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## PROGRAMME

### Rotary Institute, Jaipur

A report by:

**PDG Shaju Peter**

Friday, January 15, 2016

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Inauguration of our Service Project – Community Toilet Block at Makhanmajra



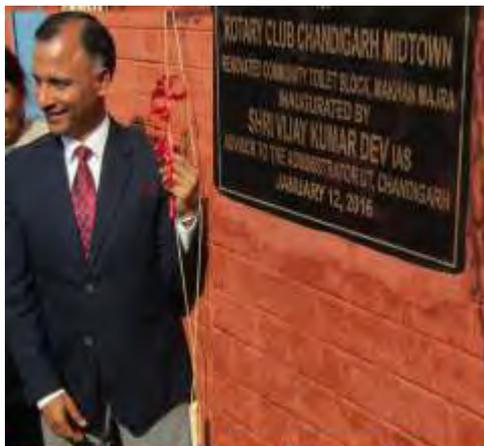
*Mr. Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS*

The Adviser to the Administrator Mr. Vijay Kumar Dev was the Chief Guest for inauguration function when the toilet block project was opened for public use and formally handed over to village panchayat of Makhanmajra on January 12, 2016. President Rtn. Kanan Diwan informed that this signature project of our club was completed for total cost of Rs. 4.5 lakh. The toilet block also has a room for the caretaker who will ensure the maintenance and cleanliness of the facility, which has 3 seats and 2 wash basins each in both male and female sections. The President also acknowledged the contribution of generous donors and all Rotarians involved in the completion of this project.

Sarpanch Ram Singh thanked our club for taking up the task of toilet construction which was long pending as it was abandoned and lying wasted at the entrance of the village.

Chief Guest Mr. Vijay Kumar Dev appreciated the initiative taken by our club to promote cleanliness in the city and surrounding areas, and to support Swachta campaign launched by Govt. of India by building toilets and hand wash stations. This toilet facility will change the outlook of residents of Makhanmajra towards sanitation and hygiene concepts. Since the ownership lies with the panchayat, they will have to ensure the maintenance and cleanliness of this facility. The Adviser said Rotary has been actively

involved in addressing challenges in society and this effort will spread the message of importance of sanitation in life of villagers and more people will associate themselves to make the city clean and beautiful. He said there is a need for joint effort of the citizens and the administration which can force the system to change to achieve the Swachta target.



*National Anthem by Anns Sudha Puri and Bir Gulati*



*Master of Ceremony Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra*



*President Kanan Diwan and Sarpanch sign MoU in presence of Adviser Mr. Vijay Kumar Dev and PDG Shaju Peter*



*Address by President Kanan Diwan*



*Report by Secretary Sanjay Bhatia*



*Inauguration of toilet block*



*Oath ceremony conducted by Rtn. Salil Bali*



*Vote of thanks by Rtn. Ashok Puri*



*Mr. Vijay Kumar Dev ignites the Lohri bonfire*



*Swatchta oath being taken by Adviser Mr. Vijay Kumar Dev, Rotarians, members of panchayat and all present*

PP Ajit Gulati was the Counselor and Vice President Ashok Puri the Chair of this well organized event with PDG Shaju Peter as the Adviser and President Nominee Dr. Rita Kalra was the Master of Ceremonies. The function was followed by a bonfire, tea and refreshments. The Chief Guest, large gathering of Rotarians, members of the panchayat and residents of Makhanmajra enjoyed the celebrating the festival of Lohri.

## **Living One's Dreams**



*Dr. Inderjit Singh Viridi*

In our regular meeting on January 08, 2016 our Chief Guest Dr. Inderjit Singh Viridi spoke about Living One's Dreams. He was introduced by PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Dr. Viridi did his undergraduate and General Surgical Post Graduate studies at the Govt. Medical College, Patiala. Thereafter he went on to do his M.Ch in Cardiac Surgery from the PGI, Chandigarh. His further education and training was in England where he went as the British Heart Foundation Fellow and

obtained his FRCS from Edinburgh University. His senior cardiac surgical career started in St. Vincent's Hospital Sydney where he worked for almost 6 years. While in Australia, he also obtained his Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. In India he has served in Apollo Hospital, Max hospital and Alchemist Hospital in Panchkula. He has published articles in several renowned journals and has trained scores of cardiac surgeons who are now running successful cardiac surgical programmes of their own.

