

# The Midtowner

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## PROGRAMME District Conference



**Please note  
change in time,  
date and venue**

Jointly hosted by Rotary Clubs of Chandigarh, SAS Nagar, Panchkula and Kharar

*RI President Sakuji Tanaka's Representative:* Past RI Director Dr. Monty Audenart

*Chief Guest:* Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Minister for Law & Justice, Govt. of India

*Other Dignitaries:* Justice J.S. Verma, Dr. S.Y. Qureshi, Dr. Sardar Anjum and Swami Chidanand Saraswati

*Cultural:* An evening with world renowned Punjabi Singer Harbhajan Mann

Saturday-Sunday, February 23-24, 2013

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Venue: Indradhanush Auditorium, Sector 5, Panchkula

### *Padma Bhushan Dr. Sardar Anjum... And his Shairee*

In the club meeting on February 15, 2013, President Ritu Singal welcomed the Chief Guest, Padma Bhushan Dr. Sardar Anjum, a very well renowned poet, with her 'Thought on Peace', "Create peace by realizing the human potential to fight all odds and hardships." She also recited a couplet, "Shakh se jo toot jaye wo pattian nahi hum, aandhiyon se keh do apni aukat main rahe."



*Dr. Sardar Anjum*

It was exactly three years and one month ago on January 15, 2010, when Dr. Sardar Anjum was our Chief Guest and was introduced by then President Gurdip S. Deep, and this time it was again Gurdip as Past President, to introduce him and welcome his wife, Mrs. Gulsher Anjum. He said, "His daughter Surkhab was not able to come, but she too writes beautifully." He added, "Dr. Anjum is an Indian poet, a true Punjabi and a

philosopher. He is the author of 27 books, and has many audio cassettes of his poems." Dr. Anjum had served Punjab University as Head of Urdu Department and has been Chancellor's nominee at Punjabi University Patiala. He is a symbol of creativity, deep social commitment, robust national feeling with global outlook, a great strength for excellent presentation of ideas. He has played a key role through his poetry and serial 'Goongi Tarikh' in sublimating the unsaid agony of the Punjabis and their feelings. His feature film, 'Karzdar' is a great venture to bring India and Pakistan closer in bonds of dignified and diligent cultural and emotional affinity. He has written stories and songs for many movies. He received Padam Shri Award in 1991, Padma Bhushan Award in 2005, the Millennium Peace Award, Punjab Ratan award and 19 well

deserved state awards.

In his address to Rotarians, Dr. Anjum said he is thankful to our club for giving him the opportunity to talk about what he would be sharing in the District Conference on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Commenting on President Ritu's couplet, he was reminded of his performance in USA, and recited his famous couplet, "Khuda bachaye suna hai ye sarphira Anjum, Chirag ban ke hawa se hisab mange hai." Defending himself against a comment from an American that this is a paradox couplet, Dr. Anjum said, "Storm is a destructive force and as diya (oil lamp) I challenge storm to put me off." He remarked, "That is what we Punjabis are!"

Talking about Rotarians, he commented, "I feel God is also Rotarian. God had made this universe for the good of human beings, and what Rotarians are doing, is what God wants us to do." He added, "One has to think positively in life, and that is what you Rotarians do." He said, "Unfortunately we have not understood God in true sense. Do you ever think that the systems we see around us are the creations of Creator of this



*Rtn. Deepa Bhar presents a token of appreciation to Dr. Sardar Anjum*

universe?" Dr. Anjum explained, "The systems were already there, and those who claim that they invented these, should not feel proud of their inventions because they have not invented

ho." Talking about his visit to Pakistan he said, "Dilon ki roshni ban ker, mohabat ki zabaan le ker, tumhari sar zameen per aayen hein, Hindustan le ker." He then recited another couplet, "Paas



Dr. Sardar Anjum presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Brij Bala & Rtn. M.K. Handa



Dr. Sardar Anjum presents birthday gift to R'ann Shashi Gupta



Dr. Sardar Anjum presents birthday gift to R'ann Shradha Sachdeva. Looking on is Secretary A.K. Puri



Dr. Sardar Anjum presents punctuality award to Rtn. O.P. Malik. Looking on is President Ritu Singal

anything. They have discovered what was already there!"

Anjum pleaded, "Think of our Eternal Lover, the Power that be." He said whenever we go to a temple, it is only with some demands, for which Anjum says on behalf of God, "Kabhi to aa mere khathar, jaroorthon se na aa, tu mere samne muskil ki surat me na ha."

Dr. Anjum says he does not believe in death and his justification is, "Alvida darhkanon ko tab kahna, jab Khuda ko teri jaroorat

paas bethein hain, phir bhi doori hai, aa mil jul kar samjein kya majburi hai."

Dr. Anjum concluded, "What is Rotary? To understand life with human values. Whenever I come here I feel honoured that I am meeting myself. All of you are part of me."

Formal vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. Deepa Bhar. She said Dr. Sardar Anjum is a great personality, and it is a pleasure to meet him, and thanked him for his wonderful talk.

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## District Conference "Ijlaas-e-Aman: Conference of Peace" on February 23-24, 2013

PDG Shaju Peter said, "It is time once again for the District Conference, an annual assembly of Rotarians and their families from all over the Rotary District from states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Uttarkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Chandigarh. We are expecting around 1000 Rotarians at Indradhanush Auditorium, Panchkula on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February." He added, "This is going to be one of the best conferences that we had in recent past." The Chief Guest will be Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Minister for Law &

Justice, Govt. of India. There would also be eminent speakers and dignitaries; Justice J.S. Verma, Dr. S.Y. Qureshi, Dr. Sardar Anjum and Swami Chidanand Saraswati and cultural entertainment will be the Harbhajan Mann Night.

