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PROGRAMME

Relevance of Literature in Contemporary Society
 Chief Guest: Dr. Rana Nayar, Professor and Chairman
 Department of English, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Friday, January 29, 2010 Time: 6:30 PM Venue: Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

Know Thyself Through Science



Dr. I.S. Dua, Professor Emeritus Dept. of Botany, Panjab University

Chief Guest in the club meeting on January 22, 2010, Dr. I.S. Dua, Professor Emeritus Dept. of Botany, Panjab University, Chandigarh was introduced by PP Dr. Balram Gupta as, "a dear friend and a colleague and a very warm, good human being. He was the Head of the Department of Botany, Panjab University, Chandigarh. His contribution in the field of

Botany has been unmatched. He has been a visiting Professor to University of Oxford, a visiting fellow to US Department of Agriculture, Washington,

visiting professor to University of Calgary, Canada and visiting professor to Indian Institute of Advanced Studies in Shimla."

The presentation, 'Know thyself through Science' envisaged the genesis of Modern Biology as an off shoot from the exciting field of Experimental Inquisitiveness which itself has been a product of Classical Biology, Natural History, Paleontology, Geology, Genetics, Reproductive Biology, Chemistry, Plant sensitivity to environmental factors and Theology wherein it has transformed itself to answer the subtle mysteries of life operating at the molecular level and in turn are maneuverable.

The theme picked up the thread from the great works from renaissance period which initially led to the progress of traditional Natural Sciences into what at present is called Modern Molecular Physiology where all fields have merged into a single



Dr. I.S. Dua gives anniversary gift to R'ann Pushpa & Rtn. Vinod K. Jawa



R'ann Purnima & Rtn. Deepak Sood get their anniversary gift from Dr. I.S. Dua

state and is concerned with its application in agriculture, medicine/health or environment. Few monuments can claim to have been as central to the life and work of their owners as 'Down House' where Charles Robert Darwin lived for forty years (1842-1882) and where he experimented on majority of his major works which transformed the theological central natural sciences into a field presently called as Experimental Biology.

Darwin's accomplishments were so many and so diverse that it is useful to distinguish four fields to which he made major contributions: Evolutionary Biology; the Philosophy of Science; the Modern Zeitgeist and Molecular Physiology. Although, the focus was on the last domain keeping in mind the theme of the present seminar.

A unique compilation of this lecture and its partial appraisal is on the relevance of the descent of all branches of natural sciences into one common pool (Know thyself) and shows how different diligent observations and their subsequent pursuance have accomplished their relevance to scientific dogmas. The audience will have a chance to see the classical milestones in the field of Physiology/Reproductive Biology/Photo-tropism at Down House in 1860s which revolutionized the scientific tenets of the modern world and is at the doorstep to serve

everyone with its inexplicable powers. It was here in this extensive mansion where Darwin wrote 12 classical books in Experimental Biology and formulated his most famous work on Evolution - the Origin of Species and Power of Movements in Plants.

As a result of extensive botanical research projects accomplished at "The Sand walk Copse" at Down House, many of his experimental endeavors have been recreated in the greenhouses and grounds elsewhere in the different laboratories of world. His contributions in the field of Experimental Botany capture the imagination that it continues to influence contemporary plant sciences and have always been working as a web to stretch the scientific thoughts from behavioral studies of plant processes to genetic engineering while the principle of evolution is being employed for the benefit of mankind vis-à-vis the environment.

Darwin's influences reach ever widening fields of research as we continue to seek the answer to that still fascinating 'Mystery of Mysteries': What is life? The presentation was definitely a rare acoustics and visual experience to the minds and souls of the audience as it revealed the gradual progress of researches, entwined around classical Life Sciences processes innate to life and their operations, along with the works of innumerable workers who later on

became Noble Laureates and even switched their work on the biochemical profile/ molecules of consciousness after being inspired by the work of Down House.

The 50-60 minutes capsule of the presentation described the achievements of 55 years evoked innumerable queries from one and posed many



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Dr. Anureet Kaur presents a memento to Dr. I.S. Dua

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questions in the minds of listeners who unanimously resolved to conclude that the person who worked in Down House may be christened as Father of Modern Biology who has helped us to understand the basic question, "What Life is through Science and shun superstitions."

