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Celebrating Vocational Services Month

**Wishing you all a very
Happy
New Year!**



We the theatre artists!

An Inter Rotary drama competition was organized by Rotary Club of Pune Shivajinagr on 12th Dec to 16 Dec.

Rotary Club of Pune South performed drama called," Nigrah" and won awards in Light arrangement, Supporting artist, Writing, costume & Stage arrangement



Gundalwadi Dam Project

P.P.Rtn.Dr. Sudhanshu Gore

Very happy to note this big achievement.

I remember, in our first meeting there, probably 25-30 months ago, it looked like a distant dream....

Our Rajabhau Yelnurkar prepared estimate and all basic requirements on technical side.

President Rtn. Atre supported whole heartedly and Rtn. Dhanashree Joag, the then AG, also came forward to support.

After a long time our club has been instrumental in a huge project with huge contribution. The dam is going to elevate lives of thousands of farming families in the Gundalwadi area. I suggest A visit to Gundalwadi to be arranged for all members.

Rtn. PP Vinodbhai has once again done a herculean task and Rtn. Subhash Karandikar was lucky to get to work with him and learn a lot from him in the process of procuring this CSR funding.

Congratulations to the duo, president Ogale, IPP Atul, Rtn. Ramdas Jaid....!!

This project is an example of a good synergy project that fulfills all required guidelines by RI.

Presidents to be, get inspired.....get planning such big... OR even bigger projects for your years of presidentship....

Rtn Sudhanshu Gore

Beautiful News for RCPS Thanks to Rtn. Vinodbhai Agarwal and Rtn. Subhash Karandikar for their efforts to make this happen



On the field!

Dear All RCP YUVA organized Box cricket event on 17th and 18th Dec. Last year it was extremely successful and Fun event. It was a box cricket so more than game it is fun activity. Participation teams were Mixed teams so it was a family event.

It was this tournament.... in which 10 clubs had participated... we reached the Semi final and lost at that stage...We played 4 matches & Won 3.

Here are some of the notable performers:

Man of the match Rtn. Niranjn Thangaonkar

Lady of the match Ann Sneha

Bowler of the match Annet Aarav Thangaonkar

Bowler of the match Mandar

Congratulations to all players!





Opinion Matters मत महत्वाचे



Nandadevi Rtn. Dr. Subhash Deshpande

This is the story of Nandadevi, a mountain in the territory of India. Though Nandadevi is smaller than the giants like Everest, K 2, Makalu, etc. still it is, at the height of 25,645 ft, the highest mountain, totally, in the Indian territory. As it is surrounded by the peaks at the height of 18000 to 22000ft, the approach to the base of the mountain is very difficult. There is only one approach through the gorge of river Rishi, which is very hazardous to pass through. The whole area is designated as a Nandadevi wildlife sanctuary and now it is prohibited to enter the sanctuary or climb the Nandadevi mountain. Nandadevi, though not very high, is very difficult to climb. The way to approach Nandadevi goes through Rishi Kesh, Dev Prayag, Chamoli, Joshi Math and Lata. After Lata one has to travel on foot.

This is the story of a mountaineer, Will Unsoeld, who was possessed by an ambition to climb Nandadevi. He first saw Nandadevi in 1949 while trekking in the area. Nandadevi is a very beautiful mountain and Will fell in love with it and decided to name his daughter after Nandadevi, when born. Unsoeld was a skilled mountaineer. His campaign in 1963 on the Western Ridge of Mt. Everest is considered to be one of the most thrilling climbing achievement in the history of mountaineering. He was a professor of Theology at Evergreen State College, Washington, U S A, and a believer in occult science. When he got a daughter, as promised, she was named Nandadevi.

