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1. Is it the TRUTH?
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3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
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PROGRAMME

Eye in Diabetes

What you need to know

Chief Guest:

Dr. Vishali Gupta

Professor, Advanced Eye Centre
PGI, Chandigarh



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Date: Friday, 18 September 2020
Time: 6.30 p.m.

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National Education Policy 2020 and its Relevance in Schools

Click here to watch on - <https://youtu.be/PVr-LG4cSZo> YouTube

In our virtual weekly meeting held on 11 September 2020 President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia welcomed our keynote speaker Deputy Secretary, CBSE, Panchkula Rtn. Anjali Chhabra, all the Rotarians and the guests present in the meeting.

President Sanjay explained the importance of education as September is the month designated for Basic Education and Literacy which is Rotary's one of the most focused areas as education covers children, adult literacy, gender disparity, infrastructure and also conducts teachers training programs. Sanjay was very happy to state that we have stalwarts who are very qualified and experienced members in our Club who can contribute their ideas for what the country has to do for future.

The President handed over the proceedings to a senior educationist and our Chair Literacy Committee Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur. She gave a brief talk on International Literacy Day which is celebrated each year on 8 September, that was declared by UNESCO on 26 October 1966 at the 14th session of UNESCO's General Conference. It was celebrated for the first time in 1967. Its aim is to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies.



Rtn. Anjali Chhabra

To formally introduce Rtn. Anjali Chhabra, who joined our Club recently, Dr. Harinder invited R'ann Lalita Parkash who is Director of Ashiana Public School in Sector 46, Chandigarh.

Rtn. Anjali is an eminent educationist, Deputy Secretary, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), where she is working since 2011. Earlier she was a college lecturer in English in Abohar and Ropar. Her qualifications are B.Com, MA English from Panjab University. Her hobbies are stitching, travelling and she is an avid reader.



**Address by President
Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia**



**Rtn. Harinder Jit
Kaur, Chair Literacy**



**R'ann Lalita Parkash
introduces Rtn. Anjali**

An elaborate and impressive presentation was given by Rtn. Anjali Chhabra on National Education Policy (NEP 2020) which can be seen in detail on our Club's YouTube Channel ([Click here from our e-bulletin, the link is given above](#)).

The New National Education Policy was approved by the Union Cabinet on 29 July 2020 and the Ministry of Human Resource and Development was renamed as the Ministry of Education.

NEP 2020 aims at bringing transformational reforms in school and higher education systems in the country. This is the first education policy of the 21st century and replaces the 34-year-old National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986.

The New NEP 2020 is expected to boost skill development in our children employment which may radically transform our educational ecosystem.

In 1968, the first National Education Policy was framed and in 1986 the second NEP came into existence which was further modified in 1992. Various changes during this period have taken place in our country including society's economy and the world at large. Therefore, it is necessary to change or gear up the education sector as per the demands of 21st Century.

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The quality of research and standardisation will be improved. Through the open schooling system, the NEP 2020 will bring 2 crores out of school children back into the mainstream.

The current 10+2 system in the school will be replaced by a new 5+3+3+4 curricular structure corresponding to ages 3-8, 8-11, 11-14, and 14-18 years respectively. The NEP 2020 stress on the early childhood care and education too.

Under the school curriculum, this new system will bring an uncovered age group of 3 to 6 years. This is the age that has been recognised globally as the crucial stage for the development of mental faculties of a child.

The new policy emphasises on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy. There will be no rigid separation between academic streams, extracurricular, vocational streams in schools. From class 6, Vocational Education will start with internships.

As per the New Education Policy teaching up to at least Grade 5 will be in mother tongue or regional language. No language will be imposed on any student. Assessment reforms with Holistic Progress Card (360 degree) and for achieving learning outcomes progress of the students will be tracked.

NCTE in consultation with NCERT will formulate a new and comprehensive National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education, NCFTE 2021. The minimum degree of qualification for teaching will be 4-year integrated B.Ed. degree by 2030.

R'ann Lalita Parkash, who is a very experienced educationist shared her views on the new education policy updated with revolutionary changes which was much needed in our country, based on holistic and multi disciplinary learning. She looks forward to happy learners, happy children and good environment in the schools which will reflect on the country also. She said skill development is a great idea.



Invocation by
R'ann Asha Vats



Address by PP
Rtn. Kanan Diwan



Vote of thanks by
Rtn. Renu Chopra

Vote of thanks was given by Rtn. Renu Chopra, another senior educationist of our club who retired as a Principal of Government School. She thanked Rtn. Anjali Chhabra for the wonderful and informative presentation on the new education policy.

