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PROGRAMME

Panel Discussion on Lokpal Bill

Panelists :

Rahul Bharatiya, Convenor, Chandigarh Chapter, India Against Corruption  
Dinesh Kumar, Asst. Editor, The Tribune,  
Arun Sood, General Secretary, BJP Chandigarh Unit.  
Subhash Chawla, Congress - Chandigarh Unit

Friday, July 08, 2011

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh



## Installation Ceremony of President Rtn. R.K. Luther and Board 2011-12

Our First Club meeting of Rotary year 2011-12 on July 01, 2011 was an impressive and dignified Installation Ceremony of President Rtn. Raj Kumar Luther and the Board of Directors at CII, Sector 31, Chandigarh. The auspicious event was graced by Hon'ble Mr. Justice

Chair Installation & MC PP Rtn. Capt M.S Kahlon conducted the proceedings with audio visual support, and it was an impressive live commentary of the event!

In his welcome address PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter gave a hearty welcome to the Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Justice



Mr. Justice Surya Kant

Prof. Raj Bahadur

Lighting of Lamp

Surya Kant of Punjab & Haryana High Court as Chief Guest and Prof. Raj Bahadur, Director Principal, Govt. Hospital & Medical College, Sector 32, Chandigarh as Guest of Honour.

The meeting was called to order by PP Rtn. Saroj Jhwar, Sergeant-at-Arms, followed by National Anthem sung by R'anns Malabika Sengupta, Purnima Sood and Sunita. Before Lighting of Lamp organized by PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria, there was a melodious presentation of Invocation by R'ann Neeru Khattar (Past District Chair of Inner Wheel). Bouquets were presented to Chief Guest and Guest of Honour by incoming First Lady R'ann Urmil Luther and outgoing First Lady R'ann Indu Anand.

Surya Kant, Guest of Honour Prof. Raj Bahadur, and other dignitaries; AG Rtn. Rajneesh Gupta, PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan, PDG Rtn. Ramesh Bhargava, our Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta, all Past Presidents, Rotarians, Rotary Anns and distinguished guests, for the installation ceremony of 35th President of our Club Rtn. R.K. Luther and his team for 2011-12.

Outgoing President Rtn. Prem Anand in his impressive powerpoint presentation enumerated the successful and purposeful

projects in all the five avenues of service during 2010-11. Starting from his Installation ceremony in July 2010 to Valedictory function last Friday, he highlighted the projects on Micro-Loan, Rain Harvesting in 8 U.T. Schools, Home Care Nursing, Upgradation of Aasra Shelter at GMHC, empowerment of disabled persons, involvement of spouses in meetings & projects, hosting New Member Orientation Programme, District Leadership Seminar followed by Pre-Conference dinner, medical camps, blood donation camps, Youth exchange & GSE programmes, involvement of our 3 Rotary Community Corps and 2 Rotaract Clubs in fruitful projects, polio eradication campaign including

through school children and contributions to Rotary Foundation. Prem ended his talk with presentation of PHF pins.

With thunderous applause came the ceremonious Exchange of Collar from IPP Rtn. Prem Anand to President Rtn. R.K. Luther and the handing over of Club Charter by Secretary 2010-11 Rtn. Deepak Sood to Secretary 2011-12 Rtn. Amarjit Singh.

President Rtn. R.K. Luther was introduced by PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta. Born in 1939, he graduated from DAV College Ambala in 1957, did his engineering from Thapar Institute Patiala in 1962 and MTech from London University where he had comfortably settled down with a lucrative salary and even became a British national and lived there for 15 years. Then he and his very able wife Urmil took a strong decision and came back to India to Chandigarh in 1982, and they both worked very hard to establish their business and created Atul Fasteners.



After highlighting meaningful projects and events of Rotary year 2010-11, IPP Rtn. Prem Anand gracefully hands over the Collar to President Rtn. R.K. Luther, who humbly accepts it with folded hands

Wheel for two years, so Rotary culture flows in the family.

In his address President Luther said Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee has given us a wonderful theme for this year, 'Reach Within To Embrace Humanity'. He said, "Each one of us has tremendous potential within us to do wonders." He quoted Swami Vivekanand, "Arise, awake and stop not till the Goal is reached."

He presented his plans for Rotary Year 2011-12 in all five avenues of service and emphasized on projects for Child mortality, Women health care, distribution of hearing aids to school children below poverty line, safe drinking water, drug awareness campaign, Night School in Sarangpur, training program in plumbing, home care nursing, medical & blood donation camps, youth exchange & GSE programs, polio eradication, involvement of spouses, assistance to disabled & seeking employment for them, rubella vaccination etc.

