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**Rotary
India Literacy Mission**



Editor's Column

With power, passion and commitment Rotary India Literacy Mission has already reached a significant milestone this year. We will no longer have to witness some little fingers rummaging through waste bins for food, children who have to work to supplement family income, and girls dropping out of school at puberty because they do not have separate toilets with adequate water and sanitation. RILM's great challenge in sending children back to school, is really a tough call, a herculean job. But with creativity, ingenuity, dedication and resilience Rotarians have proved their capabilities through Asha Kiran and other programs of RILM. With inspired and positive leadership of PRIP Kalyan Benerjee and PRID Shekhar Mehta high performance have been delivered by Rotary clubs, generating positive energy with their faith, commitment enthusiasm and sincerity.



We very well know that how basic education and literacy are the tools for personal empowerment and a means for social and human development by reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace. In our country if all the women completed primary education, there would have been much fewer maternal deaths. A child born to a mother who can read is 50 percent more likely to survive past the age of five. So RILM has made a national priority to spread the message that "you will not be limited by poverty, by caste, by the fact that you are a girl."

Achieving Total Literacy and Quality Education through the T-E-A-C-H Program is an enormous responsibility that require constant on ground support. It needs passionate and committed people wanting to serve and help Rotarians in their ambitious goal of making India totally literate. While we cheer ourselves for the milestones we crossed in our journey to meet the goal of total literacy, we should still strive hard to keep up our promises to eradicate the scourge of illiteracy through T-E-A-C-H programme. Based on the evaluation of our work, we need to have strategic planning for our way forward.

Focusing on developing the core skill of teachers, RILM have decided to tie up with teacher training organizations and individual teacher trainers to positively impact the learning capabilities of children. Our clubs are initiating Teacher's Training program to put emphasis on classroom management, leadership development, critical thinking, and innovative methods of teaching. While training the teachers RILM also have put lot of importance in pedagogy and communication skills, besides subject-based training, especially in Mathematics and science.

As Rotarians we can take pride in being a part of this life changing programs.

Rtn. Giti Bujarbarua

We meet every Friday at 6.30 p.m. at Hotel Rajdhani Regency, Dispur Last Gate, Guwahati-781006

Synopsis of Decade of Action for Road Safety

Er. Hareswar Talukdar



UN General Assembly resolution of March 2010 proclaimed 2011 to 2020 as the **Decade of Action for Road Safety**, with a Global goal of stabilizing and then reducing the forecasted level of global road fatalities.

Each year 1.3 million people die as a result of road traffic collision – more than 3,000 deaths each day globally. Twenty to fifty million more people sustain non fatal injuries from collisions and these are causes of disability world wise, road accident are among the three leading cause of **death between 5 to 44 years of age, observed Mr. Ban Ki Moon, the U.N. Secretary General.** The Decade will provide an opportunity for long term and co-ordinate activities. Decade will provide time frame for action to enhance political and resource commitments both globally and nationally.

The guiding principle of **Safe System Approach**, aims to develop a road system that is better able to accommodate human error and take into consideration the vulnerability of the human body. It starts from acceptance of human error and thus the realization that traffic crashes cannot be avoided. **The goal of Safe System Approach is to ensure that accidents do not result in serious human injury.** The approach considerations that human limitation-what the human body can stand in terms of kinetic energy- is an important basis upon which to design the road transport system, and other aspect of road system, such a development of road environment and vehicle, must be harmonized on the basis of these limitations. This approach means shifting a major share of the responsibility from road users to those who design the road transport system. System designer include road authority, the automotive industry, police, politicians, and legislative bodies, health services, the judicial system, schools and also NGOs. The individual road users have the responsibility to abide by laws and regulations

According to official record 5,01,423, road accident occurs and 1,46,133 persons were killed and 5,00,279 persons injured in road traffic crashes in India in 2015, which are 2.5, 4.6 and 1.4 percent more than 2014. The situation in India is worsening and road traffic injuries are having been increasing over the past decade. This may be due to increase in number of vehicles on the roads but mainly due to absence of co-ordinate evident based policy to control the problem.

