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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?

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Welcome Meet with RI President - **Gordon R McNally**

Date: Thursday, 18th January 2024

Time: 03:30 PM

Venue: Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Sector 43B, Chandigarh

Host : Rotary Chandigarh

Registration : (High Tea) Single Rs 750 | Couple Rs 1200

Please Note the Change in Time and Venue

(There will be no regular meeting this week)

Chandigarh Judicial Academy
Sector 43B, Chandigarh



Rotary International President 2023-24 - Gordon R McNally

Introducing Gordon R. McNally: President of Rotary International 2023-2024

Rotary International proudly welcomes R. Gordon R. McNally as its esteemed President for the year 2023-2024. A distinguished leader with a rich background in both dentistry and community service, President McNally brings a wealth of experience and passion to his role. Educated at the Royal High School in Edinburgh and the University of Dundee, where he earned his graduate degree in dental surgery, Gordon McNally established a successful dental practice in Edinburgh, showcasing not only his professional acumen but also his commitment to serving his community. As chair of the East of Scotland branch of the British Paedodontic Society, he demonstrated his dedication to advancing dental education and practice.

Beyond his professional achievements, McNally has been actively involved in various community roles, serving as a presbytery elder, chair of the Queensferry parish congregational board, and commissioner to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland. His diverse experiences reflect a deep-rooted commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of those around him.

A Rotarian since 1984, Gordon McNally is a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry. His Rotary journey has been marked by leadership roles, including president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He has served on several committees and as an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee, showcasing his dedication to advancing Rotary's global mission.

President McNally's vision for Rotary is one of inclusivity and expansion. He aims to make Rotary accessible to everyone, ensuring that the organization thrives in diverse communities across the globe. His dedication to building new Rotary clubs and groups underscores his commitment to fostering positive change worldwide.

Outside of Rotary, Gordon McNally is actively involved in charitable endeavors. As a patron of Hope and Homes for Children and Trade-Aid, and an ambassador for Bipolar UK, he exemplifies Rotary's ethos of service beyond self. His laureateship with the Sino Phil Asia International Peace Awards Foundation further emphasizes his commitment to promoting peace and understanding.

In his free time, President McNally enjoys rugby, good food and wine, and the traditional Scottish craft of stick dressing, reflecting his diverse interests and vibrant personality. Gordon McNally, alongside his spouse Heather, dedicates his leadership to The Rotary Foundation, recognizing it as the driving force behind Rotary's impactful service initiatives. Their commitment as Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation, and members of the Bequest Society speaks volumes about their dedication to Rotary's enduring values.

President Gordon R. McNally expresses his heartfelt dedication to making the world a better place for his granddaughters, Ivy and Florence, and all the children of the world, fostering a legacy of positive change for generations to come.



Empowering Minds by Dr. Nikita Krishnan

Empowering Minds: Dr. Nikita Krishnan's Interactive Talk on Mental Wellness at Rotary Chandigarh Midtown Club.

The Rotary Club had the privilege of hosting Dr. Nikita Krishnan, a renowned expert in mental health counselling. Dr. Krishnan, who holds a PhD in Mental Health Counselling, has had a fascinating journey from being an engineer in India to becoming a grief counsellor in the United States. Currently, she imparts her knowledge by teaching psychology at both Pace University and Long Island University. Dr. Krishnan's journey is an indication of the unpredictable paths life can take. As she eloquently puts it, "Life took me where I was supposed to go." Her spiritual beliefs have played a significant role in guiding her through the various phases of her life. Having studied biomedical instrumentation engineering in India, she initially pursued a career as an engineer before realizing her true calling lay in psychology and helping others.

Key Takeaways from the Talk: Mindful Breathing Techniques and Positive Affirmations : Dr. Krishnan shared practical strategies for anxiety reduction, including mindful breathing techniques and the power of positive affirmations. Attendees actively participated in exercises designed to instill calmness and foster a positive mindset.

Laughter Therapy and Facial Exercises: The audience enthusiastically learnt that how laughter therapy and facial exercise activities can positively influence mental well-being. Dr. Krishnan's demonstrations, including placing a pen between the teeth to simulate a smile, showcased the tangible connection between facial expressions and the brain's response.

