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The President Writes

Sky is the limit

Time flies ! It looks that the Rotary Year has just started, but two months are already over. Looking back from start of year as on 1st July, the active participation of each and every member in one or another service project or meetings give a moral booster to the Club leadership. I always feel that onerous responsibility of any leadership is not executing more and more projects but ability to involve more and more members in the club activities. Once a feeling of belongingness comes to the members they will themselves step ahead and the club excel. The commitment of the members has taken club to new higher echelons which has further been recognised by the Government of Punjab. As many as 4 Rotarians from the Club including the President, Secretary and Director Community Services were honoured by the State Government during Independence Day celebrations by conferring Awards by Sh. Aman Arora, Industries Minister, Punjab. It would be an unprecedented occasion when as many as four Rotarians from a Club have been awarded by State Government during same function that too Independence Day celebrations. It becomes even more important considering the Club had just completed only 2 years since its existence. It will be a moral booster for all the Club members to actively involve in the club activities. During this short period of two months, I have found that there is no dearth of talent in the Club, it is the responsibility of the leadership to involve and motivate the right person for the desired action. I have found that members are willing to perform. Club is for the members, without members there can't be any Club. Once the members show their commitment no hurdle can come in their way to take club to new heights, then Sky is limit. I congratulate all the fellow Rotarians.



Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk
President (For Rotary Year 2023-2024)

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Club honors 41 teachers with Nation Builders Award



Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown organized the Nation Builders Award on Sept 9'2023 at St. Soldier International Convent School, Phase VII SAS Nagar. A total of 41 teachers from the Tricity were awarded in the gracious presence of Chief Guest Dr. Ginni Duggal, District Education Officer, SAS Nagar; Assistant Governor Rtn. Sukhvir Singh Sidhu and the host school Principal Ms. Anjali Sharma. The function began with a welcome song by the students of the St. Soldier International Convent School. Students from class VI to X performed Saraswati Vandana and in her welcome address Interact President Hunar





President Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk



President Intr. Hunar Bhardwaj

Bhardwaj highlighted the importance of the TEACH program of Rotary India Literacy Mission. President Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk in his address expressed that no achievement is possible without the guidance and involvement of the Teachers.



Honoring the Chief Guest Dr. Mrs Ginni Duggal. (centre – AG Rtn. Sukhvir Singh Sidhu)

Chief Guest Dr. Ginni Duggal while handing over the certificate to the teachers highlighted their achievements; and that speaks volumes of her connect with the teachers of her department. In her

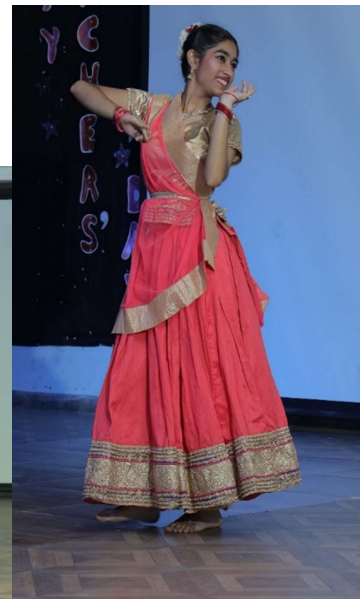
address, the Chief Guest highlighted that the teachers have been doing exceptional job. They are not only providing education but also inculcating values that will go a long way in shaping the generation. The two masters of ceremony Interactor Maettri Sood from class XII and Interactor Kunal Sood from class XI were meticulous in their oration and relaxed disposition.



*Master(s) of Ceremony Intr.
Kunal Sood, Maitree Sood with
PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani*

The function concluded with “Guru Vandana” a classical dance performance from Interactor Lavisha of class XII-E. Club Secretary Rtn. Manjit Kaur made a special mention of the school, that despite being a second Saturday the school went all out to host the event.

Left, Saraswati Vandana by students of St. Soldier International Convent School; Right Interactor *Lavisha* performing *Guru Vandana* , and Club members at the event



48th meeting

Police-Public Participation

- **PP Rtn. Gurcharan Singh got the punctuality award**
- **“There is no better medicine than love,” Rtn. Kalerr**
- **Rtn. Dr. Aditya Sharma performed four Free Cataract surgeries on Aug 25’2023.**



The 48th meeting of Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown held on Friday, 8th Sept., 2023 at ACCORD HALL, Aroma Hotel, Chandigarh at 5.30 p.m. Sergeant at Arms, Rtn. Harcharan Singh Marwah collared the President. The President called the meeting to order. Sergeant at Arms, Rtn. H S Marwah initiated the National Anthem which was sung by all, recited the 4 way Test and then passed on the mike to President. The President welcomed the Guests PP Rtn. AP Singh of Rotary Club of Chandigarh as well as Rtn. Parminder Singh, PP Rtn. Manjit Kaur & Rtn. Shiv Kumar of Rotary Club of Chandigarh Shivalik.

