

"Kashmir - Time to Abrogate Article 370?"

Guest Speaker : Mr. P. C. Dogra, I.P.S. (Retd.), Former D.G.P. Punjab

Friday, September 03, 2010

Time : 7:00 P.M.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

2 PRIP's , 2 PDG's, the DG and 22 Midtowners visit WCS MG 71129 Project for Rain Water Harvesting

A Photo Feature

Next Pit Stop: Government Model Senior Secondary School,
Sector 47 D, Chandigarh



Nitin on Telecom Today



Nitin Kanojia, who had been inducted into our Club on July 31, the day of the installation of President Prem Anand, having being loaned the Classification of "telecom Marketing Operation" as Head of Corporate Marketing of Bharti Airtel, was persuaded to deliver a classification talk on Telecom in today's World". Though he claimed to be a first-time public speaker, he did not appear nervous, and delivered a very interesting talk. Would he have been nervous had Sonika been present? He was introduced briefly by Secretary Deepak Sood, his mentor in Rotary, and his friend.

Speaking on the occasion, he said, that in the early days, telecom was perceived as 'voice connectivity'. The concept has dramatically changed to include video and Data transfer. This transformation he said, began in 1994 with the announcement of National Telecom Policy which allowed private Service Providers were allowed to introduce cellular services. Telecom has never looked back since then.

The few indicators he said, which indicated the gigantic

proportions of this market, were that there are 562 million users generating total revenue of ` 116500 crores. Of these 525 million use wireless telephony, while only 37 million use land based connectivity. However, the Indian talk time average is far greater than the world average.

Obviously therefore, mobility has become a way of life. Telecom now offers solutions for retailing, Bank ATM's, Logistic Applications, Travel Industry Applications, Video Conferencing Solutions, Document sharing and the like.

He cited several examples. The Chennai Municipal Corporation used telecom based solution for collection of property tax; the challenge lay in inadequate or incomplete information, which was overcome by real time feeding of information by door-to-door Zonal Tax Collectors, as well actual tax arrears collected. This has tremendously eased the tax collectors work for future tax collection, as well as instant issue of receipt for tax collected.

Similar telecom-based solution was offered to the Bangaluru Traffic Police for Traffic offenders. The department took a conscious decision to streamline the flow of information. A centralized system was introduced, which could be accessed by the authorities through "Blackberry". Thus there was an instant access to information of traffic offenders, differentiating between first-time and habitual offenders. This streamlined the activity of the Bangaluru Police.

Concluding his talk, Nitin said that the density of rural user was minimal, and most telecom companies are now concentrating in this area, which will transform the social fabric of the country.

Vinod Sobti proposed a crisp formal vote of thanks and presented Nitin with a memento on behalf of the Club.

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Lovy, Shaju are Maiden Major Donor from Club

Twenty Three attend TRF Intercity



Lovy and Assistant Rotary Coordinator Zone 4 and 6A PDG Shaju Peter became the first Major Donors from Chandigarh Midtown, and were felicitated at the Rotary Foundation Intercity held on Saturday, August 28, 2010 by Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, in presence of a packed auditorium, where more than 300 Members of RI District 3080 were present from 59 of the 75 Clubs in the district.

A major Donor is a person who has contributed US \$ 10,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation.

President Prem Anand became a Paul Harris Fellow from our Club, while Sergeant-At-Arms PP Indrajeet Sengupta became a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Further, having committed to give US \$100.00 to the Rotary Foundation every year, he becomes a Member of the Every Rotarian Every Year Society.

The Club's donation US \$ 30.00 for every Active Member of Chandigarh Midtown for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Challenge to "End Polio" was recognized and felicitated at the Intercity by Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

Ladakh Disaster Relief Fund

In an expected development, PRIP Raja Saboo stepped in to direct Relief Operations for the Disaster afflicted in Ladakh, following the August 6 cloudburst in Choglumsar.

He found that 5 Kg quilts are in short supply there, and has proposed that Clubs in the district donate these. Our club has taken up the challenge by committing to donate 150 quilts. The total cost of quilts is ` 73500.00. Till now, donations of ` 32800.00 have been received. In a fervent appeal by Sergeant-at-Arms PP Indrajeet Sengupta, additional donations have been received taking the total to ` 49900.00 We are still short by ` 23600.00 and appeal to the generosity of members to donate further.