India is number one in road accident death. Government of India now have taken numbers of road

safety initiatives such as (a) National Road Safety Policy, (b) National Road Safety and Traffic Management Authority/Board (c) Road Transport and Safety Bill (d) National Highway Authority of India to provide ambulance at every 50 km.

Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill 2016 has already been passed by Lok Sabha. The important provisions include increase in compensation for Hit and Run cases from Rs.25, 000.00 to Rs.2, 00,000.00. It has also provision for payment of compensation upto Rs.10, 00,000.00 in road accident fatalities. A new section 199 provides offences committed by juvenile, the guardian/owner shall be deemed to be guilty and fine of Rs.25, 000.00 and with 3 years imprisonment and also registration vehicle to be cancelled. It also provision for increase penalties (4-10 times) to act as deterrent against traffic rule violations. A very noble idea to help road accident victims, **Good Samaritan** guide lines has been incorporated.

Some suggestions are placed below for consideration by authority:

1. Presently Road Accident are investigated only by police as per present law, this should be amended and engage engineers, scientific researchers for robust and scientific accident investigation and data collection.
2. Stringent punishment for faulty road design and engineering.
3. Drivers are responsible for 72.400% road accident, therefore safe driving training for all and transparent, centralized and efficient drivers licensing system is a must. Periodic refresher course in driving and medical test should be made mandatory.
4. The causes for India's exceptionally high number of road accidents include bad road user behavior, flawed road design and engineering, weak enforcement of traffic laws and **most importantly lack of rapid trauma care.**

MINUTES OF WEEKLY MEETING NO.1915 DATED 26th Aug,16

The 1915th meeting of the Rotary Club of Gauhati South was held on Friday the 26th Sep 16 at the regular venue of the Club. The President Rtn. Bhupendra Nath Das called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

The members rose to sing the National Anthem.

The President announced the Birthday of Dr. Bibeka Saikia and handed over the birthday card to him.

A beautiful Satriya ojpali performed by Anne Surabhi Barooah and Anne Purabi Hazarika.

Monthly quiz competition was conducted by Rtn. Paramesh Dev Choudhury.

Rtn.Er. Hareswar Talukdar and Rtn.. Dr.Anil Kumar Mahanta jointly talked on "Decade of Action on Road

Safety". Talukdar deliberated in detail about aspects of Roads and the Goal of Safe System Approach wherein is to ensure that accident do not result in serious human injury. He also dealt on detail the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill 2016 ..Dr.Mahanta deliberated on Emergency Care and Trauma Centre in detail how fatalities would be reduced to a considerable extent if medical care could be offered to the accident victim.

The formal Vote of Thanks was offered by Rtn. Dr. Rabindra Nath Mazumder.

The Secretary announced that there were 26 Rotarians, 9 Annes and 1 Guests in the meeting and the TRF collection was Rs. 310/-

The President adjourned the meeting at 8.20 pm .

MINUTES OF WEELKY MEETING NO.1916 DATED 2nd Sep 16

The 1916th meeting of the Rotary Club of Gauhati South was held on Friday the 2nd Sep 16 at the regular venue of the Club. The President Rtn. Bhupendra Nath Das called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

The members rose to sing the National Anthem.

The President announced the Birthday of o Rtn. Gayatri Bhattacharjee and handed over the

Birth day card.

President announced that the next meeting will be held on Thursday instead of Friday. The meeting has been prepone for Nation building award.

Rtn Renu Goswami delivered a talk about nation building awards and TEACH programme for the Rotary Year 2016-17

Members observed one minute condolence for Late Nalinadhar Bhattacharjya.

also Rtn Biswadip Barooah spoke about Nalinadhar Bhattacharjya and a condolence report accepted in the meeting.

Guest speaker Abu Nasar Saied Ahmed delivered an excellent talk on "Indias bid for permanent membership in the UN Security Council " he gave detail picture of the countries those in favour of India and those who are against India to get permanent membership in UN Security council.

The formal Vote of Thanks was offered by Rtn. R.M .Hazarika.

