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DAILY FREE VARIOUS FACILITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN RECREATION CENTER, GREEN PARK EXTENTION FROM 12.30 NOON TO 5.00 PM

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NATIONAL WEBINAR ON FINANCIAL SECURITY & PENSIONS FOR THE ELDERLY IN COVID-19 TIMES & WAY FORWARD ON 20-11-2020



J.R.Gupta, Chairperson, Confederation of Senior Citizens Associations of Delhi (an umbrella body of 18 Lakh senior citizens) participated in National Webinar on Financial Security & Pensions for the Elderly in Covid-19 times & way forward on 20-11-2020 in association with Help Age India, Chhattisgarh & Chandigarh branches. Subhankar Biswas, State Head of Chhattisgarh was the Moderator. R.K.Garg, RTI Activist & President, Second Innings Senior Citizens Group, Punjab told that old age pension in Punjab is being paid at the rate of Rs. 750/- per month to 1.30 Lakh senior citizens, which is a meager amount & they cannot be survived in view of high prices of commodities. During the Covid-19 period, elder abuse cases were increased & even jobs were also lost. C.W.Deoras, President of Chhattisgarh Senior Citizens Federation told that the old age pension is paid only Rs. 350/- per month & Rs. 500/- per month beyond 80 years and the beneficiaries are forced hand to mouth for their daily livelihood. Gurdeep Singh Kohal, Genral Secy, Zirakpur, Chandigarh stated that old age pension should be increased atleast Rs. 2,000/- per month instead of Rs. 750/-. He further told that during Covid-19, cases of cyber crime frauds were increased. **Contd.....at... page....3**

MAINTAINANCE TRIBUNAL COURT OF DISTRICT MAGISTRATE (SOUTH) ORDERS BROTHER TO PAY RS. 10,000/- PER MONTH TO HER SISTER MRS. BALDEV KAUR, WIDOW (67) RESCUED FROM ARJUN NAGAR ON 17-08-2016 BY HELP AGE TEAM & SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL OF DELHI



In a landmark judgement, Appellate Maintenance Tribunal Court of District Magistrate (South) ordered brother resident of Arjun Nagar on 02-03-2020 to pay Maintenance Allowance of Rs. 10,000/- per month w.e.f. 05-09-2019 to her sister Mrs Baldev Kaur, widow (67), who was rescued from his house at Terrace Floor on 17-08-2016 by a team of

Help Age India including Mathew Cherian, the then CEO, Help Age India & J.R.Gupta, President, Senior Citizens Council of Delhi with the help of Police Station, Safdarjung Enclave. At the expenses of Help Age India, she was shifted to Old Age Home - John's Day Care & Boarding Center at Aya Nagar, New Delhi on the same day. J.R.Gupta along with Help age team met her twice in 2018 & 2019 to inquire about her health & also distributed fruits to inmates of Old Age Home. As confirmed from the owner of Old age Home, now she is living peacefully & happily. **—EDITOR**

INSTITUTE OF AGEING AT NEW DELHI LAUNCHED ON 01-12-2020



Institute of Ageing at Y-57, Hauz Khas, New Delhi has been registered with Registrar office, Mehrauli on 01-12-2020. The Trust is a non-profit Trust dedicated to health and well being of older people. Mathew Cherian former CEO of HelpAge India is the Chairman of the Trust. J.R. Gupta, President of Senior Citizen Council of Delhi; and Dr A.B. Dey, former Professor and Head of the Department of Geriatric Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi are the Managing Trustees of the Trust. The inaugural meeting of the management of Institute of Ageing was held on 05-12-2020 at Recreation Center of Senior Citizens Council of Delhi at Community Center, Green Park Extension, New Delhi under the chairmanship of J.R. Gupta, Managing Trustee. The Trustees resolved to organize awareness programmes on current health and well being issues of Senior Citizens from January, 2021. The Institute of Ageing will provide training on self care to senior citizens and hands on training to formal and informal care providers. It was also resolved to participate in activities of World Health Organization in observing the Decade of Healthy Ageing. In the beginning, Trustees elected the office bearers among themselves as:- Chairman, Mathew Cherian, Managing Trustees, J.R. Gupta, & Dr A B Dey. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair. **- a report by Dr. A B Dey, Managing Trustee**

