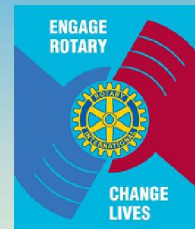


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R.I. District - 3291

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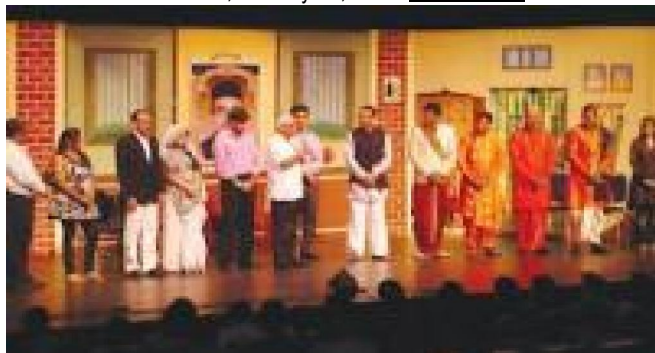
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Rotary Nirvana to provide sanitation facilities for girls in Delhi

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Water, Sanitation and hygiene are important components for child survival and development. According to UNICEF girls are nearly twice as likely as boys to drop-out from school due to lack of basic sanitation facilities in schools. Overall health of girl child can be improved by providing proper sanitation facilities.

Rotary Club of Delhi Nirvana a wing of the World's largest NGO Rotary International organised a fund raising event for this noble cause, a famous play 'Kishan vs Kanahiya', by renowned Bollywood actor Paresh Rawal at Siri Fort auditorium. The show was staged for the fourth time in Delhi.

Rotary Nirvana is committed to the cause of improving number of drop-out school going girls. This activity will be milestone in improving overall girl education and furthering the cause of women empowerment.

The money raised is being used for building girls-friendly toilets at schools in Delhi. This year Rotary Nirvana has also applied for a global grant for a sanitation project to build toilet blocks in girl's schools. Supporting girl education is high on the priority list of Rotary in India as it is their vision to promote humanitarian services.

Rotary Club honours achievers

Sobha Serene, Chennai

The Rotary Club of Madras, T. Nagar conferred awards for the year 2013-2014 on three persons from different walks of life, including tennis player Anand Amritraj here on Monday.

Mr. Anand Amritraj was conferred the lifetime achievement award. R. Chandrasekaran, executive vice-chairman, Cognizant Technology Solutions received the 'for the sake of honour award' and golf coach lieutenant colonel (retired) C.V. Prathap won the vocational excellence award.

Speaking at the award function, district governor of Rotary A.P. Khanna outlined the various programmes of the club. He said that the club had spent Rs. 21,000 crore for polio eradication. "India will be declared polio-free soon," he said. He also lauded the eye camps conducted by Dr. Rajan of Rajan Eye Care Hospital.

Anand Amritraj recalled how he became a tennis player and the other awardees too spoke on the occasion. Former tennis player Vijay Amritraj, on behalf of the Vijay Amritraj foundation, donated \$ 10,000 to the Rotary Club.

Mind over matter for Navi Mumbai woman as she completes walkathon

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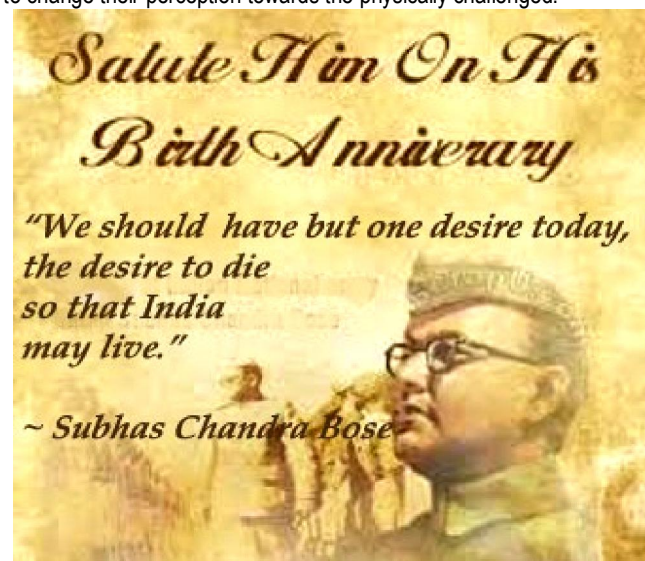
NAVI MUMBAI: At the annual Walkathon held in Vashi on Saturday, hundreds of residents from Navi Mumbai walked with the aim to make the city friendly for walkers.

At the end of the hour-long walk, initiated by Rotary International and the traffic control branch of Navi Mumbai, 29-year-old Mohini Sharma, who suffers from Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type II since birth was felicitated for her achievements and her determination to be who she is today, despite the odds.

Kamothe-based Mohini was diagnosed with the condition when she was six months old. It was a struggle for her and her family to accept this, even more so, since her younger brother, Gaurav, too, suffers from the same affliction and is almost always bedridden. "At first, it was very hard for me, especially since I was unable to walk. Eventually, I learnt to cope with my disability," she said.

