Activities of ACPR

Plantation of Saplings at ACPR Compound

The Green Saviours group of volunteeriers planted the sapling in ACPR compound. The Voluntary Organisation by Dr. Sameer Majali is involved in increasing greenery. They have taken up this work in all earnestness. On 05/06/2020 the members of the Green Saviours group came to ACPR by 10.30 am and conducted the planting activities. Dr. I.S. Kumbar and Shri R.G. Jakati, joint secretary and Basavaraj Patil of ACPR were present.

Volunteers of Green Saviour group Dr. I.S. Kumbar and Shri R.G. Jakati

Shri. Gurudev Dr. R.D. Ranade's Punyatithi

On 6th June 2020, the 63rd Punyatithi of Shri. Gurudev Dr. R.D. Ranade was observed. Ararround 40 devotees were present. Arati and Bhajan was performed. Shri Kishor Kakade and Smt. Shobha Kallol presented the devotional songs. The programme started at 5 pm and completed with prayer by 6 pm.

Smt. Sumitra Zirali lighting the Lamp on 6th June 2020

A View of devotees on Gurudev's Punyatithi in ACPR in front of the Shrine
Shri Gurudev Ranade Jayanti

On 3rd July, 2020 Shri Gurudev Ranade 135th Jayanti was celebrated with devotion at ACPR. The programs were conducted by maintaining the social distance.

The "Uma Sangeeta Pratisthana" headed by Smt. Mangala Mathad and her troupe performed Gurugeeta and Anubhava geetas. The students sang the song with devotion. Adv. Maruti B. Zirali Hon. Secretary ACPR spoke on the occasion and briefed the students and the audience about the life sketch and massage of Shri Gurudev and said, "Shri Gurudev Dr.R.D. Ranade born in Jamakhandi having his primary education at Jamakhandi, graduated at Poona and retired as Vice-Chancellor of Allahabad University. He was invited to University based on his writing and scholasticism. Dr. Radhakrishnan invited shri Gurudev to Rashtrapati Bhavan to deliver Lecture on Bhagawadgeeta, later on it is published and became a monumental work. His works on the Upanishad and Literature of all Indian Saints attracted international fame. Shri S.L. Bhairappa said that, commentery on "Jnaneshwari" by Shri Gurudev is only one of its class in entire world". He also recalled the words of Shri Gurudev in conversation with Shri P.G. Halakatti, on the legendary Shri Basaveshwara's words of "Kayakave Kailasa" as the "Kayaka" which is nearer to God leads to "Kailasa".

He also said, "the ACPR which he founded at Pune in 1924 and later shifted to Belgaum in 1957 is only one of its kind in the entire world. Shri Gurudev intended to bring thinkers of all faiths and religion on one platform. Dr. Radhakrishnan the President of India Volunteered himself to inaugurate this Head Quarters Building in 1965. Shri Gurudev never entertained the 'Prasiddhi' i.e. publicity and insisted on meditation to attain salvation.

Shri Gurudev R.D. Ranade Jayanti Celebration on 03/07/2020
Our Regular Activities

The fortnightly programs were not conducted due to Covid-19 Norms. The Saturday's Mystic Study Circles "Chintan" programs were resumed recently.

I. On 21.3.2020 Saturday Shri Kishor Kakade, President, Readers, Club Belgaum gave a talk on "Ek Bharat Vishwaguru Bhart" with slide show on "Vivekananda Rock Memorial". He said ACPR is a "Samanvaya" and "Souhardha" platform for all languages like Kannada, Marathi, Hindi and English and also for all faiths.

He narrated the efforts of Making Rock Memorial for Vivekananda as a symbol of "Ekata and Rastreeyata" (Oneness and National Spirit). The efforts of Shri Eknath Ranade in making rock memorial made India as Vishwaguru by demonstrating Unity on the national fount and sending the message across the world about spiritual greatness of India as Adhyatmik torch bearer. Shri Kishor Kakade presented Anubhava Geetas amid his lecture.

Shri Kishor Kakade delivering his Lecture on 21/03/2020
II. On 13/06/2020 Saturday Dr. Sushant Joshi, Associate Professor KLS IMER Belagavi delivered a talk on the book written by Sadguru Jaggi Vasudev "Death-An inside Story".

People know very well that everybody is going to die one day or the other. But everyone thinks he is not going die. We understand Death better only when death approaches us. Soldiers experience the death before dying. If we also have the same experience we can achieve victory on death.

Animals do know their time of death so they usually go to the place where they are destined to die. It is only human beings who succumb to untimely death. We cannot be immortal but we can definitely have a better perception of "Mrutyu" and thereby live a better life, a joyful life.

We can better understand the life by following the explanation given in Taittariya Upanishad which explains the life in "Five Koshas" of our life namely Annamaya, Pranamaya, Manomaya, Vidnanamaya and Anandamaya and by understanding this we can enjoy immortal and bliss full life. There are three classifications of human life Yogi-Bhogi-Rogi. "Yogi" life is possible if we can have a clear perception of the Anandamaya i.e. blissfull life.

He also explained how modern tendency of "Suicide" can be controlled by using this book for social engineering purposes.
III. On 20-6-2020 saturday, Shri Rajesh Heda President CREDAI Belgaum, Presented a discourse on "Power of Positive Thinking". He said "our thinking affects our life. Our state of mind decides the fate of our life. If we think in positive lines definitely positive incidents will happen. Right thinking, leads to Right path is the rule of nature. "Insan apani soch ka parinam hota hai". "Soch ko badalo, Jindagi Badal Jayegi". Positive thinking creates positive energy. We always indulge in casting aspersions on others and the situation around us. But we do not understand that many a times such things are due to our negative thinking. If we start counting on the best things which God has given to us we find many things to enjoy and be happy. So it is with "negative" hence "Shikayat kam karna" stop criticising.

