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### 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?

### District Conference 2021-22

29-30 January 2022



Presentation by:

Rtn. Suman Gupta and Rtn. Bhavmit S. Chandoak

Followed by:

Fun and Frolic games

Venue: Hotel Shivalikview, Sector 17  
Chandigarh | Time: 6.30 p.m.

Date: 10 December 2021 (Friday)

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

## International Day of Disabled Persons Potentials of Persons with Disabilities

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In our regular meeting on 03 December 2021 President Rtn. Salil Chopra welcomed the chief guest Mr. Baldev Gulati Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Aditi Mahavidyalaya, Delhi University, other guests and Rotarians present in the meeting to observe the International Day of Disabled Persons.

Mr. Baldev Gulati was formally introduced by Vinod Nagpal, of Rotary Community Corps of Disability Empowerment.



**Baldev Gulati**

Mr. Baldev Gulati is a scholar having practiced social work for 22 years. He joined academics as Assistant Professor at Aditi Mahavidyalaya in September 2016. His area of specialization had been livelihood of persons with across disabilities. He worked as livelihood consultant with American India foundation, resource consultant with Noida deaf society and inclusion consultant with the PACS project of the BFID. After joining the college, he organized variety of programmes with the aim to enhance the sensitivity of students on the concerns of persons with disabilities. Foremost amongst them work blindfold walk, seminars, workshops and symposia on potentials of persons with disability, rights of PWDs and the need for their inclusion in the mainstream society. For more than 4 years he headed the NSS unit of the college. He also played an important role on initiatives by the college to make the college premises barrier free.

Though visually challenged, Mr. Baldev Gulati had a clear vision about the Potentials of Persons with Disabilities. He started his talk by saying, "As a disabled person I am deeply indebted to the contribution of Rotarians across the country for empowering disabled people. You have made enormous contributions for medical rehabilitation, social and educational empowerment." He discussed the aspects of rehabilitation by sharing his personal journey. He was born in a family where there were 5 visually impaired persons. In 1975 the father deserted the family. That was the state of affairs for disabled in 1970s. Opportunities had been denied to disabled persons.

Only few people considered them to be part of the mainstream society. Large number of people did not consider them as human beings. Getting an employment was another major issue for the disabled and when they were lucky to get a job, it was at much lower salary than the abled persons.



PP Rtn. Anil Mehan presents a memento to Mr. Baldev Gulati. Looking on are President Salil Chopra and Secretary Rtn. J.S. Bawa

He also explained the struggle of disabled persons and the negative attitude that people had towards the disabled. This led to enactment of The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 which was replaced by The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. Since then 21 disabilities have been recognized by Govt. of India and 4 percent reservations in Govt. jobs for disabled persons. [Click here to know more that the scenario will change](#) drastically as recruitment policies are revised and there is hope now even in corporate sectors. The disabled people have much better loyalty than the abled persons and even perform better than them as they have limited opportunities. The disabled do not want to be liability on the exchequer but become tax payers. The society should realize that they have the potential to make contributions.



**National Anthem by dignitaries on the dais and ladies**



**Potential of disabled persons – Chandan on his below knee artificial leg owns a tea stall and Abay, a star performer of our special RYLA dances on a hit song, yahan bhi hoga mera jalwa**

**Through his invocation** PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra explained that the annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992, by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. The observance of the Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. The main program of the observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at the UN Headquarters in New York will include the Opening, panel discussions and cultural events to raise awareness and promote the rights and perspectives of persons with disabilities around the world.

Dr. Vohra said, “Since last 48 years I have been serving the disabled persons by providing them artificial limbs and assistive devices. For me and my colleagues who are serving the disabled persons, every day is a Disabled day for us.” He added, “Under Sahyog project initiated by DG Ajay Madan, for our District and our club also every day is a disability day as we have already provided artificial limbs to 50 disabled persons during the current Rotary year.

As District Chair Disability Empowerment, Dr. Vohra introduced the District Sahyog team: Chair Rtn. AG Salil Bali - the force and inspiration behind this project, Prosthetic Clinicians Dr. Amit Gulati and Dr. Ashwani Kumar and RCC for Disability Empowerment. AG Salil informed that Sahyog project was launched with the support of DG Ajay Madan who gave us a target of providing 100 high quality artificial limbs during his tenure and we are already half way through! Complimenting Dr. Vohra and his prosthetic team, AG Salil acknowledged the support of President Salil Chopra, Secretary J.S. Bawa and DCS Pardeep Sisodia. He appealed to all members of our club to come forward to generously support this noble project.