Interactive Session and Open Invitation for Help: This wasn't a typical lecture; it was an interactive session where Rotary Club members actively participated and enthusiastically sought clarification on various aspects of mental health. Dr. Krishnan patiently addressed each query, fostering an environment of open dialogue and understanding.

Moreover, Dr. Krishnan extended a heartfelt invitation to anyone in need. She assured the audience that she is just a call away, emphasizing the importance of seeking help when required. This personal touch resonated with the audience, reinforcing the notion that mental health professionals are approachable allies in one's journey toward well-being.

Addressing Stigma Surrounding Mental Health: Dr. Krishnan passionately addressed the pervasive stigma surrounding mental health issues. She urged the audience to contribute to destigmatizing mental health problems, emphasizing that seeking help for mental well-being is as natural and important as seeking help for physical health.

Closing Thoughts: Dr. Nikita Krishnan's talk transcended traditional boundaries, offering not just knowledge but also a platform for interaction and support. The Rotary Club members actively participated, their enthusiasm was reflective of the relevance of the topic. Dr. Krishnan's assurance of being a phone call away and her call to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health left an indelible mark on the minds of those present. The event wasn't just about understanding mental wellness ; it was about fostering a community that embraces and supports the journey toward mental well-being.



Welcome Address by President Jeeten Bhambri



Introduction of Guest Speaker of Dr. Nikita by Rtn. Manjushri Sharma



Vote of Thanks to Dr. Nikita by Rtn. Dr Balram Gupta



Invocation by Puri Family residing a wonderful Prayer
"Itni Shakti Humein Dena Data Maan ka Vishwaas
Kam Ho Na, Hum Chalein Neek Raste pe Humsein,
Bhul Kar Bhi Koi Bhul Ho Naa"
Rtn. Ashok Puri, A'nn Sudha Puri & Daughter
Dr. Nikita, sitting are President Rtn Jeeten Bhambri
& President Elect Rtn Nitin Kapur



National Anthem Sung by Sgt at Arms
Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn Dr. Rita Kalra, CG
Dr. Nikita Krishnan joined by President
Rtn Jeeten Bhambri & PE Rtn Nitin Kapur



Facilitation of Dr. Nikita Krishnan by
Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta joined by Rtn. Ashok Puri,
A'nn Sudha Puri, President Rtn Jeeten Bhambri
& PE Rtn Nitin Kapur



Punctuality Award to Rtn. RK Luther by
Dr. Nikita Krishnan joined by President
Rtn Jeeten Bhambri & PE Rtn Nitin Kapur

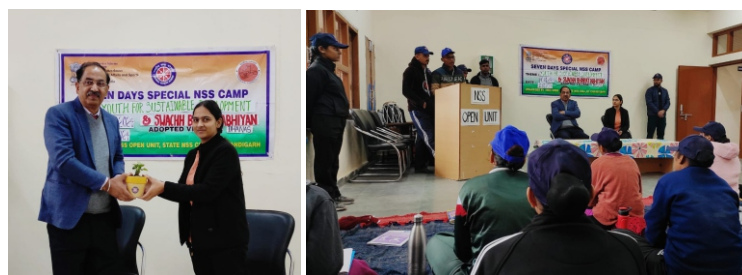
Week Gone By

Rotarians Guiding Youth



PE Rtn Nittin Kapur as guest of honour at GMSSS, Sector 15, Chandigarh for Inauguration of NSS camp here PE Rtn Nittin Kapur gave motivational talk with short stories to motivate the NSS students.

Rtn Bhupinder Kumar was guest of honour for the inauguration of NSS camp at Maloya where Rtn. Bhupinder enlightened the students on use of solar energy, its importance in our day to day life. It was an interactive session and children participated very actively.



Session on Music Mends Minds at Cardiac Department, PGI



Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown in association with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown orchestrated a heartwarming event, "Smiles for Heart," on January 10th at the Advanced Cardiac Centre in PGI Sector 12. Patients and Rotaractors alike showcased their talents through captivating performances, including dance, singing, and poetry.

The smiles exchanged at this event transformed it into one of the most memorable gatherings. Making a difference in the lives of cardiac patients, this occasion truly exemplified the spirit of compassion. Rtn. Dr. Manjushree, the Community Service Director of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, added her invaluable presence to make the event extraordinary. Special Thanks to Rtn. Dr. Rajarajan sir for being the backbone of this event along with Rotaract President Aman Garg who has been the main role player.

