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Today's SPEAKER



Vijay Jain

- Vastu Shastra Consultant.
- Numerologist
- Graphologist (Handwriting Expert)

He is an expert in Pyramid Vastu who completed his Pyramid Vastu education from Baroda in 2005. Further he did his Masters Degree from Belford University Germany in 2007 in Numerology.

Vijay Jain then went on to do a course in Advance Graphology (Handwriting Analyst) from KIG, Kolkata. Besides, he did Professional Graphology from Canada.

He has been practising in Occult Science since past 15 Years and has organised approx 50 Webinars in India and Abroad.



MIRACLES IN LIFE - A SUMMATION

Miracle means a phenomenon or an occurrence which is surreal. Undoubtedly the subject matter was interesting and it nicely setup the session at our RCM. Members came forward to share many an experience which they felt were mystical and anointed with divine intervention. Each member spoke with immense sublimation completely re-living the act or incident through the club platform. Sharad Dugar's deft managing of the affair further added to this great event.

MARBLE CAVES CHILE

The Marble Caves, Marble Chapel and Marble Cathedral are unusual geological mineral formations of calcium carbonate located midway on the shoreline of General Carrera Lake, Patagonia, Chile, just a few miles from the small village of Puerto Tranquilo. The incredible, most beautiful and spectacular caves on our planet, were formed over the last 6,200 years by continuous wave action splashed against marble rocks. The swirling blues of the cavern walls, columns and tunnels formed in monoliths of marble are a reflection of the lake's azure waters, which change in intensity and hue, depending on water levels and time of year. One can travel in a small boat or kayak, when the weather is nice and water mostly still to see the amazing vibrant blue and grey cave chambers, in the turquoise waters of the lake.

CONCEPT & CREATION: ROOPESH NAIDU

Contributed by Rtn Amitabh Mohan



Marble-caves-Patagonia-Chile



Marble-Cathedral



Marble-cave-lake-district



Marble Chapel



PRID Yash Pal Das is no more



Yash Pal Das (Rotary Club of Ambala, India) was Director, Rotary International 2011-13.

Yash Pal Das was the chief executive officer of a family-owned car dealership and has served as an executive officer in the Indian Merchant Navy.

He was a member of the Indian Roads and Transport

Development Association, the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations, and the Society for the Hearing Impaired. Yash has served Rotary as an India PolioPlus Committee member, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, President's representative, Training Leader, and Group Study Exchange team leader. He has received the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

In the words of Past RI President Raja Saboo "We have lost a good leader, sincere person and noble heart. The Uttarakhand schools up in hill be his memorial".

Yash was an avid golfer. He was a perfect Rotarian admired by Rotarians all over India and the world.

Rotaract Giving Certificate

The Rotaract Giving Certificate is a new initiative encouraging Rotaractors to actively support The Rotary Foundation with individual gifts. If 5 members of a club contribute a minimum total of \$50, then the club will be awarded the certificate.

If 5 MEMBERS give a TOTAL of \$50 in this Rotary year, then your club is awarded a Rotaract Giving Certificate



CLUB EVENTS

October 3, 2020 - Joint meeting with RC Central Gardens

Subject: Legal Awareness Programme

October 10, 2020 RCM

Speaker : Dr. Anil Joseph

Topic: Demolition of Living Structures

DISTRICT EVENTS

The Water Story

26th September at 6.30 p.m.

Members are requested to attend the meeting which highlights an important Environmental issue.

27th September at 4 p.m.

Details to be provided soon.



ROTARY NEWS

Rotary member Dr. Tunji Funsho named 100 Most Influential People in the World of 2020 - Jeffrey Kluger, TIME editor at large

It's not often an entire continent eradicates a disease, but on Aug. 25, 2020, that happened when Nigeria was declared polio-free, clearing the virus from its last redoubt in all of Africa. The person who did more than any other to drive polio to continent-wide extinction was Dr. Tunji Funsho, a former cardiologist and now the chair of Rotary International's polio-eradication program in Nigeria.

Funsho could have retired years ago, but in 2013, with polio still paralyzing children across Nigeria, he decided to step up to lead the Rotarians' effort. Together with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the WHO, the CDC and UNICEF, Funsho and Rotary helped lead National Immunization Days, getting millions of doses of the polio vaccine to children in cities and villages around the nation. They also sponsored health-education initiatives at community centers, mosques and even birthday parties. This summer, the country marked four years without a case of wild polio, qualifying it for its polio-free certification, leaving Afghanistan and Pakistan as the only places in the world in which polio remains endemic.



"Certification will be an achievement," Funsho told TIME in 2018. "But we're not in a hurry for that. We're in a hurry to make sure no child is paralyzed." In Nigeria and in Africa as a whole, that moment has arrived.

Source: <https://time.com/collection/100-most-influential-people-2020/5888417/tunji-funsho>

CLUB NEWS :

Our Club has been actively promoting various Rotary Programmes on the social media in a big way. Recently we developed mnemonics on our fight against **Polio** and the same are being reproduced below.

DISTRICT NEWS :

**Minutes of 2417th
e- RCM of Rotary
Club of Belur
held on 19th of
September
at 5 p.m.**

The 2417th e-Regular club meeting was called to order by President Alope Kanodia and he requested members to rise for the national anthem. This followed with by the offering of invocation to God by Anne Geeta Bhatia in the form of a beautiful prayer “Itni Shakti mujhe dena datha.... Mann ka Vishwas kam ho na”. And that laid the foundation to the theme of our in-house evening meeting “MIRACLES IN LIFE” which was attended by more than 33 members and spouses.

