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1. Is it the TRUTH?
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PROGRAMME

National Education Policy 2020 and its Relevance in Schools

Keynote Speaker:

Rtn. Anjali Chhabra,
Dy. Secretary, CBSE, Panchkula



Zoom Meeting ID:
6291653178
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Date: **Friday, 11 September 2020**
Time: **6.30 p.m.**

Happy Teacher's Day

Click here to watch on - https://youtu.be/yj6Kcew_V-o YouTube

In our virtual weekly meeting held on 04 September 2020 President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia welcomed all the Rotarians, Rotaractors, our Rotary family including children and grandchildren of Rotarians. He also welcomed the Event Chair Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain.

Excellent performances were given by children to celebrate Teacher's Day and to express their gratitude, virtual wishes and greetings to their respected teachers.

Some of these children had joined from USA. Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua represented his five grandchildren who are in UK: Arjun Arya, Angad Arya, Amar Arya, Jaijeet Dua and Gurveer Dua.

Due to virtual platform we had the largest participation of children in our club meeting, and that too from three countries!



Gurmehar and Aarav grandsons of R'ann Shashi and PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta



Ananya and Anushka granddaughters of R'ann Indu and PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra



Divyanshi grand daughter of R'ann Indu and PP Rtn. Prem Anand



Naina grand daughter of Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur



Avik, Amay, Anya and Mehak grandchildren of Rtn. Dr. Shashi and Mr. Naresh Jain



Neha and Sidharth grandchildren of R'ann Sudha and PP Rtn. Ashok Puri



Ambhri and Diti granddaughters of Rtn. Dr. Indu Luthra



Shabad Roop daughter of R'ann Harpreet and Rtn. Kulbir Singh Bhatia



Noor Kaur grand daughter of R'ann Parveen and Rtn. Arjan Singh



Ayaan son of R'ann Shivani and Rtn. Nitin Kapur



Avyan grandson of Rtn. Justice Raj Garg and Dr. Rahul Garg



Ananya grand daughter of Rtn. Suman and Mr. Naresh Gupta

Rtn. Kshama Bansal was also one of the participants.

Donations to our Welfare Trust are exempted u/s 80 G of IT Act



President Sanjay Bhatia is happy with wonderful performances by children



Meeting called to order by PP Dr. V.J.S. Vohra



Teacher's Day well conducted by Event Chair Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain



Impressive presentation on Teacher's Day by Rtn. Indu Luthra



Inspiring address by PDG Shaju Peter and also remembering his teachers



Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua representing his grand children who are in UK



Rtn. Justice Raj Rahul Garg thanks her teachers



Rtn. Suman Gupta reciting a poem to appreciate hard work done by teachers



After 6 months! Varanasi to Chandigarh. Welcome back Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur

President Sanjay was pleased to acknowledge that good number of our members had served or still serving as teachers and their association continues towards increasing literacy in our country which has been taken up by Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM). He said we all still have good memories of our teachers. President Sanjay also requested all the lovely children to share this Rotary event with other students of their class to spread the object and message of Rotary.

The President handed over the proceeding to the Event Chair Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, who retired as Principal of the prestigious Dev Samaj College for Women in Sector 45, Chandigarh and is still involved with some colleges and schools. Dr. Shashi recited a nice poem in Hindi about teachers who play a vital role in the life of every student. She also admired the tradition of our Club for celebrating teacher's day every year and honouring them with awards and mementos. But this year teacher's day was celebrated by talented children to show their gratitude for their teachers in the form of drawing, speech, poem, dance and song.

Dr. Shashi invited another active teacher who is running her School in Sector 11, Chandigarh, Rtn. Dr. Indu Luthra who gave an impressive presentation on 'Happy Teacher's Day' to explain why this day is celebrated.



Dr. Radhakrishnan

Teacher's Day is celebrated every year on September 05 to mark the birthday of India's former President, scholar, philosopher and Bharat Ratna awardee, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was born on this day in 1888. Dr. Radhakrishnan was the first Vice President of India from 1952 to 1962 and was the second President of India from 1962 to 1967. He was made an honorary member of the British Royal Order of Merit in 1963.

Dr. Radhakrishnan contributed greatly for the education system of India. He worked in different Universities of India, including as Vice Chancellor. He emphasized that his birth anniversary should be celebrated as Teacher's Day to acknowledge the contribution of teachers in shaping the lives of the students.

Rtn. Indu also shared and explained some interesting and famous quotes of Dr. Radhakrishnan through her colourful presentation.

