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## PROGRAMME

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### Media, the Creditability Deficit Chief Guest: Professor Sanjay Wadwalkar

Department of Mass Communication, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Friday, November 13, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

## Report Back from Berkeley

Our Club meeting on November 06, 2009 had Mr. Aditya Rametra, Rotary Peace Scholar as our Chief Guest. He was introduced by PDG Shaju Peter. Aditya has done BE from Thapar University, Patiala in 1997, MBA from IIM, Calcutta in 2001 and MA from University of California, Berkeley, USA in 2009, under Rotary World Peace Fellowship programme. PDG Shaju said, "Today is a great day for Chandigarh Midtown. Probably our club is the only one in the world who have succeeded in having two of their peace scholars selected by the Rotary International for the 2 year programme." Aditya is the second peace scholar from our club, the first one being Dinesh Kumar of Times of India about 3 years ago. Aditya is an Engineer turned Finance Executive turned Management Specialist turned School Teacher.

In his talk Aditya expressed his gratitude to Rotary for giving him the opportunity to graduate under this programme. He thanked PDG Shaju Peter for the support he got from him. Giving details of this programme, he said the Rotary Foundation accepts applications for the Rotary World Peace Fellowship. Successful candidates would pursue a master's degree in international studies, sustainable development, peace, and conflict resolution at one of the six Rotary Center university partners: University of



Aditya Rametra  
Rotary Peace Scholar

California, Berkeley; Duke University; University of North Carolina; International Christian University; University of Queensland; Universidad Del Salvador. Applicants must be committed to peace and have proven experience in their field. Fellows are chosen from countries and cultures around the globe based on their ability to have a significant, positive impact on world peace and conflict resolution. Rotary World Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Fellows can earn a master's degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

Aditya also said that unless the poor people in the world have food to eat, basic health and education, there can be no peace in the world. He said, "War stories make the headlines but there are large number of people dying due hunger and sickness, which is many times more than those killed in war." There is coordinated effort but still lot needs to be done in this direction. He appreciated the role of Rotary International who considers development issues, educational issues and health, which is very important when it comes to world peace. He said, "This programme has increased my understanding about Rotary."

Talking about India and Pakistan, Aditya said, "Here the media constantly vilifies Pakistan and the media

in Pakistan does exactly the same about India. It should be realised that it is a regional problem. Unless people grow up to see a bigger picture, they would be used as puppets by their respective governments and politicians and people would keep fighting and arguing." He said that Rotary, with its huge membership, can make a big impact by getting the Rotary Clubs of this region together, acting in unison, would make a huge difference! Aditya said, "I have decided to work in a civil society sector, to work with some good Non Government Organization or start one of my own."

President Gurdip S. Deep summed up, "Aditya's

exposure for two years of the nature that it was, opens up your horizon to understand how the world operates in different levels and different directions and how one particular action effects so many actions." He thanked Aditya for the talk which was impressively put across and the possibilities he intends to create to give back to Rotary.

All the wedding anniversary couples and birthday boys were present in the meeting. Not seen in the photographs below is birthday boy Rtn. Srirambir Sandhu, who came for a few minutes to donate Rs. 2000/- for the Club projects. Rtn. A.K. Puri donated Rs. 1100/- on his daughter, Nikita's birthday.



Rtn. Kanan & PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan receive anniversary gift from Chief Guest Aditya Rametra



Aditya gives anniversary gift to R'ann Charanjit & Rtn. B.S. Channi



Aditya gives anniversary gift to Rtn. Dr. Shashi & Mr. Naresh K. Jain



PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati gets birthday gift from Aditya Rametra



Birthday boy Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra gets a gift from Chief Guest Aditya



PE Prem Anand bags the Punctuality award, receives it from Aditya

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## Blood Donation Camp

A Blood Donation Camp was organised by Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown in Association with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown and GMSH-16 at Student Centre, Panjab University on 5th November, 2009. Donors fully participated for this noble cause, to enable the Blood Bank to collect 54 units of blood. The young Rotaractors also donated blood. The donors were given milk, juice, apples, bananas, biscuits and eggs. Certificates and gifts were given to the donors.

Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown whole heartedly took part in this project. President Rtn. Gurdip. S.

Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra also graced the event by their presence and motivated the Rotaractors to continue doing meaningful projects. Our Office Secretary V.P. Sharma was also present. Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown was represented by their President Asha Gupta, PP Indu Luthra and PP Deepa Sahib Singh, who contributed gifts for the blood donors.

The project was well managed by Rotract Chandigarh Midtown President Rtr. Ruchika Sharma and her team members; Rtr. Ravi, Rtr. Abhishek, Rtr. Sahil, Rtr. Arnav, Rtr. Shivender, Rtr. Anchit, Rtr. Ashish,



Blood Donation Camp at Student Centre, Panjab University

Deep, accompanied by Assistant Governor Rtn. Charanjit Singh reached well before commencement of the programme and they were pleased to see the arrangements done by Rotaract Chandigarh Midtown.

PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter, PP Rtn. Col.A.J.S. Gill, PP Rtn. Ajit Gulati & Ann Bir, PP Dr. S.K. Sharma and

Rtr. Sameeksha, Rtr. Amar, Rtr. Mohit, Rtr. Aman, Rtr. Mallika, Rtr. Bhavan, Rtr. Gaurav, Rtr. Rupesh, Rtr. Tejmaan, Rtr. Dipin, Rtr. Harneet, Rtr. Ravinder and Rtr. Rohit.

Rotaractors of Chandigarh Midtown gratefully thanked the Rotarians for their support in this initiative, by

sponsoring Rs. 5000/- for the Blood Donation Camp, contributed by Rtn. Ashwani Bhateja, PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter, Rtn. Ritu Singal, Rtn. Om Prakash and Rtn. Suraj Handa. PP Rtn. Ajit Gulati also added another Rs. 500/- during the proceedings of the camp, to enhance our contribution to Rs. 5500/-.

## Congrats!

Our heartiest congratulations to Ann Asha & Rtn. Vinod Sobti. Their daughter, Mrs Neetu Varma has been blessed with a son on 31st October 2009 in Australia.

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## PP R.K. Goyal Recommended as GSE Team Leader



PP Rtn. R.K. Goyal

Board of Directors of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has recommended the name of PP Rtn. Rajinder Kr. Goyal to the District GSE Committee, for GSE Team Leader. This year our GSE Team will be going to Rotary District 5810 in Texas USA, scheduled for April 2010.

Born on 25th May, 1956 Rtn.

R.K. Goyal is a Post Graduate Civil Engineer. He is presently working as Superintending Engineer (Public Health) in Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh looking after the supervision of Water Supply, Sewerage & Storm Drainage works in City beautiful, Chandigarh.

He joined Rotary in 1997-98. He was the President of the Club in RY 2005-06, and during his tenure he

organized a Plumbing Training Course for needy boys and Home Care Nursing course for girls. A WCS Literacy Project with a total outlay of 22000 USD in collaboration with RID 7250 was drawn up and registered with Rotary Foundation. At the District Level Rtn. R.K. Goyal had been Chief Sergeant At Arms in RY 2007-08. In RY 2008-09 he was Assistant Governor of Zone 3.

A Paul Harris Fellow, Rtn. R.K. Goyal is a GSE Alumni. He was a member of Group Study Exchange Team from RID 3090 in RY 1990-91 to RID 2320 Sweden Zone-15.

His wife Kund Bala a State Awardee is working as Lecturer in Mathematics in U.T. Education Department, Chandigarh and is a member of Inner Wheel Club of Chandigarh Midtown. The couple has a son Nitin who after completing MBA is working in IBM and daughter Deepika a IITan graduate is working in an International Oil Company.

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Satpaul & Rtn. Balraj Singh

November 16

R'ann Lalita & Rtn. Dault Ram Agarwal

November 19



### Birthday Greetings

Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva

November 15



### Donation For Club Projects

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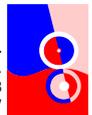
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