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PROGRAMME

THE MYSTERY BEHIND YOUR SIGNATURE

Chief Guest:
Rtn. Savita Madan
Astrologer, Vastu Expert,
Signature Analyst
and Artist (Hobby)

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
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4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Zoom Meeting ID:
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Date: Friday, 06 November 2020

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Condolence Meeting – PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta

Click here to watch on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/BPqy5t7rqjw>

Our virtual meeting on 30 October 2020 was a very sad occasion to pay homage to our Past President Indrajeet Sengupta, a very dedicated Rotarian of our Club and fully committed to the cause of Rotary. He passed away in his sleep early morning on 27 October 2020. 'Dada' to all younger to him and 'Indrajeet' in his age group, he was true to his name, as he had 'conquered' the love and affection of all those known to him. The tributes paid to him in the meeting says it all!



PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta

After the meeting was called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms PP Rtn. R.K. Luther, President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia informed the presence of Dr. Sucharita, daughter of PP Indrajeet, who was kind enough to join the meeting in spite of her great personal loss.

President Sanjay requested all present to observe a moment silence as a mark of respect.

The President handed over the meeting to PP Rtn. Kanan Diwan for invocation and to take it forward. She said, "In the middle of difficulties lies an opportunity. When one door closes another door opens. We regretfully see at the closed door but do not see the one which is opened for us. One should have a worthwhile life." This is how she described PP Indrajeet Sengupta. Heartfelt condolences were expressed to R'ann Malabika, Dr. Sucharita, son-in-law Adnan Farooqi, Saurabh, daughter-in-law Priya and grandson Ahaan.

PP Rtn. Ajit Gulati expressed his deep shock. He also talked about Indrajeet's business ethics and his sincerity towards his clients like a

true Rotarian.

PP Rtn. Prem Anand expressed his personal loss as they both were close family friends for last 33 years, and he had a wonderful time as Secretary, when Rtn. Indrajeet was the President.



President Sanjay Bhatia



PP Rtn. Kanan Diwan

R'ann Bir Gulati and R'ann Indu Anand recited blissful songs as emotional tribute to PP Indrajeet.

PP Rtn. Ashok Puri said he was a true Rotarian and a great contributor to the Rotary Foundation.

PP Rtn. Harish Sethi said, "Indrajeet Sengupta joined Rotary Midtown on 01.11.1992. He remained in this world till 27 October that is, 28 years. He was a major donor. His wife Malabika is a major donor. Children of the family are all Paul Harris Fellows. Daughter Sucharita, son-in-law Adnan, Son Saurabh, daughter-in-law Priya and grandson Ahaan. Indrajeet inherited property of his uncle Cdr. Das Gupta, who was a Rotarian and was Sergeant-at-arms during my tenure as President (1991-92). It was Indrajeet's large heartedness which developed in him the desire to donate regularly for the cause of Rotary."

"Indrajeet was my biggest support when I was handling assignment of Rotary Friendship Exchange. He was my dear friend and used to help me in organizing Golf tournaments."

"May God bless his soul and give strength to the family to bear this irreparable loss."

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

PP Rtn. Dr. Balam Gupta said, “Indrajeet was born on 12th July, 1949. He was no more on October 27, 2020. He played his strokes for 71 years. He became a member of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown on November 1, 1992. 28 years of Rotary journey. He was active throughout. He shouldered different responsibilities in the Club and the District. In the year 2001-02 he became the President. He undertook WCS Project of Braille Equipment for the inmates of the Institute of Blind, Sector 26. Another WCS Project – Data Processing Centre was initiated for disabled youth. This speaks of his serious concern for challenged children. He had a big heart. Both he and Mala were Major Donors. Five members of his family the daughter Sucharita and Farooqi (son-in-law), son Saurabh and Priya (daughter-in-law) and Ahaan (GS) are all Paul Harris Fellows. As if all this was not enough. He pledged his body after death. This is adding dignity to death. This is true Rotary spirit. Serve while living. Continue to serve even after death.”

“Indrajeet was unique. Bengali by origin. A Lucknow boy. Proud of belonging to Ramjas College, New Delhi. A Punjabi man at heart. Progressive and Secular in outlook. He had successful business. He wound it up properly. As if he knew that his end was coming. He was a lover of books. He finished reading a book at 3:00AM. Before going off to sleep, a post on the facebook: ‘The Cure to Boredom is Books. I am simply a book drunkard’. He loved good whisky. Good Food. Good Music. He loved travelling. Wherever he went, of course in company with Mala, he loved visiting Gurudwara to pay his respects. History was his passion. He demonstrated some time when he spoke to Midtowners in weekly meets.”

