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PROGRAMME

Installation of President and Team 2013-14 of
 Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown and
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Friday, August 23, 2013

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Independence Day Celebrations with Special Children

Wide Media Coverage!

CHANDIGARH Tribune

CHANDIGARH | SUNDAY | 18 | AUGUST 2013

Rotary Club celebrates I-Day with special kids

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 17
 This Independence Day, the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown, Part of Rotary International, world's first service club organisation, and the

Prayaas Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped Children, a unit of the Indian Council for Child Welfare, Chandigarh, joined hands to celebrate the event with special children. The event was conducted at Bal Bhawan, Sector 23,

Chandigarh. Flag hoisting was done by chief guest Surinder Singh, Organising Secretary, Bal Bhawan, and Deepak Sood, President Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown. People from all walks of life were invited to join the

hosts in celebrating and sharing this colourful moment. Around 50 enthusiastic children participated in creative events like painting competition, Rakhi-making competition, fancy dress competition and singing competition.

Times of India
15 August 2013

The Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown will organise a programme for special children on Independence Day. The programme, aimed at making such children self-reliant, will include creative events like a painting competition, rakhi making competition, and a fancy dress competition.

HT Chandigarh
17 August 2013

Rotary club of Chandigarh midtown and Prayaas Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped Children celebrated Independence Day with differently abled children at Bal Bhawan. People from all walks of life joined the flag hoisting where various competitions such as painting, rakhi making, fancy dress, singing etc were also organised.

Chandigarh Bhaskar
17 August 2013

ग्रीटिंग कार्ड बनाएंगे

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Indian Express
17 August 2013

Celebrating independence with special children

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 16

THE Rotary Club of Chandigarh midtown and Prayaas Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped Children (RCHC), a unit of Indian Council For Child Welfare (ICCW), Chandigarh, joined hands to celebrate the Independence Day with special kids at Bal Bhawan in Sector 23 on Thursday.

The flag hoisting was done by chief guest Surinder Singh, Organising Secretary, Bal Bhawan and Deepak Sood, President Rotary Club of Chandigarh midtown. The key objective behind the event was to encourage kids with special needs to become self determined as they grow up. Around 50 enthusiastic children participated in events like painting competition, rakhi-making, fancy-dress and singing competition.

Deepak Sood, President Rotary Club of Chandigarh midtown announced, "This Independence Day is a beginning of our association with special kids. To make their lives independent, we shall soon be setting up a 'Greetings card designing unit' at Prayaas RCHC in Sector 38."



Flag Hoisting by Mr. Surinder Singh and President Deepak Sood



Tree plantation by Rotarians and staff of Bal Bhawan



The event started with Flag Hoisting by Mr. Surinder Singh, Organizing Secretary, Bal Bhawan and President Rtn. Deepak Sood. To promote green and clean environment,



Confident and talented kids giving amazing performances. Specially abled and others, they are our bright future

more than 20 trees were also planted in Bal Bhawan. In his welcome address Mr. Surinder Singh appreciated the efforts made by President Deepak Sood and other Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown for celebrating Independence Day in a special manner.

The key objective was to inspire the special children of Prayaas and to make them feel as normal as other children from Bal Bhawan, who also participated in this event. The parents were also there to support and motivate their kids.



Rakhi making competition



Painting competition

The awards were announced by Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra. The judges for Rakhi making competition were R'ann Lovy Peter, R'ann Indu Vohra and R'ann Pushpa Jawa. For painting competition we had sisters from Mother Teresa Home as judges. Fancy dress competition was judged by First Lady R'ann Purnima Sood, R'ann Ranjana Tulsi and Ms. Devinder Kaur.

In his address President Deepak Sood said, "This Independence Day is a humble beginning of our long term association with Special Kids. To give a meaningful expression to their thoughts,

and make their lives vibrant and independent, we shall soon be setting up a 'Greetings card designing unit' at Prayaas, Sector 38, Chandigarh, where such selective group of talented kids will design cards for



Jaideep Bandhu presents an award to a tiny little 'angel'



President Deepak Sood presents an award to a talented and confident boy



Awardees with PDG Shaju Peter, President Deepak Sood, PP B.L. Ramsisaria, Jaideep Bandhu, Dr. Raj Kumar Gupta, Jai Bhagwan and Surinder Singh

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First Lady R'ann Purnima Sood presents mementoes to (L-R:) Jaideep Bandhu, Surinder Singh, Dr. Raj Kumar Gupta and ADO Jai Bhagwan



A helping hand from President Elect R.T.P.S. Tulsi being acknowledged by President Deepak



Surinder Singh presents a token of appreciation to President Deepak Sood



President Deepak Sood presents birthday gift to R'ann Renu Chopra. Looking on is Rtn. Salil Chopra

Know your project Aasra Shelter

Aasra shelter, a prestigious project of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, has given relief to the attendants of hundreds of patients of Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh.

This Rs. 15 lakh project was completed within scheduled time in Rotary year 2008-2009 when it was inaugurated by then Governor of Punjab and Administrator UT Chandigarh Gen. S.F. Rodrigues PVSM, VSM (Retd) on June 30, 2009, the last day of Rotary year 2008-09, when Rtn. Mrs. Saroj Jhawar was the President of our club.

Aasra project is now adequately equipped through the tireless efforts of our Rotarians, though there is scope for upgrading it further. It also has a reasonably good canteen for the attendants of the patients at very nominal rates.

PRIP Raja Saboo, PRIP Kalyan Banerjee, PRID (now choice for RI President 2015-16) K.R. Ravindran and PRID Yash Das, are among the dignitaries who have visited our Aasra project and expressed immense appreciation for such a unique project.

Blood Donation camp and 'Save The Girl Child' campaign



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President Deepak Sood, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur and Secretary Dr. Rita Kalra launch 'Save The Girl Child' campaign

The first Blood donation camp of the current Rotary year was organized by Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Midtown on 14th August 2013 at Student Centre, opp. Law Dept., Panjab University. PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta, Project Director, State AIDS Control Society, Chandigarh, arranged inspiring singers to encourage youngsters to donate blood to give the gift of life.

All blood donors were given a glass of juice, fresh fruits and snacks, besides an attractive clock. 43 units of blood were collected by a team of doctors from Govt. Medical College & Hospital (GMCH), Sector 32, Chandigarh.

An extremely meaningful awareness campaign, 'Save The Girl Child' was also launched on this occasion for a happy and dignified life of the girl child in our country. This campaign has been highlighted to sensitise and ensure a better and secured future for the girl child.

On behalf of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, President Rtn. Deepak Sood, Secretary Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, PP Rtn. Ajit Gulati, PP Rtn. V.K. Jawa, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh, Rtn. Salil Bali and Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur, actively participated in the overall management of the event. Rtn. Kanan Diwan provided juice for blood donors.

The Rotaractors thanked the blood donors and all concerned for their valuable contribution and for making the event a grand success.

Acknowledgment with thanks

Juice for blood donors:

Rtn. Kanan Diwan

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Malabika Sengupta

R'ann Kund Bala Goyal

August 26

August 28

Birthday of Rotarians

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August 23

August 25

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