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## PROGRAMME

**Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown**

Presents:

*The Pink Fashion Walk*

A Rock band, Delicious Food, Grand Fellowship,  
Standup comedy and lots of surprises

Date: **October 28, 2017 (Saturday) | Time: 7.00 p.m.**

Venue: **The Village, near Hotel Ramada Plaza, Zirakpur  
Chandigarh-Zirakpur Barrier (Opp: Traffic Lights and Open Hand)**

**Please note the change in Venue, Date and Time**

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## Humour in Government

In our weekly meeting on October 20, 2017 President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra welcomed the chief guest Mr. Vivek Atray, who has recently taken premature retirement from IAS and has started his second innings with the same vigour and talent that he had in his first innings, but on a different pitch, as an Advisor, Motivational Speaker and a Author, having behind him tons of experience that he gained in the various departments in the Haryana Government and the Chandigarh Administration. The President also welcomed a prospective Rotarian, Dr. G. Munjal, MD & CEO, Ind-Swift Limited, Panchkula.

Mr. Vivek Atray was formally introduced by PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta. Mr. Atray is a former IAS Officer in the Government of Haryana and also in the Chandigarh Administration. His independent advisory role encompasses Mentoring, Investment Promotion, Good Governance, Higher Education, Public Relations, Brand Building, Media Management, Sports Administration, Networking, Events. He is a founder member of the Vibrant Networking Forum, the Chandigarh Literary Society and also the Co-Convener of INTACH Chandigarh. He is an Electronics and Communication Engineer from NIT Kurukshetra. He is an acclaimed orator and has spoken at the events organized by

NASSCOM, CII, TIE, MAIT, NCGG, LBSNAA, IIFT, Vibrant Networking Forum and several colleges, schools and corporate houses. His TEDx talk on the "Ingredients for being an all-rounder in life" and his talks on 'Bouncing back in life', Leadership, Life skills, Inspiration and motivation, and Calmness have proved to be highly popular. He is also a lauded writer / author with a flair for literary expression. Mr. Atray has won much acclaim for his role in developing the Rajiv Gandhi IT Park in Chandigarh, in his capacity as the Director of Information and Technology, Chandigarh Administration. He also spearheaded the national award winning e-Sampark project, a multi-service, single window e-Governance project. Further, as Deputy Commissioner, Panchkula he initiated innovative projects such as Aadar Samman (Respect for the Elderly) and Village Mentoring. Mr. Atray has also worked as Advisor KPMG and PwC on a sabbatical from the Government for two years. His hobbies include cricket and was an under-19 cricketer at the national level. He organizes the All India JP Atray Memorial Cricket Tournament in which over 80 renowned international players have played in past 2 decades.

Mr. Atray has spoken in our club in the past on several occasions on various topics, and was always a 'crowd puller', and is well known to many of us.

## The Times of India (City)

**Atray tells humour tales of government offices**

TNN | Updated: Oct 22, 2017, 10:20 IST <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/atray-tells-humour-tales-of-government-offices/articleshow/61169329.cms>



**Former IAS officer Vivek Atray speaking during a meeting of the Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown at Hotel Shivalikview**

the Mango Mela at Pinjore on an impulse when he happened to visit the gardens while the officials were waiting for the designated chief guest, the then agriculture minister, to arrive!

CHANDIGARH: Vivek Atray, former IAS officer, author and motivational speaker, spoke on the "Lighter Side of Government" before an enthusiastic audience at a meeting of the Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown held at Hotel Shivalikview.

Atray highlighted several instances of humour in government functioning during his talk. He shared several of his own experiences as well as some well-known stories from decades ago. He focussed on the fact that even in serious day-to-day activities that the government carries out, there are instances of humour which lighten the mood and bring cheerfulness to all present.

He recalled how former Punjab governor late General J F R Jacob had chided government officials for working at only two speeds - "very slow, and STOP!"

He also related an instance when the then Haryana governor had inaugurated the gardens while the officials were waiting for the designated chief guest, the then agriculture minister, to arrive!

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### **The Times of India (City)..... Contd from page 01**

Atray mentioned several instances from his days as SDM and DC, as well as HoD of various departments in Haryana and Chandigarh UT, and regaled the Rotarians present with his wit and sense of humour.

Ever since he took voluntary retirement from the IAS, Atray has been holding several such sessions in organisations across north India these days and speaks on leadership, emotional intelligence and overcoming the fear of failure, among other topics.

Club president Dr Rita Kalra and past presidents Dr VJS Vohra, Shaju Peter, Balram Gupta, Pallav Mukherjee, and Deepak Sood were among those present.