UN POPULATON AWARD TO HELP AGE INDIA ON 10/12/2020



Help Age India has been presented the UN Population Award for 2020. For the first time in the history of the UN Population Award, the honour is being conferred on an Indian Institution. Help Age India, which has been working for 'the cause and care of disadvantaged older persons to improve their quality of life' for over four decade, is the first Indian Institution to receive this award. **—EDITOR**

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SENIOR CITIZENS OF DELHI ARE MOST SUFFERER DURING COVID-19



"Tomorrow, tomorrow and tomorrow creeps in this pretty pace from day to day to the last syllable of recorded time. Life is a tale told by an idiot full of sound and fury signifying nothing"-- William Shakespeare. Senior citizens of Delhi are locked down in their homes since

March, 2020 without any activities and life has become stand still. There is no exact date by which this pandemic will be over. We are all living under stress, fear and hopelessness. This is not a good sign for active and healthy Ageing. We should have good hope as hope can be a powerful force to motivate us. Maybe there is no actual magic in it, but when you know what you hope for most and make hold it like a light within you, you can make things happen, almost like a magic. Therefore, have a hope and faith in god/almighty who has given this disease and will vanish from the earth. Precaution is necessary, not to panic. Do not live under distress, anxiety and pain. Live with hope, immunity and active ageing to fight the disease & maintain social distancing norms.

—L.R.Garg, Editor

ANNUAL DAY OF AKHIL BHARTIYA SATSANG MANDAL, PASCHIM VIHAR



Circumstances are opposite, but the divine work never stops. The same God who has given these obstacles has also suggested ways to overcome them. This year, the Akhil Bhartiya Satsang Mandal (Paschim Vihar) branch celebrated its annual festival on the zoom app and more than expected number of devotees took part in it. The form of Satsang Mandal became not only Akhil Bhartiya but Akhil Vishva. Devotees from Pune, Hyderabad, Tamil Nadu, Kolkata, Varanasi, Australia, London, USA also participated in the program. Our present officials including all India President, Virendra Mohan Trehan, Executive President, J.R. Gupta and Executives of Ramakrishna Puram, East of Kailash and Paschim Vihar have all made their presence known. Thanks to all the Sangat for the success of the program. On behalf of Deer Park Satsang, J.R. Gupta, President extended congratulations to Sh. S.D. Johri & his entire Team for organizing Annual Day for the first time on Webinar.

—A report by S.D. Johri, General Secretary

FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION BY ADVOCATE DEPUTED BY DELHI LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (SOUTH DISTRICT) DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2020



With the support of Delhi Legal Services Authority (South District), during the month of November, 2020, Advocate Javed Hussain & Ms. Zeenat Malik visited Recreation Center, Green Park Extension & rendered free legal advice sought by members of Senior Citizens Council of Delhi. J.R. Gupta, President of the Council says that more and more members are coming forward to avail this free unique facility at their door steps and waiting for their turn on coming Tuesdays. 1840 senior citizens have benefited in sorting out their petty matters and also by creating awareness among other senior citizens in the adjoining colonies since June, 2018. — A report by Mrs Manjula Aggarwal, Incharge

JODHANA SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIETY, JODHPUR FELICITATED PREM SUKH DAGA & HIS WIFE SMT SUSHILA DEVI DAGA ON THEIR GOLDEN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY ON 06-12-2020



In a special function, Jodhana Senior Citizens Society, Jodhpur members felicitated Prem Sukh Daga & Smt. Sushila Devi Daga on their Golden Marriage Anniversary on 06-12-2020 at Jodhpur with Flowers, Pagdi & Memento in the presence of eminent guests including Ramraj Bhandari, Purshottam Dass Pungalia, Satya Narayan Agarwal, Dr. Rameswar Arya, Sohan Lal Mohta, Mahesh Mathur and their family members. J.R. Gupta, President, Senior Citizens Council of Delhi extended congratulations to the Couple & prayed to almighty God for their long life with sound health. Readers of Elderly News also extends their good wishes. — EDITOR

ONLINE ACTIVITIES BY SCWA, SHALIMAR BAGH



SCWA, Shalimar Bagh organized regular online meetings by holding on GOOGLE MEET with encouraging participation of its members. Presentations of Shri Ram Narain, Smt. Vijay Kapil, Shri B. N. Chandna & P. P. Tuteja were noteworthy. A report by P.P. Tuteja, General Secy.