This is the story of a girl called Nandadevi, blue eyed ,golden haired ,beloved daughter, of a possessed father. She, as a child, was in Nepal for some years. There, while going about, holding her father's hand, she must have heard many stories of Nandadevi Mt.,and been attracted to it right from her childhood. She must have sensed his urge to climb the Mountain and must have nurtured the ambition to fulfill his wish right from the beginning. In 1975 she decided to climb the Mountain along with her brother and father and few other mountaineers.To arrange a Himalayan expedition is not an easy task to undertake. It takes 2 to 4 months for the expedition to be completed, at a considerable expense.Expedition material along with food items, climbing gear, tents,coolies to carry the luggage, Sherpas,skilled mountaineers, have to be collected. There are very few good mountaineers available who are capable of climbing a difficult peak like, Nandadevi. Many of the first class climbers capable of reaching Himalayan Heights have perished, doing so. Thirst to climb higher and higher takes its toll and sometimes the Mountain wins. 15% of the Everesters have died on Everest. Many American companies helped the expedition with funds. India also sent two mountaineers along with qqq funds with the expedition.

The expedition started from New York on 5th of July 1976 and all the mountaineers got together in Delhi till 9th. Because of Nandadevi,the news media was very much interested in the expedition. In one of the interviews given She says' I have been attracted to Mt.Nandadevi right from my childhood. That Mountain has occupied every moment of my life. Like my father, I strongly wish to climb Nandadevi. 'At the age of 49-50years,Will Unsold was not fit enough to climb the Mountain. After enduring the heat of North India, the team reached JoshiMath and further to Lata by truck.Onward journey was very hard and on foot.Many expedition members were suffering from stomach problems.

Within one day the team reached Lata Kharak at the altitude of 12000ft. through a difficult climb in torrential rains. On 16th July Dhanarasi Pass at 16000ft.was reached. The passage was very difficult with heavy rains and land slides on the way.The Rishi river was flowing deep in the Rishi Gorge, a few thousand feet below. Nandadevi was suffering from hernia, occurred during the lifting of heavy luggage in Delhi.The stress of climbing the steep gradient exacerbated her condition.

Ultimately on 17th of July the expedition reached the Base Camp at 13500 ft. In front of them was the 12000ft. straight face of Nandadevi Mountain. Nandadevi was seeing the same spectacular Nandadevi Mountain for the first time. The Mountain was conquered for the first time on 29th of August 1936. At that time Nandadevi was the highest peak to be climbed. Annapurna was climbed 14 years later. It is believed that an attempt was made to install some nuclear powered devices on Nandadevi Mountain, in collaboration with USA, to keep an eye on Chinese missile testing, which failed. Therefore currently Nandadevi area is out of bounds for trekking. Nandadevi fell in love with the Mountain at the first sight. But she was also falling in love with Andy Harvard, a fellow mountaineer.

This is a love story of Nandadevi, a golden haired, blue eyed beauty. It is a classic love story like Laila Majanu, Hir Ranja or Romeo Juliette. Andy was a student of Law and an ordinary mountaineer. How and when this love affair began? When did their eyes meet? When did their minds match? How could their love blossom, where not even a blade of grass can grow? How was that passion ignited, where even breath can freeze? Perhaps, while tackling a difficult climb, Andy must have given her his hand and that touch must have ignited the passion in her.

After a hard climb mountaineers reached advance base camp at the height of 17,100 ft. The weather was very bad with strong winds. So much so, that every body had to sit on the tents, so that, they would not be blown away. It was freezing cold. Defying death, Nandadevi was climbing along with the others. On 2nd of August camp 1 at 19000 ft was established. Nandadevi was not fully acclimatized. Among the many hazards of a high altitude climbing, like, falling down the ice slope, getting stuck in a snow storm or getting caught in an avalanche, life threatening mountain sickness is one of them. In mountain sickness, one gets nausea, headache, weakness, lethargy, hallucinations, emphysema, cerebral edema, blindness and subsequent death. The only cure for this condition is to descend to the lower levels. Mountain sickness strikes without warning. Sherpas of Nepal who live at high altitude, can carry luggage on their back, up to the height of 28,000 ft. Whereas, during Nandadevi expedition, a lady mountaineer was evacuated by helicopter from the height of 14000 ft. 11th August 1976 must have been a Rakhi Purnima Day. Nandadevi was a favorite person among the porters.

