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PROGRAMME
Salute the Brave
Indian Army Day
Chief Guest:
PP Rtn. Brig. D.S. Dhillon
Assistant Governor
Zone 03, RI District 3080

Date: January 17, 2020 (Friday) Time: 6.30 p.m.
Venue: Hotel Shivalikview, Sector 17, Chandigarh

Datri Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry
In our weekly meeting on January 10, 2020 we had gracious presence of Ms. Bindiya Sawhney, Head Operations - North, Datri Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry, Chennai. She was accompanied by her colleagues Ms. Anuradha Tandon (who introduced her) and Ms. Sumati Misra who is Head of Counseling and Transplant Center Management.

President Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali was pleased to inform that Rotary Chandigarh Midtown has signed MOU with Datri NGO.

In Sanskrit DATRI means ‘donor’. This NGO named Datri is a not-for-profit organization and is the nation’s largest unrelated blood stem cell donors registry, which helps patients with blood cancer and other fatal blood disorders to find an HLA (Human Leukocyte Antigen) matched donor to undergo Blood Stem Cell Transplant. Blood stem cell transplant is a chance of cure for patients suffering from blood cancer and other severe blood disorders.

As of January 2020, DATRI has 4.75 lakhs voluntary donors registered and it has facilitated 675 transplants worldwide. DATRI operates in 10 major cities in India and now is available for Rotarians of Distt 3080 to help Cancer patients and in return be donors also.

More information about Datri is available at www.datri.org.

Lohri Celebrations
We celebrated Lohri which was sponsored by Rtn. Renu and Rtn. Salil Chopra, who also celebrated his birthday by cutting the cake of Mr. Brown of Danbro, which is Renu and Salil’s new venture coming very soon in Sector 26, Chandigarh.

In addition to revaris and moonphali, there was fellowship with snacks and drinks.
Youth Day Celebrations

Director Youth Service Rtn. Renu Chopra conducted Youth Day celebrations as we had our young Rotaractors and members of RCC present in the meeting. Some of them were honoured as youth icons.

Vice President of Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown Rtr. Himani, gave a very impressive talk about power of youth in India.

Himani gave an appropriate description of youth as fresh, good looking and helpful. She talked about Swami Vivekananda who was an ideal role model and inspiration for India's youth. She spoke strongly about youth serving in our own country of birth, which has given us so much. India is having unlimited resources, but we have scarcity of implementation.

In years to come India will have more youth and it is expected that they would be responsible to take action as per the vision of Swami Vivekananda. On behalf of our young Rotaractors Himani expressed that they would be working very hard to bring the change in our country as guided by their mentors and legends.

DYS Rtn. Renu Chopra congratulated Rtr. Himani for, “her very well worded talk about youth, who have unending opportunities in this beautiful country of ours. Youth can be wonderful achievers as future of our country and can do wonders.” She insisted that whatever the youth want achieve in life, should be in our own country.

Two youth icons who have done amazingly well in their fields were honoured by our Club as President Rotaract Chandigarh Midtown Rtr. Adhiraj Pathania presented them the mementos.

Hemant Bajaj of Bhawan Vidhalaya had won gold, silver and bronze medals in special Olympics. He also took active part in our RYLA Vishesh and was one of the star performers.

Simran Sood of Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School, Sector 20, Chandigarh has many achievements – best student of 2019, poster painting, debate, national games and trekking.

President Sali Bali was also pleased to introduce our special youth icon, Vinod Nagpal of our Rotary Community Corps (RCC) of Persons with Disabilities (PwD). Vinod has been working tirelessly with support of his wife, Sunil Rani in all our Disability Empowerment projects, RYLA Vishesh, UDID card and also our project for enrolling EWS families for Aayushmaan Card.

Mementos presented to Ms. Bindiya Sawhney, Ms. Anuradha Tandon and Ms. Sumati Misra of DATRI. Punctuality award to PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho R. Gupta

Ms. Bindiya Sawhney presents birthday gift to Rtn. Salil Chopra, joined by Rtn. Renu Chopra. Looking on is President Salil Bali

Meeting followed by fellowship
**District Conference – 22-23 February 2020**

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This Scheme, which has now been renamed as PMJAY, plans to make secondary and tertiary healthcare completely cashless.

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The coverage includes 3 days of pre-hospitalisation and 15 days of post-hospitalisation expenses. Moreover, around 1,400 procedures with all related costs like OT expenses are taken care of. All in all, PMJAY and the e-card provide a coverage of Rs. 5 lakh per family, per year, thus helping the economically disadvantaged obtain easy access to healthcare services. Our Club has initiated this assistive project after successfully registering about 5000 disabled for UDID Card.

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**Road Safety Week**

President Salil Bali has requested for participation with full vigor and energy in the Road Safety week as per details in his mail to all Rotarians.

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Rtn. Salil Chopra for sweaters Rs. 4000
Rtn. Salil Chopra – fellowship Rs. 5000
Punctuality Award

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R’ann Seema Sahajpal
January 19

Birthday of Rotarians
Rtn. Mohinder S. Kamra
January 17
Rtn. Renu Nayyar
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Rtn. Dr. Indu Luthra
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Wedding Anniversary
R’ann Sangeeta & Rtn. Ashish Singla
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Won by PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta

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