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FROM THE DESK OF BULLETIN EDITOR



My Dear Rotary Surat West Family

Wish you a Very Happy 75th INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Independence day is marked by a strong sense of patriotism and Nationalism across the county. On August 15th 1947 the UK Parliament enacted the Indian Independence Act 1947, transferring legislative authority to the Indian Nation. **A Nation was Born**

Members of Our Club Visited Matoshree Old Age Home on 7th Aug to Celebrate Friendship day with the elderly Baas and Dadajis. It was surely a Heart warming Gesture. The Elderly who are at the Twilight of their life need people to interact with. They want some one with whom they can laugh and share their experiences of life with. I feel such Celebrations should not be just a One day affair. We should visit them Every week and spend time with them.

Time is the most precious Gift We can Give to anyone,

I request everyone to Make it a habit to Go and Spend Time with the Baas and Dadajis whenever possible, be it Individually or in small Groups

Regards

Rtn Mausam Jalan

Bulletin Editor – Year 2022-23

On 31st July 2022 we had a unique event which was a combination of Service Project, Speaker Meet and Fellowship at Nandini Farms , Brijwasi Gaushala, ONGC bridge, Surat

Tree Plantation
Gau Seva
Speaker Meet on Benefits of Gau Seva
Rain Dance
Tasty South Indian Snacks

Members of Rotary Club of Surat West Joined in large numbers for the event.







250 Trees of Mango, Papaya and other fruits were Planted with the help of Members from Our club.

The members also had super fun feeding the cows and playing with little calves.

Shri Arun ji Patodia gave a detailed speech on the importance of Gau Seva and its role in Conservation of the Environment.

The Morning ended with super tasty snacks followed by Rain Dance and Lovely Music

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." — Warren Buffett

FRIENDSHIP DAY CELEBRATIONS AT MATOSHREE OLD AGE HOME ON 7th AUGUST 2022.

Project Chair : PP Rtn Setu Gandhi & Rtn Meeta Kapoor

A unique way to Celebrated Friendship day with the Patrons of Matoshree old age home. Members of Rotary Club of Surat along with Rotract Members spend a heavenly time with the Baas and Dadajjs .

Members tied friendship Bands and Played Antakshari with the elders. It was heart warming to see our senior citizens singing and participating fully in the Antakshari program.





Indeed Memories to Cherish for a life time....

**The Foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship,
on no less firm foundation could it have stood...**

-Paul P Harris

INDIA and VEGETARIANISM

In India today, the entire debate around Vegetarianism, rather than focusing on how beneficial it is for humans and the whole planet, unfortunately revolves around religion and intolerance. Instead of portraying it as a positive practice, any reference about it is considered as oppression of meat-eaters.

Just like Yoga, Ayurveda, and Classical Dance and Music; Vegetarianism is another beneficial practice that India can and must promote to the world as something inherent in our culture and lifestyle. It can be India's biggest contribution to humanity.

The argument is heavily tilted in favour of the practice if only one pragmatically considers the economic, environmental, health and humane aspects.

1) **Reduce weight and live healthier** – Non-vegetarian diet is linked to increase in weight and weight related diseases like heart disease, strokes, and diabetes. There is a serious problem of obesity in today's young generation. Vegetarian diet increases life expectancy, avoids disabilities at later age, and reduces risk of sexual dysfunction at a younger age.

It also helps in preventing, treating or reversing heart disease and reducing the risk of cancer. A low-fat vegetarian diet is the single most effective way to stop the progression of coronary artery disease or prevent it entirely.

Balanced vegetarian diets are naturally free of cholesterol-laden, artery-clogging animal products that physically slow us down. Whole grains, legumes, fruits and vegetables are high in complex carbohydrates.

Vegetarian food contains more fibre leading to less constipation and hence good overall health.

2) Reduce Pollution and save Environment – The meat industry is having a devastating effect on the environment. Chemical and animal waste runoff from factory farms is responsible for thousands of miles of polluted rivers and streams. Runoff from farmlands is one of the greatest threats to water quality today. Agricultural activities that cause pollution include confined animal facilities, ploughing, pesticide spraying, irrigation, fertilizing and harvesting. A major portion of the pesticide residue in the typical non-vegetarian diet comes from meat, fish and dairy products. Fish, in particular, contain carcinogens and heavy metals (mercury, arsenic, lead, cadmium) that can't be removed through cooking or freezing. Meat and dairy products can also be laced with steroids and hormones.

The production of animal-based (livestock) foods is associated with high carbon footprint which contributes significantly to the acceleration of global climate change. Environmental issues such as global warming and climate change can be minimized by adopting vegetarianism or by lowering the consumption of meat and other animal based products.

Meat production contributes significantly to the acceleration of global climate change by adding a large quantity of greenhouse gases (GHG), i.e. mainly carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O), to the environment. The emission of GHG due to meat production contributes to global warming and climate change.

Annual meat production is expected to increase from 218 million tons in 1999 to 376 million tons by 2030 which is about 1.7 times. In 2008, meat production was estimated to be 280 million tons and by 2050 nearly twice as much meat will be required to meet our growing population needs.

