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## PROGRAMME

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"So What Changes in the  
Policing System do we Need Now ?"  
Guest Speaker - Mr. K.B. Vohra, Ex-DGP, Orissa

Friday, December 05, 2008

Time: 6.30 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## The Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate



*The Moderator - IPDG Shaju Peter*

The sustenance of a nearly two decade old project is a difficult task, especially so in a Rotary Club where leadership changes every year, each leader having his or her own priorities. While credit is definitely attributable to the Club, its leaders and the members, the lion's share goes to those sponsoring the Project year after year.

Yes, we in the club, without doubt, salute the two

siblings, Ashwini and Vijay Gupta, and their families, for keeping the spirit and memory of Late Vishnu Kumar Gupta alive. It is definitely a tribute to the lessons of value he had imbibed in his children, that makes them do so.

During the Rotary year 1990-91 this project was visualized, after the demise of Rtn. Vishnu Kumar Gupta, then Director, by the Club Board, led by Kavi Tulsi as President and Shaju Peter as Secretary, to keep alive his leadership qualities.

Barring a year or two, when the debate was not held, this project has had its highs & lows. It has witnessed the participation of Rotaractors from far flung areas, to extremely low participation of only three teams. However, the persistence of club leaders has paid off with seven teams with fourteen participants registering this year.

Most of the registrations came in at the last moment. On the one hand, the Committee Chair, currently Director of our Club, Rtn. Prem Anand, must have



*The Participants speak their minds out*



B'day boy PP Subhash Bindra



Happy Anniversary - P.P.I. Sengupta & Ann Malabika



Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Shashi Jain bags Punctuality Award

heaved a sigh of relief; on the other, organizing it must have become a tougher job, particularly because of time constraint. It goes to his credit for single-handedly visualizing and executing the entire event, beginning in time and finishing in time, when the debate was on a topic as contemporary as "The Nuclear Deal".

The two Members of the panel of judges invited by him were Prof. Y.K. Anand and Mr. Madan Mohan Sobti. Both are Engineers. While the former has chosen academics as his profession, specializing in Innovation and Creativity Development, the latter



The audience listens with rapt attention

chose to manage and administer the production of silicon chips in India. In short, both are pioneers in their own vocation.

The Moderator, IPDG Shaju Peter needs no introduction to members of this Club or this RI District 3080. His baritone voice is enough for his audience to keep rapt attention.

The entire event was made interesting by the research done by the participants. No doubt they did their homework well. Time constraint did not allow for rebuttals. Had this not been so, the proceedings would have been elevated to a different level entirely.

Finally, it was the team of the Rotaract Club of Chandigarh, consisting of Rtr. Divya Gurnay and Umang Sota who took away the shining trophy. Rtr. Divya Gurnay bagged the Best Speaker Award.

Appropriately, it was the President Elect Gurdip Singh Deep who proposed the formal vote of thanks.

 - PP Indrajeet Sengupta

PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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## Blood Donation Camp at Khuda Ali Sher



Pres. Saroj & Rtn. K.S. Ghuman Donate Blood to Save Lives

Our Club organized a Blood Donation Camp on Sunday, Nov. 30, '08 at the picturesque Gurudwara of Village Khuda Ali Sher, north of the city. The medical team from the GH-16, headed by Dr. Mrs. Saroj Aggarwal, came at 0800 hrs. in the bright, cold morning, entirely at our request!

In fact we had motivated the Youth Club at Khuda Ali Sher for their participation in the Annual Blood Donation Camp that our club regularly holds. They managed almost a hundred plus volunteers, including more than two dozen village women folk!

With our President Saroj Jhawar & the RCC President S. Balvinder Singh, along with Rtn. K. S. Ghuman rolling up their sleeves to be amongst the first donors, you can be pretty sure the blood that was collected last Sunday would save a lot of lives. Our ever-generous Rtn. Om Prakash also donated blankets on the occasion.

Hats off to the Youth Club at the village – which has now become our Rotary Community Corps ; and we should have a new slogan – Don't Shed Blood, Donate it!

- PP Pallav Mukherjee

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 Wedding : November 28  
 Member from : October 2008  
 Positions held : Active Member  
 Spouse : Sunita  
 Vocation : Business  
 D.o.B : March 15  
 Children : Harleen, Ravleen (D), Ranvir (S)

### Deepest Condolences

Mr. Nirmal Gupta, father of PP Dr. Mrs. Vanita Gupta left for his heavenly abode on the morning of Dec. 2, 2008. The cremation is to be held on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008 at Sector 25, Cremation Ground, Chandigarh at 10.30 a.m.

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# World AIDS Day Observed at Dev Samaj College, Sec. 45



Rotaractors all geared up for the Flag off

The Rotaract Club of Dev Samaj College for Women, Sector 45 B, Chandigarh in association with Red Ribbon Club observed the World Aids Day on a solemn note by observing silence in tribute to the martyrs and innocent lives lost in Mumbai Terrorist Blasts. There was an enthusiastic response by the students to participate in the AIDS Awareness rally as they painted their faces with the insignia of the

red ribbon. The rally was flagged off by the Principal of Dev Samaj College, Dr. Meera Modi and our President Mrs. Saroj Jhawar.

The rally of students in full strength with display of placards took to the streets of Burail as part of their Anti-Aids Drive. The Principal Dr. Meera Modi appreciated the efforts of the students for their enthusiastic response and stressed that the need of the hour is to 'catch them young'.

Refreshments for the students, on this occasion, were sponsored by our Club.

## Kind Attention Please

The scheduled visit of RI President Elect John Kenny & Ann June Kenny on Dec. 14, 2008, as announced in the last bulletin, stands postponed to April 2009.

Hence, there will be no change in our regular weekly meeting of Friday, Dec. 12, 2008.

## Wedding Anniversary Greetings

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| R'ann Suman &                    | December 07 |
| Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta           |             |
| R'ann Sushobhita &               | December 08 |
| Rtn. Dr. S.K. Sharma             |             |
| R'ann Vanita (Veena) &           | December 10 |
| Rtn. Vijay Kumar                 |             |
| R'ann Sandhya &                  | December 11 |
| PP. Rtn. D.P. Khandelua          |             |
| R'ann Nita & Rtn. M.S. Manaktala | December 12 |
| R'ann Manjit & Rtn. D.S. Kalsi   | December 13 |

## Birthday Greetings

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Rtn. Om Parkash Malik     | December 08 |
| PP. Rtn. R.S. Chandgothia | December 10 |
| Rtn. Kanwarjit S. Ghuman  | December 11 |



December 08  
December 10  
December 11

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