President informed that Aug 28’ 2023 RD 3080 organized Organ Donation Awareness drive at IMA Hall, Sector 35, Chandigarh, where the President, Secretary, Charter President Rtn. Gurcharan Singh & Rtn. Amarjeet Kaur pledged for organ donation. The President informed that Charter Presentation and Installation ceremony of Interact Club Tribune School, Chandigarh on Sept 2’2023 in a very impressive cultural event held in the School Auditorium. The Club also organized a tree plantation Project in the School Campus by planting 10 trees.

The President also informed that on Sept 3'2023 the Club Organized Fourth Free Eye Checkup Camp at Manimajra. Rtn. Dr. Aditya Sharma was the Project Chairperson. Free Eye Checkups were conducted by expert team of doctors and free eye checkup was conducted for as many as 60 patients, they were also provided free medicines. The President apprised that Rtn. Dr. Aditya Sharma performed four Free Cataract surgeries on Aug 25'2023.

Club Secretary Rtn. Manjit Kaur apprised that the Club in order to recognize the immense services of eminent teachers of Govt. as well as Private schools is going to organize function at St. Soldiers International School, Phase 7, Mohali on 09/09/2023 to honour about 40 Teachers with Nation Builders Award. Ms. Ginni Duggal, DEO(S.E.), Mohali will grace the occasion as Chief Guest and AG Rtn. Sukhveer Singh Sidhu will be the Guest of Honour. The Secretary Informed that The Cycle Distribution Project will be scheduled in the last week of September, since the cycles has already been received. The



Rtns. from RC Chandigarh Shivalik being felicitated

Secretary also informed that the club is going to organize Free Dental Checkup Camp by Rtn. Sandeep Dev on 02/10/2023 and the venue will be shortlisted very soon.

The President invited the Guests from Rotary Club of Chandigarh Shivalik, who formally invited the members to come and enjoy their event “Dinner in Dark”.

They explained the concept of “Dinner in Dark” where persons with visual disabilities serve Dinner to the guests in pitch dark venue.



PP Rtn. AP Singh sharing highlights of Heartline Project

The President then invited PP Rtn. AP Singh of Rotary Club of Chandigarh, who enlightened the members with the RD Project Heartline Surgeries that Rotary is conducting free heart surgeries of the Children with Hole in heart at Fortis Hospital. He advised and asked the members to publicize the project among masses so that precious lives of children suffering from such disabilities can be saved who may be due to financial constraints may not be in position to get such treatment involving high costs. Finally, the President invited Club Member Rtn. Gurjot Singh Kaler, AIG, for interaction session on POLICE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP. Rtn. Kaler very efficiently and in a very informative manner

answered the queries of the members. He highlighted

that Police Public Partnership is an effective problem solving tie up between the police and the public. “Rotary can act as a catalyst by making students aware of the traffic rules, and community at large on how to stay safe on the internet”, said Rtn. Gurjot Singh Kaler. While taking up the issue of drug addicts taking lives of family members, he emphasized that there is no better medicine than love. He also shared finer aspects of his book “Guts, Grit and Glory”, and shared that while the book is based on the famous Longewala Battle, still is different from the movie border. “Where as the movie Border covers the two days of the war, my book covers the life of Brig Chandpuri. From the time he was born in Montgomery (now in Pakistan) to his career in Army, family life and how he made just an army of 120 fight against a mighty battalion of 3500 Pakistani army. The Interaction session proved to be not only informative but also captivating. The Club felicitated the Guests with gift as well the latest book of Rtn. Gurjot Singh Kaler “The Battle of Longewala Grit Guts Glory”.

