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PROGRAMME

Jest a Minute

Chief Coordinator:

PP Rtn. Ar. Pallav Mukherjee

Zoom Meeting

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Date: Friday, 15 January 2021 | Time: 6.30 p.m.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Lokpal as an Institution and interesting Experiences in the Court

Click here to watch on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/AMR8FlsfHac>

In our meeting on 08 January 2021 Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vinod K. Sharma, Lokpal Punjab was welcomed by President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia. Justice Sharma was assisted on the virtual platform by his son Advocate Rahul Sharma. Rtn. Ms. Shashi Prabha Dwivedi, ADGP Lokpal was also present.

To take the meeting forward President Sanjay requested PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta, who invited IPP Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali to formally introduce the chief guest.



Justice Vinod Sharma

Born on 25 May 1951, Justice Vinod Kumar Sharma is the son of Late Major Madan Lal Sharma. He did B.Sc. and LLB from Nagpur. From 29 October 1974 to 21 March 2006 he practiced as Advocate in the field of Service, Labour, Civil, Criminal, Company, Arbitration and other Laws at Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.

From 22 March 2006 to 26 October 2010 he was Permanent Judge in Punjab and Haryana High Court. From 27 October 2010 to 24 May 2013 he was Permanent Judge in High Court of Judicature at Madras. During his Judicial tenure, Justice Vinod Sharma authored more than 1,500 reported Judgments on various fields of law. On 03 September 2013 he was designated as Senior Advocate by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. On 08 October 2019 he was administered the oath of allegiance as Lokpal Punjab.

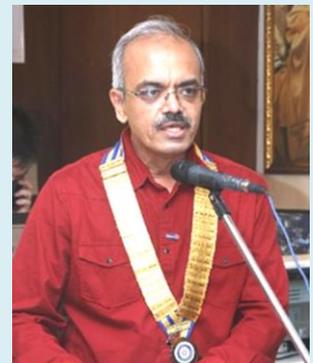
Salil was pleased to announce that at Punjab and Haryana High Court, he and Dr. Balram Gupta had appeared as Advocates in a few cases in the Court of one of the most learned and popular legal luminaries of our times, Justice Vinod Sharma.

President Sanjay said that we are still in the new year spirit in the second meeting of 2021. He said that we all would be having some plans for the new year. He disclosed the plans of PDG Shaju Peter, who is going to shift his location to his home state, that is, Kerala. but he would remain in touch with us and he will continue to be a board member till the end of current Rotary year.

The meeting was coordinated by PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta, who had a long association with Justice Sharma as a friend, as a lawyer and also had the good opportunity of arguing cases in his Court.

When Justice Sharma was transferred to Madras High Court, his dearest friend Justice Nagamuthu is also a close friend of Dr. Balram and therefore, this particular journey with Justice Sharma has been very joyful.

Congratulations to our Best President



**In GML – December 2020
Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia has been
declared as the Best President
for November**

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

Dr Balram had done his doctoral work in 1980 on Lokpal. He gave a brief description about the Institution of Lokpal, which is the Indian name for Ombudsman.

Wishing happy new year to Rotarians, Justice Vinod Sharma said, "It is a matter of great pleasure to talk to such learned people who have established themselves in various fields."



Blessings of Almighty - Invocation by R'ann Indu Anand



Meeting coordinated by PP Dr. Balram Gupta



Introduction of chief guest by IPP Salil Bali



Vote of thanks by Rtn. Justice Raj Rahul Garg

Justice Sharma said, "While hearing Dr. Balram Gupta, I noticed my Guru's photo behind him and I pay my regards to Justice Jawahar Lal Gupta." Late Justice Gupta, elder brother of PP Dr. Balram Gupta, was the charter member, first Secretary and the third President of our Club in 1979-80.

Coming from Army background, Justice Sharma is happy as he is first generation advocate, though his first preference was to join defense forces but could not do so due to medical reason of eye sight. Joining the legal profession, it has been a great experience for him in this very challenging and interesting field.

