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## PROGRAMME

### Smile and Happiness

Chief Guest:

Past District Governor  
**Rtn. Dr. G.K. Thakral**



Zoom Meeting ID: 6291653178  
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Date: Friday, 27 November 2020

Time: 6.30 p.m.

## Alternative Resolution in Matrimonial Dispute

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In our virtual meeting on 20 November 2020 President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia welcomed the chief guest, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijender Jain (Retd.), Former Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court. He also welcomed all Rotarians and Anns of Chandigarh Midtown present in the meeting and the Rotaractors of Legal Eagles. President Sanjay also acknowledged the impressive involvement of all new members inducted during the last six months. He also gave the progress of our signature project at Government School, Peermushalla in Zirakpur.

For taking the meeting forward, the President invited IPP Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali, who informed the chief guest that Rotary was founded by Paul Harris, who was a Lawyer. His legacy has been carried by our club which is 44 years old, and has 113 members coming from different backgrounds. We have produced 09 Presidents who were from legal profession.

IPP Salil requested Rtn. Justice Mrs. Raj Rahul Garg (Retd.) to formally introduce the chief guest. She was pleased to introduce a senior Judge with whom she had worked while in judicial service.



**Justice Vijender Jain**

Hon'ble Justice Vijender Jain is a qualified B. Com. (Hons.), M.A., LL.B. He Enrolled as an Advocate on 25 July 1969 and practiced in the Supreme Court of India and High Courts primarily in Delhi High Court in Civil, Constitutional, Taxation and Company Matters etc. He was Designated Senior Advocate in May 1990 by Delhi High Court. Subsequently, he was appointed as permanent Judge in Delhi High Court from 24 December 1992.

He has contributed and participated in many International Symposium and Seminars dealing with Human Rights, Alternate Dispute Redressal mechanism, private and public international law and the applicability of International Law into the Municipal Law.

He has represented India in various International Conferences and also participated in the Conferences of International Law Association. He is member of Committee on Human Rights, Hony. Secretary of International Law Association (India Chapter), Chairman of High Court Legal Services Committee Delhi and Executive Chairman of Delhi Legal Services Authority. He is also President of Asia Pacific Jurist Association.

Justice Jain held many prestigious appointments. Some of these were Chairperson of Utrakhand Human Rights Commission - May 2013 onwards, Chairperson of Haryana Human Rights Commission - September 2012 onwards, Chief Justice of Punjab & Haryana High Court - November 2006 to August 2008, Acting Chief Justice of Delhi High Court - April 2006 to November 2006 and Judge of Delhi High Court - 1992 to 2006.

As there was an internet issue during the virtual proceedings of the meeting, Justice Jain was kind enough to send the bullet points of his views on the Alternate Dispute Redressal mechanism through an audio recording to PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta.

Justice Jain expressed his concern for 03 crore cases pending in various courts in India. He said, "Our strength is about 22000, right from munsif to the Chief Justice of India. So the courts are not in a position to take this much load. Every year 25 lakh cases are decided by the courts but more than that are filed in the Indian courts." He added, "Therefore there is a greater need for Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism to come into force."

One of the important issues is the family matters which include matrimonial disputes. The resolution of a dispute in a typical court room is totally different as compared to ADR mechanism. Justice Jain emphasized that the mind set has to be changed for the public, lawyers and the judges.

Family disputes must be resolved in an amicable manner outside the court room. There should be a right person as a mediator or a conciliator who should be competent to understand the problem of the dispute and both the parties should feel comfortable and safe.

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**Welcome address by President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia**



**Rtn. Justice Raj Rahul Garg introduces the chief guest**



**Meeting being taken forward by IPP Rtn. Salil Bali**

Justice Jain explained that the courts are governed by procedural law. But ADR is a simple and flexible mechanism where the parties create their own simple methodology, with the help of the conciliator or mediator to resolve the dispute in an amicable manner.



**Invocation by Rtn. Anupam Jain**



**Vote of thanks by PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta**

The conciliator / mediator should have great patience to understand and resolve the issue. In mediation the parties maintain their relationship which is very important. The parties feel more comfortable and satisfied where their views are heard in an informal process. But this does not happen in the court where they would go on fighting and would not like to see the face each other.

Matrimonial disputes can be sorted out by ADR mechanism amicably.

