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NOVEMBER IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

SEVEN WAYS TO "DO GOOD IN THE WORLD"



 BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY	 MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH	 PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION
NOVEMBER IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH The Rotary Foundation		 WATER, SANITATION, & HYGIENE
 SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT	 DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT	 ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

KNOW YOUR SPEAKER MR. GAURAV MISHRA



Mr. Gaurav Mishra is an MBA from BBD College, Lucknow. He has been the Zonal Head of Mahendra Education (P) Ltd. since 2020 and Branch Head since 2014 and has been working in MEPL since 2009. Shri Gaurav Mishra is presently supervising a Staff / Faculty of 300+ employees in over 20+ centres across Eastern India.

Mr Mishra is also an accomplished teacher and loves to take classes in Logic and Mathematics. He also grooms candidates with interpersonal skills for job interviews etc.

He and his team have trained 10,000+ Students for various Competitive Exams.

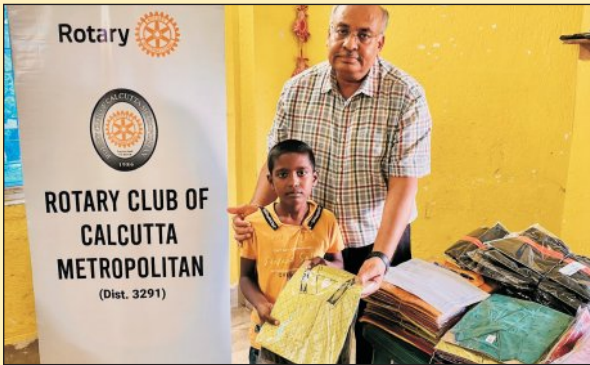
He is also directly involved in MEPL's Skilling Projects in which training has been given to 5000+ candidates with initial placement for all in 15+ Skills in 15+ Centres. This includes candidates through Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna and various CSR Projects etc..

Topic: **SKILLING IN INDIA**

DISTRIBUTION OF NEW CLOTHES, SAREE AND DHOTI & KURTA TO ORPHANED CHILDREN, WIDOWERS AND SENIOR CITIZENS AT SAVE THE ORPHANS AND OLD AGE ON 28.10.2024

The underprivileged Children are always look forward to get something new during the festival times and in our country, there are plenty of opportunity to celebrate various festivals throughout the year. Our Club always like share the happiness particularly with orphaned children. For last couple of year, the Club is distributing new clothes to the Orphaned Children, Dhoti & Kurta and Sarees to the widower to senior citizens and back staff of Save the Orphans & Old Age situated at Bansdroni.

DISTRIBUTION OF NEW CLOTHES TO CHILDREN



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DISTRIBUTION OF SAREES TO WIDOWER AND SENIOR CITIZENS



DISTRIBUTION OF NEW CLOTHES TO BACK-OFFICE STAFF



You will observe that the Children were very much excited to get the new clothes and they put on new clothes, which have brought the smile on their faces. Elderly ladies and widower were also happy to get saree so that they can wear it during the Diwali festival. We are grateful to PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia, Rtn Satish Mohan Bansal and with large heart Rtn Narendra Berlia to bear the entire cost of the above clothes. Thanks to them

SPEAKER REPORT: DR MOUSIKI KAR, TOPIC: SEMI-CONDUCTOR TECHNOLOGIES ROADMAP, TOWARDS AI-DRIVEN FUTURE BY VP RTN RUNJHUN GUPTA ON 26.10.2024

Dr Mousiki Kar, an engineering educator, associate professor in department of Electronics and communication engineering at Heritage Institute of Technology, India and founder, coordinator of IEEE in India, funded by IEEE USA demonstrated her passion for the field and knowledge sharing from the word go.

She took permission to get all the seasoned Metropolitans in student mode as she explained the importance of her focus, AI (Artificial Intelligence), the biggest buzz word that is slowly taking over our lives in all areas like Health, education, agriculture, finance, retail, energy, manufacturing, entertainment. She shared how the investment in AI has gone up by 2 to 2.5 times globally since last year, close to 200 million USD, with major conclaves happening across the globe.

