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WOMEN LITERACY PROJECT IN LADAKH



Our Club has been associated with Rotary Clubs in Japan, R.I. District 2780 in implementing the Global Grant Women Literacy Project in Leh, Ladakh. Rtn. Naoyuki Takagi led a delegation of Six Japanese Rotarians and friends to visit the project site to see the progress of the project.

After visiting the three Centres set up under this project they came to Delhi on 22nd August and since they were booked to leave for Japan on 23rd Aug., our Club decided to prepone our Club Meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 24th August by two days and arranged a special meeting on 22nd August to welcome our Partners from Japan in this project. The Japanese delegation members were – Rtn. Naoyuki Takagi (Leader), Rtn. Koyoko Yokota, Rtn. Yuka Shimozato, Rtn. Chigusa Hara, Ms. Michinori Maruta and Ms. Keiiko Furuya. On arrival they were accorded the traditional Indian Welcome with Chandan Tika, Rose Petal Showers and a Stoll around their Neck & Shoulders.

Addressing our Club Member, Dr. Naoyuki Takagi, Leader of the Japanese Group said, we came this morning (22nd Aug.) from Ladakh. We thank you very much for having us today evening. I know you meet on Thursdays. Thanks for shifting your meeting today to meet us. Our Dist.

Governor and Club Presidents have sent their best wishes and greetings to all of you. This project was started in 2015 and will continue for 3 years till 2018. Ladies in Ladakh are participating in this Literacy project. When we started this project, the Ladies were totally illiterate. Today they are learning to read and write. Six Ladies in Ladakh are monitoring this project. 86 Adult Ladies are learning to read and write. Not only reading and writing they are also learning sewing on sewing machines and also knitting woollen clothes. Mahabodhi Society is also helping us in this project.

When this project was initiated by us in 2015, the Ladies were totally illiterate. Today after 3 years they can now read and write and some of them can even sew clothes. They can also read their holy scripts and can chant in their Ladakhi language. They can write their names. They sew clothes and even sell them. They all sell agricultural products. This project has changed their lives. They can count in English also. Some of them can even read English as well. A few samples of products made by these Ladies were brought by these Japanese Rotarians and same were circulated for viewing to our Club Members which were highly appreciated.

They have three Literacy Centres at three different locations. Each Centre has 4 sewing machines. In winter temperature goes down to as low as -20° and this is why they have started learning knitting woollen clothes.

We asked them whose life has been changed most due to this project and they all chose and selected one old lady.

Bhothi scriptures written in Bhothi language are very important scriptures in their lives.

On our third day in Ladakh we had a very pleasant surprise. The President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind was visiting Ladakh and visited a school which has 400 students. Ladakh has a population of about 3,00,000

NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST 2017

THE ROSEATE RESORTS

TIME: 5.00 P.M.

CLUB ASSEMBLY

WITH

OVERNIGHT STAY

MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DRINKS & DINNER
SPOUSES ARE MOST CORDIALLY INVITED



people. Our Centre is located about 15 minutes drive from the Airport. All the three Centres are in close proximity of about 15 to 20 minutes drive from each other.

Officially this project ends in March 2018, but we are requesting TRF for an extension since a lot more needs to be done for sustainability of this project.

Our Club Members present at this special meeting on 22nd August at Ethiopian Centre, were: Rtns. President Anuj Khurana & Rupa, PDG Ashish Ghosh, PE Madhumati Singh, VP Mahesh Ch. Gupta, Secy. Saurabh & Ashu Gupta, Parveen Jain, Sangita Bansal, Pran Mehta, Umang Das, Yadav & Mamta Bhargava, Vinod & Lata Gupta, Surendra Singh & Nirupama, Prashant & Neha Sahgal, Ranjit Singh Sahni, Rishi Malhotra, Rajiv & Poonam Sodhi, Vimal Gupta, Asit Gupta, Vir Philip, Mahesh Kr. Aggarwal, Jayashree Jayaraman, Vikas Seth, Radha Sood and Mrs. Raj Maira and Baby Navya Sahgal.

Project Overview

- New Delhi Rotary Club & District 2780 (Japan)–Global Grant Project
- Partner: Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre (MIMC)
- Participants: 86 Adult Ladies in Ladakh
- Subjects: Bhothi (Tibetan Scripture Language) Reading and Writing
Ladakhi Reading and Writing
Simple Math & Numbers
English Alphabet & Simple English
Sewing/Knitting (in Friendship Centre)
- Three Centres: Equity (29), Friendship (27), Peace (30)
- Started August 2015

History

- PP Rtn. Yokota San met Rev. Sangasena, founder of MIMC in 1993.
- MIMC started 1st batch of Literacy Centres in 1997 with the help of PP Rtn. Yokota.
- MIMC had supported 18 centres in total before 2015, when our project stated.

- We added sewing to the project.

Outcome

Totally illiterate Ladies now can:

- Read and write in Bhothi (language of scriptures) – Most important
- Read and write in Ladakhi (every day life)
- Do simple Arithmetic (for good housekeeping/commerce)
- Can read English alphabets
- Can make clothes using a sewing machine
- Can knit gloves, sweaters, etc. (Friendship Centre)

Common Words of Gratitude: Now I can...