A vegetarian's food print is about half that of a non-vegetarian and for a vegan it is even lower. An average American's diet has a carbon food print of around 2.5 ton CO₂ equivalent (CO₂e) per person each year but for a meat lover this is about 3.3 ton CO₂e, and for those who don't consume beef, it is 1.9 ton CO₂e, for vegetarian it is 1.7 ton CO₂e and for the vegan it is 1.5 ton CO₂e.

The consumption of 1 kg beef has a similar environment impact as 6.2 gallons of gasoline, or driving 160 highway miles in the average mid-size car. In 2002, CO₂e produced from livestock and poultry farming was around 982 million metric tons whereas it is going to be approximately three times (2753 million metric tons) by 2050. Such a large amount of emissions undoubtedly affects the global climate.

Dairy products, eggs, fish, and meat have higher environmental impacts, while starchy products, vegetables, legumes, and fruits have lower impacts. Global warming is directly related to the concentration of GHG in the atmosphere and global warming further leads to climate change. As the demand of livestock products and meat will grow in future the production of CO₂e responsible for climate change will also increase. Livestock products are associated with higher GHG emissions than plant-based products (such as vegetables, cereals, and legumes).

Furthermore meat production requires up to 10 times the quantity of resources (land, energy, and water) relative to equivalent amounts of vegetarian food. The rearing of livestock for meat, eggs and milk utilizes 70% of agricultural land. Over the next 50 years, this projected growth in meat production will cause a serious challenge to the environment. More meat production means more land resources (for housing and crop production) will be required for additional livestock which further cause increased soil erosion, water pollution, wildlife habitat degradation, and increased use of pesticide and fertilizer inputs. According to the United Nations, raising animals for food production (including land used for grazing and to grow feed crops) uses about 30% of the available land. It is obvious that livestock farming has excessive pressure on land.

It is clear that the current scenario of food production and consumption, mainly non-vegetarian, is not environmentally sustainable. Hence, there is an urgent need to consume low carbon footprint diet (vegan or vegetarian) that have lower environmental impacts. Environmental issues such as global warming and climate change can be minimized by adopting vegetarianism or by lowering the consumption of meat and other animal based products.

3) Save food grain and feed the poor – A huge percentage of all grain produced is fed to animals raised for slaughter. If all the grain currently fed to livestock all over the world were consumed directly by people, the hunger crisis could be eased to a very large extent.

4) Prevent cruelty to animals - Many vegetarians gave up meat because of their concern for animals. Billions of animals are slaughtered for human consumption each year. And, unlike the farms of yesteryear where animals roamed freely, today most animals are factory farmed: crammed into cages where they can barely move and fed a diet tainted with pesticides and

antibiotics. These animals spend their entire lives in crates or stalls so small that they can't even turn around. Animals are regularly crammed into trucks for transport — sometimes so many, that they gouge one another with their horns, be crushed under one another's weight, or die en route. Animals in slaughterhouses are cut with blunt knives in front of one another and on floors covered with faeces, urine, blood, and guts. In spite of it being illegal to injure animals, traders routinely beat them on the way to slaughter, smear chilli seeds or tobacco into their eyes, and break their tails. And by far, the most heart wrenching — animals are often skinned and dismembered while still conscious.

30-40% of Indian population abstains from meat every day. This even though being a good thing, sadly does not reflect in any public discourses. The Indian media must play a proactive role in highlighting this statistic to the world rather than crying hoarse over the alleged intolerance stemming from opposing eating beef.

India is already playing a huge role in fighting climate change just by virtue of such a large percent of its population being vegetarian.

VEGETARIANISM

LET us make it AN INDIAN IDENTITY - BY CHOICE.

From the desk of

PP Rtn Setu Gandhi



India @ 75: A Hope For The World ...

Bharat, that is India, now moves another milestone to celebrate its 75th year of independence. It is also a milestone to reflect back on as to what all we achieved in these 75 years, and what more we need to achieve. Finally, we need to articulate our vision, firm up a goal and get people, policies and institutions aligned to the future vision.

India has moved fast forward on all fronts, but due to lack of holistic approach, the success of one side is decimated by the ignorance of the other side.

India's longevity has doubled from 33 years during independence to about 70 years now,

India's GDP has increased from 2.7 lac crore in 1947 to 147.79 lac crore today - India has become the fifth largest economy

India has become the fastest growing economy but our national debt increased to a whopping 91 lac crore.

India has become a nuclear power but still a percentage of Indians live without electricity and water.

Agriculture is self-sufficient and produces five times more than it produced during independence but farmers are moving out of the profession at an alarming rate and profitability of agriculture is a burning issue.

India's literacy rate increased from about 12 percent in 1947 to 74 percent, but employability is still a major challenge.

India has moved to Mars and is a world leader in space program but the roads, water and electricity are still to reach every household.

India has added a billion more consumers post-independence but not commensurate buying power.

India is the pharmacy of the world but 70 percent of APIs for manufacturing medicines are imported.

Indian Railways is the largest employer in India, but Indians still have to face a long waiting list to getting a reserved seat, and railways still needs a Tatkal scheme.

So, when we look back, India achieved growth but not development, India achieved freedom but not independence. The reasons are clear;

- * Instead of promoting meritocracy, we are still living and promoting entitlements and quid pro quo.
- * We have programs for sharing freebies, but we are not focussed on creating wealth.
- * We have always tried to be politically correct though economically unviable.
- * Individual interests come above national interests.
- * Rights come before duties.
- * While we are upstreaming aspirations, we are lowering the level of national discourse.
- * Instead of data and facts, we believe in unverified perceptions.
- * Systems have changed, but mindsets are still the same!