Fellowship offered by Rtn Bibeka Nanda Saikia.

The Secretary announced that there were 31 Rotarians, 10 Annes and 2 Guests in the meeting and the TRF collection was Rs. 450/-

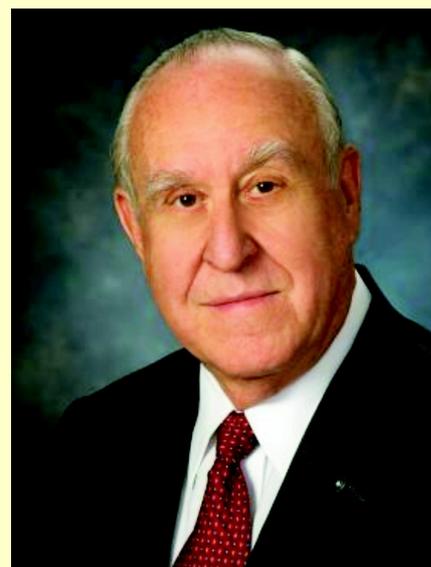
The President adjourned the meeting at 8.20 pm .

Did you know ?

1. A Boeing 767 airliner is made of 3,100,000 separate parts.
2. The Olympic flag's colors are always red, black, blue, green and yellow rings on a field of white. This is because at least one of those colors appears on the flag of every nation on the planet.
3. Ancient Egyptians slept on pillows made of stone.
4. Dolphins sleep with one eye open.
5. In the White House, there are 13,092 knives, forks and spoons.
6. The chicken is one of the few things that man eats before it's born and after it's dead.
7. Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

JOHN F. GERM
PRESIDENT 2016-17



SEPTEMBER 2016

In the summer of 1917, only a few months after the United States entered the first world war, Rotary held its eighth annual convention in Atlanta. Although many Rotarians at the time thought the convention should be canceled, the Board of Directors ultimately agreed with Paul Harris that it should continue as planned. In the midst of such uncertainty and fear, Harris penned, as part of his convention greeting, some of the most-quoted words in Rotary:

Individual effort when well directed can accomplish much, but the greatest good must necessarily come from the combined efforts of many men. Individual effort may be turned to individual needs but combined effort should be dedicated to the service of mankind. The power of combined effort knows no limitation.

Fittingly, it was at this convention that then-President Arch C. Klumph proposed a Rotary endowment fund “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” The power of combined effort was joined by a new power: that of combined resources. It was a combination that has proved unstoppable and has been behind so much of Rotary's work for the last 100 years. Today, it is difficult to imagine Rotary without its Foundation. It was the Foundation that turned Rotary from an organization of local clubs into an international force for good with the power to change the world.

In this Rotary year, we are marking the centennial of our Rotary Foundation in the city where it all began: Atlanta. Our 108th Rotary International Convention promises to be one of the most exciting yet, with inspiring speakers, great entertainment, and a wide array of breakout sessions to help you move your Rotary service forward. And of course, we'll be celebrating the Foundation's centennial in style.

Whether you're a regular convention goer, haven't been to one in a few years, or haven't yet attended your first, the 2017 convention will be the one you won't want to miss. Atlanta is a great destination in its own right, with great food, friendly people, and many local attractions to enjoy. But the real reason to come to the convention is always the convention itself, and the people, ideas, inspiration, and friendship you'll find there. To learn more, and save money on registration, visit www.riconvention.org. See you in Atlanta!

QUIZ

1. When the R I Board adopted the Slogan “ Every Rotarian an Example to Youth “?
2. Should Rotarians expect special privilege from Rotary membership ?
3. Can Honorary Rotary Member wear Lapel Pin ?
4. Can Honorary Member propose new member to the Club ?
5. What is the standard computation of rule 85 in Rotary for exemption from regular attendance requirement ?

QUIZ ANSWER

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| 1. 1949 | 2. No. |
| 3. Yes | 4. No. |
| 5. Age of member – 65 plus years of membership in Rotary is 85 or more. | |

The Great Teacher

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan:

"Tributes to Dr. S Radhakrishnan, a scholar, statesman and a respected teacher who shaped many minds and served India.

Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birthday is celebrated every year as Teacher's Day. It has an interesting story behind it. Some of his admirers approached him and requested him to allow the celebration of September 5 as his birthday. In reply Dr Radhakrishnan said: "Instead of celebrating my birthday, it would be my profound privilege if September 5th is observed as Teacher's Day." Thus from then on the whole of India started celebrating his birthday as Teacher's Day.

Dr Radhakrishnan was born on September 5, 1888, at Tirutani, Madras (Chennai) in a poor Brahmin family. As his father was poor, Radhakrishnan supported most of his education through scholarships. Dr Sarvepalli Radha-krishnan had his early education at Gowdie School, Tiruvallur and then went to the Lutheran Mission School in Tirupati for his high school. He joined the Voorhee's College in Vellore and later switched to the Madras Christian College. He chose Philosophy as his major subject and did his BA and MA in it.

After completing his MA, Sarvepalli Radha-krishnan accepted an Assistant Lectureship at the Madras Presidency College in 1909. In college, he mastered the classics of Hindu philosophy, namely, the Upanishads, Bhagvad Gita, Brahmasutra, and commentaries of the Sankara, Ramunuja and Madhava. He also acquainted himself with Buddhist and Jain philosophies and the philosophies of Western thinkers such as Plato, Plotinus, Kant, Bradley, and Bergson.

In 1918, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was selected as the Professor of Philosophy by the University of Mysore. In 1921, Radhakrishnan was nominated as the Professor of Philosophy at the Calcutta University. In 1923, Dr Radha-krishnan's book Indian Philosophy was published. The book was hailed as a "philosophical classic and a literary masterpiece".

Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was called to Oxford University to deliver lectures on Hindu philosophy. He used his lectures as a platform to further India's cause for freedom. He also argued that Western philosophers, despite all claims of objectivity, were biased by theological influences from their wider culture. He showed that Indian philosophy, once translated into standard academic jargon, is worthy of being called philosophy by Western standards. He thus placed Indian philosophy on the world map.

In 1931, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was elected the Vice-Chancellor of the Andhra University. In 1939, Radhakrishnan became the Vice-Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University. In 1946, he was appointed as the Ambassador to UNESCO. After Independence Dr Radha-krishnan was requested to Chair the University Education Commission in 1948. The Radhakrishnan Committee's suggestions helped mould the education system for India's needs.

In 1949, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was appointed as the ambassador to the Soviet Union. He helped lay the foundation for a strong relationship with the Soviet Union. Radha-krishnan was elected the first Vice-President of India in 1952. He was honoured with the Bharat Ratna in 1954. After serving two terms as the Vice-President, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was elected the President of India in 1962. During his tenure as the President, India fought wars with China and Pakistan. As the President he helped see India through those trying years safely. He retired as the President in 1967 and settled in Madras. As a teacher, philosopher, statesman, writer and a wonderful speaker Radhakrishnan touched the hearts of millions in India and abroad. He elucidated Indian philosophy before the global community. Dr Sarvepalli Radha-krishnan died on April 17, 1975.

Dr. Radhakrishnan was of the opinion that only the right kind of education could solve many ills of the society and the country. He wanted to bring in a change in the educational system by improving the quality of education and building up a strong relationship between the teacher and the taught. In his opinion, teachers should be the best minds of the country; they should not merely instruct but should gain the true affection of pupils, and the respect for teachers cannot be ordered but it should be earned.

He was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1954. The University of Oxford instituted the Radhakrishnan Chevening Scholarships and the Radhakrishnan Memorial Award in his memory. He also received the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade in 1961.

Even as the president Sarvepalli remained a humble man. It was an open house at the Rashtrapati Bhavan and people from all sections of society were welcome to meet him. In addition he accepted only Rs. 2,500 out of his salary of Rs. 10,000 and donated the remaining amount to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund every month. He remained a teacher in many ways and even adopted the authoritative tone of a headmaster in many of his letters to his ministers. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan passed away on April 17, 1975.

