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## PROGRAMME

### Club Assembly

Date: **May 06, 2016 (Friday)** Time: **7.00 p.m.** Venue: **Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh**

### Vocational Award and Nation Builders Award

Vocational and Nation Builders Awards were presented in our regular meeting on April 29, 2016 by our Chief Guest Mrs. Nirupama Krishnan, Deputy DEO and District Programme Coordinator, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. President Rtn. Kanan Diwan welcomed the chief guest. She said, "Rotary mission is also Sarva Shiksha as our focus area is literacy. We have literacy centres in village Maloya, Zirakpur, Kundan International School, Nayagaon, Faida and Suncity Panchkula, where we are educating rural women and kids so that they are ready to join the main stream."

The President was also happy to welcome and honour the outstanding teachers and congratulated them for being selected for the Nation Builders Award by Rotary India Literacy Mission. She also congratulated all the persons who were being given the Vocational award by our club for performing beyond the call of their duties.



**Mrs. Nirupama Krishnan**



**Welcome address by  
President Kanan Diwan**

The Chief Guest was introduced by Director Community Service Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra. Mrs. Nirupama Krishnan has a master degree in political science, B.Ed, Diploma in Journalism and Inclusive Education. She has received the State Award for Teachers from Chandigarh Administration. She has worked as Principal with School Education Department, Govt of Haryana from Nov. 2002 to Jan. 2012. Married to an IAS officer, she is blessed with two daughters. One is a Doctor and the other one is a Lieutenant.

PP Rtn. R.K. Luther announced the names of five awardees for the Vocational Award, along with cash award of Rs. 3000/- each, to class IV employees in the tricity. These persons are;

1. Mr. Shinay Kamar, a Gardner in Civil Hospital, Panchkula, recommended by President Nominee Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra.

2. Mr. Dinesh Kumar, a Postman from Zirakpur, recommended by

Vice President Rtn. Ashok Puri.

3. Mr. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Lineman, recommended by PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati.

4. Mrs. Kanta Devi, a Safai Karamchhari, recommended by President Elect Rtn. Amarjit Singh

5. Mr. Pritpal Singh, a Postman working honestly for last 23 years, recommended by Secretary Elect Rtn. Sundeep Sawhney.

The names of outstanding teachers selected for the Nation Builders Award, were announced by Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra. These awardees are;

1. Mrs. Gunmati, Lecturer in Hindi, GGSSS Sector 15, Panchkula

2. Mrs. Anupa, Lecturer in English, GMSSS Kalka, Panchkula

3. Mr. Jai Chand, Lecturer in Sanskrit, GSMSSS Sec 20, Panchkula

4. Mrs. Savita Dhillon, Math Mistress, GMISSS Sec 12A, Panchkula

5. Mrs. Veenu, JBT, GMS Abheypur, Panchkula



**Nation Builders awardees with Chief Guest Mrs. Nirupama Krishnan, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, President Kanan Diwan and Joint Secretary Rtn. Salil Chopra**



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The Chief Guest Mrs. Nirupama Krishnan congratulated all the awardees. She also appreciated what Rtn. Ashok Puri had said that thinking positive and wishing good things for others and helping others by giving our time and energy is prayers. She then gave a very lively talk on "Power of Gratitude". She said that



we should always thank our mother for all that she had done to bring us up. In their old age just an expression of gratitude for the parents from their children is what they look forward to, and that makes them much happier. Parents should never be taken for granted by their children.

We should thank for all the good things that happens in our life. The spouses should thank for what they do for each other. We should also thank our children for the good that they do and this would inspire them to give their best.

Ms. Nirupama said, "We are living in a beautiful city like Chandigarh, and for this too we should be thankful." Thanking people for their contributions, their talents and their actions makes us happier and more optimistic, and creates positivity.

She referred to a book, 'A Simple Act of Gratitude' by John Kralik in which the author had explained that by simply expressing gratitude transformed his life, and this book became the best seller!

Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua thanked Mrs. Nirupama Krishnan for a very vibrant talk on the power of gratitude and letting us know how easy it is to be thankful, which certainly made us all feel happier.



**President Kanan Diwan presents a memento to Mrs. Nirupama Krishnan. Looking on are Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua and Joint Secretary Rtn. Salil Chopra**



**President Kanan presents birthday gift to R'ann Indu Anand. Looking on is PP Prem Anand**



**President Kanan presents punctuality award to PP R.K. Luther. Looking on is Rtn. Salil Chopra**



**Cheque for Rs. 14000/- for Cheshire Homes to PP Gurdip S. Deep. PP Ritu Singal and Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia donated Rs. 10000/- each**

## Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences to R'ann Veena Bindra and PP Rtn. Subhash Bindra on the sudden and sad demise of Veena ji's brother, Mr. Rakesh Chopra on April 25, 2016 at Amritsar.

