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**Rotary 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?

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**Rotary DISTRICT 3080**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3080 DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

Chimney Heights Banquet Zirakpur  
10-11 February, 2024

Host:  
Chandigarh Shivalik & Silvercity Mohali

Rtn Charu & DG Arun Mongia  
District Governor (2023-24)

**District Conference RID 3080**

**Date: 10th-11th February 2024**

**Venue: Chimney Heights Banquet, Zirakhpur**

**Many Lucky Draw's to be won**

**Note the Change in Date & Time**  
(There will be no weekly meeting this week)

## Rotary Club Assemblies : Activators of Development and Common Goals

Club assemblies are essential pillars of the Rotary International organisation that promote cooperation, openness, and strategic direction. These frequent meetings are more than just reporting sessions; they spark a vibrant discussion, recognise accomplishments, and map out a path for group influence. Directors present in-depth reports that provide a vivid picture of the club's development during assemblies. The focus is on different service projects, educational programmes that empower children, and healthcare initiatives that enhance community well-being. Members debate wisely when budgets are given, guiding them through the financial maze and helping them allocate resources most effectively.

Beyond the official proceedings, club meetings foster a sense of community and common purpose. Members recognise individual achievements, form enduring connections, and find inspiration in the group's commitment to service. This network of support inspires passion, develops creativity, and ensures that Rotary's effect continues to reach far and wide.

In essence, club assemblies are the heartbeat of a Rotary Club. They serve as a platform for responsibility, openness, and collaboration, ultimately moving the club towards its goal of making the world a better place. Members who actively participate not only see progress, but also actively shape the future, leaving a lasting impact in their communities and beyond.



## Club Services Half Yearly Report - Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia

### Club Meetings & Fellowships

- ❖ 31 weekly Club meetings have been conducted successfully
- ❖ 7 Board meetings conducted successfully
- ❖ 1 Joint meeting with Zone 5 - An Organ Donation Drive which was an initiative of 5 Rotary Districts
- ❖ 1 Joint Meeting with Rotary Club Chandigarh Central – RYLA Vishesh (A Two Day event for specially abled)
- ❖ 1 Joint Club meeting of Zone 3,4,5,6 – Rotary ki Pathshala (New Members Induction Program)
- ❖ Installation of Board at the CII, Chandigarh in presence of IAS Sh. Dharampal, Advisor to Chd. Administration
- ❖ 9 Elite Guest Speakers were invited to the Club meetings to enlighten the members with their knowledge
- ❖ 1 Club Assembly was held for the presentation of last year accounts & approval of Budget for the year 24-25
- ❖ Club Elections for board RY 24-25 were held anonymously
- ❖ 10 Fellowships held on various occasions to strengthen the bond amongst the families of Rotarians



### Cultural Events

- ❖ Celebrated Doctor's Day by recognizing 10 renowned Doctor's of Tricity
- ❖ Teej Celebrations
- ❖ Dandiya Night was celebrated with full enthusiasm
- ❖ On the occasion of Independence Day 9 Defence Personals were honored for their dedication in serving the Nation
- ❖ 30 Teacher's Day of different schools from Tricity were honored for their contributions
- ❖ Diwali Celebrations
- ❖ Children's Day was celebrated with the Chd Traffic Police by organizing a Drawing competition for students on Traffic Awareness
- ❖ Lohri Celebrations
- ❖ Republic Day Celebrated with Poetry and Patriotic songs sung by Rotarians and Family members
- ❖ 5 Persons were honored under Vocational Service for their dedication and commitment towards work.

### District Events and Our Presence

- ❖ Adyayan (District Training Seminar – Solan): 20 Rotarians from RCCM attended the Event
- ❖ Arunodaya - PETS /SETS/AGTS : 100%
- ❖ Adhaar - The Neev (Membership and Public Image Seminar, Dehradun) : 7 Rotarians from RCCM attended
- ❖ Bon Voyage to DGE Rtn. Rajpal at Rorkee : 18 Rotarians from RCCM attended
- ❖ Arpan - Joy of Giving (TRF Seminar, Panipat): 15 Rotarians from RCCM attended
- ❖ Welcome Meet RI President Rtn. Gordon R McInally at Law Acedemy Chandigarh - 46 RCCM members attended the event

