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### **Presidential Candidates For The Forthcoming Society Elections**

by Maj Gen (Retd) S P Murgai, AVSM



At the time of going to the press, there are two contenders for the office of the president, Govt. Servants Co-Operative Society Ltd., Vasant Vihar - Deepak

Mishra and Suresh Goel. Both the contenders are the residents of A Block.

Deepak Mishra is the former Director General of Police and recipient of President's Medal while in service. On the other hand, Suresh Goel is former President, VVWA and an active social worker. Deepak Mishra has announced his team and Election manifesto for the forthcoming Society election on 18th February 2024 whereas Suresh Goel has yet to announce his team and Election manifesto.

We had a chat with Deepak Mishra regarding various matters pertaining to our colony. This is what he said:

#### Excerpts:

His motivation behind standing for the election: By the grace of God, the city of Delhi gave me the reputation of a dedicated public ser-

vant. The essence of being a civil servant is to be serving Society at large. And now I want to dedicate the remaining productive years of my life to the welfare of the community, which now re-



volves in and around Vasant Vihar.

His views on Society and VVWA relationship: Both must work together in synergy and in harmony with each other to overcome the challenges. Any cross purpose will be suicidal for both.

The colony is facing numerous problems. In the current scenario what can Society do?

Everyone in a colony/ Community should take equal responsibility and participate in the activities that lead to enhancing the quality of life. My team shall work with VVWA to (Continued on page 14)

#### SNAP SHOTS

 Celebrations: Along with the celebrations of Ram Mandir from 14th to 22nd January a Bhandara (Prasad) was organised on



20th, 21st and 22nd January 2024 in front of the Mandir. The Sanatan Dharam Mandir, Vasant Vihar, and the Vasant Vihar Welfare Association (VVWA) celebrated this joyous occasion with the residents. Mrs. Meenakshi Lekhi, Honorable Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture. graced the occasion with her presence. (To read more... see inside page)

 Lo And Behold! On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, which was the day of consecration, a programme of Paths and Bhajans recital was organized to set the stage for (Continued on page 8)

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# VVWA Creates **Under CSR** a **POLICE POST Opposite D8/10**

Vasant Vihar Welfare Association



VWA creates under CSR a POLICE POST opposite D8/ 10 as part of security to stop traffic violations/ stop accidents, regulate traffic, To ensure peace and harmony

to uphold general Public basic Human rights in Vasant Vihar and to ensure that all are treated equally and none is able to violate the Other Persons right to walk freely on the pavements of Vasant Vihar and this strategic POLICE POST will ensure that no rowdism is allowed and gets stemmed at theRoot itself which is the starting point for JJ Cluster entering Vasant Vihar. This POLICE POST will stop all rowdism and discipline all old and young not following traffic rules. and creating nuisance thinking themselves to be above law.

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### **Presidential Candidates For** The Forthcoming **Society Elections**

overcome the problems jointly along with the support from the residents.

Participation of today's generation in the decision making:

Today's generation is our future. We will adopt all proactive measures to understand and elicit their expectations through various interactive methods.

Should there be any age restriction on standing for Society elections or the number of times one can hold office?

There should be no restriction. Members are elected through the democratic process.

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# **Jay Verma - Converting Sports Waste Into Utility Friendly Devices**



Jay Verma, a Grade XI student at Modern School Vasant Vihar, launched the campaign "Game Changers: Sustainability in Motion", an N&LISTEN inventive sustainability initiative. Focused on upcycling

sports equipment waste, Jay's USP is the

UpBeat Speaker, that ingeniously repurposes discarded balls into Bluetooth speakers housed within the balls themselves. These UpBeat speakers, appealing to environmentally conscious consum-

ers, convert sports waste into utility friendly, portable audio devices.

Collaborating with local sports academies and electronic factories, Jay sources old balls and electronic components to build UpBeat. He is raising awareness about increasing the lifespan of sports consumables, partnering with factory outlets to procure their surplus materials, educating the community about responsible e-waste disposal, thus bringing together diverse stakeholders to address the sports industry's waste. He is hopeful his call to action will reach sportsmen far and wide and drive sports towards sustainability.

In addition to the UpBeat Speakers, Jay is conducting a sports gear collection drive in Vasant Vihar, collecting used equipment for repair and refurbishment. The refurbished

> items will be donated to the NGO Sudeva, supporting underprivileged athletes in training and practice games.

> Through Game Changers, Jay is catalyzing grassroots action, fostering sustainability

in sports by rallying communities, forming partnerships, and driving systemic change. This multidimensional approach not only transforms mindsets but also directly reduces waste volumes, showcasing Jay's commitment to making a positive impact. To donate to Jay's intivative, please send your old used sports equipment to Verma's E 14/2, Vasant Vihar or contact at 9811315677. Help us give your old gear a new innings by refurbishing and upcycling.

### Tale of Two Kitties - The Great **Encounter**

by Abha Batra



The doodhwala rang the doorbell at 6:30 am. I opened the door, expecting Brownie's meows and her hurried steps to barge into ISTEN the house, as soon as the door opened. But no, she

was not there today. The spot where she usu-

ally perched herself was empty too. A little worried, I stepped out into the driveway, only to find little Brownie on the edge of the terrace parapet, her incessant 'meows' piercing my ears. Was she about to commit suicide? No

Brownie...please don't! I flung the milk packets on the kitchen slab and rushed to the terrace. To my horror, I found Gundi (a bully cat, so named by my kids because of her fierce looks) trying to slither away. She had cornered little Choti and had literally forced her to the edge of the parapet. She couldn't jump below

from the third floor and was crying for help. Gundi had to be taught a lesson. These attacks were increasing and Brownie was too small to defend herself. However, I was able to safeguard Choti with a jhadu, for now!

She came scurrying behind me as soon as Gundi escaped, and straight into the house, found her plate, gobbled a few chicken nug-

> gets and plonked her self on sofa. Within minutes, the poor kitty was fast asleep on her back, all four limbs in the air. face tilted to one side, with some teeth showing through the open mouth. She seemed dead with a smile!! With guests arriving, soon

she was back in the wild outdoors with jealous bully cats all around. Around 3 pm, as I sat sipping my tea, she was again attacked by

Gundi and my quick intervention saved her from a brutal attack. Betadine and an 8 hour sleep bounced her back to her sprightly self but now we needed a good home for her.