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TEEJ CELEBRATIONS WITH THE MAGIC OF "MALHAAR"

The festival of teej was celebrated in the most enthralling manner. PP Manmohan Singh introduced the Special Guest of the evening - Sh. Subhash Ghosh, who excels in playing the "Nav Sawar Ragini"-an instrument designed and created by himself. In 1985 Sh. Subhash Ghosh settled in Chandigarh, wedded Dr. Saroj Ghosh, a Punjabi girl, who in her own right is an excellent musician. Mrs. Ghosh has held the post of the head of music department in Panjab University.

Subhash Ghosh has received training from Pandit Deepak Roy Shri Deepak Roy, the disciple of Shri Sunil Ganguly, the famous Hawaiian Guitier Player trained Shri Ghosh. He continued his training which took him to Pandit Jai Gopal Roy and also to Pandit Barun Kumar Pal who was disciple of the great Bharat Ratna Pandit Ravi Shankar, the great Sitar Maestro. He received his training in playing Tabla from Shri Jagat Bandhu De who

was in turn trained by Ustad Keramat Ullah Khan. The quest to learn more did not end and Subhash Ji made his way into the celebrated world of Padma Vibhushan, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan Sahib. After tutorial hood with Ustad Amjad Ali Khan Sahib, Subhash Ji made his way to the city of Chandigarh. Subhash ji established a music academy in Chandigarh where he trains the young and old in music.

Sh. Subhash Ghosh has been nominated with Padmashri twice. He has numerous performances to his credit and travelled to various countries including Iran and Canada. In one of his performances, he received a standing ovation from 800 people. During his ongoing journey, he has given numerous National and International performances, his art and skill took him to all corners of India and beyond the shores of the country. He has played for many national and



international heads and NGOs. Represented India in various musical festivals. His skill in fusion has made him lovable by all the generation of music lovers.

Indian Classical music is as complete in itself as is human & humanity, Life & livelihood. In its broad spectrum of Ragas & Raginis, the Taans and Taranas, the taal and Tihai, the Nat and Nritya, one element which emerges out beautifully in a seamless form, which can be felt, almost touched, is the expression of emotion; in its truest feeling. Subhash ji composed a presentation for the evening which expressed an emotion, he very exclusively held for rotary as it feels like Home he being associated with it for 28 years.. It was an evening of music which touched all to the core. In meditative silence all rejoiced in listening to the compositions played by the musical exponent. The musical evening began with him playing popular compositions based on Raag

Malhaar-- The raag of The Sawan. It is A seasonal Raag composed to beckon and celebrate the rains. Songs like " Megha Re Megha Re", "Rimjhim giresawan", bole re papi hara" and "Sawan ka mahina Pawan karesor" made everyone enjoy to the fullest.

The Popular compositions moved on to pure classical composition of the raag which transported all to a mesmerizing experience with sounds of lightening and Koel singing. The evening was closed by paying homage to the Recent Kolkata rape case happening by singing Tagore's "ellachaloRe" with the audience clapping and singing along with. PP Neena Singh completed the event by a befitting vote of thanks.

Rtn. PE Abha J. Sharma



WE MEET EVERY MONDAY AT ROTARY HOUSE AT 6:00 PM

NEXT MEETING

HG Sashtia Chakshu Dass,
Iskon Chandigarh temple
advisory council talks to us on
Teachings of Bhagwad GITA and
their application in our daily life

PROJECTS

Heartline : Surgery No 1

Today, we (Rtn Gurvinder Saggu & Dr Udey Parmar RC Ropar) had the privilege of meeting Baby Bhavana from Kullu following her successful heart surgery at Fortis Hospital. She was discharged today, and we had the joy of accompanying her and her family to the bus station as they embarked on their



journey back home. The time spent with them at the hospital was profoundly moving. Bhavana's mother and grandmother were overwhelmed with happiness and gratitude towards Rotary Chandigarh for making this life-changing surgery possible. Their eyes glistened with tears of joy, hopeful that their little girl, born with a heart condition, now has the chance to grow up healthy and strong. Coming from a financially struggling background, Bhavana's family could never have afforded the surgery on their own. Her father works as a laborer, and they live day to day, barely making ends meet. Their story is a powerful reminder of the impact we can make when we come together to support those in need. A heartfelt thank you to Rtn. Dr. Bhanu Parmar and his son, Dr. Udey Parmar, from RC Roopnagar, for not only connecting this

family to us but also generously sponsoring part of the surgery cost. Dear Rotarians, your compassion and commitment have given this family a renewed sense of hope and a brighter future for their child.

