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## Rotary Club supports 'Knowledge Without Boundaries' project

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**Chennai:** Five leading organisations have joined hands to launch a nation-wide program for significantly enriching and improving learning outcomes of school students in

India and preparing them to be a part of the global, knowledge-based, economy.

'Knowledge without Boundaries', the program galvanized by Rotary Club of Madras East, brings together knowledge providers – Encyclopaedia Britannica India, Tree of Knowledge, The Hindu - and schools run by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

The program targets Corporations and Government schools so that the children in these schools also benefit. Schools under Bhavan's Chennai Kendra will also be part of the programme.

Rotarian N Sudhakar, President, Rotary Club of Madras East said, "Rotary is known for its path breaking community services and literacy projects. Our team felt the need for comprehensive development in today's children through General Knowledge, Debating Skills and Quiz Programs. We are touched by the offers from like-minded organizations, for pooling strengths and resources, to improve knowledge and communication beyond learning in the class room."

Rotarian S. S. Rajsekar, Coordinator, "Knowledge without Boundaries" said, "Today India needs leaders who can become role models for the younger generation. Rotary has always acted as a catalyst in such pursuits while involving credible and capable partners to achieve such objectives. The coming together of credible partners will help bridge the gap and nurture the future leaders."

Mr. Jorge Cauz, President of Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc, was present at the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between The Hindu and Encyclopaedia Britannica as well as the Letter of Understanding, by five organisations, in Chennai last week.

As a part of the 'Knowledge without Boundaries' program a series of knowledge enhancement initiatives including introduction of quiz programs, induction of computer aided games for building

vocabulary, knowledge and laboratory sessions to improve spoken English will be undertaken.

To empower teachers extensive teacher-training programmes are envisaged, that will improve the all-round development of students. Encyclopaedia Britannica India will provide inputs that will enable teachers to introduce inquiry-based learning and new pedagogy techniques.

Encyclopaedia Britannica Managing Director South Asia Mr. Sarvesh Shrivastava said, "Knowledge without boundaries is all about providing students and teachers with resources that promote exploratory and experiential learning, evoke interest, and develop critical thinking skills amongst young learners."

To enhance the reach and to widen the impact of this initiative, Britannica has agreed to allow the translation of its 'Know for Sure' general knowledge book series authored by the ace quiz master Siddhartha Basu for class I to VIII, in various Indian languages.

Well known quiz master and 'Tree of Knowledge' founder Mr. Siddhartha Basu said, "The inclusion of a general knowledge component, that goes beyond textbooks and rote learning, to spark an enthusiasm for better all round awareness among young learners, during their formative years in school, is indeed laudable."

Extending his support to the program The Hindu Editor-in-Chief Mr N Ravi said, "The Hindu kindles the quest for knowledge among young readers. Children have a widespread yearning to know. There has to be an exposure to different approaches to learning."

The Hindu and the Encyclopaedia Britannica also entered into a MoU for content syndication and leveraging each other's strengths across India.

Britannica, known for producing trustworthy and safe content for over 246 years, shall also make available its extensive digital knowledge repositories and solutions for promoting general knowledge, soft skills including communication skills in English, and supporting inquiry based learning in PreK-12 education.

Mr. L. Sabaretnam Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Chennai Kendra said that the Bhavan engaged in promotion of education and culture, shall expand the reach of this program through its education centres.

The Bhavan runs 90 schools, 8 Management Institutes and over 20 units of Rajendra Prasad Institute of Communication and Management, 54 units of Gandhi Institute of Computer Education (GICE). GICE provide free computer education to educated unemployed youth belonging to the needy sections of the society.

## Rotary and Niramya conduct camp for slum girls

Monday, 28 April 2014 Place: Pune |  
Agency: DNA By Rajesh Rao



A residential summer camp of "friendship and leadership" for slum girls was organised by the Rotary Club of Pune University in association with Niramaya. The summer camp was inaugurated by actor Sharvari Jamenis. Also present on the occasion were Deepak Shikarpur, district governor of 3131 Rotary, Ravindra Kulkarni president of Rotary club of Pune University, and SK Jain president of Niramaya among others. Over three hundred girls participated in the camp, which included group discussion, physical exercise, prayer, cultural programme, and story-telling all directed towards increasing confidence, skill and knowledge for their future career.

## Team 2014-15 gets ready to Light up Rotary



Club's office bearers for the Rotary year 2014- 2015 gears up and train themselves at ANUSHILAN, a training program organized by RID 3291 on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014 after President Elect Rtn. Sanjay Dasgupta graduates in PETS on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2014.