From the Desk of

Rtn Meeta Kapoor



75 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE –SAY NO TO DRUGS

SINCE THE INDEPENDENCE, INDIA HAS FOUGHT SOME MAJOR WARS AND CAME OUT VICTORIOUS; IT HAS GONE THROUGH ECONOMIC CRISIS & BOUNCED BACK STRONG. IT HAS ADOPTED A LIBERAL ECONOMY SUPPORTING INDUSTRIALISATION.

TODAY INDIA IS RECOGNISED AT MAJOR WORLD FORUMS. IT IS RECOGNISED FOR ITS COST EFFECTIVE SPACE MISSIONS, IT HAS PASSED SOME REVOLUTIONARY BILLS. IT ALSO HAS ONE OF THE LARGEST POPULATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHICH IS ITS MAIN ASSET.

TODAY THE YOUTH OF INDIA IS AT MAJOR HEALTH RISK BECAUSE OF ITS ATTRACTION TOWARDS “**DRUGS**”. THE YOUTH ARE MOST VULNERABLE BECAUSE OF THE INFLUENCE OF MASS MEDIA AND TELEVISION.

SOME YOUTH GET INVOLVED IN DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES LIKE POVERTY, FAMILY PROBLEMS, DETERIORATION OF MORALITY AND POOR BEHAVIOUR ADAPTION.

DRUG ABUSE DECREASES A PERSONS’S PRODUCTIVITY AND CHALLENGES THE COMMUNITIES SENSE OF SECURITY, LOVE AND PEACE.

ONE OF THE KEY IMPACTS OF DRUG USE ON SOCIETY IS THE NEGATIVE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES.

DRUG USE ALSO PUTS A HEAVY FINANCIAL BURDEN ON INDIVIDUALS FAMILIES AND NATION AT LARGE.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ECONOMIC COST OF DRUG ABUSE ON THE COUNTRY.

1. LOSS OF PRODUCTIVITY WHEN PERSON WORKS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS.
2. HEALTH CARE COST DUE TO TREATMENT & REHABILITATION PF PERSON AFFECTED.
3. SPECIAL PROVISIONS IN BUDGET FOR THE CONTROL OF DRUG ABUSE BY RAISING AWARENESS & CONDUCTING PROGRAMS.
4. INCREASED CRIME RATE AT SOCIAL AND PUBLIC GROUNDS.

THE CONSUMPTION RATE OF VARIOUS NARCOTICS SUBSTANCES HAS INCREASED BY 70% IN THE PAST EIGHT YEARS IN INDIA. PUNJAB IS THE MOST AFFECTED STATE WHERE 40% OF THE YOUTH HAS FALLEN PREY TO DRUGS. MANY A TIMES THE MONEY SPENT ON DRUGS IS USED FOR TERROR FUNDING AGAINST INDIA ITSELF, AS THESE DRUGS ARE MOSTLY TRAFFICEKED IN INDIA BY ITS ENEMY NATIONS.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT KNOWS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ISSUE, HENCE VARIOUS VIGILANT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN FOR ITS CONTROL & SUBSEQUENT ERADICATION THROUGH ACTION PLAN FOCUSING ON THE FOLLOWING.

***PREVENTIVE EDUCATION**

***AWARENESS GENERATION**

***IDENTIFICATION, COUNSELLING, TREATMENT & REHABILITATION.**

***TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING OF SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

AND BY FUND ALLOCATION FOR MEETING THE EXPENDITURE INCURRED IN DRUG CONTROL.

TODAY AS WE CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE, IT WOULD BE VERY RESPONSIBLE OF US INDIANS IF WE PLEDGE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE AS INDIVIDUALS NOT FALL FOR DRUGS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME WORK OR VOLUNTEER FOR RAISING AWARENESS AGAINST ITS ILL EFFECTS & HELP INDIA WIN ITS FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

JAI HIND.

BY ANN. SHRUTI GADIA



" Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom "

Tryst with Destiny- was a speech delivered by Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, to the Indian Constituent Assembly in the Parliament, on the eve of India's Independence, towards midnight on 14 August 1947. The speech spoke on the aspects that transcended Indian history.

On 15th August 1947 – India was a free Nation after more than 200 Years of Colonial British Rule.

We were a Nation of more than 300 Million aspiring Indians divided by Language, Caste and Religion.

When India declared its independence in 1947, its GDP was a mere 2.7 lakh crore accounting for a paltry 3 per cent of the world's total GDP. Out of which more than half of it was from the Agriculture Sector.

In 1951, at the time of the first population Census, just 18% of Indians were literate while average life expectancy was just 32 years.

INDIA AT 75.....

Today when we See Our self after 75 Years of Independence where do we stand as a Nation.

Major Achievements of India Since 1947

Indian Constitution

India launched its Constitution on 26th January 1950. It laid down the framework that demarcates the fundamental political code, rights, and duties of the government and the citizens. Our Constitution earned us the title of the largest secular, democratic country in the world.