"Slowly we have to start thinking on positive lines. That will have a great effect on our day to day life. Our power of imagination has a great strength. We have to think good and imagine good about our future. This will definitely have a good result in our life. Good company i.e. "Satsang" will help us for positive thinking. If we think with fear and worry that will ruin our future also. If we are in the right company and on the right line of thinking the life will be always full of positive thinking and positive incidents. On the other hand, suicidal mentality in life is the last stage of negative thinking. The whole life will end in a misery if one start thinking on negative lines. So positive mind set is all important in life."

"A motor car has four wheels, so also human life. Front two wheels are our health and mind, rear two wheels are our family and resources to support life. We have to drive safe with positive thinking."
IV. On 27-6-2020 Shri Jeevan Khatav, President Rotary Club of Belgaum, delivered a talk on the subject "Mathematics of Happiness"

"Everybody wants happiness but we are searching happiness in a wrong place. Happiness does not depend on the people or the things around us. Health, Wealth, Success etc. which we treat as a source of happiness do not guarantee the continuation of our eternal happiness. Even the religious path does not guarantee the perpetual happiness unless it is on spiritual lines.

Western scholar Dr. Martin Seligman explains happiness as H=P+E+M.

H = Happiness
P = Pleasure, momentary joy. ex: eating etc.
E = Engagement in good activities like good hobby etc.
M = Meaningful act; which gives happiness after performing. This is relatively higher level happiness one can derive.

If we want perpetual happiness then we have to come to our traditional way of life namely the "Purusharthas". This is the only way Dharma, Artha, Kaama, Moksha. This will get freedom from the cycle of happiness and misery. We will derive "Chirantana Anand" in this life. A German Philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer describes thus

\[ H = \frac{\text{Desires fullfilled}}{\text{Total Number of desires}} \]

When the divider denomination becomes "Zero" we get 100% happiness. The way to achieve this is possible when we have devotion, Patience and Non attachment.

One has to stay away from negativity and should have a strong desire to achieve non-attachment. We have to avoid extremity in all aspects of our life, may it be love, affection, accumulation of wealth etc. Meditation will...
slowly reduce our anxiety, anger, stress, jealousy etc. Only then Zero desire and maximum happiness are possible.

Adv. M.B. Zirali Secretary ACPR spoke on the occasion and said, "the Indian way of Bramhananda was propagated by Shri Gurudev Dr.R.D. Ranade and he spent entire life in spreading message of the happy way of life and enjoying bramhananda in our day-to-day life.

The program was compered by PWG's Editor Dr. Madhumati Kulkarni. Shri Kishor Kakade presented the invocation song.

V. Visit of Shri Anil Benake Hon. MLA Belgaum to ACPR- on 20th June 2020. He attended the Saturday "Chintan" Program. He whole heartedly commended the activities of ACPR and assured his co-operation in future. He thanked the Secretary of ACPR Adv. Maruti.B.Zirali for giving him an opportunity to serve the institution. On the occasion he donated Rs.1,00,000/- for the book publication. Shri Maruti B. Zirali thanked the Hon. MLA on behalf of ACPR.

As per its on going program the Rotary Club of Belgaum has donated Rs.1,50,000/- to the Rotary Study Centre i.e., the Modern Library for Competitive Examinations catering the needs of Poor students. Shri Jeevan Khataav, President Rotary Club of Belguam and the Ex. President Shri Sachin Bicchu, Sr. Adv. Belgaum represented the Rotary Club.

Shri Maruti B. Zirali thanked them on behalf of ACPR and assured that the services rendered by these people will be of great help for the betterment of Institution.

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Hon. MLA Anil Benake, Shri Jeevan Khataav, Rotary President and Shri Rajesh Heda Speaker of the day are in picture. Adv. Shri Maruti B. Zirali Hon. Secretary ACPR, proposing the vote of thanks on 20/06/2020.
VI. On 11-07-2020 Shri Parameshwar Hegade president Vidya Bharati Karnataka and Chairman Santameera school Belgaum spoke on "Pracheena Bharata".

He said, 'we do not try to learn our own history. What we learn today is the Macaulay Model which traces back only up to Adam and Eve i.e. up to the start of Christian Era. Actually a stupendous civilization flourished in India around 6500 years ago. This is scientifically proved by the excavations in Khambat kolli in Gujarat. There is an evidence for a rich civilization of Vedas on the bank of "Saraswati River" now extinguished due to clash of place below the earth. This is proved by carbon testing of the evidences procured in excavated sight. India was "Swargapavargaspada margbhoota..." means a land suited for material and metaphysical pleasure.

The concept of "Akhand Bharat" extends up to Iran in the West and Jawa and Sumatra in the East. There is a clear cut evidence in Vishnu Purana which says "Uttaram yat Samudrasya Himadrashaiva Dakshinam Varsham tad Bharatam Naam...". In fact west came to India later but India went to the West in ancient time.

'Bha' means Jyanprakash, 'Rata' means immersed in that. So Bharat means the people who are dwelling in the knowledgeable position. The knowledge means knowledge of the self, that is "Atmadnana". This is the real feature of Ancient India. The concocted story of Aryan Invasion etc., are disproved due to modern investigations taken up while tracing the genes of Aryans. The Rakhigud Khoj has proved it. Now the truth has come out about a rich civilization existed in India very long back and the calculation runs up to 9500 years ago. We should feel proud to have such a rich heritage.