot the bill) until the ambulance came.

It was not enough to send the poor stray to the hospital; the concerned lady was in constant touch with the hospital and asked for updates which she shared with the group. Apparently, the poor animal had possibly been in an accident, had a broken jaw, was unable to eat and was maggot infested too. Whatever could be done was done for her. She passed away the next day but at least a lot of people had come forward to help her, and she died without pain and suffering.

In the recounting of this incident, what is impressive is the immediate empathy and the stressful feelings of the first respondent, as well as the way in which people swung into urgent action and assistance until 11.45 pm when help came for the dog. Community action was able to make things happen where otherwise one single person would have been helpless. That is a learning for us all.

ICONIC TEMPLE OF VASANT VIHAR

by Rashmi Chugh

Passers-by on the busy Paschimi Marg, should stop and take a look at the beautiful Shankara Vidya Kendra.

Most of us pass by the "South Indian Temple" located on Paschimi Marg in Vasant Vihar without giving much thought to what lies within. Step into the quiet solitude of this lovely temple and experience the divinity that exists here. The quiet courtyard of the Shankara Vidya Kendra is lush with verdant greens leading to the main hall lined with bells where the deities preside.

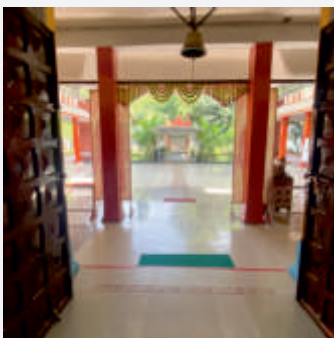


The Kendra traces its roots to the Sringeri Math founded by Sri Adi Shankaracharya who recognized that Sanatana Dharma depended upon the Vedanta philosophy outlined in the Upanishads. He reformed the entire monastic system and founded the four maths or Peethams across the country. Thus, in the West the Kalika Math in Dwarka, The Jyotir Math in Badrinath, the Govardhan Math at Puri, and the Sharada Math at Sringeri. Today the Math is headed by His Holiness the thirty-sixth Shankaracharya, Sri Bharati Tirtha. The senior pontiff of Sringeri mutt His Holiness Shri Bharathi Tirtha has stopped touring but His Holiness Vidhu Sekhara Swamiji, the present chief of the peetham shall be visiting Delhi next year, to bless the people living here.



According to the President of the Shankara Vidya Kendra, Mr. Laxmi Narayanan, also the former Home Secretary, the Kendra is designed to be a self-sustaining focal point for the community.

The priests here are all trained in accurate "uccharan" of the shlokas and conduct prayers. Daily pujas for Sri Mahaganpathy, Sri Maruti, Sri Adishankara, Sri Ambal, Lord Shiva, Navgraha, and Satyanarayana are conducted in the temple. Special pujas, havans, japams, homams and sevas are also conducted for the devotees for birthdays, anniversaries, namkarans, and other special occasions. In keeping with the desire of the Kendra to promote our culture, the Kendra conducts classes on Carnatic music, Bharatnatyam, and Kathak dance. These classes are conducted by trained teachers at nominal fees. Halls for discourses on Ramayana, Gita and other holy scriptures are given free of cost to religious speakers and leaders. In addition, there is the availability of air-conditioned halls for social meetings and auspicious events.



This peaceful and harmonious temple resonates to the sound of Sanskrit shlokas and the Gods and Goddesses smile gently at the devotees. For those who wish to read, the library has Ramayana and other religious texts, some going editions back over 1000 years.

Devotees flock to pay homage to deities and receive blessings. This is truly a temple to visit to experience the ambience of peace, whilst getting exposure to carefully maintained heritage and culture. Enveloped in the surroundings of a lush and beautiful garden this is a temple where one can connect with nature whilst being in the presence of the divine.