Green Revolution

The Green Revolution was introduced in the year 1967. Despite being an agricultural state, India was food-deficient and relied heavily upon imports of food grains to feed the large population. The Green Revolution made India a self-sufficient nation. Today, India is the largest producer of pulses and the second-largest producer of rice, wheat, and sugarcane globally.

Polio Eradication

In 1994, India accounted for 60% of the world's Polio cases. Within two decades, India got the "Polio-free certificate" from the World Health Organization in 2014. The vigilant movement to prevent Polio dramatically increased the life expectancy from 32 years (1947) to 68.89 years.

Rotary has played a Huge Role in Polio Eradication in India, We as Rotarians should feel proud about this

Space and Technology

The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) was founded on 15th August 1969, giving new flight to space research in India. In 1975, India launched its first space satellite, "Aryabhata", and never looked back. Rakesh Sharma became the first Indian to go to Space in 1986, and at present, the best indigenous technology-based launch vehicles have been manufactured under the Make in India programme. In 2008, India set a world record of sending 10 satellites in orbit in a single mission through PSLV-C9. We successfully launched satellites like Chandrayaan to the moon and became the first country to reach Mars in our first attempt through Mangalyaan.

Right to Education

India has come a long way in making education a crucial part of Indian development. The Right to Education Act, 2010 affirms education as a fundamental right of every child, providing free and compulsory elementary education to all.

According to National Statistical Office (NSO) data, As of the Year, 2021 India's average literacy rate is 77.70%. The male literacy at the India level in 2021 stands at 84.70% & female literacy stands at 70.30%

Powerful Defence

After independence, India strengthened its defence so that history does not repeat itself. In 1954, India launched the Atomic Energy Program, becoming the first nation to do so. In 1974, India conducted "Smiling Buddha", its first nuclear test, making its place on the list of five nuclear-powered nations. This is one of the biggest achievements of India since 1947. Today, India has the 2nd largest military force and largest voluntary army in the world.

Gender Justice

India has taken progressive steps to promote gender equality. The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 and Domestic Violence Act, 2005 have discouraged social evils. Many government programs like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao work on eliminating gender bias in the country.

Economy

In 2018, India leapfrogged France to become the 5th largest economy in the world, now behind only the United States, China, Japan, and Germany.

According to latest figures from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, India currently has a real GDP of Rs 147.79 lakh crore, and as of 2018 accounted for 7.74 per cent of global GDP

The achievements of India since 1947 are bright examples of our great potential.

Be it Mangalyaan or Yoga, Olympics or Beauty Pageants, India is constantly breaking records and making history. With thriving cultures and beliefs, India moves further, united, to new heights of success.

From the Desk of

Rtn Sanjay Jalan

Hon Club Secretary



AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

MEGA CAR RALLY & FLAG HOISTING



Project Chair : Rtn Mukesh Jain and Friends

Rotary Club of Surat West had Organised a Mega Car Rally on 15th August 2022 to Celebrate 75 Years of Indian Independence.

The Rally Began from GD Goenka School at 9.00 am, travelled from Citilight Road, Sargam Shopping Centre, Kargil Chowk upto V R Mall Circle.

The Cars were Decorated with Banners and Flags.

The Rally Ended at VR Mall Circle where our National Flag was Hoisted by **Hon Comm of Police – Shri Ajay Tomar.**

Rotary Club of Surat has decided to sponsor Athelete Rajkumar Yadav who is preparing for the Olympic Games.

A cheque of Rs 10,000.00 was handed to Mr Rajkumar Yadav as installment for the month of August

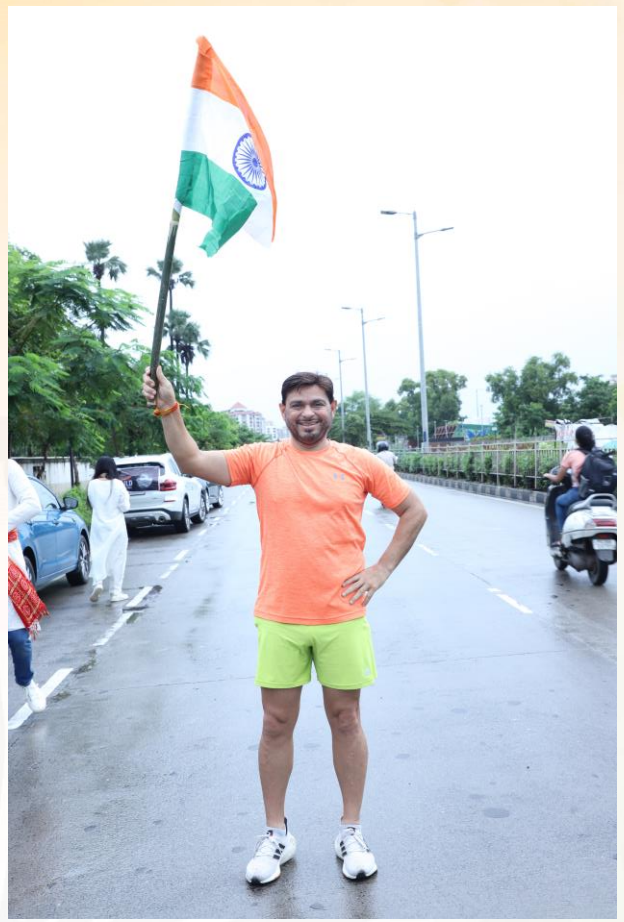
Rotary Club of Surat has also distributed 5000 Tirangas to Members of Rotary and also to Public in General