District Functions

President Gurdip S. Deep said, "We are looking forward to lot of excitement, as we have the privilege of having important District events in Chandigarh." These are highlighted below:-

An Evening of Celebrations: To felicitate Rotary International Directors Nominee, Rtn. Yash Pal Das of our District and Rtn. Shekhar Mehta from Kolkata on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 3.45 pm at NIPER, Sector 67, Mohali. Registration is Rs. 300/- (single) and Rs. 500/- (couple). Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown is hosting this function. Our Club meeting of Friday, February 5 will be postponed to be held on February 6 at 3.45 pm at NIPER. President Gurdip said that it is the Board's decision that, "All Rotarians of Chandigarh Midtown should to be present there."

District Conference: "Rotary Confluence 2010-Shape the Future" will be held at Law Auditorium, Panjab University, Chandigarh on 20th & 21st

The talk generated interesting & fact revealing interactive discussion with the Rotarians. Rtn. Dr. Anureet Kaur proposed formal vote of thanks. On behalf of the club she thanked Dr. I.S. Dua for an impressive PowerPoint presentation

February 2010, hosted by Rotary Club Chandigarh Central. Registration charges are Rs. 1200/- (single) & Rs. 2300/- (double) upto 31st January. Upto 14th February it shall be Rs. 1400/- (single) & Rs. 2600/- (double). Spot registration will be Rs. 1500/- (single) & Rs. 2700/- (double), without kit. President Gurdip said that we and our spouses should register in large numbers before 31st January 2010 to avail the concession. Please contact Office Secretary V.P. Sharma immediately.

Farewell to GSE Team from USA: The farewell dinner for GSE Team from Texas will be held at Hotel President Chandigarh on 27th Feb. 2010, which will be hosted by our club.

District Trainers Training Seminar: DTTS will also be hosted by our club which will be held on 21st March 2010 at Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Hotel Management, Sector 42, Chandigarh.

Nursing Training Course

Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown has undertaken a 9 months training course of 12 girls to prepare them for serving the community and earn their livelihood at Vikrant Memorial Trust. The expenses for this project is Rs. 1,20,000/-. These girls are taught human physiology and all the parameters to serve the patient, like making bed, nursing and feeding the sick, blood pressure monitoring, injections muscular & intravenous, Care of the critical patients, first aid to the injured etc.

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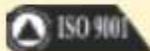
are going out of their home towns to serve, leaving their old parents behind. These under privileged girls during the training period are given practical training to look after every kind of patient, and how to make their near & dear ones comfortable. They have to keep in mind the moral, social and emotional aspects of the patient as well as their near & dear ones while on duty.

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IW President Asha Gupta appreciated that Dr. B.D Gupta is giving his time and all the facilities of the

hospital to give practical training to the students. The teacher Mrs. Poonam is very knowledgeable about her subject. IW members visit the clinic very frequently, give them uniform, snacks and maintain personal contact with the students. They also give them a chance to perform in some cultural activity. This effort boosts their morale and to recognize their talent.

Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate

The annual "Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate" in memory of Late Rtn. Vishnu Kumar Gupta, PHF, sponsored by Rtn. Vijay Kumar Gupta, and hosted by the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown, will be held on Friday, 12.02.2010 at Hotel President, Sector 26, Chandigarh at 4:00 P.M. sharp.

The debate is open to Rotaract Clubs of District 3080, each represented by a team of two bonafide members, one speaking for the motion, and the other, speaking against the motion. Each speaker will be allotted a

time of 4-5 minutes. Speakers can address either in Hindi, Punjabi or in English.

The topic of the debate is "Trial by Media is an Interference in the Judicial Process". The following awards will be presented on the basis of decision of a panel of prominent judges.

1. The Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Rolling Trophy for the Best Team Performance.
2. Winner-Individual Award for best Speaker

Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Suraj Handa		January 31
Rtn. Sompal Malik		February 05

Punctuality Draw :

Won by Rtn. Davinder K. Singh

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

R'ann Kalpana & Rtn. Praveen Aggarwal	January 29
IPP Rtn. Saroj Jhawar & Mr. Sita Ram	January 30
Rtn. Dr. Anureet & Mr. R.K.S. Bhatti	February 01
R'ann Asha & Rtn. Rajiv Aggarwal	February 02
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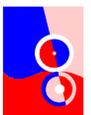
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