COW POOJA BY SCA, AGCR ENCLAVE ON GOPASHTMI ON 22-11-2020



Senior Citizens Welfare Club, AGCR Enclave organized COW POOJA on the occasion of Gopashtmi on 22-11-2020. Individuals pay tribute to cow wealth (Godhan) and also show gratitude and respect to the cows which are regarded as the life giver. In Hindu culture, cows

are called as 'Gau Mata'.

— report by Naresh Aggarwal

ACTIVITIES OF MOTI NAGAR SENIOR CITIZENS CULTURAL ASSOCIATION



Moti Nagar SCCA celebrated Kartik month satsang at its Centre on 30.11.2020 by performing a Hawan, keeping in view the Covid-19, by maintaining social distancing norms followed by prasad

—Subhash Sharma, President

JAPANESE GRANDMA (73) GETS DOCTORATE DEGREE FOR STUDY OF DEMONS PICTURE TO BOOST LIFE LONG LEARNING, A MOTIVE OF ISU3A



A 73-year-old woman has received a doctoral degree for her research into representations of the folklore theme of a night parade of demons, saying her "embrace of lifelong learning has brought joy to her life. Misako Nagura, who first entered Aichi Prefectural University

when she was 54 to start an undergraduate degree in literature, earned her doctorate in September for research focusing on a picture scroll depicting the "Night Parade of A Hundred Demons." The parade of a horde of supernatural creatures known as "oni" and "yokai" is a major theme in Japanese folklore, but the origin and meaning of the parade is still a subject of scholarly debate. Nagura first looked into the question in her undergraduate thesis and after graduating in 2006, she entered graduate school in 2009 to continue her research. "The university taught me the lifelong joy of keeping studying," she said. "There are parts I have not published yet and I want to write another paper about it." Nagura had given up going to university when she was a high school student due to an illness. Instead she worked at a nursery school and then a furniture workshop. But at 53, she decided to challenge herself after hearing that there were entrance exams for adult students. "It revived my longing (for college life).

—Source Social Media through Dr. P. Vyasamoorthy

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Daily Spiritual Discourses at Deer Park Satsang from 01-12-2020 to 31-12-2020 between 7 & 8 AM by Pt. Brij Bhan (Chintamani), Chitrakoot & from 01-01-2021 to 31-01-2021 by Pt. Kaushlesh Kumar, Prayagraj — EDITOR



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APPEAL FOR AFFILIATION WITH CONFEDERATION Till Date 141 Registered Senior Citizens Associations have affiliated with the Confederation of Senior Citizens Associations of Delhi (An umbrella Body of 18 Lakh Senior Citizens across Delhi). In order to take up issues of Senior Citizens with the Govt. all other SCAs are requested to join hands with the Confederation by joining as life member by making one time payment of Rs. 500/- only.

—B.S. Yadav, Secy. General

APPEAL FOR LIFE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL



Senior Citizens Council of Delhi has been organizing daily spiritual, social & cultural activities for the last 41 years. The Council is also protecting lonely Senior Citizens from abuses/humiliations from their own children & others. A good number of such cases have already been solved by the Council headed by its President Sh. J.R. Gupta, during the current year. Any Senior Citizens residing in any part of Delhi is cordially invited to become a life member of the Council by paying one time payment of Rs. 1200/- by cheque / cash as life membership.

