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## World Disabled Day

Presentation by Rotary Community Corps  
(Comprising of Disabled Persons)

Chief Guest: Rtn. Charanjit Singh, Asst. Governor

Friday, December 04, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

## Changing Landscape of Jammu & Kashmir

Mr. Vikram Jit Singh Chowdhary, Bureau Chief, NDTV was our Chief Guest for the club meeting on November 27, 2009. He was introduced by PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta. He said, "The fact is that Vikram's reporting on militancy in J&K has been exceptional." After graduating in Arts, Vikram has done Business Management, Economics and Political Science from Jammu University. He has done Diploma in Broadcast Journalism from University of Wales, UK, for which he was awarded Young Broadcast Fellowship by British Foreign Office. In 2006 he received Excellence in Journalism Award and Goenka award by Prime Minister of India. In 2009 he was awarded Fellowship by Government of Netherlands. From 1996 to 2006 he has been Special Correspondent NDTV for Jammu and Kashmir, during peak of militancy, and for this, his work has been appreciated. Since 2006 Vikram is the Bureau Chief, NDTV at Chandigarh and is responsible for all news coverage in the region of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal and Jammu. PP Indrajeet Senpupta added, "This appointment in an electronic media, for a person at the age of 30 plus, is quite an achievement."

Mr. Vikram Jit Chowdhary admitted that he did not know much about Rotary until he came in contact with Rotarians recently. He said, "I

salute the discipline of the Rotarians and the spirit they carry with them when ever they meet or contribute for a cause. It is praiseworthy what you are doing and it needs to be publicized."

Talking about Jammu & Kashmir, Vikram said that since his father was a civil servant in the Government of J & K, he has visited nook and corner of the state, right up to the border. He recalled his childhood in Kashmir as most wonderful period of his life. He said the real Kashmir lies in the small villages. He said, "Kashmiriat is not about just one community. It is about people living together and the culture." Vikram said he was in Kashmir up to 1990 and then he returned in 1995. In these five years there was a vast difference, and Kashmir had changed. The devastation had struck Kashmir and it was the circumstances that even people had changed.



Vikram Jit Singh Chowdhary

He said, "It was difficult to believe when we started reporting about the militancy. It was unimaginable, but still it happened." He added, "Truly speaking, it is very difficult for me even today, to understand how it came there, why it came there, what is the real cause, but people



Rtn. Sanjay Singhal cuts the cake, while President Gurdip Deep, Rtn. R.K. Luther, Secretary Ritu Singal and IPP Saroj Jhawar say "Happy birthday to you".



Anniversary couples R'ann Malabika & PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta and R'ann Sunita & Rtn. Amarjit Singh join hands to cut the cake.

who wanted it, had succeeded." He said the militancy started in 1990 but Kargil war came in 1999, that is, it took nine years of militancy before Kargil came on scene. Vikram pointed out, "This speaks for itself, Kashmiris were perhaps forced into it, and they were told the grass is greener on the other side. But some were missionaries who were being paid." He added, "Between 1999 and 2004 there were about two dozen fidayeen attacks. However, these attacks have not been the end of it. The psyche of the Kashmiris started to change."

People revolted against the gun. There was revival of the political system. This was the beginning of the transition. Vikram said that

militancy has now come down, but it has not gone, even though woman like Sakeena have picked up gun to fight militancy! Vikram strongly feels that, "We cannot have those old golden days back unless Kashmiri Pandits go back. The real Kashmiriat is missing."

PP Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill proposed formal vote of thanks. He said, "Today's thank you is well deserved by Vikram for giving us an insight about the changing pattern in Kashmir, and we are grateful to him for educating us on the subject."

President Gurdip thanked PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta, Rtn. Amarjit Singh and Rtn. Sanjay Singhal for donating Rs. 1100/- each for the Club Projects.

