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Happy Diwali



PROGRAMME

**Rotarians, R'anns, children and grandchildren
are requested to come and enjoy**

Diwali Celebrations

*May your Diwali be a rangoli of
lights brightening up your home
with happiness and prosperity*



Date: **October 28, 2016 (Friday)**

Time: **6.30 p.m.**

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

Understanding the Current National Security Challenges

In our regular meeting on October 21, 2016 Lt. Gen. K.J. Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Veteran), Former Army Commander was the chief guest. President Rtn. Amarjit Singh welcomed him and other guests, DRR Rtr. Shubham Rattan with other Rotaractors and Mr. Harmeet Ahuja, a prospective Rotarian.



Lt. Gen. K.J. Singh

The chief guest was formally introduced by PP Rtn. Dr. Balram K. Gupta. Lt. Gen K.J. Singh donned uniform for over 50 years (including training and schooling in Sainik School) besides 39 years of commissioned service. He is the former GOC-in-C of Western Command Chandimandir. He commanded an operationally committed Corps in North East, an Armoured Division in the Strike Corps, a T-90 Armoured Brigade and an elite Armoured Regiment, 63 Cavalry. Colonel of Seven Regiments,

he has attended the National Defence Course (where he was awarded Col Pyara Lal Medal), Higher Command course (where he was awarded Commandant's Medal) and Defence Services Staff Course. He has served in the Counter Insurgency areas, and also with United Nations Peace Keeping Force in Angola. He has been awarded Chief of Army Staff Commendation and UN Force Commanders Citation for bravery for his UN tenure. He was also awarded for his tenure in Nagaland and Manipur. Lt. Gen. K J. Singh was earlier awarded Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Bar to Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal. He held various important staff appointments, and was Assistant Military Secretary-Policy and Deputy Chief of Army Staff (DCOAS). A decorated soldier of highest order, he set up the first think tank in tricity – Gyan Chakra. He also organized the first Literary festival in July 2016 holding the Ranjit Singh Chair of Excellency. Highly educated, he completed his MSc and M.Phil in *defence studies* and Master in *strategic studies*. He also qualified for MBA.

Gen. K.J. Singh's talk revolved around India's demography; democracy; structural system of election commission, judiciary, armed forces, education and hydrology. He also pointed out that soft power of Yoga, Ayurveda and Bollywood are the strengths of national security.

Talking about Indo-Pak relations he said there have been many efforts

like 'Aman ki Asha' but these are not working out. He said capability building must carry on, stressing on its importance.

Talking about National security, it is a concept that a government, along with its parliaments, should protect the state and its citizens against all kind of national crises through a variety of power projections, such as political power, diplomacy, economic power, military might, and so on. Gen. K.J. Singh said 'so on' gives the flexibility to add newer elements and cultural power is one such element. Cyber and info are other domains. If the entire network of the country is crippled it will be brought to its knees.

The General discussed the strength and weaknesses of our country. India has projected its capability to the world that it can take care of its citizens within India, and also those Indians settled abroad.

Under security challenges the General also spoke about natural calamities and health issues. We have to be prepared as newer diseases



*Welcome address by
President Amarjit
Singh*



*Introduction of
chief guest by PP
Dr. Balram Gupta*



*Appeal for poor
lung cancer patient
by PP Harish Sethi*



President Amarjit Singh presents a memento to Lt. Gen. K.J. Singh. Looking on is Secretary Rtn. Sundeep Singh Sawhney

are coming up and we need security against these like preventive and curative medicines.

Lt. Gen. Singh also talked about the media who create sensation to achieve their TRP targets. If left to the TV channels there would be war everyday...! He said, "War is a very expensive proposition." We do not go to war just for joke sake. He said we are very tolerant people where all religions – Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Christians live together in peace and harmony, and take care of their families and business.

The General remarked that our country comprises of two parts, India and Bharat. Whereas India is progressing extremely well in all fronts, the other part Bharat is lagging behind.

He stated that he had given a detailed analysis of this subject in our meeting, "Because Rotarians are opinion makers. They are the people who share the opinion of this country, so they must be aware of these issues because this will lead to the progress of the country."

He appealed, "Rotarians must go to the border areas because people living there are suffering and we must hold their hands."



Rtn. Sundeeep S. Sawhney thanked Lt. Gen. K.J. Singh, a humble and a learned soldier, for his very interesting talk and explaining such a difficult issue in a simple manner. We hope to have him amongst us soon and learn more from him.



PDG Shaju Peter presents PHF recognition to RRR Rtr. Shubham Rattan



Lt. Gen. K.J. Singh presents birthday gift to R'ann Kadam Bhambri



Lt. Gen. K.J. Singh presents punctuality award to PP Pallav Mukherjee. Looking on is President Amarjit

World Polio Awareness Day



120 days Rally was flagged off from Rukhmani Devi Memorial Hall, Ambala Cantt on 24th October 2016 at 9.30 am

The Rally was flagged off by Mr. R.C. Mishra, IPS, ADGP Cum Commissioner Police, Ambala and Panchkula.

