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## Programme



*Please do attend*

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## Global Warming

Hon'ble Speaker : PP Rtn. Dr. S.K. Sharma, Professor Emeritus, Panjab University  
Director, Rayat & Bahra Institute of Engineering & Biotechnology

Venue : Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time : 7.00 P.M.

### RI President Elect Wilfrid Wilkinson Inaugurates Chandigarh Midtown WCS Literacy Project

It was a matter of great honour and pride for Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, when Rotary World Leader, RI President Elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson & Ann Joan, visited the Home Club of one of his District Governors, DGE Shaju Peter, just 6 weeks before the 'Change of Guards'.

On 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007 the auditorium in the Govt. Museum, Sector 10, Chandigarh was the venue for our club meeting, where RI President Elect Wilfrid Wilkinson was the Chief Guest to inaugurate our WCS Literacy Project. This was a formal ceremony for gifting 16,000 Text Books, valued US \$ 22,000, to the economically



RI President Elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson and PRIP Raja Saboo escorted by DGE Shaju Peter, President Dr. VJS Vohra, incoming District Secretary PP BL Ramsisaria & PP Dr. Balam Gupta



The meeting begins with welcome address



DG Dhian Chand welcomed by Pres Dr. VJS Vohra



Welcome to RI President Elect Wilkinson by DGE Shaju Peter



Ann Lovy welcomes Ann Joan



Welcome address by President Dr. Vohra



Review of the Project by IPP RK Goyal



DGE Shaju Peter formally introduced RI President Elect



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disadvantaged children of Class 9, 10, 11 & 12 of the Govt. Schools of UT, Chandigarh. Mr. S.K. Setia, DPI (Schools) UT, Chandigarh was the Guest of Honour. PRIP Raja Saboo & Ann Usha ji and District Governor Dhian Chand & Ann Meena also graced the occasion.

President Dr.V.J.S.Vohra welcomed the dignitaries and acknowledged the efforts of DGE Shaju Peter and IPP Er R.K. Goyal who initiated this project in the last Rotary year, which got through during this year, to become the mega project of the year. This project is in collaboration with Rotary Club of Gold Coast-Lake Success, New York, RI District 7250, and the Rotary Foundation.

After PRIP Raja Saboo briefly addressed the audience, DGE Shaju Peter formally introduced RI President Elect Wilf Wilkinson, who in his address said that the Text book distribution to the needy students is a fantastic project which is a perfect example of 'Rotary Shares'. DPI(S) Mr. S.K. Setia in his address thanked the club for this project and suggested the need for a text book bank.



RI President Elect Wilf Wilkinson addresses the gathering



Address by PRIP Raja Saboo



DPI(S) SK Setia



RI President Elect Wilfrid Wilkinson, Ann Joan & DPI (S) SK Setia distribute books to the students



President Dr.V.J.S.Vohra presents a memento to RI President Elect Wilfrid Wilkinson



PRIP Raja Saboo gives memento to DPI(S) Mr. S.K. Setia

PP Rtn. Harish Sethi proposed vote of thanks. On behalf of the club he thanked the RI President Elect Wilf Wilkinson & Ann Joan for inaugurating our club's prime project of the present Rotary year, the Text books distribution. He also thanked DG Dhian Chand & Ann Meena for supporting our club throughout the present year.

President Dr.V.J.S.Vohra & Ann Indu would personally like to thank DGE Shaju Peter & Ann Lovy, IPP R.K. Goyal & Ann Kund and all our members present for the ceremony of text book distribution. DPI (S) Mr. S.K. Setia and Dy DEO Mrs Rajesh Minhas deserve special appreciations for giving us full cooperation to implement the project.



DG Dhian Chand gives memento to Dy. DEO Mrs Rajesh Minhas



RIP Elect Wilfrid Wilkinson presents wedding anniversary gift to Ann Indu & Dr.VJS Vohra



PP Harish Sethi proposes Vote of Thanks



Chat with the Press

## The Press Speaks.....

Chandigarh Wednesday May 16 2007 **CITY Chandigarh Tribune**  
**Empowerment of youth important : Wilkinson**  
 TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE Rotary International

