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## PROGRAMME INSTALLATION of

Rtn. Kanan Diwan as President  
and her Team for 2015-16

Chief Guest:

**PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo**



Wednesday, July 08, 2015

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: CII, Sector 31, Chandigarh

## Welcome PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo and Usha ji



PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo and Usha ji

Rtn. Rajendra K. Saboo is Chairman of Saboo Business Group which includes Kamla Dials and Devices Limited a leading manufacturer of ornamental watch components, Saboo Coatings Limited manufacturing

specialised lacquers and surface coatings and watch retail boutique chain.

Having joined Rotary Club of Chandigarh in 1961, he continues to be a member and past president of Rotary Club of Chandigarh. He has served Rotary International in many capacities and to name a few of his formal positions, he has been District Governor (1976-77), Chairman and/or member of various R.I. Committees in different years, International Assembly Discussion Leader (1978 and 1979), R.I. Director (1981-83), R.I. President (1991-92), Chairman of The Rotary Foundation Trustees (1996-97) and Trustee of The Rotary Foundation (1992-98). During his year as RI President, he had given to the world the R.I. Theme 'Look Beyond Yourself' and his focused programmes were functional literacy and combating hunger.

Rtn. Saboo is Past President of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the premier business and industry association of North India. He is also a member of the Managing Committee of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). He is associated with many other trade and industrial associations as Committee Member or Special Invitee. He has been founder Chairman of CII (Northern region), and Chairman of All

India Manufacturers' Organisation (Delhi and Punjab Chapter).

On educational and cultural side, he has been a Fellow on the Senate of Punjab University and is currently serving as Chairman of Chandigarh Centre of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Member on the Governing Council of Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Member on the Governing Board of Punjab Engineering College (a deemed University), Chandigarh, Member of Academic Council of Guru Jambheshwar University, Hissar. Being active in the Child Welfare Council, Blood Bank Society, he is deeply interested in the civic activities locally, nationally and internationally. He also been the Member of Administrator's Advisory Council which has been constituted by Governor of Punjab and Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh to advise Administrator on developmental issues and policy matters affecting the Union Territory of Chandigarh covering various issues of law, slum dwellers, foot path workers etc.

He has been responsible in initiating in Chandigarh many projects including 'Gift of Life' and 'Heartline' for cardiac corrective surgeries including heard valves replacement for children and young people from economically weaker sections of the society, a major voluntary blood bank in Chandigarh and Polio corrective surgeries in endemic areas within the country.

Since 1998 he and his wife Usha ji have been serving hands-on as volunteers in Rotary Medicare projects in Africa, and have worked in Uganda, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Zambia & Malawi, Swaziland, Cambodia, Madagascar, Lesotho, Rwanda and Zimbabwe.

Padma Shree Award, one of the highest civilian awards, was conferred upon him by the President of India in March, 2006. During 2005 he had been conferred a Degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) by H.N. Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar, Uttranchal. During 2007 he has again been conferred a Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) by Panjab University which is the fourth oldest university in India. He has been recipient of several honours, recognitions and awards from Rotary and non-Rotary organizations.

## Rotary and Judicial Culture - Mosaic of Service

We had our own speaker for the first meeting of the new Rotary year on July 03, 2015, PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta, who is also our Club Trainer for the year. He was introduced by PDG Shaju Peter as a well known lawyer. A doctorate in law from Panjab University, who

taught in the same university, he was the Chairman of the Law Department, having a long list of illustrious students who are now leading politicians, senior judges and police officers. He also had a prestigious assignment as Director, National Judicial Academy,

Bhopal. A charter member, he was President of our club in 2002-03.