### Intercity on Vocational Service

Intercity on Vocational Service, hosted by Rotary Club Panipat MidTown is being held on Sunday, 6th December, 2009 at 09.00 am. The venue is Kohinoor Resort, Sewah, 84 Km stone on G T Karnal Road, past Panipat. For those who have not registered earlier, on the spot registration shall be available for Rs. 500/- and with spouse it shall be Rs. 900/-. Member of Parliament and Ex-Chief Minister Himachal Pradesh Honourable Mr. Shanta Kumar shall be the Chief Guest.

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PP Col. A.J.S. Gill gets the Punctuality award from Chief Guest Vikram Jit Chowdhary.

members have to contribute 50% of their remaining balance to become PHF.

Rtn. A.K. Puri announced his contribution of \$ 500 to become PHF, and may even be a Multiple PHF for \$ 1000!

## Sham-e-Ghazal : World AIDS Day

To observe the World AIDS Day, which is on December 1, the Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society organized Sham-e-Ghazal on November 28, 2009 in the auditorium of the Government College, Sector 46, Chandigarh. PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta, the Project Director of Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society, welcomed the chief guest, Director Health Services, Dr. M.S. Bains, other dignitaries, Senior IAS Officer of Punjab Government Dr. B.C. Gupta, President Gurdip Singh Deep and Rotarians & R'anns of Chandigarh Midtown. She said this programme is a tribute to



Sham-e-Ghazal by Vinod Sehgal



President Gurdip S. Deep presents a cheque

people living with HIV Aids. She said Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has joined hands with Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society.

President Deep informed that we have £ 1000 from Rotary Club of Wollaton Park, Nottingham, UK for the AIDS project. He presented a cheque of Rs. 5000/- as the first installment for this project. Dr. Vanita appreciated that it is very creditable that an NGO like Rotary Chandigarh Midtown has

come forward to work in Association with a Government Department.

Mr. Vinod Sehgal, reputed playback and ghazal singer, presented number of hit songs and ghazals.

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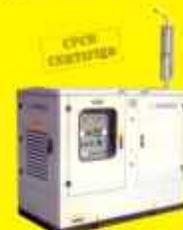
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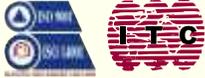
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## Free Medical Camp at KUC, Sector 46, Chandigarh

Annual Free Medical Camp is being held at Kidney & Urostone Centre, Site No. 2, Near Gurdwara, Opposite Traffic Lights 45-46, Sector 46, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown and Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2009 (Sunday) from 10 am to 4 pm. The camp will be inaugurated at 11.30 am. There will be free consultations for urology, orthopaedics and physiotherapy. Xray and other lab tests would be on subsidized rates. Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor, Chairman, KUC has requested the Rotarians for their active participation

### New Members

Rotarians who would bring new members would be recognized. The new members would have a Past President as his/her Mentor. Recently inducted members; Rtn. Ashok Agarwal will have PP B.L. Ramsisaria as his Mentor, Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur will have PP Dr. Vanita Gupta as her Mentor and Rtn. S.P. Babuta would have PP Harish Sethi as his Mentor.

### Condolences

Our heart felt condolences to PP Rtn. Anil Mehan on the demise of his revered father, Mr. B.K. Mehan. Our prayers and deepest sympathies in this moment of grief.

**Correction:** Please note Email Id of Rtn. S.P. Babuta is spbabuta@hotmail.com and D.o.B. is 11.10.1963

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Suman & Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta December 07  
R'ann Sushobhita & PP Rtn. Dr. S.K. Sharma December 08  
R'ann Upasna & Rtn. S.P. Babuta December 09  
R'ann Vanita (Veena) & Rtn. Vijay Kumar December 10



Punctuality Draw : Won by PP Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill

### Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Om Parkash Malik December 08  
PP Rtn. R.S. Chandgothia December 10  
Rtn. Rohit Gupta December 10



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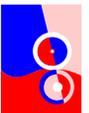
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