**CHANDIGARH, May 15**  
 Inaugurations, project visits and interaction with young persons marked the second day of Rotary International President-Elect, Wilfrid J. Wilkinson's visit to the city.  
 The day started early with Wilkinson and his wife Joan visiting the Rotary Peace Monument at Sukhna Lake, followed by a brief visit to the Rotary and Blood Bank Society and Blood Resource Centre, Sector 37, where he was visibly impressed with the facilities.  
 Wilkinson also spent the morning distributing 16,000 text books to children of the 81 government schools in the city under the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown's World Community Service Project, at

the Government Museum and Art Gallery, Sector 10.  
 Six to seven sets of books for classes IX to XII were also given to school libraries for rotation every year amongst those children who cannot afford them, said Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, President of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown.  
 Speaking at the function, Wilkinson once again reiterated his belief in the youth saying empowering them was the key to the future and that it could only be achieved through education, a cause close to the Rotary's heart.  
 Also present at the event was S.K. Setia, Director Public Instructions, who appealed to the Rotary to set up a text-book bank from where children from economically weaker sections

could take books on loan.  
 The final call for the day was one close to the heart of Rotarians in the city. Wilkinson inaugurated the Rotary District 3080 Headquarter in Rotary House, Sector 18-A, which he said was "the first of its kind in India and one of the few in the world."  
 What is interesting is that the headquarter also houses a special exhibit room, "Look Beyond Yourself," taken from former President of Rotary International Rajendra K. Saboo's theme for his tenure in office in 1991-92, and houses memorabilia from his time and life as a Rotarian. "This will serve as a storehouse of information and will help the district governors to function more effectively," Wilkinson said.

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# IT IS ALL ABOUT EMPOWERING YOUTH

In view of literacy being their top-most priority, Rotary International President elect W J Wilkinson, Distributed 16,000 textbooks among students



By Seema Sharma  
Times News Network

CHANDIGARH: Gita, a Class IX student studying in a government high school stands clutching a bundle of new textbooks that were gifted to her by Rotary Chandigarh Midtown on Tuesday. "I am happy to get these books. This encourages me to study and score well in my exams." And if such help keeps coming her way, she might just be able to fulfil her dream of becoming a doctor.

In view of literacy being their top-most priority, Rotary International President Elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, distributed 16,000 text books to students from the 81 government schools in the city, under the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown's World Com-munity Service Project.

"Six to seven sets of books for classes 9 to 12, have been given to school libraries every year amongst those children who cannot otherwise afford it", said Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, President of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown. Youth represent the future of any country and empowering them with education is the most commendable initiative of Rotarians, said Wilkinson.

S.K. Setia, Director, Public Instructions,

UT Chandigarh, complimented the Rotarians, and appealed to them to set up a textbook bank from where the children from the economically weaker sections of society could loan books from.

Wilkinson, also inaugurated the Rotary District 3080 headquarter in Rotary House, Sector 18 A, Chandigarh. The district 3080 headquarter is the first of its kind in India, and only a few Rotary districts in the world have their own secretariat, he said while addressing Rotarians.

The headquarter situated on the top floor of the building housing Rotary Club of Chandigarh, has a conference facility, and a special exhibit room, called "Look Beyond Yourself" that houses the memorabilia

connected with former world President of Rotary International, Rajendra K. Saboo.

"This would serve as a storehouse of information and all records about each club and Rotarians in the District and would help the District Governors to function much more effectively and efficiently", said Saboo, who had conceived the idea.

Menwhile, talking to TOC, Wilkinson said "It was during my school days that I met my wife. So those days will always remain special for me."

Appreciating the beauty of the city, he said, "I have been in India for past ten days, but could not take out time for sight seeing. Though, of course, I saw the Sukhna lake. Besides, people too are very cordial and warm" Wilkinson, who is quite knowledgeable about India said, "I first came to know of the country, when I

went to South Africa for an immunisations programme way back in 1982." Talking about his priorities for the city, "I want to get more and more youths into the community service programme, besides equipping people with the ability to read and write." Earlier

in the morning, Wilkinson and his wife Joan, visited the Rotary Club of Chandigarh's two projects, namely the Rotary Peace Monument at Sukhna Lake and the Rotary Blood Bank Society Blood Resource Centre in Sector 37.

Chandigarh Newsline Wednesday May 16, 2007

## Rotary club distributes free Books to students



President of Rotary International Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, distributing study material to students in Chandigarh

(elect) Wilfrid J. Wilkinson and Ann Joan besides officials from U T Administration were present on the occasion.

Wilkinson said future of a country depends on youth and young people should be empowered by providing right kind of education for their better future.

DPI (schools) S K Setia was the guest of honour for the function. He

CHANDIGARH : ROTARY Club (midtown) distributed 16,000 books free of cost to school children on Tuesday, Rotary International President

lauded the role of Rotary Club and appreciated their effort of providing free books to the children.....

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Rotarians, Guests & School Children

### Get well Soon

PP Dr. Vanita Gupta fractured her right arm in an accident. We wish her an early recovery.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

IPP Rtn. R.K. Goyal

May 25



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS:

R'ann Rekha & PP Rtn. Anil K. Mehan

May 29

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