Certificate Distribution on Vocational Course Completion



Certificate Distribution to girls who have completed 6 months Astd. Beauty Technician skill development course at Rotary Vocational Centre, Haripur. Girls have been trained in art of Make up, hair styling etc & are ready to be self employed. Few have already joined as Astd. in Popular Beauty Parlours nearby. Their confidence was appreciated while listening to their success stories. Those present were chairperson of FPAI centre Anita Batra, Ex chair Rtn. Vinod Kapur & President Rtn Jeeten Bhambri as well DVS Rtn Anupam Jain. Students were motivated by explaining them importance of being skilled & purpose to celebrate National Youth Day.

Project Annapurna



At Samarpan, food was served to 158 children and socks were distributed to all children and adults who were there as a part of our project Annapurna in the presence of Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn Renu Chopra, and their grand children Lavyaansh, Tanaksh, Khwahish who also took part in the event and helped in serving and distributing socks to the really needy kids many of whom were barefoot in this weather where icy winds are blowing.

Rtn डॉ शशि जैन से रूबरू दिल से दिल की गुफतगू

Dr. B.C.Gupta was born in a refugee family of Lahore and joined the prestigious Indian Administrative Service in 1975 by sheer hard work and determination. He worked on different important Government assignments for over forty years during which he established contacts with many important organisations like Rotary. Even a cursory glance at Dr. Gupta's profile shows his intense and meaningful association with Rotary. A wedlock with Mumbai Rotractor Dr.Vanita Gupta, this association became more effective and result oriented. She led the prestigious Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown actively and successfully in 2000-01. Technically he is a spouse in our club but his contribution in Rotary is commendable. He is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Q. Please tell something about the projects initiated by you and adopted by Rotary in the field of health -care.
A. I organised medical check-up camps for the rural population of Bathinda under the aegis of the District Red Cross Society. When the then District Governor Rtn. Sudershan Aggarwal of Rotary District 309 (as it was then known) learnt about these camps, he gave directions to the Rotary clubs of District Bathinda to contact me and get associated with the project. Since then Rotary Bug bit me in a big way and I had been constantly been drawn into the activities and programmes of Rotary.

While working as Deputy Commissioner during the turbulent years of militancy, I took the initiative of providing special care to Polio affected people, who were treated with multiple surgeries and then provided free callipers to them. The weekly monitoring of these patients by Rotary and Inner Wheel clubs resulted in providing benefit to thousands of Polio affected persons.

A special programme to organise medical camps for the industrial workers was envisaged by the Punjab Labour Department in 2001 and 160 medical camps were organised throughout the state of Punjab. At my insistence, PRIP Raja Saboo invited the DGs and DGEs of Rotary Districts 3070, 3080 and 3090 for a meeting in my office. As a result of this presentation, many clubs actively adopted this programme. I myself have attended many medical camps along with my Medico wife held by the Rotary Foundation at different places, the latest being the one at Madagascar in March 2019.

Q. You have also done a lot of work in the field of education. Please tell something about that project.

A. Providing free education to children engaged in child labour got my attention in 1999-2001. I got the sanction for running 129 schools for child labourers in the towns of Amritsar, Jalandhar and Ludhiana. Later on these schools were adopted by different Rotary and Innerwheel clubs. Our own club started a similar school at village Sarangpur under the leadership of PP Dr. Vanita Gupta.

Wish you continue to guide the club for adopting projects of permanent utility



Dr. B C Gupta

SOME DELIGHTFUL VIGNETTES

We have a rich heritage of legal and judicial minds. Their life journeys are a gallery of enjoyable and memorable vignettes. Therefore, I thought of sharing some. We have just ushered in 2024. They would provide warmth and cozy feeling in this chilly weather.

Justice B.K.Mukherjea – Chief Justice of India

Justice Mukherjea established a tradition of judicial independence. He refused Pt. Nehru's offer to become the Chief Justice before his time superseding two of his brother judges. The first Chief Justice of India, Kania died in November, 1951. There was a proposal to appoint B.K.Mukherjea as the next Chief Justice ignoring the claims of Patanjali Sastri and M.C.Mahajan. Both Sastri and Mahajan were not opposed to this proposal. Because, they seriously thought that Mukherjea deserved it much more. On the other hand, Mukherjea was not agreeable. He threatened to resign if he was appointed CJI by superseding the two senior brother judges. He became CJI on his turn.

