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PROGRAMME

Women and Emotional Empowerment

A talk by:

Mrs. Aruti Nayar

Asstt. Editor, The Tribune Group of Newspapers

Date: **September 23, 2016 (Friday)**

Time: **7.00 p.m.**

Venue: **Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh**

The Crisis of Collegium System

Mr. Gurminder Singh, Senior Advocate was the chief guest in our regular meeting on September 16, 2016. There was an interesting panel discussion with the chief guest in conversation with PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta and PP Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi.

Number of students of PP Dr. Balram Gupta have addressed our club on many earlier occasions. Introducing the chief guest, Dr. Balram Gupta said, "Gurminder is one of those students who I can truly and fully acknowledge. I am proud of him." As a young lawyer he was very articulate and very persuasive in his arguments. Over the years he has matured so well. He was Additional Advocate General for many years, and the way he defended the Govt., there are very few who could do that. He is passionate of each matter he argues. Six years back he resigned from the post of Addl. Advocate General to start his private practice. Soon he was designated as senior advocate and got this recognition at a young age.

The other panelist, our own PP Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi did not need any introduction. A popular Rotarian, he is a well known leading lawyer.

Dr. Balram Gupta who anchored the discussion explained the crisis of the collegium system. On September 01, 2016 Justice Jasti Chelameswar of the Supreme Court refused to join the rest of the Collegium, very boldly raising the issue of lack of transparency in



*Chief Guest - Panelist
Mr. Gurminder Singh*



*Our own Panelists - leading Senior Advocates, Past Presidents
Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi and Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta*



the judiciary. This has led to deep crisis in the Indian judiciary which has its roots in the obsolete and undemocratic process of selection and appointment of judges to the higher courts. Justice Chelameswar has questioned the opaque system of Collegium where only judges select the judges, that too secretly, without any participative or consultation process. Justice Chelameswar's objection against Collegium, declared off the bench, provided an added legitimacy to his dissent expressed while on the bench. A revolt right from within, has a striking relevance, when the concern itself is regarding the obscurity in the process.



*Welcome greetings from
our President,
Rtn. Amarjit Singh*



*Vote of thanks by another
leading lawyer, our Vice
President, Rtn. Salil Bali*



PP Dr. Balram Gupta presents a memento to chief guest Mr. Gurminder Singh. Looking on are President Amarjit Singh, Vice President Salil Bali and PP R.T.P.S. Tulsi



Mr. Gurminder Singh presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Indu & PP Rtn. Prem Anand



Birthday celebrations of Rtn. Surjit Kumar and PP Rtn. Anil K. Mehan who gets the birthday gift from chief guest Mr. Gurminder Singh

Within the legal fraternity it is strongly debated that openness, accountability and transparency alone can ensure better judicial democracy.

Advocating transparency, Mr. Gurminder Singh said, "Selecting a High Court or a Supreme Court judge is a job which carries with it a great sense of responsibility, and there has to be a complete transparency from the outside for the common man."

PP R.T.P.S. Tulsi responded to the transparency issue with reference to the 1993 and the latest 2015 judgments, and the memorandum of procedure (MOP). He said, "There has to be accountability as well as transparency and the proceedings should be in writing. MOP which is in place since 1993 is not being followed." The judiciary wants to have the final say but it is argued that how could a judge be a judge for his own cause. To this Dr. Balram replied, "The political executives are at a liberty to choose their own ministers. If they can do that then what is the objection if judges choose the judges." Gurminder's democratic response was, "Those appointed as ministers are the ones who have been elected by the general public of India, but in the appointment of judges the public of India has no say at all."

Gurminder also talked about the Right to Information Act as Supreme Court applies it to other government, public and social establishments, then why RTI Act is not made applicable to the Apex court.

On behalf of our club Rtn. Salil Bali thanked the chief guest Mr. Gurminder Singh for sharing his words of wisdom regarding the Collegium system in India. Salil also acknowledged PP R.T.P.S Tulsi for his judicial activism and judicial accountability which is very close to his heart, who accepted that Gurminder said all that he wanted to say. Salil also thanked PP Dr. Balram Gupta for inviting 'Garry Paji', as Gurminder is fondly known in the High Court.



Mr. Gurminder Singh presents punctuality award to Rtn. Nitin Kapur. Looking on are President Amarjit Singh and PP Dr. Balram Gupta



As guest speaker at the regular meeting of Rotary Club City Beautiful on 15th September 2016, PP Gurdip S. Deep gave a talk on Corporate Social Responsibility



Wheel chair donated by Rtn. Kulbir Singh Bhatia being presented by him and Secretary Rtn. Sundeeep Singh Sawhney to Mrs. Promila Chandra Mohan, Honorary Secretary of SOREM

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Installation of Rotaract Clubs

Rotaract Club of Dev Samaj College for Women



At the installation ceremony of Rotaract Club of Dev Samaj College for Women Sector 45-B Chandigarh, Chief Guest District Rotaract Chair PP Rtn. H.S. Saggu and DRR Shubham Rattan addressed the Rotaractors. A beautiful cultural bonanza was presented by the Rotaractors. Rotarians congratulated the Rotaractors for their successful installation, which was in the presence of Principal Mrs. Pankaja Vashist and staff of the college Mrs. Tejinder Kaur, Mrs. Poonam and Mrs. Amarpreet Virk.

Rotarians present on the occasion were AG Rtn. Deepak Sood, Secretary Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney, Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri, PP Rtn. Vinod Jawa and Rtn. Kulbir Singh Bhatia.

Heartiest Congratulations to R'ann Ritu and Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia as their son, Siddharth has won the best picture award for college's weekly photography competition.

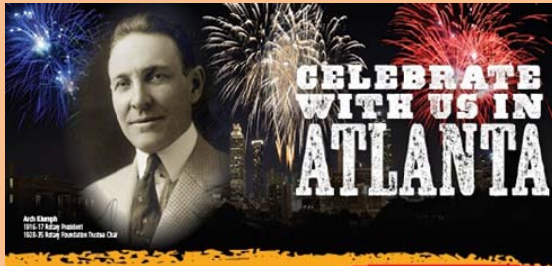
Rotaract Club of Vidya Jyoti



Chief Guest District Rotaract Chair PP Rtn. H.S. Saggu and Rtn. Dev Jeet Singh addressed the Installation ceremony of Rotaract Club of Vidya Jyoti, Derabassi. The Rotarians and guests congratulated all the Rotaractors for their successful installation.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Secretary, Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney. Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri was also present.

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World Literacy Day Celebrations



DG Raman Aneja and other Rotarians with students of the school

World Literacy Day was celebrated at DAV Police School, Panchkula on 8th September 2016 in collaboration with RI District 3080. DG Raman Aneja, accompanied by District First Lady Meenu, was the guest of honour. He explained the programs of Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) for making India 100 percent literate. He also talked about TEACH program of RILM.

DG Raman appreciated the efforts of President Rajiv Madaan and other Rotarians of Rotary Panchkula Midtown for organizing the event in the school premises. The DG also heartily complimented Rotary Chandigarh Midtown for installing of E-learning system in the school. AG Deepak Sood with R'ann Purnima Sood, Literacy Coordinator Dr. Rita Kalra, District Chief Editor Dr. V.J.S. Vohra and Addl. District Secretary Salil Bali participated in this event.

Heartiest congratulations to R'ann Manmeet and Rtn. Karanjeet Singh for being blessed with a baby boy on September 17, 2016.

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Won by Rtn. Nitin Kapur

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Urmil Luther September 23

Birthday of Rotarians

PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta September 26

Rtn. Arjan Singh September 28

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