—H.D. RALHAN, FOUNDER MEMBER

SAFETY & SECURITY OF SENIOR CITIZENS IS OUR PRIORITY SAYS NEW ACP MANU HIMANSHU WHO VISITED RECREATION CENTER, GREEN PARK EXTENSION ON 24-11-2020



New ACP (Safdarjung), Manu Himanshu (during leave vacancy) visited Recreation Center , Green Park Extension on 24-11-2020 run by Senior Citizens Council of Delhi in partnership with SDMC since , 2016 . He took a round of the Recreation Center and appreciated the efforts of the Council to provide various free facilities such as Homeopathy Dispensary , Physiotherapy , Blood sugar test , Computer Training , Yoga Classes , Library , News Papers , Television , Carom Board , Chess , Ludo , health checkup camps , consultations from eminent doctors & Spiritual Discourses to senior citizens in large numbers on daily basis including protecting them from humiliations / abuses at the hands of their own children & others . He also addressed

senior citizens and told that safety & security of senior citizens is our priority . On this occasion ,he also felicitated senior citizens with shawl & gift on their Birthday and congratulated them and prayed for their long life with sound health . While welcoming ,J.R.Gupta , President of the Council briefed the Chief Guest about various free facilities provided by the Council to senior citizens on daily basis . Dinesh Sharma recited Bhajans which were appreciated by all present . Javed Hussain, Advocate also addressed senior citizens & told about free legal aid counsel to senior citizens with the support of Delhi Legal Service Authority (South District) . J.R.Gupta & other members felicitated the Chief Guest with shawl. Earlier , Sunderkand Path was also organized & the function concluded followed by refreshments

Shabad Kirtan at Recreation Center, Green Park Extension on 1-12-2020



Senior Citizens Council of Delhi organised Shabad Kirtan on the occasion of Guru Nanak Birthday in the presence of large number of senior citizens by **Sardar Shrvan Singh** & his team at Recreation Center , Green Park Extension on 01- 12-2020 . Sunderkand Path was also recited by Dinesh Sharma & Harikesh Shukla followed by prasad/refreshments. – Manjula Aggarwal, Incharge

NO FIRE CRACKERS ON DIWALI SAYS J.R.GUPTA, CHAIRPERSON, CONFEDERATION



Senior Citizens Council of Delhi celebrated Diwali at Deer Park Satsang Sthal on 14-11-2020 in the presence of large number of senior citizens. Pt. Raghvendra Dass Ramayani of Chitrakoot delivered spiritual discourses on Ramayana. He also spoke about the importance of Diwali Festival specially for the Hindu Community across the Country . The whole nation including Delhi is suffering from Covid -19 pandemic . Moreover, pollution in Delhi is at a high risk of individual life. As such it is the duty of every citizen of Delhi particularly senior citizens to advise their children not to fire crackers on Diwali. Every year, Diwali is being celebrated with a large number of crackers which resulted in a heavy volume of pollution . In the spirit of the spiritual aspect, Diwali becomes an opportunity to overcome negativity and reinforce our commitment to be a better human being . Instead of just bursting firecrackers in the streets , we should burst any negativity , anger , jealousy , regret and aversion that are lingering in the mind from the past year. Instead of just lighting lamps in and outside our houses, we must reverently light the lamps of awareness and knowledge , so that there may be light and celebration in our lives and around us, even in the darkest of times. When we not only clean our house, but also our body, mind and emotions , then we become truly ready to receive the Divine into our 'homes'. Mr. Dinesh Sharma recited bhajans which were appreciated by all present . He was felicitated by the members . J.R. Gupta, President requested senior citizens to create awareness among their family members not to use Fire Crackers on Diwali. - **EDITOR**

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES AT RECREATION CENTER / DEER PARKSATSANG

Free Legal Aid Counsel on every Tuesday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm including Sunderkand Path

28-12-2020 : Joint Birthday Celebrations of Council Members (enrolled up to 30-11-2019, life membership Nos. upto : 2206) for the month of December , 2020 , if confirmed before 15-12-2020 from 2 pm to 4 pm after Sunderkand Path followed by refreshments.

01-01-2021 : New Year Celebrations at Deer Park Satsang from 7 am to 8 am followed by refreshments.

Note :- Council Members who are unable to visit either daily Deer Park Satsang or Recreation Center may furnish their email id so that they can know special programmes through Elderly News.

