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Valedictory Function

Chief Guest:

**District Governor Elect
Rtn. Ramesh Bajaj
& Incoming District First Lady
Rtn. Rekha Bajaj**

**Date: Saturday, 27 June 2020
Time: 4 p.m.
Venue: Virtual Zoom Platform**



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The 2020 Rotary International Virtual Convention 20-26 June 2020



Addressing the first ever Rotary International Virtual Convention Rotary International President Mark Maloney said, "Rotary offers something no other organization can match – an exciting infrastructure which allows people from all over the world to connect in a spirit of service and peace."

Watch inspiring speakers, panelists, videos and entertainment, with the power of Rotary connections, by clicking on the following links.

Saturday, 20 June

[General Session 1: Together, We Connect](#)

[Click here to follow the proceedings](#)

This session was very professionally hosted by Rtn. Mark Wright, News Anchor/Past President, Rotary Club of Seattle, Washington, USA.

The Rotary world had come together in an unprecedented way during an unprecedented time to show how our Rotary family is connecting across the globe to support each other and fight against the pandemic.

There was lot to learn from an expert panel of global disease prevention and treatment and humanitarian aid organizations which can help strengthen our communities against similar events in the future.

Sunday, 21 June - [General Session 2: Together, We Learn](#)

[Click here to follow the proceedings](#)

This session was also hosted by News Anchor PP Mark Wright.

There was an opportunity to learn how e-clubs work and discover how Rotary clubs are leveraging new platforms to meet virtually and stay connected. Also finding out how our polio eradication efforts can assist in the battle against the pandemic.

[Featured Breakouts \(Click here\)](#) Connected with the family of Rotary to discover inventive ways to engage, increase our ability to adapt, and learn new skills to strengthen our club and community.

[House of Friendship \(Click here\)](#) was part of the 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention, a 24-hour exhibit that allowed attendees to connect with Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, Partners, Projects, and Rotary International resources to learn more, ask questions, and interact virtually with fellow members.

The 2021 Rotary International Convention - Taipei had a Registration Booth offering discounted registration rate between 20-26 June 2020.

President Rtn. Salil Bali was pleased to inform that all members of our Rotary Chandigarh Midtown attended this Rotary International Virtual Convention, which was the first of its kind in the history of Rotary. For all those who participated in this Virtual RI Convention, it was a unique experience to the fact, that now more than ever, Rotary Connects the World.

Donations to our Welfare Trust are exempted u/s 80 G of IT Act

To celebrate our connection there were impressive speeches in the Rotary International Virtual Convention, to inspire the attendees as People of Action. The following were the speakers in both the General sessions, in order of their appearance:



**John Hannes, RI
Staff
Rotary Club of
Chicago Lakeview,
Illinois,
USA**



**Mark Wright
News Anchor; Past
President, Rotary
Club of Seattle,
USA**



**Mark Daniel
Maloney
Rotary International
President, Rotary
Club Decatur,
Alabama, USA**



**Celia Elena Cruz
de Gaiay
RI Convention
Committee Chair;
Rotary Club in
Argentina**



**António Guterres
Secretary-General
of the United
Nations**



**Alisha Davis
Emmy-winning
Journalist**



**PRIP K.R. Ravindran
Rotary Foundation
Trustee Chair-elect;
Rotary Club
Colombo, Sri Lanka**



**Christopher Elias,
MD, MPH President,
Global Development,
Bill & Melinda Gates
Foundation**



**Dr. Rebecca Martin,
Director, Center for
Global Health, U.S.
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention**



**Dr. Bruce Aylward
Senior Adviser to the
Director-General,
World Health
Organization**



**Henrietta H.
Fore
Executive
Director,
UNICEF**



**Rebecca Fry
President of the
Rotary Club of
Social Impact
Network, Sydney,
Australia; Co-
Founder of RYLA
Oceania**



**PRIP Gary C.K.
Huang
Rotary
Foundation
Trustee Chair;
Rotary Club of
Taipei, Taiwan**



**Holger Knaack
Rotary International
President-elect;
Rotary Club of
Herzogtum
Lauenburg-Mölln,
Germany**



**John Hewko
RI General
Secretary and
CEO; Rotary Club
of Kyiv, Ukraine**



**Shekhar Mehta
Rotary International
President nominee;
Rotary Club of
Calcutta, West
Bengal, India**

News

Rotary Chandigarh Midtown excels in service to humanity

Rotary is a unique not-for-profit organisation which has united more than a million people all over the world. People who take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

by Aneesh Bhanot

Together, Rotarians across the globe apply their professional experience and personal commitment to tackle the communities' most persistent problems, finding new, effective ways to enhance health, stability and prosperity across the world.