Justice Sharma acknowledged the guidance of Dr. Balram Gupta as he was Professor in Law Department of Panjab University and was introduced to him by our former Foreign Minister Ms. Sushma Swaraj who was Balram's student.

Justice Sharma said after retirement the post of Lokpal came to him by chance, as the persons who were recommended, were not accepted by the Chief Justice.

Talking about Lokpal, Justice Sharma agreed with Dr. Balram Gupta about the powers and limitations of the Lokpal because he has read more in depth while doing his doctorate on this subject.

Sharing his practical experience as Lokpal, Justice Sharma made it clear that now provisions have been made in the Lokpal Act and statutory duty has been cast upon the Hon'ble Governor that he has to take a decision within three months of recommendations made by the Lokpal, and he cannot ignore it as it was previously being done.

Lokpal is an institution which is established to eradicate corruption and mis-administration by the politicians. Lokpal deals with complaints against public men which includes ministers, even chief minister, MLAs, chairman and members

of the board, committees or company, constituted under the State or Central Act. The Lokpal also has vast jurisdiction over municipal corporations, municipal committees, zilla parishad, mayor, deputy mayor and other officers / employees.

One of the difficulties faced by Lokpal is that there is restriction in the Act itself that Lokpal cannot act sue motto and therefore has to depend upon the complaint to be filed through an affidavit. The Lokpal has vast powers of the Civil Court because he has been given the status and privileges of sitting Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court. The problem is that most of the people do not come forward to file complaints against the politicians or ministers, may be out of fear of their authority. So most of the complaints are against municipal corporations and municipal committees.

Justice Sharma also shared some interesting experiences in the court, as it has its lighter moments also. An advocate being fare may not be related to the case, but his complexion! This was said about the opposite counsel by Justice J.L. Gupta when he was arguing as a lawyer in the high court.

While interacting with PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Justice Sharma referred to him as a 'truck mate'. Both of them being from Army background used to go to the school at Nagpur in the Army truck in 1960s. The other 'truck mate' who attended the meeting was Dr. Vohra's brother, Capt. Charanjit Vohra. Justice Sharma went down the memory lane as the Nevedac link road case, given to him by Dr. Vohra's father in 1975 was Justice Sharma's first independent case in the High Court!

Rtn. Justice Raj Rahul Garg thanked Justice Vinod Sharma for sparing his valuable time to give us an inspiring talk in a very calm, compose and jovial mood. President Sanjay thanked PP Dr. Balram Gupta for coordinating the meeting wonderfully. He also thanked PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra for coordinating with Justice Sharma to connect us to him.

New year celebrated with new born children at Civil Hospital, Panchkula

On the 01st day of January 2021 Rotary Chandigarh Midtown celebrated new year with the new born children in the delivery complex of Civil Hospital Panchkula. 30 knitted woolen sweater sets, equal number of nutrition supplements and dry rations were given to all the babies and mothers.

The woolen sweaters have been made at RVTC Parwanoo, courtesy Diwan DDS Charitable Trust.

Rotarians Present: President Sanjay Bhatia, PDG Yoginder Diwan, PP Kanan Diwan and AG Dr. Rita Kalra who organized the event.



**Continuity of Club Leadership and First Ladies also
(In continuation from previous bulletin no. 27)**



First Lady 2019-20

R'ann Rimple – nick name of Parul
w/o Rtn. **Salil Bali**
Immediate Past President



1st Rotarian First Lady 2020-21

Rtn. Ritu
w/o Rtn. **Sanjay Bhatia**,
President



2nd Rotarian First Lady 2021-22

Rtn. Renu
w/o Rtn. **Salil Chopra**
President Elect



3rd Rotarian First Lady 2022-23

Rtn. Rita
w/o Rtn. **Sanjay Kalra**,
President Nominee

‘R’ is for Rotary and ‘R’ is the first letter for all four First Ladies. ‘R’ is the common factor to further Strengthen this unique Continuity of Leadership in Rotary Chandigarh Midtown.

