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PROGRAMME  
Meeting with

R.I. President Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee

Sunday, December 18, 2011

Time: 9.30 a.m.

Venue: Shivalik Public School, Phase-VI, Mohali

Please note  
change in Date,  
Time & Venue

## Naxalite Problem - Search for Solution



*Prof. S.K. Gupta*

Professor S.K. Gupta was the Guest Speaker in our Club meeting on December 09, 2011. Prof. Gupta is a former professor of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Hony. Director of Sports, member of Chandigarh Sports Council and Vice President Chandigarh Hockey Association. He has widely traveled in India and

abroad for his assignments.

In his audio visual presentation, Prof. Gupta said the Naxalbari movement started over four decades ago. Naxalbari is actually the name of a village in West Bengal. There was dispute between the peasants and landlords, which was triggered in May 1967 as result of agitating farmers demanding their right to the crops, were killed in police action. This led to violent groups which emerged under leadership of Charu Majumdar. There are seven naxal affected states — Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.

Prof. Gupta was sent by the Government of India to carry out socio economic study about the area. Denial of forests rights is the reason for the naxalite movement. Prof. Gupta

said the Naxalite problem may have no relief in near future due to the vested interests. It would continue as war between 'haves' and 'have nots'. The situation is so bad that there seems to be no solution in the present scenario. Prof. Gupta is not being pessimistic and hopes this problem is seen in the right perspective.



*PP Dr. Balram K. Gupta presents a memento to Prof. S.K. Gupta*

Vote of thanks was proposed by PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta, who thanked Prof. S.K. Gupta for giving a socio economic analysis, based on his self study, on a problem of national concern.



*Prof. S.K. Gupta presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Sandhya & PP Rtn. D.P. Khandelia. Looking on are President R.K. Luther and Secretary Amarjit Singh*



*Prof. S.K. Gupta presents birthday gift to R'ann Pushpa Jawa, who is accompanied by her husband Rtn. Vinod Jawa*

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## Meet RI President Kalyan Banerji on 18.12.2011

RI President Kalyan Banerji will be the Chief Guest for the Rotary Foundation Seminar which will be held on Sunday, 18th December 2011 from 9.30 am to 2 pm at Shivalik Public School, Phase 6, Mohali, hosted by Rotary Club SAS Nagar. All Rotarians and Anns are requested to register for this

seminar and avail the opportunity of listening to our world leader Rtn. Kalyan Banerji and interact with him.

Contact Secretary Amarjit Singh for Registration which is Rs. 600/- per person (including breakfast and lunch).

## Council on Legislation

PDG Shaju Peter informed in the club meeting on 9th Dec. 2011 that the Parliament of Rotary would be convened next in Chicago in April 2013. As Shaju would be representing our District at the Council on Legislation, he has written to all Presidents of District 3080 asking them for suggestions. In the last 2010 COL one more avenue of service, New

Generations was introduced. So now we have five avenues of service. Manual of Procedure has four objects of Rotary International, relating to each avenue of service. The house resolved that our club propose the fifth object to reflect the fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations.

## Dr. B.C. Gupta elected as Chairman of ISO



Dr. B.C. Gupta

Dr. Bhushan C. Gupta, Secretary, Ministry of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, has been elected the Chairman of International Sugar Organisation (ISO) for one year in 2012.

The election was unanimous in the 40th Council meeting in London on

2nd December 2011 which was proposed by the European Commission.

Last year Dr. Gupta was appointed Vice Chairman of ISO. It is the most important international body on sugar consisting of 86 member countries.

Our hearty congratulations to PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta and Dr. B.C. Gupta on his prestigious appointment.

## Warm Clothes needed for Night School, Sarangpur

Ann Sudha Puri, w/o Director Vocational Service, Rtn. Ashok Puri and Ann Malabika Sengupta, w/o PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta visited the night school in Sarangpur on November 26, 2011, and all the 26 children studying in the school, received exercise books and bananas from them.

Both the teacher Ms. Indira and the children look forward to the visit of members of our club as it brings cheer to their lives. The children desperately need warm clothes this winter. Please contact Rtn. Ashok Puri.

PP Indrajeet Sengupta has observed that the water cooler

installed in the school by our club in 2001 is presently under break-down, and needs to be brought into working order. Looking forward to a "good Samaritan".



A visit to Night School, Sarangpur

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## A small step towards Women Empowerment



President R.K. Luther, Rtn. Kanan Diwan, Rtn. A.K. Puri and R'ann Sudha Puri at Tailor training school, for 25 ladies of poor families of village Faida, started under the supervision of a trained teacher w.e.f. 1.12.2011. It will be two hours daily course

### Shaju speaks on TRF at Ambala

PDG Shaju Peter and Ann Lovy returned from Kolkata after attending the Institute on November 24, 2011. The next day, he was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Ambala. President Anuradha Bakshi who served as the Club Secretary during his tenure as the District Governor wanted him to speak on the Foundation, November being the Foundation Month. Shaju chose to make a pictorial presentation on the humanitarian and educational programmes of the Foundation from all across the world instead of dwelling on the statistics and technicalities.