–**EDITOR**

FROM FRONT PAGE ---- NATIONAL WEBINAR ON PENSION ----

Rajeev Saxena , Dy . Director , Social Welfare Department , GNCTD informed that 4.50 lakh senior citizens are getting old age monthly pension at the rate of Rs . 2,000 /- & Rs . 2,500 /- up to the age of 69 & above respectively . 50,000 widows ,physical handicapped are also getting pension of Rs . 2,500 /- per month without any age limit . Sufficient arrangements were made to supply the medicines to the needy senior citizens during Covid -19 . J.R.Gupta , Chairperson , Delhi Confederation informed that Recreation Center scheme was introduced by the Sheila Dikshit Govt . in Delhi in the year of 2011 & was followed by Arvind Kejriwal Govt. At present , Recreation Grant are being paid to registered SCAs at the rate of Rs . 20 , 000 /- & Rs . 10 ,000 /- per month having Recreation Center & without Recreation Center respectively including Rs . 75,000 /- one time non - recurring grant per Center . During Covid -19, Confederation played a vital role to full fill their emergency needs through Whatsapp groups across Delhi . He also suggested that at least Rs . 3,000/- per month Universal Pension should be given to all the needy senior citizens of Delhi irrespective of their income . Officers from Punjab & Chandigarh were not present . Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Bhuvneshwar of State Head , Chandigarh to all the participants & Moderator. – **EDITOR**

Dr. A. B. DEY, FORMER HEAD GERIATRIC DEPARTMENT, AIIMS ADVISES SENIOR CITIZENS TO FOLLOW COVID-19 NORMS



In a special function organized by Senior Citizens Council of Delhi at its Recreation Center, Green Park Extension, a Health talk was organized on 08-12-2020 on Precautions by senior citizens during winter season, Covid - 19 pandemic & considering harmful pollution in Delhi . Chief Guest was **Dr. A. B. Dey** former Head , Department of Geriatrics , AIIMS. At the outset,Vimal Bhan introduced the Chief Guest who also took a round of the Recreation Centre and appreciated the efforts of Council for providing various free facilities like physiotherapy ,gym, homeopathy dispensary, library & newspapers on daily basis. He spoke on various issues such as a) People of old age are most vulnerable to contracting Covid-19 and other ailments, b) Since there is no effective treatment to Covid-19, the development and use of vaccines is the only way out, c) All senior citizens should strictly follow social distancing norms while going out ,d) There is no clarity about the number of doses, efficacy , period of effectiveness , side effects of the vaccines being developed , e) He also urged senior citizens to get immunized against Influenza, Pneumonia and Diphtheria by getting vaccines once in a year particularly in winter season , f) He advised to be active and exercise preferably within homes, where pollution is less. g) In case, they want to venture out for walk or exercise, it should be done during the day time. With the support of DLSA (South), free Legal Aid Counsel , **Anuj Aggarwal** , also spoke about provisions of Maintenance Act. Earlier, Sunderkand Path was recited by Dinesh Sharma and Harikesh Shukla, Attendant . J. R. Gupta, President , Senior Citizens Council of Delhi thanked Dr. Dey for his very useful talk which will help senior citizens to take better care of their health and well being and also felicitated him along with N.C.Sharma, R.K.Singhal, Vimal Bhan, Dinesh Sharma & Dinesh Kumar Sangal followed by refreshment packets. - **Vimal Bhan**

RECONSTITUTED DEER PARK SATSANG CHARITABLE TRUST ON 21-09-2020



L to R :- J.R.Gupta, Pratap Singh, Gyan Singh Tokas, Rajesh Kumar Nagpal & L.R. Garg, President, Vice -Presidents, Secretary & Treasurer respectively

COUNCIL NOMINATES VOLUNTEERS OF DEER PARK SATSANG ON 30-11-2020



L TO R :- Pushpa Kalra, Anandi Prasad, Jagan Nath, Roop Ram Shastri, Ranjit Pandey, Manoj Kumar Patra, Harikesh Shukla, Vishveshwar Paswan, Rajnish Tiwari & Vinod Kumar

