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PROGRAMME

**Joint installation Ceremony of:
Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown and
Rotaract Club of Post Graduate Government College, Sector 46**

Chief Guest:

**PP Rtn. H.S. Saggu
District Rotaract Chairman, Rotary District 3080**

Friday, July 31, 2015

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Master plan of Chandigarh



Mrs. Sumit Kaur

In our regular meeting on July 24, 2015 Chief Guest Mrs. Sumit Kaur, former Chief Architect of Chandigarh was welcomed by President Rtn. Mrs. Kanan Diwan. She was introduced by PP Rtn. Gurdip S. Deep. Having done her schooling in Carmel Convent, Chandigarh, she did B.Arch from Chandigarh College of Architecture in 1977. In 1979 she joined Delhi Development Authority as Assistant Architect. In 1981 she joined Department of Architecture, Punjab. Being on deputation with Chandigarh Administration she was Chief Architect from 1st October 2008 to 31st October 2014. She has been bestowed with the awards and appreciations by the State of Punjab and Chandigarh Administration for her meritorious service and commendable contributions for various projects and achievements.

Mrs. Sumit Kaur gave an interesting visual presentation on 'Master plan of Chandigarh'. The Master Plan of UT Chandigarh covers an area of approximately 114 sq km. This includes the nearly fully developed 70 sq km of the area planned by Le Corbusier and his team and the 44 sq km of its 3% share of the 16 km periphery controlled area. The 44 sq km periphery area of Chandigarh is regulated by the Punjab New Periphery Control Act, 1952 with the exception of the abadi deh of the villages falling within it namely

Sarangpur, Khudda Ali Sher, Khudda Jassu, Khudda Lahora, Maloya, Dadumajra, Palsora, Kajheri, Raipur Kalan, Raipur Khurd, Behlana, Hallomajra, Makhanmajra, Kishangarh and Manimajra. The area also includes the two natural rivulets of the Patiali Ki Rao and the Sukhna Choe. The city and the periphery were intended to have clearly defined functions as per the original plan and the Statute of the Land enunciated by Le Corbusier.

Describing Chandigarh Master Plan – 2031 as a vision for sustainable development, she explained the planning concept which is based on the principles of CIAM (*Congress Internationaux d' Architecture Moderne*) theories defining four major city-functions that is, Living, Working, Care of Body & Spirit, and Circulation. The plan is like human anatomy. Head is the Capitol Complex, Heart the City Centre, Sector 17, Lungs are the Leisure Valley, innumerable open spaces, and sector-greens, Intellect is the cultural and educational institutions, Circulatory System is the network of roads, 7Vs, and the Industrial Area is the viscera.

Chandigarh has hierarchical road network: V1-Fast roads connecting Chandigarh to other towns. V2-Arterial roads. V3-Fast vehicular roads around the sectors. V4-Meandering shopping streets. V5-Sector circulation roads. V6-Access roads to houses V7-Footpaths. V8-Cycle tracks. Buses to ply only on V1, V2, V3 and V4 roads.

Recommendations: The CMP 2031 expects a symbiotic relationship with the regional urban areas. The current Chandigarh Master Plan 2031 along with the GMADA Plan 2056 and the Haryana Development Plan should together arrive at a metropolitan



R'ann Sudha Puri and R'ann Indu Anand – National Anthem



President Kanan Diwan welcomes Chief Guest



R'ann Archana Mathur - Invocation



PP Gurdip Deep - Introduction



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra – Community projects



PP Pallav Mukherjee presents a memento to Mrs. Sumit Kaur. Looking on is President Kanan Diwan



President Kanan Diwan presents microloan cheque of Rs. 30000/- for ladies garment business of Mrs. Lajwinder Kaur, introduced by Director International Service PP Deepak Sood and Chair Microloan PP Prem Anand. Looking on is Secretary Sanjay Bhatia



President Kanan Diwan presents birthday gift to R'ann Archana Mathur



Mrs. Sumit Kaur presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Looking on are President Kanan Diwan and Secretary Sanjay Bhatia



President Kanan Diwan presents punctuality award to PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta. Looking on is Secretary Sanjay Bhatia

plan for the perspective year 2031 and a 'Public Transport Strategy'. Mrs. Sumit Kaur discussed a memorandum of understanding between Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh for sharing key responsibilities for locating some of the spillover infrastructure components of Chandigarh in their territory in view of the land constraints.

She also discussed various important issues: Landuse, Traffic and Transportation, Effective Solid Waste Management, Heritage Preservation, Advertisement and signage control along regional roads, Slum free region /affordable housing, ensuring orderly /coordinated built environment /urban design at entry to city, and Disaster Management Plans.

Another important factor is the conversion of land use from industrial to commercial. Through this policy 659397 sq. meter area of new commercial area will eventually be added to the city. 70% converted plots opted for hotels / commercial office space for

business as such 9 new hotels have come up in the industrial area.

