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उत्सव

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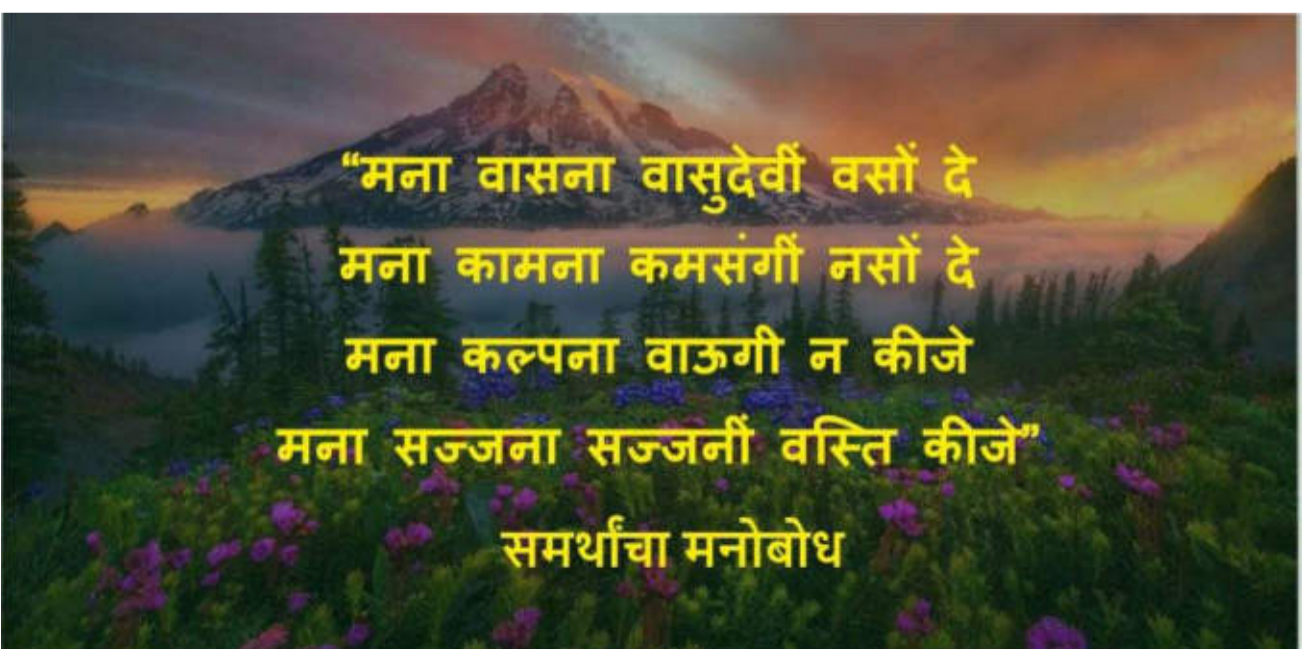
नमस्कार मंडळी,

'उत्सव' हा लोकजीवनचा एक आनंदाचा अविभाज्य घटक. नुकताच गणेशोत्सव होऊन गेला. गेल्या काही वर्षांपासून गणेशोत्सव विविध कारणांनी गाजत आहे. लोकमान्य टिळकांनी घरापुरता मर्यादित असलेला गणेशोत्सव लोकसंग्रह, संघटन आणि जनजागृतीच्या उद्देशाने सार्वजनिक केला. पण हळूहळू उत्सवाचे हे स्वरूप बदलत गेले.

