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Programme

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Community Projects through CSR

Chief Guest:

Mr. S.M. Goel

Advisor, CSR - Govt of Punjab

Date: 10 September 2021 (Friday)

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Hotel Shivalikview, Sector 17, Chandigarh

Physical Meeting

**Fear never builds the future,
But FAITH and HOPE does.**

School Challenges - Post Covid

[Click here to watch on YouTube](#) - <https://youtu.be/Wy53SVtdoxA>

In our virtual meeting on 03 September 2021 the chief guest was Rtn. Mrs. Reema Dewan, Principal Delhi Public School, Chandigarh. She was welcomed by President Rtn. Salil Chopra. The chief guest was formally introduced by AG Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali.



Rtn. Reema Dewan

Rtn. Reema Dewan is the Principal of Delhi Public School, Chandigarh and Deputy Director, Delhi Public School, Mohali. Her areas of Interest are Child Psychology and Counseling, Innovations in Education, Student Development, Staff Development and Theatre and Performing Arts.

Her academic qualifications are: ISCE certificate, St. Joseph's Convent, Jalandhar. B.A. (Hons), Government College for Women, Amritsar. Topped University, recipient of Gold Medal. Signed College Roll of Honour. Awarded "Best All Round Student". Awarded Silver Cup for "Best Student of History". Awarded Medal for "Best Speaker in English". M.Sc. (Hons.) from Punjab School of Economics, GND University. B.Ed. with optional Economics I & II, Annamalai University.

She has held many professional assignments in Delhi, Noida, Mohali and Chandigarh. She has received many awards including the State Award from U.T. Administration for outstanding contribution to the society in the field of education by the then Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Haryana Mr. Shivraj Patil on August 15, 2014.

She has also received the prestigious 'Paul Harris Fellow' award by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Vice President of Rotary Club of Chandigarh in 2018-19 and 2019-2020, Rtn. Reema Dewan has been active in many community projects, including during the pandemic.

The education of more than 1.5 billion students around the world has been hampered due to school closures as a result of the pandemic. However, the sparkling energy of teachers and students towards virtual learning has kept everyone's spirit alive during this pandemic. Schools are earnestly following the relevant health / hygiene / social distancing norms of the new normal with tremendous efforts to ensure that students do not suffer due to closure of schools for last 1½ years. The teachers are the frontline warriors to put in great efforts to adopt the technology overnight for the virtual classrooms, to ensure that students continue their studies safely and successfully from the comfort of their homes. The teachers and the students together forged a kinship in their fight to defeat the pandemic.

Principal Reema Dewan gave an interesting and informative presentation to explain the post pandemic challenges faced by the schools who have now switched over to online mode of teaching or e-learning. But the problem arises due to shortage of devices for students of government schools for which Rotarians have forward to help such students by giving them devices to overcome this shortage. Another drawback is that more screen time can become counter productive. Parents may not be tech savy is also a drawback.

Mrs. Dewan said that hybrid learning is going to stay post pandemic. Hybrid learning is an approach to teaching and learning that combines face-to-face classroom with online class. Under this e-learning module the parents / grand parents have a choice whether their children attend online or offline classes.



**Address by
President Salil
Chopra**



**Collar to President
by First Lady Rtn.
Renu Chopra**



**Meeting called to
order by PP Rtn.
R.K. Luther**



**National Anthem
video by Rtn.
Anup Sharma**



**Invocation by
Rtn. Indu
Luthra**



**Chief guest
introduced by AG
Rtn. Salil Bali**



**Vote of thanks
by Secretary
Rtn. J.S. Bawa**

Attending schools physically will not be mandatory. Students attending physically and online, both will have the same access to the teacher. Online and offline students, both will interact with the teacher and each other, without any problem. Mrs. Dewan further clarified that students will have a choice to attend all classes physically or online or some days online and other days offline. Pandemic has brought many changes around the world including in education. To listen to the very important talk by Principal Rtn. Reema Dewan, which is of immense concern to us all, [click here to see the video](#) uploaded on our Club's YouTube channel.

District Project Sahyog

Rotary Club Upper Ganges, under the able leadership of President Rtn. Nidhi Shandilya and guidance of AG Mujeeb Malik arranged a fund raiser Football match between CSIR and Rotary Team on 04 September 2021 at Roorkee. The event saw collection of funds for six beneficiaries (can be seen in the photographs) who would be provided, under the Project Sahyog, high quality artificial limbs by the Club. Sahyog Project Chair AG Rtn. Salil Bali was also present, along with Prosthetist Dr. Ashwani of our RCC Jolly Times, to examine / make assessment of the disabled persons and take plaster casts / measurements for providing them artificial limbs.



AG Rtn. Salil Bali and Prosthetist Dr. Ashwani with disabled persons, the beneficiaries



The beneficiaries with Rotarians including Assistant Governors Rtn. Mujeeb Malik and Rtn. Salil Bali

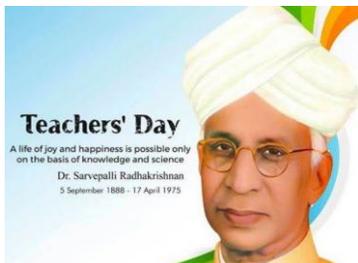
Thanks to all concerned for serving the disabled persons to change their lives and empower them to lead a normal life with dignity and pride.