PDG Shaju Peter	` 5000.00
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PP B. L. Ramsisaria	` 1000.00
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AG Dr. S. K. Sharma	` 1000.00
Dr. I. S. Dua	` 500.00
Amarjit Singh	` 500.00
Mrs. Deepa Bhar	` 500.00
V. K. Jawa	` 500.00

Club Assembly

The first well-attended Club Assembly was held on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at Hotel President, Sector 26, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh, hosted by Indu and President Prem Anand.

The decisions taken by the Assembly will be circulated by Secretary Deepak Sood separately to all members for their information and further suggestion for improvement.

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Midtowners beware, Ann's on the prowl!

The Ann's of the Cultural Events Committee are quietly planning a surprise for Midtowners on "Spouses Night". This event, meant exclusively for Rotarians and their spouses, is scheduled for Friday, September 10, 2010. There are a galore of prizes sponsored by former District First Lady, 2007-08 Lovy Peter for the daring Rotarians who take up the Challenge. PDG Shaju Peter will host a Cocktail to celebrate his standing first in the Diploma in French in Panjab University.

You are likely to hear individually from Committee Counselor Lovy Peter and Chair Malabika Sengupta.

So fasten your seat belts!

Medical Aid Camp on September 7 and 14

Former First Lady of District during 1995-96, Past District Chairman of Inner Wheel, and now Rotarian Director Community Service of our Club, Mrs. Kanan Diwan, brings to this Club a repertoire of experience. She has motivated several Doctors of our Club, including Dr. Anureet Kaur, Dental Surgeon; Dr. Rita Kalra, Pediatrician; Dr. Nitin Mathur, ENT Specialist; Dr. Anurag Sharma, Cardiologist; not forgetting Col. Dr. V.K. Kapoor to participate in this camp at "Sikhia", the school exclusively for the economically weak. Members may recall that this school was the beneficiary of a Matching Grant Project in 2008-09 when Mrs. Saroj Jhavar was leading this Club for a battery of Computers and allied software.

Mrs. Diwan is looking for at least 2 General Physicians as well as medicines for this Camp. If you know one who is prepared to volunteer his/her services, or, any one who is agreeable to donate required medicines, please contact her on Cell No. 98050 22451 immediately.

BLR meets self imposed deadline

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors, PP B.L. Ramsisaria had promised to submit the "Roster of Filled and Unfilled Classification" to the Club before the end of August, the Membership Development Month. This he did on Friday last, There are 428 unfilled Classifications, creating ample scope for Membership Development.

We are sure that the Secretary will circulate this among Members soon!

Donation for Club Projects

We are grateful to Vijay Kumar Gupta for his generous donation of ₹ 2100.00 towards club projects to celebrate his birthday.

Greetings

Birthday of Rotarian Spouse

Dr. Sanjay Kalra  September 08

Birthday of Rotary Ann's

Beena Aggarwal September 04

Parveen  September 05

Vanita (Veena) September 06

Birthday of Rotarians

Jagvinder Singh Bawa September 03

PP Harish C. Sethi  September 04

Chitranjan Aggarwal September 06

Wedding Anniversary

Lovy & PDG Shaju Peter  September 07

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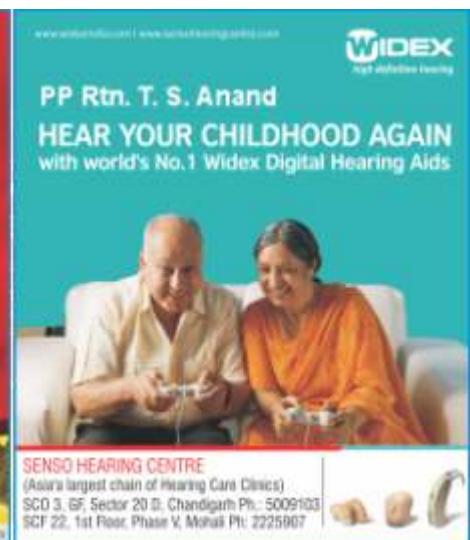
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