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Topic

**Journey of an International TV Journalist**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Ms. Rampreet Kaur**

International TV Journalist, PTC News

Venue: **Hotel Shivalikview  
Sector 17, Chandigarh**

Time: **6.30 p.m.**

Date: **20 May 2022 (Friday)**

Fear never builds the future, but  
FAITH does, and also HOPE does

### Golden period of Tourism in Kashmir - Breaks all records

In our regular meeting on 13 May 2022 all Rotarians and R'Anns present welcomed President Rtn. Salil Chopra, who returned after a pleasant trip from Maldives, comprising of 1192 islands in the Indian Ocean, a country of 822 kilometers in length and 130 kilometers in width with, most of the country in the sea, where one of the popular transportation is by seaplane. President Salil greeted all present in the meeting with 'Namaskar'. A peaceful and hospitable Muslim country, in Maldives also he greeted the local people with 'Namaskar' which was duly acknowledged by them. He would soon share his experience of Maldives. We also had gracious presence of PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan.

PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra shared his experience of Srinagar which he visited last month - the golden period of tourism in Kashmir – breaking all records.



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

Though it was not necessary, but as it is customary, President Salil Chopra invited PP Rtn. Deepak Sood to formally introduce the keynote speaker PP Dr. Vohra. PP Deepak said, "I am happy to introduce a person who is well known. I thank PP Dr. Balram Gupta for giving me the opportunity to introduce Dr. Vohra, who brought me to Rotary. He is in the noble profession of artificial limbs."

Dr. V.J.S. Vohra is in the profession of fitting artificial limbs and empowerment of Disabled Persons since 1973. He is Hony. Prosthetic Adviser to Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh on all matters concerning fitment of artificial limbs and rehabilitation of disabled persons. Due to this, all Government employees are entitled to get reimbursement for the facilities provided by



**Opening address by President  
Salil Chopra**



**Introduction of Keynote  
speaker by PP Deepak Sood**

Dr. Vohra. He is a Consultant and a Certified Clinical Partner of Otto Bock HealthCare India, a German company who are global leaders in providing quality artificial limbs and highly sophisticated prosthetic orthotic systems.

Ph.D in Prosthetics – Orthotics, he is registered / certified by Rehabilitation Council of India as Prosthetic Orthotic Professional. Hony Doctorate in Therapeutic Technology conferred by World University, Arizona (USA). He is Sr. Consultant - Prosthetics & Orthotics, Founder & CEO of Nevedac Prosthetic Clinic: MediRehab Systems, Chandigarh and Co - Founder of Nevedac Prosthetic Centre,



**PP Rtn. Amarjit Singh presents a token of appreciation to  
PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Looking on are President Rtn. Salil  
Chopra and Secretary Rtn. J.S. Bawa**

Chandigarh. He is Managing Trustee, Jyot Charitable Trust, Chandigarh, having exemption under section 80-G of Income Tax Act and also had FCRA registration by Govt. of India, which has now expired and is likely to be renewed. Prime object of this trust is to help the needy disabled persons and empower them in every possible manner.

A Rotarian since January 1996, in 2006-07 he was President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown. He has done many artificial limb projects with Rotary Clubs and other projects for empowerment of disabled persons. He is a dedicated Rotarian and a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow (MPHF).

Dr. Vohra has received many awards and recognitions from Rotary Clubs and at Rotary District level. As Editor of bulletin of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown since 2009, consecutively for last 12 years Dr. Vohra is getting awards for the best editor / best bulletin of Rotary District 3080. He was District Chief Editor of Rotary District 3080 for the Rotary year 2016-17. He has held many important assignments in District 3080.

Dr. Vohra is District Chair Disability Empowerment of our Rotary District for Rotary years 2021-22 and 2022-23. He is implementing the Sahyog project, initiated by DG Ajay Madan. In this year nearly 140 patients have been empowered by providing artificial limbs with help of Rotarians / Clubs, coordinated by PP Rtn. Salil Bali as Chair of Sahyog Project.

Dr. Vohra has also received number of awards from Ministers and dignitaries for his service to disabled persons from National and International organizations. He is Member and Life Member of many professional and social organizations, both within India and abroad.

Dr. Vohra is married to R'Ann Indu Vohra, who is Past President of Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown. They have a daughter, Ita and twin granddaughters Ananya and Anushka - both Paul Harris Fellows (PHF).

Through his presentation, Dr. Vohra took all present in the meeting on a virtual tour of Kashmir valley.

After 45 minutes flight from Chandigarh to Srinagar Dr. Vohra with his family: Indu, daughter Ita and granddaughters Ananya and Anushka arrived in Srinagar for 4 nights, 5 hectic days from 10 April to 14 April 2022.

Dr. Vohra said, "The Srinagar International Airport saw a record 102 flights clocking 15,199 flyers on Monday, April 11, bouncing back from very low air traffic seen during the pandemic." He added, "The number of flights is increasing as people hope to escape heat waves in their towns and the security situation is expected to improve." This year, authorities are also expecting a record of many lakh tourists.

Tourism had drastically reduced in Kashmir, first after the Centre stripped the region of its special status under Article 370 in August 2019, and later, as the pandemic cut domestic and foreign tourist inflows. Kashmir Valley has now broken all the previous records of tourist arrivals in the last three months. The valley saw more than 3,40,000 tourist arrivals in the months of January, February and March 2022. March alone had 1,80,000 lakh tourists.