Among the audience were RI Director Yash Das, PDG Lakshmi Sagar, PDG Dr. Manmohan Nath and visiting Rotarians from almost all neighbouring clubs of Ambala including Shahbad Markanda.

Shaju was introduced by PP Naresh Bhardwaj. PP Anil Jain thanked him profusely for letting members know what their contributions meant in the lives of the beneficiaries of the TRF programmes.

## Aasra Project

Aasra Shelter Project (Sarai) in GMCH, Sector 32, Chandigarh was inaugurated on 30th June 2009, Rtn. Saroj Jhavar's last day as President of our club, by then Governor of Punjab and Administrator, Chandigarh, General S.F. Rodrigues. This project has been under continuous improvement and got the district award of best community project in 2010-11. IPP Rtn. Prem Anand informed that we have 24 beds in the sarai which are regularly occupied by attendants of patients. His appeal for mattresses (Rs. 1500 each) and blankets (Rs. 500 each) received a generous response from Rotarians, and donations for the Aasra project poured in from;

- PPDr. Kesho R. Gupta: Rs. 5000/- plus five blankets.

- Mr. Vivek Anand (s/o IPP Prem Anand): Rs. 2100/-.

- Rtn. R.S. Sihota: Rs. 1000/-.

- Pres. R.K. Luther, PP Harish Sethi, PP DP Khadelia, Rtn. A.K. Sharma and Rtn. Amandeep Singh: 02 mattresses each.

- Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua and Rtn. Vinod Jawa: 01 mattress each.

There has also been a public collection of Rs. 6140/- at the sarai.

## Wollaton Park Rotary Club requests for Help

Rtn. Chris O'Brien of Rotary Club Wollaton Park, UK, has sent a mail to Rtn. Arjan Singh requesting us to "help them in some way" for a community project in a remote village in Nepal, where there are no proper medical facilities. Rotary Wollaton, through its Past President Rtn. Mohan Khara has already supported our various community projects in the past. We should give a serious thought to the request now made by them. Please get in touch with Arjan for further details.

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*Need to Empower Disabled Persons, says Advisor Mr. K.K. Sharma on World Disabled Day --- Rotarians committed to the cause of Disabled Persons*



**Mr. K.K. Sharma**

On December 5, 2011 Cheshire Homes Chandigarh handed over six tricycles, one wheel chair, six sewing machines and a bicycle to disabled persons to commemorate the World Disabled Day. Railway Concession Passes were also distributed. Artificial arm will also be provided to a disabled person. Four disabled persons were identified for job placements.

The chief guest, Mr. K.K. Sharma, Advisor to the Administrator, UT Chandigarh, commended the efforts of Cheshire Homes Chandigarh for empowering the disabled persons and making them self-reliant. Mr. Sharma called upon all sections of the civil society, government and other non-government organizations to work for disabled persons.

Chairman Cheshire Homes Chandigarh, PP Rtn. Gurdip Singh Deep said Chairman Emeritus Rtn. Maj Gen A.S. Kahlon has put in lot of efforts ever since it was established in Nov. 2002. There are 19 inmates in this Home. Rtn. Gurdip added that Cheshire Homes has identified 600 disabled persons belonging to the economically poor strata of the society, who are helped through the outreach programme. He also acknowledged the financial contributions by Rtn. Chiranjiv Singh, PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta and PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra for purchase of the equipments.

Governing Body Member, Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra said World Disabled day is celebrated every year since 1981 on 3rd

**Birthday of Spouses**

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| R'ann Kiran Sharma         | December 17 |
| R'ann Ranjana Tulsi        | December 17 |
| R'ann Dr. Manjushri Sharma | December 19 |
| R'ann Savita Malik         | December 22 |



**Birthday of Rotarians**

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| Rtn. P.K. Verma           | December 18 |
| PP Rtn. Mrs. Saroj Jhawar | December 20 |
| Rtn. Rajesh Vaidya        | December 22 |



December to create awareness and to promote an understanding of disability issues and rights of disabled persons, who according to United Nations are 15% of world's population. We have 2.19 crore disabled persons in India, as per Govt. survey.

Other Rotarians present in the function to support the



empowerment of disabled persons were PP Rtn. Charanjit Singh (who has put Cheshire Homes Chandigarh on Internet by creating an impressive blog), PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta, PE Rtn. Ritu Singal, Secretary of Cheshire Homes R'ann Maniki Deep, R'ann Indu Vohra, Inner Wheel Chandigarh Midtown members, PDC Neeru Khattar and PP Deepa Sahib Singh.

Prominent physically challenged persons present were Mr. K.C. Wadhawan, Prof. Dr. Vijay Nagpal, Mr. Gurbir S. Kochhar and Mr. Harmesh Kumar.

*Bon Voyage to DGE Rtn. Manmohan Singh*  
 Date: 25-12-2011 Time: 11 am - to be followed by lunch  
 Venue: Hotel Madhuban, Rajpur Road, Dehradun  
 Hosted by: Rotary Club of Dehradun

**Punctuality Draw**

Won by PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

**PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter**

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