Skill India - AC, Plumbing and Electrician courses

For skilling India Rotary Chandigarh Midtown is running 6 months training program for school going economically weaker section students at CCET, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

38 students successfully completed 2019-20 program in AC / Refrigeration, Plumbing and Electrician courses.

Observing social distancing norms, certificates were given to few students in the presence of Principal Mrs. Sanjna Arora, President Sanjay Bhatia, PP R.K. Luther and Director Vocational Services Rtn. Anupam Jain and three College Instructors.



Women Leaders in Rotary and Politics

RI WOMEN'S GROUP PRESENTS
RTN. ANN-BRITT ÅSEBOL
Past Rotary International Director (2012-2014)
Member of the Swedish Parliament
Home Club:
Rotary club of Falun Kopparvågen, Sweden

WOMEN LEADERS IN ROTARY & POLITICS

SATURDAY, 7PM IST
JANUARY 9, 2021

“It is much easier to do things in Rotary than in politics. Rotary is much more democratic and we believe in the Four Way Test,” said PRID Rtn. Ann-Britt Asebøl in a webinar on Women Leaders in Rotary and Politics. She also talked about Sweden which is ruled by a king but the supreme decision-making body is the parliament. Ann-Britt and some more Rotarians are Members of Swedish Parliament.

Rtn. Jennifer E. Jones of Ontario (Canada) will be the first Women Rotary International President in 2022-23. This is very inspiring for women in Rotary. There was large attendance from all over the world. Present from our Club were: President Sanjay Bhatia, PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Rtn. Indu Luthra (with her daughters Rtn. Kavita Vij from Delhi and Vanita from Norway), Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur, PP Kanan Diwan, R'ann Rekha with PP Anil Mehan, Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua, PP Dr. Balram Gupta, AG PP Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain and Rtn. Rishikant Jha.



Collage by Rtn. Indu Luthra

PRID Asebøl complimented Rtn. Prof. Dr. Dua for highlighting the inventions in Sweden. Rtn. Indu Luthra also interacted with PRID Asebøl.

A VIRTUAL JOURNEY
THE ODYSSEY
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 15-16-17 JANUARY TIME: 4PM-8PM
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Birthday Celebration

AG PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra celebrated her birthday on 05.01.2021 with her staff at Civil Hospital, Panchkula

Rotary Rotary Opens Opportunities

ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH UPTOWN
 Webinar on
RECENT ADVANCES IN CONSUMER LAWS
 Guest Speaker
Dr. BC Gupta, IAS
 Member National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission

Google Meet
 on Thursday, 7th January, 2021
 Yashica Jain (President), Rajesh Bindra (Secretary)
Very informative presentation by Dr. B.C. Gupta, IAS, sharing his 6 years of experience as Member in National Consumer Commission and explained the new Consumer Protection Act, 2019, which is for better protection and empowerment of consumers

- Birthday of Spouses**
 R'ann Saroj Jain January 15
 R'ann Seema Sahajpal January 19
- Birthday of Rotarians**
 Rtn. Mohinder Singh Kamra January 17
 Rtn. Renu Nayyar January 17
 Rtn. Indu Luthra January 20
 PP Rtn. Devi Prasad Khandelua January 21
- Wedding Anniversary**
 R'ann Sangeeta & Rtn. Ashish Singla January 17

Interact Virtual Installation

Our Club did the first ever virtual installation of the Interact Club of DAV PPS School. The current President of the Interact Club shared his plans for the year, such as following social distancing rules, tree plantation and donation drives. The Interactors also entertained all present with an impressive cultural performance.

The event was attended by President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, AG Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, PE Rtn. Salil Chopra, Director Youth Services Rtn. Kulbir Bhatia. Director Club Services Rtn. Nitin Kapur and Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur.

PE Salil Chopra and Rtn. Nitin Kapur gave inspiring talk to the students.

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