Hon Commissioner of Police Shri Ajay Tomar Hoisting the National Flag

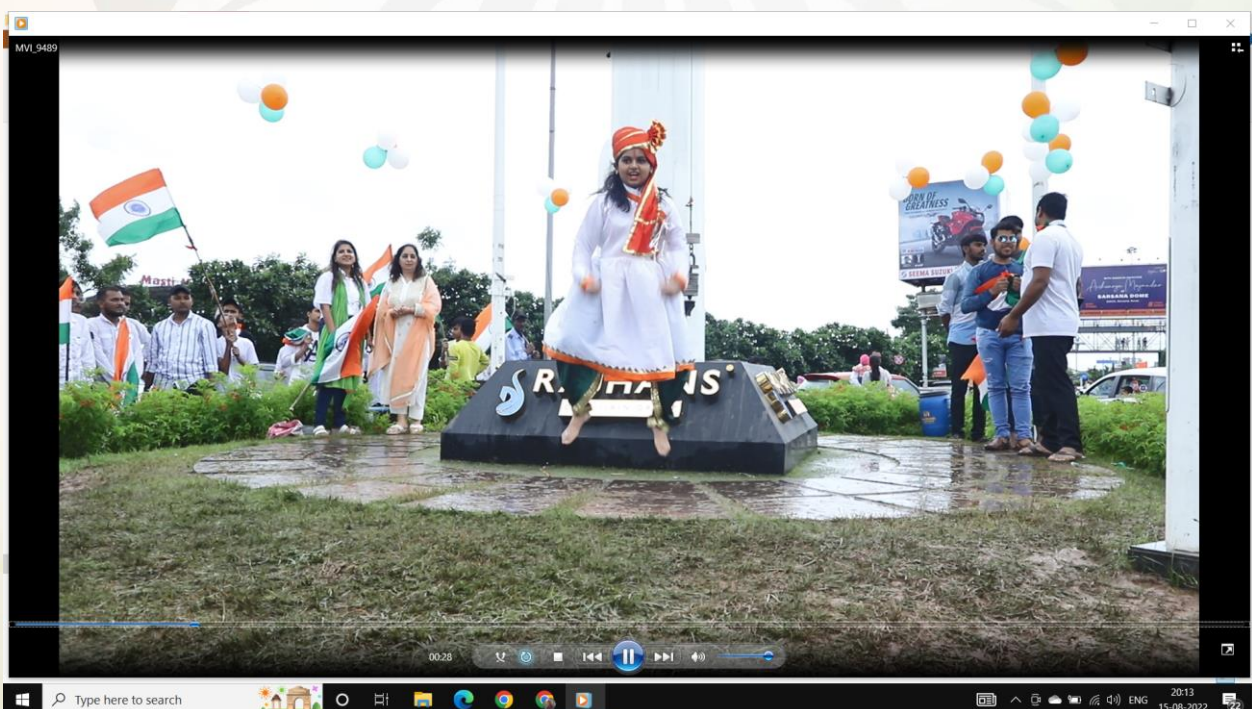


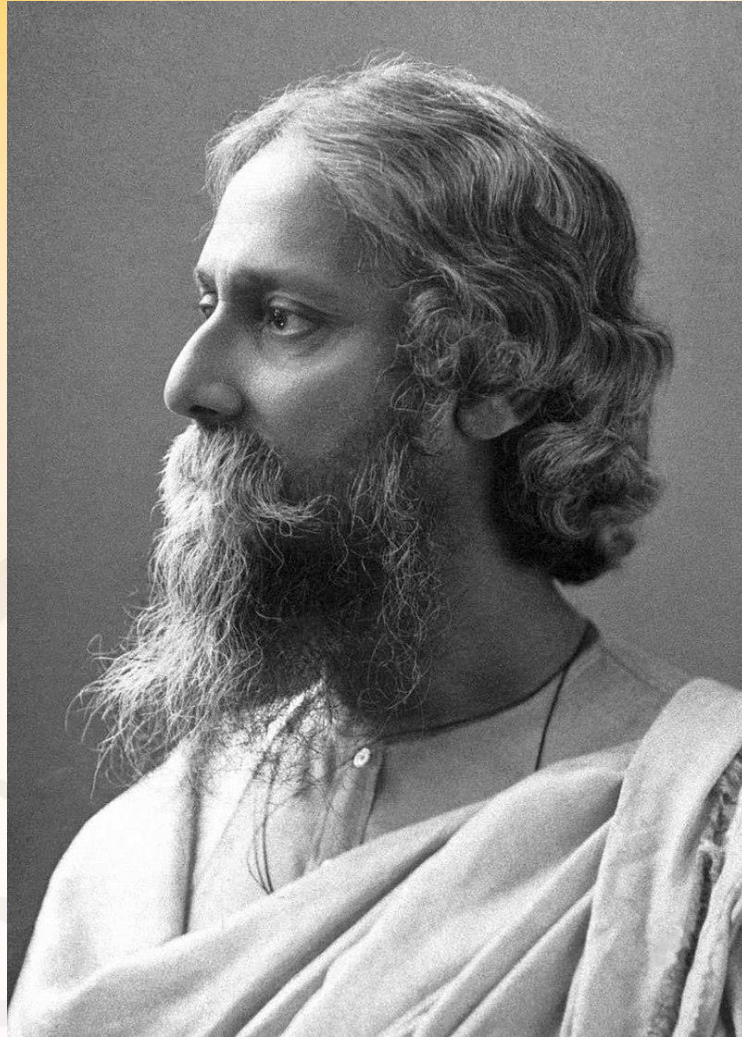
Hon Commissioner Handing over the Cheque to Mr Rajkumar Yadav