“He loved Rotary. He breathed Rotary. He could not tolerate anything wrong in Rotary. He believed that one who cannot get angry is a fool. He could call a spade a spade. He believed in saying what he truly thought was right. He always made an effort to resolve the situation. If not possible, he gave back. He never hesitated.”

“I agree with Sucharita that his journey deserves to be celebrated. More than celebrating his birthday (July 12), let the Midtowners resolve to celebrate October 27 every year – A life so well lived. Enjoyed so well. Hugely contributory. Everyone has to go one day. We would miss him. Indrajeet, we salute you. Mala and the family, Mid-Towners are with you. We are one family. Alvida.”

AG PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra said, “Our beloved Dada dedicated his life to Rotary. He was a true Rotarian in soul and heart. He could connect to all irrespective of age group.” Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra recalled their common interest - travel and sharing the pictures. He was also a true historian because of the interest in the places he used to go to.

PDG Shaju Peter expressed his homage through a a very emotional video presentation based on his personal experience, [Indrajeet – reminiscences - click here to watch on YouTube. \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zrfpckpUw\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zrfpckpUw). Shaju was so upset that he could not speak much about Indrajeet who used to address him as ‘Chief’. He recalled meeting Indrajeet when he was Jaycee and could make out that he would be a good Rotarian, and inducted him in our Club in November 1992 when Shaju was our Club President. Shaju said that Indrajeet and Mala were the only ones from our Club who visited his mother in Kerala.

PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee was joined by R’ann Dr. Joginder to pay homage to Dada, who used to help them with their problems. Pallav also spoke about his involvement in the affairs of Bengali Society. Quite new to Rotary, R’ann Nandita Sisodia said her short association with Dada and Mala was very inspiring and expressed that he was a gem of a person.

PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra shared his association with Indrajeet since 1983, much before becoming Rotarians, when he was working for Meera Company in Ludhiana, where they had met for the first time along with Dr. Vohra’s brother, for purchase of a generator which is working very well even today. Indrajeet was a through professional in his business and used to take good care of his clients. Though a Bengali, he was a Punjabi by heart, very humorous and could create humour out of any situation.

District Governor Rtn. Subhashish Chatterjee of RI District 3240 joined from West Bengal to pay his homage to Indrajeet, a close family friend since 2014. He said he had enjoyed their hospitality when he visited Chandigarh and stayed with them. He said Dada was a noble soul and inspired him too. DG Chatterjee offered condolences to Mala whom he considers as his sister, and always ready to help her.

Dr. Sucharita said she and her brother had grown up seeing Rotary since they were kids and shared her memory of younger days when her father was involved in Rotary at the ground level. She thanked all Rotarians including IPP Salil Bali and President Sanjay Bhatia. She said, “We shall remain a part of the Club.”

While thanking Dr. Sucharita, President Sanjay assured that we shall remain in touch with R’ann Malabika and Sucharita. He also thanked all those who paid homage PP Indrajeet Sengupta.

Dr. Sucharita’s post dated October 27 at 7.45 AM on facebook

My father, Mr. Indrajeet Sengupta, passed away peacefully in his sleep in the wee hours of the morning. He was suffering for the past eight months, and now his suffering has come to an end. He was a Lucknow Boy, a DU boy (very proud of belonging to Ramjas College), a Punjabi man at heart. He was very progressive and staunchly secular in his outlook, and sneered at conservatism. He ran a successful business and wound it up properly even in his bedridden state. He was a person who lived it up through all types of situations. He loved great food, fine whiskey and excellent books. He also loved travelling, and wherever he went, he would look for a gurudwara and pay his respects. He pledged his body for scientific research. If it wasn’t CoVid times, I’d have thrown a party in his honour with the best music by Cliff Richard, great food and drinks, and lots of people cheering for him. His beloved Dino is probably waiting for him in heaven, waving his bushy tail and looking forward to fun walkies again. I cannot imagine a worse insult to Papa’s memory than not living it up gleefully and with total irreverence.

Condolence message from PP Rtn Mohan Khera, Rotary Club of Wollaton Park (UK)

<mohankhera@btinternet.com>
Date: Fri, Oct 30, 2020 at 8:59 PM
Subject: RIP Inderjit Sengupta
To: <drvjsvohra@gmail.com>

Dear Dr VJS

We noted with great shock about the passing away of dear PP Inderjit Sengupta recently.

