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PROGRAMME

How to Save yourself from Self Created Pollution

Guest Speaker: Prof. R.K. Kohli

Former Chairman, Department of Botany & Environmental Studies

Friday, November 11, 2011

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh

Scientific Approach in Astrology



Madan Gupta Spatu

In our club meeting on November 04, 2011 we had Mr. Madan Gupta Spatu, Author & Astrologer, as Guest Speaker to give a talk on 'Scientific Approach in Astrology.' He was introduced by PPRtn Dr. V.J.S. Vohra. Mr. Spatu is there on page 2 of Tribune Life Style on all days under the title, "The Year Ahead." Under this column, he also gives prediction for

famous film stars. He has been practicing Astrology since a long time, as he inherited this scientific knowledge since his childhood, from his grand father. On Siti Channel and Fastway Filmy channels, his programme has completed a decade on May 10, 2011, that is, on his birthday. It is 45 minutes program on every Sunday morning from 8.30 am to 9.30 am. He has made interesting astrological analysis of political leaders and parliament elections. He also predicted on June 1, 2011 that the talk between Swami Ram Dev and Government will flop as it was initiated during the solar eclipse period. Not only the talks had failed, Ramdev even lost his attire and was stripped off his glory. Mr. Spatu even convinced Swami Ram Dev that Astrology is the science of our ancient India, and after that he did not criticize the subject.

Mr. Madan Gupta Spatu emphasized that Astrology is Science. He said, "astrology is criticized by many people. At the same time astrology has a very big following and people believe that it has great influence on their lives." He quoted great scientists like Einstien and Newton in his references while elaborating the scientific approach in astrology. Someone asked Einstien, "Why do you believe in Astrology?" He replied, "I have read ityou have not."

Spatu pointed out, "As per latest survey 40 percent

Americans believe in Astrology while 45% considered it to be Science. In USA even some Presidents employed astrologers for consultation. It is also a proverb in USA, 'Millionaires don't use Astrology...Billionaires use Astrology.' Even Walt Disney people engaged in Movies and Theme Parks do avail the services of Astro-consultants.

Elaborating the influence of celestial objects on human beings, he quoted the example of tides and irrational behaviour experienced on full moon. When Mars and Saturn are 180 degrees apart, earthquake occurs and Spatu predicted for Bhuj Quake of January 26, 2000. The forecast of Tsunami was made by a scientist who was working in NASA.

Spatu said, "Indian astrology is more than 10000 years old!" He added, "The sun, moon and stars which moves around the orbit, they have some gravitational attraction." Astrology is directly linked with astronomy, a science which is a study of the objects in the Universe. As a science it has links with other sciences like mathematics, physics and chemistry. Astrology is related to the positions of the sun, moon and planets against the starry background, which influences our personalities and shapes our lives. He explained, "Astrology is interpretation and explanation of Astronomy and has been widely used for the welfare of humanity." He made it clear that Vedic Astrology is a reality.

Spatu admitted, "There is a lot of confusion created by persons who fool the public in the name of astrology, after doing a few weeks crash course and then claim to be experts." Scientific Astrology needs lot of deep study and it takes years of practice to become a good astrologer. He cautioned, "No Astrologer can change your fate. He can only suggest." Even for those who may not believe in it, a visit to a good Astrologer may be taken as a professional counseling and guidance which may result in peace of mind! Even by doing good deeds you can lead a better life. Extending one hand to help some body has more value than joining two hands for prayers!



Mr. Madan Gupta Spatu presents birthday gift to Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra, accompanied by R'ann Indu



Mr. Madan Gupta Spatu presents birthday gift to PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati, accompanied by R'ann Bir



Mr. Madan Gupta Spatu presents wedding anniversary gift to R'ann Charanjit & Rtn. Balbir Singh Channi



Rtn. Arjan Singh gives a scholarship cheque to Aartika. Looking on are Pres. R.K. Luther & Secy. Amarjit Singh

Speaking over transition of Saturn on November 15, 2011, Spatu predicted, "Oil and property prices will shoot up in 2012. Astrologically, there would be another hike in prices for petrol in January 2012."

Talking about Anna Hazare, he said, "Anna's campaign is in doldrums as the timing of his movement was not right. Today all his team members are in trouble." Spatu predicted, "Even if Lokpal bill is passed, there will be so many loopholes and what we expect will not be there. Corruption will never be eliminated."

