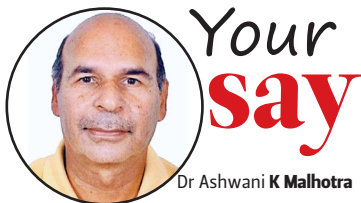


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Your say

Dr. Ashwani K. Malhotra

Who will feed the malnourished?

Every time I wait for the traffic lights at the Bharat Nagar Chowk, a group of beggars, and urchins in tattered and dirty clothes, surround my car and the other commuters, arms outstretched begging for alms.

Among these hands are two small hands, belonging to a malnourished child, barely a year or so old. His eyes lock mine and he breaks into a toothless smile. The lights turn green as I pass on a tanner to the child and I speed away. The eyes of the child continue to haunt me days later.

He is among the poorest of the millions of malnourished and unfortunate children in our country and among the billions in the world, who sleep on empty stomachs and suffer from protein calorie malnutrition and vitamin and mineral deficiency.

Years ago in the seventies when I was a student and had visited Kolkata, I had seen hungry children waiting outside sweet shops. When we threw the empty paper plates after relishing the famous, Bengali rosogullas, they rushed to the overflowing waste container and hun-

grily and greedily licked the sugary syrup.

Things haven't looked up for these improvised children in all these years, despite umpteen Government schemes for not only these children but the billions of people who live and die of hunger.

Even as wheat and other foodstuffs rot, or are siphoned off by hoarders only to jack up their prices so that they are out of reach of the common man, or are wasted at opulent weddings and social do's by the affluent sections of the society, these unfortunate children are left to fend for themselves, or at the mercy of others and grow up to become criminals, drug addicts or perish due to a number of diseases.

The implementation of National Food Security Bill and the Atta Dal Scheme of the Punjab Government will hopefully provide succour to the billions of our people for whom two square meals a day is a big deal which may take months and years or may go down the drain.

Till then our children will die, for empty stomachs won't wait for eternity.

Seminar for pig farmers at GADVASU

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The department of the Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension Education, the Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), Ludhiana organised a technical seminar for pig farmers of Punjab State. Alferd Wahl, Pig expert, Polar Genetics, Canada, delivered a lecture on Artificial insemination in swine and adaptability of the Canadian pigs.

He discussed in detail about semen collection, semen evaluation, semen handling and artificial insemination technique in swine. He stressed that by adopting artificial insemination, there can be maximum utilization of excellent germ-plasm as well as fast multiplication of the same and additionally the spread of various diseases such as Porcine Respiratory and Reproductive Syndrome, Pseudorabies, Swine fever, Foot and mouth disease and many more can be checked.

Further, the boars are kept at boar station and semen is collected by adopting hygienic measures. The polar Genetics experts provided valuable information regarding transportation, biosecurity and swine health and stressed on importance of washing, cleaning and disinfection of the trucks, trailers for the transportation of live animals. It is important to mention that Polar Genetics is supplying



An expert addressing the seminar at GADVASU in Ludhiana on Monday.

live animals as well as semen to the different countries like China, USA, Chile, Equador etc.

Dr Vinod Jindal, Deputy Director (Pig), the Punjab Animal Husbandry Department, Chandigarh said that the company has recently supplied 200 frozen semen doses of Yorkshire breed pigs to Punjab state animal husbandry department and the semen will be used at Government breeding farms at ferozpur and Nabha. The state government is promoting piggery and subsidies and inputs are provided by government.

Sukhwinder Singh Kotli, President, Progressive Pig farmers Association, presented vote of thanks. This seminar was sponsored by Polar Genetics, Alberta (Canada). Approximate 100 farmers of Progressive Pig Farmers Association, Punjab attended the meeting and interacted with experts regarding new technologies and superior germplasm. The seminar and monthly meeting was a great success and company promised the member farmers to provide all support and technical know how to train farmers for Artificial insemination

in pigs. Dr JS Bhatti, HOD said that there is a need to increase production and productivity of swine and pork. As population grows, more food is needed, as more consumers move into the middle income sector, they will demand more meat in their diet, compared to carbohydrates. Dr Harish Verma, Professor, Department of veterinary Extension, the technical coordinator of the association coordinated the proceedings of the meeting and translated the lecture into Punjabi for easy understanding of the members.

PAU employees hold protest rally

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A protest rally was organised by the PAU Employees' Union (R) on November 7, in which PAU Retirees' Welfare Association (R) and PAU Supervisory Association (R) participated in large numbers.

Approximately on November 12 the salary was released and PAU Employees Union withdrew the agitation. Due to non-payment of pension, both the above Associations under the presidency of Jila Ram Bansal gave a call for Visahal Dharna in front of Thapar Hall, 14th Nov 2013. This dharna got enthusiastic response from the pensioners, PAU employees lady pensioners and outside unions.

In this Dharna upto November 29th on November 23rd both the associations decided that a procession will be taken to Ferozepur Road. As a result of this declaration, PAU authorities called a meeting for the first time of the leaders of the above associations and gave an assurance of early release of pension. On November 26th the procession was taken in the PAU campus around all the office buildings. This procession was led by DP Maur, Chairman, Jaswant Singh, Tek Singh, Satish Sood, HBS Bhatia and MR Passi.

