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## PROGRAMME

### Future Skills and Employment Trends

Chief Guest: Dr. Gulshan Sharma, Executive Director, ITFT – Education Group

Friday March 19, 2010

Time: 6.30 P.M

Venue: President Hotel , Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Reincarnation – Does it Exist?

The Chief Guest in our club meeting on March 12, 2010, Dr. Vivek Lal, Associate Professor, Department of Neurology PGI, Chandigarh was introduced by Rtn. R.T.P.S Tulsi. He said, "Dr. Lal has a Rotary connection as a member of GSE Team in 1992." Dr. Lal's specialization is Neurology, his areas of interest being Neuro-ophthalmology, Headache & Migraine, Optic neuropathy, Retinal vascular occlusions and Occipital infarction.

Talking about Reincarnation Dr. Lal said, "People of the western world and majority of Indians do not believe in reincarnation. It is just a question of eviction. I am just going to present the data, and then leave it to you." He added, "Reincarnation means rebirth which is a paranormal phenomena."

Dr. Lal talked about his patients, or personalities, as he corrects him self, whom he had examined after their reincarnation. He referred to an international guru of reincarnation research, Dr. Ian Stevenson, former head of the Department of Psychiatry at the



Dr. Vivek Lal gives a PowerPoint presentation on Reincarnation

University of Virginia, USA, who collected over 3,000 cases, most of them children, and a large number of these being from India.

Dr. Lal said that the cases had been verified in a very methodical manner. These children remember their past life between the age of 3 to 6 and they had met with violent deaths in their previous life.

The families of the past and present personalities had been interviewed. These cases had been identified and the deceased person the child remembers that he was in the previous life, was verified from the dead person's life that matched what the child is saying in the present life. Even birthmarks on the child and wounds & scars on the deceased, have been verified by medical records. Stevenson's assistant in India, Dr. Satwant Pasricha, additional professor at the Department of Psychology, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bangalore, researched over 500 cases.

But the scientists do not believe in reincarnation. They consider it to be a result of imagination to avoid some unpleasant situation such as an unhappy home. They also say it could be a fraud, where the child or the family fabricates a case to achieve some personal goal or publicity. It may even be a memory disorder. Nowadays you have test tube babies, so where is the soul involved in this? Moreover, if you look into cloning, this totally washes out the theory of reincarnation or rebirth. The scientists want proof. Air cannot be seen, but it is measured by instruments. So, if we can't see the soul, it is fine but at least we should be able to check its presence with



Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra presents a memento to Dr. Vivek Lal



Birthday boy Rtn. J.S. Chopra gets a gift from Dr. Vivek Lal, while Secretary Ritu Singal is all smiles!

some gadget. If the concept of soul is not proved, how can one prove rebirth.

Dr. Lal's talk generated lot of queries from the audience; some agreed with him and there were some who do not believe in rebirth. There was also a query on the recent TV show which showed people being taken into their past life. Dr. Lal categorically rubbished such shows. However, regarding his talk, Dr. Lal clarified that he does not believe in any mythology. He concluded, "I am not asking you to believe in reincarnation. I just believe in what I have seen."

Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra proposed the formal Vote of

Thanks. While thanking Dr. Lal, he said, "You have talked on an interesting matter, which is partly fantasy and partly something which we have to think about." President Gurdip thanked Rtn. Om Parkash for his contribution of Rs. 1100/- for the Club Projects.

### Thanks!

President Gurdip S. Deep expresses his sincere thanks to PP Subhash Bindra, Chair, Fellowship for organising the holi celebrations. Any job assigned to him is done with true perfection; and the result has to be ..... "Shabash Bindra."

## Club Assembly

Club Assembly will be held at 5 pm on Friday, 19th March 2010 at Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh (Prior to the club meeting). We shall have the gracious presence of Assistant Governor, Rtn. Charanjit Singh. President Gurdip S. Deep requests all members of the Board of Directors and the Committee Chairs to be present in the Club Assembly.

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Wedding anniversary couple R'ann Krishna & Rtn. Om Parkash gets a gift from Dr. Vivek Lal



Rtn. Ashok K. Puri gets the punctuality award with the flash, which Secy. Ritu could not hold back!

### Award to Maniki Deep



Ann Maniki Deep

On International Women's Day, Gurukul Vidyapeeth awarded honour and citation to the Chandigarh Midtown First Lady Ann Maniki Deep for recognising the spirit of womanhood for significant contribution towards betterment of society through the medium of art and culture. As President of Centre for Carnival Arts, she created an institution of public joy through art, culture, skills and conducted Plaza Carnival at the City Centre in Chandigarh from 1993-2007.

Congratulations Maniki and President Gurdip Deep for this well deserved award.

### District Governor's Visit on 26 Mar 2010

Official Visit of District Governor Rtn. Chetan Aggarwal & Ann Neelam to our club is scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2010. There would be a Dinner meeting at Hotel President at 6.30 pm. It is mandatory for all Rotarians to be present, and spouses are also invited.

--- PP B.L. Ramsisaria, Chair - DG Visit

### DTTS on 28 March 2010

District Team Training Seminar, hosted by our Club, will be held on Sunday, 28th March 2010 at The Ambedkar Institute of Hotel Management and Nutrition, Sector 42, Chandigarh from 9 am to 1.30 pm, followed by lunch.

--- PE Prem Anand

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## Felicitation Function for RIPN Kalyan Banerjee on 28 March 2010


Rotary Club Ambala will be hosting a function to welcome and felicitate Rotary International President Nominee (2011-12) Rtn. Kalyan Banerji and his gracious wife Mrs Binota on Sunday, 28th March 2010 at Rukhmani Devi Hall, Railway Road, Ambala Cantt, as per programme given below;

3.00 pm to 4.00 pm --- Registration & High Tea  
4.00 pm to 4.30 pm --- Delegates to take their seats  
4.45 pm to 7.00 pm --- Felicitation Function  
Advance Registration Charges --- Rs. 200/- per person (Please deposit with Office Secretary V.P. Sharma by 21st March 2010, so that it could be forwarded to the host club)


### WEDDING BELLS!


Saurabh, a former Interactor from our Club, son of Ann Malabika & PP Indrajee Sengupta, was wedded to Priya, elder daughter of Late Prakash Shukla and Mrs. Asha Shukla, on March 12, 2010 at Kanker, in Bastar district of Chattisgarh. While Priya is training to be a Corporate Trainer, Saurabh has joined Hewitt Associates, a leading MNC specializing in HR, at Mumbai as In Charge of their Western India Geography. We wish both Priya & Saurabh a long and happy married life, and congratulate the proud parents.

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Tavinder & Rtn. J.S. Chopra  March 24

### Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Ritu Singal  March 22  
Rtn. Rajeev Aggarwal March 23  
Rtn. Rajneesh Ahuja March 23  
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