Fund raiser football match

Former President of India Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan - a great Teacher

By: PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta



Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was a great Teacher, Professor of Indian Philosophy and Culture. September 05, every year is celebrated as Teacher's Day to honour his memory. I am happy to share year 1994: The President of India Mr. Shankar Dayal Sharma visited Muscat on an official trip.

When the Air India flight landed at Muscat, three rather unusual incidents took place:

1. The Sultan of Oman never goes to the airport to receive dignitaries of any country – Never! But he made an exception this time and went to the airport to receive the President of India.
2. When the flight landed, the Sultan of Oman received the President from his seat inside the aircraft!
3. After alighting the flight there was a car with the chauffeur standing. But the Sultan signaled the driver to move and he himself drove the car with President!

Later when the reporters questioned the Sultan why he broke so many protocols, the Sultan replied, "I did not go to the airport to receive Mr. Sharma because he was India's President. I studied in India and learnt so many things, when I was studying in Pune, Mr. Sharma was my Professor - that is why I did this!"

That is the power of being a teacher.

Swachta pakhwada



Swachta pakhwada (a two week event) has been started in Government Model Senior Secondary School Sector 15, Chandigarh from 01.09.2021 in which many activities will be done, which will be held till 15 September. On the very first day of the event pledge was given by Mrs. Madhubala TGT SST. On 02.09.2021 cleanliness drive was conducted in the school and lecture was given by President Rtn. Salil Chopra and R'Ann Nandita Sisodia also interacted with students. This program was also held at Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Sector 20-B, Chandigarh. A total of 100 students took part in it. Three task forces were made to check the various causes, effects and means of prevention of pollution, air, water and noise.



55 students participated from GMSSS Sector 15 with teacher in-charge Ms. Madhu. 40 students participated from GMSSS (girls) Sector 20-B with teachers in-charge Ms. Monica and Ms. Rekha. Present from our club were President Salil Chopra, Secretary J.S. Bawa, Director Community Service Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia and R'Ann Nandita Sisodia.

On 03.09.2021 we had class on environment protection with 56 children and 3 teachers of Govt Sr Secondary School Saketri where R'Ann Nandita, Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia and President Salil Chopra took on vital elements of environment and it's awareness for students and school staff and formed on new innovative ways of saving water, air and noise pollution.

PP Ashok Puri, PP B.L. Ramsisaria and President Chopra were present at our signature project - Government Elementary School Peermushalla (Zirakpur) on 04.09.2021. As a result of our training and creating task force in schools, this is the first school where children spoke on three vital elements of environment: Air pollution, Noise pollution and Water pollution. They were given eclairs for their excellent performance.

Education must teach Life

By: Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua

The talk given by Dr. Sanjiv Gupta in our virtual meeting on 27 August 2021, took me to the famous aphorism coined by W.E.B. Du Bois who in 1903 remarked that, "Education must not simply teach work. It must teach life. Prof. Bois became the founding father of education, who at the end of his career remarked that, "Work done will not uplift people unless inspired by the right ideals and guided by intelligence. It was with these ideas that the reframing of the education policies in adult education (andragogy) were framed with the opening of academic staff colleges in different universities/institutions around the country and with an emphasis on integrated and holistic approach with the introduction of refresher courses in all the educational institutions/college for training to the adult teachers at a huge cost and by some NGOs like Rotary.

The lynchpin in achieving this aim, which unfortunately, failed was that most of the teachers who were deputed in these courses were hardly interested in learning new things which could enhance their visions or look at the values enshrined in these training course and to make their summits.

What Dr. Sanjiv beautifully remarked tended to lead us to a utopian world which is only possible, in case the learner has a will to comprehend the ideals of life and remember that means are not the ends, and these can be achieved by a movement led by their innate inspirational sermon. "Enter to learn: Leave to Serve Humanity" spirit alive and this can only be horned by voluntary NGOs (like Rotary India Literacy Mission) and can continue to keep this latent fire alive for the welfare of humanity.

Zonal appointment for PP Dr. Rita

PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra has been appointed as Assistant Zonal Ambassador, Empowering Girls Committee for Zone 04 for the period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. 'Empowering Girls' is one of the presidential initiative of Rotary International President Rtn. Shekhar Mehta for the year 2021-22.

Get well Soon

PP Rtn. Prem Anand has successfully undergone knee replacement at Fortis Hospital, Mohali. He is now progressing well at home. We wish him a very speedy recovery. His mobile number is 9814139993.

Donations for Club Project

PP Pallav Mukherjee	Rs. 3000
Secretary Rtn. J.S. Bawa	Rs. 3000
Birthday of Spouse	
R'ann Surinder Chandoak	16 September

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