

SANDEEP VIHAR (AWHO) WELFARE AND MAINTENANCE
SOCIETY, GHS-79, SECTOR 20, PANCHKULA

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

1. The management 2020- 2023 has completed one year in office. Of course I have been President for the past four years now. I will not dwell on the major achievements of the first tenure which changed the shape of the society, like opening of the second entrance at gate No 1, the installation of boom barriers with RFID tags for smooth entrance of residents and the handling of the first covid wave. This was possible because the management was a homogenous team.

2. My second tenure has been with a split management. Ironically two members who have been elected to this management are working tirelessly to get their own election set aside, along with that of the rest of the management.

3. These internal contradictions notwithstanding, the past year has been one which has continued the trend of development set in the first tenure.

4. There have been projects big and small. I will touch upon just a few of them:-

(a) Two outdoor gyms have been established at unbelievable cost. One at only Rs 1.5 lakhs and the other at Rs 58,000/-. The same gyms established in Chandimandir have cost Rs 15 lakhs each. This was possible by locating the original manufacturer in the gullies of Hallo Majra. It is a pleasure to see adults and children exercising at all hours. Incidentally, seeing the success of our venture, Rajeev Vihar has also followed suit.

(b) The sterling achievement the last year has been the operationalisation of the Solar Power Project. It will be recalled that after approval by the General Body, on 02 Feb 2020, it was sought to be cancelled by a representation to the Registrar by few members whose names are available in the

handout. I am proud to announce that the venture has been a resounding success, details of which will follow a little later.

(c) Repair and painting of water shafts. Over the last 15 years there was extensive damage to the water shafts. Some of them looked like a six year old child with gaps in the teeth. Furthermore they had never been repainted and looked very drab. All water shafts in the society have been completely repaired and painted along with the domes on the roofs. There is a new brightness to the campus.

(d) My Gate. The earlier All is Well App has been replaced by My Gate. It has numerous facilities for the society and the residents. The feedback from residents is overwhelmingly positive. The occasional wrong entry takes place due to human error, especially in mistaking D Block for E Block.

(e) Fighting Covid has been another challenge for the management. The fight against the first wave last year was supported by cooperation from all residents. However, after the first wave a sense of complacency had set in. Many residents were not ready to accept the preventive measures like a break for domestic staff returning from homes till they were tested and refusal to comply with social distancing norms. Once inoculations started, we organised a camp for testing as well as for inoculation within the society.

(f) The second wave was very brutal. There was an acute shortage of ventilator beds and oxygen cylinders for home use. Some members and some family members left us. However, it also brought forth the best of the spirit by some good Samaritans

(g) Special mention must be made of two amongst the many who rose to the occasion. Col Sandeep Nautiyal volunteered to provide home cooked food to covid affected flats and delivered these personally. This was done not for days but for weeks. It was a common sight to see him walking in the blazing sun with tiffin carriers in hand but his sterling unsung contribution was in using social media and personal contact to arrange for ventilator beds in hospitals and oxygen for home use, working with the support of Mrs Nautiyal. He

was on call whether it was day or night. He had no hesitation to drive covid positive cases to the hospital. Some amongst us have family members who have survived because of his efforts.

(h) The second Samaritan was Hav Ashok Bali. He was there to take on the complete responsibility where someone left for his heavenly abode. He arranged the hearse, tied up arrangements at the funeral ground, located the material necessary for rituals since all shops were closed and was there to give a kandha in the absence of family members not being able to attend and neighbours not coming forward.

5. I will summarise by saying that electricity supply has remained uninterrupted, water has never been short even during acute summers and the lifts are functioning smoothly. Essential supplies and sanitation services were maintained without interruption during the Lockdown periods.

6. I would like to point out some major vexing problems which are facing us.

7. Our expensive infrastructure – the sub stations, generators and lifts are now 15 years old. There is a certain amount of wear and tear due to age. They have also been damaged by the practice followed in the past of resorting to repairs by local mechanics using local spares and non compliance with the specified maintenance schedules of the equipment.

8. Consequently, the last 18 months have seen major breakdowns in the electrical system and very recently in the generators.

9. My management does not believe in wasting money. You are aware of the economy measures effected, particularly in reduction of staff. However, where our lifelines are concerned there are no shortcuts. We have entered into AMCs, as far as possible with the OEMs for both these facilities. As a result, down time is minimal. The equipment is periodically serviced according to the manuals.

10. Recently, one of the generators has been overhauled after the and is now rejuvenated.

11. As far as lifts are concerned there was a perennial problem of the vintage button getting stuck and the doors getting jammed due to rusted springs. The buttons have been replaced where required and the door springs have been replaced across the board.

12. There were many more projects which required attention. These had to be neglected due to the cases against the society by Col S K Chauhan in various fora outside the society, as well as the contradictions within the management which I have mentioned earlier.

Date: 31 Aug 2021



(Col R S Rathee, Retd)
President

President
Sandeep Vihar (AWHO)
Welfare & Maint Society
GHS-79, Sector-20
Panchkula (Haryana)



(Brig D K Mohan, Retd)
Secretary

General Secretary
Sandeep Vihar (AWHO)
Welfare & Maint Society
GHS-79, Sector-20,
Panchkula (Haryana)

