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PROGRAMME

Virasat Connect: Reviving the Legacy of Indian Crafts

To be hosted by:

Ms. Oshil Bansal and Mr. Hardik Aggarwal
Team Members at Project Virasat, Enactus SRCC

Date: May 14, 2021 (Friday)

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 6291653178

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Impact of films on society

[Click here to watch on YouTube](https://youtu.be/Nt-xo_jk2Eg) https://youtu.be/Nt-xo_jk2Eg

In our virtual meeting on 07 May 2021 President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia welcomed the chief guest Rtn. Ojaswwee Sharma, Film Director, Producer and Screenwriter. President Sanjay advocated the spread of hope, happiness and positive vibes which is greatly needed in the current situation. He advised members to read the bulletin and appreciated PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta's tribute to PDG Kawal Bedi. We also had guests from Norway Dr. Vanita Gulati, daughter of Rtn. Dr. Indu Luthra and her friend Rtn. Nag Jyoti, Convener of Women in Rotary International (WIRI) and an Environment Engineer.

The chief guest was introduced by AG PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra.



Ojaswwee Sharma

Rtn. Ojaswwee Sharma is Indian film director, producer and screenwriter based in Chandigarh, widely known for producing films and programs rooted in reality and raising pertinent issues while his repertoire ranges from films to television shows and digital features, the short narrative films and documentaries told in his characteristics serious tone that have won him International repute for uncovering and presenting daunting subject matters through more than 80 films and programs. Ojaswwee is the co-founder and director of Pinaka Media Works LLP and Rolling Frames Entertainment and online publishing platform for films and video programs. He is India head for SikhLens and festival director for art and film festival that has brought world class cinema touching Sikh identity and oneness to India. Chandigarh born and brought up in New Delhi he is a alma mater of Panjab University, Chitkara University, DAV Senior Secondary School Chandigarh / Panchkula and Cambridge School Srinivaspuri in New Delhi. He holds several degrees and certificates to his credit at young age of 32 years and has many awards and recognitions. He is a

Rotarian from Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik and has successfully made presentations in 40 prestigious International film festivals across India, USA, UK, Canada, Australia, South America, Africa, Bangladesh and Russia. Ojaswwee's several films have received accolades, selections and nominations at international level. His strength lies in planning and producing films and video driven campaigns across length and breadth of cinematic films to video commercials, documentaries, talk shows and promotions based on television, internet and mobile platforms. He is very dedicated in producing the work done by Rotary in Chandigarh.

Talking about impact of films, Ojaswwee said, "It has been a very roller coaster journey. It is a childhood infatuation for the film. Film making is one of the largest industries in India having a five volume turnover. There is a lot of expectation from the film star." He had high appreciations for Bollywood actor Sonu Sood for the wonderful humanitarian work he has been doing during the pandemic.

Films are connected to the audience who get very involved in the story of the film. He referred to the film he made about transgender 'Admitted', a biographical docudrama on the inspiring life journey of Mx. Dhananjay Chauhan, [who was chief guest in our virtual meeting on 02 October 2020](#) and also talked about the film 'Admitted'.

Ojaswwee also talked about the various award winning films directed by him like; Chaa Da Cup, Lucky Kabootar, Zubaan and his other films.

Making strides in his cinematic journey, Ojaswwee is the Festival Director and India Head For SikhLens: Sikh Arts & Film Festival that brought world class cinema touching Sikh identity to Chandigarh.



**Address by President
Sanjay Bhatia**

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He believes that his films should be on matters which he feels excited about, only then the audience would accept such films.

Ojaswwee requested the audience present in the meeting to have an interactive discussion with him which made the session more interesting and vibrant.

He also discussed the difficulties faced by the film industry for the last over one year due to pandemic.

Films have also had an impact on wedding as now pre-wedding shoot concept is followed by wedding photographers, the idea which has come from the films.

Film making is like a factory having various departments for production, lighting, sound etc. It is a well coordinating activity and has to perform like a company. He also informed about solar panel setup in Darbar Sahib which will save 35% of electricity, on which a film is being made.



PP Dr. Rita Kalra

Before introducing the chief guest Dr. Rita Kalra, advised all present to adopt a positive impact and enjoy cooking delicacies, watch Netflix, flooding inspiring messages on social media and reading our favorite books. She stated, "I am overwhelmed with the outstanding response from Rotarians to lend a helping hand to make the health systems work. Help has been pouring from philanthropist in India and abroad in terms of equipment, furniture, infection control kits, food, plasma, oxygen, drugs and list goes on. I am in gratitude for the prayers and blessings also which motivates and energizes us to fight the enemy."

