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## PROGRAMME

### Installation of

**Rtn. Amarjit Singh as President  
and his Team for 2016-17**

*Chief Guest:*

**His Excellency Mr. Abdul Basit**  
High Commissioner of Pakistan to India

*Guest of Honour:*

**Mr. Ramesh Vinayak**  
Senior Resident Editor, The Hindustan Times



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Please note the  
change in time,  
date and venue

Date: **July 13, 2016 (Wednesday)** Time: **7.00 p.m.** Venue: **CII Convention Centre, Sector 31, Chandigarh**

## Introduction of our Chief Guest H.E. Mr. Abdul Basit and Guest of Honour Mr. Ramesh Vinayak



**H.E. Mr. Abdul Basit**

Born in 1958, Mr. Abdul Basit holds a Master's Degree in International Relations. He joined the Foreign Service of Pakistan in 1982. He has held various diplomatic assignments at Pakistan Missions abroad; Moscow (1985-1988), New York (1991-1994), Sana (1994-1997), Geneva (2001-2003), London (September 2003 – August 2008). He has served at headquarters as Section Officer in 1983-1988 and 1991, Director (1997-2001), Director General (2008-2009), Spokesman (2009-2012) and Additional Secretary (Europe) 2010-2012. Before coming to New Delhi, he was Pakistan's Ambassador to Germany from May 2012 to March 2014. He is married and has two children.

Born in 1963 Mr Ramesh Vinayak has a standing of 22 years as a Journalist, he started his career with The Tribune in June 1987. As a newspaper correspondent, he extensively covered terrorism and Sikh religion politics from the border districts of Punjab. In January 1992, he joined India Today as Senior Correspondent at Chandigarh and rose to the position of Associate Editor.

In over 17 years with the nation's premier news magazine, he has reported on a wide range of subjects and events in the four north Indian states. Prior to taking over as Resident Editor of Chandigarh Edition of Hindustan Times in March 2009, he also edited Simply Punjabi, a life-style magazine of the India Today Group.

He has a Bachelor's degree in Science and Education, Panjab University, Chandigarh, (1984), and Master's degree in Journalism from Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana (1987). Throughout first class, and UGC Fellowship in post-graduation. He was honored by the Punjab Government for 'Excellence in War Reporting' (1999), felicitated for 'Excellence in farm journalism' by the Punjab Agricultural University (1993) and honored by the Rotary Club, Amritsar (1991) for 'an outstanding and balanced reportage' from the sensitive region. He had got a fellowship from British Chevening Scholarship (1996). Spent four months with the School of Journalism, University of Westminster, London. He also had World Press Institute Fellowship in the US (2004). Had an 18-week immersion into the American politics and society, with special focus on the interplay of the war on terror in the US Presidential elections. It also entailed an exposure to the best practices in America. The enriching exposure brought him face-to-face with Barack Obama and a couple of Pulitzer award winning journalists, including the legendary Bob Woodward.



**Mr. Ramesh Vinayak**

## Programme of Installation Meeting

Date : July 13, 2016

Venue : CII Headquarters, Sector 31, Chandigarh

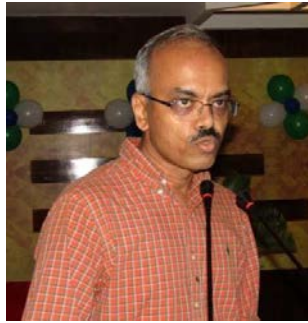
Installation Chair: PP Ajit S. Gulati

Master of Ceremonies: PP Gurdip S. Deep

Aide to the Chief Guest: PP Pallav Mukherjee

18.45 hrs.	Registration begins	20.23 hrs.	The Year Ahead, Introduction of his team (Pins by PDG Shaju Peter)
19.30 hrs.	Arrival of Chief Guest Guest of Honour	20.38 hrs.	TRF Recognitions MPHF Pin to Ritu Singal
19.45 hrs.	Collar to President, Call to order	20.40 hrs.	Induction of new members Sponsors : PP Gurdip S Deep, Sundeep Sawhney and Amarjit Singh
19.46 hrs.	National Anthem	20.48 hrs.	Micro Loan to new beneficiary
19.48 hrs.	National Anthem of Pakistan	20.50 hrs.	Introduction of Guest of Honour
19.50 hrs.	Lighting of Lamp	20.53 hrs.	Address by Guest of Honour Mr. Ramesh Vinayak
19.53 hrs.	Invocation	21.08 hrs.	Introduction of Chief Guest H.E. Abdul Basit
19.56 hrs.	Bouquets of welcome. To Chief Guest To spouse of Chief Guest To Guest of Honour To spouse of Ramesh Vinayak To AG Deepak Sood	21.11 hrs.	Address by Chief Guest
20.00 hrs.	Welcome remarks	21.26 hrs.	Presentation of memento to Chief Gues Presentation of memento to Guest of Honour Memento IPP
20.03 hrs.	The Year 2015-16	21.28 hrs.	Birthday and Anniversary celebrations (Announcements by Sundeep Sawhney
20.18 hrs.	Installation of President 2016-17 Amarjit Singh Handing over of Club Charter	21.31 hrs.	Expression of gratitude
20.20 hrs.	Introduction of President Amarjit Singh	21.35 hrs.	Adjournment - Fellowship and Dinner

