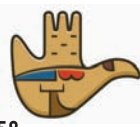




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## India's Olympic Aspirations

Coming in the wake of India's best Olympics performance in decades and the stirring performance of both our men's and women's hockey teams there, it was only apt to focus this week's meeting on the topic of the revival of Indian hockey, Neeraj Chopra's gold and how to ignite sporting spirit among young Indians. Equally appropriate was the choice of the speaker, Sukhbir Singh Gill, an Olympian himself and part of winning Indian hockey teams at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in 1995 and the Champions Challenge in 2001. The Guest Speaker was introduced with much warmth and enthusiasm by Rtn Abhishek Verma.



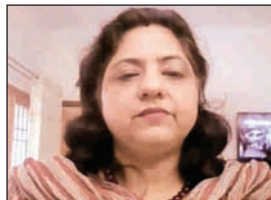
Rtn Abhishek Verma introducing the Guest Speaker Sukhbir Singh Gill

The speaker began by saying that hockey had become a very expensive sport, with investment in kit, shoes and equipment on the one hand, and in laying astroturf for young players to practise on, on the other. Most parents, he said, preferred to have their children play "softer" and less expensive games, with the lure of cricket obviously being the highest. Schools also were reluctant to invest in Hockey. he felt, however, that wherever the Government had invested in hockey academies, especially in Punjab, it had borne



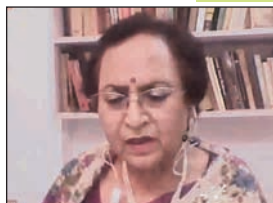
The Guest Speaker Sukhbir Singh Gill addressing the Rotarians

good results. He also felt that the recent performances by both, Indian men's and women's teams would lead to renewed interest in the sport, and hopefully bring in some commercial sponsorships as well. He pointed out how Belgium, with long term planning over 20 years, had achieved the pinnacle of an Olympic Gold in the sport; and hoped that the same would happen in India.

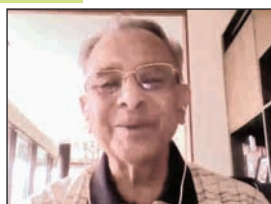


R'Anne Madhuri Munjal reciting the National Anthem at the beginning of the meeting

Rtn Dr Dinesh Dua raised the point that astroturf had changed the face of hockey globally, making the game more about strength than the skills that Indians had traditionally brought to the game, necessitating long term planning and investment. He also mentioned that one hockey tournament like the IPL could change things dramatically for Indian hockey. The



Rtn Dr Santosh Gupta extending warm birthday and anniversary greetings



PRIP Rtn Rajendra K Saboo accepting the birthday wishes

speaker agreed and hoped that more funds would now flow into the game, both from the government and from private sponsors.

President Rtn Jaspal Singh Sidhu spoke about the trust that he was heading which had been staging hockey tournaments at school level for 23 years in Patiala. IPP Rtn Sukhjit Singh Gill and Rtn Lalita Grover spoke of the need for parents to encourage their



PP Rtn Neenu Vij accepting anniversary greetings

Home Club of  
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Rotary International President 1991-92

**SHEKHAR MEHTA**  
Rotary International President 2021-22

**AJAY MADAN**  
District Governor 2021-22

**JASPAL SINGH SIDHU**  
President Rotary Club Chandigarh

**RASHI ADLAKHA**  
Secretary

**SUDITI JINDAL**  
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### Meeting :

Every Monday at Rotary House  
107-A, Sector 18-A, Chandigarh

### AND THE NEXT MEETING IS...

on 16th August, 2021

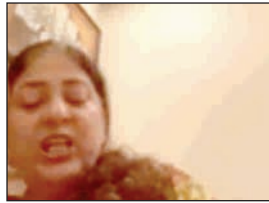
- Guest Speaker : Mr Jupinderjit Singh at The Tribune an award winning journalist, writer and author based in Chandigarh, Punjab
- Topic : Contributions of great Indian martyrs to Independence of India-A perspective & Way forward



Rtn Dr Meenu Singh posing a question to the Guest Speaker



PP Rtn Surinder Paul Kaur and Rtn Lalita Grover talking about the attitude of parents towards choice of sports for their wards



wards to participate in sports. Rtn Arun Grover made a point about the need for national and state education policies to provide as much priority to sports as to academics; and Rtn Kulbir Dogra spoke of the need for psychological training to help teams peak at the right time.

It was a hugely interactive session, with several Rotarians who had played hockey in their younger days expressing their interest and opinions; and ended with everyone hoping for a hockey gold in the next Olympics 3 years down the road. Not one, Sukhbir Singh Gill reminded us, but two - both, men's and women's Hockey!