*Dr. Balram K. Gupta*

In his interesting talk on 'Rotary and Judicial Culture - Mosaic of Service', Dr. Balram Gupta revealed the fact that IPP Ravi Tulsi is the 7<sup>th</sup> lawyer who has served our club as President! He said, "Paul Harris was a lawyer, the founder of Rotary." There are many Rotarians who belong to law and judicial profession. Law and justice are so common with Rotary. In his fifty years of journey in the field of law he has found many similarities in law and Rotary. A Rotarian has to be a good human being. A Judge too has to be a good human being. The foundation and basic structure of Rotary is service. He remarked, "Judges are not engines of power. They are engines of justice. They render justice in different and difficult situations. Rendering justice is the best kind of service that a person can render."

Balram said, "When a lawyer is asked to be a judge he makes a big sacrifice. He gives up a lucrative practice to come to the field of justice."

He pointed the satisfaction of serving the community, which is in true Rotary spirit to serve a particular cause, is evident in judiciary too. To elaborate how judges are great human beings, Dr. Balram named a few of them as they are the ones who will be remembered

as judicial personalities who have served the society the same way what we learn from the Object of Rotary, Rotarians Code of Conduct and the 'Four Way Test' of the things we think, say or do. Without being Rotarians these judges had the Rotary culture and spirit.

Rotarians must act with integrity and high ethical standards. They must deal fairly with others. The same is true of judiciary also. Balram said, "Rotary culture needs to be spread around, wherever a Rotarian is working, whether a large group, middle group or a small group." He added, "The manner in which you work, they must imbibe the Rotary spirit. This is true in the judicial circles also."

Secretary Sanjay Bhatia thanked PP Dr. Balram Gupta as it is always a pleasure listening to him.



*President Rtn. Kanan Diwan presents a memento to PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta and also his birthday gift. Looking on is Secretary Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia*



*Rtn. Salil Bali presents to President Kanan Diwan flag of Rotary Club Eastern Seaboard Pattaya, Thailand*



*PP Dr. Balram Gupta presents birthday gift to Rtn. Ashok Puri, who is accompanied by his wife R'ann Sudha Puri*



*PP Dr. Balram Gupta presents punctuality award to Rtn. R.P.S. Gulati. Looking on are President Kanan Diwan and Secretary Sanjay Bhatia*

## **DG David Hilton visits Aasra Sarai and inaugurates Swatchh Bharat Campaign**



*District Governor David Hilton visits Aasra Sarai, GMCH-32, Chandigarh which was upgraded with 20 more beds*



On 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in the morning District Governor David Hilton and First Lady of our District R'ann Patricia Hilton visited our prestigious Aasra Sarai at GHCH-32, Chandigarh. They were received by President Kanan Diwan, PDG Shaju Peter, PDG Yoginder Diwan, PP B L Ramsisaria, PP Deepak Sood, PP Harish Sethi, PP Pallav Mukherjee, IPP R.T.P.S. Tulsi, PP Prem Anand, PE Amarjit Singh, Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor, VP Ashok Puri, Rtn. Salil Bali, Rtn. Sundeep Sawhney, Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Vinod Sobti, Secretary Sanjay Bhatia, R'ann Sunita, R'ann Sudha Puri and R'ann Ritu Bhatia. Director of GMCH Dr. Atul Sachdev and a guest Dr. Manisha Sahni were also present. 100 saplings were planted around Aasra Sarai. Tree plantation is a big project of District 3080 this year as there is a target of planting

10000 saplings.

DG David Hilton also formally inaugurated Swatchh Bharat Campaign which was followed in the evening.



*Cleanliness campaign, a march by Rotarians in market of Sector 46 Chandigarh*



Rotary Chandigarh Midtown in association with Rotary Chandigarh Central, Rotaract Dev Samaj and Interact Govt. School Manimajra undertook Swatchh Bharat Abhiyaan in the market of Sector 46, Chandigarh.