On request of the president, Secretary Amar concluded the Club business, along with greetings for birthdays of members. Proceeding further, President Alope now requested Rtn Sharad Dugar to moderate the RCM’s program as denoted earlier. Rtn Sharad was indeed a revelation as far as his oratory skills were concerned. He methodically accomplished his task by introducing them and then inviting each member listed for the event to share their experiences. His concluding narrations on every incident were handled with equal ease.

At the onset, Anne Anita Kanodia shared an incident wherein her train seat got mistakenly exchanged thereby saving her life. Rtn Suresh Khuteta narrated how he alongwith his wife miraculously managed to complete Kailash Nath trip even though her health had posed impossible challenges. This was followed by PDG Ravi Sehgal narrating his experience from college days when as prophesied by Sai Baba of Puttaparthi was blessed with a nephew who mysteriously resembled with the first one and who had succumbed to illness. PP Manoj Agarwal experienced a phenomenon when all medical facility for his father was arranged in a hospital within minutes by a friend whom he had not met in years. It became more interesting when PP Sharda ji explained how stumbled miraculously upon a soul from another world which indicates of the existence of a hidden world around us. Rtn Bhanu babu was still in the maze as he recollected how some travel plans worked out from the blue despite all odds. Rtn Rakesh Bhatia felt his belief in God became profound after an incident when he was saved from ragging of the worse form in college.

Truly Life is full of Miracles and Blessings Compassion and Gratitude shape incidents in our day to day life.

President Alope congratulated Rtn Sharad and thanked all members who came forward to share their mystic experiences. He narrated a small one about himself to wind up the event. As there was no other business pending, President Alope terminated the meeting.

Rtn Alope Kanodia, President

Rtn Amar Malhotra, Secretary

South Asia Membership as on 1st September, 2020

Country	Clubs #	Rotarians #	Variance from 01 July 2020 **	
			Clubs	Rotarians
Bangladesh	400	11,283	0	126
Bhutan	1	22	0	-1
India	4,005	154,020	64	5,639
Maldives	1	42	0	0
Nepal	127	5,043	2	121
Pakistan	266	3,574	8	276
Sri Lanka	70	1,891	0	29
Total	4,870	175,875	74	6,190
Worldwide	36,261	1,188,859	102	13,969

** Variance from 01 July 2020 official starting figures.

September 2020		
RI Exchange Rate for US \$1		
Country	Local Currency	Rate of Exchange
Bangladesh	BDT	85
India	INR	74
Nepal	NPR	119
Pakistan	PKR	168
Sri Lanka	LKR	186
<i>Changes from last month are shown in blue. Current & previous RI Exchange Rates can be accessed through www.rotary.org</i>		

Answers : 1. Ram 2. Laxman 3. Musician 4. Puspak Vahan 5. Sampati 6. Sarayu 7. No Relation 8. Angad 9. Narayan Panditacharya 10. Baali 11. Maandavi



The RamLila ...

As we approach **Dussehra**, Ramlila which symbolizes it comes to our mind. Most of us are aware that it is a very popular dramatic folk re-enactment of the life of **Ram** largely for people of Northern India who organise it with great fervour.



Predominantly an Indian tradition, the play is held in makeshift open-air stages at night and often performed for over ten or more successive nights, timed to culminate in the festival of **Dussehra**, that commemorates the victory of Lord Ram. In the Northern states of India, **RamLila** is celebrated with great exuberance where the grounds it is held are known as “**baaras**”. The **Vyas** (“director”), is present on the stage throughout the performance, prompts and directs the characters loudly enough for the audience to hear. Often a singer recites from the sidelines relevant verses during scene-changes or during moments of dramatic parts. This is not regarded as disturbing, because it is an accepted part of the tradition. The actor playing **Ravana** removes his 10-headed mask when he is not acting and continues sitting on his throne, but for the spectators he is theatrically absent. Asides, soliloquies, and monologues abound. Scenes melt into one another, and the action continues in spite of change of locale.

Ramlila recitations and the narrative of the play are generally based on **Goswami Tulsidas**' version of the **Ramayan**, in the **Awadhi** language, but often improvised and changed according to audience response. The play is performed to the accompaniment of **drumbeats, exaggerated makeup, mask and other music**. The atmosphere is usually festive and unrestricted with members of the audience whistling and commenting as the story proceeds.

So how about a miniature quiz based on the Indian Epic Ramayan. Try finding how much you know about Ram Katha before turning to the page with the answers.

Epic Quiz: Ramayan

1. Bali was killed by _____ .

1. Ram
2. Hanuman
3. Ravan
4. Sugreev

2. Urmila was wife of _____ .

1. Shatrughna
2. Bharat
3. Ram
4. Laxman

3. Ravan was also a skilled _____ .

1. Dancer
2. Sculptor
3. Painter
4. Musician

4. What is the name of Ravana's vehicle which could fly through air?

1. Indrasan
2. Pushpak viman
3. Panchajanya
4. Garudavithi

5. What was the name of Jatayu's brother ?

1. Sampati
2. Garuda
3. Chitrassen
4. Virbhadra

6. Ayodhya is situated on the banks of river _____ .

1. Yamuna
2. Sarayu
3. Godavari
4. Ganga

7. Hidimba was Ravana's _____ .

1. Wife
2. No Relation
3. Sister
4. Cousin Sister

8. Who was Baali's son ?

1. Sugreev
2. Jambhavan
3. Hanuman
4. Angad

9. Who wrote Sangraha Ramayana ?

1. Vedavyas
2. Narayan Panditacharya
3. Durwasa
4. Valmiki

10. Who is the avataar of Indra in Raamayana ?

1. Jaambavantha
2. Sugreeva
3. Baali
4. Neela

11. One of the following is not Seeta's name. Which is that name?

1. Maandavi
2. Janaki
3. Mythili
4. Vaidehi