गेल्या काही वर्षांपासून तर ढोल ताशा पथकांचा महिनाभर आधी सुरू होणारा तो आवाज, मिरवणुकीमध्ये होणारा असह्य दणदणाट, भक्ती पेक्षा विविध राजकीय गटांचे शक्ती प्रदर्शन, सोशल मीडियाचा वाढता प्रभाव, कार्यकर्त्यांच्या ऊर्जेचा चुकीच्या दिशेने वापर, स्पीकरच्या भिर्तीमुळे उद्भवणारे आजार आणि इतर अनेक कारणांनी उत्सवाच्या उद्देशालाच मागे टाकले आहे. 'एक गाव एक गणपती' ही संकल्पना जाऊन 'एक रस्ता दहा गणपती' ही परिस्थिती सध्या दिसते. पर्यावरण हानी या महत्त्वाच्या मुद्द्याबद्दल तर बोलायलाच नको. फक्त गणेश उत्सव उत्सवच नाही तर थोड्याफार फरकाने सर्व उत्सवांची हीच स्थिती सध्या आहे. मूर्ती आणि फोटो बदलतात फक्त. हे जे चालले आहे त्यावर अंतर्मुख होऊन विचार करण्याची गरज आहे. न्यायमूर्ती रानडे यांनी लोकमान्यांना एक पत्र लिहिले होते. त्यात ते म्हणतात, 'रस्त्यावरील उत्सवाचे भविष्यातील स्वरूप काय असेल याचा विचार केला पाहिजे.'

आपल्याला या उत्सवांविषयी काय वाटते ? आपल्या मनातला आदर्श उत्सव कसा असावा ? यावर आपली मते आपण "माझ्या मनातील उत्सवाचे स्वरूप" या मथळ्याखाली मांडा आणि ते बुलेटीन टिमकडे नक्की पोहोचवा. पुढील अंकात आपण ते नक्कीच सामील करू. आपले हे लेख कोणीतरी वाचेल आणि त्याचा चांगला परिणाम कदाचित कुठेतरी, कोणावर तरी होईल आणि परिस्थिती थोडीशी बदलेल अशी आशा मनात बाळगूया.

गणपती बाप्पा मोरया!



“मना वासना वासुदेवीं वसों दे

मना कामना कमसंगीं नसों दे

मना कल्पना वाऊगी न कीजे

मना सज्जना सज्जनीं वस्ति कीजे”

समर्थाचा मनोबोध



अभिन्नदीप

PDG Rtn. Arunji Kudale was felicitated by COEP college as COEP Ambhiman on 14th Sept 2023 for his work into engineering, Innovation & his social work activities. Education Minister Shri. Chandrakantdada Patil was chief guest for the function.

समस्त रोटरी पुणे साउथ परिवार



District Interact Assembly was conducted on 10th September at COEP auditorium.

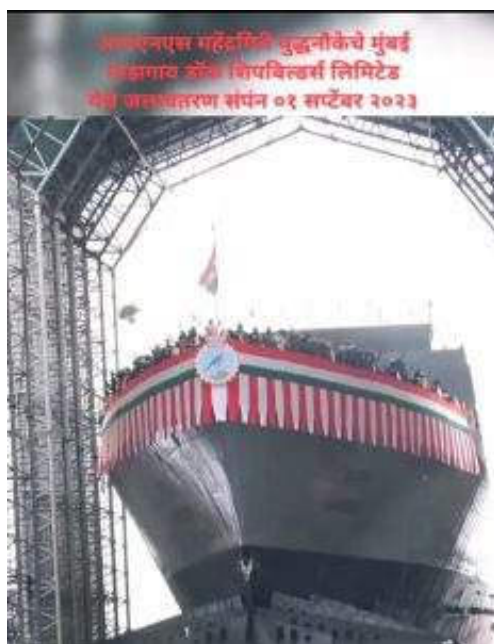


Rtn. Dr. Sudhir Wagmare was granted a patent by 'The Indian Patent office' Govt of India for Innovative Phototherapy system. This is his second patent. First patent was for Kimie, A Human Milk Pasteuriser.

Heartiest congratulations to Rtn Sudhir Wagmare and Family. Wishes for many more to come.

An equipment manufactured by Rtn PP Sanjeev Ogale is to be installed on this ship and the next 4 ships of the same class.

Heartiest Congratulations to Rtn PP Sanjeev Ogale!



New book by PP Rtn. Abhijit Joag was launched on 17th September 2023 by Sarsanghchalak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Shri. Mohanji Bhagvat. Prof. Shantishri Pandit, VC, JNU, Delhi was chief guest at the launch event.

