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CIRCULAR 9



Program : Greater Garba Nights
Date : 26th to 29th September
Aarti Time : 09.00 pm to 09.15 pm
Garba Time : 09.15 onwards Garba Raas
Venue : D. P. Doshi Rotary Greater Auditorium
Invitee : Rotarians, Anns and Annets



21 st Sept	: Ann. Sakshi Doshi	9555020906
22 nd Sept	: Rtn. Rishiraj Dhami	9227599939
23 rd Sept	: Rtn. Jayesh Jogia	9821020204
24 th Sept	: Rtn. Ashok Vaishnav	9825079938
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26 th Sept	: Rtn. Amar Bhalodia	9909333388
26 th Sept	: Rtn. Apoorva Modi	8000801110
28 th Sept	: Ann. Veera Bhavik Shah	9824168385
29 th Sept	: Rtn. Bhavesh Talaviya	9879106044
30 th Sept	: Rtn. Rakeshkumar C Vasani	9825171101

UPCOMING Meeting

Greater Garba Nights

26th to 29th September

Description of **Gujarat** and **Gujaratis** is incomplete without the mention of **Navratri** and so is the Rotary year without the grand celebration of Navratri. Apart from the religious and traditional significance of Navratri, there is constant sound of **Dandiya**s and **Dhols** all over Gujarat for nine long days. Then how can RCRG be left behind. Let us all adorn our best traditional outfits and get ready to dance to the tunes of melodious Garbas. There will be **exciting competitions** every day and chance to win **amazing prizes**. Don't miss out the **most awaited festival** of Rotary Greater.



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A.G. Visit

- The **first A.G. Visit** of RCRG in 2022-23 was on **15th Sept.** at **Rotary Bhavan** along with **dinner** where **Rotarians, Anns and Annets** were present to welcome **A.G Rtn. Dr. Hita Mehta**.
- The **main agenda** of the meeting was to **inform the A.G.** and all the **members** about the **amazing work that RCRG does** for the society and the **roles** that the **Club President, Hon. Secretary, Board members, Project Chairs** and **all the members** play in its success.
- Rotary Prayer** and **Four-way test** were delivered by **Rtn. Vipul Kotak** and **Rtn. Manish Patel** respectively after which the **Secretarial** and **Presidential announcements** were made.
- Rtn. Apoorva Modi** gave details about his **Project for the Month of July** named **Project Chhatra** where **Umbrellas** were distributed amongst the lower strata of the society.
- Rtn. Rushit Nathwani** informed everyone about his **Project for the Month of August** named **Project Vision**, a **Mega Eye Check Up and Cataract Operation Camp** that helped around **200 people** of **Jabalpur Village**.



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- **Rtn. Ashish Joshi** discussed the **Project for the Month of September**, the **Fundraiser Naatak - Safarjan** which raised **Rs 376000** for funding a **Free General Clinic** at Rotary Bhavan.
- **Rtn. Anup Joshi** gave information about the **Blood Donation Camps** and **Medical Camps** organised during the last three months.
- **Rtn. Jaydeep Vadher** gave a brief about the **Orientation** and **Elections of Interact Clubs**. He also shared the details regarding the **Installation of Rotaract Club of Rajkot Greater**.
- **Rtn. Priyank Bharad** enlightened everyone about **Project Pankh** and **Nation Builders Award**.
- **President Rtn. Kunal Ashok Mehta** proudly presented the details about his **dream project "Net Zero Village"** along with information about **Bike Rally** and **projects** for the month of **October** and **November**.
- **Rtn. Darshan Lakhani** welcomed and introduced **A.G. Rtn. Dr. Hita Mehta** who then made her speech. She **praised all the Board Members and Greater family** for staying united and working for the betterment of the society.
- The informative night ended with **Vote of Thanx** by **Hon. Secretary Rtn Apoorva Modi** followed by the **National Anthem**.