Justice Mukherjea delivered in 1951, the Tagore Law Lectures on the *Law of Hindu Religious and Charitable Trusts*. He was a sitting judge of the Supreme Court. He was at the height of his glory. Justice William Douglas of the US Supreme Court delivered the Tagore Law Lectures in 1955. The lectures were titled : *From Marshall to Mukherjea: Studies in American and Indian Constitutional Law*. Douglas was of the view that Marshall and Mukherjea were in the same tradition.

Justice Y.V.Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India

In Y.V.Chandrachud's family, there was a tradition that the morning tea was prepared by the head of the family. He did it always. Even as the Chief Justice of India. One wonders, whether the same is being continued or not!

The younger Dr. Justice D.Y.Chandrachud (now CJI) came to Chandigarh Judicial Academy to inaugurate Family Courts workshop in 2017. He shared that his mother had grown old. She had difficulty in walking. He asked his father, why don't you get her a walking stick. The response was, as long as, she has my hand and my shoulder, she does not need a stick. The family togetherness. The support of each other. The strength of the family system.

Justice M.C.Chagla was Chief Justice of Bombay High Court from August 15, 1947 till September, 1958. These were '11 luminous years'. In his farewell address, Y.V.Chandrachud, the Government Pleader (as he then was) said : 'when you read those judgments, you feel you are at a reception to celebrate the wedding of Law and Literature'.

Justice Y.V.Chandrachud was master judicial craftsman in the English speaking world. His opinions were gems. They were the tapestry of clarity, logical structuring, lucidity and elegance. People would often ask him, when did you study at Oxford? He would reply, his Oxford was Nutan Marathi Vidyalyaya where he studied in Marathi medium. He started learning English language only from class 7. Yet, he was the master of Judicial Prose.

I met Justice Y.V.Chandrachud on October 3, 2006 in Raj Bhawan, Bombay. The occasion was the swearing in of Justice H.S.Bedi as Chief Justice of Bombay High Court. A firm hand shake. The richness of his voice. It was so pleasant to talk to him. He was 86 at that time.

Justice T.S.Thakur, Chief Justice of India

Justice T.S.Thakur retired as Chief Justice of India on January 3, 2017. At the farewell, in the Supreme Court, Justice J.S.Khehar recalled that when he had met Justice Thakur in 2008 at Punjab & Haryana High Court, he thought that Justice Thakur was an extremely handsome man. He wondered, if he thought him to be handsome, what would a woman think? Justice Khehar described Justice Thakur as the flamboyant and most handsome Chief Justice of India.

Justice J.S.Khehar had the audience in splits when he narrated an incident of pulling Justice Thakur's leg over the Harris Tweed Jacket. During a conversation between Justice Thakur and Justice Khehar, Justice Thakur told him that he bought his Harris Jacket from New York. Justice Khehar promptly told him that the home of Harris is UK and not USA.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru

Tej Bahadur Sapru was a great lawyer. Equally, he was a scholar of Persian and Urdu. Sapru had gone to Hyderabad to argue a case. He was opposed by Jinnah. There was an original document in Persian. The counsel for the parties were requested to read it out for the benefit of the court. Jinnah could not read Persian. Sapru fluently read out the entire document. This created a sensation. The next day newspapers commented with the headline : '**Pandit Jinnah and Maulvi Sapru**'. Sapru was equally proficient in Urdu. Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad was to publish a book in Urdu – *Collection of Essays*. Azad considered Sapru as the only person competent to contribute in chaste and faultless Urdu – **the Foreword** to his book.

Bhulabhai Desai

He had the largest and most lucrative practice at the Bombay Bar. He was enrolled as an advocate in 1905. He joined the chambers of Sir George Lowndes who later became a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. On the first day, Lowndes gave him the advice : **if you will be useful to me, I will be useful to you**. Bhulabhai passed on this advice to his juniors.

