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Volume XXXIX No. 24 Dated: December 09, 2014
PROGRAMME

Humour for Joy
Chief Guest: Dr. Shyam Sunder Moudgil
Director, Haryana Sahitya Academy

Friday, December 12, 2014

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

RYLA VISHESH 2014

On December 06, 2014 our club organized RYLA VISHESH for disabled youth at SOREM, Sector 36, Chandigarh. We had the gracious presence of District Governor Col. Dilip Patnaik as Chief Guest and the first lady of RI District 3080 Dr. Taposhi. Other dignitaries included Maj. Gen. Rajinder Nath, Chairman of Blind Institute, Dr. J.S. Saini, Professor & Head and Dean National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, PDG Yoginder Diwan, AG Manmohan Manchanda, Rotarians from Shimla – Kapil Sood and Rajiv Sood. President R.T.P.S. Tulsi acknowledged their presence for this special event.

was established, with support from all over.

VP Dr. Rita Kalra gave an impressive introduction of DG Col. Patnaik.

DG Col. Patnaik expressed immense happiness for the RYLA VISHESH being organized by our club and he congratulated all Rotarians who were involved in RYLA for disabled youth. He expressed his desire that all disabled persons throughout the world should experience the concern as it was done in this event! For taking the responsibility of this event, Col. Patnaik thanked



Band played in the honour of District Governor Col. Dilip Patnaik by students of Blind Institute, Chandigarh. After acknowledging the smart salute, the DG and first lady of the District Dr. Taposhi congratulate the band master for the amazing performance



District Sergeant-at-Arms PP Rtn. Prem Anand collars DG Rtn. Col. Dilip Patnaik and President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi. Looking is Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali

Floral welcome to District Governor Col. Patnaik by our Vice President Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, and to Rtn. Dr. Taposhi by our club's first lady R'ann Ranjana Tulsi

President Tulsi stressed on the fact that it is necessary for normal persons to get sensitized towards the need of disabled persons. There should be no kind prejudice against them. Lot needs to be done for their cause.

Mrs. Promila Chandra Mohan gave a brief account of how SOREM

President Tulsi, Secretary Salil Bali, and the RYLA Vishesh organizing committee members; Counsellor PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, PDG Shaju Peter (District Trainer), organizing chairman IPP Deepak Sood, organizing secretary Dr. Rita Kalra and the chairperson of Registration PP Prem Anand. He also expressed his

great appreciations for persons like Mrs. Chandra Mohan and Maj. Gen. Rajinder Nath who have been doing yeoman service for the disabled persons.

The concept of RYLA VISHESH was explained by PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra who has been empowering the disabled persons for last 41 years by providing artificial limbs and other facilities. Persons with disabilities make up an estimated 15 per cent of the world's population. Globally, they encounter many disadvantages in their societies and are often subjected to stigma and discrimination. They are largely excluded from civil and political processes and are overwhelmingly voiceless in matters that affect them. In India there are 2.68 crore persons with disabilities. The Govt. has number of schemes and regulations like Persons with Disability Act since 1995, but still there is lack of sensitization. Whatever empowerment we see in the persons with disabilities is their own personal efforts. Rotary is aware of these difficulties being faced by disabled persons. The initiative taken by our club in holding RYLA VISHESH is part of many disability issues taken up on Rotary platform. Our club is committed to the cause of the disabled, and we look forward to the responsibility of Special RYLA every year!

For RYLA VISHESH we had counselling sessions by the experts, like Mrs. Sumedha Singh, to improve the communication skills of our very special participants, develop their inter personal



National Anthem – R'ann Purnima Sood, R'ann Indu Anand, PP Prem Anand and the staff of SOREM



Lighting of lamp by DG Col. Patnaik, Maj. Gen. Rajinder Nath and PDG Yoginder Diwan



Keynote address by DG Col. Dilip Patnaik



PDG Shaju Peter presents a memento to DG Col. Patnaik



Our leader - President R.T.P.S. Tuli



RYLA VISHESH - Concept – PP Dr. V J S Vohra



SOREM - success story – Mrs. Chandra Mohan



Introduction of DG – VP Dr. Rita Kalra



Expression of gratitude - IPP Deepak Sood

relationships, building self confidence, learn fundamental & ethics of positive leadership and problem solving. The result at the end of the program ensured that over 125 participants, the young disabled persons coming from Blind Institute, Vatika School, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, our two RCCs (comprising of disabled persons), went back to their homes, schools and communities motivated, and fully inspired to take on additional leadership roles and to find ways to project themselves

as useful, self-supporting and responsible citizens of their country.