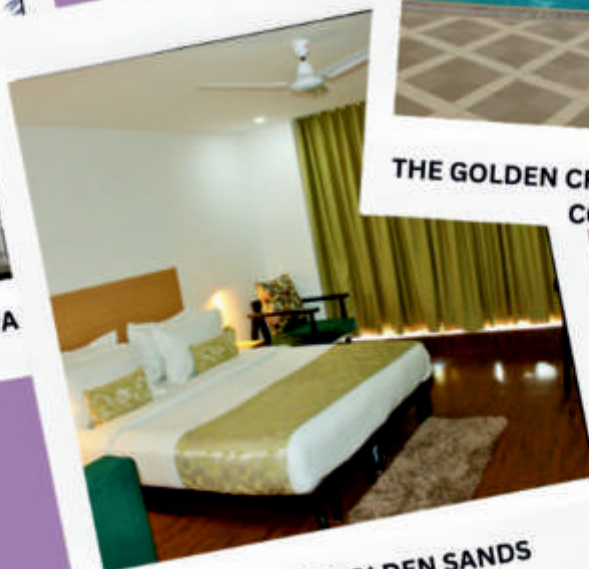
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SAU SAAL PEHLEY

by Meera Dewan

TRIBUTE ON KULDIP NAYAR'S BIRTH CENTENARY



During one of our evening walks, on being particularly regaled by yet another story, where Nayar Sahib requested PM Bhutto in Islamabad to help him meet singer Noor Jahan and being a tad disappointed at the fat lady beyond his by-now outdated imagination, the filmmaker in me recognized the storyteller in him, yet again.

Spontaneously asking him if any biographical film had been made on his work, his response: "None. The Left believes I'm not left enough, and the Right thinks I'm Left". The expression on his face took me back to some understanding of why his mother nicknamed him Bhola. Discreetly though cheekily, I took the liberty of whispering this name at special moments during our filmmaking journey. He didn't seem to mind.

One such occasion was when we, along with the film crew, went to Tihar Jail where he had been confined during the Emergency. I hoped this revisit would not bring back memories to haunt the now 94-year-old former detainee. However, his remembrances instead showed us the poetic inclinations of the Jailor at the time, which he recited for the present Director General Prisons and detainee-waiters at the Tihar Caf . This modest kavi sammelan was punctuated with two heaped plates of dahi baras, followed by mithai.

Nayar Saab was not short on obsessions. Contemporary politics, Indo-Pak friendship, compassion for the underdogs, communal harmony, soft borders, Urdu sher-o-shairi, definitely kababs and sweets, grandchildren, writing were just some of his loves, as he confessed on screen.

Come every Wednesday, 12 noon, an email would pop up with his weekly article: "Between the Lines" by Kuldip Nayar. No Wednesday was missed for over five decades, when he started India's first syndicated column, after his role as News Editor, Indian Express, post Emergency, an initial survival strategy which went on to become South Asia's most widely circulated column. As in every venture, he was partnered by his wife Bharti, who would initially travel with a bagful of envelopes to be mailed at Western Court post office. By Wednesday evening, he would be as excited as a kid, discussing the pros and cons of the coming week's theme.



Spokesman to Ministers, defiant detainee, editor of leading national dailies, he was born in Sialkot, a home he was compelled to uproot himself from when he was 24 years old; Amritsar, where he arrived alone and penniless, as did millions like him; Delhi's corridors of power and Parliament; Wagah border where for decades he lit candles for peace on August 14th, a birthday he shared with Pakistan; the winding lanes of Ballimaran, Dilli, where he started his career as an accidental journalist – all were home to him, he who was once displaced.

The poetry of Baba Farid, Faiz, Makhdoom Mohiuddin, Hafeez Jalandhari, Amrita Pritam, Gulzar and the rendition of Hans Raj Hans resonated his inner voice of fearlessness, poetic passions, sense of childlike wonder and compassion. "Optimism is our moral duty", he wrote.

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Yes, we hear you, Nayar Sahib. The title of your book "Mainu Hanera Kyun Ni Disda" (Why don't I feel the darkness?) continues to light up our minds and hearts.



Shri Kuldip Nayar with Shrimati Bharti, along with their sons - Rajiv and Sudhir



The Nayar Family
Seated in the Centre : Shri Kuldip Nayar and Shrimati Bharti
Left to Right : Chander Prabha, Kanika, Kavita, Kartik, Sudhir, Kanika, Mandira, Kavita



Two former High commissioners to UK riding in a rick in Nizamuddin Basti. " Yaar, yeh takseem kyon hui. Bukhar utar Gaya"! (Shri Salman Haider and Shri Kuldip Nayar)

Meera Dewan, is a Vasant Vihari, an award-winning filmmaker and director of a biopic with Kuldip Nayar, "In his Inner Voice", made for the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi friends,



We present another issue of our journal, covering news about VVWA, iconic areas and some very special people in Vasant Vihar.

Our Marshals are creating quite a buzz in the colony! They have been trying to remove the unauthorised vendors, but like jack-in-the-boxes they keep coming back! But we shall keep trying!