Phase I & II of an Information Technology (IT) Park, is having over an area of 123.43 acres and 228.49 acres respectively. The third phase of the IT Park was to be subsequently developed on 250 acres adjoining the Phase I and II. Exports to the tune of Rs. 700 crores with a manpower deployment of 10000 persons have already started from Phases I & II of the IT Park with companies like IBM, Wipro, Airtel, DLF, Infosys and Tech Mahindra already functioning from there.

Mrs. Sumit Kaur had a very elaborate presentation, and as citizens of Chandigarh it is of concern to us all. But due to time constraint, she had to cut it short. But it could not be before a vibrant interactive discussion between her and Rotarians. Hoping to see her soon again in our club, PP Pallav Mukherjee made the formal vote of thanks short and crisp.

Once again we are led by PRIP Raja Saboo for the Cleanliness drive

For the second time we were blessed with the gracious presence of Past RI President Rtn. Raja Saboo, when he actively participated in our cleanliness drive in the market of Sector 20-D, Chandigarh. We were ready with all what he desired like brooms, dust pans, brushes, long big bags and hand sanitizer.



PRIP Raja Saboo joins Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown for the cleanliness drive



Our President Rtn. Kanan Diwan, R'ann Sudha Puri and R'ann Renu Chopra swept the dirty verandahs of the shops, in true Rotary spirit. We also had had Vice President Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri, Director Club Service Rtn. Salil Bali, Joint Secretary Rtn. Salil Chopra and 6 Interactors including Kuldeep Nandan and Mohit. It was a forceful drive as 5 members of market committee

joined us and supported us throughout for the complete one hour operation to create awareness as PRIP Raja Saboo and Salil Bali were explaining to shoppers and customers to maintain cleanliness, resulting in a commitment by all the shopkeepers that they will maintain cleanliness in the corridors and surroundings and that we shall notice the change in the coming follow up program.

PDG Shaju at Kurukshetra



PDG Shaju Peter being received on arrival by PP Ajay Madan, PP Jitender Dhingra, Secretary Ajay Bajaj and President Sanjeev Chhabra

of Kurukshetra during his year as the Governor, long before *Swatchh Bharat Abhiyan* became popular. He congratulated the club for bringing in new young members and recognizing toppers from class 10 and 12 from the city.

Among those who were present was AG Krishan Gambir from Karnal Midtown.

Rtn. Sanjeev Chhabra was installed as the new President of Rotary Club of Kurukshetra at an impressive installation ceremony held at Hotel Saffron on Friday, July 18, 2015.

Besides Sanjeev, Secretary Ajay Bajaj and PP Jitender Dhingra were at the Hotel to receive the Chief Guest PDG Shaju Peter. Shaju inaugurated their tree plantation project by planting a sapling in the premises of the Red Cross Society.

Later in the evening, Dr. Vivek Lalit handed over the collar of responsibility to the new President. 5 new members were inducted in the Rotary family. Addressing the gathering of Rotarians which included visiting Rotarians from Ambala Central, Karnal Midtown, Panipat Central, Panipat Midtown, Ladwa and Chandigarh Himalayan Ranges, spouses and children, Shaju recalled his association with Kurukshetra which had implemented a toilet project in the heart of the shopping centre

A milestone for polio eradication in Nigeria

24th July 2015 marks one year since Nigeria last reported a polio case caused by wild poliovirus, putting the country on the brink of eradicating the paralyzing disease.

The last case was reported on 24 July 2014 in the northern state of Kano. If no cases are reported in the coming weeks, the World Health Organization is expected to remove Nigeria from the list of countries where polio is endemic, leaving just two: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Nigeria is the last polio-endemic country in Africa. The continent is poised to reach its own first full year without any illness from the virus on 11 August.

“Every Rotarian in the world should be proud of this achievement,” says Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran. “We made history. We have set Africa on course for a polio-free future. But we have not yet reached our goal of a polio-free world. Raising funds and awareness and advocating with your government are more crucial than ever.”

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Director Community Service Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra continues with tree plantation, on her way to achieving the target. She has urged all Rotarians to come forward and identify the areas where the plantation can be done. The saplings are being arranged free of charge. All we have to do is to take the initiative by approaching schools and the institution as they have ample space for tree plantation, and facilities to take care of them

Rotary Literacy mission continues

Continuing with our Literacy mission we resumed this program at 11 a.m. on 25th July 2015 in presence of 4 teachers and Principal Mrs. Manita at Govt Senior Secondary School, Manimajra amongst 96 students of classes 9 and 10+1. It was interactive sessions where children participated very well but need to improve general knowledge. Topics taken were Rotary information by our VP Rtn. Ashok Puri. Hand wash, personal hygiene and moral values was taken up by Joint Secretary Rtn. Salil Chopra. There was lot of appreciation by teachers and children for Rotary for conducting such programs which usually are missing from their routine curriculum.

Mobile number of PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta may please be noted as **98141 58786** only

Acknowledgment with thanks

Donations for Aasra Shelter, GMCH-32

Rtn. R.K. Khattar

PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra

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PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan

R'ann Asha Sobti

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Om Parkash

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R'ann Dr. Sudha & Rtn. Dr. B.R. Jain



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