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PROGRAMME

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"Inauguration of Shelter Project"

Chief Guest : His Excellency General (Retd.) S. F. Rodrigues PVSM, VSM,
Governor of Punjab.

Please
Note Change in
Date, Time & Venue

June 30, 2009

Time: 5.00. PM

Venue: Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh.

Inauguration - AASRA



His Excellency Governor of
Punjab and Administrator
Union Territory,
Chandigarh


General (Retd.) S. F.
Rodrigues PVSM, VSM, has
kindly agreed to inaugurate
our shelter project, Aasra,
and dedicate it to the society
on 30 June 2009 at GMCH
Sector 32, Chandigarh. He

is a member of the Joint Services Wing of the Indian Military
in 1949 and was commissioned in December
in the Regiment of Artillery, and rose to the highest
rank in the Indian Army. During his service he
commanded a Brigade and a Division, both in high
altitude areas. He retired from the army on 30 June 1993.

He has served two terms on the National Security Advisory
Board and has been engaged in social & literary pursuits.
He has a keen interest in education and empowering
the poor to achieve their potential.

He was sworn in as Governor of Punjab on 16 November
2008. In this capacity he is also the Administrator of UT
of Chandigarh.

General is a thinker and a visionary. The 305 major
initiatives to improve the life in the City Beautiful include
Health City, Education City, IT Park, Centre for needy
people, flats to rehabilitate slum dwellers, and
Community Centres.



AASRA

Project of Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown
in association with

Maa Devi Wati Sewa Samiti

Inaugurated by

His Excellency Governor of Punjab

and
Administrator,
Union Territory, Chandigarh

General (Retd.) S. F. Rodrigues PVSM, VSM

30 June 2009

Inauguration of Project AASRA at GMCH - 32, Chandigarh

Programme Tuesday, 30 June 2009

- 5.30 pm : Arrival of Chief Guest, HE Gen. (Retd.) S.F. Rodrigues PVSM, VSM, Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT.
- 5.30 pm : Inauguration of Project AASRA- Shelter for Attendants of Patients at GMCH - 32, Chandigarh
- 5.35 pm : Plantation of Sapling by the Chief Guest
- 5.40 pm : Meeting of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown called to order in Conference Hall, Block B, Level 4, GMCH-32.
- 4.45 pm : Presentation of Bouquet and Welcome Address by Club President Saroj Jhawar.
- 5.50 pm : Presentation of the Project AASRA by IPDG Shaju Peter and Recognitions.
- 5.58 pm : Introduction of Chief Guest by Maj. Gen. (Retd.) A.S. Kahlon.
- 6.00 pm : Address by the Chief Guest.
- 6.10 pm : Expression of gratitude by Prof. Raj Bahadur, Director- Principal GMCH - 32.
- 6.15 pm : Meeting adjourned for Fellowship and Tea.

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artle brains germinate ideas. Tender hearts help translate them to reality.

When our Charter President Dr. B.D. Gupta's opinion was sought on the possibility of a meaningful project, he was quick to grasp the opportunity to suggest the "Shelter project" at Sector 32 Government Medical College and Hospital. The idea appealed to our Club Leaders, who after on site reconnaissance, found it to be meaningful. The plight of the patients and their attendants was indeed heart-breaking.

Dr. B.D. Gupta arranged a meeting with the Director-in-Chief Dr. Raj Bahadur. He was very impressed with the idea, and immediately agreed to it. A Government-Rotary Co-operative Project is not easy to initiate. Mandatory regulations, require piles of documentation. In order to get the plans sanctioned constant follow-ups and building up a good PR, were an integral part of the exercise.

When began the most difficult effort of getting finances. Some kind-hearted Rotarians and Citizens of Chandigarh, donated generously, bringing in some funds, though not sufficient enough - Rs. 2.5 Lakhs against a projected estimate of Rs. 15 Lakhs.

When RK Luther, a man of action, set up a meeting between the club's committee and Mr. Jivan Agarwal of Amravati Builders. Mr. Agarwal is a kind-hearted man readily agreed to donate the entire steel structure, designed by Bachittar Singh, Past President of Rotary Central.

This lifted the spirit, and civil works were initiated. More funds are required to finish the remaining works.

You could either contribute through the souvenir being brought out on the occasion, or you could donate in kind to finance the project. Quite a novel idea! In any case, the urgency of Midtowners is well known.

So what you would like to, but go ahead and contribute.

Meeting of 19 June About the speaker



"Mr. Simar Onkar is university gold medalist in psychology and has more than 18 years of professional work experience to his high-profile business and academic organizations. He has also worked in the fields of marketing and sales, advertising and PR, JI R and editing. Some of the organizations that he has worked for are: ABC Communications of Australia, The Indian Express, Christian Medical College Ludhiana and Encyclopedia Britannica of the U.S. He has published more than 125 articles. He has acted in 3 plays and 2 films, including Pamela Rook's Train to Pakistan. Mr. Simar has also written, narrated and directed 5 educational documentaries for the UGC-INSAT TV Countrywide Classroom Project series. He is a member of the Chandigarh Sahitya Akademi and is the former joint-secretary of Chandigarh's oldest theatre group-Abhinat."

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The talk by Mr. Simar

"Mr. Simar Onkar spoke on the topic: "How psychology can empower you to lead a better life?" The lecture started with a happy note when Mr. Simar said that the psychologists are normally called "paglon ke doctor". The lecture was very informative and cleared many doubts about the subject. Psychology is a scientific study of human behavior. It has a long past but short history and was established in 1879. In 130 years it has made long strides and has devised practical solutions to almost every aspect of human behavior. The objectives of psychology are rational understanding of human behavior. Mr. Simar explained how a psychologist

works. He enumerated the steps as: General Interview, Structural interview, Psychology test, Devise and implement, "The intervention strategy program" and follow up at required intervals. The audience was spellbound by the lecture given by Mr. Simar. Earlier Rtn Mahesh Arora introduced the guest speaker. Rtn Vinod Sharma thanked the speaker and gave memento to Mr. Simar Onkar on behalf of the club.

We are thankful to Rtn Neeraj Punj for arranging the lecture."



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