**The Day Began with the Birthday Celebration of Our beloved President
Rtn Tanmay Agrawal**



**And the Day Ended with a Brilliant Dance Performance by Miss Aarna Monga
Daughter of Our Beloved Vice President Rtn Sandeep Monga**





Rabindranath Tagore

The National Anthem of India is titled '**Jana Gana Mana**'. The song was originally composed in Bengali by India's first Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore on December 11, 1911.

The parent song, 'Bharoto Bhagyo Bidhata' is a Brahma hymn which has five verses and only the first verse has been adopted as National Anthem.

If put forward succinctly, the National Anthem conveys the spirit of pluralism or in more popular term the concept of 'Unity in Diversity', which lies at the core of India's cultural heritage.

जन गण मन



जन-गण-मन अधिनायक जय हे
भारत-भाग्य-विधाता ।
पंजाब सिंध गुजरात मराठा
द्राविड़ उत्कल बंग ।
विंध्य हिमाचल यमुना गंगा,
उच्छल जलधि तरंग ।
तव शुभ नामे जागे,
तव शुभ आशिष माँगे;
गाहे तव जय गाथा ।
जन-गण मंगलदायक जय हे,
भारत-भाग्य-विधाता ।
जय हे, जय हे, जय हे,
जय जय जय, जय हे ॥

जनगणमन-अधिनायक जय हे.
भारतभाग्यविधाता
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Jana-gaṇa-mana adhināyaka jaya he
Bhārata bhāgya vidhātā
Pañjāba Sindhu Gujarāta Marāṭhā
Drāviḍa Utkala Baṅga
Vindhya Himāchala Yamunā Gaṅgā
Uchhala jaladhi taraṅga
Tava śubha nāme jāge
Tava śubha āshiṣa māge
Gāhe tava jaya gāthā
Jana gaṇa maṅgala dhāyaka jaya he
Bhārata bhāgya vidhātā
Jaya he, jaya he, jaya he
Jaya jaya jaya, jaya he.

History Of Indian Tricolor

Every free nation of the world has its own flag. It is a symbol of a free country. The National Flag of India was adopted in its present form during the meeting of Constituent Assembly held on the 22 July 1947, a few days before India's independence from the British on 15 August, 1947. It served as the national flag of the Dominion of India between 15 August 1947 and 26 January 1950 and that of the Republic of India thereafter. In India, the term "tricolour" refers to the Indian national flag.

The National flag of India is a horizontal tricolor of deep saffron (kesari) at the top, white in the middle and dark green at the bottom in equal proportion. The ratio of width of the flag to its length is two to three. In the centre of the white band is a navy blue wheel which represents the chakra. Its design is that of the wheel which appears on the abacus of the Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka. Its diameter approximates to the width of the white band and it has 24 spokes.

Colours of the Flag

In the national flag of India the top band is of Saffron colour, indicating the strength and courage of the country. The white middle band indicates peace and truth with Dharma Chakra. The last band is green in colour shows the fertility, growth and auspiciousness of the land.

The Chakra

This Dharma Chakra depicted the "wheel of the law" in the Sarnath Lion Capital made by the 3rd-century BC Mauryan Emperor Ashoka. The chakra intends to show that there is life in movement and death in stagnation.

Rotary members: A snapshot

65

Average age of male Rotarians

59

Average age of female Rotarians

25

Average age of Rotaractors, male or female

24%

of Rotarians are women

50%

of Rotaractors are women

82%

New members who found their clubs through friends, colleagues, or other members

Some Rotary Humour:

A doctor, lawyer, and a **Rotarian** in charge of fundraising all die and arrive at the Pearly Gates about the same time. St. Peter tells them they may each have one thing to take with them to Heaven.

The doctor is first, and asks for \$1 million. This is given and proceeds to enter Heaven. The lawyer, not to be outdone, asks for \$2 million. "Very well," say St. Peter and opens the gate to Heaven for the lawyer.

Finally it is time for the **Rotarian**, who had just finished a fundraising project for The Rotary Foundation. St. Peter asks him what he would like to take to Heaven. The fundraiser moves up very close to St. Peter, and in a soft voice asks, "It it's not too much trouble, could I just have the names of those two people who were ahead of me in line ?"

Husband and wife had a fight.

Wife called up her mom who was a **Rotarian** and said, "He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you."

Mom said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you.

When a **Rotarian** opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife."



**The Power of Imagination
makes us infinite.**



Jennifer Jones
RI President

TOGETHER, WE
IMAGINE ROTARY

Stephanie A. Urchick, USA

selected to become Rotary International President for 2024-25.



