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PROGRAMME

Anti Aging Therapy

Chief Guest: Dr. Aditi Prashar, M.D (Skin), Ex. PGI
Dermatologist and Cosmetologist

Friday, September 19, 2014

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Road Ahead for Direct Taxes in India



T.R. Sood, Accountant Member
Income Tax Appellate Tribunal

Chief Guest in our regular meeting on September 12, 2014, Mr. T.R. Sood, Accountant Member, Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Chandigarh was introduced by Rtn. Tej Mohan Singh. Mr. Sood is a product of local D.A.V. College, from where he passed out in 1970. He did his chartered accountancy in the year 1978. He has a passion for learning and did his law in 1999. In the year 2000 he left his flourishing practice of

chartered accountancy and joined Income Tax Appellate Tribunal. He has to his distinction more than 1000 decisions out of which 100 are reported in various journals of income tax.

Mr. Sood explained, "Direct tax basically means where the burden of the tax falls on the person who is paying it, the biggest example being the income tax." It is payable directly by the tax payer. It cannot be transferred to anyone else. The most common form of direct tax is payable on salary received, rental income, interest earned, capital gains, business and professional incomes.

For indirect tax Mr. Sood gave an example of excise duty. The companies are paying the taxes as levied by the government which is ultimately recovered or paid by the consumer when he buys the goods. The company or the manufacturer is an intermediary, and the buyer is the person who bears the ultimate burden of the tax.

Highlighting the importance of paying taxes he said, "The concept of taxes is there right from the vedic period. In technical terms taxes are the price we pay for a civilized society." We should therefore be happy to pay the taxes as we have to bear the burden of the government. We need to pay the taxes as the government needs it for its infrastructure and to run its machinery and for maintaining the defence, civil and social establishments.

Mr. Sood emphasized on payment of taxes and also discussed

the general trend of people being reluctant to pay taxes. He quoted the judgment known as Commissioner versus Arvind Narotam, wherein it has been observed that it is true that tax avoidance in an under-developed developing economy should not be encouraged on practical as well as ideological grounds. One would wish that taxes are the price paid to buy civilization. But the question which many ordinary tax payers very often in a country of shortages with ostentatious consumption and deprivation for the large masses ask, is does he with taxes buy civilization or does he facilitate the wastes and ostentatious-ness of the few. Unless wastes and ostentatious-ness in Government's spending are avoided, no amount of moral sermons would change people's attitude to tax avoidance.

Mr. Sood also pointed out that in western countries the taxes are very high, even over 50% and still large number of people are willingly paying taxes because maximum social security and welfare schemes are available in those countries. In India we have a much lower slab of 10%, 20% and 30% and we are not happy about it. It is a wrong impression that we are highly taxed.

However, our government needs to provide us better infrastructure and good roads. Mr. Sood said, "Our tax GDP ratio is very low. There is lot of leakage in the tax system." This generates black money which adversely influences the politics and the election process. Therefore, the politicians are to be blamed. The fact is the tax payer does not have the security and the government does not spend judiciously.



Rtn. Amarjit Singh presents a memento to Mr. T.R. Sood. Looking on are President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi and Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali

He also talked about the large disparity of incomes among the masses and some serious measures should be taken so that we have a much larger tax payer base.



Mr. T.R. Sood presents birthday gift to R'ann Lalita Parkash. Looking on is President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi

Mr. Sood also talked about the un-necessary tax exemptions. He said Rtn. Tej Mohan Singh, an eminent tax lawyer, would be able to tell us about these exemptions.

From Mr. Sood's enlightening and candid talk, it emerges that we have a role to play as an intellectual group to make strong protests, write articles or take up the matter in whatever manner we feel is the best way to do.

The talk generated a lively interactive discussion between Mr. Sood and Rotarians. President Tulsi summed it up, "If we are ethical and bound by certain moral principles as a society, the problem can be solved. This is what Rotary teaches us." On behalf of our club, Rtn. Amarjit Singh thanked Mr. T.R. Sood for giving us valuable, impressive and interesting information on 'road ahead for direct taxes'.

The President acknowledged the participation of Vice President Dr. Rita Kalra, Director Ashok Puri and Secretary Salil Bali in the projects during the week. More Rotarians should come forward, and the senior Rotarians should **inspire the new Rotarians and young Rotarians** to participate in the activities like **introducing the chief guests/speakers and give vote of thanks**, to involve them in the functioning of the club.



Mr. T.R. Sood presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Indu and PP Rtn. Prem Anand. Looking on is Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali



Scholarship cheques of Rs. 25000/- each to Shradha Sablok and Priyanka Gupta, seen with Rtn. Arjan Singh, Mr. T.R. Sood, President R.T.P.S. Tulsi and Secretary Salil Bali



Books donated to Rotary India Literacy Mission by Rtn. Mrs. Davinder K. Singh, our first lady Rotarian since 1989, being displayed by VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and Secretary Salil Bali. Looking on is President Tulsi



Mr. T.R. Sood presents the punctuality award to Director Community Service Rtn. Ashok Kumar Puri. Looking on are President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi and Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali

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On 12th September 2014 our club carried out two useful projects. We donated an Inter-locking sewing machine, procured by Rtn. Ashok Puri and R'ann Sudha, to the sewing center at Faida village. We have also started an Adult education center in this village and enrolled 11 female students for imparting education. School bags along with stationary was distributed to them.

Our other project at Kundan International School was the Adult education center which started functioning with 25 students. The instructor Mrs. Ruchi is an Engineer based in USA who is in India for next one year. As her passion for imparting education she has taken up this initiative.



Adult Education Center at Kundan International School is functional



Secretary Salil Bali, PE Kanan Diwan, VP Dr. Rita Kalra, R'ann Sudha Puri and Rtn. Ashok Puri give bags to students

Activities of Rotaract Club of Vidya Jyoti (Also see page 3 of previous Bulletin No. 11)



Presentation to over 200 students on RYLA by AG Rtn. H.S. Saggi



Rotary post being opened by First Lady R'ann Ranjana Tulsi, assisted by Secretary Salil Bali and Rtn. Dev Jeet Singh



AG Rtn. H.S. Saggi, President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi and President Rotaract Club of Vidya Jyoti, Rtr. Gurleen Singh



Tree plantation by Rotarians and Rotaractors of Vidya Jyoti

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'Mother Teresa' Recognition to Dr. Vanita Gupta



Rtn. Mrs. Urmil Luther won a prize for playing the role of Mother Teresa, in District Rally of Inner Wheel at Taj Hotel on 7th Sept. 2014



PRIP Raja Saboo confers the recognition to PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta for her participation in Medicare Mission, Rahat... 5-12 March 2014 at Neemuch (MP). The camp was attended by a large number of patients and as the only Dermatologist; Dr. Vanita attended to more than 3500 patients

Rotary Post at SOREM



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Sundeep S. Sawhney, R'ann Ranjana Tulsi and Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali hand over the Rotary Post for Interact Club of SOREM (for mentally challenged children) to Mrs. Promila Chandra Mohan, Hony. Secretary of SOREM

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Vinny Sachdeva

September 19



Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Anil Kishore Khanna
 Rtn. Surjit Kumar
 PP Rtn. Anil K. Mehan
 Rtn. Mrs. Urmil Luther



September 19
 September 21
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Punctuality Award

Won by Rtn. Ashok K. Puri

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Raj & Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor

September 23



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