She highlighted the advantages in different fields like in health, it will help with precise analysis, predictive diagnosis and making the complicated surgeries simplified through robotic surgeries. In finance, it can help detect fraudulent transactions at much faster pace, in time to prevent misuse and help better risk management for trading, calculation of credit scorings etc. In industries, it can help manage the health of machinery with IOT sensors and help improve the production and outputs. Product process and supply chain can be managed well understanding the demand, leading to less wastage through excess production. In education field, it can help bring standardisation in learning and teaching methodology. It can help in further identifying the type of learners and deliver personalised teachings along with providing resources. Smart content creation is already being widely used like ChatGPT and making process like checking answer sheets a simpler process. In Retail, the search engine like google, Facebook help in aligning multiple options for a single requirement, increasing market reach, and growing online sales. In transportation, google maps help to find easiest way to arrive in destinations on time. Work is in progress to get sensors

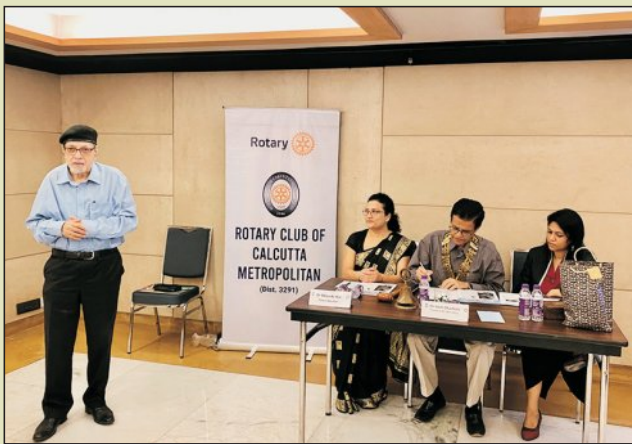
to alert about incoming traffic and force stop to prevent accidents. AI programs are getting developed that will help to align with like-minded people to carpool with. In agriculture, AI programs are getting developed where farmers would just need to deploy drones to monitor the crop conditions, apply relevant chemical solutions, understand the health of soil, predict yield and output. In entertainment, it creates an enhanced user experience understanding their preference based on choices made like in Netflix, prime video, etc. Virtual reality helps in going through a desired experience without the risk of real-life hurdles, for example getting the thrill of an adventure even without a permitting health condition. In energy conservation, AI helps in getting more accurate reports and conditions of our planet with respect to environment, resources, and its usage. For example, as per research, Kolkata is at the risk of drowning within 80 years if precautions are not taken, which is a scary reality that requires immediate action to ensure a better and safer world for our future generations.

In a nutshell, AI is based on programming derived out of inputs by various sources like keyboard, voice etc and the output is achieved through devices/chips which have semiconductors at their core. Semiconductors are made from silicon which is sourced from sand. So it is like a cycle that starts from dust and ends into dust, but during the journey, it consumes a lot of energy adding to the global warming. Hence its important to be aware of the cost and impact of this development, as the aim is to create more than 1000 trillion semi-conductor devices/transistors by end of 2030. AI needs to be used to compliment and collaborate with human effort. She ended with a message that we need to understand that AI is here to stay, it is important to be vigilant about how it can affect our lives and the need of the hour is about being prepared and not scared, because nothing can supersede the emotions and essence of being a human.

by Rtn. Runjhun Gupta



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RID DISTRICT-3291 BIJOYA DIWALI MEET ON 27.10.2024

District-3291 always celebrate the Bijoya & Diwali meet with big fanfare and Rotarians always look forward to celebrate this occasion.

It was well attended with houseful and the evening was well entertained by the Rotarian singing songs resulted

in dance on the floor and then finally the stage was taken over by renowned Singer Gourab Sarkar, winner in ETv Gaane Mor Indradhanu and others.

The Club was represented by the President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

14.11.2024 PP Rtn Dr Neerja Rateria



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

20.11.2024 Rtn Nisha Singhania & Spouse Pradeep

22.11.2024 Rtn Dr Neerja Rateria & Spouse Poonam



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CLUB

- 10.11.2024 Art & Craft Competition at PACE Learning Centre around 11.30 AM
- 23.11.2024 Regular Meeting at The Conclave at 2.00 PM. Speakers will be PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji and PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, who will speak on The Rotary Foundation (TRF)
- 14.12.2024 Regular Meeting at The Conclave
- 28.12.2024 Regular Meeting and Annual Meeting for the RY-2024-2025 at The Conclave

DISTRICT

- 24.11.2024 District Foundation Seminar at The International Management Institute. Registration Charges Rs.500/- per member
- 01.12.2024 President, Secretary, AG, ZS and Team meet for the RY-2024-2025
- 04.01.2025 to 05.01.2025 District Conference

WORLD POLIO DAY CELEBRATION ON 29.10.2024

Although World Polio Day is celebrated on 24th October every year but this year because of Cyclone it was deferred to 29.10.2024. The purpose of hold the World Polio Day by the RID-3291 to create awareness about the eradication of Polio from the earth, which needs correction of less than 1% in Pakistan and Afghanistan. There is apprehension that some cases may be there at Gaza. Rotary International is committed to eradicate the Polio from the world.