Stephanie A. Urchick, of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2024-25, a decision that would make her only the second woman to hold that position. She will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

With the world facing incredible challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, disasters driven by climate change, and conflict in many regions, Urchick says Rotary's leaders can offer a vision and a plan for overcoming these challenges.

"Measures taken by Rotary leadership to survive and end critical challenges often make our organization stronger and more resilient for future events," Urchick says. "This kind of essential leadership also creates new levels of cooperation, even among rivals, when Rotarians pull together as people of action to serve and solve a crisis."

Making regionalization a priority is crucial, says Urchick.

"Because Rotary operates in more than 200 countries and regions, it is vital to recognize that the organization has the potential to become more efficient and effective by understanding and reacting to how regional differences affect the way Rotarians work together to address providing service, promoting integrity, and advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace," Urchick says.

Urchick is partner and chief operating officer of Doctors at Work LLC, a consulting and training company. She holds a doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is active on numerous community boards and committees, and has been honoured by organizations including Zonta International and the Sons of the American Revolution.

A Rotary member since 1991, Urchick has travelled to Vietnam to help build a primary school and to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. She studies several Slavic languages, has mentored new Rotarians in Ukraine, and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant project in Poland.

Urchick has served Rotary in many roles, including as a director, Foundation trustee, and chair of the RI Strategic Planning Committee and the Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee. She currently serves on the Election Review Committee and the Operations Review Committee. She is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor and a member of the Bequest Society.

United in friendship and service

RI's recent member survey



Rotary members: A snapshot

- 65
Average age of male Rotarians
- 59
Average age of female Rotarians
- 25
Average age of Rotaractors, male or female
- 24%
of Rotarians are women
- 50%
of Rotaractors are women

What members like about their clubs . . .

- Friendship and fellowship
- Learning new things from guest speakers
- Interesting discussion topics
- Opportunities to get involved in the local community
- Hybrid meetings that allow clubs to host different speakers and allow members who have difficulty attending in person to participate

. . . and what they don't like

- Virtual meetings without in-person interaction
- Weak, unresponsive club leadership
- Irrelevant, uninteresting guest speakers
- Poor time management (starting or ending meetings late)
- Cliques
- Exclusivity and lack of diversity
- Rituals and unneeded formalities like prayers and songs

Rotary International's recent member survey reveals where Rotary is today, while suggesting where it needs to go tomorrow.

The motive power of Rotary is friendship," said Paul Harris in his address to the Rotary convention held in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921. His remarks were greeted with a round of applause — and were endorsed 100 years later by current members of Rotary.

In the most recent annual survey of Rotary members, 45% of respondents cited friendship as the reason they remain in Rotary, and 84% said they were satisfied with their ability to connect with friends through Rotary. Meanwhile, 42% of respondents cited the opportunity to make an impact on their communities as the reason they remained in Rotary — another response that would have delighted Rotary's founder.

Gathering this kind of information is one of the reasons we survey Rotary members every year. The 2021 all-member survey, which was conducted last fall by Rotary International and drew nearly 70,000 responses from Rotarians and Rotaractors, will contribute to the long-term success of Rotary's Action Plan and its strategic initiatives. It also ensures that Rotary leadership understands and responds to the expectations and experiences of new and long-time members. On a more local level, clubs and districts can use this information to attract and engage new and current members.

- Rotary International

Why Rotary members stay and leave?

From Rotary's recent member survey

Why Rotary members stay and leave?



- **93%** of Rotary members who were either very likely (78%) or rather likely (15%) to remain a member of their club over the next 12 months
- **61%** of Rotary members who thought their clubs had made a positive impact on their communities

- **48.2** Volunteer hours (in millions) contributed by Rotary members in a 12-month period ending in October 2021

- **59%** of Rotarians who participated in global grants by organizing projects, volunteering, and/or donating money

Why members leave

61% of Rotarians who joined Rotary in 2016 and had terminated their membership by 2020

Why?

- Club does not represent my values
- Club's lack of impact
- Cost
- Personal circumstances
- Conflicts within club
- Time

53% of Rotary members who are very informed about how clubs spend their dues

Rotary Wisdom

"It's simple. The more members we have, the more people we can help. A stronger membership base will result in stronger communities."

Gary CK Huang

Rotary International
President



RI President's Message- August 2022

President Speaks

It starts with an invitation

We've all taken our own path to become a member of Rotary. Some of you joined because your father was a Rotarian. Some of us signed up because an employer tapped us on the shoulder and asked us to attend a meeting. Others became members only after a US Supreme Court ruling made it possible. Yet each of us entered through one mechanism — an invitation.

An invitation that unlocks our imaginations and allows us to know that everything and anything is

possible. Each one of us has that same opportunity — the honour to extend an invitation.

It is awe-inspiring to imagine how we can look out across our communities and identify our future leaders. It's often tempting to attract people who are exactly like us. It's a special form of ingenuity to consider how people who are seemingly very different can, in fact, share our values and have some of those same talents, just waiting to be unleashed.

It's time for Rotary to take our next step in advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) across our organisation.

Embracing an experience where people feel included is more than just making our membership numbers more diverse. It's about making our meetings and events places where we can speak openly and honestly with each other, where our members feel welcome and safe. This means removing

barriers for entry and opening doors for inclusion. Our values remain our strength — and our commitment to excellence requires us to maintain high standards for our members as well.