Surgery No 2

Vidita, a seven year old hails from the remote village of Sakhauli in District Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh. Her journey to us began with the compassionate efforts of social worker Ms. Yogita Goyal, who reached out to the Rotary Club of Paonta Sahib when she learned that Vidita's family could not afford the life-saving surgery. President Rtn. Mahesh Khurana from RC Paonta Sahib, our partner club, immediately took action,



offering partial financial assistance, knowing that this child urgently needed our help. This story beautifully illustrates the strength of Rotary's helping hand, where the entire organization comes together to support those in need. The collective efforts of so many have given Vidita the chance to live a healthy, normal life, despite the challenges she was born with. We are overjoyed that, through timely intervention, another child now has a brighter future.

WINS Project

The activity in WINS project was done on 23rd. August, 2024 in Government Model Senior Secondary School Khuda Alisher U.T Chandigarh in the presence of Principal – Mrs. Sangeeta Bangia and Coordinator – Mrs. Rajni on the Topic: Menstrual Hygiene Management & Pads Distribution Drive for girls and Gender Sensitisation for boys. Number of Students Covered: 565 students. Number of Pads distributed: 300 pads. Facilitators - Mr. Inderpal, Ms. Vinita Shah, Mr. Rajinder, Ms. Kamini, Mr.



Rahul, Ms. Komal Brief about today's session were conducting a session on menstrual cycle onset, menstrual hygiene management and gender sensitisation. The anatomy of the female reproductive system was imparted in the most scientific manner for effective understanding of the onset of menstrual cycle. The students showed great interest and asked questions about various related issues, which our dedicated volunteers effectively addressed.

Rotary Medical Vocational Training Team to Ehtiopia

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The Rotary Club of Addis Ababa (RCAA) has initiated this mission in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Chandigarh, India. The Rotary Club of Chandigarh has a proven track record, having conducted three Medical VTT missions in Ethiopia in 1999, 2013, and 2015, as well as similar missions in 17 African countries. The mission is funded by The Rotary Foundation Global Grant of \$141,000 USD. A MOU was signed between Rotary Club of Addis Ababa (RCAA), Rotary Club of Chandigarh, India and Ministry of Health, Ethiopia. A team of 25 members with 18 doctors specialized in Orthopedic, urology, pediatric laparoscopic surgeries and 6 volunteers and one technician. A

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News

Board of Directors of Rotary Club of Chandigarh Classic led by President Ramneek Sharma. PDG Praveen Goyal was the Chief Guest and AG Jaspal Singh Sidhu was the Guest of Honour. Ann Basu Goyal was present., Rtn. Praveen Goyal



CELEBRATIONS

Anniversary Greetings:

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Justice for RGKar

We spoke what we thought. We expressed raw emotion. We shared our fears. We talked about our insecurities. We pledged to contribute our drop of effort



towards a better society. We decided to shun people of questionable behavior. We vowed to select leaders carefully. We insisted on quick and exemplary justice. We prayed for the tortured, tormented soul. may she rest in peace and so many other unfortunates, find peace and strength. On 21st of August 2024, 60 rotaractors and 15 rotarians from rotary club chandigarh, assembled at sector 17 plaza, Chandigarh, to pray and protest for immediate justice to the Calcutta victim.

