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## Installation of President Prem Anand and His Team

Chief Guest : S. Manpreet Singh Badal

Hon'ble Finance, Planning and Program Implementation Minister, Punjab

Please Note  
change in  
Date & Venue

Saturday, July 31, 2010

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Venue: PHD House, Sector 31, Chandigarh

## Welcome Sardar Manpreet Singh Badal!

### Hon'ble Finance, Planning and Program Implementation Minister, Punjab

The installation of a President at the beginning every Rotary Education Board. year in July is a massive world-wide exercise signifying continuity of leadership so unique to Rotary. Conducting this exercise in the presence of inspirational leaders gives the new team enough food for thought, and inspiration.

This year our Chief Guest is Sardar Manpreet Singh Badal, Hon'ble Finance, Planning and Program Implementation Minister, Punjab. Many of us have heard him speak earlier in the District Conference held two years ago, at the Indradhanush Auditorium, Panchkula when Satish Saluja was the District Governor. The Club is excited at the prospect of hearing him speak again.

A Dosco and a Stephanian, Sardar Manpreet Singh Badal, was born on July 26, 1962. He studied Law from the University of London. He has been a member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly continuously since 1995, and currently serves as the Finance, Planning and Program Implementation Minister, Punjab. He has remained the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee for a 5-year term, was a member of the senate of Punjab University, Chandigarh; Syndic of Punjabi University, Patiala; and has been a member of the Punjab State



A Basketball player, he has captained his school team, received full colors from his college, and represented Punjab State in the Nationals in Goa in 1981.

An ardent follower of Military history, particularly, British Indian Army History, leading to the Partition of India, he is also a keen reader of social and economic philosophers and developmental economics of third world countries.

He is a tireless social activist for the elimination of cancer in the Malwa Region, through the supply of safe drinking water, and environment friendly farming practices. He is a crusader for the spread of education.

He is un-orthodox. He is the only Minister of the Punjab Cabinet who receives a token honorarium as a Legislator and Minister, drives his own car and refuses security cover.

Married to Vinu he has a son and a daughter.

Welcome Sardar Manpreet Singh Badal to Chandigarh Midtown!

## Rotary Year's First Micro Credit Disbursed

During his visit to Italy as District Governor in 2007-08, Shaju Peter, to seek Project collaboration, his batch mates of all 10 districts approached their respective Clubs not to present them bouquets during their official visits, and instead donate the equivalent value towards the corpus of a Micro Credit project! With addition to this corpus by our own Club, and a Matching Grant from the Rotary Foundation, a Revolving Micro Credit project, not dissimilar from the Gramin Bank Project of Bangladesh conceptualized and initiated by Nobel Laureate

Dr. Mohammad Yunus, Head of the Rural Economics Program at the University of Chittagong, was designed to provide credit for the poor.

This was after the un-mitigated success of the earlier Chandigarh Midtown Milano Sud Est Revolving Micro Credit World Community Service Matching Grant project initiated by Lakshmi Khanna of the Milan Club and our Club during 1996-97 when Col. Amar Jit Singh Gill was the President..

Micro Credits from this Multi District Revolving Micro Credit Project has been disbursed to two beneficiaries for the first time during this Rotary Year. The first of these loans of INR 13000.00 is for Mrs. Renu who will utilize it to open a garment

boutique from her home. The second loan of INR 10000.00 is for Mr. Anil Kumar who wishes to expand his current business activity of repair of mobile phones, to include sale of peripherals and accessories.

## Energy and Environment-Is Doomsday Near?

Introduction of Assistant Governor Prof S.K.Sharma is a voluminous task. He is exceptionally talented and distinctively rare person. Holding a Ph. D. in Chemical Engineering, he has remained a Professor of Chemical Engineering, and Director of the Energy Research Center. A Ford Foundation Fellow, an US AID Fellow, he is recipient of numerous national and international Awards. He has served as Commonwealth Expert and Consultant, UNICEF expert to many countries. He was Chairperson of GOI's Working Group on Renewable Energy, and a National Advisor of Alternate Energy. He has to his credit more than 100 research papers. He was handpicked by Dr. Manmohan Singh to serve on the NSA. Vinod Sobti introduced him.



To this distortion has been added a new dimension of global warming, which has emerged as the greatest threat to the human race. In case the present trend continues, the earth's temperature will increase dramatically by three degrees, resulting in Arctic Ice melt, consequentially increasing sea level, and displacement of several million people in coastal areas, submerging half a million hectares of land, and effect the breeding and migration of fish. Widespread disease is expected.

It is estimated that every 2.5 degree of global temperature rise, will lower rice yield by 20 to 50 percent, wheat yield by 25 to 60 percent, and loss of 1.5 million tons of milk in India alone. Disruption due to draughts and floods will impact economy.