As a Lawyer, Bhulabhai was in the Bar library. He was reading and making notes. The giant at the Bar – J.D.Inverarity happened to pass by. He stopped. Enquired what Bhulabhai was doing. He tore up the notes and said : "young man learn to trust your memory." Bhulabhai literally took it to heart. Thereafter, he never made any notes. May be the most complicated and voluminous case. He had a photographic memory. B.P.Khaitan, a senior solicitor of Calcutta had briefed Bhulabhai in a very heavy suit concerning a will in the Bombay High Court. The next day, Bhulabhai stood up without any notes. The Paperbook was running into 2000 pages which was on the table before him. He gave the judge a precise summary of the facts. Never referred to the brief. He dealt with the law. In depth and in detail. It was such a consummate performance the like of which had never been seen before.

These vignettes are a learning. All, the young, not so young and the old must enjoy them. They are refreshing.



Rtn. Dr. Balram K Gupta

Hands Across the Globe : Rotary In Action

Rotary and United Nations Join Forces to Protect Global Waterways

In a groundbreaking collaboration, Rotary International and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) have joined hands to tackle the pressing issue of freshwater ecosystem protection. Announced by Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick at the Rotary International Assembly, this strategic partnership aims to empower Rotary members globally in cleaning, protecting, and monitoring their local waterways. The heart of this partnership lies in the innovative program, 'Community Action for Fresh Water,' which encourages Rotary and Rotaract clubs to take proactive steps towards the health of their nearby water bodies. This initiative resonates with both the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and Rotary's commitment to environmental sustainability. President-elect Stephanie Urchick emphasized the collaborative nature of this initiative, stating, "The partnership brings together Rotary's community-based solutions and UNEP's technical expertise." This integration of grassroots efforts and specialized knowledge is key to addressing the complex challenges posed by the triple planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.

Rafael Peralta, the regional director and representative for UNEP's office for North America, underscored the significance of local actions in safeguarding freshwater ecosystems. "The protection, management, and restoration of freshwater ecosystems are fundamental to combating the triple planetary crises," he declared during the partnership announcement. As populations grow and economies expand, the demand for fresh water intensifies, placing freshwater ecosystems under increasing pressure. The partnership recognizes the pivotal role that community-based initiatives play in preserving and sustaining these vital ecosystems.

At the core of the program are activities organized by Rotary and Rotaract clubs. These include river cleanup days, awareness campaigns, basic water quality tests, and reporting of findings. Such initiatives are not only essential for local environmental health but also contribute to the global effort in tackling climate change and preserving biodiversity. This collaboration builds upon the success of the 'Adopt a River for Sustainable Development' pilot program, initiated in 2020 by UNEP and Rotary District 9212, covering Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Sudan. Rotary and Rotaract clubs worldwide have independently engaged in freshwater ecosystem cleanup efforts, but this partnership amplifies their impact by providing a structured framework and global support.

Salvador Rico, a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, highlighted the interconnectedness of healthy watersheds with various aspects of life. "Healthy watersheds help biodiversity, forests, wetlands, and lakes," he explained. "They help agriculture, boost the economy, recharge aquifers, and provide water to millions of people globally." The program's funding, spanning three years, is provided by The Rotary Foundation, with the possibility of continued support. Rotary and Rotaract clubs can utilize district funds or apply for global grants to cover the costs of their activities, further emphasizing the commitment to making these initiatives accessible and impactful on a global scale.

In conclusion, this collaboration between Rotary and the United Nations Environment Programme represents a significant step forward in addressing the global freshwater crisis. By harnessing the collective power of local communities and combining it with UNEP's expertise, the partnership is poised to make a tangible and lasting impact on the health and sustainability of waterways worldwide. Together, Rotary and the UN are paving the way for a cleaner, healthier future for our planet.



Unveiling the Enchanting 2024-25 Rotary Theme: "The Magic of Rotary"



In a compelling address at the Rotary International Assembly on January 8, President-elect Stephanie Urchick unveiled the much-anticipated theme for the 2024-25 Rotary year: "The Magic of Rotary." Far from a whimsical incantation or the wave of a wand, Urchick emphasized that the magic within Rotary is a result of the collective efforts of its dedicated members.

President-elect Urchick's inspiration for the theme was drawn from a poignant experience in the Dominican Republic, where she witnessed the tangible impact of clean water filters on two young boys. As the filters transformed dirty water into a clean, life-sustaining resource, the boys, captivated by the process, implored her to "show me the magic again." This simple yet powerful moment underscored that Rotary's work, while not magical in itself, possesses the profound ability to change lives.

