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Chief Guest: Justice K.S. Garewal

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Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

## Living in a Risk Society



Dr. Sherry Sabharwal talks about Risk everywhere

Dr. Balram Gupta as former Chairperson of Department of Sociology, Panjab University. She is author of number of books.

Dr. Sabharwal clarified that Risk Society is a technical term from a Sociologist's point of view. She said, "When we talk of modern society, we talk of medical, infrastructural and technological advancements and in spite of all this we are facing more and more risks every day." She added, "On one hand we have a list of our accomplishments to make our lives better and on the other hand we are facing new risks."

Risk Society is nothing but our own perception. Different people view the risk as per their understanding. Dr. Sabharwal gave the views of two renowned sociologists. One is Ulrich Beck, a German sociologist who holds a professorship at Munich University and at the London School of Economics.

The other person is Anthony Giddens, a British sociologist, who is considered to be one of the most

The Chief Guest of our club meeting on April 09, 2010, Prof. Dr. Ms. Sherry Sabharwal, was introduced by PP Rtn.

prominent modern contributors in the field of sociology. According to Giddens, a risk society is a society increasingly preoccupied with the future and also with safety, which generates the notion of risk. The German sociologist Ulrich Beck defines it as a systematic way of dealing with hazards & insecurities induced by modernisation itself.

Modern societies, however, are exposed to risks such as pollution, newly discovered illnesses, crime, that are the result of the modernization process itself. Giddens defines these two types of risks as external risks and manufactured risks. Giddens's concept of a risk society is very positive. There is no question of merely taking a negative attitude towards risk, which needs to be disciplined, but active risk taking is a core element of a dynamic economic and an innovative society.

Dr. Sabharwal concluded that we are better at facing the risks, with an attitude of what ever has to happen will happen, or as we say in Punjabi, "Ki farak penda hai." The talk generated an interesting interactive discussion with the Rotarians. Formal vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. Atul Grover who thanked Dr. Sabharwal for making the subject so interesting and thought provoking.

The meeting on April 09, 2010 was presided by Vice President Rtn. Arjan Singh in the absence of President Gurdip S. Deep. So, the risk is everywhere, on the field and even in the VIP balconies! The Mumbai Indians took the risk of playing the last match at Mohali, and to the delight of us all, Kings XI Punjab beat them in an exciting IPL T20!



*Birthday boys PE, Rtn. R.K. Luther, Rtn. Maharaj Baksh Singh and Rtn. R.P.S. Gulati get gifts from Dr. Sherry Sabharwal*



PP Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill gets wedding anniversary gift for R'ann Harpreet & himself from Dr. Sherry Sabharwal

Rtn. Atul Grover presents a memento to Dr. Sherry Sabharwal

PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta not only introduced Dr. Sherry Sabharwal, but also got the punctuality award from her

### Thanks Very Much

My sincere thanks to PP Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill for editing the bulletin Nos. 40 & 41, while I & Indu were away to Gangtok and Darjeeling, where our wonderful hosts were GOC, 17 Mountain Division, Maj. Gen. R.S. Chopra & Renu (Indu's sister). We had an enjoyable holiday in both the cities, known for being cool and charming places, so neat and clean, with natural beauty, attracting tourists from all over the world. Gangtok is the capital of Sikkim and Darjeeling in West Bengal, is also known as city for 'Tea, Timber and Tourism'. Another feature of these two cities are; Gangtok is the home town of Ann Lovy Peter and IPP Saroj Jhawar is from Darjeeling!

--- PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, Editor

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## RI President's Monthly Message: April is Magazine Month

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That is why a subscription to either The Rotarian or one of the regional magazines is mandatory for all Rotary club members. These publications bring us news of other clubs and districts, offer ideas for our own projects, and help us feel a greater bond with our fellow Rotarians. And the RI-mandated content printed in each issue creates a direct connection between our headquarters in Evanston and every Rotarian, everywhere in the world.

Your experience at this moment – of simply reading this message in a Rotary publication – is one that is common to every one of your fellow Rotarians, wherever they may be. RI-mandated content is consistent in every publication. It is a single, shared message – a single, shared experience. That is invaluable and irreplaceable.

When I sit down to write a monthly president's message, destined for the pages of all of Rotary's magazines, I know that I have an opportunity that will come only once a month, for only the one year that I will be in office. It is an opportunity to speak directly, in my own words, to every one of our 1.2 million members. No matter how much I travel, or how often I speak, or how hard I work to bring my message to clubs and districts, nothing I can do will have the reach of the 400 words I am privileged to put on this page. Because I know that every Rotary magazine, everywhere in the world, carries forth that message just as I wrote it, or in its own local language.

I value that opportunity tremendously, as I value the publications that make it possible. April is Magazine Month, a good time to consider how this important member benefit can help your club's service efforts and to share the useful information in its pages with others.



John Kenny  
President, Rotary International

## Congratulations

Our hearty congratulations and good wishes to Rtn. S.P. Babuta who has been nominated to Vision & Perspective Planning Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. We wish him all the success and great achievements in his profession.

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## Youngest Rotarian of Chandigarh Midtown



PP T.S. Anand inducts Karanjeet Singh Arora as a Rotarian you would be getting as much

On April 09, 2010 Karanjeet Singh Arora was inducted as a Rotarian by PP Rtn. T.S. Anand, who assured him that, "This club would give you lot of friendship and pleasure, and I hope you would be getting as much

club as we have got. I wish you good luck."

Karan was introduced by PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra as a young man with a philanthropic mind set. After doing MBA, Karan joined his father's hotel business, owning hotels at Mumbai, Shimla and the latest one is under construction at Zirakpur. He also owns a triple storey retail shop in sector 17, Chandigarh. Just 26 years old, Karan is the youngest Rotarian of Chandigarh Midtown! Welcome Rtn. Karan, and we wish you an outstanding, meaningful and a life long Rotary innings.

## Know Your New Fellow Rotarian

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### Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Brij Mohan Gulati  
Rtn. Kanan Diwan



April 18  
April 20

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Gurpreet & Rtn. Jagpreet Chadha



April 18

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