All the aspects of dispute between husband and wife can be sorted out. Even property disputes in the family is well resolved in ADR system. In a very candid and practical manner Justice Jain explained that litigation in the courts does not lead to satisfactory result. It is very expensive in terms of money, time consuming and the mindset of the parties is not changed. The bitterness against each other increases. Very important aspect is the peace and harmony which is the paramount consideration in resolving disputes for which the ADR mechanism is most suitable.

The whole philosophy behind ADR is amicable dispute resolution. It brings the parties to sit down and focus as to what they really want, rather than think what they need to seek what the law will let them fight for. But in ADR the dispute is resolved not on basis of right, but it is resolved on the basis of the need to which both the parties agree. Justice Jain emphasized that ADR in family court must be invoked and efforts must be made by the judiciary, the legal fraternity, NGOs and other groups to change the mindset of people, so that they do not go to the court for family settlement, but through Mediation, a mechanism which has been judicially recognized by virtue of Section 89 of the Code of Civil Procedure. The concept of mediation has been existing in our society from times immemorial, but we have lost these due to court systems.

Justice Jain strongly feels that the mediation mechanism should not be misused. In case where it fails the mediator must name the party who did not cooperate for the settlement.

Senior Advocate and Director (Academics) of Chandigarh Judicial Academy, PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta said, "It was always a great pleasure to appear in Justice Vijender Jain's court, as it used to be a treat, the way the court was conducted." In our meeting Justice Jain focussed on family disputes particularly in the mediation process. He talked about the basic advantage that mediation results in an amicable solution to a problem. Dr. Balram said mediation is a human right of significant importance as it plays a great role in family disputes and also in consumer courts (Act of 2019). Mediation is going to play a major role.

Dr. Balram said, "We are grateful to Justice Jain for sparing time and sharing his thought process for focussing on this very fundamental issue which is a human right as mediation has become one of the most paramount excess to justice."

To the query raised by PDG Shaju Peter regarding decline of faith in judiciary, Rtn. Justice Raj Rahul Garg responded that reporting in the press regarding judiciary are not accurate facts of the case and public opinion is formed accordingly. In spite of this, people have faith in judiciary and they do get justice.

She admitted there is a decline not only in judiciary, but it is overall in every field. The litigants, lawyers and the lower staff of the courts are also to be blamed. She said the Judges alone are trying to improve the system and she is part of the committee of retired judges to advice on judicial reforms as Government too wants to improve the system.

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**Anniversary celebration**



**R'ann Parul and IPP Rtn. Salil Bali celebrating their wedding anniversary with their sons Jaiveer and Lakshyaa**

### Teachers Training Program Webinar

A two day Teachers Training Program under Global Grant # 1747695 Happy Schools was held on 20-21 November 2020. From various Govt. schools 31 teachers attended this webinar. On first day Mrs. Anupama Sharma Principal (Retd.) of MRA DAV School Solan delivered talk on class room management. AG Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra gave a talk on Health Education and Wellness during pandemic. Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, Principal (Retd.) of Dev Samaj College Chandigarh, delivered talk on Adolescent problems and Role of Teacher. On second day Dr. Rakesh Sehgal, retired teacher from Abohar, spoke on Role of Teacher in class room. PE Rtn. Salil Chopra gave talk on Development of Soft Skills and Dr. Opendar Jeet Kaur delivered a talk on counselling. Teachers enjoyed and appreciated all the talks.

President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia welcomed all the participants. PP Rtn. Amarjit Singh informed about Happy Schools and Global Grant project of Rotary Club. PP Rtn. Kanan Diwan inaugurated the program. Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur, Director Club Service Rtn. Nitin Kapur, R'ann Asha Vats, R'ann Guninder Dua, Rtn. Anupama Jain, Rtn. Indu Luthra, R'ann Nandita Sisodia, R'ann Indu Anand, R'ann Lalita Parkash, Rtn. Suman Gupta and Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur performed their various roles and duties perfectly, to make this event a great success.



### Annapurna

We had 8th Annapurna day celebrations with Samarpan children on 20 November where we had presence of Birthday lady Rtn. Suman Gupta with her spouse Mr. Naresh Gupta, their grand daughters Ananya and Krishna, Rtn. Renu Chopra and PE Rtn. Salil Chopra.

There were around 50 kids and 12 mothers who were given dry kichdi ration, 2 packs of glucose biscuits and bananas from the Gupta family.

