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## PROGRAMME

**Impact of Vedanta on the American way of life**  
*Chief Guest: Philip Goldberg*

**Author of world famous book 'American Veda'**

**Please note  
the next meeting  
is preponed to  
Tuesday,  
03.12.2013**

Tuesday, December 03, 2013

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

### **Do we need All India Services?**

In our regular meeting on November 29, 2013 President Rtn. Deepak Sood welcomed the Chief Guest, Mr. Dharam Vir, IAS (Retd.), Former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana, who is presently State Election Commissioner, Haryana. He was introduced by PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep. Mr. Dharam Vir joined IAS in 1973, after doing



*Mr. Dharam Vir*

B.Sc. (Hons.) in Physics in 1969 from IIT Kharagpur, M.Sc. in Physics in 1971 from IIT Kanpur, and doing research in Physics for two years at the same institute. He did MBA from University of Leeds in 1988 under the British Colombo Plan. He worked for over 36 years at

several important positions in Government, public sector undertakings and universities/educational institutions. He had attended several training programs in India and abroad and participated in national and international conferences. On October 31, 2009 he retired as Chief Secretary, Haryana, and joined Haryana State Election Commission. He has written and published several articles on governance, education and science and technology in the leading newspapers. During 40 years of service in Government and State Election Commission, at operational and policy making positions, he has gained

enormous insight in the formulation and execution of public policy, programs & projects and government & public relationship. He was also involved in promotion of science and technology and had set up a non-profit NGO by the name of Society for Promotion of Science & Technology in India (SPSTI), along with a number of eminent scientists, engineers, academicians and administrators.

In his talk Mr. Dharam Vir gave interesting facts about All India Services (AIS), that is, IAS, IPS, IFoS and Central Services – Group A 42, including IFS. Before Independence it was Indian Civil Service, which later came to be known as Indian Administrative Service (IAS). Before Independence, Indian Police Service (IPS) was Imperial Police. Indian Forest Service was established in 1966. During British rule, it was Imperial Forest Department.

The three types of All India Services – IAS, IPS, IFoS serve both State and Centre. Central Services serve only the Govt. of India. For State Civil Services recruitment is made by respective State Public Service Commission. They also get inducted into AIS. One third of cadre strength of AIS is reserved for them. Constitution provides for All India Services under Article 312. It even names IAS and IPS. IFoS came later. There is All India Services Act, 1951 and there are rules for each service. UPSC conducts Civil Services Examination and service specific examination every year. Intensive training is given after recruitment.



*PP Rtn. Harish C. Sethi presents a memento to Mr. Dharam Vir. Looking on is President Deepak Sood*



*Mr. Dharam Vir presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Malabika & PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta. Looking on are President Deepak Sood and Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra*

Mr. Dharam Vir described the role of bureaucracy as an essential tool to articulate and translate decisions of elected political parties in actionable projects, schemes and policy guidelines. Senior bureaucrats at all levels work with public and politicians. One of the significant role of senior bureaucrats is how to deal with politicians. The inter-face is becoming highly complex.

Do We Need All India Services? There is enormous criticism of senior bureaucracy, especially IAS and IPS that they are inefficient, not performance oriented, self-seeking / self-centric. They are in collusion with politicians for personal or professional gains. There is increased corruption. They have enormous security of service, automatic career progression even without performance and that the track record is perceived to be poor.

We need bureaucracy, but what should be its structure and what is the alternative to AIS? Should it be permanent, contractual or delivery oriented? Mr. Dharam Vir discussed about past experience of professionals on contract, increased hiring of professionals for specific services – UID, advisers in several departments, role of junior staff and state services, growing politicization of recruitments and growing politicization of bureaucracy at all levels.

Mr. Dharam Vir advocated that there should be some truth in

public perception. Neither all bureaucrats nor all politicians are corrupt, self-seekers and inefficient. Political executives have learnt their role and those of bureaucrats. Several of them are highly informed and educated. Informal advisers are highly articulate. They know the rules of business, who are the final decision makers and the role of regional parties and national parties and their impact on administration.