In her address our new Rotarian Justice Raj Rahul Garg respectfully acknowledged Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain and PP Dr. Balram Gupta as her teachers. She said our first and foremost teachers are our parents to whom we owe our existence. Teachers are the basic pillars of our lives. Our school and college teachers actually begin our academic career and shape us for what we become over the time. She said Dr. Shashi Jain, as her teacher, has great contribution in her life. Justice Raj recalled her days in school in Kalka which was managed by Rtn. Dr. Shashi's father. Dr. Shashi was a dedicated teacher in the school and gave her valuable guidance which helped her to come first in higher secondary board exams and was also awarded scholarship. She said Dr. Balram Gupta also had a role to play as her teacher in the Law College. She expressed her thanks to all her teachers and mentors in bringing her to the present position. She thanked her parents for being her guiding light. She also felt honoured in becoming a Rotarian in our club.

PP Dr. Balram Gupta responded to Justice Garg's address by saying, "A teacher lives in the reflected glory of his/her students." This is the joy and award the teacher gets from his students.

PDG Shaju Peter congratulated Dr. Shashi Jain for putting the event together so brilliantly. He thanked the leadership of the club for last few years for consistently making this particular day an opportunity to recognize our teachers for their contribution in our lives in making us what we are today. He was happy to see teacher - student relationship in Dr. Shashi Jain and Justice Garg. PDG Shaju described the virtual meetings as blessing in disguise as we can see and talk to our children and grand children settled anywhere in the world.

Joint Secretary Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua was delighted to have a chat with his best student, Abhiruchi, daughter of Dr. Shashi Jain, whose children took part in this virtual platform from USA. Prof. Dua said he was happy to interact with Abhiruchi, his favourite student now in USA as a successful doctor. In his 49 years of teaching experience Prof. Dua has seen that every student remembers his/her teacher. Even at this age he still remembers how his teachers played a significant role in his life.

Former President of India Pranab Mukherjee passed away on 31 August 2020

Rotary Chandigarh Midtown expresses deepest condolences on the demise of Former President of India Pranab Mukherjee.

He was our Chief Guest on 30 December 1988 when Rtn. D.P. Khandelia was our Club President and again 18 November 1996 when Rtn. J.L. Mahajan was the Club President. Both these meetings were held in Hotel President, Chandigarh owned by Rtn. B.B. Bahl, a close friend of Mr. Pranab Mukherjee.



Mr. Pranab Mukherjee with our President (1988-89) Rtn. D.P. Khandelia on 30.12.1988 and PDG Shaju Peter with President (1996-97) Rtn. J.L. Mahajan on 18.11.1996

The glimpses of these pleasant memories can be accessed in our bulletin no. 05 dated 31 July 2012, uploaded on our website http://www.rotarychdmidtown.org/pages/bulliten_2012/bulletin5.pdf.

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SPEAKER MEETING
Capturing The Real Wild
by Bhasmang Mehta
Wildlife Photographer
03 Sept 2020
Thursday
8:30 PM
Zoom Meeting ID: 2678174807 Password: RCAM2021

An interesting virtual event. Rotary Chandigarh Midtown was represented by: President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, AG PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, IPP Rtn. Salil Bali, PE Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. Dr. Col. V.K. Kapoor, Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, Rtn. Dr. Indu Luthra and Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia.

Only juvenile court to hear bail plea of minor offenders: High Court

Surender Sharma

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CHANDIGARH: The bail pleas of children in conflict with the law have to be heard only by a juvenile court even if a child is being tried as an adult, Punjab and Haryana high court has said.

The judgment came on the plea of two minors of Chandigarh who had approached high court seeking bail after children's court dismissed the same. In the case in hand, Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) had decided that the minors would be tried as adults. The high court dealt with whether bail plea is to be filed before a children's court (where trial of minor's being treated as an adult are carried out) or juvenile court.

The high court bench of justice Jaishree Thakur held that keeping in view the Special Act where the main objective is to rehabilitate a juvenile. Once a procedure is prescribed within the JJ Act for grant of bail, there can be no cogent reason for deviating from the same, it said.

Petitioner's counsel Salil Dev Singh Bali argued that the gravity of the offence cannot be taken into account at the time of considering the bail application of the juvenile. "Grant of bail to a child alleged to be in conflict with the law is the rule rather than an exception," he had said.

"It is a well-settled principle of law that when there is special law and general law, the provisions of the special law prevail over the general law," the bench observed, adding that JJ Act is a

special law, which lays down a procedure as to how a child in conflict with the law is to be dealt with.