This seminar was again seeing the houseful with RCC and Interactors also joined. Those who have contributed USD 100 to Polio Plus Society with a pledge to donate the same amount every year till the Polio is eradicated from the earth. They were recognized by the DG AKS Rtn Krishnendu Gupta of District-3291 with Pin and Certificate. From our Club, the following are the 13

Metropolitans who have contributed USD 100 to Polio Plus Society:

1. PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji
2. Rtn Arundhati Chatterji
3. PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal
4. PP Rtn Utpal Chatterji
5. Rtn Pradip Kumar Agarwal
6. Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka
7. PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia
8. Rtn Runjhun Gupta
9. Rtn Pradip Kapoor
10. Rtn Narendra Berlia
11. Rtn Vivek Bajaj
12. Rtn Partha Sarthi Ganguli
13. Rtn Satish Mohan Bansal

We are thankful to them and more Metropolitans are likely to join during the year.



TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE – NOVEMBER 2024



Mark Daniel Maloney
RI Trustee Chair 2024-25

There are as many reasons to join Rotary as there are members. Most join for experiences - new friendships, expanding professional circles, or putting Service Above Self into action to create impact.

Rotary delivers on all of these, often simultaneously. Through our Rotary Foundation, Rotary also has a knack for offering unexpected experiences and new opportunities that open doors and change lives.

I learned this firsthand at age 30 when I served as president of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama. That year, my wife and I sought out the chance to try something new: attending the 1985 Rotary International Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. There, we witnessed the dawn of PolioPlus and met members from different backgrounds, realizing we were part of a global family.

Later that year, I learned that a Rotary Group Study Exchange team from Nigeria was scheduled to visit Alabama, but Decatur was not on the agenda. After making a few calls, we soon welcomed the Nigerian team into our home. It was an incredible and unexpected experience.

Before the group departed, the team leader recommended me to lead the six-member team from Alabama that would visit Nigeria the following year, which I did. There, I met people whose lives had been impacted by polio, including several family members of our hosts. I learned that polio reaches its victims across borders, economies, and religions.

That Foundation program - Group Study Exchange - opened my eyes to what Rotary is and what it can do. Taking part in the exchange set me on a path for new friendships and opportunities to serve on multiple continents.

Just as The Rotary Foundation has enriched my Rotary life, it can do the same for you. This month, during Rotary Foundation Month, I invite you to explore new Foundation experiences.

Look for ways you and your club can support Foundation-led efforts like polio eradication, disaster response, or the Rotary Peace Centers. Get involved in global grant or district grant projects. And if you have never had the experience of giving to our Foundation, I invite you to join other Rotary members as a Foundation donor. Your support will mean the world to both Rotary members who want to help and to the individuals and communities who need it.

The Rotary Foundation is not a place or a building. It is an experience, one that lives in our hearts and hands as we do good in the world. The Rotary Foundation is all of us.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE – NOVEMBER 2024



Stephanie A. Urchick
RI President 2024-25

One of Rotary's greatest strengths is the ability of our members to come together to create lasting change, and The Rotary Foundation helps us transform dreams of change into reality.

From eradicating polio to building peace, much of the work we do around the world would not be possible without our continued support of our Foundation.

The cause of peace is especially important to me, and one of the most effective ways we build peace is our Rotary Peace Fellowship - a product of The Rotary Foundation. The program helps current and aspiring peace and development professionals around the world learn how to prevent and how to end conflict.

Thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next Rotary Peace Center, at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Opening yet another peace center is a monumental achievement that we will celebrate at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul.

The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advocates for peace. Keynote speakers, panel discussions, and breakout sessions will allow us to share ideas about building peace and foster meaningful conversations about promoting peace everywhere.

Registration for the Presidential Peace Conference is open. I hope to see you there, but if you can't make it, our Foundation offers so many ways to change the world for the better. November is Rotary Foundation Month, a great time to get to know your Foundation better and pursue causes that appeal to you.

Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. By working together to respond to pressing community needs, clubs and districts strengthen their global partnerships.

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and in communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants.

Our Foundation can even help you support our wonderful youth programs, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Interact.

Your gifts to our Foundation also make Programs of Scale possible. These are long-term projects that seek to solve otherwise intractable problems.

To ensure these good works continue beyond our lifetimes, it is up to us to reach our ambitious Rotary Endowment goal of \$2.025 billion by 30 June 2025.

The Magic of Rotary does not appear out of nowhere. We create the magic with every new member inducted, every project completed, and every dollar donated to our Foundation.

Please join me in supporting The Rotary Foundation, and together, we will change the world for the better.

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