## Vocational Services Half Yearly Report

- ❖ Home Care Nursing Courses at Asha Kiran - 19 students of July batch successfully completed the course and were certified + 23 students of December batch are pursuing their training at GMSH, Sector 16, Chandigarh + 24 students New Batch has started
- ❖ Sewing and Tailoring Courses have been running successfully at - Maloya - 24 girls have completed their training  
Singhpura -15 girls have completed their training
- ❖ Beauty and Wellness course at Haripur Vocational Center - 19 Girls were certified on completion of their courses
- ❖ Project **UDYAM** (An Entrepreneurship Skill Development Training Program) – 30 aspiring to be Entrepreneurs were given training by the skilled faculty from MSME and the students were also given certificates on completion by MSME
- ❖ Adult E Literacy Programs at Harton Centre, Pkl in association with RCCM - 15 Adults were given training at the centre.
- ❖ Vocational Courses at CCET, Chandigarh - 3 Courses have successfully started at the CCET wherein the students are enrolled under these courses and are training by professional faculty ensuring they become self independent as these courses are certified and recognized  
Under AC and Refrigeration - 12 Students  
Under Electrician - 19 students  
Under Plumbing - 9 Students
- ❖ Vocational Awards is an Recognition to Honor those silent Class 4 workers who have been dedicatedly performing their duties time after time, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown Salutes their dedication and Commitment towards their work by honoring them with a recognition and a cash prize - 5 persons from different departments were honored on 26th Jan 2024





## Community Services Half Yearly Report

### Disease Prevention and Treatment

- ❖ 3 Health Checkup Camps organized (more than 550 people Screened for Eye, Dental, Heart & ENT)
- ❖ 5 Blood Donation Camps organized - More than 350 units collected
- ❖ 15 Camps for UDID and Other Govt. Schemes Registration done benefitting 500+ people
- ❖ 90 Camps of Kalam Express Completed with 250+ beneficiaries
- ❖ 8 Beneficiaries were provided with Artificial Limbs under Project Sahyog
- ❖ Nikshay Mitra (TB Nutrients Distribution at Dispensary Sector 16, Pkl) for 50 beneficiaries done each month
- ❖ TB Nutrients Distributed to 50 patients of Hallomajra in association with TB Control Dept. Chandigarh under Project "SAKHA"
- ❖ Treatment Support for Double Tumor Surgery at PGI and 2 Heart Surgeries (1 at PGI, Chandigarh and 1 at DCG Sector 6, Pkl)



### Basic Education & Literacy

- ❖ 2 Adult Education Centres running successfully
- ❖ Under Project Sudiksha - 100+ Sessions already conducted in schools of Tricity and various schools of UP
- ❖ Teacher Training Program conducted and 30 Teachers of various schools of Tricity where honored for their dedication and commitment towards making students assets for the future.
- ❖ Under Scholarship Program - 6 Girls were given scholarships
- ❖ Scholarships given to 5 school going students

### Water & Sanitation

- ❖ 5 Swachta Campaigns organized at different locations of Chandigarh to educate citizens to keep the surrounding clean and tidy
- ❖ 2 Swachta Drives carried out in Sector 17 Bus Terminal and Sector 43 Bus Terminal spreading awareness to all on 2nd October 2023
- ❖ Toilets Block constructed at Signature Project Singhpura School
- ❖ Toilet Block constructed and renovated at Bhudanpur Elementry School, Sector 16, Panchkula

### Mother & Child Health

- ❖ Project MAA (Nutritional Support to Mothers & Clothes to New Born) every month on 9<sup>th</sup> is running successfully
- ❖ Angandwadi at Vill. Bir Ghaggar made operational for the underprivileged children with mid-day meals
- ❖ Nanhi Umeed - Creche at Maloya for underprivileged children with mid-day meals
- ❖ Sessions on Menstrual Health and Child Mental Health conducted

### Peace & Conflict Resolution

- ❖ 12 RCC's associated with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown spread across the Tricity - Serving Humanity
- ❖ Registered 250+ Organ Donors through Organ Donation Drives in association with PGI & NOTTO
- ❖ Traffic Safety Awareness for Students through an Interschool Drawing Competition in association with Chandigarh Traffic Police (more than 200 students of Tricity participated)
- ❖ Disability Empowerment - 8 Patients were supported with artificial limbs to make them independent
- ❖ Girl Empowerment (Two Women Safety Workshops conducted)