Congratulations to PP.Rtn. Joag!





Treaty of Mitani

Rtn. Dr. Subhash Deshpande

Have you ever heard about the Treaty of Mitani? We have studied about many historical treaties in our student days. But very little is known about the Treaty of Mitani. This Treaty occurred between the Kingdom of Mitani and the Kingdom of Hitites in 1380 BC. Mitani Kingdom was situated near today's Syria and Turkey. Mitani Kingdom was existing since 2000 B.C. Their language was Sanskrit, which was Proto Indo Aryan Language. There used to be a constant conflict between Mitanis and Hitites. Ultimately both of them made up with each other. The Treaty is available in the form of a stone inscriptions.

The peculiarity of the inscriptions is that Sanskrit words have been used in the Treaty. Sanskrit is considered to be the language of Aryans. Originally it was a colloquial language. There was no script for the Sanskrit language. Right from Vedas, all ancient Sanskrit compositions were recited by heart. Sanskrit acquired script in 500 BC. i.e. 2500 years ago, because Vedas were written at that time. But in Mitani Treaty Sanskrit words were already used.

This means Sanskrit had a script before Vedas or Vedas were written long ago. In India Sanskrit was previously written in Bramhi, other Bramhi, Ardha Magadhi script and now in Dvanagari script. Sanskrit is considered to be Proto Indo European Language. In the Mitani stone inscriptions and the other horse training manual found written on a mud tablet, names of the Kings and princes of that time are written in Sanskrit language, along with the words like, Varun, Mitra, Ashwin, Agni, Eka, Panch, Tera, Sat, Nau, Vartan, Ashwa, Ashwasana, etc. So the question arises, if Sanskrit was Aryan Language, then, from where did Aryans come to Mitani.? There are two streams of thoughts about this.

According to some, Aryans were nomadic grazers, established in Cacosus region, situated between Caspian and Black sea. They split into two groups, one going towards West into Europe and the other going East. This migration occurred around 4000 BC i.e. 6000 years ago. Around 4000 years to 3600 years ago a group named 'Indo Aryan ' split from the other group called 'Indo Iranian ' and went towards Mitani,

North India, China. This migration occurred after the invention of Chariot.

Aryans came to North India after 1900BC.,when Sindhu Valley Civilization was fading. A very long famine forced the people to migrate to Punjab and Gujarat. At the same time Aryans after crossing Hindu Kush Mountain, integrated slowly with Harappn Mohenjodaro Civilization. Sindhu Valley Civilization was existing in North-West part of India from 3300 BC to 1300BC I.e.around 5300 to3300 years ago.

It was at the peak of its prime time around 2600 BC.to 1900 BC. i.e.about 4600 to 3100 years ago. It was a highly developed civilization. Unfortunately inscriptions, found on stone slabs during the excavation, have not been fully deciphered yet. Therefore very little is known about the Civilization and its people. Aryans must have mixed with the civilization, as there are no signs of any invasion or violence, found during excavations.

On the contrary, Indegenists argue that the Aryans were the natives of India and spread

outside India, practically along the same route, that Aryans took to migrated from Cocasus region to India, but in the apposite direction, right up to Europe. There is another controversy about the skin color of the Aryans. Whether they were black or white?. Homosapiens or humans were originally dark skinned. Human beings originated in North Africa and migrated outside Africa around 180 Thousand to 160 Thousand years ago. In our ancient literature also Gods and individuals like Shiva, Vishnu, Rama, Krishna, Sita, Draupadi, etc. are described as being dark skinned. Differentiation into color occurred due to the hot or cold environment.