Past RI Director Dr. Monty Audenart of Rotary District 5360 will be RI President Sakuji Tanaka's Representative for the District Conference.

### Rotary Golf Tournament

Rotary Club Panchkula team comprising of Dr. Gopal Munjal, Dr. Shobhit Ghai, Shiv Kumar Gupta and Hitesh Arora won the Team Championship in the District Rotary Golf Tournament held at Chandigarh golf club on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2013. In the 9 hole competition P.K. Verma from our Club was the Nett Winner. Congratulations P.K. Keep it up! Harish Sethi, T.L Verma, Santosh Khaitan & Daulat Ram Agarwal represented our club in the Team Championship. Sandeep Sandhu, A.K. Sachdeva and Vijay Gupta, who were to be part of our team could not

participate, which really made a difference.

Around 50 golfers from 4 Rotary clubs in Chandigarh, Rotary Club Ambala, Shimla and Roorkee took part in the tournament. This year Dr. G.S. Kochhar is District Golf Chair and tournament was hosted by Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik. DG Manmohan Singh was the Chief Guest and gave away the prizes. He said holding Golf tournaments is one of the best ways to encourage fellowship amongst Rotarians and their families.

### Hosts wanted for foreign participants of Polio NID

A Polio NID from USA and other countries will be visiting Chandigarh District 3080 for participating in Polio NID from 23<sup>rd</sup> afternoon to 17<sup>th</sup> morning. District Governor Manmohan Singh is seeking minimum 3-4 hosts from each club in the tricity to host the participants.

### Basant Panchmi celebrated with our Interact Clubs



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Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown and Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown celebrated Basant Panchmi in a very unique manner. President Rtn. Ritu Singal along with her team organized a picnic in campus of Sikhya School in Sector 46, Chandigarh, where Interact Club of SOREM School (for Special Children), Sector 36, Chandigarh and Interact Club of Sikhya School participated. Rotaract buddies of Sorem and Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown organized and played games & quiz with them. Several prizes were won. All children had workshop on aerobics and dancing, followed by talk on First Aid by Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra.

Lunch was sponsored by Dr. Rita Kalra and served very patiently by all Rotarians who decided to spend time towards

social Rehabilitation of special children and their buddies from Sikhiya. Return gifts were sponsored by PE Deepak Sood, fruits by President Ritu Singal and Secretary Ashok Puri, fruit juice by Rtn. Kanan Diwan, halwa by Inner Wheel Club, snacks by PP Vinod Jawa and chocolates by PPPallav Mukherjee.

Sukriti, Kanika, Amandeep and Harish from Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown, President Ritu Singal, Secretary Ashok Puri & R'ann Sudha Puri, PP Capt. M.S. Kahlon, IPP R.K. Luther, PP Pallav Mukherjee, Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor, PP Vinod Jawa and Rtn Dr Rita Kalra participated in this event.

Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown was represented by Past Presidents Mrs. Jatinder Rai, Mrs. Uma Gupta, Mrs. Asha Gupta and her daughter in law Malika.

### International Service

Director International Service Rtn. Arjan Singh made two announcements. He said, "The first one pertains to Rotary Club of Wollaton Park, England, who have requested us for a joint project in the remote areas of Nepal where they have adopted a village for many years." He added, "Last week PP Mohan Khera (former Rotarian of our club) of Wollaton Park was in Chandigarh and it was decided by President Ritu and our board that our club would participate in this project by

making a contribution of \$ 2000." It will be a WCS project with matching grant from RI.

The second announcement was regarding the hosting of five members of GSE team which has already arrived in our District, who would be with us from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March, and would be hosted by PP Harish Sethi, PP Dr. Vanita Gupta, Rtn. Rita Kalra, Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi and PE Deepak Sood.

### Wanted doctors for Medical Mission

Rotary District 3080 is holding a Mega Medical Mission (RAHAT-4) at Sikar, Rajasthan (Near Salasar) under the guidance of PRIP Rtn. Rajendra K. Saboo and Usha Ji, from 4<sup>th</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013. The team will leave Chandigarh on 4<sup>th</sup> March and return to Chandigarh on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

and Eye specialists. Rotarian doctors who are willing to be a part of this prestigious Medical Mission should immediately inform Medical Mission Coordinator, PDG Chetan Aggarwal (M: 94170 23277), so that the Air Tickets can be reserved.

All the expenses including travel, lodging and boarding for the doctors shall be borne by Rotary.

There is a need of Gynecologists, ENT Specialists, Urologist

### Microloan

Rtn. Arjan Singh reports that one more microloan of Rs.25,000/- has been sanctioned to Mohammad Imran of Sector 29. Imran will use the money to upgrade his shop in Daria village. In addition to repairing mobile phones he will now also sell mobiles.

### Acknowledgment with thanks

#### Donations for Club Projects:

R'ann Saroj & Rtn. Santosh K. Khaitan  
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#### Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Shradha Sachdeva

February 28

#### Birthday of Rotarians

PP Rtn. Sandeep Sandhu  
PP Rtn. Col. A.J.S. Gill

February 26  
February 29



#### Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Mira & PP Rtn. J.L. Mahajan  
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