May God give enough strength to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.



**Award winning 'Sheikh' and his wife Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra and Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra**



**National anthem by R'ann Indu Anand and President Nominee Rtn. Dr Rita Kalra**



**Meeting called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra**



**PP Rtn. R.K. Luther makes announcement for the Vocational Awards**



**Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra makes announcement for the Nation Builders Awards**



**Beautiful definition of prayer by Rtn. Ashok K. Puri**



**Vote of thanks by Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua**



## PDG Shaju on Earth Day at Roopnagar

President Jagdeep Sharma of Rotary Club of Roopnagar (Ropar) has set a precedent of celebrating all International Days with great enthusiasm. On April 22, 2016 in the regular meeting of Roopnagar it happened to be Earth Day, celebrated across the world to focus attention on the earth's fragile environment and related issues.

Invited by the President, PDG Shaju Peter addressed the members of the club at the newly refurbished Rotary Bhawan in Ropar on environmental issues like global warming, green house

gases and pollution of air and water. Tracing the history of Earth Day founded by US Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970, Shaju ended the presentation with practical tips that all of us can adopt in conserving energy and improving our immediate environment.

The meeting was attended by PDG Dr. R.S. Parmar and PDG Chetan Aggarwal among others. PDG Shaju was introduced to the audience by PP Prof. B.S. Satyal who served as the President of Roopnagar during Shaju's tenure as the District Governor.

## Parent's role in future of their children



*Rtn. Salil Chopra speaking to parents, who raise their hands on being convinced by him*

On April 30, 2016 at village Fatehpur in District Panchkula Rtn. Salil Chopra addressed the parents of those children who did not go to school owing to family constraints. He gave examples of Dr. Abdul Kalam, Dr. Manmohan Singh and Lal Bahadur Shastri about their struggles and how they rose in life. He also told them spiritual stories to impress upon them to send their children to schools for their future and growth in this challenging world. The parents raised their hands to confirm that they agreed with what he had explained to them, and that hence forth they would start sending their children to school. Even the teachers were happy with our approach of inspiring the parents for the betterment of their children.

As part of 'Teaching Students the Skills', Rtn. Salil Chopra and Rtn. Dr. Harinderjit Kaur delivered talk about Rotary, on moral values, water saving and cleanliness to more than 500 children in the assembly of Govt Middle School at village Abheypur, Panchkula.



*At Govt Model High School, Manimajra Dental care being explained to students by doctor from clinic of Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra*

Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia

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## District Training Assembly – ‘Lakshay’

District Training Assembly – ‘Lakshay’ is scheduled for Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at The Vivaan, GT Road Karnal.

8.30 am -- 9.30 am -- Reporting, Registration and Breakfast  
 9.45 am -- 11.15 am -- Inaugural plenary session  
 11.15 am -- 13.10 pm -- Break out idea exchange session  
 13.15 pm -- 14.40 pm -- Concluding plenary session

The amazing team 2016-17 is tirelessly preparing excellent training modules under the able guidance of District Trainer PDG Ranjit Bhatia and District Counsellor PDG Parmod Vij.

All incoming leaders and club members are requested to register in large number for the Training Assembly to prepare themselves for their roles in the clubs and help them with Rotary Serving Humanity.

District Governor 16-17 Raman Aneja and First Lady Meenu are eagerly look forward to personally welcome you along with your respective gracious spouse and club board of directors to the District Training Assembly – ‘Lakshay’.



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## 2016 Rotary International Seoul Convention

Saturday, 28 May ~ Wednesday, 1 June 2016 / KINTEX - Goyang-si



9 registrations from Chandigarh Midtown....

**Chief Guest: RI Director Nominee C. Bhaskar**

**Keynote Speaker: PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo**

**Motivational Speaker: Vijay Michihito Batra**

**Registration Charges:**

Upto 5<sup>th</sup> May — Single Rs. 1150/- Couple Rs. 2000/-  
 After 5<sup>th</sup> May — Single Rs. 1250/- Couple Rs. 2200/-

### Skill Development Programme

Director Vocational Service PP Rtn. R.K. Luther was pleased to announce that as per letter recently received from the Principal, Chandigarh College of Engineering & Technology (CCET), Diploma Wing, Sector 26, Chandigarh, it will extend its facilities to impart training to economically weaker section students for six months from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 with the same conditions as laid down in the MoU dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 between CCET and our club. The courses will be Plumbing & Sanitation work, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration, Electrical, Mobile repair and Computer basics.

### Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Neena Jauhar May 12

### Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. P.K. Vasudeva May 07

### Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Lalita & Rtn. Chandra Prakash May 09

R'ann Vinny & Rtn. R.S. Sachdeva May 10

R'ann Santosh & PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho R. Gupta May 11


### Punctuality Draw:

Won by PP Rtn. R.K. Luther



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