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From Editor's desk

Ease of doing business- How easy it is in India?

Of late we more often hear the slogan "ease of doing business" especially in the statements on economy and industrial development by the Govt of India. India has recorded continuous improvement in its ease of doing business ranking issued by the World Bank on account of steps taken by the government in this regard. India jumped 14 places to the 63rd position (out of 190 countries listed) on the World Bank's ranking released recently riding high on the government's flagship 'Make in India' scheme and other reforms attracting foreign investment.

A nation's ranking on the index is based on the average of 10 subindices:

- S**tarting a business – Procedures, time, cost, and minimum capital to open a new business
- D**ealing with construction permits – Procedures, time, and cost to build a warehouse
- G**etting electricity – procedures, time, and cost required for a business to obtain a permanent electricity connection for a newly constructed warehouse
- R**egistering property – Procedures, time, and cost to register commercial real estate
- G**etting credit – Strength of legal rights index, depth of credit information index
- P**rotecting investors – Indices on the extent of disclosure, extent of director liability, and ease of shareholder suits
- P**aying taxes – Number of taxes paid, hours per year spent preparing tax returns, and total tax payable as share of gross profit
- T**rading across borders – Number of documents, cost, and time necessary to export and import
- E**nforcing contracts – Procedures, time, and cost to enforce a debt contract
- R**esolving insolvency – The time, cost, and recovery rate (%) under bankruptcy proceeding

The countries listed are categorised as "very easy", "easy", "medium" and "below average". India now stands at "easy" category. If we can improve at least 10 ranking we will also reach the "very easy category". Mind you countries like Kenya and Rwanda are ahead of us in the "very easy" category.

Jai Rotary

Rtn. PHF M Kumaraswamy Pillai

We meet on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm at Revi Karunakaran Rotary Hall, Alleppey



Secretary
Rtn. PHF John Kurian



Asst. Governor
Rtn. PHF V. Deepak



Bulletin Editor
Rtn. PHF M. Kumaraswamy Pillai



Let me wish my fellow Rotarians a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

What is the universal message of Christmas? It is that, God is a good Father and we are all brothers and sisters. This truth is the basis of the Christian vision of humanity. Without the fraternity that Jesus Christ has bestowed on us, our efforts for a more just world fall short, and even our best plans and projects risk being soulless and empty. For this reason, my wish for a happy Christmas is a wish for fraternity. Fraternity among individuals of every nation and culture. Fraternity among people with different ideas, yet capable of respecting and listening to one another. Fraternity among persons of different religions. Jesus tells that salvation comes through love, acceptance, respect for this poor humanity of ours, which we all share in a great variety of races, languages, and cultures. Yet all of us are brothers and sisters in humanity.

The basic ideal of Rotary is also to build friendship and fraternity. May this Christmas help us to rediscover the bonds of fraternity linking us together.

Jai Rotary

Rtn. K. Cherian.

Minutes of the Regular meeting dated 18th December 2019

The meeting for the week started with invocation of Blessings of God Almighty by Rtn. P.O. Thomas. President informed that the Free Blood Checkup camp conducted on 15th December was successful and around 160 persons attended the camp. The final round of Rotary Neelima Challenge Quiz will be conducted on 2nd of January 2020. President thanked Secretary Rtn. John Kurian, who had visited all the participating schools and informed them of the competitions and collected the last year's trophies.

President informed that Christmas New Year dinner team is formed and the members are Rtns. Vijayalakshmi Nair, Vidhukumar, K.A. Varghese, Roy Raj, Jacob Philipose, Dijo Antony Cherian and Tom F Joseph. Members informed of inconveniences for the already fixed date of 4th January and it was decided to hold the dinner meeting on Saturday 11th January.

The election for next year's team of office bearers was scheduled to be held on 30th January. The date happens to be inconvenient for many of the Rotarians due to other functions on that date. Hence it was decided to prepone the election date to 27th December. Hence the regular meeting due on 25th will be postponed to 27th December, which will be a closed meeting for elections.

President informed that Sekhar and Saravanan of Nalan's catering are suffering from serious ailments and they are in financial problems. Many of the members had expressed their willingness to contribute to help them. Hence it was decided to circulate a letter, to collect contributions from interested members and handover the amount to them.

