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“The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch and do nothing”.

– Mr. Pradip Burman, *Chairman, Mobius Foundation*

View point by The CEO

Environment

Positive: Viewpoint

The 50th year of Earth Day was observed on 22nd April 2020 digitally under the shadow of COVID- 19 pandemic. I was invited to speak in an International Webinar organized on the occasion with speakers and participants from all over the world. I spoke on the topic “Sustainability Education and the COVID-19” emphasizing on the need to reimagine and redesign education to address challenges posed by COVID-19 without side tracking other important global challenges of climate change and biodiversity. I further stressed upon the fact that the first Earth Day event in 1970 also started with an educational campaign- national teach-in about environmentalism- which mobilized some 20 million people from thousands of schools, colleges, universities and communities across the United States. This galvanized series of transformative action in US and world over in the field of environment. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought in the great disruption in the formal education set up forcing some 1.3 million learners out of schools, colleges and universities all over the world. Under such a situation educators and learners are looking towards innovative tools and transformative pedagogies particularly virtual learning spaces and interactive online tools for teaching leaning. In such a pandemic situation, sustainability education with its emphasis on learners’ transformation process is most appropriate for developing new skills and values for sustainable living and lifestyle. The post COVID education must provide impetus to more sustainable and nature-positive practices by recognizing the complex interconnections among the health of people, animals, plants and our shared environmental assets.

Dr. Ram Boojh
CEO, Mobius Foundation

Highlight of the Month

A breath of fresh air: How air quality has improved during the coronavirus crisis

To contain the coronavirus pandemic, billions of people have been told to stay at home. Every winter, New Delhi and other big cities in the north are enveloped in a blanket of smog as farmer’s burn crop residue. The air tends to clear a little in spring.



However, in the first few months of this year, India experienced a significant decline in some pollutants. The lockdown imposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the country’s 1.3 billion people could be a major contributing factor. Ground stations in northern India also show a downward trend in overall PM2.5, according to data from local authorities.

Source: <https://graphics.reuters.com/CLIMATE-CHANGE/CORONAVIRUS-POLLUTION/jzvnvngjplm/index.html>

Innovation and Technology Matters

In homemade masks, two fabrics better than one

A study has examined the ability of various materials to keep out respiratory particles – and by extension the novel coronavirus – and identified the combination of two fabrics possibly the best: cotton plus natural silk, or cotton plus chiffon. If the fit is good, such home-made masks can effectively keep out aerosol particles, the researcher report in the American Chemical society’s journal ACS Nano.

The researchers, however, stressed the importance of a properly fitted mask. Even a 1% gap between the face contours and the mask reduced the filtering efficiency of all masks by half or more.

Source: <https://paper.indianexpress.com/2651427/Mumbai/April-28-2020#page/7/1>

MF Contribution

Mobius Foundation supports construction workers and healthcare personnel

• The Foundation has donated 1 crore to PM care fund

• The Foundation is working in all the states by providing food essentials, Packed meals and Health care kits in different areas of UP, Haryana, Delhi NCR, UK, and south India

Supporting Delhi Govt. in supplying 28000 Food Packs to the construction worker. Lite Bite Foods Pvt Ltd. Are making the food, and Swigy is helping in the distribution of food.

- Distribution at Nandlal Basti Delhi
- Distribution of protection material Meerapur, GBN
- Distribution of ration in Modi Nagar
- Distribution of ration to MCD workers
- Donation for CHC Hapur by efforts of Ravindra Kumar BCPM Hapur
- Medical items donated CHC and District Hospital Hapur
- Ration distribution in sector 8 & 9 & 63 NOIDA slum area
- Supported Mayor Gaurav Goyal (UK) by providing and distributing ration to the poor
- Handed over 450 packets to SDM office Laksar in presence of Tehsildar Magistrate, Chairman Municipal Corporation Laksar
- Also has extended support in the distribution of Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) for healthcare workers at Gautam Budh Nagar, Lucknow, Hapur, and Ghaziabad.



मोबियस फाउंडेशन ने मेयर को मुहैया कराई राहत सामग्री



मेयर को मोबियस फाउंडेशन द्वारा दिये गए चिकित्सा सामग्री का वितरण कर रहे हैं।

2020 could see a doubling of malaria deaths in sub-Saharan Africa compared to 2018

A modelling analysis released today considered scenarios for potential disruptions in access to core malaria control tools during the COVID-19 pandemic in 41 countries.



Under the worst-case scenario, in which all insecticide-treated net (ITN) campaigns are suspended and there is a 75% reduction in access to effective antimalarial medicines, the estimated tally of malaria deaths in sub-Saharan Africa in 2020 would reach 769 000, twice the number of deaths reported in the region in 2018. This would represent a return to malaria mortality levels last seen 20 years ago.

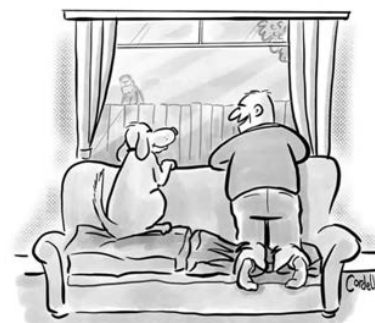
Countries across the region have a critical window of opportunity to minimize disruptions in malaria prevention and treatment and save lives at this stage of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Source: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/events-as-they-happen>

Funny Side

LOCKDOWN LAUGHS

by Varsha Sheth



"Until now, I never understood why you got so excited when someone walked past the house."

Positive Affirmations

We will need a new normal: Here's how to make it

The world, forced into lockdown by a dangerous virus, is longing for normal. But how will we know when normal has returned? We could wait for any of these: (a) herd immunity to be achieved; (b) a reasonably priced cure to be found and made widely available; or, (c) economic and mobility indices to claw back to pre-COVID19 levels.

None of this will happen in the next 12 months, at least. In short, normal, as we last remember knowing and seeing it, won't be presenting itself anytime soon.

In the interests of our own well-being and sanity then, we will have to construct a new normal and reconcile to it. And since this will happen in the **interstices of lockdown relaxations, checks on mingling and protocols for screening, sanitisation, and distancing will be very much part of the new picture.**

In a sense, we will all become part of a cue-giving, cue-taking chain shaping the new normal. We may not all have been in it together. We could still come out together.

Source: <https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/we-will-need-a-new-normal-here-s-how-to-make-it-831742.html>

GEETA KA GYAN

Next, change of nature is a continuous process one should not scare of changes occurs in nature automatically with progress of time. It is a general attitude of human beings to resist the change because of the fear of losing their identity. Change is the law of nature so human soul should shun the fear to adapt the change of nature

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