- Read holy scripts and chant
- Read and write in Ladakhi
- Sign my name instead of giving thumb print
- Make clothes and even sell them for small profits
- Sell agricultural products without being cheated.

Whose life has been changed most? Ladakhi Ladies lives have been changed with this project. *One seed can make the whole world green.*



Pictorial Glimpses of the Project at Ladakh . . .



MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- The 604th regular weekly club meeting held at Ethiopian Cultural Centre, Niti Marg, New Delhi on Tuesday 22nd August 2017 (instead of Thursday 24th August – preponed by 2 days to suit the convenience of our Guests from Japan) was called to order by President Rtn. Anuj Khurana.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn. Madhumati Singh.
- We had the privilege of welcoming our Japanese Rotarians who had just returned only today (22 Aug.) morning from Ladakh after visiting the Women Literacy Centre at Leh, Ladakh, a Global Grant Project jointly sponsored with our Club.
- All the Six Members of the Japanese Group – Rtn. NAOYUKI TAKAGI, Rtn. KOYOKO YAKOTA, Rtn. YUKA SHIMOZATO, Rtn. CHIGUSA HARA, Ms. MICHINORI MARUTA and Ms. KEIKO FURUYA were welcomed in true Indian style with a Chandan Tika, Rose Petals and a beautiful and colourful Stoll.
- Ms. Karuna Poddar and her brother Mr. Gobind Poddar, the two visually impaired children gave a fantastic Sitar and Tabla performance in honour of our visiting Japanese friends which mesmerized everyone and received accolades and appreciation with loud and long applause for very amazing and splendid performance.
- A token of appreciation was presented to the two young musical performers on behalf of the Club.
- President acknowledged the presence of Mrs. Raj Maira and also welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Alok Sangal and Mr. Nihar Mittal two prospective new members.
- Rtn. Mahesh Chand Gupta was greeted on his Birthday on 23rd August. R'ann Kanika Grover was also greeted in absentia on her Birthday on 23rd August.
- Rtn. Naoyuki Takagi, Leader of the Japanese Delegation informed about the Women Literacy Project at Leh, Ladakh with a PPT presentation.
- PP Rtn. Vinod Gupta, proposing vote of thanks said we appreciate the efforts of our Japanese partners in this project and thank them for informing us the latest position and details of this project in Ladakh.
- Miss Navya Sahgal was presented PHF Pin and Certificate by Rtn. Naoyuki Takagi.
- President informed about the Club Assembly on 26th August at the Resort near Palam Airport with overnight stay. 19 Members have already confirmed for overnight stay. Board Meeting starts at 4 p.m. followed by Club Assembly at 5 p.m. Since this is Club Assembly all Members are invited to attend. People who don't want to stay overnight can just come for the Assembly and have Tea. The Resort is about 3 km. from the Airport and one can return after Tea/Cocktails.
- There is District Fund Raiser TRF Million Dollar Dinner on Aug. 23 at Pullman Aerocity Hotel. Distt. Governor wants us to commit a contribution of more than \$50,000 for TRF this year. Some of our Members have already committed to contribute substantial amount to TRF this year—Rtns. PDG Asoke Ghosh, PDG Ashish Ghosh, Umang Das, Vinod Gupta, Mahesh Gupta, Sarita Puri, Sangita Bansal.
- A Blood Donation camp is being held at Maharaja Agarsain Public School, Ashok Vihar on Saturday 26th August 2017 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members are requested to join and participate to motivate Donors.
- Rtn. Saurabh Gupta, Club Secy. informed that we have done 12 projects, some with our Rotaractors, in last 10 days from 11th August till 20th August. All these projects have been put on our Website and Facebook page. Complete details of the projects with photos and the link has been communicated to the Members both by email and Whatsapp.
- The Regular Weekly meeting of Thursday 31st August been preponed

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NO BIRTHDAY & WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

- to **CLUB ASSEMBLY** on Saturday 26th August at the Roseate Resort.
- NO MEETINGS on Thursday 24th August and Thursday 31st August since both meetings preponed to 22nd August and 26th August.
 - Sunshine of ₹2060 was collected by Rtn. Asit Gupta.
 - Meeting was then declared adjourned and everyone was invited to enjoy Drinks and Dinner and share fellowship with our Japanese Rotarian Friends.

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2017

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 26/27TH AUGUST 2017

CLUB ASSEMBLY—With Overnight Stay

THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST 2017

Scheduled Club Meeting Preponed to 26 Aug.

THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Teachers Award Function

Honouring Best Teachers from our

7 Interact Club Schools

THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Speaker: PP Rtn. SURENDRA SINGH

Subject: Mansarovar Yatra

THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2017

Speaker: Major General Pramod K. Saigal

Subject: Current Hot Topic of Interest

POLIO RAVIVAR

NEXT POLIO NID IS ON

SUNDAY

17TH SEPTEMBER 2017




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