### Environment Protection

- ❖ 220+ Trees planted in 21 schools (Schools opted to ensure proper care of planted trees)
- ❖ Advocating Segregation and BAN of plastics
- ❖ Cleaning of Banks of River Ghaggar



### Signature Project of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown - Singhpura Elementry School Transdormation

**About School** :- Government Elementary and Primary School Singhpura is located in village Singhpura which is 500 metre from Sighpura Gate on Chandigarh Ambala -Delhi Highway . This School has got LKG having 29 students (Boys and Girls) as well as UKG – school is 40 ( boys and girls). In addition to this school is up to 5 th class with a total strength of 250 students. Presently this school has one Head Teacher and 7 teachers . Enrollment may increase up to minimum 100 more students after completion of additional required Rooms.

**Existing Infra structure in school:** - Presently school has got two small rooms along with small kitchen for making Midday meal for students and another two rooms adjacent to these were declared unsafe PWD and had been demolished few moths back . Two big rooms recently constructed are also existing. Only 4 toilets are existing for all students and Staff of school.

**Adoption of School** :- GES, Singhpura was adopted by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown from PSEB, Mohali for providing required infra all structure and other facilities in order to make this school as Smart School .In lieu of this proposal for construction, Renovation, addition and alterations at Government Primary School ,Singh pura was prepared in consultation with I/C of School and submitted to SEB, Mohali during March, 2023 and got approval from them in April,23 with MOU to be signed between school and Rotary club to do all Maintenance and up keep of components after completion of construction of Infra structures by school. We have included Construction of 3 new Class Room with Verandah in front of class rooms, Headmaster cum Staff Room with Toilet, New Kitchen Store, Multipurpose Shed 50x 30 for serving mid day meal. holding school function etc, Renovation of 2 Rooms and 4 toilets, increase height of retaining wall to 8 feet, Water cooler and Hand wash station incl shed, Chowkidar hut with kitchen ,provision of play items for children etc



## International Services Half Yearly Report - PP Rtn. Amarjit Singh

- ❖ 1st Global Grant of RY23-24 for Vocational Skill Centre at Vill. Bir Ghaggar - Hunar received and matching TRF collected.
- ❖ Annual Fund in TRF Collected @ 15000\$
- ❖ Polio Plus Fund collected @ 1800\$
- ❖ All members of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown are PHF

## Youth Services Half Yearly Report - Rtn. Renu Chopra

- ❖ 3 Rotaract Clubs (Rotract Club of Chandigarh Midtown, Rotract Club of Dev Samaj & Rotract Club of Guru Gobind Singh College for Women) have been Installed
- ❖ 1 New Rotract Club formed at Punjab University - "Community Champions"
- ❖ 18 Interact Clubs were Installed and 1 New Interact Club formed
- ❖ HC Bhambri Memorial Trophy for the Best Interact Club announced this year - This will be a running trophy which will be given to the best Interact Club under Rotray Club Chandigarh Midtown.
- ❖ RYLA Vishesh was hosted in joint association with SOB and Rotary Club Central at Punjab University with 200+ specially abled participants



## Public Image Half Yearly Report - Rtn. Kulwinder Chatwal

### Club Bulletin & Publication

- ❖ 31 On time Bulletins published. Uploaded on line every week
- ❖ Committee Roster Printed and Circulated
- ❖ Classification Roster published

### Internet & Social Media

- ❖ Face book live coverage of weekly meetings
- ❖ Facebook regular updates on projects available
- ❖ Blogs published on Rotary International Portal
- ❖ Project reports uploaded on My Rotary and Rotary India website regularly

### Internet & Social Media

- ❖ Branding at Daria Village Opp. Railway Station, Chandigarh (Two big Hoardings were fixed)
- ❖ Under Project Shining Wheel - Name Plates were Installed outside houses of Rotarians.