Rtn. Tomi Eapen talked about 100 years of Rotary in India. Rtn. Gopinathan Nair appreciated the views of Rtn. Raju Chandu which was published in 25th edition of Royal weeks. He also congratulated bulletin editor Rtn. Kumaraswamy Pillai, who had made a presentation about Coir Geo Textiles at IIT, Chennai.

Secretary proposed vote of thanks with a special thanks to Rtn. Aju Jacob Mathew, host of the meeting. The meeting disbursed for fellowship at 8.30 PM.

Rtn. John Kurian,
Secretary.

Notice

Election of Office bearers for the term 2020-21

It has been decided in the Regular meeting dated 18th December, to advance the election date from 30th December to 27th December as per schedule already announced. Consequently, the meeting due on 25th December stands postponed to 27th.

Secretary

Tit-bits

At the meeting held on 18th December, Club historian Rtn Tomi Eapen shot a quiz question. Who is known as the Marco Polo of Rotary? He paused for three minutes and none came forward to answer. Finally he disclosed that it is Rtn. James Wheeler Davidson who sowed the seeds of rotary in India and neighbouring countries



Rotary India Centennial Summit 2020

As Rotary completes its one hundred years of presence in India in this Rotary Year 2019-20, coupled with the much awaited news of the choice of our own RIPN Shekhar Mehta being chosen to lead this great organisation for the year 2021-22, it has been decided to hold Rotary India Centennial Summit 2020 in Kolkata on 14th, 15th and 16th of February, 2020 at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata. This summit will not only be a celebration of the achievements and service of the Indian rotarians during the last one century, but will also be an opportunity to discuss and envision the tasks ahead going into the next century in the presence of and by, prominent and different leaders of rotary and from other streams of society.

Rotary India Centennial Summit 2020, to be attended by about 4000 delegates, shall be spread over three days from 14th to 16th February, 2020, comprising of glittering Inaugural Session, six Plenaries based on six Areas of Focus and a Valedictory Session interspersed with interludes of scintillating performances, music and entertainment on two days from Bollywood biggies in the evening, ticketed Presidential and President Nominee dinners and Past Presidents Lunch, House of Friendship with whole day entertainment, activities, food courts with diverse cuisine showcasing rotary achievements and commercial and rotary booths showcasing their wares and their service activities

Bouquets & brickbats

Dear Bulletin Editor Rtn. Past president Kumaraswamy Pillai,

Kindly accept my hearty congratulations on your role as the editor of Royal Weeks. My gratitude too for including me in your mailing list.

Club bulletins are an excellent medium of communication to keep us abreast with the club activities and updated of the latest rotary information. I am glad that the club projects, rotary information and members' feedback are well covered in Royal Weeks.

It gives me immense happiness to see that our Trendsetter Secretary (2017-18) Rtn.K.Cherien is serving the club as president with sincerity and commitment. RC Alleppey's relief activities for the flood victims at the hour of need deserve special mention.

The strength of RC Alleppey is an excellent pool of seasoned Rotarians with expertise and experience. Looking at this great strength, I feel that it's time for the second oldest club of District 3211 to expand its horizons further and think much bigger in terms of service projects that would create a lasting impact in the community.

It is really inspiring that RC Alleppey holds the unique distinction of gifting the first Arch Klumph Society Member from Dist.3211 and it is this same club that gave birth to the first global e Club of Dist.3211.

Please convey my regards to all our friends at RC Alleppey.

Warmest regards

Suresh

PDG Rtn Major Donor Suresh Mathew

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- Club Historian - Rtn. MPHf Tomi Eapen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY dear Rotarians ANNES & ANNETS December

- 17 Rithika, d/o S.Murugan
- 18 Rtn'e Shyama Vijayakumar
- 19 Rtn'e Molly Thomas
- 20 Appu s/o Raju Chandy
- 21 Aswathy d/o B.Sivadas
- 28 Mahalakshmi d/o Biju Sathyan



- 21 Anilkumar & Hanimol
- 28 George Z.George &Jula



RI News

Mark Maloney and Gay at the opening of the Rotary Zone Institute, Indore, India on December 6. Gay says "a very special opportunity to wear a saree featuring the design and fabric of Indore"

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Host: Rtn PO Thomas

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