Daily Satsang has been organizing at Deer Park Shed, constructed by DDA since 1979 & presently managed by Senior Citizens Council of Delhi since 2007. Initially, Deer Park Satsang Charitable Trust was registered in 2006 & with the support of senior citizens/devotees, 2 room flat bearing no. 1-B, right side, Lower Ground Floor, Humayunpur near Safdarjung Enclave, was purchased particularly with a special financial support by Late Mata Asha Rani Sehgal, which was inaugurated as **Sant Niwas** on 14-11-2006 for the comfort & stay of Saints and Speakers who have been delivering Spiritual Discourses on Shree Ramayana, Shreemad Bhagvat & Geeta daily at Deer Park Satsang from 7 am to 8 am which was established in 1979. Presently, the Trust is headed by J.R.Gupta, President, Pratap Singh & Gyan Singh Tokas as Vice -Presidents, Rajesh Kumar Nagpal, Secretary & Lakhi Ram Garg, Treasurer. Recently, the Council has also nominated volunteers on 30-11-2020 namely Pushpa Kalra, Anandi Prasad, Jagan Nath, Roop Ram Shastri, Ranjit Pandey, Manoj Kumar Patra, Rajnish Tiwari & Vinod Kumar, who are rendering their self-less services in the early morning hours daily under the supervision of Harikesh Shukla, Attendant. J.R.Gupta, President has recognized their services & prayed Almighty God for their long life with sound health. **- A report by Rajesh Kumar Nagpal, Secretary**

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ISU3A ORGANIZED ITS 3RD WEBINAR ON SUPREME COURT JUDGEMENT DATED 13-12-2018



ISU3A Organized its 3rd Webinar on Supreme Court Judgment dated 13-12-2018 in Writ Petition (C) No.193 of 2016 in the matter of Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Senior Advocate VS Union of India & Others in which more than 50 members mostly of ISU 3A, AISCCON and particularly Mr. Tom Holloway (UK) joined on 10-12-2020 on Zoom App. At the outset, introductory remarks were given by Mr. Avinash Lakare, Moderator, Welcome by Dr. R.K. Garg, S.G., opening remarks by G.K. Khare, Chairperson, Prelude Remarks by J.R. Gupta, Executive Chairperson, Introduction of speaker by M.K. Raina, Main Speech by R.N. Mittal (93), who spoke about following four directions to Union of India and States reproduced below :-

1. The Union of India will obtain necessary information from all the State Governments and the Union Territories about the number of old age homes in each district of the country and file a status report in this regard.
2. The Union of India will also obtain from all the State Governments the medical facilities and geriatric care facilities that are available to senior citizens in each district and file a status report in this regard.
3. On the basis of the information gathered by the Union of India as detailed in the Status Report, a plan of action should be prepared for giving publicity to the provisions of the MWP Act and making senior citizens aware of the provisions of the said Act and the Constitutional and Statutory Rights of senior citizens.
4. Section 30 of the MWP Act enables the Government of India to issue appropriate directions to the State Governments to carry out and execute the provisions of the MWP Act. The Central Government must exercise its power in this regard and issue appropriate directions to the State Governments for the effective implementation of the provisions of the MWP Act. Alongside this, the Central Government must, in terms of section 31 of the MWP Act, conduct a review for the purposes of monitoring the progress in implementation of the MWP Act by the State Governments.
5. Some of the schemes referred to hereinabove are comparatively dated. It is high time that the Government of India has a relook at these schemes and perhaps overhaul them with a view to bring about convergence and avoid multiplicity. In particular, the Government of India and the State Governments must revisit the grant of pension to the elderly so that it is more realistic. Of course, this would depend upon the availability of finances and the economic capacity of the Government of India and the State Governments. J.R. Gupta, Executive Chairperson told the participants that he was the only person present in Supreme Court during the hearing which lasted for half an hour on 13/12/2018 along with Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Senior Advocate. He further informed that it has already been decided by ISU 3A to file intervening application in this case after normalcy is restored. Some questions were also taken from the participants by the Dr. Vyasamoorthy followed by vote of thanks --- **Editor**

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