Formal vote of thanks was proposed by organizing chairman IPP Rtn. Deepak Sood, who expressed deep gratitude to DG Rtn. Col. Dilip Patnaik for giving our club the opportunity to hold RYLA for disabled young persons. He also thanked RYLA District Counsellor IPPDG Rtn. Rakesh Aggarwal and RYLA District Chair PP Rtn. Sandeep Luthra. He also expressed thanks to all the members of the organizing team; PDG Shaju Peter, PP Rtn. Dr.

Rtn. Vinod Sobti

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PP Rtn. T.S. Anand

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V.J.S. Vohra, President Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi, Secretary Rtn. Salil Bali, VP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra for working day & night, Director Community Service Rtn. Ashok Puri, Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. Rekha Sawhney and Rtn. Sundeeep Sawhney. He also thanked the faculty members including Mrs. Sumedha Singh.

On behalf of our club, IPP Deepak expressed special thanks to Mrs. Promila Chandra Mohan for providing a wonderful venue and the staff of SOREM for all the support. He also thanked all the organizations for sending these special children to participate in RYLA VISHESH, to make the event a grand success.



Special children showing great talent in all the RYLA events



PDG Yoginder Diwan is delighted to distribute prizes to special children of RYLA VISHESH. Sense of achievement can be seen on the happy faces of all participants and winners of the events, which has given great satisfaction to all those who have been associated with this special program

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B.L. Ramsisaria honoured with Service Above Self Award



DG Col. Patnaik presents token of appreciation to PP B.L. Ramsisaria

Our senior most Past President Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria has been conferred the highest award of Rotary International, the **SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD** for the year 2014-15. The formal presentation will take place at the District Conference scheduled for February 20 through 22, 2015 at IMA, Dehradun.

The Rotary International Service Above Self Award, instituted in

1991 by RI Board of Directors, is an internationally competitive award granted to a maximum of 150 Rotarians per year who truly exemplify the motto of 'Service Above Self'. This year RI had received 384 nominations from all across the Rotary world.

Our member, late Rtn. Suraj Handa was the first recipient of this Award from our District.

During the RYLA Vishesh function DG Col. Dilip Patnaik congratulated PP B.L. Ramsisaria for getting the prestigious Service Above Self Award.

Our heartiest congratulations to PP B.L. Ramsisaria! We are proud of you.

PDG Shaju at 3090 TRF Seminar as Chief Guest

TRF Seminar of RI District 3090 held at Singla Palace Dhuri on Sunday, November 23, 2014 had ARRFC PDG Shaju Peter as the Chief Guest. Invited by District Governor Pardeep Chehal, Shaju was given a warm welcome by past governors of the District and other Rotarians among whom was DRFC Chair PDG Amjad Ali. Attended by more than 200 Rotarians of the District the Seminar was meticulously organized by AG Dr. Ramesh Sharma, President Rajnish Garg and members of the Rotary Club of Dhuri. Shaju was introduced to the audience by PDG S.R. Pasey.

In his keynote address Shaju complimented District Governor for the TRF contribution thus far of over US\$ 20,000 and asked the Rotarians to reach the target of US\$ 100,000 set for the year. Shaju

Acknowledgement with thanks

Donations for RYLA VISHESH for Disabled Youth:

Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor Rs. 1000/-
Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra Rs. 500/-

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Lalita Agarwal December 13
R'ann Pushpa Jawa December 15
R'ann Ranjana Tulsi December 17
R'ann Ritu Bhatia December 17
R'ann Kiran Sharma December 17



ARRFC PDG Shaju Peter addressing the Rotarians of RI District 3090



A passage from the Bhagwad Gita cast in pure silver as a memento to the Chief Guest

also spoke about 'Every Rotarian Every Year'

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Karanjeet Singh Arora December 12

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Amardeep & Rtn. Maj. Gen. Hardev Singh December 12
R'ann Nita & Rtn. M.S. Manaktala December 12
R'ann Meena & Rtn. Rajesh Mahajan December 12
R'ann Manjit & Rtn. D.S. Kalsi December 13
R'ann Manmeet & Rtn. Karanjeet Singh Arora December 15

Please note birthday and anniversary gifts of last week will be given on 12th December 2014





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