**PP Dr. Balram Gupta introduces the chief guest Vivek Atray**



**Invocation - PP R.K. Luther talks about Vocational Service**



**PP Deepak Sood thanks Mr. Vivek Atray for his humorous talk**

### **Guests from England attend our meeting**



**Arman who is English team chess player, Mrs. Shakuntala Sood and Banita who is a Solicitor. The English guests are relatives of PP Rtn. Deepak Sood and R'ann Purnima**



**Mr. Vivek Atray presents punctuality award to Rtn. Ashutosh Mangla. Looking on is President Dr. Rita Kalra**



**PP Deepak Sood presents a memento to Mr. Vivek Atray. Looking on are President Dr. Rita Kalra and Secretary Jeeten Bhambri**



**President Dr. Rita Kalra and Secretary Jeeten Bhambri promoting the Pink Fashion Walk scheduled for 28.10.2017 at The Village, Chandigarh-Zirakpur barrier**



**Mr. Vivek Atray presents birthday gift to IPP Rtn. Amarjit Singh**



**Mr. Atray presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. Deepak Sood, with R'ann Purnima**



**Mr. Atray presents birthday gift to R'ann Pritpal Gulati**



**Mr. Atray presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Parveen & Rtn. Arjan Singh**



**Wedding anniversary gift for R'ann Patinder & Rtn. Maharaj Baksh Singh**



**Wedding anniversary gift for R'ann Ashima & Rtn. Ashutosh Mangla**

### Invitation from President Dr. Rita Kalra for the Pink Fashion Walk

Dear Fellow Rotarians and R'anns,

When we started our journey together more than 100 days ago, we decided to Make a Difference with Rotary and I Thank you all for your unstinting support and undying enthusiasm in achieving our goals.

To illuminate and save lives of Cancer patients we are organising a Pink Fashion Walk for Cancer Sahayata Society in collaboration with INIFD on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7 p.m. We have Diljott Kaur as Brand Ambassador, a Rock band, Sumptuos Food, Scintillating Bar, Standup comedian and lots of surprises. It's high time we spent an evening for a cause and raise funds. The venue is the most beautiful with sprawling lawns and serene ambience, The Village at Chandigarh - Zirakpur barrier.

Please acknowledge and confirm your participation. It will Make a Difference in our lives and also of those who need our help to brighten theirs. Let's Get Together once again and Rock the world for the cause of brave hearts fighting the war against Cancer.

Donor passes are available at The Rumour Mills, SCO 187 Sector 7 (inner market), Chandigarh or Dr. Sanjay Kalra's Multi Speciality Dental Clinic SCO 13 Sector 5, Panchkula or Call 9878880550.

Looking forward to making this event a grand success with your support.

Yours sincerely,

*Rita*

### Home care nursing - Diwali celebration



President Dr. Rita Kalra addressed the home care nursing students. First aid book was released and sweets were given to 68 students.

PDG Shaju Peter, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP R.K. Luther and Rtn. Renu Chopra were also present.

### Kala Utsav on 17.10.2017



President Dr. Rita Kalra with Rtn. Renu Chopra at Kala Utsav of Manimajra cluster schools

### Anti Poverty day



On 17.10.2017 old summer and woolen clothes, shoes and some eatables were distributed by 16 Rotaractors of Dev Samaj College for Woman to the poor people of Burail and outside the temple of Sector 20-C, Chandigarh

### Swachhta – our mission for Clean India



Our Swachhta team led by Rtn. Salil Chopra at Chandigarh railway station on 20.10.2017, followed by another campaign on 22.10.2017 at ISBT, Sector 17, Chandigarh



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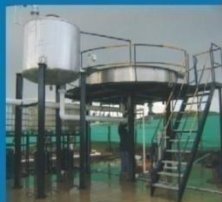
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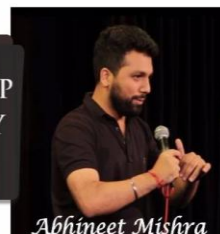
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### *Birthday of Spouses*

R'ann Kadam Bhambri October 27  
Capt. Kapil Nayyar October 30  
R'ann Lovy Peter November 02

### *Birthday of Rotarians*

Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur Bhatti October 31  
Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua November 02

### *Wedding Anniversary*

R'ann Hariti & Rtn. Chiranjiv Singh October 28  
R'ann Aruna & Rtn. Ashok Agarwal November 01

### *Punctuality award*

Won by Rtn. Ashutosh Mangla

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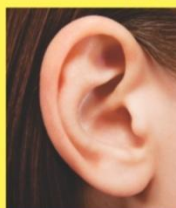
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