Several rules to protect AIS and other officers exist, but of no effect. There are Court directions. Demands are increasing, whether legally sustainable or not. Everything cannot be solved by rules and court orders. The role of public is paramount and most significant.

Mr. Dharam Vir highlighted the solutions. Strengthen the existing system of All India Services. Public must be more vigilant and elect their representatives on performance and integrity. Cleaner politics means cleaner administration. Inefficient bureaucrats should be weeded out. System exists; guidelines should be framed and used. Drastic improvements in the recruitment system are required at all levels. State Public Service Commissions needs total overhaul.

On behalf of our club, PP Rtn. Harish Sethi thanked Mr. Dharam Vir for his interesting talk.

### Rotarians from Pakistan attend our meeting

PP Rtn. Suhaib Farooq and his brother Rtn. Waqas Farooq, who are in India as a part of an industrial delegation from Pakistan, attended our club meeting on November 29, 2013. They are

from Rotary Club Jhang Central, RI District 3272, which has been assigned to PDG Shaju Peter as RI President's representative in March 2014.



PP Suhaib and Rtn Waqas exchange flags and mementos with President and Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown

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## Appeal for needy patients

President Deepak Sood said, "I have received a request for donation from Bal Bhavan for a kidney patient, Anil Sharma. He is under treatment at PGI. He is looking after his 75 year old father, wife and a 2 years old daughter." He is an office boy. He

has only one kidney by birth, which is shrinking day by day. Doctors have advised him for transplant and his wife will be giving her kidney. A sum of Rs. 2 lac is required for his surgery. Please donate for this cause and save this poor family.

## Vocational Awards for public servants

Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra requested Rotarians to nominate public servants who have done community service beyond the call of their duties. The details of such persons should be given to the

Secretary immediately for judicious processing to declare the awards.

## First aid training camp



First aid training camp for 70 inmates of Snehalaya was held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013. All children were counseled by Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra regarding health and hygiene practices, and were shown an informative multimedia presentation. Queries about common health ailments were resolved. Medical camp for checkup will soon be organised by Director Community Service for benefit of inmates

## Club Elections



The Board of Directors of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, in the meeting held on November 27, 2013, decided to call nominations from members of the Club for the office bearers for the Rotary Year 2014-15 and for President for RY 2015-16, which has to be as per bylaws of our club;

- President 2015-16: Minimum 2 years on the Board of Directors at the time of assuming office.
- Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer: Should have been on

the Board of Directors for one year at the time of assuming office.  
c) Five Directors, Joint Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms: Should have been member of the Club for at least 12 months at the time of elections.

Secretary Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra will receive nominations till Friday, 13.12.2013. Withdrawals will be accepted till 16.12.2013. Elections, if required, will be held on Friday, 20.12.2013. PP Rtn. Prem Anand is the Chair of Club Elections Committee.

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Online registration is the easiest method and is available until the last day of the convention. For more information and online registration log on to <http://www.riconvention.org>

## Acknowledgment with thanks

### Contribution for Rotary Foundation:

PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta US \$ 1000

### Donations for kidney transplant patient, Anil Sharma:

PDG Shaju Peter Rs. 5000  
 PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee Rs. 2000  
 Rtn. Maj. Gen. A.S. Kahlon Rs. 2000  
 Rtn. Amarjit Singh Rs. 2000

### Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Dr. Seemha Rai December 10

### Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Karanjeet Singh Arora December 12



## Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Gagan Meet & Rtn. Tej Mohan Singh December 07  
 R'ann Suman & Rtn. Vijay K. Gupta December 07  
 R'ann Sushobhita & PP Rtn. Dr. S.K. Sharma December 08  
 R'ann Vanita (Veena) & Rtn. Vijay Kumar December 10  
 R'ann Sandhya & PP Rtn. D.P. Khandelvia December 11  
 R'ann Amardeep & Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh December 12  
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## Punctuality Draw

Won by PP Rtn. Harish C. Sethi



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