Central to the theme is the emphasis on prioritizing peace, a cornerstone of Rotary's mission. President-elect Urchick urged members to champion Rotary's Action Plan, striking a delicate balance between continuity and change. To further this commitment, she announced plans for a presidential peace conference in 2025, themed "Healing in a Divided World." This aligns with Rotary's enduring dedication to peace building, as evident in its global network of peace centers.

Having trained nearly 1,800 peace fellows over the past two decades, the Rotary Peace Fellowship remains a testament to Rotary's commitment to fostering peace. The newest peace center, located at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey, is set to welcome its inaugural class in early 2025.

President-elect Urchick also reiterated Rotary's unwavering commitment to eradicating polio, urging incoming governors to join or initiate PolioPlus Societies. While acknowledging polio as a top priority, she called on members to engage with elected officials, raising awareness of the persistent threat and garnering support for eradication efforts.

The address underscored the vital importance of balancing continuity and change within Rotary. President-elect Urchick called for a reevaluation of practices that may have remained unchanged for decades and urged members to embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) principles. According to Urchick, this embrace of DEI fosters unity in purpose, making Rotary more effective and relevant.

As Rotary International embarks on the 2024-25 year, President-elect Stephanie Urchick's call for members to create magic through their projects, donations, and outreach sets the tone for a year focused on positive transformation and impactful change. The theme encapsulates the essence of Rotary's ability to bring about tangible, positive transformations in communities worldwide.

Coverage of Our Projects in District GML

RYLA - Vishesh

The Punjab University Gymnasium Hall witnessed a spectacular event from the 11th to the 13th of December as the three-day RYLA Vishesh unfolded with enthusiasm and camaraderie. A total of 177 athletes from various states of the North zone participated in a multitude of games, fostering a spirit of sportsmanship and inclusivity.



The event featured competitions in badminton, bocce, athletics, and not just limited to physical sports, but also delved into the realms of healing workshops. Attendees were engaged in enlightening sessions on art, music, dance, and mindfulness, providing a holistic experience beyond the athletic arena. Presidents Jeeten Bhambari and Sunil Kansal shared insights and highlighted the dedicated engagement of members in serving the special participants. Assistant Governor Sanjeev Checker extended a warm welcome to the guests, and Dr. Rita Kalra eloquently spoke about the significance of RYLA Vishesh. The event also featured an eye camp by Grover Eye Hospital and a special smiles checkup and brushing workshop by Dr. Sanjay Kalra and the Smile Express team.

The grand opening ceremony was inaugurated by esteemed dignitaries Mr. Nalin, International Gold Medalist and Special Athlete, and Mr. Navin Kumar, Joint Director SDM South and Mr. Ojasvee Sharma, a national awardee film director known for advocating equity, diversity, and inclusion through his films. The ceremony set the tone for the days ahead, showcasing the vibrancy and diversity that the event promised.

The culmination of the event was marked by a captivating closing ceremony, where all participating teams engaged in a colorful march past, accompanied by the melodious tunes of the Traffic Police Band. The atmosphere was charged with the spirit of achievement and unity. Distinguished personalities graced the occasion, including Mrs. Mallika Nadda, National



President of Special Olympics Bharat (SOB), Dr. Pallika Arora, PCS, Prof Harsh Nayyar, Director R&D PU, District Governor Arun Mongia, Celebrity Deepali Rajput, and State Presidents of SOB. Their presence added prestige and encouragement to the participants. Mrs Nadda insisted that to make the event more inclusive the entire university students must be involved so that awareness and acceptance of Divyangjan is more homogenous. DG Arun



Mongia showed his commitment to special RYLA and contributed Rs 50000 from district funds. Rotary International and Rotarians will work towards spreading awareness and inclusion of special athletes. Dr. Pallika Arora said that department is grateful to Rotary and SOB for collaborating and making this event a grand success.

The event was a collaborative effort, organized by the Department of Social Welfare Chandigarh, Rotary Chandigarh Midtown & Rotary Chandigarh Central, Zone 5, RID 3080, who partnered with SOB to ensure the event's inclusivity and equity. The collective

The success of the event is a testament to the power of collaboration, sportsmanship, and the commitment to creating an inclusive environment for all. The three-day extravaganza left a lasting impression, fostering a sense of community and empowerment among the participants. RYLA Vishesh was a testament to the boundless energy and enthusiasm of the athletes. Their ability to overcome challenges and embrace joy was evident in every activity, inspiring all those present. The event stands as a shining example of inclusion, empowerment, and the transformative power of sports and creative expression.

