CHANDIGARH SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (REGD)

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SENIOR CITIZENS FELICITATE CHANDIGARH POLICE

A combined function was held at Tagore Theatre today by Chandigarh Senior Citizens Association (CSCA) and Chandigarh Police. While CSCA felicitated the local Police Force and its families and honoured some of them, for selfless and courteous service, the Police felicitated the senior citizens and launched a new online application. Prof Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor Haryana and Punjab & Administrator Chandigarh UT was the Chief Guest. The function drew massive response, Sh Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS, Adviser UT Chandigarh and number of senior officers of UT Administration, Punjab and Haryana attended.

Chandigarh Police and CSCA have been collaborating with each other for the last nineteen years. In fact, Chandigarh has become a model for other states and UTs which want the same facilities as provided by the Police in Chandigarh — Beat Officers visiting older persons – specially those living alone, a dedicated Helpline, special car stickers, caring attitude and prompt response, participation in the Cycle Rally for Environment. And, above all, the Annual Walk for Fun.

The special feature introduced five years ago is inter-beat competition to encourage interaction with maximum number of senior citizens living in a beat area, especially those living alone, . A running Trophy for the 'Best Beat of the Year', donated by Maj Gen K S'Bajwa (Retd), was awarded to Beat No 13 of Police Station Sector 11 looking after senior citizens of Sector 15 while Beat No 136 under Sector 39 Police Station looking after senior citizens of Sector 41 was declared as Runners-up. A declamation contest was held by CSCA for police children studying at Govt Model High School Sector 26. Winners were given prizes at this function. The following personnel from the two beats and the students received individual awards – a certificate and a gift:

Best Beat

SI Surinder Gotam 843/CP, HC Sumer Singh 756/CP, HC Ramesh Kumar 2961/CP, C Kartar 2316/CP L/C Harjit Kaur 176/CP

Second Best Beat

HC Dilbar Singh 2786/CP, C. Mahavir Singh 5277/CP, L/HGV. Prem Lata 1149/CHG

Declamation Contest

First - Ms Simran, Class 10th B; Second - Ms Ekta, Class 8th; Third - Ms Shilpi, Class 10th A

On this occasion, Chandigarh Police launched Mobile and Web based application "Online Lost Documents/Articles Reporting System" inaugurated by the Chief Guest. Currently, residents have to visit police station to get a non cognizable report (NCR) under the provision of 155 Cr PC. With this launch, Chandigarhians will be able to lodge such reports from their mobile phones or through e mail and receive digitally signed copy on the given e mail ID which can be used to obtain duplicate copies of the lost documents or for filing insurance claims in respect of lost documents/articles.

The 90 minutes long cultural programme featured songs by senior citizens & Shri Brijesh Ahuja and a comedy show by well known local artiste Sh Rana Ranbir who kept the house in stitches with his stage antics and gags. This was followed by group dances " LUDDI * and "MALAWAI GIDHA " by members of Chandigarh Police which had audience tapping, applauding and demanding encores.

IGP R P Upadhayay lauded the gesture of CSCA in making the Police Felicitation function an annual event. He said small gestures of this type go a long way in motivating an over-worked, under-manned force which is constantly under stress. So far as welfare of senior citizens is concerned, he said that continues to be the prime concern of Chandigarh Police.

Besides Police Force and its families, senior citizens of the Tricity came in large numbers to attend the function. It was a full house.

(Col Sukhdev Singh), Secretary General 6th October 2015