Mohenjodaro and Harappa were some of the highly developed cities in the Civilization. Stone inscriptions are found in the excavated ruins. It is called as 'Indus Script.' Indus Script has not been deciphered yet. That is why very little is known about the Civilization and its people. Same problem occurred about the ancient Egyptian Script. Ancient Egyptian Script is as old as Sanskrit. It is Hieroglyphic i.e. pictorial. It couldn't be deciphered for many years. Incidentally, on

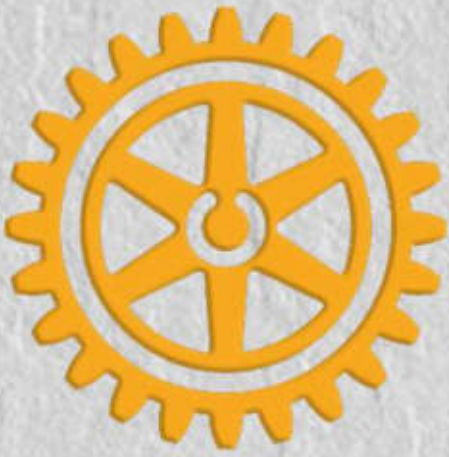
19th July 1799 some French soldiers of Napoleon Bonapart's army found a stone slab at 'Rosetta' in Egypt while digging. There were inscriptions carved, in three different languages, on the slab. The scripts were 1) ancient Heiroglyphic, 2))ancient Egyptian Demotic script of daily use, 3) ancient Greek script. Contents were the same. As ancient Greek language was already known, with it's help, meaning of other two languages could be found. Thus Hieroglyphic script was deciphered and the history of ancient Egypt was unfolded before the World. The original stone is in the British Museum and it's copy is in the Cairo Museum. I have seen both of them. If fortune favours the same way, Indus Valley Script will be deciphered and we will know about the Sindhu Valley Civilization and its people.

Mitani lies between the West East or East west migration route of Aryans. As Sanskrit words are found in the ' Mitani inscriptions ',there is a controversy regarding the direction Sanskrit speaking Aryans took to reach Mitani . Whether from West to East or from East to west. This

dilemma will be resolved when the Indus Script is deciphered and we will know exactly what was the language of the people in Indus Valley Civilization and who were those people? Whether Sanskrit speaking Aryans or non Sanskrit speaking Dravidians.

The End

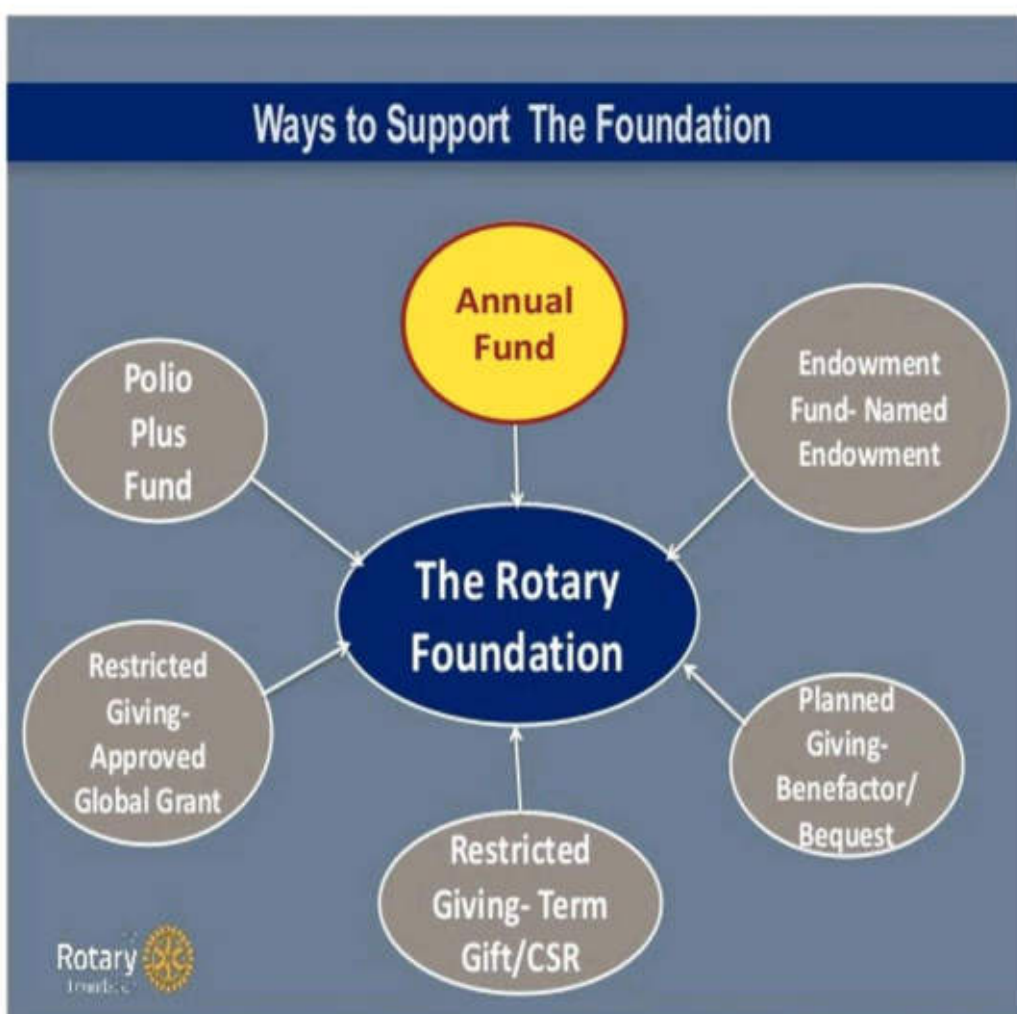
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Sunday fitness fellowship at PL Deshpande Garden