Earlier, the meeting had begun with members felicitating PRIP Rtn Rajendra K Saboo on his upcoming birthday ( 11 August), as well as other Rotarians who had their birthdays and anniversaries during the week. Commenting on his birthday, PRIP Rtn Rajendra K Saboo said that out of 87 years, he had spent nearly 60 as a Rotarian, and had gained greatly from the association. Most members felt, however, that they were the ones who were blessed to be part of the same club as him.

The engaging meeting came to an end with the formal vote of thanks by the Club Secretary Rtn Rashi Adlakha.

-Rtn Karan Bhandari



Rtn Dr Dinesh Dua discussing the state of sports in India with Mr Sukhbir Singh Gill, the Guest Speaker



IPP Rtn Sukhjiit Singh Gill asking a question to the Guest Speaker



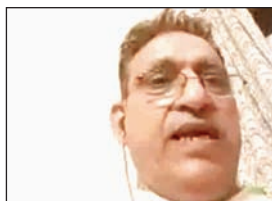
Joint secretary Rtn Kulbir Dogra asking a question about psychological involvement in sports training



Rtn Dr Arun Grover expressing his views



President Rtn Jaspal Singh Sidhu interacting with the Guest Speaker



Rtn Jatinder Kapur engaging in a discussion with Sukhbir Singh Gill, the Guest Speaker



Rtn Rashi Adlakha extending the formal Vote of Thanks

## Investiture Ceremony of Interact Club at DPS

Delhi Public School conducted the Investiture Ceremony of the new team of the Interact Club operational under the former's aegis. The following are new office-bearers.



President Rtn Jaspal Singh Sidhu guiding the new appointees about the Four-way Test as the guiding principle for all of their activities

### Interact Club

**President :** Tej Partap Singh Gill - XII

**Vice President :** Swarnim - XII

**Secretary :** Ayush Garg - XII

**Joint Secretary :** Ashmeet Aujla XII

**Treasurer :** Shambhavi Jha XII

**Sergeant at Arms :** Anshika - XII

**Directors :** Tanishq Agarwal - XII

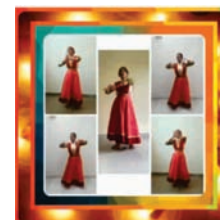
**Navya Arora :** XII

**Manasvi Sharma :** XII



Rtn Reema Dewan motivating the students of her school in the occasion

The event was attended by many Rotarians of our Club, including President Rtn Jaspal Singh Sidhu, PP Rtn Surinder Paul Kaur, Rtn Lalita J Singh and Rtn Om Prakash Sukhija.



Engaging cultural performances by the students of the school

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## Project Update

### Project Sahyog



Recipient and Rotarians at the event

Project Sahyog was today successfully launched by DG Rtn Ajay Madan from the premises of Tynor Ltd in Mohali in the presence of District Trainer PDG Rtn Manmohan Singh, AGs Rtn Gaurav Ghai, Rtn Rajesh Bansal and Rtn Salil Bali, PP Rtn Dr VJS Vohra ( Disability Empowerment Chair), Presidents Rotarians Salil Chopra, Jaspal Singh Sidhu, KS Judge, Dr P J Singh ( MD Tynor ), Rtn Rashi Adhlakha and numerous senior Rotarians of the District were present physically and on the Zoom platform.



Press coverage of the event

This project aims to provide artificial limbs to disabled and make them aware and register them for the UDID card.

Almost 17 Clubs have participated in this project by sponsoring jandicapped patients from their communities. More than 30 confirmations have come, and work on 10 of them have started.

The limbs to be provided will be of high quality under the supervision of competent prosthetic doctors.

### Superb Performance by Girls of Vidya Sadan, Bapu Dham Colony

Rotary Club, Chandigarh is elated to share that four girl students of Vidya Sadan at Bapu Dham Colony School have secured above 80 percent in class 12th results. Navish has secured 92%, Sudha 87.6%, Sabahat 80.6% and Parul secured 80.2%.

### Rtn Gordon McInally Nominated as RI President for 2023-24!

Rtn Gordon McInally joined the Rotary Club of South Queensferry in 1984, was Club President in 1991-92, when PRIP Rtn Rajendra K Saboo was the RI President. Rtn Gordon McInally has served as District Governor for District 1020 in 1997-98. He and his wife, Heather, relocated from South Queensferry to the Scottish Borders and are both now members of the Rotary Club of Kelso where Heather is currently the Club President. Rtn Gordon McInally has served Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland as a committee member and chairman of most of its administrative and service committees and was Rotary GB & I President in 2004-05. He has also served Rotary International in a number of differing capacities; as a committee member and Chairman and as a member of the RI Board from 2007-09. He was Chairman of the 2013 and 2020 Rotary Institutes. Rtn Gordon McInally was Chairman of the 2018 Rotary International Convention.



Rtn. Gordon McInally of Scotland has been nominated as RI President for 2023-24!