I knew he was not keeping well for some time but it is very sad that he is no more amongst us.

We will definitely miss him.

Kindly convey our heartfelt condolences to Malabika ji and their family.

Mohan & Pravina Khera

District TB Meeting on 30.10.20



AG Dr. Rita Kalra attended District TB forum Meeting. 10 TB champions were presented protein supplements sponsored by our club

Otto Bock (German) Prosthetic treatment for Kulvinder Singh who lost all 4 limbs

15 year old boy Kulvinder Singh, son of Dharam Pal of Village Paragpur, Derabassi, District Mohali had lost his both arms and both legs due to electric shock few months ago. He and his parents are sevadars in a Gurdwara at Derabassi.

Chair Disability Empowerment and Sr. Prosthetic Consultant PP Dr. Rtn. V.J.S. Vohra was able to generate funds, for which we would like to express our sincere thanks to Ms. Sukhbinder Randhawa of UK who gave a generous contribution of British Pounds 1650 (approximately Rs. 1.55 lakh) and Rs. 15000 from MLA of Zirakpur Mr. N.K. Sharma, who had also contacted Dr. Vohra to help this patient. Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, through kind initiative of IPP Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali, President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia and support of all board members, committed Rs. 50000 for prosthetic treatment of Kulvinder for his upper limbs.

Kulvinder has been provided bilateral below knee artificial legs and bilateral below elbow artificial arms - high tech functional myo fascil functional right hand and left cosmetic hand, for which the prosthetic treatment was done at Otto Bock Healthcare (World's leading German Prosthetic Service Provider), Mohali. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra is the Consultant of Otto Bock, who had given heavy discount for this patient. Due to professional help by Otto Bock and Dr. Vohra, Kulvinder has now achieved his current mobility.

To see a video of Kulvinder on facebook, [click here.](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=734913530566312)
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=734913530566312>



Kulvinder with all 4 artificial limbs

Oral Hygiene Webinar

Gurukul Global School, Chd

To observe October as the National Dental Hygiene month, especially during pandemic times when regular visits to the dentist is not possible, a webinar on dental hygiene was organised for classes VI to VIII by the District Chairman for Dental Health, Dr Sanjay Kalra. He explained the dental anatomy and the causes of dental diseases to students. He also imparted information on the various treatments that can be undertaken for oral hygiene. Different ways for taking care of teeth was an important highlight. Dr Sanjay also answered the queries of the inquisitive students.

Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra conducted another oral hygiene webinar for the students of Gurukul School, Tribune Vihar Panchkula.

This was attended by 140 students and was appreciated by the school authorities for the awareness and education given to the students.

◀ **Tribune dated 28.10.20**

Webinar on self employment opportunities

On 29.10.20 our club organised a webinar on self employment opportunities in Honey Bee project and role of honey bees in crop pollination, production of Honey and other products, including employment opportunities in Agriculture etc.

Guest Speaker was Prof. Dr. Balraj Singh, Sr. Scientist from IARI, Delhi and former Chancellor of Agriculture University, Jodhpur.

Director of Vocational Service Rtn. Anupam Jain informed that there was large number of number of participants.



Prof. Dr. Balraj Singh

It was a great learning opportunity especially for those having agriculture land to generate income and employment for rural women.

Hearty Congratulations to IPP Rtn. Salil Bali and his Team 2019-20

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(In response to appeal by District Governor Rtn. Ramesh Bajaj)

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22. PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta 2 boxes
23. PP Rtn. Ashok Puri 2 boxes

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Tree Plantation and community development

To celebrate Economic and Community Development month, a tree plantation with a long term economic benefit was done on 22.10.20 at the Chandi Kusht Ashram Society, Ram Darbar Road, Sector 47. The project has been planned and executed with active support of PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan and PP Rtn. Kanan Diwan. President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, PP Rtn. Vinod Jawa, PE Rtn. Salil Chopra and Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain were present to plant saplings of Mahogany and Chandan.



Birthday of Spouses

- R'ann Veena Bindra November 08
- R'ann Dilpreet November 10
- R'ann Indu Vohra November 11

Birthday of Rotarians

- Rtn. Srirambir Sandhu November 07
- PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati November 10
- Rtn. Dev Jeet Singh November 12

Wedding Anniversary

- Rtn. Dr. Shashi & Mr. Naresh K. Jain November 11
- PP Rtn. Kanan & PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan November 12

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