दक्षिण तीरी

25 August 2023

Interact Club at Nandadip Highschool Parvati



2 September 2023

Interact Club at Nutan Bal Vikas Mandir



The program of Sadaphuli Eco Club went off very well on the 6th September '23. Mrs. Snehal Gokhale is a CA by profession and an Environmentalist by passion. She explained to the children the importance of the different plants and trees during the celebration of different festivals, like the marigold flowers, mango leaves and Neem for Gudi Padva, the different "patri" during Ganesh chaturthi, the Apta during Navratri.

The main idea for using and offering these leaves is that people would preserve and plant more of these medicinal plants and trees when they are associated with different Deities. She also told the children how the plants and trees use different techniques to attract insects and birds for effecting pollination and also for dispersal of seeds, how they communicate with each other through their roots, and by releasing certain scents during times of emergency like insect attacks. The children had made beautiful Rakhees from materials readily available at home. These Rakhees were tied to the different trees in the school premises to inculcate a feeling of loving bond between the children and the trees.



RCPS organized ambulance with doctors on the Ganpati viserjan route for all Ganesh bhakts.

In the eighth meeting of Sadaphuli Eco Club, the children were told about an experiment of a frog. When it was put in hot water, it jumped out of the glass pot. But when it was put in the same glass pot filled with cold water, it swam about happily, and when the temperature of the water in the pot was raised slowly, it still adjusted

itself to that environment, and kept on adjusting until finally at 100 degrees Celsius it died trying to adjust. If it had jumped out when water started getting hot, it might have saved itself. So it is with our environment, if we keep adjusting ourselves to the polluted air and water, all humanity and plants and animals on the planet will perish. We should wake up in time and do our utmost to save the planet earth, as there is no other earthlike planet where we can migrate. The children also learnt about the Nitrogen cycle, where the Nitrogen fixing bacteria convert the atmospheric Nitrogen into nitrates which are stored in nodules on the roots of certain types of plants and thus the soil gets enriched naturally.



8-9 September 2023

Interact club at Nandadip Highschool on 8th September & Nutan bal vikas mandir on 9th September



28 September 2023

RCPS organized drinking water Ganapati viserjan route for all Ganesh bhakts.



Mental health awareness session for 'Vrudha Mitra ' volunteers of Deepgruha NGO in collaboration with 'Connecting Trust '



साप्ताहिक सभा

4 September 2023

Ga.Di. Madgulkar through my eyes by Shri. Anand Madgulkar



11 September 2023

Culture of knowledge & science from ancient India by
P.P. Rtn. Abhijit Joag.



25 September 2023

District Resource Training with Rtn. Shirish Karnik
(RC Poona Midtown)



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