She initially attended the Society for the Education of the Crippled, then finished schooling from the Delhi Open School and finally enrolled for a correspondence graduate course with Mumbai University and is now a successful B Com graduate. Although wheelchair-bound, it doesn't stop her from pursuing her passions.

"I currently work for an internet-based marketing firm. I also do a bit of freelance writing and dabble in tarot card readings," she said. With a married elder sister, both Mohini and her brother Gaurav, need special care. "My brother is almost bed ridden. Although he is a graphic artist, he is unable to sit up for long. Both of us rely on our parents," she said. The award given to her was from the Kanchan Foundation where she volunteers. She hopes that in her own way she has inspired people to change their perception towards the physically challenged.



Upcoming District Event

✚ **Khudha Chetana** a symposium on Health and Hunger on 1st February 2014 at Rotary Sadan, 3p.m.

We meet every Friday, 7.30pm at Hotel Park Palace, 49/2, Gariahat Road, Kolkata 700019

*Minutes of Meeting***Meeting no. 1215****Dated 17.01.2014**

President Rtn. Gautam Ray calls meeting no. 1215 to order National Anthem led by Rtn. Moloy Chatterjee.

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed

Discussions

President and members present discussed the progress of Helping Grant project at Usthi and rescheduled the date of inauguration to 2nd February, subject to the availability of desired District officials.

President informed members present about the Rotary Polio Awareness rally organized by Rotary club of Calcutta South west scheduled to originate from Hussain Shah Park, Mominpur on 19th January 2014, 9.00am.

Members present, discussed on a letter received from Ashram Anandam along with other relevant documents, expressing their eagerness to become our RCC and resolved to proceed with the adoption. Formalities as required may be taken up.

President announced the communication received regarding Rotary Theme for the year 2014-2015, 'Light Up Rotary'.

President announced the communication received from District Governor whereby PDG Rtn. Rajendra Khandelwal has been elected COL Representative for the year 2016. Alternate representative being PDG Rtn. Utpal Majumdar.

President and members present discussed and resolved to Co-host District Health and Hunger seminar, scheduled to be held on 1st February at Rotary Sadan from 3pm.

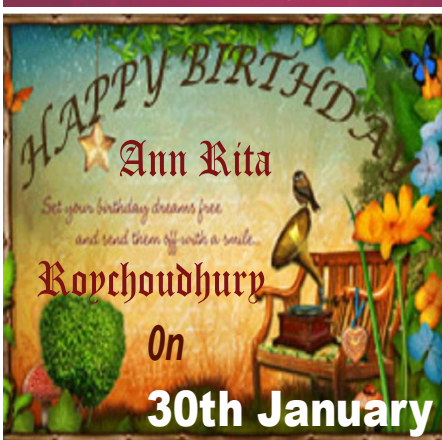
President and members present discussed few probable future projects e.g. Cycle Van, Ambulance and Toilet block at Harinavi.

In the absence of Secretary, President handed over the business to the acting Secretary Rtn. Moloy Chatterjee who announced the receipt of letters, bulletin from neighboring clubs, upcoming District events, Birthdays and Anniversaries of Rotalets and Rotarians before handing back the meeting to the President.

There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Members Present : 9**Sunshine Collected:180**

Republic Day in India honours the date on which the Constitution of India came into force, 26th January 1950, replacing the Government of India Act (1935) as the governing document of India thus completing toward becoming an independent republic. This year Mr. Shinzo Abe, the Prime Minister of Japan will be the Guest of Honour.

**Emine's story**

By Şafak Alpay, RI director-elect and a member of the Rotary Club of Istanbul-Sisli, Turkey

About ten years ago, an ambitious literacy campaign was started in our region using the Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) method. Like all other clubs, my club Sisli participated with great enthusiasm, running a course for women in one of Istanbul's slum neighborhoods.

On graduation day, one young woman who was among those to receive their certificates captured everyone's attention. She had both her lower arms missing, and as her certificate was placed under her armpit, Emine timidly asked her instructor to get the sheet of paper she kept in her pocket. It was a thank-you letter written to the person who taught her to read and write.

We couldn't help but think, "She could read, yes, but how could she possibly write?" The instructor thanked her for her lovely letter, and also thanked the friend who had helped her write it, at which point Emine was furious.

"I wrote it myself," she protested, "give me a pencil and a piece of paper, and I'll show you how."

And to our amazement, she wrote down the first sentence of her letter using a pencil she clutched between her toes. As we tried hard to hold back the tears and overcome our astonishment, her classmates were cheering and applauding.

A Rotary moment is when the magic happens.

If you're curious, the sequel to this story went like this: The Istanbul Rotary Club fitted Emine with state-of-the-art prosthetic arms, which operated by receiving and interpreting signals from her brain. She started to wear a watch, something she had longed for all her life. She continued to work hard on her literacy skills, and finally became a CLE teacher herself.

The greatest gift you can give to someone is your **time**

