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MAY IS THE MONTH OF PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1817 - Opening of the first private mental health hospital in the United States, the Asylum for the Relief of Persons Deprived of the Use of Their Reason (now Friends Hospital) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 1817 - Maharshi Devendranath Tagore, Bengali social reformer and father of Rabindranath Tagore, was born.
- 1891 - Operations begin at Philips & Co in Holland
- 1915 - AT & T becomes 1st corporation to have 1 million stockholders
- 1918 - 1st regular airmail service (between NY & Wash) inaugurated
- 1928 - Mickey Mouse made his 1st appearance in "Plane Crazy"
- 1935 - The Moscow Metro is opened to public.
- 1941 - 1st British turbojet flies
- 1948 - Australia scores 721 runs in one day v Essex, world record
- 1970 - South-Africa excluded from Olympic games.
- 2014 - The 2367th RWM of RC Behala at regular venue and time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

22nd May : Amitava, S/o PP Rtn. Sudhanya Kr. Basu
Wish you many happy returns of the day

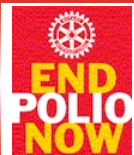
Happy Anniversary

22nd May : Ann Chandrani & Rtn. Partha Pratim Ghoshal

We apologise

In the announcement of Happy Occasions last week, the printer's evil did creep in to make a blunder. Instead of PP Rtn. Debabrata, it made us wish PP Rtn. Debidas Ganguly ! Our sincere apologies to Ann Anuradha, PP Rtn. Debabrata Joardar and PP Rtn. Debidas Ganguly.

-Editorial Team



COME! LETS MAINTAIN POLIO-FREE INDIA

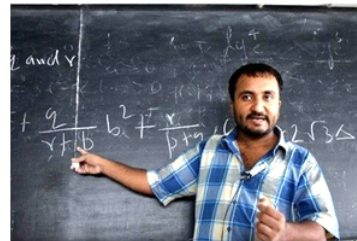
Congratulations!

We congratulate the following members for their contribution to Rotary Foundation during DG's official visit to the Club on 27.04.14 :

Sl. No.	Name (Rtn.)	US \$	Has become
1	Anjan Kumar Bhowmick	\$ 150	PHF
2	Indu Bhusan Das	\$ 300	PHF + 2
3	Krishnendu Bhattacharjee	\$ 200	PHF + 4
4	Prasunjit Mukherjee	\$ 160	PHF
5	Debarshi Dutta Gupta	\$ 100	RFISM

"Anand Kumar" from Bihar. Hats off to him

Courtesy : PP Rtn Binod Khaitan



It is a pity that none of the 'breaking news' channels, who have been discussing /airing non-stop the so called return of Yuvraj Singh to the 20-20 team as an earth shaking, most important news of the country, have any knowledge or air-time for such selfless persons as

Anand Kumar.

Anand Kumar developed an indomitable affection and love towards mathematics and possesses exceptional mathematical abilities. His role model is great Indian mathematician "Ramanujan". During graduation, He submitted papers on Number Theory, which were published in Mathematical Spectrum and The Mathematical Gazette. He worked hard and dreamed of getting into one of the world's best university "Cambridge". And one day he got it - admission to Cambridge.

But very soon he realized that his father cannot afford his education at Cambridge. He and his father searched helplessly for a sponsor all over India but nobody came up. And one day his family's only breadwinner: his father died and his last hope of getting good education diminished. He gave up the dream of Cambridge and came back to his home in Patna, Bihar.

We meet every Thursday at 6 PM at M.P. Birla Planetarium Auditorium - Visit us at www.rotarybehala.org

He would work on Mathematics during day time and would sell papads in evenings with his mother, who had started a small business from home, to support her family. He also tutored students in math to earn extra money. Since Patna University library did not have foreign journals, for his own study, he would travel every weekend on a six-hour train journey to Varanasi, where his younger brother, learning violin under N. Rajam, had a hostel room. Thus he would spend Saturday and Sunday at the Central Library, BHU and return to Patna on Monday morning.

He rented a classroom for Rs 500 a month, and began his own institute, the Ramanujan School of Mathematics (RSM). Within the space of year, his class grew from two students to thirty-six, and after three years there were almost 500 students enrolled. Then in early 2000, when a poor student came to him seeking coaching for IIT-JEE, who couldn't afford the annual admission fee due to poverty, Kumar was motivated to start the Super 30 program in 2003, for which he is now well-known.