## Met Visiting Rotarians from Turkey under International Freindship Exchange at Rotary House, Chandigarh



A token of love from RCCM in the form of a book compiled by PP Rtn BL Ramsisaria was given to the Group Leader of visiting Rotarians from Turkey under the Friendship Exchange Program also present were PP Rtn RK Luther and President Rtn Jeeten Bhambri



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## Week Gone By

### Home Care Nursing - 5th Batch at Asha Kiran



Home Care Nursing 5th Batch was kick started at Asha Kiran by Rotary Chandigarh Midtown , an initiative close to our hearts. This program is a testament to our commitment to creating opportunities and uplifting lives.

With 27 enthusiastic girls from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) registering for the course, the air was filled with hopes and aspirations. President Jeeten Bhambari addressed the batch with inspiring words, emphasizing the significance of hard work and dedication. PPR K Luther contributed to the noble cause by providing each student with first aid books and essential stationery, ensuring that they have the resources they need to succeed in this journey of learning and growth.

PP Dr. Rita Kalra meticulously outlined the course details, explaining the comprehensive 4-month theoretical module followed by 2 months of clinical training. This structured approach ensures that the students are well-prepared to excel in the field of home care nursing.

### Sushiksha Sessions by Rotary Uncle

Rotary Susiksha Pathshala session was at Shaheed Anuj Rajput Govt. Sr. Sec School, Sector 20, Panchkula with class 9th children.

Topic being Bhariye, Ancient values build strong moral character and father-daughter love and we should learn and pick up values from Japanese Children.

These sessions are a great motivation to students.



Rotary Susiksha Pathshala Session held at Prakash High School, Village Maheshpur, Panchkula with outgoing class X.

A story on How anger affects the character even God wasn't spared was conducted.

The principal wanted us to take up session on public speaking for this class.

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### Reporting Abuse, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse

Rotary Club Chandigarh midtown, organised a talk on topic '**Reporting Abuse, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse**' in GMSSS, Sector 39, Chandigarh. Our guest speaker was Ms Himani Sharma Ma'am, Past President of Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown. The audience comprised of 9th -11th standard girls. Session was well explained and everyone learnt a lot. Not only we were able to educate the students about the topic but also students actively participated in sharing their personal experiences regarding unsafe touch. The real life examples acted as a motivation and it was such a wholesome activity to spread awareness regarding this sensitive issue. Along with it focus was laid on personal safety as well. Indeed it was an insightful session.



## 75 GLORIOUS YEARS' CELEBRATIONS AT THE NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY, PUNE

National Defence Academy (NDA) is a unique and prestigious Tri-services (Army, Navy and Air Force) Academy of our proud country. It was established during the year 1949 at Pune with an idea well ahead of time. NDA converts the nascent youth into leaders to 'Forge joint military leadership'. On completion of 75 glorious years, the Academy commemorated with many splendid functions from 14th to 17th January 2024 at its campus in Pune.

Rtn. Col JS Chandoak had a prestigious tenure as Squadron Commander of Juliet Squadron at his Almamater NDA from December 1977 to December 1979. Rtn. Col Chandoak and his wife Mrs Surinder Chandoak attended various memorable functions at the Academy to commemorate its 75 glorious years. It's a matter of great pride for Col Chandoak that the present CDS General Anil Chauhan, Air Chief Marshal Vivek R Chaudhary & Naval Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar, all were cadets in Juliet Squadron during his tenure as the Squadron Commander. He was their proud mentor during the grooming stage at the NDA. A photo (top left) of all of them at 'J' Squadron on 16 Jan 2024 says it all. Rtn. Chandoak's well wishers have acclaimed him as an excellent instructor. He has received kudos galore for the unique honour, as his three ex cadets (i.e. CDS, CAS, & CNS) have reached the highest ranks of our Defence forces and are holding the prestigious appointments.

Chandoak's have a varied experience of many flights as they are fond of travelling. Their foreign scorecard reads 17/35. The former number stands for the number of visits abroad and the latter for the number of countries visited. However their Indigo flight from Pune to Delhi on 22 Jan 2024 was just fabulous, which left indelible memories for them. Rtn. Col Chandoak was flabbergasted when Indigo flight Captain Anirudh Bhardwaj announced to all those on board- "A special announcement.