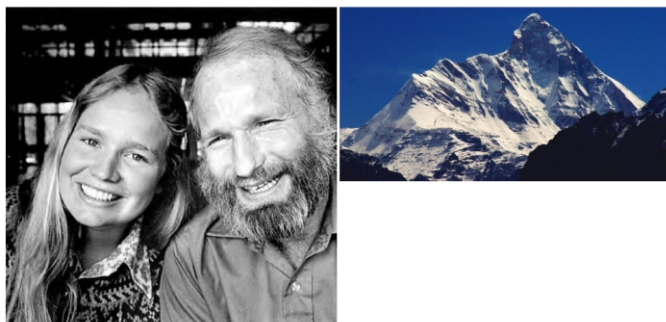
She tied Rakhi to everyone. At the same time Andy also proposed to her and she said Yes to him. This must have been a Rakhi Bandhan as well as a marriage proposal at the highest altitude at that time. Preparations were being made to establish camp 2 at the height of 19,907ft. Nandadevi was suffering from severe cough, therefore she decided to come down to advance base camp at 17,000 ft. From 11th August to 20th there was a snow storm and everyone was stuck in their camps. On 20th August the Sun peeped out of the clouds and the expedition started again. That day camp 2 was established. Next day camp 3 at the height of 22,300, was hammered in. Nandadevi along with the others started climbing up from the lower level. There was a vertical cliff between 23,000 and 24,000ft. It was essential to climb and secure that cliff to establish camp 4 at 24,000 ft. On the 1st of September camp 4 was erected. Next day from camp 4 Nandadevi peak at the height of 25,645, was reached. At night Nandadevi was informed about the success. She was overwhelmed with emotions. After the initial success, Nandadevi partnering with Andy and Peter was to attempt the peak next and her long standing ambition to climb Nandadevi Mountain was going to be fulfilled. The first team of Jim and John started getting down from camp 4 and reached camp 3, but Nandadevi's team from camp 3 had not even started from the camp. Nandadevi was not well. John advised Nandadevi not to go further, but no body listened to him. Nandadevi was furious. Her long standing dream of climbing Nandadevi Mountain would have been shattered. John also pleaded with her father Will, but he refused to intervene. On 3rd September Andy, Peter and Nandadevi started for camp 4. Her Hernia was troubling Nandadevi. Till 6 o'clock in the evening Nandadevi had not reached camp 4. Andy reached camp 4 alone at 11 o'clock at night. Willy was at camp 3. He called for Nandadevi and she answered. At 12 o'clock Andy turned back and found Nandadevi stuck up 30 ft. below on the vertical cliff. She was shouting for help and could be heard at camp 3 at the height of 19000 ft. but Andy and Peter did not hear her. She was brought to camp 4 at 2 o'clock. Everybody was exhausted at camp 4 and decided to rest. On 5th of September Peter, Andy and Nandadevi put on climbing gear and started for the summit. Nandadevi was very slow and was suffering from diarrhea. She decided to stay back. Andy also stayed with her. Peter went towards the summit alone, but couldn't go farther because of the inclement weather and turned back. It was snowing outside and Nandadevi had to spend her 3rd night at the height of 24000 ft. On 6th of September Nandadevi was still stuck at camp 4. She was too weak to climb.

Neither could she climb down the difficult cliff between camp 3 and 4. Andy was not prepared to leave her alone for the summit attempt. She was more important to him than the summit of Nandadevi Mountain. Both of them decided to marry soon after their return from the expedition. Willy and Andy decided to make an attempt for summit on 7th of September and then get Nandadevi down the cliff. But on 7th there was a severe storm outside and nobody could leave the tent. Nandadevi was suffering from stomach ache and bloated stomach. Her physical condition deteriorated. She could feel better in sitting position but needed help to do so. Everybody decided to take her to a lower level in spite of her condition.