Rtn. Teena Virk

RYLA-' PRESERVE YOUR BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT'



On 22nd of August, ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH organized a half day RYLA, with their INTERACT CLUB members and other students of DAV School, sector 15, Chandigarh. In all 130 students, with half a dozen teachers and the Principal, Ms. Anuja Sharma, participated. This RYLA on ' PRESERVE YOUR BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT', was inaugurated with a talk by Dr. Sanjay Kalra, District Chair RYLA. He appreciated the topic of focus and spoke about the history and concept of RYLA. His talk was followed by a data oriented explanation about the deterioration in all kinds of social, emotional, political and of course the nature's environment in today's world, by PP Vinod



Kapoor. Dr. Nidhi Vinayak calmed and relaxed the students with concept, explanation and live demo of meditation. She emphasized the concept of self-realization of our negative contribution to ruining our natural resource of water. Rtn. Teena Virk reiterated the significance of each person's awareness at a micro level, to change the macro concept of the world. This was followed by a number of song, dance and skits by students, highlighting the need to preserve nature. PP Charanjit Singh, talked about the importance of understanding that environment and humanity is one entity. It was an absorbing interactive session with the students. Mr. Jhingan, secretary, Environment Society of India, Chandigarh, enlightened the gathering on plantation with preserving ground water level. The famous, motivational speaker, Mr. Atray arrived and lifted the atmosphere to high levels of fun, interaction and motivation. Jt. Secretary Arun Aggarwal, Rtn. Dr. Seema Gupta were gracious to lend support by their presence.

Installation of Interact Club AKSIPS 45 smart school



AKSIPS 45 SMART SCHOOL, held its Interact Investiture Ceremony on 24th of August, in its school premises. After the welcome, the outgoing president Ashima Thakur, showcased the achievements of the club under her leadership, in the past year. A very impressive display from plantation, to cleanliness drive, to distribution of

stationary to have notes, to steps to be taken during natural calamities, to fire safety drill etc. Speech of the incoming president, Simran Nayyar, emphasized on the need to be aware of efforts required for social benefit and to be full of empathy to achieve the essence of being an interactor in Rotary. Beautiful motivational song and dance items were presented by the school children. The occasion was graced by the school management, principal, teachers and senior students. ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH was represented by PP Vijay Wadhawan, Jt. Secretary Arun Aggarwal and Teena Virk, Director Youth Services.

Installation of Interact Club DPS school



A spectacular performance of songs, dance and the council parade marked the DPS investiture ceremony for the Interact Club, on the 23rd of August, at the DPS, sector 40, school auditorium. DGP Chandigarh, Shri Surindra Singh Yadav, IPS, was the chief guest. The outgoing interact president, Mansha Dubey, showcased the projects done under her term, which included visit to an orphanage for little ones to sending truck load warm clothes to the underprivileged in Kashmir, to tree plantation, distribution of food, stationary and collection of funds for animal welfare, to name a few. Anahita Khangwal, the incoming president promised to carry forward the commitment and work of the interact club. All speakers, lauded the social responsibility being executed by the children under the capable guidance of their principal, Rtn. Reema Dewan and teacher Niti Purewal. The function was well attended by Rotarians, Dr. Rajinder Kaur, Arun Aggarwal, PP Vijay Wadhawan, PP Vinod Kapoor & Rekha Kapoor, Dr. Nidhi Vinayak, PE Abha Shar

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dermatologist was also introduced in team as community needs indicated with us because we are aware that there is a lot of skin issues.

It was a cool day a drizzling in the morning when our team excited for excursion for city tour. Rotary club Addis Aonrganized a tour for the delegates to relax on the Sunday after hectic last seven days to keep the team charge for next week. In morning the team drove down to Entoto Natural Park to Entoto Natural Park, a unique place to discover the vastest primaeval mountain area with streams flowing out from clear springs and waterfall where it amazes with stunningly dramatic places for relaxation. In the cool place ,the team took the tea/coffee break and spend almost two hours on songs and dance. On the way back a lunch was organized which was well enjoyed by every member. The day closes with shopping by members in the city as well as other site seeing area.