We are really proud to have on board today, a highly respected officer of the Indian Army. He is Col.

Chandoak, who can proudly say that the present Chief of Defence Staff, the present Chief of Air Staff and the present Chief of Naval Staff were all trained by him at the prestigious National Defence Academy. Sir it is our honour to have you on board our flight today. Thank you very much for joining us." Captain Bhardwaj was extremely courteous and humble. A few photos after the amazing flight especially the one with the Captain kneeling and the crew (top right), speaks volumes of his character and being a Pilot with a 'difference'. It was a pleasure to oblige some inquisitive co-travellers in the aircraft with selfies. So, memories of this momentous flight will remain stored forever in the lockers of the hearts of Chandoaks.

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown is Proud to have Rtn. Col. Chandok as a member.



## Rtn डॉ शशि जैन से रूबरू दिल से दिल की गुफ्तगू

R'Ann Mrs. Pritpal Kaur, a dedicated community leader originally belongs to Amritsar. She had her schooling and higher education from there only. After her marriage with Rtn. Rajinder Singh Gulati, she became involved with community service in an organised way.

Q. Please tell something about the community service projects you have been involved with?

A. I have been an integral member of Inner Wheel club Batala where my husband was posted. I became its member in 1975. After two years, I got the opportunity to serve as the President of the club in 1977. During my tenure as the President, I organised significant projects like family planning, polio eradication and medical health camps. These projects earned us district-wide recognition and accolades including the prestigious Best District Award presented by IPP Rtn. Rajinder K Saboo and Mrs. Usha Saboo. We also celebrated festivals with great enthusiasm and joyous spirit. Overall it was a very satisfying experience.

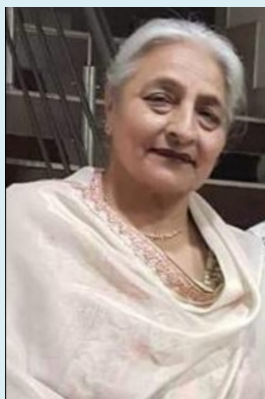
Q. When did you become a part of Midtown family?

A. In 1991, we relocated to Chandigarh. My husband joined Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown and I joined Inner Wheel club. I have continued my commitment to social causes and participated in initiatives like distribution of clothes to lepers, healthcare facilities and tree plantation. Both of us try to attend weekly meetings as well.

Q. Do you think you have gained something by associating with Rotary?

A. We have gained immensely by getting life long friends in Rotary. We enjoy the interesting lectures in weekly meetings. Enjoying fellowships with Rotary family is an additional advantage. Above all, the feeling of doing something for the society gives us peace and contentment. Thus in every way, we are gainers.

Wish your unwavering dedication to social causes goes unabated



A'nn Pritpal Kaur



## JUDICIARY : THE BACKBONE OF INDIAN CONSTITUTION

### 75<sup>th</sup> year of Indian Republic

Judiciary is the watchdog of the Constitution, its values and morality. Also of the Parliament and the Executive. Judges have to reason out truth from falsehood. Judiciary is also manned by human beings. As also the other two organs. The role of judiciary is different. Therefore, the judicial human fabric matters the most. Its strength strengthens the other two organs. Consequently, the whole nation.

We have career judges. We have lawyer judges. We do not have in India jurist judges. I hasten to add, we do have judge jurists. Many have contributed richly to the growth and development of constitutional jurisprudence. From Mukherjea to Chandrachud (Jr.). Through their judgments. Their writings. Their talks. The catalog is reasonably long. The rich contribution of Indian Supreme Court as also of Indian judges is well known and recognized. In different parts of the globe.

It would be relevant to share an interesting situation. A conflict had arisen between the UP Legislative Assembly and the Allahabad High Court. The President of India made a reference to the SC under Article 143 for its opinion in 1964. The matter came up before a bench of seven judges. The SC pronounced its opinion. In short, the writ petition could be entertained under Article 32 or 226. The judicial review could be exercised. The legislature was not immune from the jurisdiction of the constitutional courts. This was applauded by the public at large. The opinion of the Supreme Court seems to have been sent to the senior judges in UK and the US by Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. The then Chief Justice of India, P.B.Gajendragadkar received a letter from Lord Denning praising the opinion. Denning also expressed that if similar question arises before his court, he would have the courage to take the same view. Similar compliments were received from Earl Warren, the Chief Justice of Supreme Court of United States. The opinion was appreciated by several other Judges. It must be applauded that the then Prime Minister had the courage to demonstrate to the other advanced countries, the role that the Indian Judiciary had played in a Constitutional Parliamentary Democracy. This happened when the Indian Constitution was only 14 years old. We have come a long way during the last 60 years. Indian Judiciary holds the place of pride in the comity of nations.