On Himalayan Mountain, it is not easy to evacuate a sick person. The patient has to be carried on back or given support by others. There is a danger of slipping down the slope or over a precipice. The storm was not abating. Nandadevi was turning blue. She was trying to drink something. Her father Willy had gone outside the tent to collect some clothes. She was having extreme stomach ache. Suddenly she turned white. She asked Peter to check her pulse. She said 'I think I am dying'. She vomited and dropped her head. Andy tried to resuscitate her, but it was of no use. Nandadevi was sacrificed to Nandadevi Mountain.

There is a tradition among mountaineers. More importance is given to the survivors than the perished. To bring Nandadevi's corpse down would have been more dangerous, therefore her body was wrapped in her sleeping bag and released over the flank of Nandadevi Mountain to have a perpetual resting place. Dear Nandadevi was handed over to Goddess Nandadevi.

How could such a tragedy occur? There is a belief among the Sherpas that Gods reside on the high mountains and improper behavior among the men and women spoils the piety of the place. In the month of May 1996, around 240 people had gone to Mt. Everest, many among them were mere tourists. There was a sexual relationship between a man and woman on the Mountain. Sherpas had complained about it. During that expedition 9 mountaineers died in a single night. Totally 12 people perished in May 1996. But on Everest there was lust. Whereas, Nandadevi was in love, where promises were made. Dreams were dreamt about the future together. Why was she not pardoned by the Goddess? Only the Gods know. Thus this love story ended, where it started. On a Mountain called Nandadevi.





Pune International Literary Festival (PILF)

Ann Madhuri Phadke

I was fortunate to get an invitation as a special invitee to attend the informative and profound sessions of Pune International Literary Festival (PILF) at YASHADA, Pune on 2nd & 3rd December 2022. This opportunity was presented to me by my daughter Miss Rucha who works closely with Dr. Manjiri Prabhu, the main organizer of the event.

The list of celebrities, both Indian and foreigners included acclaimed writers, critics, historians, film actors, and social activists. I was blessed to witness the presence of Mrs. Sudha Murthy, Nasiruddin Shah, Dr. Vikram Sampat, Deepti Naval, Sushmita Mukherjee, Rujuta Diwekar. Interacting with Mrs. Sudha Murthy and learning about a life of humility, diligence and unerring compassion is now one of the most memorable experiences in life. I look forward to more such intriguing experiences in life.

The summary of her guidance to people and to ladies mainly is on 3 points as:

1. Ladies should never underestimate their capabilities and should continue to do all jobs with men.
2. Husband and wife should give adequate space and support to each other to pursue their career and life.
3. We should always try to study and analyze the mindset of people around us in society, understand their expectations and difficulties to give them support what ever possible.

This helps us in developing our own personality and have good relations with people around us.



A little help is what they need!

10 December 2022
Grocery distribution to HIV AIDS patients



Cataract Surgery Project.
Bravo Rtn. Datta Pashankar!





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14 December 2022

Eco Club session on Organic Farming by Rtn. Abhijit Deshpande



22 December 2022

Eco club session on Importance of different insect species



28 December 2022

Eco Club session on Digital banking & paperless transactions organized in partnership with Saraswat Bank.



12 December 2022

Session by Dr. Nitin Hadap on "Kokan's traditional woodwork & Temples"





Gappangan

9 December 2022

Ann. Swati Velankar

Rtn. Shrikant Paranjape was the guest speaker at the Gappangan program on 19th Dec '22. He not only has his own Electronic machinery manufacturing company, but also pursues his passion in Graphology and Logo designing. In the "Gappangan" he spoke about how a Logo should be designed to achieve the best results for any company.

A logo is the face or signature of a Company in the market. He spoke how certain geometrical figures or curves convey a meaning, how the use of particular colors or color combinations convey certain emotions. The Logo of a Company impacts the subconscious mind. A Logo design basically consists of Graphics + Colors + Typography . The effective use of these will create a certain image of the company in the minds of the public. He also suggests corrections to Logos for conveying a better image and whereby the company can expand better in their business. His talk was very interesting and everyone felt that more time should have been at his disposal.





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