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# **PROGRAMME**

Cultural evening with Special Children to celebrate

### **World Disabled Day**

Presented by: R'ann Maniki Deep
Date: December 01, 2017 (Friday) | Time: 6.30 p.m.
Venue: Hotel Shivalikview, Sector 17, Chandigarh

# **The Rotary Magic**

In the previous bulletin the Editor shared his Rotary Magic moments doing the bulletin since last over 8 years. Rotarians may share their Rotary Magic moments in a couple of lines, which will appear in the bulletin. For example, our President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra is extremely busy in her profession as a Senior Medical Officer in Civil Hospital, Panchkula. Yet, she finds ample time for Rotary. That is the Rotary Magic...!!!

# **Our Journey: A Scientific Truth**

In our regular meeting on November 24, 2017 the chief guest, as reported in the previous bulletin, could not make it due to some unavoidable reasons. President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra was pleased to welcome our highly learned Professor Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua as the keynote speaker.



Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua

Rtn. Shuchi Thakur introduced the keynote speaker Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua, who is Professor Emeritus cum Professor of Eminence and a Functional Area Consultant on Biodiversity and Ecology, Ministry of Environment, Govt. of India. He is the former Chairman of Department of Botany, Panjab University, Chandigarh. He is an

internationally renowned scientist in the field of Genetics, Plant Physiology and Biosensors. Ph.D. and M.Sc. from I.A.R.I. New Delhi, he is a gold medalist and a winner of The Rockefeller Foundation New York fellowship. Prof. Dua has been decorated with number of life time achievement awards. He has been a visiting professor and visiting fellow at number of international universities, and number of prestigious national and international societies. As the chief editor of Panjab University Research Journal for 3 years he raised it to international standards. He has 84 publications in international and national journals.

Prof. Dua took all of us to the realms of science, in the current fortnight preceding Noble Prize award function, which falls on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017, by giving a unique presentation under the title, 'Our Life Journey: A Scientific Truth'. In a rarely and excellently crafted power point presentation capsule from the world of biotechnology he demonstrated how science has moved forward with groundbreaking researches. Prof. Dua surmised the presentation and showed the journey of Biology into the exciting field of evolutionary Biology as a product of Classical Biology, Geology, Physics, Chemistry, Information Technology, and Biophysics has transformed itself to answer the subtle mysteries of life operating at the molecular level and in turn are maneuverable.

The theme picked up the thread from the great works from renaissance period which initially led to the progress of traditional biology into what at present is called the Modern Evolutionary Biology where all fields have merged into a single state and is concerned with its application in agriculture, medicine/health, or environment. A unique compilation of this lecture unequivocally showed the relevance of all branches of biology into one common pool.

It shows how the different scientific missions have accomplished their relevance to society through their welfare potential. It revealed the gradual progress of classical life sciences through the works of innumerable Noble Laureates who have worked even on the molecules constituting what is known as life. The revelation showed how man since immemorial has been tracing his journey and has shown that the whole biodiversity is a product of comprehensive evolution and is woven around a tree to form a kinship amongst all of us.

Specialists representing various areas of the vast field of biology are contributing their knowledge and their creative inspirations into the formation of a new science of biotic world which provide a better life in terms of food, feed and welfare feeling to all of us besides anyone to appreciate the mysterious tree of life through science. What the nature executes through its different agents namely mutation, genetic drift, gene flow, assortative mating or natural selection thereby resulting in a change of allelic frequency nomenclature as evolution followed by its probable natural selection bring a novel change. Such a process has been occurring in the last 3.8 billion years and has synthesized a collage what we call biodiversity. However, the natural process is too slow and what the technology has done in the last 20 years is to expedite such vernal combinations, with utmost care and precautions, through genetic engineering.



Rtn. Chandra Prakash presents a token of appreciation to Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua. Looking on is President Dr. Rita Kalra



National Anthem by R'ann Sunita and PP Prem Anand



Keynote speaker introduced by Rtn. Shuchi Thakur







Welcome address by President Dr. Rita Kalra



Rotary invocation -Four Way Test by PP Vinod Jawa



DYS Rtn. Nitin Kapur forms 2 new Rotaract Clubs



Secretary Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri forthcoming events



Vote of thanks by Rtn. Chandra Prakash



Rtn. Dr. I.S. Virdi introduces new member, Dr. Gopal Munjal



Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Sunita and IPP Rtn. Amarjit Singh



PP Rtn. Deepak Sood receives birthday gift on behalf of R'ann Purnima Sood



Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua presents wedding anniversary gift for R'ann Asha and Rtn. Prof. Subhash Vats



Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua presents wedding anniversary gift for R'ann Neeta and Rtn. Dr. Gopal Munjal



R'ann Sonia and Rtn. Dr. I.S. Virdi celebrating their wedding anniversary with their family and Rotarians



Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua presents punctuality award to PE Rtn. Ashok Puri, joined by R'ann Sudha Puri

# **New Rotarian Inducted**



PDG Shaju Peter inducts new Rotarian Dr. Gopal Munjal, Managing Director & CEO of Ind Swift Ltd. Looking on are President Dr. Rita Kalra and Secretary Jeeten Bhambri

# RI Recognition



Members of Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown receiving 2016-17 RI Presidential Citation from President Dr. Rita Kalra. Looking on are Director Youth Service Rtn. Nitin Kapur and Secretary Jeeten Bhambri

#### Swachhta on 24/11/2017



At Shivalik garden in Manimajra Rtn. Salil Chopra and 10 Rotaractors saw a well maintained park by residents who complimented Rotarians for inspiring them to do so

# Hand Wash Station - Happy School (GG Project)

18/11/2017 On our club inaugurated hand wash station at Govt. High School, Manimajra. President Dr. Rita welcomed the Rotarians and guests. While handing over the Hand wash station, she gave a live demonstration on how to wash the hands properly. IPP Amarjit Singh gave a detailed background of this project and also explained various features of



24 school bags presented to meritorious students

## **Schools - Benches**



Rotary Club Saharanpur South supplied 85 benches to JP Inter college, Village Kota Saharanpur under 'Chandigarh Midtown Happy School Project'

specially designed school bags which were presented to 24 meritorious students of the School. On behalf of School, Headmaster Mr. Sadhu Ram proposed the formal vote of thanks. PP Vinod Jawa was Master of Ceremonies. Rtn. Renu Chopra was also present on this occasion.



Inauguration of Hand Wash Station by President Dr. Rita Kalra who complimented IPP Amarjit Singh for Happy School projects

# Para Lympics - World Disabled Day on 03/12/2017



PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Rtn. Dr. Rajinder Sharma and Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor with Ranjan Negi, Nodal Officer (Disability) of Social Welfare Dept., at Athletic Stadium in Sector 46, Chandigarh on 22/11/2017 to screen special children for RYLA Vishesh to be held by our club in collaboration with Social Welfare Dept., UT Chandigarh

### Two new Rotaract Clubs installed in our weekly meeting on 24/11/2017

Rotaract Club of Le Corbusier was installed in our meeting, comprising of members who were earlier part of our Interact club, and taking active part in our Swachh Bharat campaign. Mentored by Rtn. Salil Chopra, they have now become Rotaractors. Rtr. Nandan is the first President of the club and Rtr. Kuldeep Singh is the Secretary. Nandan thanked the Rotarians for their support and said that his Rotaract Club is committed towards various humanitarian activities.

Rotaract Club of Samaritan, mentored by our Vice President Rtn. Salil Bali, was installed under the leadership of President Rtr. Medha Sarin with Rtr. Ayushi Garg as the Secretary. She said that her team will participate in various ongoing social initiatives by the parent club.

Both the clubs donated \$50 each towards the cause of Polio.





Office bearers of Rotaract Club of Le Corbusier with Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown

Office bearers of Rotaract Club of Samaritan with Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown donated

# Career Counseling



Talk by PP B.L. Ramsisaria, PP R.K. Luther and Rtn. Renu Chopra to students of class 10 & 12 of GSSS, Mauli Jagran

# **Right to Happiness**



PP Dr. Balram Gupta spoke on the Right to Happiness in the International Conclave on Human Rights, organized by Human Rights Protection Group

## **Library to Police DAV**



President Dr. Rita Kalra and Director Youth Service Rtn. Nitin Kapur hand over the books to the School Principal





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#### Club Elections

President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra invites nominations from members of our Club for the board of directors for the Rotary year 2018-19 and for President for Rotary year 2019-20, which is as per bylaws of our club;

- a) President 2019-20: Minimum 2 years on the Board of Directors at the time of assuming office.
- b) Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer: Should have been on the Board of Directors for one year at the time of assuming office.
- c) Five Directors, Joint Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms: Should have been member of the Club for 12 months at the time of elections, and should have served as committee chairman for at least 01 year.

Secretary Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri will receive nominations till Friday, December 08, 2017. Withdrawals will be accepted till December 15, 2017. Elections, if required, will be held on Friday, December 22, 2017.

#### Connect to serve on 18/11/2017



President Dr. Rita Kalra at Cyclathon with State Legal authority and District Administration Panchkula



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Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Rajinder Rai December 01 Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain December 03 Rtn. Shuchi Thakur December 05

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Malabika & PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta December 03 R'ann Gagan Meet & Rtn. Tej Mohan Singh December 07 R'ann Suman & Rtn. Vijay K. Gupta December 07

Punctuality award

Won by PE Rtn. Ashok K. Puri

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