The talk was followed by a lively inter-active discussion between Mr. Spatu and Rotarians. There were many queries, both in favour and against. Whatever one may think of astrology, one thing acceptable to all is that it generates lot of interest and anxiety.

Vote of thanks was proposed by PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta. Expressing faith in Astrology he said, "If you have belief in it you would certainly benefit." He thanked Mr. Madan Gupta Spatu for giving a very scientific analysis of Astrology.

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PP Rtn. Dr. Kesho Ram Gupta presents a memento to Mr. Madan Gupta Spatu

Mr. Madan Gupta Spatu presents punctuality award to Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra

Scholarship

Scholarship of Rs. 25000/- was given to the fourth scholar, Ms. Aartika Bansal, under the collaboration scheme with Rotary Club of Milano Sud – Est. Aartika is in second year (electronics) at U.I.E.T and has topped her batch last year.

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PUNE Cover story

SOURABH SENGUPTA, 28,
Co-founder zovvata.com

Net Connect

Traveling is these days at its height? No problem—Saurabh Sengupta makes this not just possible, but fun. An ex-faculty zovvata.com in July 2008. Standing for "zovvata with a tag", the site has the in and delivery process and will remain in your area. You can also use an online travel agent and even enjoy reviews of restaurants too. "It's a complete food store where you have your eating and operations automated. It's perfect for busy urban people," he says. An engineer from IIT Delhi, Sengupta, along with three fellow IITians—Deepinder Goyal, Parag Chaudhari and Ganjiga Pathak—started the site, called FoodZovvata.com for zovvata online "like-related" people who order food in all India.

STEP BY STEP During the start with a consulting firm in Gurgaon, Sengupta would often reflect upon-of-delivery requirements. In 2008, he along with his friends started zovvata.com and succeeded in creating and profitable website within six years. Now headquartered in the heart of Gurugram, a 125+ member staff and over 1000 employees, the site has been added in January 2011. Zovvata.com has also tied up with the local table to launch a pre-packaged application.

THE BREAKTHROUGH Their idea caught on because the company got a total investment of \$ 4 million and spent its operations in 10 cities. Today the site draws over million visitors every month.

Contact: www.zovvata.com

second opinion

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Our hearty congratulations to R'ann Mala & PP Rtn. Indrajeet Sengupta on achievements of their son, Saurabh

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President's Appeal in club meeting on 4.11.11

In the last board of directors meeting it was decided to allocate 10 Rotarians of our club to each director who will interact with them and persuade them to come forward and enjoy the pleasure of helping the community by using their interest and talents.

President R.K. Luther appealed to all Rotarians, "Please

Lawyers get Robbed!

Two lawyers are in a bank, when, suddenly, armed robbers burst in.

While several of the robbers take the money from the tellers, others line the customers, including the lawyers, up against a wall, and proceed to take their wallets, watches, etc. While this is going on lawyer number one jams something in lawyer number two's hand.

Without looking down, lawyer number two whispers, "What is this?" to which lawyer number one replies, "It's that \$50 I owe you."

Ann's Column

Recipe: Eggless Mayonnaise

by : R'ann Indu Vohra

Ingredients:

½ Cup Corn oil

6 tbsp Skimmed milk powder

1/3 Cup hot water

½ tsp. Salt

½ tsp dry mustard

3 tbsp Vinegar

White Pepper

Yellow colouring

Birthday of Spouses

R'ann Indu Vohra

R'ann Veena Bindra

R'ann Tavinder Chopra



November 11

November 14

November 15

Donations for Club Projects

PP Rtn. Ajit S. Gulati

Rs. 1000/-

come forward, email to any director concerned or me with your suggestions to improve attendance or do projects which you feel Rotary should get involved with." He added, "Rotary is about fellowship and pooling of professional skills of Rotarians to serve the humanity.

Put the oil, milk powder and water into the blender. Blend at a low speed until well mixed. With the blender still in low speed, add salt, mustard, pepper and vinegar. Cover and blend at high speed for 30 to 40 seconds, until the mayonnaise is thick and smooth. Transfer to a bowl and add pale yellow colouring. Use straight away or store in an air tight jar in the refrigerator.

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. A.K. Sachdeva

November 15

Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain & Mr. Naresh K. Jain

November 11

Rtn. Kanan & PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan

November 12

R'ann Satpaul & Rtn. Balraj Singh

November 16

Punctuality Draw

Won by Rtn. Dr. Jawahar Luthra

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