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PROGRAMME

## Revolution in the Backyard

Chief Guest: Mrs. Sangita Vardhan

Independent Philanthropy Professional, The Vatsal Chaya Trust

Mr. Vijay Vardhan, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana, will grace the occasion



Friday, November 21, 2014

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

### Children's Day Celebrations

In our regular meeting on November 14, 2014 we celebrated Children's Day which was very well anchored by Vice President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra. Children's day, which falls on November 14<sup>th</sup> every year, India's first Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru's birthday, is a day of fun and frolic, a celebration of childhood, children and Nehru's love for them. Before paying rich tributes to Nehru, President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi explained the importance of introducing invocations in our club meetings to remember God so

*visit, not even in your dreams. You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.*

*You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far. Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness; For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the bow that is stable.*



Niharika Vashisht, Chief Guest



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Anchor



R'ann Malabika Sengupta, Invocation

that we can effectively work as good Rotarians to serve the society.

Dr. Rita quoted Kahil Gibran, a Lebanese poet and writer:

*Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself. They come through you but not from you, And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.*

*You may give them your love but not your thoughts, For they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot*

R'ann Malabika Sengupta sang the invocation song in Bengali, "Aanondo loke, mongola loke birajo sotto sundaro....." by Gurudev Shri Rabindranath Tagore in which he is seeking Almighty's presence in the happy environment. **Translation:**

*In the abode of joy and benevolence lies the beautiful truth. Your glory shines across the vast sky. The universe ornaments your feet. Stars and planets, moon and the sun rush out ecstatically, to drink at, to wash under the pouring grace, infinitely Unleashing founts upon the earth. The enchanting beauty all around Receiving you with songs offering leafy, floral greetings – aromatic.*

*Life flows night and day, in ever-new streams Bestowed by your tireless blessings in life, in death. Hearts soften by affection, love, mercy and devotion Wiping away the heat of distress, showering sympathy. In a grand festivity the world greets Thee In prosperity, deep adoration and in complete submission.*

A talk on 'Treasure our Future' was given by our Chief Guest, 18 year old Ms. Niharika Vashisht, a National Athletics Champion, who was accompanied by her father, Mr. Ram Kumar Vashisht. She has several gold and silver medals to her credit. She is a student of SD College, doing BA (Honours). Sharing her experience as an athlete, she said sports has been her passion since childhood. She said her failure turned out to be a stepping stone for her success,



Micro loan of Rs. 20000/- given to Tarsem Lal and Rs. 35000/- to Jai Ram Upadhya

which she owes to her dad for building up her confidence. She also gives credit to her coach, Swaran Singh, who has been training her for last 4 years. She said as a sport person one has to be very disciplined and regular, healthy diet being another important factor as lot of energy and hard work is required. To achieve goals one has to pay respects to the elders, teachers and parents, be positive, confident, and have faith in God. She hoped to represent India in Commonwealth games and Olympics, and win gold medals for India.

Niharika's talk was brief, crisp, very inspiring and motivating not only for children, but adults as well!

The children and grand children of Rotarians were not only our honoured guests but they were also participants for entertaining us with songs, dance, story telling and poem. The judges to assess their performances were R'ann Lalita and Past President of Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown Mrs. Deepa Sahib Singh.

All the children were talented and they had no stage fear or hesitation for public speaking, were bold enough to perform and make the evening musical, vibrant, enjoyable and memorable.

President Tulsi invited IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood to give prizes to all the participants to inspire them as part of our Rotary family.



Self-intro and song by Akshat and Aarnav, grandsons of PP Rtn. R.K. Luther and Rtn. Urmil Luther



Dance by Vivaan, grandson of Rtn. Rekha Sawhney



Story telling by Ananya and Anushka, grand daughters of PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra



Dance by Ritwika, daughter of Rtn. Jayanta Mitra



Song by Suvansh and Diksha, and poem by Haripriya, grandson and grand daughters of PP Rtn. Vinod K. Jawa



IPP Deepak Sood presents mementos to Judges R'ann Lalita and Mrs. Deepa Sahib Singh. Looking on is Secretary Salil Bali



IPP Deepak Sood presents first prize to Ananya and Anushka, second prize to Vivaan and third prize to Suvansh and Diksha



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra presents a memento to Niharika Vashisht

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Niharika presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Kadam & Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri



IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood presents birthday gift to Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva



Niharika presents punctuality award to PP Rtn. Vinod K. Jawa



Children's day was celebrated by our Club and Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown jointly with 25 children of Night School and students of Govt. School, Sarangpur. Snacks and Juices were distributed to the children, organized by President Rtn. Aviral Seli and other Rotaractors. The children, along with the Rotaractors and VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali danced to the tune of latest songs played by DJ Dhruv

## Last week's contributions : Rs. 2 lakh for TRF and Rs. 31000 for Club project



PP Rtn. Prem Anand hands over the award received at Panipat to President R.T.P.S. Tulsia and Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali

November being the Rotary Foundation month, each one of us is expected to contribute the Rotary Foundation. Our club had received an award from the District Governor in the Seminar held at Panipat on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014, for maximum contribution to the Rotary Foundation during the first four months of the current Rotary year.

Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsia, as President of our club, is leading from the front, and by setting an example! He has inspired his relatives and friends to contribute for TRF. He urged all Rotarians to make efforts for getting more funds for TRF.

We thank his sister-in-law Mrs. Suman Tulsia for donating Rs. Two lakh for TRF and Mr. Rajbir Singh Walia for Rs. 31000/- for our project, Gardner's skill development program at PGI.

## Global Grant for Literacy project of providing School Desks and teacher training

President Tulsia complimented IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood for his efforts because in accordance with the global grant agreement, the payment of US\$ 41,226 for Global Grant GG1418289 has been deposited by the Rotary Foundation in the bank account of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, for the literacy project of providing School Desks and Teacher Training for Schools in rural areas and urban

slums of our district. This Global Grant has RI District.3630, Korea as the International Partner.

We also have to thank IPDG Rtn. Rakesh Aggarwal, DRFC Chair PDG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra and DSSC (2013-14) Rtn. Amarjit Singh for getting the project through.

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## Rotaract Intercity-Milaap



IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood and Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali being honoured. Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and Rtn. Rekha Sawhney are also present

Intercity-Milaap, the closing ceremony of Youth-in-Asia, hosted by Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown and Rotaract Club of MCM DAV turned out to be a huge success at Kundan International School, Sector 46, Chandigarh. The day started off with inauguration by DRR Rtr. Ankur Gupta. Stalls were set up by different Rotaract clubs and a gathering of around 300 people was seen. Money collected was donated to the cancer patients and a cancer awareness lecture was also delivered by Doctor from Max India Limited.

The cultural evening began with the collar ceremony of District Rotaract Representative (DRR) and Presidents of host club. PDG

Rtn. Manpreet Singh Gandhoke, the Chief Guest of the event presented mementos and certificates to the participants of Youth-in-Asia, a 7 day event in which Rotaractors from different Districts gathered together and learnt about each other's culture and explored new ideas. Rtr. Mohit

Singla was appointed the DRR for the RY 2015-16.

President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi, Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali, VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood were introduced and recognized during the course of the day.

Glories of different states of India such as Punjab, Haryana, Uttrakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh were shown through folk dances in the event. Mr. & Ms. Rotaractor 3080 competition was also part of the event in which Rotaractors were judged on the basis of their grace, elegance, talent and their knowledge about Rotaract. With everybody on the dance floor, the event ended on a cheerful note.

### Our Club to organize RYLA for special children on 6th December 2014

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) for special children / disabled youth is being organized by our club on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014, the venue for which will be SOREM in Sector 36-C, Chandigarh. It will be a one day event for which our club meeting on Friday, 05<sup>th</sup> December will be postponed to Saturday, 06<sup>th</sup>

December. This unique program should become our ongoing project, to give an opportunity to these special youth to develop personal leadership skills and become self respected citizens to face challenges and lead a dignified life.

#### Acknowledgement with thanks

- Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra for sponsoring snacks and cold drinks
- R'ann Purnima Sood for chocolates in shape of birds and toys, made by her niece Aashika Sood

#### Birthday of Spouses

- R'ann Neera Gupta
- R'ann Sarita Vasudeva
- R'ann Maniki Deep
- R'ann Amardeep
- R'ann Purnima Sood



- November 22
- November 24
- November 26
- November 26
- November 27

#### Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Sanjay Singhal

November 27

#### Wedding Anniversary

- R'ann Parul & Rtn. Salil Bali
- R'ann Gulshan & Rtn. Surjit Kumar
- Rtn. Rekha & Mr. Ravi Kant Sawhney

- November 23
- November 24
- November 26

#### Punctuality Award

Won by PP Rtn. Vinod K. Jawa





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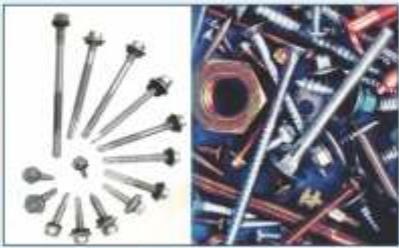
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