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HIMALAYAN SHOCK : THE LAST AWAKENING CALL

Col (Retd) K S Dhami

Venue: - Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Time: - 7 PM

THE NUCLEAR DEAL

Man, were we in deep water there? One big dunk into the Challenger Deep the deepest spot on earth, or actually, in the Ocean! And no way to come up gasping, either!

No, make that Heavy Water! Cos' that's what we are in for hopefully into the next decade +, the target being the year 2020! Heavy water is being used in most of the Nuclear reactors in our country, unlike the first one at Tarapur near Trombay, which is the only breeder reactor!

And the side effects of the evening? On an unsuspecting PP Mrs. Vijay Wadhawan, & PP Madhukar Malhotra who decided to drop into our club meeting! Ask them they most probably missed out on the dinner that they were supposed to attend at the Golf Club!

Man, were they nuked!

All the way, gentlemen! You just can't get far enough from a nuclear reaction!

Neither could our own club members, including a lot of them who were pulled in to the meeting by the most powerful force on earth oops, make that the universe! Left the President wondering as to how to get that most powerful binding force in to the members of our club!

The Sun is one big nuclear bomb exploding

continuously, that's right, continuously, through a process called nuclear fusion. Imagine, if you can, a couple of kilos of sun material smuggled back to earth and by Jehovah, the surface of the earth shall be obliterated! Into good old gas like they show in the movies!



Let's get a bit techie! Just one kilo, yep, one kilo, of U 235 can give you a bang of 20,000, 000 tons of TNT! Try & distribute that over as many towns & cities as you can! You'll have to find several more planets to distribute that stuff @ one ton per town!

Now visualize a controlled explosion (as in a nuclear reactor!) & the amount of energy it has which could be converted into electricity through something called Newton's Law! You get enough electricity for the next several years for every kilo of U-235 that you burn!

Incidentally, only 3.1 % of our electrical energy comes from nuclear plants, the remaining 24.9% from hydro projects, & then, believe it or not, a whopping 53.4%

from thermal plants burning coal! How much coal reserves do we have Jharia, Jharkand & Raneeganj or Amitabh Bacchan in Kala Patthar notwithstanding!

Our guest speaker for the evening one of the nominees for the Nobel Prize, no less, was Professor Emeritus Dr. I M Govil of the Dept. of Nuclear Physics, Panjab University, & a neighbor & good friend of the Dist. Secretary PP BL Ramsissaria. (Now you know where BLR gets his energy, if not the ideas!)

With 18,800 references on Google Search, + a 21 page bio-data mailed to me by PP Indrajeet Sengupta, I won't even dare to try & put in an Introduction! Except that he was born on the 8th July 1941, a date that he shares with super architect Phillip Johnson, and the Rockefeller, and Ferdinand Zeppelin & PP Rtn. IJS Sengupta!

Anyway, Dr. Govil just let us have it was it fission or fusion, we honestly don't know, but the lack of Cadmium rods inside us meant that we were charged to the core! Make that the nucleus wherever it is within us!

And how many mega tons?
You joking?

The power could easily have been in giga tons, or the next level tera tons! Okay I made that one up but believe you me, one needs the brains of a nuclear scientist to figure out the power of a proton, or was it the neutron, or maybe the electrons, or could've been the quarks, or something!

Now countries like France use this something to produce almost 80% of their power, compared to us in India with a mere 3%! Even the US of A uses nuke energy to produce almost 25% of their energy needs which is what we are looking at in the next decade in case we don't the lights to be switched off! And with a current growth rate of the GDP at a high of 9% +, we'll need all the power we can to just stay in the same place! Think about it!

We need to upgrade to about 6 times our current production to be viable as a developed nation! And to think that it took the last few millenniums to get to where we are currently!

Civilizations have been known to vanish into thin air! Knew anybody from Mohen-jo-daro, or Lothal, or Kali-bangan, or even a boatman from the Saraswati? Any remote ancestor?

Neither did Alexander, in spite of having the addresses!

Emperor Akbar was smart he relocated to Agra, & then Delhi, where the action was! But then Fatehpur Sikri was abandoned not because of a power shortage but because of the drying up or overuse of the water source! Imagine all those birthday parties still being celebrated behind the Buland Darwaza by Akbar's wives & the Nav-rattans & co. if only Emp. Jalaluddin Mohd. Akbar had nuclear power to draw out water from deep tube wells!

How much time before your civilization disappears?

Someone please start the clock!

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Education Department, Chandigarh Administration honours the club's Literacy Projects



At a function in Tagore Theatre, on Teacher's Day, 5th September 2007, the two premier literacy projects of Rotary club Chandigarh Midtown were commended by the Education Department, Chandigarh. H. E. Gen (Retd.) S. F. Rodrigues, Governor Punjab & Administrator, U.T., Chandigarh thanked the club for its contribution towards education while handing over a commendation certificate and Plaque of Honour to the club President, Sandeep Sandhu, PP Rtn. R. K. Goyal and PP Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta.

The two projects are: -

1. WCS Project: RI District 3080 + 7250 + Rotary International: Donation of 7 sets of free text books for the economically disadvantaged children of class 9, 10, 11 & 12 of 81 Government Schools in Chandigarh. The text books would be issued every year by the school

library, to the needy children. The project was started by PP R. K. Goyal with the help of DG. Shaju Peter in 2005-06. Ann Kundbala was the pivot for ensuring the distribution to the schools. The project will benefit 1700 needy students every year. The total project cost was Rs. 10.00 lacs. The project was formally launched by RI President Rtn. Wilfrid Wilkinson and First lady Joan.

2. Night School village Sarangpur. This project is an ongoing project which was started by the club in 2000-01 when Rtn. Dr. Vanita Gupta was President. The School conducts classes in the evening for children working in the area. The school has, so far, provided Primary Education to 180 children of ages 7 to 14.

(Dr. Vanita Gupta)

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DONATIONS FOR WINTER UNIFORM FOR CHILDREN OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AT JIND

First Lady of the District Lovvy Peter only had to ask once! And the purses of our Rotarians opened up immediately (like within a minute!) to make way for clothing for a bunch of school kids she saw & met at a recent visit to a village school in Jind town!

List of Instant Donors at the last meeting of our club.

R'anne Lovvy Peter	Rs. 1000/-
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Er. Ajit Gulati (ex-member of our club)	Rs. 500/-
Rtn. R K Luther	Rs. 1000/-

Only wish that she looks more & sees more, following which she asks for more - & I guess things should start to happen!



Wedding Anniversaries:

R'anne Indu & Rtn. Prem Anand	Sept. 17
R'anne Rashi & Rtn. Parveen Khosla	Sept. 18



Punctuality Draw : Won by PP BL Ramsissaria

Editor for the week : PP Rtn. Pallav Mukharjee

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