**Address by President Salil Chopra**



**Invocation by PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra**



**Sahyog team: PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, AG Salil Bali and Prosthetic Clinician Dr. Amit Gulati**



**President Salil Chopra with Vinod Nagpal and his wife Sreshtha**



**Mr. Baldev Gulati presents birthday gift to Mr. Naresh Gupta, joined by Rtn. Suman Gupta and First Lady Rtn. Renu Chopra**



**Mr. Baldev Gulati presents birthday gift to Rtn. Shuchi Thakur, joined by her mother**



**Mr. Baldev Gulati presents punctuality award to Rtn. Suman Gupta. Looking on are Rtn. Renu Chopra and Mr. Naresh Gupta**

**Aahuti - The Rotary Foundation Seminar**



**L-R: Chief Guest PDG Dr. Balkrishna Inamdar, District Governor Ajay Madan, District Trainer PDG Manmohan Singh, MLA N.K. Sharma, District Chief Secretary PDG Jitendra Dhingra, DRFC PDG T.K. Ruby, Keynote Speaker PP Ritu Singal and Event Chair PP Dr. Rita Kalra**

The Rotary Foundation Seminar held on 05th December 2021 at Holiday Inn Zirakpur was chaired by DG Rtn. Ajay Madan and First Lady Rtn. Savita Madan. Addressing over 400 delegates from all over District 3080, DG Ajay urged every Rotarian to give offering for doing good in the world, for eradicating polio to fighting covid as our Foundation has tackled the most pressing Humanitarian Challenges across the globe.

The DG gave a colourful presentation of outstanding achievements of RID 3080 with special mention of Project Aastha for cervical cancer vaccination under Global Grant and for artificial limbs Project Sahyog DG recognized AG Salil Bali and PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra by inviting them to the dais. Launch of 'ujjwal rahen' for Girl empowerment had participation of several clubs for providing solar lantern for Girl students in rural schools. Event Chair PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra informed about role of TRF to fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, and fight diseases for advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace. District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Rtn. T.K. Ruby gave highly inspiring talk on the importance of Giving.



**Large number of Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown present in the seminar**



The keynote speaker PP Rtn. Ritu Singal mesmerized the audience with her style and demeanor. District Trainer PDG Rtn. Manmohan Singh appreciated the efforts of DG in raising contribution to the foundation and creating new records. TRF recognitions were given to 15 Major donors in presence of Chief Guest PDG Rtn. Dr. Balkrishna Inamdar, District Chief Secretary PDG Jitendra Dhingra and PDG Manmohan Singh. Endowment funds in the memory of PDG Kanwal Bedi and Rtn. Naveen Gulati was announced by current and incoming RI officers.

The local MLA Mr. N.K. Sharma (a former Rotaractor) was inducted as a member of Rotary Club Derabassi. In his address, he explained the potential that Zirakpur has for Rotary. Chief guest PDG Dr. Balkrishna Inamdar gave a motivational address on Giving and doing good in the world through TRF, captivated the audience till the end.

Lucky draw with bumper prizes was won by PE Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra. The organising team of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown under President Rtn. Salil Chopra and Secretary Rtn. J.S. Bawa put in lot of efforts to make the event a grand success.

**28<sup>th</sup> Nov - Session with Rotaractors**



**Rotaractors of Guru Gobind Singh college with President Salil Chopra at Danbro**

**30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Annapurna celebration**



**At Majri Chowk Panchkula, courtesy PP Ashok Puri and R'Ann Sudha Puri**

**30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Susiksha**



**Initiative of Rtn. Suman Gupta on children empowerment in Kundi village**

**Heartfelt Condolences**

With profound grief this to inform about the sad and sudden demise of Mr. Harpreet Singh Sachdeva, who passed away on 05 December 2021. He is brother of Rtn. Rupinder Singh Sachdeva and brother-in-law of Rtn. Dr. Vinny Sachdeva. Our heartfelt condolences to the family. May God give them strength to bear this irreparable loss.

**30<sup>TH</sup> Nov - Nation Builder awards**



Handed over to 4 teachers by Rtn. Dr. Harinderjit Kaur and Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain

**30<sup>TH</sup> Nov - Adult literacy Centre at Singhpura**



Visiting faculty Rtn. Suman Gupta gone on request of R'Ann Sudha Puri

**01<sup>ST</sup> Dec - Project Sahyog**



Rotary changed the life of Tara Devi by providing her with above knee artificial leg

**दैनिक जागरण**  
**एक सुरमई**  
**SUNDAY**  
**शाम 26 DEC 2021**  
**4.30 PM**  
**TAGORE THEATER**

**SINGERS**  
 Supriya Joshi  
 Prasan Rao  
 Sagar Sawarkar

**SAXOPHONIST**  
 Shyam Raj

**ANCHOR**  
 Shrikant Rao

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 Robin Aggarwal, Director - Learning Paths School

**Donation for Club projects**

Rotary Panchkula Green Rs. 10,000  
 IPP Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia Rs. 25,000

**Birthday of Spouses**

R'Ann Seema Rai 10 December  
 R'Ann Pushpa Jawa 15 December

**Wedding Anniversary**

R'Ann Vanita & Rtn. Vijay Kumar 10 December  
 R'Ann Sandhya & PP Rtn. D.P. Khandelia 11 December  
 R'Ann Meena & Rtn. Rajesh Mahajan 12 December

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