

What is Indian Sports?

In our club meeting on March 4, 2011 we had Professor S.K. Gupta, Member of CWG as Guest Speaker to speak on Indian Sports. The duty of formal introduction was given by President Rtn. Prem Anand to PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee who passed on this responsibility to Rtn. Dr. I.S. Dua, one professor would introduce the other one better! Prof. Gupta is former professor

match being against India, who were not able to beat England in spite of setting a heavy target of 339 runs! Having tied that match with England, will we head for some humiliation at the hands of Ireland! We all were looking forward to the match on Sunday 2.30 p.m. onwards. However, we are relieved now, thanks to all round performance by man of the match Yuvraj

Singh, Ireland was comfortably defeated but not disgraced and Indians now have no ire!

In his talk, Prof. S.K. Gupta said that as a nation of over one billion, we fail to produce great sports persons. The old saying in Hindi "padhoge likhoge banoge nawab, kheloge-kudoge banoge kharab" has led to a very dismal performance in sports. The main factor which does not allow for the growth of



Prof. S.K. Gupta
a revealing talk!



President Prem Anand and Secretary Deepak Sood
an attentive hearing!

of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh and Hony. Director of Sports. He is member of Chandigarh Sports Council and Vice President Chandigarh Hockey Association. He is also a member of Board of Management Lakshmi Bai National University of Physical Education, Gwalior (MP). He has visited many countries and had important assignments. He has also widely traveled in India. Prof. Dua recalled his association with Prof. Gupta in Panjab University as Sociologist who was close to the Vice Chancellor, teachers and students and was dealing with them in resolving their problems. "Most relevant topics these days are on scams and corruption and Prof. Gupta will speak on what ails Indian Sports," said Prof. Dua, who concluded the introduction with a thoughtful observation, "I do not know what is going to happen on Sunday in the cricket match, India vs. Ireland. I am keeping my fingers crossed!" Dr. Dua's concern was genuine. Pressure was seen all over as Ireland, with ODI ranking of 10, not only created a couple of world records but also beat the mighty Englishmen in the World Cup last week, and their next

sports in India is the lack of knowledge about the various disciplines and the poor methods of coaching and training. No proper Infrastructure is another serious cause for concern.

Giving the history about Indian sports CWG - Cake....Where..... Gone! Prof. Gupta took us back to the year 1900. He said India first participated in Summer Olympics in 1900 in Paris, represented by Norman Pritchard (also known as Norman Trevor), an Anglo Indian who bagged two silver medals in 200m race and 200m hurdles. Then after a gap of 20 years India again participated with two athletes in 1920 Antwerp Olympics and



Prof. S.K. Gupta and
PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee



Prof. S.K. Gupta is presented a memento by Rtn. Arjan Singh



Give & take! Arjan gets the punctuality award from Prof. S.K. Gupta. Looking on smilingly is Secretary Rtn. Deepak Sood

coaching facilities even at the highest level. Prof. Gupta emphasized, "A child should be identified at the age of 2 years and his/her history should be made taking into account the history of parents and even grand parents. Selection should be based on scientific background." He stressed, "To be a world class athlete, one needs proper goal oriented coaching with the best facilities and also appropriate food and body requirements." We need to have

with eight members in 1924 Paris Olympics. But the more organized, official representation by India, was made in 1928 Amsterdam, with the formation of Indian Olympic Association in 1927. That year, Indian Hockey team participated in their first Olympic hockey event and won the gold medal under the captaincy of Jaipal Singh. For the next 6 successive Olympics spanning 28 years from 1928-1956, Indians retained their gold medal for the hockey event. It was definitely the golden era of Indian Hockey in Olympics, during which India played 24 matches and won all 24, scored 178 goals and conceded only 7 goals. India again won two more gold medals in Olympic hockey in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics and the 1980 Moscow Olympics. But now time has come India has to struggle to retain its position in top ten teams in world hockey!

Prof. Gupta said, "In Europe and USA they have centrally and scientifically managed sports departments. Even smaller countries have won hundreds of medals." He added, "In our country sports suffer from lack of proper and disciplined guidance." Our players are not getting the proper kind of

proper physical conditioning which will come through a balanced diet and exercise in a scientific manner. There should be a very professional outlook as regards every matter necessary to create international level sports persons.

Talking about CWG scam, Prof. Gupta pointed out other scams being surfaced in our country. There has been the IPL scam. 2010 has seen many scams which have become part of our daily routine. India has a long history of scams, and Prof Gupta took us back to the year 1959-60, being reminded of the infamous jeep scam involving Krishna Menon, then high commissioner to UK.

