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## PROGRAMME

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"The Dynamic Family Environment"  
An Open House Discussion on  
Changing Family & Moral Values

Friday, December 12, 2008

Time: 6.30 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Can We Improve Our Security Environment?



Guest Speaker Mr. K.B. Vohra

Our speaker for the meeting of last Friday, Dec. 5, '08 was a Dy. Director of the National Police Academy at Hyderabad, after having served as the Principal of the Police Training College at Bhubaneswar. He was awarded the Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Services in 1976, followed by the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service in 1986, ultimately retiring as Commandant General of the Home Guards in Orissa.

DGP K. B. Vohra has settled in the city now, after thirty two years of service, and was accompanied by his charming wife. And he talked about the reforms needed to improve the Police system in the city, or

state, to be better able to combat the current & increasing scourge of terrorism.

The root problem of state policing is the politicization of the Police Force. He started his talk with the example of one of the premiers of the Japanese nation who, after being elected & sworn in, was called to attend a police dinner function. Imagine the criticism this action of his drew, and the PM had to face severe flak from the Japanese Parliament – the Diet!

The backbone of a good police force is its neutrality, of its being insulated from the politicians of the day which, of course, is totally the opposite here in India. Compared to most of the developed countries around the world, we have a system in place here where the State Police Chief is changed by the new CM almost moments after being sworn in. One does not have to look afar - witness the actions of the CMs of our neighbouring states. And the political interference at the District levels is far worse, with the Dy. SPs, or even the SHOs often taking direct instructions from the CM himself!

It seems that H.P. has started a bit of reform now, with recruitment processes being videographed & made available for inspection.



B'day Boys - PP R.S. Chandgothia & Rtn. O.P. Malik



Happy Anniversary to Ann Vanita & Rtn. Vijay Kumar



Memento for the Guest Speaker from Rtn P.K. Verma

Obviously, with such interference by politicians of all kinds, policing at all levels suffers - whether it be the sharing of info, or basic forensics, or the daily beat, even the business of picking up of an accused, or making an arrest, is usually interfered into by any sundry politician. So, a large number of criminals get away simply by using their political contacts. There is also the problem of political interference in the recruitment & it is an open secret that most, if not all positions & transfers are fixed for money.

When almost each & everyone in the police is there with some connection, it becomes pretty much difficult to get any of them to volunteer for the real work, or even pay full attention to the training & upgradation courses, when all posts are up for sale ! So policing suffers, along with society, and it is the average man on the street who takes the hit.

Today, there is a need for our police to be better equipped & trained for the job. To start with, let's take weapons - using the obsolete .303, and in some

cases, the .410 is like using muskets against the modern weaponry available. We need a Police Commando team in each town or city, well equipped, akin to the SWAT groups in the US. Countering urban guerrilla warfare is a highly specialized qualification & the police needs all it can in the form of the latest weaponry to counteract the invisible, highly camouflaged terrorist who is not only prepared to get killed, but inflict maximum collateral damage in the process. His aim is publicity & sensationalization, both of which he can get in plenty by targeting innocent & unarmed civilians within soft targets like restaurants, malls & transit stations such as the Metro.

The job of the police gets even more difficult, with civilians becoming hostages to a single well-armed & determined terrorist. This is where the SWAT teams are needed, with detailed & specialized knowledge, and most importantly specialized weapons.

PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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These may not just be the standard guns & pistols, but stun grenades, ultrasound immobilizers, glue sprays and, believe it or not, some good old Roman tactics like boxing the terrorist in with heavily shielded bullet proof panels, and then gassing him! Some electric shock weapons are also available.

Are we going to see any improvements in our systems yet? Not by a long shot, if we elect the kind of people as we do to represent us in Parliament.....

 - PP Pallav Mukherjee



Our New Member, Rtn. Amarjit Singh celebrated his Wedding Anniversary with us on Nov. 28, 2008. Welcome to the Rotary Family - Mr. Amarjit Singh & Mrs. Sunita!

## Is Baar Nahin....

Lyricist Praseon Joshi wrote this poem after the Mumbai terror attacks. Says the ad guru and film lyricist, "I believe it should reach as many people as possible because it is our collective pain and voice".

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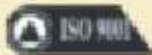
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# "I Complained 'cause I'd no Shoes, Till I Saw a Man Who Had no Legs."

We take for granted all the things we possess, not realizing that God was not obliged to provide them to us in the first place. Instead of dwelling upon and fussing about the things that do not belong to us, it would be more worthwhile to feel gratitude for the countless favors that have fallen in our lap. Even apparent 'curses' do not neutralize the blessings. We need to constantly thank the Almighty for the endless list of divine gifts bestowed on us.

Thank God :

- ✳ If you wake up this morning in good health, you have more luck than one million people, who won't live through the week.
- ✳ If you have experienced the horror of war, the solitude of prison, the pain of torture, were not close to death from starvation, then you are better off than 500 million people.

- ✳ If you can go to your place of worship without fear that some one will assault or kill you, than you are luckier than 3 billion people.
- ✳ If you have a full fridge, clothes to wear, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are wealthier than 75% of the world's population.
- ✳ If you currently have money in the bank, in your wallet and a few coins in your purse, you are one of the 8, of the privileged few amongst the 100 people in the world.

Contributed by Ann. Indu Luthra

## Think About It

- Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled.
- If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can 't buy.

## Kirya Ceremony

The Kirya Ceremony of Late Mr. Nirmal Gupta, father of PP Dr. Mrs. Vanita Gupta, who left for his heavenly abode on Dec. 02, 2008, will be held on Friday, Dec. 12, 2008 at Sanatan Dharam Mandir, beside Ramgarhia Bhawan, Sector 27-C, Chandigarh, at from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m..

Birthday Greetings

Rtn. P. K. Verma

Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Bansal



December 18

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Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan



## Change of Residential Address- Rtn. O.P. Malik

Rtn. Om Parkash Malik has since shifted to his old residential address : H. No. 3022, Sector 28-D, Chandigarh, from Panchkula.

His residential telephone nos. are 2679077, 2679099, Mobile : 98884 42687

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Nita &

Rtn. Madhu Sudan Manaktala

R'ann Manjit &

Rtn. Darshan Singh Kalsi



December 12

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