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## PROGRAMME

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### "Hair Care"

*Mr. Parmod Diwan*  
*Managing Director, Headmaster*

Friday, September 12, 2008

Time: 7.00 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Many Big Projects Planned for Chandigarh



Gust Speakers-L to R - Sr. Dy. Mayor, Mayor, Dy. Mayor

The weekly Meeting of Sep 05, 2008, was dedicated to the various issues facing our city beautiful Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Municipal Corporation, Mayor Mr. Pradeep Chhabra, Dy. Sr. Mayor, Mrs. Anju Beniwal and Dy. Mayor Mr. Harphul Chand Kalyan were kind to spare their time and be with the Club.

The President Mrs Saroj Jhawar declared that it would be an interactive session with the worthy guests from the Corporation. PP Pallav Mukherjee moderated the session with his usual many asides thrown in to keep the general interest alive.

PP Dr. Sharma started the session with a volume of his calculations to paint a scenario of traffic, water

requirement, electric power requirement, medical and education facilities with the year 2020 as the basis of his research and calculations. He painted an alarming picture of chaos if proper steps are not initiated now to address the situation in 2020. The Mayor responded positively that there is always the need for future planning and implementing the plans in a time frame to meet the situation before it develops into a problematic situation. He added that the Corporation and the Chandigarh Administration are well seized of the growth pattern of the city and its surroundings and some steps has already been initiated towards this end. He cited the example of the garbage treatment plant which has been designed for a load of 500 tons a day, though the current garbage produced by the UT Chandigarh is 300 tons a day.

The serious situation of vehicular traffic and its growth was brought out by many Rotarians including Rtn Arjan Singh, PP Harish Sethi and others. The Mayor explained that some roads are being widened and more traffic lights are being installed. As a long term measure, he clarified that Metro rail has been planned which will be underground in the City and ultimately will connect to Ambala, Rajpura, may be Patiala, and Baddi. Connected with traffic, Parking of vehicles was another issue that came to the fore and was emphasized by Rtn Sharma, Ann Bir Gulati, PP Ajit Gulati and others. The Mayor said that strict

suggestions and promised that, if given a chance, he would like to come back to the Club in Dec 2008 and inform the Club of the work done by the

Corporation. The statement was welcomed by a thumping applause.

## Third Micro-Loan Project of the Club is Approved



IPDG Rtn. Shaju Peter announcing the Micro-Loan Project

IPDG Rtn Shaju Peter announced that the third Micro-Loan project of the Club has been approved by

the Rotary Foundation and a cheque for Rs. Ten lac is likely to be received in another few weeks. He narrated the full sequence of conceptualizing the project and its final approval by the Rotary Foundation.

He profusely thanked PP Rtn Lakshmi Khanna of Rotary Club Sud-Est Milano Italy for his initiative and untiring efforts to get the project approved. He also thanked Rtn Arjan Singh for his meticulous handling of all aspects of the project as a Contact Person.

## RYLA

PP Rtn MS Kahlon, Chairperson RYLA, announced that the camp will be held in Manali on 21-24 Sep 2008. The registration is Rs. 2,500 per participant



Mementoes to happy anniversary boys

PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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Mementoes Galore

parking rules have been included in the contracts and are being gradually implemented, slip machines and monitoring cameras are being introduced and more manpower deployed to control parking and ensure that the vehicles are not parked haphazardly, every fifty meters will have a parking attendant to ensure proper parking. The Mayor hoped that the vehicle users will cooperate.

Garbage clearance and collection was another issue that was highlighted by PP Harish Sethi. The Mayor promised to look into this and added that some sectors have solved this issue by organizing collection to a central place from where the Corporation clears it on daily basis. He also stated that the garbage treatment plant will be ready by Oct 09, 2008. Rtn Sharma asked as to what will happen to the garbage briquettes produced by the plant. The Mayor explained that the Company operating the plant will take care of it. On another query, he said that at present there are no plans to convert this into fertilizer or use it in a biogas plant.

PDG Y. Diwan and PP Col Gill explained the difficulties that a resident faces in identifying the spheres of responsibility of the Corporation and the Chandigarh Administration. The Mayor agreed that there is a problem for the residents to identify the

responsibility and the concerned department or the official. He explained that this is being addressed by fixing a helpline with a common telephone number, may be 108, which will ease the situation. It will be something like a single window clearance through a call center that will be manned by trained officials who will further send the requirement to the concerned official. Everybody agreed that this is an excellent solution that will ease the dilemma of the public.

The Mayor detailed the various projects that are in the pipeline to improve the civic services and facilities in the City. PP Col Gill suggested that whereas the Macro level planning and situation is widely covered by the media and the Corporation has planned many Macro projects, attention needs to be paid to small matters that affect the daily life of a resident, such as garbage clearance, the poor quality of work of the safai karamcharis, the horticulture department, the roads and buildings department and the electricity department. He promised regular and proper supervision of these workers.

In his concluding remarks, The Mayor thanked PP Pallav Mukherjee for arranging this session which has given them good feed back and ground realities and feelings of the residents. He acknowledged good

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who should be in the age bracket of 16-24 years. Full details are given in our last bulletin of 3 Sep 2008.

He requested all Midtowners to sponsor suitable participants for the camp, which is aimed at improving the leadership skills of the participants.

## Sankalp Diwas

President exhorted the Midtowners to attend the seminar on Rotary Foundation, Sankalp Diwas, being held in Ambala on Sunday, 14 Sep 2008. Full details have already been published in our last bulletin of 3 Sep 2008.

## What is Vipassana Sadhana?

Vipassana is a meditation practice propagated by the Buddha. It is useful for calming the mind and nerves and removing stress. In this era, most people are not interested in dharma and moksha. Of the four purusharthas, now only two are being fulfilled: artha and kama. When you go into artha and kama without the balancing effect of dharma and moksha, you will have mental tensions, worries, feelings of insecurity and fear. The mind will be troubled, full of passion, anger, remorse and regret. Practices like vipassana can be used to keep the mind calm and balanced.



Memento for the Guest Speaker

## Flood Relief

The Club Board Meeting was held on 06 September 2008. It was decided that all Rotarians of the Midtown are requested to donate a minimum of Rs 500/- each for flood relief.

The donation may please be handed over to the President/Secretary/Treasurer/Office Secretary by 15 Sep. 2008.

## Birthday Greetings

Rtn. B.B. Bahl



September 13

## Wedding Anniversary Greetings



R'ann Asha & Rtn. D.K. Gupta

September 13

R'ann Indu & Rtn. Prem Anand

September 17

R'ann Rashi & Rtn. Parveen Khosla

September 18

## Punctuality Draw

Won by PP. Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill



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