The **Basic Structure** concept and doing of **Complete Justice** have become exportable items for other growing democracies. The top court has given constitutional voice to constitutional silences of the Indian constitution.

The appointment of Judges to the Supreme Court and the High Courts has been an issue of serious concern. I would like to share some situations. They speak of good health of Indian Judiciary. In fact, healthy traditions. I have culled them from the autobiography of Chief Justice P.B.Gajendragadkar : **To The Best of My Memory**. He was elevated as a Judge of the Supreme Court in January 1957. He was keen that on the bench of the Supreme Court, there should be a judge directly from the Bar. He talked to the chief justice and other judges. It took sometime. Chief Justice B.P.Sinha liked the suggestion. Attempts were made to persuade H.M.Seervai, Nani Palkhivala and Lal Narayan from Patna. They all refused. The idea was not dropped. Gajendragadkar suggested to Sinha the name of S.M.Sikri, Advocate General, Punjab. A message was sent to Sikri to meet Sinha at his residence. Gajendragadkar was also present. Sikri did not know the purpose, why he had been called? He was told to join them on the Bench. The response of Sikri was : No, Chief Justice, I do not think, I would be able to do the work of a Supreme Court Judge. I do not have the making of a good judge. Sinha told him, we have decided to recommend your name. We will not take 'no' from you. Sikri said, alright, but please remember, you are taking a risk. This is how, Sikri became a Judge of the Supreme Court. In due course of time, he became CJI.

The question is, why judges appoint judges ? The answer is two fold. Why make an exception in the case of Judges alone ? Every other appointment is made by their own peers. Including the appointment of CDS, COAS and other Army Generals. Secondly, the objectivity level which is possible in the Judiciary is not possible anywhere else. Moreover, the government is the largest litigant. Many matters are sensitive. The consequences are serious. The Public Interest and National Interest are paramount. This is the reason, why such matters go before Constitutional Benches of five, seven and nine Judges.

India had the Presidency of G20. The Summit 2023 took place in India in September. Matter of pride. The image of India has risen high. Globally. Let us not forget the contribution of the Indian judiciary. During the last 75 years of Indian Constitution, the Judiciary has strengthened the Constitutional Democracy in India. We must take legitimate pride in the Indian Constitutional Democracy. India is providing the leadership to other democracies.

PP Balram K Gupta

### An Article in Indian Express by PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta

## Art 370: Why Ambedkar opposed what Nehru proposed for J&K

### SPECIAL TO EXPRESS



Dr BALRAM K GUPTA

MY LAST piece on some memorable vignettes about legal and judicial minds was enjoyed by many. Therefore, I am sharing some more equally delightful vignettes. They are, in fact, the spice of legal and judicial coparcenary.

Justice Tyabji & sons  
We will start with Justice

Badruddin Tyabji, the first Indian barrister in Bombay who became the judge of Bombay High Court in 1895 and acted as the Chief Justice in 1902, the first Indian to do so. Justice Tyabji decided cases fairly and honourably. Two of his sons were members at the Bar. In every case which came before Justice Tyabji, solicitors in Bombay would brief two of his sons on behalf of their respective clients. The two sons would appear, one for the plaintiff and the other for the defendant. Indeed, this was an interesting situation. They lived together. They dined together. The malicious gossip was, they discussed their cases at the dining table. This was brought to the notice of Chief Justice Sir Lawrence Jenkins who sent a message to Justice Tyabji, asking whether it was appropriate for the two sons to appear in their father's court. Tyabji thund-

ered, "Go and tell the CJ to mind his own business". The matter rested at that. Justice Tyabji kept on deciding cases, favouring neither of the two sides. I am sharing this with a purpose. This demonstrates the 'strength' of the judge's human fabric. He would decide cases on merit. So difficult. Yet, it did happen. Is it possible today? I pause for an answer.