President Rtn. Kanan Diwan welcomed our Chief Guest Dr. Viridi, his wife Mrs. Sonia Viridi and daughter, and all present in the meeting including Dr. Sajal Kakkar, an ecologist working with Apollo Hospital Hyderabad, who has now joined Max Hospital, Mohali.

A dream can become the goal of life. A dream is more likely to come true if it is clear in one's mind. The fulfillment of all of our dreams begins with intention and desire. As the sages of India observed thousands of years ago, our destiny is ultimately shaped by our deepest intentions and desires. As a passage from the Vedic text known as the Upanishads states, "You are what your deepest desire is. As your desire is, so is your intention. As your intention is, so is

your will. As your will is, so is your deed. As your deed is, so is your destiny." Walt Disney had said, "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

In his wonderful presentation Dr. Viridi explained the philosophy of life. With courage to go ahead makes one's dream come true. It was the world's first heart transplant done by Dr. Christiaan Barnard in 1967 that inspired Dr. Viridi, as a 14 year old student, to have a dream of becoming a heart transplant surgeon. It was fulfilled and he acknowledged the support of his teachers, senior colleagues, his mentors and his family. He made a special mention of the role played by his wife in the pursuit of his dream, which has been now fully achieved by having served professionally as a cardiac surgeon who has operated on more than 10,000 patients suffering from heart and lung ailments in Australia, UK and India during his 33 years career.

If one is focused of what one has to achieve the destiny would make it possible. Dr. Viridi said he is now going to fulfill his another dream of becoming a writer, and the way he has achieved great heights as a cardiac surgeon, he would certainly achieve his second dream too. Having been associated for 4 years with a Rotary Club in Australia, he may soon be joining us.

On behalf of our club IPP Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi thanked Dr. Viridi for his excellent presentation.



*Dr. Inderjit Singh Viridi presents a birthday gift to Joint Secretary Rtn. Salil Chopra*



*Dr. Viridi presents punctuality award to PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria. Looking on is President Kanan Diwan*



*R'ann Pushpa Jawa and R'ann Sudha Puri National Anthem*



*Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur Invocation*



*PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra Introduction of Chief Guest*



*Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney Glimpses of week*



*IPP R.T.P.S. Tulsi Vote of thanks*

## Teacher Training Program by Rotary Chandigarh Midtown

Level 1 training for school teachers from 50 schools nominated by 11 Rotary Clubs of District 3080 along with Rotarian representative was held by our club at Rotary House, Sector 18, Chandigarh. 82 participants registered for the event. Despite vacations and cold weather all of them reached on time to be part of the program. President Kanan Diwan welcomed the participants and congratulated them for being part of the training.

PDG Shaju Peter introduced the role of Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) in spreading literacy.

Ms. Asha Mittal from Gurukul Global School explained smart class room management, while Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur spoke on moral values and ethics in class room. Ms. Sangita Vardhan discussed comparison of traditional versus smart classrooms and assessment checklists to study impact of new technology on performance of students.

Role play to engage the participants was organised by Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra. Group discussion on current topics by Rtn. Rekha Sawhney saw a very enthusiastic participation of the teachers.

The feedback session and thanks giving by PP Deepak Sood was overwhelming as teachers were very appreciative of Rotary for

organizing and setting smart class rooms for Government schools where EWS children will be benefitted.

Secretary Sanjay Bhatia meticulously organised the logistics of the training. Vice President Ashok Puri did the registrations of the delegates. IPP R.T.P.S. Tulsi drafted the MOU for handing over Rotary equipment to the schools. Our senior most Past President B.L. Ramsisaria appreciated the efforts of the Global Grant committee for the very successful program.