1200 students joined the Rally led by District Governor Raman Aneja, accompanied by PRID Yash Das, IPDG David Hilton, PDG Manpreet Singh Gandhoke and Addl. District Secretary Salil Bali (VP, Chandigarh Midtown).

Rotarians from all over the District, Rotaractors and Interactors also participated in the Rally. DRFC PDG Shaju Peter was also present on the occasion.

The Rally will visit the whole of District 3080 during the next 120 days and culminate at the District Conference at Karnal, scheduled to be held on 17-18 February 2017.

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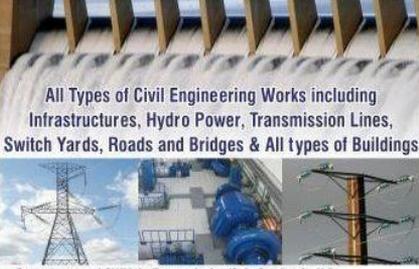
 

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PDG Shaju to serve as Vice Chair Resource Committee of Rotary Institute 2017

Incoming RI Director Bhasker Chockalingam has appointed PDG Shaju Peter as the Vice Chair of the Resource Committee of Rotary Institute 2017 of Zones 4, 5 and 6A scheduled at Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, December 01 through 03, 2017 according to a recent communication received.

Rotary Institute is a forum where past, present and incoming District

District 3080 Centennial Cricket Tournament

After winning 2 matches against Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik and Rotary Chandigarh Central, our 3rd match of the tournament was against Rotary Club of Baddi at Guru Nanak Public School, Sector 36-D, Chandigarh.

Rotary Chandigarh Midtown batted first after winning the toss. We got a brilliant start due to aggressive batting by our openers Rtn. Kulbir S. Bhatia and Rtr. Manish Kumar, and in the 7th over we were 70 for no loss...! We were 137 all out in the 20th over and most of our wickets fell due to well taken catches by Baddi fielders.

Our first 2 overs got us 2 Baddi wickets for just 5 runs. However, they reached their target in 17 overs for the loss of 4 wickets.

From Zone 2 Rotary Club Baddi have emerged the leaders and they would proceed further in the tournament. Our good wishes to them.

We were delighted to play all the 3 matches. It was an amazing fellowship and great sportsmanship to enjoy Rotary by participating in such a unique tournament for the cause of Rotary and the Rotary Foundation in its centennial year.

New Interact Club chartered



Rtn. Salil Chopra installs Mohit Joshi as President

On 17th October 2016 a new Interact Club at Govt. Model Senior Secondary School in Sector 15 Chandigarh was chartered.

The office bearers of this new Interact Club were installed by Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra. He also explained about the role of office bearers in the presence of the Vice Principal of the school who was happy to have an Interact Club in the school.

Rotary officers and senior leaders attend to share experiences, distill information, build connections and exchange ideas about the programmes of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation.

According to another communication just received, Shaju will be attending the first meeting of the organizing committee being convened in Chennai on November 15, 2016.

Swachhta campaign at Sector 32, Chandigarh



Our swachhta cum water saving campaign continues. This time it was on 19th October at Sector 32, Chandigarh by Director Community Service Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Salil Chopra and 7 Interactors led by Mohit and Kuldeep. This place in Sector 32 was most pathetic and unhygienic. Video was made to take up the matter with concerned authorities

Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences to Rtn. Rajesh Chopra on the sudden demise of his brother Mr. Raj Kumar Chopra on 18th October 2016.

Our heartfelt condolences to PDG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra on the sad demise of his youngest brother PP Rtn. Vinod Malhotra of Rotary Club of Panchkula.

May God give the families strength to bear their irreparable loss.

One minute silence was observed in our regular meeting on 21st October 2016 as mark of respect to the departed souls.

Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia

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End Polio Awareness Program



End Polio Awareness Program was held on 22.10.2016 at Govt Sr Sec School, Sector 19, Panchkula, presided by Vice President Rtn. Salil Bali who was accompanied by Rtn. Nitin Kapur.

Vice President Rtn. Salil Bali interacted with the students and made them aware about polio. Poster making competition was also organised in the school. Rtn Salil Bali

congratulated the students and teachers for organizing this on such a short notice. He thanked the school for showing great enthusiasm for polio awareness drive. Prize distribution ceremony was held and prizes were given to top 3 entries. Short film on polio awareness was shown to the students.

Principal of the school Mr. Mahendra Singh Chauhan thanked our club for the support.

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President Rtn. Amarjit Singh Rs. 2100/-
PP Rtn. R.K. Luther Rs. 2100/-
PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee Rs. 2100/-

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Lovy Peter November 02

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur Bhatti October 31
Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua November 02

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Hariti & Rtn. Chiranjiv Singh October 28
R'ann Aruna & Rtn. Ashok Agarwal November 01

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Won by PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee

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