On November 29th after the release of pension as per the decision of both as-

sociations, a thanks giving rally was organised in front of Thapar Hall in which a large number of pensioners participated Mr Labh Singh, CS Grewal, Jagga Singh, TS Sangra, Inderjit Singh thanked the participants.

SP Sharma, Birbal, RS Rangeela also addressed the rally. While thanking, DP Maur said this is the result of agitation only. Satish Sood and Jaswant Singh thanked Parveen Bansal, District President BJP Ludhiana who always stood by the PAU Employees/Pensioners in solving their financial matters by discussing the matter with the Principal Secretary Finance, Punjab.

Previously when the PAU Union was sitting on dharna, Parveen Bansal with the help of Kamal Sharma, President BJP Punjab got the matter settled in black and white from the Sushil Chandra the then Principal Secretary Finance, Punjab, though the payment of that arrears is yet to be got released.

In the end, Jila Ram Bansal president PAU Retirees' Welfare Association (Registered) thanked the participants. He particularly thanked those who are handicapped not fit to come to dharna, financial tight and also who came to the dharna from far away. He also thanked the employees, executive members of both the associations for their full cooperation. He also thanked Paramjit Singh Gill and Gulzar Pandher for their cooperation.



NCC cadets taking out a rally on World AIDS Day in Ludhiana on Monday.

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Punjabi Declamation Contest in BRS Nagar

LUDHIANA: Guru Nanak International Public School, BRS Nagar, Ludhiana felt highly privileged to host the Ludhiana Sahodhya Schools Complex "Punjabi Declamation Contest 2013", at its premises on Sunday evening.

Approximately 33 Schools from all the corners of Ludhiana participated in this contest. The highly qualified and experienced judges Prabhjot Kaur, Dr Iqbal Kaur and Dr Indermohan Kaur honoured the GNIPS by judging the contestant from all the renowned schools. They were welcomed by Bhupinder Bedi. The hot topics of the day, "Dhyan tan aksar dhiyan ne...", "Haq begaane maareya..." Touched the hearts of the judges as well as the audience.

The chief guest Principal Prem Singh Bajaj bestowed his blessings on the participants by appreciating them. He also paid his tribute to our beloved General Secretary Gurbir Singh Sarna through his speech. Guru Nanak Public School Sarabha Nagar, grabbed the overall trophy. First position was clinched by Gursimranjit Singh and second position by Vinayjit Singh of Guru Nanak Public School while the third position was bagged by Parneet Kaur of Greenland Convent School. The function concluded with the vote of thanks given by Principal Bhupinderjit Kaur Bedi.

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Volleyball tournament held at Shifaly International

LUDHIANA: In the Shifaly International School Volleyball tournament held in the memory of Swami Vivekananda and Shaeed Bhagat Singh on Monday. The Shifalian embrace the sportsman by giving opportunity to play a fair game.

In this tournament twenty school from town participated. The opening ceremony was performed by Jagroop Singh (PAU) sports department, Surinder Pal Singh Grewal (Media Incharge) Shiromani Akali Dal and

Manjit Singh Punjab Sports Department Ludhiana by Flag Ceremony. The March past was done by all the players.

The School Principal, Rosy Jain thanked all schools for sending the volleyball teams for a cause of sports. At the end organiser of the tournament, Gurdeep Singh head of physical department Shifaly International School congratulated the winning team and motivate the students through this tournament.

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Cultural exchange programme organised at Ryan Institute

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As part of an ongoing cultural exchange programme initiated by the Ryan Group of Institutions, a circus group called Circ 'A' Holix from Germany is visiting Ryan International School, Ludhiana from November 29 to 1. The group comprising of twelve members are here for a cultural exchange programme, where on one hand they will stay with families of Ryanites and learn the Indian culture and way of life. On the other hand they will also offer a valuable insight into the German Culture and the life style of European Youth.

However, the highlight of the event would be a spectacular performance by the group which will perform dance performances revolving around the dilemmas and difficulties faced by the youth. The sentiment thus portrayed free from the barriers of caste, culture and creed. It speaks of the woe experienced by youth globally. Hence it brought a strong affinity among the youngsters and helps them



Foreign students during the cultural exchange programme at Ryan School in Ludhiana on Monday.

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band truly. Principal, Parveena John welcomed the group and said that, "cultural exchange programmes such as these are an integral part of our extended curriculum. Under the leadership of the mentors, Chairman Dr Augustine F Pinto and Managing Director Madam Grace Pinto we offer students a learning environment that

is not restricted to textbooks. By meeting and sharing real life experiences and people students learn valuable lesson that cannot be otherwise taught. We aim to raise global citizens and by diminishing language, cultural and political barriers through programmes such as they take progressive steps towards that objective".

BCM students visit orphanage in city



Students of BCM Arya School visiting the orphanage in Ludhiana.

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LUDHIANA: A visit to an orphanage was organised by BCM School, Basan Avenue, Dugri on Monday.

The students first visited the slum areas Mother Teresa Home then moved to Ekjot, a school of the special children. They served many necessary items like the clothes, stationary, eatables etc and felt privileged to serve them.

They hosted approximately eighty people of different ages and

they had chance to meet one or two caretakers. After short introduction of themselves, they had a conversation with the orphans about their daily life and also shared their experiences with them.

Many students said this project has inspired them to help others in need. The heads of the orphanage also interacted with the students and motivated them to become responsible citizens.

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