PP Kanan Diwan looked upon the new education policy from Rotary point. Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) initiated by RI President Elect Rtn. Shekhar Mehta will benefit with the new policy, as the objectives of RILM are Total literacy and Quality Education in India through its most comprehensive programs.

Rtn. Kanan also spoke about our successful signature project of Rotary year 2018-19 for upgrading and re-building Government Elementary School in Peermushalla, Zirakpur as now there is great increase in number of students in this school. Therefore we need to further upgrade the facilities and infrastructure provided by us earlier.

She thanked President Sanjay Bhatia who has agreed to take up this project with all support from the club. She made an earnest appeal to all Rotarians to come forward with generous contributions as this project had received tremendous support in 2018-19 from our members and even friends of Rotary.

Total Literacy – A way forward



Chief Guest:
Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal
Minister of Education Govt. of India



Rtn. Shekhar Mehta
President 2021-22
Rotary International

Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) presented an interesting, fruitful and interactive webinar on 10 September 2020.

Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal, Minister of Education Govt. of India was the Chief Guest.

This webinar was attended by 1000 Rotarians of South Asia, including PP Rtn. Deepak Sood from our Club.

PRIP Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee is the President of RILM and RI Director Rtn. Kamal Sanghvi is the Chair, RILM.

"National Education Policy has a new focus. One of the fundamental principles of NEP is according the highest priority to achieving foundational literacy and numeracy by all students by Grade 3, which we are committed to achieving by 2025," says Education Minister Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal.

Skill development training on Social Media Mastery

Six days high intense live learning program on Social Media Mastery was organized from 07 to 12 September for 2 hours daily which was focused on how to start online business. Practical applications were shown via interactive live sessions on understanding to start business online through Facebook mastery, Instagram mastery, Facebook live and generating business through social media pages likes and links.

Training was attended by more than 100 participants including PE Rtn. Salil Chopra and Rtn. Subhash Jindal as well many from other Rotary clubs. After the session people started doing facebook live which helped them to grow their business.

Director Vocational Service Rtn. Anupam Jain informed that the entire program was highly appreciated. The participants were happy with this training for gaining knowledge about social media.

Date with Real Life Hero Sonu Sood, a Super Star
[Click here to watch him on Facebook, sharing his unique experience](#)



Sonu Sood

On 12.09.20 Real Life Hero Mr. Sonu Sood, a Bollywood Super Star, addressed 1600 Rotarians on a virtual platform, a joint event of Districts 3011, 3030, 3040 3053, 3070, 3080, 3100, 3120, 3142 and 3261, which included a district from Russia. Sonu Sood is now well known for his very appreciable efforts as he has helped millions of stranded migrants (men, women and children) during the sudden lockdown announced by the government, giving them food and arranging for their transportation to reach their homes safely in different states of the country. It was praise worthy effort undertaken by the super hero.

Sonu Sood had an interesting and inspiring discussion with RI President Elect Rtn. Shekhar Mehta. Past RI President Rtn. Raja Saboo and DG Rtn. Ramesh Bajaj were also present. All the District Governors present expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the splendid work done by Sonu. He also interacted with Rotarians present and there were loud and clear praises being showered at Sonu for his amazing humanitarian task.

Sonu had also launched scholarships for less-privileged students who wish to pursue higher education. As Punjabis we all are proud of him as he belongs to Moga (Punjab).

Many Rotarians from our District were present. Our Club had a large attendance: President Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, PP Rtn. Dr. V.J.S. Vohra, PP Rtn. Vinod Jawa, PP Rtn. Deepak Sood, PP Rtn. R.T.P.S. Tulsi, PP Rtn. Kanan Diwan, PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, PP Rtn. Ashok Puri, PE Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. Indu Luthra, Rtn. Prof. Dr. I.S. Dua, Rtn. Suman Gupta, Rtn. Dr. Harinder Jit Kaur, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, Rtn. Renu Chopra, Rtn. Subhash Vats, Rtn. Anup Sharma, Rtn. Madhu Sudan Manaktala, Rtn. Pardeep Sisodia and Rtn. Anupam Jain.