The Club also felicitated Rtn. Gurjot Singh Kaler for his achievements. Rtn. Manpreet Singh Chawla proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Interact Club is chartered at Tribune School, Chandigarh



Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown chartered its third interact club at Tribune School, Chandigarh. Master Arnav Sharma of class IX was installed as the Charter President. Arnav while speaking shared the projects planned for the year. Principal of the school Mrs Rani Poddar added that

the Interact members have immense potential to work for upliftment of the community. Director Youth Affairs Rtn. KS Dhody shared that education and inculcating moral values was always an immense responsibility of not only teachers but also of the community leaders. Later a tree plantation was carried out by the Interactors, school staff and Rotarians.

Know our Interact Leader



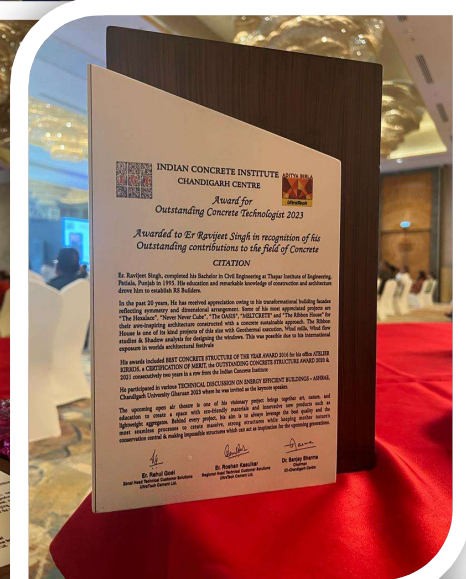
Arnab Sharma (President Interact Club, The Tribune School)

- Passionate Grade IX student and a community enthusiast!
- All round personality with strong academic and sports background.
- Star achiever and has won many laurels for the school in the field of Olympiads, Green Campus Program, AI Challenge, Rocking Readers, Athletics, Dive into Animation, Painting Competition etc.
- Apart from academics, he has great passion for reading books of ancient history and fantasy world.
- He emphasize on the acceptance of individual responsibility as the basis of personal success, community improvement and group achievement.
- He intends to work for the benefit of the society and is an active volunteer in community service and welfare programs.

Accolades!

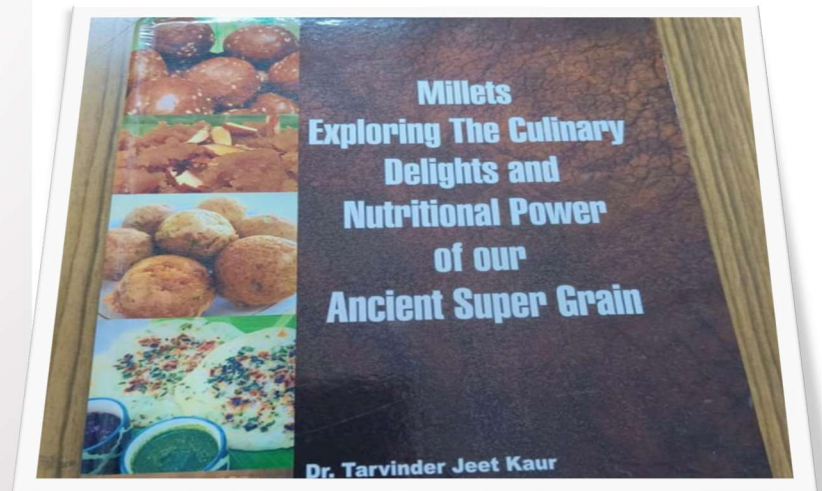
IPP Rtn. Ravijit Singh is awarded Outstanding Concrete Technologist

IPP Rtn. Ravijit Singh was awarded the **Outstanding Concrete Technologist of the year 2023** by Ultratech. He gets recognised for showing outstanding contribution in the state of Punjab and union territory of Chandigarh. Ravijit Singh over the last twenty years has given transformational building facades reflecting symmetry and dimensional arrangements. His newly constructed home in Wave Estate, SAS Nagar; “The Ribbon House,” finds a special mention in the citation of the award, for its awe aspiring architecture constructed with concrete sustainable approach. “The Ribbon House has been designed and constructed taking into consideration Geothermal factors, windmills, wind flow studies, shadow analysis among other factors. Rtn. Ravijit Singh joins the league of Prof (Dr.) Naveen Kwatra (awarded last year) who a Ph.D. in Structural Engineering (Civil) from Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee and has over has published more than 75 research papers in various journals.



