

A better world for Future Generations!

During his lifetime, Dr O P Bhalla, Founder Visionary, Manav Rachna Educational Institutions initiated many activities for the upliftment of the society. Following the footsteps of this great social reformer; Dr O P Bhalla Foundation initiated a PNG Cremation Facility at the Swarg Ashram, Ajronda Crematorium on September 16



Harvan to seek divine Blessings

Did you know ... A Traditional Funeral Pyre requires 400 kgs of wood? According to a recent report, around 50 - 60 million trees are burned during traditional cremations in our country every year. When the wood is burned, several million tons of toxic gases are produced including carbon dioxide which is extremely harmful for the environment. Dr O P Bhalla Foundation has been running several eco-friendly initiatives for sustainable development. On the occasion of the fifth death anniversary of the legendary Dr O P Bhalla; **Smt. Satya Bhalla**, Chief Patron, Manav Rachna Educational Institutions (MREI) dedicated a PNG cremation facility to the citizens of Faridabad in the presence of Cabinet Minister **Sh. Vipul Goel**. This is the first of its kind, pollution-free and cost-effective piped natural gas-based cremation system in the Faridabad city. Also present on the occasion were Dr Prashant Bhalla, President, MREI; Dr Amit Bhalla, VP, MREI; Ms. Savita Dhal (wife of Late Sh. Suresh Chander Dhal); Mr. K C Lakhani; Mr. R K Barnal; Mr. Sharmu Kapoor; Mr. Navdeep Chawla; Mr. Vinay Pratap, Deputy Commissioner, Gurgaon; senior dignitaries and eminent people of Faridabad. The dignitaries also planted a tree at the crematorium on this occasion.

While inaugurating the facility, **Sh. Vipul Goel** appreciated the highly noble and environmentally conscious initiative. He encouraged the citizens of Faridabad to use the PNG cremation facility to save wood and reduce air pollution.

Dr. Prashant Bhalla informed: "It is essential to create awareness about the ill effect of burning wood for cremating dead bodies and about its negative impact on the environment. Traditional funeral pyre requires around 400 Kg of firewood. I, therefore, urge everyone to use PNG cremation system - it is safe, hygienic, eco-friendly and cost-effective. All traditional rituals can be performed during the PNG cremation system".

State-of-the-art modern cameras have been installed at the crematorium. This will enable people living in foreign countries to watch the final rites of their near and dear ones online. Dr. O.P. Bhalla Foundation urges all ecologically conscious people to promote the PNG cremation facility.

How does the PNG facility function?

- Based on piped natural gas (PNG)
- Pollution free, in which filtered air is emitted at a level of 100 ft.
- The cremation using PNG facility takes two hours to complete
- Traditional rituals such as "Kapal Kriya" and "Aushi Collection" are an integral part of the process
- Cost effective (one-third cost of traditional cremation using wood)
- Facilitated with modern cameras to enable distant relatives to watch the cremation

The entire Manav Rachna family has been working ceaselessly to actualize the dreams of Dr. O.P. Bhalla. Every year, a series of camps and noble initiatives are undertaken for the benefit of people and communities. It is noteworthy, that, this year as well many free eye check-up camps, ergonomic assessment camps, nutrition as well as physiotherapy camps, health check-up camps, dental camps, blood donation camps were organized across various locations in Faridabad.

The entire Manav Rachna family paid homage to its Founder Visionary Dr. O. P. Bhalla on his fifth death anniversary (September 16) through a Mega Blood Donation Camp at the MREI campus. The Camp, inaugurated by **Dr. G. Anupama (IAS)** Commissioner, Faridabad Division was organized under the aegis of Dr. O. P. Bhalla Foundation in association with the Lions Club of Faridabad, Rotary Club of Faridabad; BK Hospital, Santon Ka Gurudwara and Samanvaya Parivar Trust. 1220 units of blood were collected during the camp. A bone marrow donor registry drive was also organized in association with Jeevandayini Social Foundation, in technical collaboration with Gene Bandhu Blood Stem Cell Donor Registry. 35 donors registered for the Bone Marrow/Stem Cell donor registry drive.

These community-led initiatives while perpetuating Dr. O.P. Bhalla's core belief of giving back to society were also a reflection of the generosity of spirit evident among the young members of the Manav Rachna family, as they volunteered, most willingly to bring about a difference!



Sh. Vipul Goel encouraging citizens to adopt the PNG cremation facility



Dignitaries planting a tree at the Ajronda Crematorium



Inauguration of the PNG Cremation facility



Inside the PNG cremation facility, Ajronda Crematorium



G. Anupama encouraging the young donors



Shree Padanjeev Saraswat and students of Manav Rachna International Schools singing bhajans



Mega Blood Donation Camp at MREI campus



Smt Satya Bhalla and G. Anupama speaking to the young donors



Stem Cell Donor Registry Drive

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