The participants and Rotarians

## Medical and Dental camp at village Maloya

Medical and dental camp was organised at Village Maloya on January 10, 2016 in collaboration with Youth Committee of the Madrasi Colony Maloya. 242 patients came to the centre where adult education and sewing centre is being run by our club. They were given medicines and health counselling. President Kanan Diwan and PDG Yoginder Diwan reached the spot well before time



Medical camp at Maloya

to organise the camp and brought medicines which they donated from their family trust. Secretary Sanjay Bhatia organised all the logistic support. More than 100 patients were screened for eye illness and 4 identified for

cataract surgery.

Dr. Sanjay Kalra's dental team with mobile dental van 'Smile express' conducted procedures on 55 patients while examination of 150 patients were done for dental ailments. Vijay Laxmi and Brij Mohan the para medics who accompanied Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra from Civil Hospital Panchkula did a tremendous job in screening patients and distribution of medicines. While Rtn. Ashok Puri and R'ann Sudha organised and promoted the camp, they also helped the team all through the camp. Rotaractors Himani, Dilpreet, Daksh, Mehul, Ujjwala and Shreya of Chandigarh Midtown volunteered for registration and dispensing medicines. Promila and Arti, teachers from the centre, also helped the team in conducting the camp. The volunteers were honoured with certificate of appreciation and token gift. PP Indrajeet Sengupta with R'ann Malabika and Rtn. Vinod Jawa with R'ann Pushpa also encouraged the team and overviewed the construction of toilets being undertaken by our club.

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## Dustbin for Market District Conference



Dustbins installed in market of Sector 20 Panchkula

District Conference will be held at Hotel Sun Park Inn, Dehradun on February 20th-21st, 2016. RI President Nominee Ian Riseley of RI District 9810, Australia will be the RI Representative, accompanied by his gracious spouse PDG Juliet. Early bird registration till January 15, 2016 is Rs. 2500/- (Single) and Rs. 4500/- (Couple). Please contact Secretary Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia for registration.

President Kanan Diwan said we are deeply saddened by the demise of Mr. Justice Jawahar Lal Gupta, former Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court and former Chief Justice of Kerala High Court. He was the Charter Secretary and Past President of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown and brother of PP Dr. Balram Gupta. The prayer meeting will take place on 14.01.2016 between 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at House No. 112, Sector 8-A, Chandigarh.

Again with deep sorrow we received the sad news of demise of Mrs. Sudesh Sood, mother of PP Deepak Sood.

Another sad news. R'ann Maniki Deep's brother Mr. Gurmit Singh Ahluwalia passed away on 07.01.2016. Her mother Mrs. M.K. Ahluwalia had expired just 3 weeks ago.

Our heartfelt condolences to the grieved families. May God give them strength to bear the irreparable loss.

One minute silence was observed in our meeting on 08.01.2016 as mark of respect to the departed souls.

## Condolences

## Rotary Chandigarh Midtown family achievements



Atul Luther, son of PP R.K. Luther getting best table in India award from Chairman of Round Table India for doing 6 best projects around Chandigarh. Our heartiest congratulations to Atul for his super projects



Rotarians present for release of the book of PP Dr. Balram Gupta's daughter Dr. Shruti Bedi by Mr. Justice A.K. Sikri, Judge, Supreme Court of India on January 10, 2016 at Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Sector 43-D, Chandigarh

## Acknowledgement with thanks

### Donation for Sewing Machines

Rtn. Ashok Sharma

Rs. 6000/-

### Donation for Club Projects

PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep

Rs. 5000/-

### Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Saroj Jain

January 15

R'ann Seema Sahajpal

January 19

R'ann Indu Luthra

January 20

## Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Mohinder Singh Kamra

January 17

Rtn. Munish Jauhar

January 19

PP Rtn. Devi Prasad Khandelia

January 21



## Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Simranpreet & Rtn. Sundeeep S. Sawhney

January 16

R'ann Sangeeta & Rtn. Ashish Singla

January 17

## Punctuality Award

Won by PP Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria



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