Book written by Rtn. Tarvinderjit Kaur is released

Book written by Rtn Dr Tarvinder Jeet Kaur titled “Millets Exploring the Culinary Delight and Nutritional Power of our Ancient Super Grain” was released by Vice Chancellor of Kurukshetra University Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva.



Past President writes

Know The Mother Earth 3

*In The Himalayas Fish Fossils speak
Volumes of its Origin*

By PP Rtn. Harcharan Singh Marwah



Let us know about the environment spectrum of the Himalayas in a different aspect millions of years ago as evidenced by fossils collected by geologists. The mighty Himalayas, also known as ‘The Roof of the World’, rise up to an incredible height, disappearing into the clouds on some days. Some of the world’s highest peaks are in the Himalayas, including Mount Everest, which at 29,029 feet is the highest mountain in the world. At these altitudes, the air is thin, and the temperatures are extreme.

The land is arid and brown, and it looks like it’s been this way since the beginning of time. These mighty mountains are hundreds of miles away from the closest sea. So how is it possible that marine fossils have been found in multiple locations in the Himalayas. The Spiti



Valley is rife with evidence dating back to 540 million years ago and attracts palaeontologists from around the world. The villages of Komic, Mud, Hikkim (where you’ll find the world’s highest post office), Langza and Lalung lie along a belt of fossil-rich sediment in Spiti.

In Nepal, ammonites (marine cephalopods with shells) are found along the bed of the Kali Gandaki River. Climbers who have been to the top of Mount Everest brought back rocks in which the fossils of sea lilies were discovered. It's hard to imagine that this vast expanse of weather-bleached land was once a thriving ocean bed, with fish and marine creatures populating the water. To understand this, we need to know how the Himalayas came to be formed.

Continental drift: Let us also know about movement of continents and their changing shape. Millions of years ago, a massive geological event called the Continental Drift took place. Before this, the world as we know it didn't exist. Instead, there were supercontinents or gigantic land masses that comprised of the continents that we know today. India was part of Gondwanaland, which included Australia, Africa, Antarctica, India, and South America. It was about 150 million years ago that India broke off from Gondwanaland and began to move north, approaching Eurasia. The Tethys Sea, which lay between the two landforms, had a rich and diverse marine life. It took about a hundred million years for the two landforms to collide, but when they did, it was with so much power that the dense crusts of both, crushed together by the immense force, rose upward, forming mountains that rose from beneath the sea. Even today, the layered rocks of the Himalayas are rich with the fossils of the inhabitants that once populated the Tethys Sea, as well as fossils of coral reef remnants and marine plants. The discovery of these fossils reveals the truth about the origin of the Himalayas. It also reveals that the path to the roof of the world was once deep under an ocean.

Projects Accomplished

(Between Sept 1 2023 to Sept 15 2023)



Two Free Eye Medical Camps

Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown organised 3rd Free Eye Checkup Medical camp at Ratput Dharamshala in Village Maloya on 20/08/2023. 122 Patients benefited by Free eyes checkup, they were also provided free medicines. 22 Patients were diagnosed for Cataract surgeries. There surgeries will be conducted free of cost by Rtn. Dr. Aditya Sharma. The Club feels proud of fellow Rotarian Dr. Aditya Sharma for his selfless service to the Society.



Tree Plantation

On Sept 2'2023 the club organised a tree plantation camp at Tribune School, Chandigarh. President of the Interact Club Arnav Sharma led in planting the trees.

Did you know?

Why the Rotary year

starts from 1st July?

Dollars and some good financial considerations are the reasons who Rotary Year starts on 1st July, at least that is what RI auditors said, according to 1912-13 RI President Glenn C Meads report in the September 1912-13 issue of The Rotarian.

Auditors found that the organisations affairs had been managed honestly and carefully., Still RI was growing and had recently become an international organization and its needs were changing.

The Secretary and Treasurer needed some more time to prepare, audit and check the organisations financial statements by the end of the calendar year. The auditors recommended that the organization close its financial books for the year on 30 June which was after the RI Convention. The Board of Directors agreed and ever since the Rotary Year has begun on 1 July.

Forth Coming Events

- **49th meeting of the club on Sept 29'2023**
- **Installation of President and Board of Interact Club of AKSIPS-65 on Sept 29' 2023**
- **Cycles for the girl students**

Congratulations

Birthday Wishes

Rtn. Iqbal Singh Sept 20

Marriage Anniversary Wishes

Rtn. Dr. Manu Bhushan Mengi and Ann Dr. Abha Sept 23

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