Every year in August, since 2003, the Ramanujan School of Mathematics, now a trust, holds a competitive test to select 30 students for the "Super 30" scheme. About 4,000 to 5,000 students appear at the test, and eventually he takes thirty intelligent students from economically backward sections which included beggars, hawkers, auto-drive's children, tutors them, and provides study materials and lodging for a year. He prepares them for the Joint Entrance Examination for the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT). His mother, Jayanti Devi, cooks for the students, and his brother Pranav Kumar takes care of the management.

Out of 270 students he tutored from 2002-2011, 236 students have made an admission to IIT. All of them came from so poor background that their parents were Hawkers, Auto-drivers, laborer etc.

During 2003-2009, 182 students out of 210 have made it to the IITs.

In 2010, all the students of Super 30 cleared IIT JEE entrance making it a three in a row for the institution.

Anand Kumar has no financial support for Super 30 from any government as well as private agencies, and manages on the tuition fee he earns from the Ramanujam Institute. After the success of Super 30 and its growing popularity, he got many offers from the private - both national and international companies as well as the government for financial help, but he always refused it. He wanted to sustain Super 30 through his own efforts. After three consecutive 30/30 results in 2008-2010, in 2011, 24 of the 30 students cleared IIT JEE.

Anand's work is now well recognised all over the world :

Discovery Channel broadcast a one-hour-long program on Super 30, and half a page has been devoted to Kumar in The New York Times. Actress and ex-Miss Japan Norika Fujiwara visited Patna to make a documentary on Anand's initiatives. Kumar has been featured in programs by the BBC. Time magazine has selected his school Super 30 in the list of Best of Asia 2010. Newsweek Magazine has taken note of the initiative of Kumar's Super 30 and included his school in the list of four most innovative schools in the world.

USA's president Obama read about Anand in Time magazine and sent a special envoy to check the work done by him and offered all the assistance but Anand never accepts help irrespective of helper. Super 30 received praise from United States President Barack Obama's special envoy Rashad Hussain, who termed it the "best" institute in the country.

He is in the Limca Book of Records (2009) for his contribution in helping poor students crack IIT-JEE by providing them free coaching. He was awarded the S. Ramanujan Award for 2010 by the Institute for Research and Documentation in Social Sciences (IRDS) in July 2010.

He has been awarded by top award of Bihar government - "Maulana

Abdul Kalam Azad Shiksha Puraskar" November 2010. He was awarded the Prof Yashwantrao Kelkar Yuva Puraskar 2010 by Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) in Bangalore.

In April 2011, Anand Kumar was selected by Europe's magazine Focus as "One of the global personalities who have the ability to shape exceptionally talented people."

Kumar has spoken about his experiences at Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

If a single superhuman can single-handedly change so many lives, can't our collective minds come up with some schemes, some projects to change few others, as suggested by our District Governor during his official visit to our Club?

MIDNUTES OF THE 2366TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA HELD ON 8TH MAY, 2014 AT MP BIRLA PLANETARIUM AUDITORIUM, KOLKATA AT 6.30 PM

- ❖ Club President Rtn Anjan Kumar Bhowmick called the meeting to order.
- ❖ Meeting started with National Anthem.
- ❖ Club President Rtn Anjan welcomed Club members & Rotaractor to the Meeting.
- ❖ He informed members about upcoming events of the Club and the District, including
 - District Drama on 11.5.14.
 - District Assembly on 18.05.14. All are requested all to attend the same.
 - District Training Assembly on 24.05.14.
 - Blood Donation in association with Behala Trisakti Sangha on 18.05.14
 - 5 School benches to be handed over to St Mary's Primary School
 - Installation Ceremony on 9th July.
- ❖ He then read out a letter from our Twin Club - Rotary Club of Top of The Lake of Mooresville, USA expressing their happiness on seeing the status of construction at RCC Nalgora and their eagerness to join in other projects as well. He also shared with all a Certificate of Twin Club, duly signed by President of the Club.
- ❖ Club Secretary Rtn Jayanta Kr Mitra conducted usual Club business.
- ❖ After confirming the minutes of 2365th RWM of RC Behala as published in Maitree dt 08.05.2014 and declaring the attendance, Club President Rtn Anjan terminated the meeting.
- ❖ Attendance statistics : Members: 45. Members present : 14, Rotaractor : 01.



The 4 Way Test

of the things we think, say or do :

1. Is it the TRUTH ?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned ?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS ?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned ?