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"Home Garden, Landscaping &
Tree Beauty in Chandigarh"

Guest Speaker : Dr. Satish Narula,
Senior Horticulturist, P.A.U.

Friday, May 08, 2009

Time: 7.00. PM

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Beliefs and Disbeliefs in Astrology



The Guest Speaker in our last Friday's regular club meeting was Mr. Madan Gupta Spatu, an eminent astrologer and author, who enlightened the members on the topic 'Beliefs and Disbeliefs in Astrology'. He was introduced to the members by PP Rtn. V.J.S. Vohra & it was his second talk in our Club.

Madan Gupta Spatu has been practising astrology since long. He inherited this scientific knowledge from his grandfather. He is a renowned TV personality as well. On Siti Channel, his programme shall complete a decade without break on his coming birthday on May 10. He wrote an Astro Solution column in Times of India that appeared on every Sunday. He also wrote two columns "Boley Taarey" & "Vaastu Salah" in Amar Ujala for five continuous years. Also, his comments on astrological and religious current topics often appear in all magazines and papers.

Recently, his interesting astrological analysis of Fiza & Chand Mohammad's horoscopes can be read in the latest May issue of very popular magazine, Future Samachar, for which he is receiving queries from different parts of the World on reading this interesting article. Earlier, he wrote astrological analysis about Ishmeet and Veerappan in the same magazine.

Apart from astrology, Spatu is an author and writer whose more than 6000 articles have found place since 1963 in almost all leading papers and magazines including several

tail pieces in Khushwant Singh's Columns. He has three books to his credit and he plans to bring out five more books - two on Astrology, two on short stories and one on Humour & Satires. He is also one of the 115 writers of Hindi who have been honored with World Hindi Millenium Sammaan in 2002 .

Above all, he is the person who made Swami Ram Dev convinced that Astrology is the science of our ancient India, thereafter he did not criticize the subject.

In his talk, Mr. Madan traced the history of Vedic Astrology since Ravana and Narad Samhitas, which contain very rich literature of the subject. He proved astrology to be scientific, quoting several examples - one being from Mahabharata wherein exact day of full solar eclipse in Kurukshetra was calculated by the then mathematicians to



chalk out war strategy to kill one great warrior of those times, Jayadrath. He elaborated how full moon causes tides in the ocean and how Mars and Saturn, when opposite each other, create imbalance on the Earth causing natural calamities like earthquake, sea storms, excessive rains etc. He had also predicted the occurrence of Bhuj earthquake.

He also distinguished between fleeing tactics of Tantra, Mantra and Yantras by unscrupulous persons pretending to be astrologers and the qualified astrologers. Mr. Spatu also elaborated how past karmas help or punish the human beings in the present life by referring that hundreds of babies are born in the city on a single day. A child is brought home with celebrations, other is put in ICU, other in the

incubator, one has to be operated, one suffers due to jaundice and undergoes various medical tests, one has hole in heart, some do not survive, etc. He questioned what sin those newly borns committed in one day of their life and suffer for no fault of theirs. These are the results of past karmas which they face. He also answered the questions on body and soul shot from the audience.

He went on to explain that there are different modes of predictions but horoscope based astrology comes to be more accurate as compared to Palmistry, Tarot or Numerology.

Rtn. R.K. Luther proposed the formal vote of thanks to the learned speaker.

Inter-School Competition Organized

An Inter-School Poster / Slogan Writing Competition on the theme "Prevention of Drug Abuse" was organized by our Club, along with Kundan International School at their campus in Sec. 46-B, Chandigarh, on April 30, 2009 from 11:00 am – 12:00 noon for classes V and VI. The idea was to start an awareness campaign against drug abuse at a very early age & take a small, yet significant step towards building strong and healthy future citizens of our country.

A total of 120 students participated in the competition from various schools including Saupins, Mount Carmel, Bhavan

Vidyalaya, St. John's, Sacred Heart, Banyan Tree, Paragon Convent, Guru Nanak Public School, Aurobindo School of Integral Education etc. The prizes of the competition were sponsored by our Club. Each participant got a certificate of participation. President Mrs. Saroj Jhawar was the Guest of Honour. Also present on the occasion were PP Pallav Mukherjee & Rtn. Atul Grover.

Thanks are due to Rtn. Dr. Mrs. Shashi Jain for initiating this competition, which also got good coverage in Siti Channel & other leading English & Hindi dailies.



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Sunita Rani – Another Beneficiary



Sunita Rani, who works from a table set in the courtyard of the District Courts, is another beneficiary of our micro-loan project. She sells various things to lawyers and their clients such as papers, pens, collars, pins clips, etc. She is slightly handicapped.

We have advanced her a loan of Rs.20000/- for buying additional stock for her enterprise.

Some Shocking Facts !

- Incidents of extreme rainfall over India have increased. The rising sea surface temperature of Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean could be the culprit.
- The rise in temperature is not uniform all over India. Winters are warming faster than summers. The North is warming faster than the South. Adding to the heat are the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal which are warming at a rate 50 per cent higher than the global average of the past 100 years.
- Monsoons are running dry in India. The number of days with more than 12 mm of rainfall has decreased by 78 per cent in the last 53 years.
- Flow in some Himalayan rivers dwindle as peak flow increases.

Gifting Through the Dead

A Patel family in Gujarat was puzzled when the coffin of their dead mother arrived from the US. It was sent by one of their daughters.

The dead body was very tightly squeezed inside the coffin, with no pace left in it. When they opened the lid, they found a letter on top addressed to her brothers and sisters.

“Dear Chandrakant Bhai, Arvind Bhai, Mohan and Varsha, I am sending Ba's body to you, since it was her last wish that she should be cremated in the compound of our ancestral home in Gujarat. Sorry, I could not come along as all of my paid leave is consumed.

You will find inside the coffin, under Ba's body, 12 cans of cheese, 10 packets of Toblerone chocolates and 8 packets of roasted almonds. Please divide these among all of you.

On Ba's feet, you will find a new pair of Reebok shoes (size 10) for Mohan. There are also 2 pairs of shoes for Radha's and Lakshmi's sons. Hope the sizes are correct.

Ba is wearing 6 American T-shirts. The large size is for Mohan. Just distribute the rest among yourselves. The two new jeans that Ba is wearing are for the boys. The Swiss watch that Reema wanted is on Ba's left wrist.

Shanta Masi, Ba is wearing the necklace, earrings and ring that you asked for. Please take them off her.

The 6 white cotton socks that Ba is wearing must be divided among my nephews. Please distribute all these fairly. Love,

Smita.

PS : If you need anything else please let me know soon, as Bapuji is also not feeling too well nowadays.”

Contributed by Rtn. J.S. Chopra.

Disappointment to a noble soul is what cold water is to burning metal ; it strengthens, tempers, intensifies, but never destroys it .

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Another Feather In Dev's Cap

Dev, s/o Ann Ruby & Rtn. Ashish Ahuja, won a Gold Medal at the GolfRite US Kids Golf Tournament held at the Panchkula Golf Club on May 1, 2009, in the boys' 7 - years category. This is his second achievement within a month.

Very, very well done Dev !

Hundred Percentors - April 2009

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Diverse Clubs Hold Key to the Future

On the outskirts of Amsterdam, 21 people gather at De Houten Vier restaurant each week. The group includes members of Dutch, Moroccan, Surinamese and Turkish descent. The 14 men and seven women range in age from 28 to 69. They come from various professional backgrounds; there are designers, hotel managers, and academics as well as lawyers and accountants.

Despite their differences, everyone has at least one thing in common: Rotary.

The newly chartered Rotary Club of Amsterdam-Arena exemplifies the diverse membership that Rotary International leadership has stated is necessary to keep the organization strong.

Andro Bottse, the club's president, says the area is "multicultural and multiethnic by definition." Bottse, of Surinamese descent, says the club's diversity helps it reach out to the community.

The club has focused on helping children, especially those with mental and physical disabilities.

"We have an open mind to new developments such as the way we raise funds and the way we serve," he says. "To me, it's all about enriching your life by meeting people from different backgrounds."

Bottse says his club would like to help other clubs increase their membership.

Source : RI Website

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Savita & Rtn. O.P. Malik
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