On Teacher's Day, it is apt that the country not only honours the greatness of Dr Radha-krishnan, but also acknowledges the contribution of teachers to nation-building. Because, as the famous saying goes, "A learned man informs, an intellectual man instructs, but a teacher transforms and inspires".



Quiz: 2, 26-8-2016, On Rotary International (RI)

1. Who is the first RI President to serve 2 consecutive terms ?

Ans: Paul P Harris in 1910-1911 & his second term as RI President 1911-1912

2. What are the qualifications to become RI President

Ans:- Elected for one-year term

- Must have served as a club president,
- Must have served as district governor,
- Member of the RI Board of Directors.
- In addition to have leadership experience, RI presidents bring a commitment to Service Above Self as well as the culture and pride of their home club and region.

3. Who is current RI General Secretary ?

Ans: John Hewko, RC of Kyiv, Ukraine

**(Answered by: Rtns. Rtn M C Deka , Rtn Dr RNMazumder,
Rtn Dr RNMazumder)**

Conducted by

Rtn Paramesh Dev Choudhury

Just Laugh

Two little boys, ages 8 and 10, are extremely mischievous. They are always getting into trouble and their parents know all about it. If any mischief occurs in their town, the two boys are probably involved. The boy's mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually. So the mother sent the 8 year old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the preacher in the afternoon. The preacher, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?" The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open. So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?!" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God?!" The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?" The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time GOD is missing. And they think we did it !!!!!!!"

(Courtesy: Dr. Sivepalan; Sri Lanka)

Road Traffic Accident and Trauma Care

Dr. Anil Mahanta

On 17th August 1896, a young lady of 44yrs was crushed to death on London street by "a speeding car at 4 miles per hour(!)" becoming the first victim of road traffic accident in modern history. The coroner in the enquiry remarked "I trust this sort of nonsense will never happen again".

Alas his noble wish had gone in vain. Today over 1.5 million people die and between 20 to 50 million people get seriously injured on the roads of the world every year. Importantly these are the people who are the most productive in the society because they are between 25 to 45 years of age. Therefore their death or absence from the productive economic activities has a great impact on society. Though correct figure are difficult, it is assumed that in India Road traffic accident contributes 3percent loss to national GDP!

Bad planning and execution of road network and absence of traffic rules awareness and adherence on the part of vehicles users and pedestrians has made roads in our country more deadly. World Health Organisation has stated in a recent study that for the same magnitude of accident developing country has 16 times more severe injuries in comparison to the developed countries. 90% of world's road fatalities (death) occur in developing countries while they have only 45% of the total number of vehicles on road.

Therefore, it is neither the number of vehicles nor the bad roads that are to be blamed but something else is the culprit. The care one gets after the accident has happened, is crucial to the victims (injured person) ultimate fate. WHO states that among the top causes of death in 2004 road accidents is in number 9th and malignancy (cancers) was ranked as 17th position. The world body's predictions for 2030 is that

road traffic accident will occupy the 5th most common cause of death and cancer cases will jump to 13 th position only.

Here comes the importance of trauma care facilities. The medical knowledge of care for the injured has undergone tremendous changes specifically following the Vietnam war. Now well laid out policy of trauma care have been put in place after extensive consultations among the professional bodies which are endorsed by WHO.

In India with the vast expansion of road network under the NDA Prime Minister Vajpayee, numbers of road traffic accident was expected to increase exponentially. As a result of a PIL Government of India, Ministry of Highway and surface transport adopted a National trauma care policy with the aim of establishing trauma centres all over the country along the Highway.

Care of the road traffic accident victims can be streamlined and valuable lives saved by this approach as has been achieved around the world and recommended by WHO. Unfortunately not to mention Assam but whole of North East India has not effectively implemented the policy. Though few level II and level III trauma centres are being made but no level I Apex Trauma centre has come up in this region.



Opportunities don't happen. You create them.

– Chris Grosser

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched -- they must be felt with the heart.

– Helen Keller

The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.

– Oprah Winfrey

Images of our Weekly Meeting held on 26th August



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