DRR installation and training assembly of Rotaractors



DG Rtn. Ramesh Bajaj, AG Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, DRR Rtr. Samir Madaan, other Rotarians and Rotaractors on 12.09.20 at Rotary House, Panchkula

AG Zone - 3



AG PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra attending zoom meeting of Rotary Chandigarh Uptown

वर्चअल मीट में ट्रेडिशनल आउटफिट में दिखे रोटेरियन

ROTARIANS MEET
 चंडीगढ़। कोरोनावायरस भी रहे और साथ में रॉड सिग्नल की बात भी हो जाए। रॉड सिग्नल को कुछ इसी तरह जोड़ें रोटेरियन ने अपने इस बार की मीट टुगेदर से। इंटरनेशनल ट्रेडिशनल प्रमोट करने के मकसद से रोटरी चंडीगढ़ मिडटाउन द्वारा वर्चअल आउटफिट मीट रखी गई। रोटरी इंटरनेशनल के चार डिस्ट्रिक्ट 3080, 3054, 3292 और 3390 को लेकर। इसमें इन डिस्ट्रिक्ट से जुड़े दस क्लस को जोड़ा गया। क्लस से जुड़े 80 से कारण रोटेरियन अपने घरों से वर्चअल मीट का हिस्सा बने।
 रोटरी चंडीगढ़ मिडटाउन की रीट कालरा ने बताया कि सैंकड़ों के वाचमूट इन आपस में वर्चअल जुड़ सकते हैं। फ्लोरिड एंड फ्रेंडशिप मीट प्रोग्राम से यह एक कोशिश की गई। फैले रोटेरियन को अपने समुदाय, सम्पदा व निवासों से रुबरु कराना था। बताया गया कि अगर वे उनके घरों में बिजिट करी तो कैसा महसूस मिलेगा। रोटेरियन सिर्फ कम्यूनिटी प्रोग्राम सॉल्यूशन नहीं जानते हैं। बल्कि वे फॉर्मल खाना सर्व करने से लेकर ऐतिहासिक इमारतों में बिजिट करना भी जानते हैं। मीडिंग का वो मजा फीका न पड़े इसलिए एशिया रीजन के डिस्ट्रिक्ट इंडिया के डिस्ट्रिक्ट 3080 व 3054, थर्लैंड के 3330, नेपाल व भूटान के 3292 डिस्ट्रिक्ट को इस मीट से जोड़ा गया। इसमें डिस्ट्रिक्ट गवर्नर ने अपने विजन को शेयर किया। साथ ही अपने रीजन की वाइबेट लुक ड्रेस से अपने देश को प्रेजेंट किया। इस रोटरी फ्लोरिड एक्सचेंज प्रोग्राम के बहने नेबर्स को यारों को जीने का मौका मिला।



Rotarians of Ahmedabad



Dr Rita and Sanjay Kalra



Rtn Chandra from Nepal



Mrs and Mr Manoj kandel



Rakesh Mehta, Rashmi shah, Ravin Dattani



Rishika, Jyoti Dattani and Varsha Shah

JAI HO !

As I sat in the early morn'
My lap was empty.
As I looked up at the sky,
My lap was filled with treasures...
For safe keeping and delighting.
Your Grace has come upon me
There is peace, harmony, love and strength,
And the greatest gift of all -
Your presence, in my heart and soul.
My eyes are misty, yet clear
Jai Ho, Jai Ho, Jai Ho.

Maniki Deep

Live Yoga Session

On 08.09.20 it was the 2nd day of the World Suicide Prevention week when Rotaract Club of Samaritan organized a live Yoga Session.

It was conducted by Ms. Ayushi Goyal and Mr. Satyam Tiwari, both of them being professional yoga experts, who shared their views on importance of Yoga for mental fitness, with 70 attendees of this session.

From our club those who attended were Rtn. Indu Luthra, Rtn. Anupam Jain, Rtn. Renu Chopra, Rtn. Ravinder Jain and Secretary Rtn. Shuchi Thakur.



Microloan



2nd Microloan of current Rotary year of ₹ 30,000 was given to Baljeet Yadav of Rotary Sarai GMCH-32 contractor for purchases of material

Annapurna



On 9th September Annapurna was performed at Samarpan, Majri Chowk Panchkula, where 70 children and mothers were distributed fruits. Sanitary napkins were also distributed, courtesy AG PP Rtn. Dr. Rita and Rtn Dr. Sanjay Kalra, who were present along with Rtn. Renu Chopra and PE Rtn. Salil Chopra. A quiz was also organized for the children.

Hearty Congratulations PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra for being chosen as the District TB Coordinator by Past RI Director Yash Das

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Urmil Luther

September 23

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. Satinder Kaur Sachdeva

September 19

Rtn. Surjit Kumar

September 21

Rtn. Surjit S. Mann

September 22

PP Rtn. Anil K. Mehan

September 22

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Rashi & Rtn. Parveen Khosla

September 18

R'ann Raj & Rtn. Col. Dr. V.K. Kapoor

September 23

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