*Minutes of Meeting*

**Meeting no.1228 Dated. 25.04.2014**

President calls meeting no. 1228 to order. National Anthem led by Rtn. Amal Bhattacharjee

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Discussions

- President discussed on the request of Rtn. Dr. R. Homchoudhury, District Chairman Thalassemia, to host the "Thalassemia Eradication Seminar", scheduled on 7<sup>th</sup> May at Rotary Sadan. Members gave consent. President also requested members to attend the programme.

- Members present discussed the preparations of Helping Grant project, Mass Thalassemia Awareness and Screening camp. President informed the receipt of consent letter from IHRM for hosting a camp in their premises on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Sudden change in the Summer vacation dates has held up the finalization dates in Ramchandra Institute and St. Andrews High school. Jagadbandhu Institution may finalise dates only after 26<sup>th</sup> April.

- President informed the receipt of Blue pin From Rotary International for Rtn. Rana Safui for sponsoring a new member.

- President informed revision of \$ rates by Rotary International To Rs. 60.00 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

- President informed members about sponsoring Chandana Ghosh for RYLA scheduled to be held at IIM Joka from 2<sup>nd</sup> May, as earlier resolved in RWM, after receiving consent from her parents.

- President appeal to all members for donations / contribution for Thalassemia awareness & screening project.

In the absence of Secretary President handed over the business to Rtn. Sajal Kr. Dutta, the officiating Secretary, who announced the Anniverasries of members, receipt of letters, bulletin from neighboring clubs, upcoming District events before handing back the meeting to the President.

There being no other business, President terminated the meeting.

Member present 6 Sunshine collected Rs. 120/-

**Rotary Peace Scholars present****anti-bullying, conflict resolution**

The Troy Rotary Club, under the leadership of John Davis, hosted two World Peace Scholars as they presented programs on bullying prevention and peace building to local student leaders in the Troy Middle and Troy Buchanan High Schools.



The two scholars were Juliana Amal-Obonyo and Arik Gultur-Ofir.

Amal-Obonyo has a master's Degree in conflict, security and development and currently serves as a conflict prevention and reconciliation advisor in Uganda. She is helping to build peaceful communities in areas ravaged by a militant rebel armies. She also has employment and consulting experience in peace-building, mediation, gender-appropriate policy development and student training.

Gultur-Ofir has a Master's Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies. He works as a high-school teacher of politics in Cabri, Israel schools. These activities include founding the "War, Peace and Social Justice" theater festival; coordinating a partnership between Arabic and Jewish schools to study theater and founding and directing a Jewish-Arab Circus School for young adults.

The opportunity for area youth to meet and work with these two individuals who have dedicated their lives to world peace was unparalleled.

Rotary International created the Rotary Peace Fellow Program to offer Master's programs in peace building and conflict resolution to individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to humanitarian service. Today there are nearly 800 Peace Scholars from six prestigious universities throughout the world.

Rotary Peace Fellows study together at the International Christian University (ICU) located in Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan. Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Starting in September, 2002, International Christian University (ICU) was designated as one of seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution throughout the world. Each year ICU accommodates up to ten Rotary Peace Fellows who pursue a two-year master's level degree in peace studies and conflict resolution. The Rotary Centers provide opportunities for fellows to study methods to deal effectively with obstacles, such as war, famine, poverty and disease that currently impede international cooperation and peace. The Rotary Centers also aim to advance knowledge on issues of peace and conflict resolution in order to help cultivate the next generation of community and world leaders.

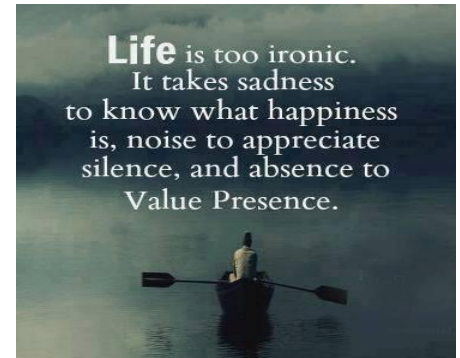
*Upcoming District Event*

Thalassemia Eradication Seminar at Rotary Sadan on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014

District Assembly at Hotel Hyatt Regency on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014

*Upcoming Club event*

Thalassemia Awareness and Screening camp at Binodini Girl's High School on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014.



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to know what happiness  
is, noise to appreciate  
silence, and absence to  
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**Club Project Report**

Rtn. Samir Kr. Ray, Rtn. Sajal Kr. Dutta, Rtn. Pradeep Kr. Chowdhury, Rtn. Dr. Malay Chatterjee & President Rtn. Gautam Ray attended a project today, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014, 'Thalassemia Awareness & Screening camp' organised at IHRM, Sonargaon, Sonarpur. 200 students attended the awareness camp, while 68 blood samples were collected for screening.