As government of India had eased pandemic restrictions across the country making the travel easier, Kashmir valley is seeing



*Melodious Invocation by  
R'Ann Ranjna Sharma*



*Vote of thanks by PP Rtn.  
Amarjit Singh*

great increase in the tourism as Srinagar international airport recorded more than four lakh visitors in the month of April.

All the previous records are broken. All five and four-star hotels, house boats and properties and even the mid-range hotels were fully booked for the next two months. Dr. Vohra said, "With great difficulty we were able to get two rooms in a good guest house in Raj Bagh, Srinagar."

The tourists from across the country are enjoying the beautiful gardens, lakes and hill stations of the Kashmir Valley. They are happy to experience the cold weather and having fun. There were a lot of people in Srinagar, Pahalgam and Gulmarg. So everyone should pack up to enjoy the holiday in Kashmir valley with family and beat the heat which is there in most parts of the country. Warm clothes are required and even umbrella and raincoat! It rains unexpectedly in the valley.

Tourists in the valley are happy to see Kashmir tourism flourishing after so many years. It is a beautiful place and many people should go there. It's really a paradise and we only used to see this on TV and Bollywood films. It's worth visiting and experiencing it yourself. Those who have never been there must go there with family. Those who have already been there must go to see the difference. It is great fun!

Tourists will help local people as they will earn their livelihood. Due to pandemic, they must have lost a lot of their earnings and now, they are recovering.



*Celebrated birthday of Ananya and Anushka on 12 April at  
Ahdoo's, a famous Restaurant in Srinagar – specializing in  
Kashmiri and Mughlai food*



*Pahalgam - Mini Switzerland, a beautiful town in Anantnag  
district in J&K. It is a popular tourist spot*



**Dal Lake, main attraction in Srinagar. Clean water. The lake has house boats, markets and restaurants. Opposite the lake are many hotels**



**Gulmarg – cold and beautiful, a hill station in Baramulla district of J&K – a popular skiing destination, 45 minutes by cab from Srinagar**



**Tulip Garden in Srinagar, the largest tulip garden in Asia. Great place for all**



**Cheshma Shahi Mughal garden in Srinagar, near Raj Bhawan, fresh water for Mughals**

PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra thanked PP Deepak Sood for his very elaborate introduction.

PP Amarjit Singh thanked Dr. Vohra for a crisp and a very informative presentation, explaining the golden period for tourism in Kashmir and breaking all records.



**PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and President Salil Chopra present birthday gift to Rtn. Anup Sharma**



**PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and President Salil Chopra present punctuality award to PP Rtn. Deepak Sood. Looking on is Secretary J.S. Bawa**

**DG Ajay Madan visits Sahyog Project**



In the gracious presence of DG Ajay Madan and Rtn. Savita Madan at our Zirakpur clinic on 7.5.22, two patients were discharged, Pargat Singh above elbow arm (sponsored by RC Panchkula) and Meera Sharma both below knee prosthetic legs (sponsored by RC Shimla).

**Lokesh gets 3 prosthetic Limbs**



**Lokesh without artificial limbs**



**Lokesh with PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, PP Salil Bali and Dr. Ashwani**

Sponsored by Rotary Roorkee Midtown and Rotary Roorkee Upper Ganges, thanks to AG Mujeeb Malik and President Nidhi Shandeliya, Lokesh has been fitted with both artificial arms and left below knee leg at our clinic in Zirakpur on 12.05.2022.. A Karamyogi, Lokesh is fully empowered to continue making LED bulbs in Roorkee.



**National Anthem led by R'Ann Ranjna Sharma, R'Ann Indu Anand and Sergeant-at-Arms PP Rtn. Prem Anand**

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



**At Govt model High school Maloya. 10th class students attended the training program on goal setting and video. Gratitude from Principal and staff**

**01<sup>st</sup> May - Girls being trained**



**Beautician course at Vocational Centre Haripur**

**Advisor to PM**



**Son-in-law of PP Rtn. R.K. Luther, Mr. Tarun Kapoor is Advisor to Prime Minister Modi**

**Kirya & Rasam Pagri**

In continuation of announcement in the previous bulletin regarding the sad news of demise on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022 of Mrs. Sudarshan, wife of Rtn. Ravinder Krishan, this is to inform that Kirya & Rasam Pagri will be held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Sanatan Dharma Mandir, Sector 27 C, Chandigarh. Lunch – 1 pm to 2 pm. Bhajan & Kirtan – 2 pm to 3 pm.

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**04<sup>th</sup> May – Annapurna**



**50 children served food at Majri Chowk by President Salil Chopra, First Lady Renu Chopra, Secretary J.S. Bawa and R'Ann Sarabjit Bawa**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's Day**



**At GMSSS-35 and at GMSSS-15, Chandigarh, chief guest R'Ann Nandita Sisodia**

**09<sup>th</sup> May – Maa Project**



**At Civil Hospital, Panchkula. Present PP Dr. Rita Kalra and Secretary J.S. Bawa**

**Official Visit of DG on 06.05.22**

President Salil Chopra thanked all members of the club for the successful official visit of DG Ajay Madan and Rtn. Savita Madan. He was also pleased to announce the wide publicity the official visit got in the press, for which he thanked PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra.

**Birthday of Spouse**

R'Ann Deepti Sharma 23 May  
Mr. Ankur Thakur 26 May

**Birthday of Rotarians**

Rtn. Bhavmit Singh Chandoak 23 May  
Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia 23 May  
PP Rtn. R.K. Goyal 25 May

**Wedding Anniversary**

R'Ann Indu & PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra 21 May  
R'Ann Kiran & Rtn. Ashok K. Sharma 23 May

**GG - 2125103 Dialysis support for kidney patient**

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