#### A bag of potatoes

Sir Jamshedji Kanga was arguing a potato merchant's appeal. The bench consisted of Chief Justice Sir John Beaumont and Justice HC Coyajee. The judges were closely questioning Kanga. The following conversation took place.

Coyajee (leaning over in a whisper): Chief do you see that man bobbing up and down behind Kanga? Beaumont: Yes. He's Kanga's client.

Coyajee: Do you know he had the audacity to come to my house last evening to deliver a bag of potatoes.

Beaumont: (smiling) And what did you do Coyajee?

Coyajee: Of course, I asked him to instantly leave with his gift.

Beaumont: What a pity. Coyajee, I assure you they were excellent potatoes! (Seeing the look of horror on Coyajee's face, he adds) Do you really think, Coyajee, that a bag of potatoes is going to make any difference to how we decide this case?

#### The three 'chiefs'

Justice JI. Gupta delivered many landmark judgments that reflected his scholarship in law. Also his deep love for English literature and history which pro-

duced many a quotable quotes. Justice TS Thakur, CJ in his full court reference in the Supreme Court on Justice Gupta's death said: "He conducted his court and wrote his judgments with the flourish of music conductor's baton directing the symphony of an orchestra".

They were called the 'three service chiefs' - Kuldip Singh, JI Gupta and MR Agnihotri. All the three were elevated as judges. Kuldip Singh (as he then was), was on his feet before a single judge. Another case was called before the first bench presided over by Chief Justice PC Jain. Singh asked GC Gupta, advocate sitting next to him, to rush to the first court and make a request for a pass over. The request made by Gupta was turned down. The Chief Justice asked him to argue the case. Gupta was not ready with the

case. He continued praying for an adjournment. The Chief Justice started dictating the order. At that point, GC Gupta got up and said 'My Lord, I have a request. My Lords, kindly delete the word learned. How am I learned, when I cannot argue the case?' The judges looked at each other and passed over the case.

#### Courty virtue

Chief Justice MC Chagla could mingle with kings and commoners with equal ease. He never missed a single day of work in court. He never rose before the court hours. When Earl Warren, the Chief Justice of United States arrived in Bombay, Chagla politely declined to receive him at the airport as the arrival was during the court hours. But he went to see Chief Justice Warren immediately after the court rose. When the reason for his ab-

sence at the airport, Warren readily agreed with Chagla.

#### Bread in the library

Dr BR Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Constitution, was opposed to Article 370. So Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru asked Sheikh Abdullah to meet Ambedkar for giving special constitutional status to Jammu & Kashmir. Babasaheb told Abdullah: "You want India to defend Kashmir, to develop Kashmir. Kashmiris should have equal rights as the citizens of India. But you do not want India and any citizen of India to have any rights in Kashmir. You tell me, what do you expect from the Law Minister of India?"

Article 370 stands abolished in the 74th year of the Indian Constitution. Ambedkar had a very rich and large personal library with over 50,000 books.

When in London, he would visit the public library every day. One day, the librarian saw him eating a piece of bread during lunch hours, which was against the rules. So Ambedkar was asked why his membership of the library should not be terminated. Ambedkar apologized and explained that he could not afford to go to the cafeteria. He bought cheaper food from outside and ate it in the library. The response of the librarian was: "From today you will not sit in the library during the lunch break. You will come to the cafeteria with me. I will share my meal with you". This gesture touched Babasaheb. He always held a special place for the Jewish people in his heart.

(The author is Professor Emeritus and former director of National Judicial Academy.)



Chandigarh





### Know The First Four Rotarians



The first four Rotarians. From left: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E. Shorey, Paul P. Harris. On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. Harris' desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship. Each of the first four Rotarians brought different professional perspectives to the organisation.

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Birthday - Spouse	
Feb 05	Deepshikha
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Feb 05	Maj Gen Arun K. Verma
Feb 07	PP T.S. Anand
Wedding Anniversaries	
Feb 04	PP Ajit S. Gulati and Bir Gulati
Feb 04	Kulvinder S. Bawa and Raspal
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