## Club Assembly



**President Rtn. Amarjit Singh hands over the meeting to the Treasurer Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia who did a meticulous job**

Treasurer Sanjay Bhatia presented the budget for the Rotary year 2016-17. It was a great effort by Sanjay who made it a point to acknowledge, "I wish to recognize the special and painstaking efforts of PP B L Ramsisaria in his guidance and mentoring in the budget exercise which made my task much easier and would look forward to his support in the future as well. I extend my utmost gratitude to him." Sanjay also thanked PDG Shaju Peter and PP Gurdip S. Deep for their guidance in preparing the budget



**National Anthem by PE Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra and IPP Rtn. Kanan Diwan**

All the five Directors were fully geared up to present their plans for the RY year 2016-17. They all had their activities and projects well lined up, and we look forward to another meaningful year under the leadership of President Amarjit Singh to serve the community with great enthusiasm and achieve our targets.

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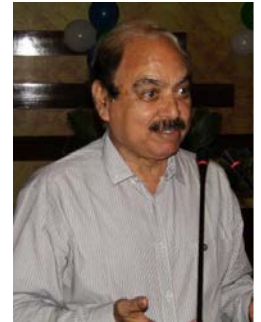
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**Presentations by Director Club Service Rtn. Vinod Jawa, Director Vocational Service PP Rtn. R.K. Luther, Director Community Service Rtn. Ashok Puri, Director International Service Rtn. Major General Hardev Singh and Director Youth Service Rtn. Salil Chopra**



**Report by Secretary Sundeep S. Sawhney**

**Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia presents birthday gift to R'ann Parul Bali. Looking on are President, Secretary and Rtn. Salil Bali**

**Rtn. Rajinder Rai receives his wedding anniversary gift and birthday gift for his mother R'ann Chanchal**

### PDG Shaju Peter at Baddi as Chief Guest

On July 04, 2016 in an impressive ceremony held at Hotel Le Mariet, Rtn. Atul Gupta was installed as the 17<sup>th</sup> President of Baddi, declared as the best club among the small clubs category at the Intercity of Shukriya hosted by us.

Congratulating IPP D.N. Bansal, PDG Shaju complemented the club for the various recognitions they received for their service to the community on all the 5 avenues of service, specially their exemplary commitment to the Rotary Foundation. Interpreting the RI theme, *Rotary Serving Humanity* of President John Germ, Shaju said the difference between a small opportunity of being invited by someone to be a Rotarian and a lifetime opportunity is what one makes of that opportunity.

He described the opportunity of celebrating a polio free world in all probability in the current year and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rotary Foundation as the milestones of the current Rotary year.

**Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia**

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## Eid Celebrations



Eid was celebrated with students of our Club's Nevedac Literacy Centre at Zirakpur. Students and disabled patients of Nevedac Prosthetic Centre were served refreshments by Nevedac in presence of its owner PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, our Director Community Service Rtn. Ashok K. Puri and new teacher Puja. A Muslim inmate of Nevedac served sumptuous biryani.

## Swachh Bharat Mission



The last year brought us great laurels and the new year has begun with Swachhta being one of our top priorities as we gave a kick start to this project, swachh bhara and water saving, under the leadership of Rtn. R.K. Jain the Chair of the project at our club, and of course the Swachhta's ongoing team of Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. Ashok Puri and the ten Interactors. Last week they were at Town Park Yamini ka garden Sector 5 Panchkula at 5.30 a.m.

### Birthdays of Spouses

R'ann Manjit Kalsi July 13  
R'ann Manpreet Kaur July 15

### Birthdays of Rotarians

Rtn. Charanjit Rai July 13  
Rtn. R.S. Sihota July 16

### Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Sudershan & Rtn. Ravinder Krishan July 19

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