Human development is a direct function of per capita energy consumption. Energy is also an indicator of economic growth and poverty alleviation. With India aspiring to be a super power its per capita energy consumption is woefully low. Less than 50 percent of Indian population has access to commercial energy sources like electricity and gas. More than 800 million people depend on bio mass fuel like cow dung, wood and other residues to meet their energy needs, exposing them to carcogenic pollutants. This is a major cause of mortality and morbidity in rural women and children. This is confirmed by WHO statistics.

In conclusion, Prof. Sharma emphasized the duty of every citizen to reduce commercial energy consumption, including electricity, gases, petrol, diesel, use energy-efficient appliance at home, and machinery in our workplace, adding greatly the use of renewable energy sources like solar energy, not only to correct the existing imbalance, but also to reduce climate change. Wasteful use of water, like in car washing should be avoided.

Therefore, there is complete distortion in the commercial use of energy resources in the country. Twenty percent of the India's population uses 80 percent of its energy resources.

These are issues, he said, must be addressed and actively propagated by Rotarians, and responsible leaders of society.

Vinod Kumar Jawa, proposed a formal vote of thanks and also bagged this weeks' punctuality draw.

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# Installation Meeting

**Installation of President Prem Anand and the Board of Directors for 2010 -11**

**Venue: PHD House, Sector 31, Chandigarh**

**Date: Saturday, July 31, 2010**

**Time : 7.00 pm**

**Master of Ceremonies : PDG Shaju Peter**

## Program

19.00 Hours	Registration
19.25 Hours	Arrival of Chief Guest
19.30 Hours	Meeting Called to order National Anthem
19.33 Hours	Lighting of Lamp Invocation
19.38 Hours	Welcome of Guests
19.43 Hours	Presentation of Bouquets
19.45 Hours	Report of 2009-10 by President Gurdip Deep Presentation of PHF Pins
20.05 Hours	Exchange of Collar Handing Over of Club Charter
20.07 Hours	Introduction of President Prem Anand
20.10 Hours	Address by President Prem Anand Introduction of Members of the Board
20.25 Hours	Induction of New Members
20.28 Hours	Felicitations by AG Parveen Goel
20.30 Hours	Introduction of Chief Guest
20.34 Hours	Keynote Address by Chief Guest
20.54 Hours	Presentation of Mementoes
20.57 Hours	Expression of gratitude
21.00 Hours	Adjournment for Fellowship & Dinner

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## Shaju at Solan Midtown

PDG Shaju Peter was the Chief Guest at the installation function of Rotary Club of Solan Midtown on Saturday, July 17, 2010 at Hotel Himani Resort where Ramesh Maini was installed as the club president and Rtr. Saurabh Jain as Rotaract President. Ramesh served as the club secretary during Shaju's term as District Governor in 2007-08.

Chartered in 2002, Solan Midtown today has a membership of 32. A club of enthusiastic young Rotarians, it completed a matching grant project in rain water harvesting last year in collaboration with a club in USA. In his address to the Rotarians Shaju said, "Winds of change are blowing all across the Rotary world. Rotary International has adopted a new Strategic Plan and the Future Vision Plan of Rotary Foundation is on pilot testing effective July 1, 2010". He challenged the new president to adopt a strategic plan for the club and induct at least one woman member in his year of leadership.

## Prez Prem & Secy Deepak attend PRERNA

Rotaractors of District 3080 met for the District Leadership Forum, christened "PRERNA", as they take off to provide service to the community, on Saturday, July 24, 2010 from 10.30 am onwards at Chandigarh College of Engineering and Technology, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

Both President Prem Anand and Secretary Deepak Sood were there to motivate the Rotaractors of 3080. District Governor Madhukar Malhotra was the Chief Guest, while President Sandeep Luthra was a Key Note Speaker.

## Rotary Community Corps

Because of paucity of space, we could not explain the concept of the Rotary Community Corps earlier, which we carry now. This form of grassroots self help service was initiated by RI President M.A.T. Caparas of Manila, Philippines in 1986 to let "Rotary Bring Hope" for improving the quality of life in

villages, neighborhoods and communities. Frequently there is abundance of labor, but no process to mobilize men and women to conduct useful projects in community improvement.

The Rotary Community Corps is a Rotary-Club sponsored group of non-Rotarians who desire to help their own community by conducting specific improvement project. Rotary Club members provide the guidance, encouragement, organizational structure and other assistance to the Rotary Community Corps, which in turn provides he manpower to help their own community.

It must be acknowledged that the guidance being provided by PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra is exemplary.

## Greetings

### Birthday of Rotarian Spouse

PDG Yoginder Diwan



July 31

### Birthday of Rotary Ann's

Rajneet Sandhu



July 28

Brij Bala Handa

Aug. 05

Asha Sobti

Aug. 05

### Birthday of Rotarians

PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

July 30

Om Parkash

Aug. 02

Ashish Singla

Aug. 03

Amandeep S. Syali

Aug. 04

### Wedding Anniversary

Neeru & Raj Kumar Khattar

July 29

Savita & Rajneesh Ahuja

Aug. 01

Dr. Sudha & Dr. B.R. Jain

Aug. 02

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