This celebration was also on behalf of R'ann Asha Vats and Rtn. Subhash Vats for celebrating their wedding anniversary.

An interesting quiz on Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Christmas was also organised for children.



#### Condolences

Heartfelt condolences to Rtn. Viney B. Aggarwal on the sad demise of his wife R'ann Beena Aggarwal on 21 November 2020. May the departed soul rest in peace. Prayers to the Almighty to give strength to the family to bear this irreparable loss.

#### Club Elections 2021-22

##### 50% Attendance waived off

The election of Members of Board of Directors for Rotary Year 2021-22 will be held as per the scheduled program, as reported in previous bulletin no. 20 dated 17 November 2020.

In the board meeting held on 18 November 2020, it was decided that in view of Covid-19, the condition for a minimum of 50% attendance for filing of nominations would stand waived off.

#### Rotaract Club of Samaritan



President Rtr. Harshit Khosla with other Rotaractors of Samaritan donated winter clothes to the needy persons at Saketri and also provided one month ration to a lady

#### Fancy dress



Rtn. Bhavmit Tiger Chandoak's son Gurbaaz as Dr. Manmohan Singh in Fancy Dress Competition of his school - Yadavindra Public School

**Message from Rotary International President Rtn. Holger Knaack**

As I look back on 2020, I reflect on how our lives have changed. The global COVID-19 pandemic brought pain and loss to many of us. And for almost all of us, our daily lives, family time, and work also changed this year. But we've made it to the end of this difficult year, not on our own but by reaching out to one another, as we always do in Rotary. With each passing year, I become prouder of our organization.



I will choose to remember 2020 as a year of great change and strength for us; Rotary didn't stop, despite the pandemic. We removed obstacles, found new ways to connect, and embraced new approaches to service, such as online projects and virtual fundraising. I have invited two Rotarians to share their stories about how Rotary grew stronger this year.

*When the pandemic shut everything down, our emerging e-club was already providing digital service, including internationally. Fourteen U.S. women and I, members of multiple Rotary clubs, were using WhatsApp to mentor women entrepreneurs in rural Costa Rica, helping them to grow their ecotourism business, RETUS Tours [the subject of the magazine's May cover story, "Nature & Nurture"]. The project has grown, with 30 Rotarians now providing consulting and help with the RETUS website and social media. Most importantly, we continue building relationships and empowering these women to transform their own lives, and we are doing it online. I've even helped one of the women, Rosa, prepare a presentation in English for an online international conference. While our engagement with the Costa Rican women still requires some hands-on activity, the most transformative impacts haven't had to be in person. — Liza Larson, Rotary E-Club Engage and Rotary Club of Plano East, Texas*

*I was president of my club when COVID-19 hit, and many members didn't yet have Zoom. Only 10 of our 53 members participated in the first Zoom meeting during the pandemic. I thought that reaching out and getting guest speakers from around the world to engage our members would help. Many Rotary leaders, a Rotary Peace Fellow, and even RI President Holger Knaack visited virtually and spoke to our club. Meeting attendance improved, while we reduced running costs by cutting out meals. Some members who worked outside our city and had missed our meetings even rejoined us. Registering our online meetings on My Rotary enhanced contacts with clubs across the world, and the joint meeting addressed by Holger attracted more than 300 visitors. We also raised more funds as members and visitors contributed to our projects. To continue being flexible for all, we are now offering hybrid meetings. For me, 2020 has been the best year in Rotary as I've made many new friends.*

— Blessing Michael, Rotary Club of Port Harcourt North, Nigeria

**Birthday of Spouses**  
R'ann Sushobita Sharma November 28

**Birthday of Rotarians**  
PP Rtn. Subhash Bindra November 28  
Rtn. Rajinder Rai December 01  
Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain December 03

**Wedding Anniversary**  
R'ann Sunita & PP Rtn. Amarjit Singh November 28

These stories should give us all reasons to be optimistic about Rotary in the year ahead. We are not just surviving; we are gaining strength. We are discovering how resilient our organization truly is. We are seeing for ourselves how Rotary Opens Opportunities — even during pandemics — to grow, connect, and engage our members and the communities we serve.

From our home in Ratzeburg to yours, Susanne and I would like to bid you and your family the warmest of season's greetings. We can't wait to see the good things that 2021 will bring.

Holger Knaack  
President 2020-21

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