Rtn. Dr. Indu Luthra's invocation was on positivity which is the need of the hour. She said, "Adopt the concept of 'Chardi Kala' – the art of living in high spirits. The Eternal optimism is the slogan given to us by Guru Gobind Singh, the Tenth Sikh Guru, which means keep your spirits high, no matter what the situation. Have faith, keep doing good and stay positive. Do your best, then leave the rest to God."



**Invocation by
Rtn. Indu Luthra**

Rtn. Indu Luthra also recited the poem of Amitabh Bachchan's father, the renowned poet, late Harivansh Rai Bachchan, which reminds everyone to turn on the light during dark times, through his famous poem; 'Andhere ka Deepak', which is apt for the current situation, as it gives an inspiring message of not giving up, "Yes the night is dark and deep, but when was it not permitted to light a small lamp! When the dreamed home you built with affection and love, was drowned in destruction, when was it not permitted to pick up little bricks and stones to rebuild a small peaceful hut again."



**Vote of thanks by
Rtn. Suman Gupta**

To promote our club's YouTube channel Ojaswwee advised that our members should see the videos on the YouTube and also keep sharing it with others. [To watch him addressing our meeting, click here.](#) Like, comment, share and subscribe to the channel. Press the bell icon and keep watching!

Rtn. Suman Gupta thanked Rtn. Ojaswwee Sharma for his very impressive and praiseworthy talk on the impact of films.

Rotary Chandigarh Midtown Rasoi



President Sanjay presents cheque for Rs. 10000 to Mr. Hardeep Singh. Looking on are IPP Rtn. Salil Bali, PP Rtn. Amarjit Singh and Vinod Nagpal



President Sanjay Bhatia, IPP Salil Bali and PP Amarjit Singh are happy to observe Cooked food being packed in hygienic conditions

Rotary Chandigarh Midtown Rasoi started at Saini Bhawan in Sector 24, Chandigarh, for delivering cooked food to more than 50 covid patients thrice a day through our Rotary Community Corps for Disabled Persons President Mr. Vinod Nagpal and team under the able guidance of Mr. Hardeep Singh, Municipal Counselor Ward 10 and former Sr. Dy. Mayor of Chandigarh.

On 10.05.2021 Ration of highest quality and cheque of Rs. 10,000 was handed over by President Sanjay Bhatia to Mr. Hardeep Singh, our partner in service, for purchase of more ration. IPP Salil Bali and Treasurer PP Amarjit Singh were also present.

This facility would also cater to Aurobindo Covid Care Centre, Sector 27, Chandigarh for dinner every day for patients admitted there. Rotarians are requested to come forward and contribute to this very noble cause in cash or kind as done by President Sanjay Bhatia and IPP Salil Bali.

Donation by PP R.K. Luther to Civil Hospital, Panchkula



PP Rtn. R.K. Luther donated Rs 50,000 to Civil Hospital Panchkula for the Covid ward. The cheque was handed over to PMO Dr. Suvir Saxena in presence of AG Dr. Rita Kalra



R'Ann Urmil Luther celebrates Mother's Day with staff of Civil hospital Panchkula, organized by Dr. Rita Kalra

You don't need an EXPERT YOU NEED A MIND SET!

Very motivational at this hour

Ratan Tata



Experts are predicting huge down fall of Economy due to the Corona.
I do not know much about these experts.
But I know for sure that they do not know anything about the value of human motivation and determined efforts.
If experts were to be believed, after the total destruction in 2nd World War Japan had NO future. BUT the same Japan in just 3 decades or so, made US cry at the market place.
If the experts were to be believed, Israel should have been wiped out from the world map by the Arabs, but the fact is different.
As per the rules of Aerodynamics, the Bumble Bee can NOT fly. But it flies, because it does not know the rules of Aerodynamics.
If the experts were to be believed, we should have been no where in 83 Cricket World Cup.
If the experts were to be believed Wilma Rudolf, the first American lady to win 4 Olympic Gold in Athletics, should not have been in a position to walk without braces, no question of running.
If the experts were to be believed Arunima Sinha can hardly lead a normal life. But she climbed the Mount Everest.
The corona crisis is no different. I do not have any doubt that, We will defeat the Corona hands down and The Indian Economy will bounce back in a great manner.