Our city is looking so beautiful, all bright and colourful and clean, like a bride celebrating the arrival of her guests. We all wish that Delhi could always look like this, but then the fact that it reverts back to it's not so nice persona is our fault. We don't love her, we don't take care of her

and we complain so much about the others who live here.

Come on friends, let's take care of our beautiful city and make sure that she continues to look so amazing for many more years to come..

Do read our articles and send us your comments and suggestions. We love to hear from you.

Regards,

Milly Murgai
Editor - aVVWaz

VASANT VIHAR'S MARSHALS

by Milly Murgai

Vasant Vihar's Special Marshals Enhanced Security For Our Streets



Many people have noticed and commented about the young men in black uniforms who can be seen on our streets and in the parks, removing encroaching vendors and beggars, stray cattle and antisocial elements found consuming alcohol and drugs.

These guys are doing an efficient job. They are constantly on the move for over 8 hours and have become a familiar sight on our streets. Within their limited framework of powers, they are playing a commendable role.

Many of the illegal vendors have started hiding themselves as soon as they see our four warriors! It is an accepted fact that they do come back within a few hours, but we are sure that persistent efforts will bring results.



The basic mandate remains the same, remove the beggars in the colony, especially the women who sit in front of the temples and badger the passer-bys, remove the large number of moving, illegal vendors; remove the unsolicited posters on the electric poles and on the walls, keep the parks safe for our children and women.

Now we find children playing in these parks, since they are not being troubled by the anti-social elements. Our marshals have caught drug dealers, and drunken men in these parks and removed them.

Small but appreciable progress is being made.

It is easy to say that there is much more that needs to be done, but please do understand that this is a long-standing issue and our team needs to be augmented. We are planning to add more members to the team very soon, and we hope that our residents will encourage them and cooperate with them while they complete their duties.



CELEBRATIONS AT ARYA SAMAJ

Arya Samaj member - Saklendra Sikka



August 15, 2023 was a day of great joy and excitement for all Indians, it being our 77th Independence Day. At Arya Samaj, Vasant Vihar, too, it was celebrated with great pride and exuberance. The precincts of the Arya Samaj were beautifully decorated and adorned with bunting and flags. Balloons in the colours of our national tricolour and flowers - auspicious orange marigolds, white tuberose and green leaves of mango trees- added a special aura of patriotism to the event. The place was teeming with excited, joyous students, teachers and other members.

The function started at 10 am sharp after the arrival of the President of the Arya Samaj, Hon'ble Mrs Minnie Gupta. The students of our Mahatma Anand Swami Arya Primary School dressed in their sparkling white uniforms, came marching in smartly to the lively beats of the drum and saluted the President. The national flag was unfurled by the President and this was followed by a full throated singing of the national anthem, Jana gana mana..... A PT drill was done by the students, thereby displaying how the school management is taking care of their physical fitness and health.

An excellent cultural programme was presented in the Arya Samaj hall by members of the Samaj and the students. The programme began with a Vedic prayer- chanting of Vedic mantras followed by a prayer song. The USP of the programme was the presentation by the students, put together by School Principal, Mrs Kusum Duggal and the teachers. Full of enthusiasm, confidence and patriotic fervour, they sang patriotic songs, performed graceful dances and a very nice Nukkad Natak delineating the history of our freedom struggle in brief. Their presentation- dialogue delivery, enunciation, confidence, their josh - was truly remarkable. Everyone in the audience was full of appreciation for their commendable efforts and applauded the students loudly. So impressed was our veteran senior citizen Dr R.S.Gupta, by their excellent performance that he immediately announced cash rewards to encourage the students. The prize money was promptly distributed the next morning. Mrs Neelu Kapoor also announced a cash prize for all the participants. Patriotic songs were sung by a few members of the Arya Samaj and the audience joined in the singing and clapping.

The programme concluded with an immensely inspiring speech by Mrs Minnie Gupta, the President of the Arya Samaj. She reminded the students of the theme for Independence Day this year – Nation 1st India Always First, talked about the many 1st we are all proud of as Indians in every field of public life- economy, defence, technology as well as sports and urged the audience to pledge to contribute their best to the Nation. Her words were a great source of motivation and inspiration for the students. She concluded her address with the resounding chants of Bharat Mata ki Jai and Vande Mataram.

A delectable repast awaited the participants as well as all those attending at the end of the programme and a sumptuous and delicious lunch was provided to all those present.

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