Each day, the members of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown (RCM) pour their passion, integrity and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting impact for the underprivileged and the downtrodden. They persevere until they deliver real, lasting solutions.

No wonder then that RCM has successfully implemented various projects worth Rs. 1.75 crores in the current Rotary year.

The projects are many. In Project Sankalp, (Fight against Corona – Covid 19 Pandemic), the Club did tremendous service and the total value of goods and service work executed was approximately Rs.1.3 crores. The Club provided dry ration/food to about 3 lakh people and provided Drone Surveillance for Covid affected areas of Chandigarh for the Chandigarh Police.

One of the focus areas of RCM was Disability Awareness & Involvement. It was involved in the UDID Initiative and 8000 differently abled registered for it. It organised the RYLA Vishesh – a 2N/3D residential program for differently abled/special children which was attended by 130 children.

RCM put into operation the Kalam Express – a Van fitted with rehab machines that goes to rural areas in Panchkula district under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner and caters to the rehabilitation of disabled children.

The Club held a large number of awareness camps/rallies/blood donation camps and ensured participation of the disabled in different Club projects.

The Club was instrumental in the setting up of MIYAWAKI Forest Plantations.

To get the youth involved, the Club organised a Human Chain on Madhya Marg to celebrate 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi with messages of Swatch Bharat, End TB, End Polio.

It educated the citizens on Road Safety by spearheading a Road Safety Rally – in which there were 300 women participants.

The Club started a Juvenile Counselling Project in association with the Social Welfare Department and High Court of Punjab & Haryana – Yuva Ko Disha. It also held an e Organ Donation Camp.

RCM organised a 'Ride With Pride' project – on Uber/Ola Taxis on Gandhi Jayanti.

The Club was instrumental in setting up the Rotary Diagnostic Lab. This Charitable Rotary Diagnostic Lab was opened in Sector 2, Panchkula with a Collection Centre at Sector 26, Chandigarh.

One of the important parts of Rotary internationally is The Rotary Foundation. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects all over the world, including India. RCM contributed Rs. 20,25,000 to the Rotary Foundation during the year.

According to Salil Dev Bali, President, Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, "We are fortunate that we have a very dedicated team and highly committed members who regularly contribute ideas, their time and money into unique projects to help society. They are always focussed on the objectives of Rotary - to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene, save mothers and children, support education and grow local economies."



Sector News dated 22.06.2020

Rotary Community Corps of Dariya



First Meeting and Project of newly formed RCC Dariya



PRID Yash Das appreciates our End TB Program



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19th June 2020

Dear President Salil Bali,

Greetings!

On behalf of the Rotary India National TB Control & Awareness Committee I wish to convey our appreciation to Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown for the outstanding contribution to the TB FREE INDIA program through your continuous activities in creating awareness about Tuberculosis amongst the community and by providing nutrition to the poor and needy patients afflicted by Drug Resistant TB.

The committee thanks you and the members of your club in your effort for TB FREE INDIA.

Undoubtedly with your efforts and the efforts of the other clubs throughout India, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare will be able to eliminate TB by 2025. The committee looks forward to your continued support.

Warm regards

Yash Das
Yash Das
Chair
Rotary India National TB Control & Awareness Committee

President Salil Bali
Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown
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ON

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& INCOMING FIRST LADY
RTN REKHA BAJAJ

RTN SALIL BALI
PRESIDENT

RTN NITIN KAPUR
SECRETARY

PP AMARJIT SINGH
EVENT CHAIR

*Thanks
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Thanksgiving Valedictory Function for a very successful
Rotary Year. Please save the date and join in full strength

Webinar organized by Rotaractors

A Webinar was well organized on 21 June 2020 by Rotaractors of Chandigarh Midtown. Himani and Bharat were the moderators.



100 persons enjoyed attending this webinar which was an interesting presentation by Guest Speaker Rtn. Salil Chopra, who explained how people can boost up their career and personality.



I.M.A. Chandigarh

Dr. Vanita Gupta
President, IMA, Chandigarh


Dr. Nitin Mathur
Secretary, IMA, Chandigarh

Hearty Congratulations to PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta for being appointed as President of Indian Medical Association (IMA), Chandigarh and Rtn. Dr. Nitin Mathur appointed as Secretary of IMA, Chandigarh.

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