In his free time, Rtn Gordon McInally enjoys watching rugby, and the occasional game of football, good food, wine, opera and other music types along with photography. Gordon has been proud to be a Patron of the Hope and Homes for Children.

## UPDATED BANK DETAILS

### SUNSHINE

Members are requested to send their Sunshine contributions to the Rotary Club, against receipt. The contributions can also be transferred online, do mention 'Sunshine' in payment details:

Account Name : Rotary Club of Chandigarh  
S. B. Account No. : 520101220331614  
Bank Name : Union Bank of India  
Bank Address : Sector 8-C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh-160 018  
IFSC Code : UBIN0903191

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Some members still have to remit their membership dues. They are requested to make online transfer at following bank details. Remember to mention 'Membership Dues' in payment details:

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## Congratulations!

Heartiest congratulations on the initiation of Rotary Classic Chandigarh, the 11th new Club for Rotary District 3080, in the year 2021-22. All the best to the President Rtn Dr M P Singh.

It is a new feather in the cap of our President Rtn Jaspal Singh Sidhu. Rotary Club of Chandigarh has sponsored Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik, Rotary Club SAS Nagar, Rotary Club Himalayan Ranges and Rotary Club Panchkula Midtown.



DG Rtn Ajay Madan flanked by President Rtn Jaspal Singh Sidhu of our Club, President of Rotary Club Classic Rtn Dr M P Singh, and also other Rotarians at the installation ceremony of the latter Club

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

22 August Rtn J S Kandhari 98140 87904  
ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS  
19 August Rtn Harjeet Kaur Dhillon 98788 38006

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# Rotary Club Chandigarh Receives District 3080 Awards from IPDG Rtn Ramesh Bajaj

IPDG Rtn Ramesh Bajaj along with 4 Asstt Governors of his tenure, held the Awards Function on 29 July, 2021 at RVTC Chandigarh. Many Presidents and members of other Clubs attended the Awards Function.

The Awards Function was hosted by Rotary Club of Chandigarh. President Rtn Jaspal Singh Sidhu formally welcomed IPDG Rtn Ramesh Bajaj with a bouquet of flowers.

President Rtn Jaspal Singh Sidhu, IPP Rtn Sukhjiit Singh Gill along with R'Anne Dr Kamaldeep Kaur Gill, Rtn Gurvinder Singh Sagoo, Rtn Suditi Jindal & Satellite Club Chair Rtn Tanu Mehtani attended the Awards Function from our Club.

Following are some of the Awards announced and handed over by IPDG Rtn Ramesh Bajaj

## ROTARY DISTRICT AWARDS 2020-21

### Award of Excellence

1. Rotary Club of Chandigarh - Platinum Club of Distt 3080 (Award + Trophy as Runners up in the District)
2. Platinum President of the Year Distt 3080 - Rtn Sukhjiit Singh Gill
3. Platinum President, Zone 3 - Rtn Sukhjiit Singh Gill
4. Diamond Secretary, Zone 3 - Rtn Gurvinder Singh Saggu
5. Best Project in Zone 3 - Rotary Club of Chandigarh
6. Platinum Club of the Year - Zone 3
7. Diamond Contribution to the Rotary Foundation - Rotary Club Chandigarh (Second highest in Distt 3080)



### Certificate of Appreciation

1. Rotary Club Chandigarh - For its commendable contribution during the year by serving the community through its humanitarian service projects.
2. Rtn Sartaj Lamba - Outstanding Covid Warrior
3. Rtn Lalita Grover - Outstanding Covid Warrior
4. Rtn Tanu Mehtani - Outstanding Covid Warrior
5. Rtn Dr Dinesh Dua
6. Rtn P J Singh
7. PP Rtn Charanjit Singh
8. PP Rtn AP Singh
9. PRIP Rtn R K Saboo
10. PDG Rtn Kawal Bedi
11. PDG Rtn Madhukar Malhotra
12. PDG Rtn Praveen Chander Goyal
13. The Rotary Foundation - Rotary Club of Chandigarh for its financial support of End Polio Now - Countdown to History of Campaign. Together, we fulfill our promise to the children of the world and eradicate polio.



IPDG Rtn Ramesh Bajaj informed us that there are many more awards for our Club, which he will be handing over on a later date.

The meeting ended with refreshments served by Rotary Club of Chandigarh



Pres Rtn. Jaspal Singh Sidhu welcoming IPDG Rtn. Ramesh Bajaj



IPP Rtn Sukhjiit Singh Gill welcomes IPDG Rtn Ramesh Bajaj and four Asstt Governors



Rtns Suditi Jindal & Tanu Mehtani led the National Anthem



President. Rtn Jaspal Singh Sidhu, Rtn. Gurvinder Saggu & R'Anne Dr Kamaldeep Kaur Gill engrossed in the proceedings



Our Club members with the awards