President Luther introduced the members of the Board; PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter, IPP Rtn. Prem Anand, PE Rtn. Ritu Singal, Vice President Rtn. Deepak Sood, Secretary Rtn. Amarjit Singh, Jt. Secretary Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Rita Kalra, Treasurer Rtn. Arjan Singh, Director Club



Luther Family - from left: Daughter in law Tina, son Atul, grand daughter Nasadiya, daughter Kirti, First Lady Urmil, President R.K. Luther and daughter Shakti. PHF Grand sons Akshat & Aarnav (not in the photo) were also present for their grand father's installation ceremony

Mr. Luther is now a very well established Industrialist. He joined Rotary in 1988. Urmil was President of Inner

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President R.K. Luther presents his plans for RY 2011-12 to embrace humanity

Service PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta, Director Vocational Service Rtn. A.K. Puri, Director Community Service Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan, Director International Service PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria, Director New Generations Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua, Sergeant-at-Arms PP Rtn. Saroj Jhawar. President Luther also introduced our Editor PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra (not

idea that we run a chemist shop in GMCH for which he assured us a free space so that patients are given medicine at subsidized rates.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant was introduced by PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta, who said, "ever since Justice Surya Kant was elevated as the Permanent Judge in 2004, he has decided more than 25000 cases. This is his great contribution to judiciary; which makes him a great Judge and a great human being." In his keynote address Justice Surya Kant appreciated handing over of the baton on every 1st July by Presidents of 33000 Rotary Clubs, 534 District Governors and the Rotary International President to the new team. He said, "I salute you all on your outstanding achievement in polio eradication." He remarked, "Every solution does not lie with the babas

as member of board).

Message of District Governor Manpreet Singh was conveyed by AG Rajneesh Gupta, who congratulated President R.K. Luther and his team.

Prof. Raj Bahadur was introduced by Rtn. Jeetan Bhambari. He said, "I owe a lot to Dr. Raj Bahadur and it is because of him that I am standing here today, as I was treated by him after my accident." In recognition of his support for mega medical projects of our District, Prof. Raj Bahadur was presented PHF by Immediate Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith during his visit to Chandigarh in March 2011. In his address Prof. Raj Bahadur said Rotarians serve the cause of the society which is the very purpose of life. He expressed his delight referring to the creation of Aasra Shelter by our club in GMCH in 2008-09 during tenure of Saroj. Prof. Raj Bahadur also floated an



Secretary 2010-11 Rtn. Deepak Sood hands over the Club Charter to Secretary 2011-12 Rtn. Amarjit Singh

Board of Directors 2011-12 line up behind Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant and Prof. Raj Bahadur



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant presents gifts to birthday boys PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta and Rtn. Ashok K. Puri

Mr. Justice Surya Kant presents first Micro-loan of 2011-12 of Rs. 30,000/- to Pawan K. Gupta to buy a three Wheeler

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and babus.” He was highly impressed with RI Theme of the year, 'Reach Within To Embrace Humanity'. He co-related this with a beautiful saying in Gita, which he translated, “He who sees everything in himself, and himself in everything, never hates anything.” He quoted Will Rogers, 'It's great to be great, but it's greater to be human'. Justice Surya Kant

concluded his talk with Ghalib's poem, “In ablon se paon ke ghbra gaya tha main, Ji khush hua hai rah ko pur khaa daikh ker.”

Expressing gratitude, PE Rtn. Ritu Singal thanked Mr. Justice Surya Kant and Prof. Raj Bahadur for addressing us with great Rotary knowledge they possess, which has inspired us to look forward with hope and encouragement.

## Heartfelt Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences to Rtn. Maharaj Baksh Singh & R'ann Patinder who lost their only son Mandeep in Virginia, USA. Just 42 years old, he is survived by his wife Dilraj and 12 year old daughter Rabbani. Patinder &

Maharaj ji are still in USA and were with their son when he breathed his last in John Hopkins Hospital. Our prayers for the bereaved family to give them strength to bear this tragic loss.

## Shaju is on Executive Committee of Rotary News Trust

Our Heartiest Congratulations to PDG Shaju Peter who has been appointed as a member of the Executive Committee of the Rotary News Trust for the Rotary

Year 2011-12. The Trust based in Chennai is responsible for publishing the Rotary regional magazines, Rotary News and Rotary Samachar.

## 35 Trees Planted at Aasra in GMCH-32

1<sup>st</sup> July.....Rotary year 2011-12, the day had just begun, but with plantation of 35 trees of various varieties at Rotary Aasra Shelter, GMCH-32. President R.K. Luther, Secretary Amarjit Singh, Rotarians and R'anns keenly implemented the project with the same enthusiasm as first day first show! Director Principal Prof. Raj Bahadur was also present.



### Contribution to Rotary Foundation

PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta \$ 100

### Birthday of Rotary Anns

R'ann Asha Aggarwal July 09  
 R'ann Chanchal Rai July 10  
 R'ann Parul Bali July 11  
 R'ann Moon Inder Sandhu July 12  
 R'ann Manjit Kalsi July 13



### Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Madhu Sudan Manaktala July 08  
 PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta July 12  
 Rtn. C.J. Rai July 13



### Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Nirmal & Rtn. Comdr. A.S. Nagra July 10

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