A team of five doctors in orthopedic team take up at Black Lion Specialized Hospital having expertise in handling all anal and foot cases, trauma and joints and orthopedic infections, bone tumors cancer, pelvic trauma, spine, endoscopy and sports medicine. During the visit 62 surgeries were done besides the training and other sessions by giving them theoretical knowledge which have been very well accepted. During the visit the team come across a case where a 35-year-old woman who hasn't got married because she couldn't walk on it, so the team took up that case and could straighten it completely in a single sitting. She's overjoyed and that give a lot of thrill. In another case large tumour on the back of thigh in a 70 year female had been removed along with the normal surrounding tissues to prevent recurrence. The tumor was very near to the main nerve supply of the leg (sciatic nerve) which had fungated up to the skin so the skin also needed to be removed along with the tumor and later defect is filled with skin graft. With all these challenges the tumour was removed enmass along with involved skin .The tumor was approximately 1.5 kg and the main nerve was saved .The skin defect was closed with the skin grafting from the other thigh leading to a successful completion of the procedure.

The second team of five doctors specialized in urology took the position in St Paul millennium medical College who have the expertise in urologist, pediatric urologist and laparoscopic surgery. Introduction of laparoscopic surgery in children which is not performed here even private set up. The object was clear as when the team leave this country after this mission, The local doctors should be able to give the services to the people through this mission as well as the latest equipment donated during the visit. During the visit the team conducted 17 pediatric surgeries and 42 surgeries in the urology section.

The third team consisting of three doctors in plastic surgeon at Alert Comprehensive Specialized Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia who



are expert microvascular surgeons from Ganga hospital, Coimbatore and a consultant plastic surgeon in Clift care and burn. Normally the people have the connotation that plastic surgery is beautification whereas in this programme the



reconstructive procedure was done. During the visit 21 surgeries were conducted which includes two specific cases where in one case where 60 years old man has lost his whole nose due to a form of skin cancer.

With meticulous planning, a new nose was designed from the forehead and reconstructed, giving a new nose to the patient. Another case



was a 25 year old gentleman, a driver by occupation, got hit by a bullet to his right shoulder in a war zone three months back. His right upper limb stopped functioning, and he could not perform any activities, and his job was in danger. In an eight-hour long surgery, the nerves of his right upper limb were reconstructed with additional nerves from both the legs using Microsurgery. A new life to the gentleman besides retaining his job which he had. In the same hospital skin disease was of major concern where in the team of doctors performed 438 procedures and 22 dermatos surgeries.

Ministry of Health organized a dinner meet to felicitate the delegates of medical mission from India by honoring every person for their contribution towards the people of Ethiopia. Dr. MekdesDaba , Minister, A chief guest of the occasion, recognized the delegates of medical mission with certificate of appreciation . HE Shri Anil Kumar Rai ,An ambassador to Ethiopia also graced this occasion and presented a memento to Minister on behalf of Rotary club of Chandigarh. On similar basis Rotary Club Addis

Ababa also felicitated the delegates of medical mission in the another programme and appreciated the good work done by the team.

A heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the incredible work and dedication of the entire volunteer team during visit to our hospital. The learning and sharing that took place during the visit were invaluable. The insights gained from his experiences and expertise will undoubtedly benefit our team and enhance our ability to provide the best possible care to our patients. Furthermore, the donation of dermatological drugs was generous and greatly appreciated. The positive impact of your contributions will be felt for a long time to come, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside such a dedicated and compassionate group of individuals., Dr.Alemtsehay Getachew, Dermatology department head, ALERT

I am thrilled to share that our VTT Mission has concluded successfully. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the physicians who participated and to the Rotary Clubs of Chandigarh and Addis Ababa for their invaluable support. This mission, which provided much-needed surgical services in orthopedics, plastic surgery, and dermatology at ALERT comprehensive specialized hospital was a tremendous success. Our hands-on clinical practice and seminars have greatly benefited our doctors, enabling them to share knowledge and skills. Additionally, the support provided through necessary medical supplies and equipments will help our team to handle various medical procedures., Dr. Shimelis, CEO

The team concluded the visit on 22nd. August, 2024 and took flight back to India by spending almost 12 days in service of people in Ethiopia.

By Rtn. Anil Chadda

