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In December, I will attend the United Nations COP28 climate change summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. There, I will speak about the convergence of two global crises: climate and mental health. As the World Health Organization has noted, climate change worsens risk factors — such as disruptions to homes and livelihoods — for mental health problems. The emotional distress of a disaster also makes it difficult for people to recover and rebuild.

Rotary partner Shelter Box is an international disaster relief charity that has helped more than 2.5 million displaced people in approximately 100 countries with emergency shelter, essential household items, and technical support. I wish to share this month's column with their CEO, Sanj Srikanthan, who explains that the words we choose to describe disasters matter.

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Pre-Diwali Celebrations

on 3rd November 2023 at Burj Fateh Farm

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a vibrant Hindu celebration symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. Families decorate homes with lamps, candles, and colorful rangoli. The festival includes feasts, fireworks, and the exchange of gifts. Diwali fosters joy, unity, and spiritual reflection.

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शुभ दीपावली

अभी तो उतरा भी न था, पहले जशन का खुमार,
के सुनील जी की आ गई फिर, प्यार भरी पुकार,
आइये रोशन करें, मिलकर अपने रिश्तों के दीपक,
छोड़ें मुस्कुराहटों की फुलझड़ियाँ, मनायें दीपों का त्यौहार।

सभी ने मिलकर एक दूसरे के संग खूब खेला, पिया और खाया,
किसी ने खुशी का, तो किसी ने दिल का तराना सुनाया,
बनारसी साड़ियों और सिल्क दुपटों की अलग ही थी कुछ बात,
रोशन हुआ था कोना - कोना अनगिनत उपहारों की चमक के साथ।

कहीं कवि बनने का हुआ दावा, कविता के प्रेम में,
मज़ा रह खूब "इसकी टोपी उसके सर" के गेम में,
कहीं बंट रही थीं, तीन तिकियाँ पत्तों के खेल में,
और सभी रंग बिरंगे लम्हे कैद हुए, सेल्फी फ्रेम में।

हर दिल था मुस्कुराया, सब प्यार की धुन पर थे नाचे,
पति - पत्नी के लतीफों के, खूब फूटे पटाखे,
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वंदना
नवंबर 2023

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Special thanks to Rtn Wg Cdr J S Minhas for representing our club during this camp.



शिविर में 402 युवाओं ने किया रक्तदान

संवाद सहयोगी, मोहाली : डेगू एवं चिकनगुनिया के मरीजों को सहायता पहुंचाने के लिए चंडीगढ़ यूनिवर्सिटी घड़ुआ में रक्तदान शिविर लगाया गया। रक्तदान जागरूकता शिविर में 402 युवाओं ने रक्तदान किया। सीयू के चांसलर सतनाम सिंह संघू की प्रेरणा से एनएसएस यूनिट सदस्य रक्तदान के लिए आगे हैं। एनएसएस यूनिट ने श्री शिव कावड़ महासंघ चैरिटेबल ट्रस्ट, विश्वास फाउंडेशन, रोहरी क्लब चंडीगढ़ सेटल, इंडियन रेडक्रास सोसाइटी पंजाब स्टेट ब्रांच चंडीगढ़, एचडीएफसी बैंक एवं ब्लड बैंक, राजेंद्रा हॉस्पिटल, पटियाला, जीएमसीएच, सेक्टर-32, चंडीगढ़ एवं होमी बाबा कैंसर हॉस्पिटल, न्यू चंडीगढ़ से मिलकर चंडीगढ़ यूनिवर्सिटी में मेगा रक्तदान शिविर लगाया गया। रक्तदान शिविर का उद्घाटन सीयू के प्रो चांसलर

डा. आरएस बावा एव डिपार्टमेंट आफ स्टूडेंट्स वेलफेयर के एजीक्यूटिव डायरेक्टर डा. अरविंदर सिंह कंग ने किया। उन्होंने युवाओं का आह्वान किया कि वह इस कार्य में बढ़-चढ़कर भाग लें और एक स्वस्थ व्यक्ति का इन्सानी, नैतिक और सामाजिक दायित्व बनाते हैं कि वह स्वयं को रक्तदान के लिए तैयार रखें। इस अवसर पर विंग कमांडर डा. जेएस मिन्हास ने रक्तदाताओं को बैज लगाकर होसला बढ़ाया। श्री शिव कावड़ महासंघ चैरिटेबल ट्रस्ट के प्रधान राकेश कुमार संगर ने बताया कि डेगू एवं चिकनगुनिया की वजह से लगभग सभी अस्पतालों में रक्त एवं रक्त कंपोनेंट्स की कमी है। रक्तदान का मकसद उन मरीजों की मदद करना है। रक्तदाताओं को प्रशंसा पत्र, स्मृति चिन्ह एवं बैज लगाकर सम्मानित किया।



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Installation Ceremony of Interact Club

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The function was organised under the Interact Club Coordinator Ms Poonam Shahi, faculty member.

DG Rtn Arun Mongia addressed the School Students and motivated them to work for the betterment of Society.

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इंटरैक्ट क्लब ने मनाया समारोह

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Meeting 1779

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEET NO. 1779 OF ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH CENTRAL HELD ON 29-11-2023 ON ZOOM

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B. Information regarding forthcoming projects / events was shared with members:

Residential RYLA for special Children from 11th December to 13th December 2023.

About 150 ID (Intellectually Disabled) children would be invited from nearby states. Two Rotary Clubs are involved i.e., RC Chandigarh Midtown and our club. This event would be conducted in collaboration with Chandigarh Administration and SOB (Special Olympics Bharat). The details were shared with members. The approximate expenditure for this event would be Rs. 4-5Lacs and members were requested to donate generously for this event and make efforts to arrange some sponsor. Some members confirmed their donation during meeting. President pays gratitude to them on behalf of RCCC.

Meeting ended with thanks to all present.



04th December Rtn. Inderpreet Singh

05th December Rtn. Ashok Bansal

07th December Rtn. Vivek Goyal

21st December Rtn. Navjit Singh Aulakh

25th December Rtn. Sandeep Bansal

31st December Rtn. Manish Aggarwal

11th January Rtn. Inderjeet Singh

12th January Rtn. D.S. Saini

17th January Rtn. Karan Kapoor

20th January Rtn. Vebhu Bhatnagar



03rd December Rtn. Jagdish Mohan Bansal

05th December Rtn. Divij Nanda

05th December Rtn. Ashita Nanda

07th December Rtn. S.K. Checker

07th December Rtn. Sandeep Bansal

09th December Rtn. Rakesh Kapila

04th January Rtn. Harpreet Singh Nibber

24th January Rtn. Ashok Bansal

27th January Rtn. Amarjit Singh

30th January Rtn. Rajinder Singh Cheema