Handover of Toilets by RC Chandigarh Midtown

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, in a significant community service initiative, completed and handed over a new toilet facility at Govt Sanskriti Primary School Buddhanpur, under the leadership of President Rtn Jeeten Bhambari. The project aimed at improving sanitation and promoting good hygiene practices among students.

ensuring ease of use for the young students. An important highlight was the insightful speech delivered by Sandeep Jain, the Chief District Secretary focusing on the pivotal role of Rotarians in enhancing sanitary conditions in educational institutions how their proactive approach leads to significant community improvements.



The handover ceremony was graced by the presence of District Governor Arun Mongia, who inaugurated the facility. Stressing the link between sanitation and education, he pointed out that better sanitary facilities directly contribute to increased attendance and better learning environments, especially for young girls.



Dr. Rita Kalra, Adl. Distt. Secretary Mother and child health delivered an enlightening talk on 'Good Hygiene for Good Health', emphasizing the importance of cleanliness and hygiene in daily life. Additionally, she led a

Swachhta (cleanliness) pledge and demonstrated proper hand washing techniques to students, instilling in them the habit of maintaining personal hygiene.

Assistant Governor Sanjeev Checker shared insights into the project's journey, highlighting the rapid completion and the collaborative efforts involved. The project included the construction of modern toilet facilities, equipped with running water and proper sanitation systems. The design focused on being child-friendly and accessible,

Impact

- Hygiene Education: The event served as a platform for educating students about the importance of hygiene.
- Improved Sanitation: The new facilities mark a significant step towards better sanitation in the school.
- Community Engagement: The project exemplified community involvement in school welfare.
- School Commitment: For maintenance and upkeep of the facility so that the project is sustainable



Future Commitments

President Jeeten Bhambari Rotary Chandigarh Midtown reaffirmed its dedication to similar projects in the future, aiming to enhance the learning environment for children. He expressed Gratitude to the dignitaries, Rajiv Chopra Friend of Rotary, ASH for their gracious support and presence, special thanks were extended to the school authorities, project team, and all the Rotarians involved for their tireless efforts and support.

Conclusion

The successful completion of the toilet facility at Govt Sanskriti Primary School stands as a testament to Rotary Chandigarh Midtown's commitment to service and community development. It marks a step forward in the club's ongoing efforts to improve hygiene and health in the community.



Rotary District Cricket Tournament - December 9-10, 2023

The spirited atmosphere of cricket enthusiasts filled the air as the Rotary District Cricket Tournament unfolded on December 9-10, 2023, at DPS Public School in Yamuna Nagar. The event, hosted with zeal and precision, brought together 11 zones and 12 teams, each vying for the coveted trophy.



DPS Public School, nestled in the heart of Yamuna Nagar, served as the perfect venue for this cricket extravaganza. The tournament showcased the passion and sportsmanship of participants hailing from various zones within the district.

The esteemed District Governor,

RC CHANDIGARH MIDTOWN



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« Encounter with Rotary »

Rotarians of our district are traveling all over the world. Many times they encounter Rotary logo at a public place and they click a self-photo with that logo. Here we encourage Rotarians to share such moments with little description. We will be publishing these photos and let's see which remote corners have been covered by 3080 Rotarians.

Kindly email your memories by 31st January, 2024 at yn3080@gmail.com. We will publish these in the next issue of GML. Don't forget to give your name and club name. You must write ENCOUNTER WITH ROTARY in the subject.

PP Dr. Rita Kalra of RC Chandigarh Midtown encountered Rotary Logo at Ankleshwar, Gujarat





Celebrating Birthday's & Anniversary's



Congratulations

to Dr Bharat Pandya for being appointed as Chair Executive Committee of The Rotary Foundation. It is an honour for all of us as Rotarians of India, since it is a first for any Indian Rotarian. He also becomes a member of the TRF Finance and Stewardship Committee

Birthday - Spouse	
Jan 15	Saroj Jain
Jan 19	Seema Sahajpal
Birthday - Rotarian	
Jan 17	Mohinder Singh Kamra
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Jan 17	Ashish Singla and Sangeeta Singla



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