The emphasis being on effort to rehabilitate a child offender, and the board is to deal with other offences and for a heinous offence committed by a child above the age of 16 years has to be dealt with by children's court, after a preliminary assessment by the board, it said. Children's court can conduct trial after transfer of the case to it by the juvenile board, it added emphasizing that JJ Act is silent and does not differentiate between bail being allowed to a juvenile who is alleged to be involved in a petty offence, serious offence or a heinous one, or between a juvenile who is being tried as an adult before the children's court.

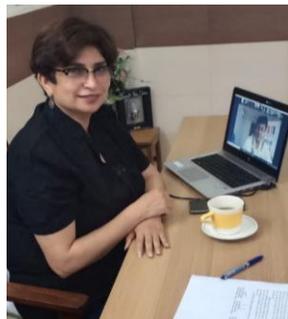
Hindustan Times dated 01.09.20 - Landmark judgment for the relief of Juveniles for whom the Club under the Chairmanship of IPP Rtn. Salil Dev Singh Bali is providing Pro Bono (free of charge) Legal aid

AG Rita Chief Guest for Teacher's Day Celebrations



AG Zone 3 Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra was the Chief guest on the award function of teachers day organized by Rotary Club of Pinjore Hills on 04 September 2020.

President Rtn. Pradeep Chopra of Rotary Club Central also invited Dr. Rita as chief guest for Teacher's Day organized by his Club.



Visit to Nayagaon and Prempura



Rtn. Ravinder Jain, along with volunteer friend Gurinder, coordinated a joint visit with Rotaract Club of Chandigarh Samaritans to Nayagaon and Prempura for distribution of stationery items and sports goods to children of 2 villages. Rotaractors distributed lunch and other packaged food items such as soft drinks to 130 children.



Rtn. Col. Jaspal Singh Chandoak (Retd.)

○ **Life is full of circles (चक्र)** ○

Some are big and some tiny.
Many are joyful, while few gloomy.

Most make you smile, others bring little sorrow.
Generally worth remembering, few better forgotten before tomorrow.

At dawn every body hopes for all pleasant ones.
At dusk reconcile to package with some unpleasant ones.

○ **Indeed, life is full of circles (चक्र)** ○

Oh there are even circles within circles,
Alas, some vicious, intermingled and inseparable circles.

Some of them trouble us and many bring delight,
Few entangle us and challenge to test our grit.

Like friends many are likeable and could not care less for some.
Maturity lies in tackling even intriguing ones, to understand life's ultimate sum.

Fact of life remains - life is galore of circles, circles and circles.
They encompass us at birth and till death there are circles and circles.

○ **Undoubtedly, life is full of circles (चक्र)** ○

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Neerja Nagpal September 13
R'ann Surinder Chandoak September 16
R'ann Lalita Parkash September 17

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Asha & Rtn. D.K. Gupta September 13
R'ann Indu & PP Rtn. Prem Anand September 17

State Award for Volunteer Manjeet Kaur Gill

On 05 September 2020 Directorate of School Education, Chandigarh Administration has honoured Ms. Manjeet Kaur Gill, Lecturer, English - GMSSS-35, as State Awardee along with a cash award of Rs 21,000. Manjeet has 30 years of experience and was referred as volunteer by Rtn. Indu Luthra in July 2020. She has been actively involved with Adult Literacy and Tailoring and Sewing centre at Maloya.



Manjeet Gill

Scholarship to Aishna Vashishth

Upon recommendation from R'ann Maniki Deep, a scholarship of ₹12,500 has been awarded on 5 September to Aishna Vashishth for her 1st Semester BA in Govt College for Girls where she would be pursuing music and dance.

Aishna is hearing impaired and 5 times national awardee. She has given dance performances at Annual Programs of Cheshire Homes and several Rotary events including District 3080 RYLA 2019 hosted by our club.



Poem by R'ann Saroj Jain

Nature has revived herself,
as human is forced to confine himself.
Air sky rivers are free of pollution,
So far man couldn't find any solution.
Everywhere there was noise only noise,
Now you can hear bird's rare voice.
Pandemic created period of transformation
Time for introspection and no to rat race competition.
It turned out to be different opportunity,
Giving message to live with simplicity.
Study, shopping, meeting all going on-line,
Due to corona's fear and quarantine.
Go herbal to develop your immunity,
So as to serve best to the society.

Life is short, live it gracefully,
Our assets are forever if earned spiritually.
Let us make this planet free of disease,
and a haven to live with bliss and peace.

R'ann Saroj Jain's poem in Hindi has been published in Amar Ujala

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