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वंशीभद्र | हरदम मन खुश रहता है अगर आसपास हरियाली हो। एक तो चेहरे पर एक मुस्कान बनी रहती है। इसीलिए मैंने अपने घर के ओपन एरिया स्पेस को ग्रीनरी के जरिए प्रकृति से जोड़ा है। यह बताया पंचकुला की डॉ. रीता कालरा ने। वे अपनी पति डॉ. संजय कालरा के साथ मिलकर गार्डनिंग करती हैं। बोलों, पेड़ पौधों व फूलों से यह लगाव करीब 25 साल से भी पुराना है। दोनों मिलकर गार्डनिंग करते हैं। सबह तकरीबन दो घंटा संजय गार्डन को देते हैं और शाम में एक घंटा मैं। मेरा टैरेस एरिया बड़ा है इसलिए इसे डिजाइनर लुक दी है। यहाँ मैंने पॉट्स के साथ मिनी लैंडस्केपिंग की है। जिसमें कई वैरयटी को इस्तेमाल किया। वहीं डॉ. संजय ने बताया, घर के तीनों फ्लोर्स को अपनी अलग हरियाली है। फर्स्ट फ्लोर पर हर्बल, सैकेंड फ्लोर पर टैरेस गार्डन और थर्ड फ्लोर पर वैजिटेबल गार्डन। मैं हर्बल और किचन गार्डन की देखरेख करता हूँ। इस बहाने अपने गार्डन में उगी आर्गेनिक सब्जियां खाने को मिलती हैं। अपनी प्रोड्यूस देखकर गजब की संतुष्टि मिलती है कि हम किसी तरह के स्टोरियेज या पैकिंग साइड की चीजों को नहीं खा रहे। गार्डनिंग एक तरह से स्टेस बस्टर है। इन्हीं के बीच आधा घंटा योग भी करता हूँ। मेरे गार्डन में कुल मिलाकर दो हजार पॉट्स हैं। सीजन के परिनियल प्लांट्स (फूलदार पौधे), सेक्युलरस, कॅक्टेलस, बोनसाई, पाम और कैकटी आदि की तमाम वैरयटी है। जिन्हें मैंने पांच से छह पौधों के सैट में कई किस्मों को जोड़ते हुए लगा रखा है। हर वैरयटी में 20 से 30 किस्में हैं। वहीं फूलदार पौधों की 50 किस्में हैं।



Dainik Bhaskar – City Life dated 06.05.2021

AG PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and PN Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra are seen on the roof top garden of their house – full of greenery which is their great stress buster, are enjoying the fragrance of 2000 flower pots and Dr. Rita is further sharing this fragrance in playing a vital role for treating the patients in her hospital and giving them health, hope and happiness

Condolences

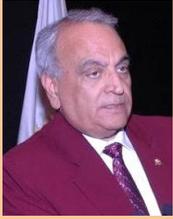
Our heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of Rtn. Anjali Arora, relative of Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua. May God give strength to the family to bear this irreparable loss.

Message shared by

PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta

Someone has nicely explained the irony in the present situation:
“Never have I seen such a mess in life. The air is pure but wearing a mask is mandatory.
Roads are empty but it is impossible to go on long drive.
People have clean hands but there is a ban on shaking hands.
Friends have time to sit together but they cannot get together.
The cook inside you is crazy, but you cannot call anyone for lunch or dinner.
Every Monday, the heart longs to go out, but the weekend does not seem to end.
Those who have money have no way to spend it.
Those who don't have money have no way to earn it.
There is enough time on hand but you can't fulfill your dreams.
The culprit is all around but cannot be seen.
A world full of irony!
Be Positive but test Negative.”

Service Above Self Award for PDG Madhukar Malhotra



Our heartiest congratulations to PDG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra for being honoured with Rotary's prestigious Service Above Self Award. A very knowledgeable Rotarian, his contribution to Rotary is manifold. He is a project coordinator for many international medical missions and a trainer at the International Assembly.

2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention

Registration is open! Don't miss your chance to connect with Rotary members at the [2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities](#) which will held from 12 through 16 June 2021. Special rate of \$49 was through 7 May 2021. After that, the **registration fee is \$65**, from 8 May 2021 through 16 June 2021. Virtual Convention fees entitles the registrant to access the House of Friendship; admission to the convention's opening and closing ceremonies and gives opportunities to network and exchange ideas!

[Register now.](#)

Birthday of Spouse

Dr. Bhushan C. Gupta 14 May

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Anup Sharma 19 May

Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Renu and Capt. Kapil Nayyar 17 May

R'ann Chanchal and Rtn. Charanjit Rai 17 May

R'ann Guninder and Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua 19 May



Maidenhead Bridge Rotary Club (England) Presented:



Virtual Health Day

Saturday 8th May 2021



online to learn more about your health and wellbeing:

- Online Yoga (45 minutes)
- Posture Check: setting up your home working space
- Topic Talks: Heart UK, Sports in Mind, Diabetes, Stroke Association
- Berkshire Health Clinic: Moving Well (30 minutes)

Rotary Club Maidenhead Bridge of England invited Rotary Chandigarh Midtown to join their Virtual Health Day on 08 May 2021

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