I believe we are all determined to advance DEI across Rotary. This is rooted in the deepest traditions of our organisation, and it will ensure that we remain vibrant and relevant for decades to come.

A few years ago, our Rotary Board set the ambitious goal of increasing the share of female members to 30 per cent by 2023. We have less than a year to go, but I believe we can meet and exceed this target.

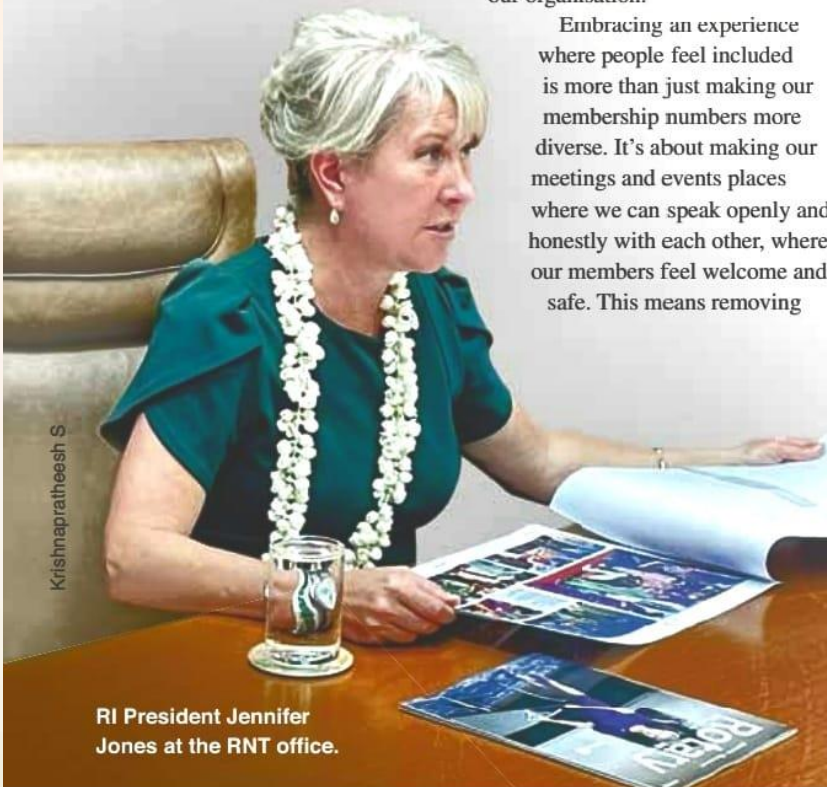
We need Rotary leaders to rise from every continent, culture and creed. We need young members and young thinkers to take on larger roles and responsibilities. We need to listen to new Rotary members just as keenly, and with as much respect, as those with many years of membership.

During our recent convention in Houston, we heard from astronauts about their journeys into space. We reflected upon a time in the 1960s when US President John F Kennedy urged the world to dream, with his declaration that we would “go to the moon (and do) other things, not because they are easy but because they are hard.”

Fully committing Rotary to DEI and meeting our ambitious membership targets may seem as unlikely as a moon shot.

But I know that when people of action are committed to a big goal, we make it worth every ounce of our energy.

Jennifer Jones
President, Rotary International



Krishnaprathesh S

RI President Jennifer Jones at the RNT office.

Membership Figures Country wise in South Asia



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Message from Head-South Asia

Dear District Governor,

It gives me great pleasure to confirm that India has retained its position of being No.1 in membership growth during RY 2021-22. South Asia registered a net membership growth of 5.5%. Also, although the final contribution figures are still not declared, the interim figures indicate that India is going to reclaim its global No.2 position in contributions as well as in number of new AKS members. Heartiest Congratulations to Rotary leaders in South Asia for these achievements.

August is Membership & New Club Development Month, RI website provides wealth of information on membership development that can assist club and district officers in bringing new members, developing new clubs as well as retaining members. Please click on [link](#) to access various documents.

With warm regards,

Rajeev Ranjan
Head-South Asia

Highlights

Membership figures as of 01 August 2022

Country	Clubs	Rotarians	Variance from 01 July 2022*	
			Clubs	Rotarians
Bangladesh	489	12,564	0	19
Bhutan	1	26	0	0
India	4,500	169,005	24	3,828
Maldives	1	26	0	0
Nepal	152	5,827	0	65
Pakistan	294	4,635	2	134
Sri Lanka	70	1,956	0	17
Total	5,507	194,049	26	4,063
Worldwide	36,949	1,180,101	100	13,770

** Variance from 01 July 2022 official starting figures.

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RI Exchange Rate for US \$1

Country	Local Currency	Rate of Exchange
Bangladesh	BDT	95
India	INR	79
Nepal	NPR	127
Pakistan	PKR	239
Sri Lanka	LKR	359

Changes from last month are shown in blue. Current & previous RI Exchange Rates can be accessed through <https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-rates>

Club Presidents are requested to share this newsletter with the members of their club

Dear friends,

Rotary Club of Surat West has planned a excursion trip to **White Feather Resort, Selvassa .**

Details as under

Check in : 27.08.2022 Saturday

Check Out : 28.08.2022 Sunday

Please Join us in large numbers for this super Fellowship weekend program



Vande Mataram