Funds meant for development of sports are siphoned off through scams and corruption. Unless we have a proper system in place, we can not expect our sports persons to compete at the international levels and achieve medals for India.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. Arjan Singh. He thanked Prof. S.K. Gupta for telling so much about sports and how it could become a bubbling activity in India.

Micro Loan – Look around for Deserving Persons

Rtn. Arjan Singh had an announcement regarding the micro loan. A cheque for Rs. 20000/- had been given to Ms. Hema of Panipat who has a small business of supplying various goods to other shops. This loan was given on recommendation of PDG

Ranjit Bhatia. Arjan said, "This should motivate us to just look around so that we find deserving persons for the micro loan project. We already have Rs. 8 lakh in our bank for this project!"

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RI President's Visit to Chandigarh – 25th March 2011



RI President
Ray Klinginsmith

Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith shall be in Chandigarh on 25th March 2011. A unique, momentous opportunity for the Rotarians and their families in our District to meet the world leader of Rotary International.....face-to-face! He will be accompanied by Rotary International Director K.R. Ravindran on the morning of 25th March and would be

addressing the congregation of Rotarians in the evening at an intercity in the newly-built Chandigarh Judicial Academy's auditorium in Sector 43, near ISBT, Chandigarh. You can reach the auditorium by 4 p.m. and seize the opportunity to shake hand with RIP Ray, and get yourself photographed with him over hi-tea.

Register now. The Registration Fee for the Intercity is Rs.175 (single) and Rs.300 (couple). Please send your cheque, drawn in favour of "Rotary Club of Chandigarh" sent to Rotary House, 107A, Sector 18A, Chandigarh, immediately. Alternatively, you may hand over the payment to Secretary Deepak Sood or Office Secy. V.P. Sharma.

Dentist Wanted!

Email received from DG Madhukar Malhotra

For Zambia/Malawi medical mission we need services of a DENTIST from 10th April to 22nd April 2011 ... please respond on priority to Dr G S Kochhar deephospital@gmail.com with a copy to me & PDG Ranjit K. Bhatia RC Panipat Midtown (indhome.fashions@gmail.com)....check with your clubs/members/community.....on PRIORITY

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Donations to Rotary Foundation

President Prem Anand said, "I am thankful to following members for giving donations to the Rotary Foundation."

Rtn. Rajesh Mahajan (Our new member) \$ 500

Rtn. D.R. Agarwal (Our regular donor) \$ 380

Laughter ka Shopping! by Rtn. Santosh Khaitan

A wife asks her husband, a software engineer, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk, and if they have eggs, get 6."

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why the hell did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

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AIDS WARNING!!!

by PP Rtn. Pallav Mukherjee

Aids Warning!!! To all of you approaching 50 or who have reached 50 and past. This message is especially for you. Senior citizens are the nation's leading carriers of Aids!

Hearing Aids, Band Aids, Roll Aids, Walking Aids, Medical Aids, Government Aids and Most of All, Financial Aid to their Children! Not Forgetting HIV - Hair Is Vanishing!

Picnic at Ravindra Farms - Sunday, 13.3.2011



Enjoy picnic with spouse, kids and grand kids

President Prem Anand has assured that our next meeting on Sunday, 13th March 2011 at Ravindra Farms, Kot Billa, Panchkula will be full of fun, frolic and laughter, spiced with chat, gol gappas and sumptuous lunch - plenty to eat and drink! All this just for a very nominal registration of Rs. 250/- each! Please get registered with Secretary Rtn. Deepak Sood or Office Secy. V.P. Sharma.

Enjoy picnic with spouse, kids and grand kids. There will be



Full of fun, frolic, games, laughter and lots to eat & drink!

interesting games like tambola, and the farm house is huge enough to play cricket, golf and youngsters may even play football.

Rtn. Ravinder Krishan offers his picturesque farm house with lot of greenery all around at Kot Billa, Panckkula, an ideal location for picnic and Rotary fellowship! This farm house is not new for us, as we have enjoyed the hospitality of Rtn. Ravinder Krishan several times.

Birthday of Rotary Anns

R'ann Rekha Malik
R'ann Sunita Sohal



March 15
March 15

Birthday of Rotarians

Rtn. M.K. Handa
Rtn. J.S. Chopra



March 11
March 15

Wedding Anniversary

R'ann Neena & Rtn. T.S. Jauhar

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R'ann Krishna & Rtn. Om Parkash



March 12

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