Present for this Abhiyaan were President Kanan Diwan, PDG Yoginder Diwan, PE Amarjit Singh, DRCC H.S. Saggi, Vice President Ashok Puri, Secretary Sanjay Bhatia, Director Club Service and Member District Swatch Bharat Committee Rtn. Salil

Bali, Sergeant-at-Arms PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Director Youth Service Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney, Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri, R'ann Sudha Puri, R'ann Simranpreet Sawhney and Jt. Secretary Salil Chopra, who is the main force behind this campaign, marching with other Rotarians, with a mike in his hand spreading the message of 'Swachh Bharat' amongst the shopkeepers and the public. Rotary Chandigarh Central was represented by President Ajit Gulati and Secretary Rajesh Kumar. Inspired by PE Amarjit Singh his office staff actively participated in the cleanliness drive.

### 600 persons served Langar on the first day of new Rotary year

Serving together were President Kanan Diwan, Secretary Sanjay Bhatia, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, IPP R.T.P.S. Tulsi, PDG Yoginder Diwan, Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur,



Rtn. Urmil Luther, R'ann Ranjana Tulsi, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, PP R.K. Luther, Rtn. M.K. Handa, R'ann Sudha Puri, R'ann Ritu Bhatia, VP Ashok Puri, PE Amarjit Singh, Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney and Rtn. Salil Bali, on Annapurna diwas which was celebrated by Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown on July 01, 2015, the first day of Rotary year 2015-16 by serving langar to 600 persons. Lunch was served to children at Ashiana Orphanage, Sector 16, Panchkula and dinner was served at Sai Mandir, Sector 29, Chandigarh. Accompanied by Director Club Service Rtn. Salil Bali and Director Youth Service Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney, Rotaractors of Chandigarh Midtown served langar to slum children in Bhaskar Colony, Sector 25, Chandigarh.

### Treelympics flagged off

On 3.7.2015 at General hospital, Panchkula President Kanan Diwan and other Rotarians planted 100 saplings.



With staff of General hospital, Dr. Shashi Jain, PP Prem Anand, Director Community Service Dr. Rita Kalra, President Kanan Diwan, VP Ashok Puri and Secretary Sanjay Bhatia at Herbal Garden, an on-going project of our club

### Condolences

Mrs. Sharda Devi, wife of Late P.P.R.S. Chandgothia expired on July 01, 2015. Our deep condolences to the aggrieved family.

Prayer meeting (Rasam Pagri) shall be held from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Laxmi Narayan Mandir, Sector 6, Panchkula, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia

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## Awards received in District Award Function on 28 June 2015



Thanksgiving by IPP R.T.P.S. Tulsi and R'ann Ranjana Tulsi, as he announces district awards won by our club



IPP R.T.P.S. Tulsi shares best club award in zone 3 with the board 2014-15



IPP R.T.P.S. Tulsi and Rtn. Salil Bali present Rtn. PDG R.K. Berry memorial running trophy for RI District – 3080 'Rotarian of the year' award to Rtn. Salil Chopra, who is accompanied by his wife R'ann Renu Chopra



Best Bulletin of the year in District 3080 (6th year in a row) and award for RYLA Vishesh to Editor, and Chair Disability Empowerment PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, who is accompanied by his wife R'ann Indu Vohra. Looking on are IPP R.T.P.S. Tulsi, Dr. Rita Kalra and Rtn. Salil Bali

### Acknowledgment with thanks

R'ann Sudha & VPRtn. Ashok K. Puri  
(For donating two beds for Aasra Shelter)  
Rtn. Salil Chopra – for sponsoring fellowship

Rs. 6500/-

### Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Asha Aggarwal  
R'ann Chanchal Rai  
R'ann Parul Bali  
R'ann Moon Inder Sandhu  
R'ann Manjit Kalsi  
R'ann Manpreet Kaur



July 09  
July 10  
July 11  
July 12  
July 13  
July 15

### Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. M.S. Manaktala  
PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta  
Rtn. Charanjit Rai  
Rtn. Rajinder S. Sihota



July 08  
July 12  
July 13  
July 16

### Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Nirmal & Rtn. Lt. Cdr. A.S. Nagra  
R'ann Dr. Seemha & Rtn. Rajinder Rai

July 10  
July 11

### Punctuality Draw:

Won by Rtn. R.P.S. Gulati



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