PROJECT

Reviews

Bike Rally

The Bike and Scooter Rally of **17th September** was a great Initiative by Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater to generate awareness regrading **Clean Rajkot Green Rajkot**. It was a successful **Public Image Ride** with more than **250 Interactors, Rotaractors, RCC members, Rotarians** and **Anns** on more than **125 bikes and scooters**.



Blood Donation Camp

For the very **first time** on **17th September** all the **5** Rotary clubs of Rajkot namely; **Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater, Rotary Club of Rajkot, Rotary Club of Rajkot Metro, Rotary Club of Rajkot Prime and Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown** came together for donating an irreplaceable gift that will help save lives, **Blood!**

Location

1. Shyam Advisory Limited
2. United Care Hospital, Rajkot
3. Santosh Multi Speciality Hospital, Metoda
4. Jairam Straps Pvt Ltd
5. Life Building
6. Matushree Virbaima Mahila College
7. Prathmik Shala, Jabalpur Village

Blood Bank

- Life Blood Bank
Field Marshal Blood Bank
Civil Blood Bank
Red Cross
Life Blood Bank
Red Cross Blood Bank
Life Blood Bank

Blood Collected

- 30 units
22 units
19 units
50 units
70 units
11 units
24 units



- A total of **226 units of blood** were collected at all locations.
- **RCRG** managed **3 locations** which collected a total of **104 units of blood**.
- RCRG is thankful to **Rtn. Vipul Kotak** and **Rtn. Bhavin Sabhaya** for organising the camp at their organisations, **Shyam Advisory Pvt Ltd** and **Jairam Straps Pvt Ltd** respectively.
- **Rtn. Dharmesh Kotecha** and **Rtn. Bhavesh Pabari** were kind enough to donate blood and motivated their employees to do the same.


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Medical Camp 2

Medical Camps were organised at :

- 1. Company:** Emerson Forge Pvt. Ltd. on
Date: Tuesday, 13th Sept.
Owner: Rtn. Ashwin Vasani and Rtn. Rakesh Vasani
Beneficiaries: 74
- 2. Company:** Cast and Alloys
Date: Tuesday, 20th Sept.
Owner: Rtn. Dipen Patel
Beneficiaries: 131



A **Medical Team** from the **Mobile Health Unit of Government of Gujarat** visited the above organizations and conducted **free medical examinations** of its **employees**, did **lab works** and **distributed medicines** as needed.

Project Pankh

An informative session of **Project Pankh** was conducted on:

- Date:** 18th September, Sunday
Venue: Smt. R. R. Mahila Arts and Commerce College
Beneficiaries: 500+ girls from A.P.Patel Baradanwla Kanya Chhatralaya
Speaker: Ann. Dr. Ameet Mehta
MOC: Ann. Grishma Nathwani



The seminar delivered **crisp yet clear information** about **Menstrual Hygiene Management**, **Good Touch Bad Touch** and **Cancer Awareness**. To help the girls become **physically and mentally fit**, **tips and tricks** regarding **Balanced and Healthy Diet** and **Yoga Asanas** were also given.

Members from our dedicated MHM team, **Rtn. Ashini Modi** and **Ann. Monika Mehta** were also present to prove the tagline of Project Pankh, **Hum Sab Saath! Taboo ke Khilaaf!**



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THE BETTER

Halves

1 Spouse Name : Rtn. Ashish Joshi
Children's Names : Annet Rishita Joshi

2 Tell us 3 interesting (not widely known) facts about you.

- Love watching English movies
- Love listening to Bollywood retro music
- Love going on long drives with the family

ANN. HETAL JOSHI

3 How do you enjoy spending your alone time?

By reading non-fiction books and listening to songs of my favourite artists Kishor Kumar and Lata Mangeshkar

4 What is your favorite way to spend time with your family?

I love to travel with my family. These trips give me chance to explore new places while spending time together. I also love to watch movies and play board games with my family.

5 Which traits of your parents (mother or father) do you hope to adopt?

• To help everyone in need. • To let go • To remain calm and composed under any situation

6 What is a skill that you think everyone should have?

I feel that everyone should learn to stand strong in tough situations and try to be always courageous

7 If you could eat one food for the rest of your life, what would you choose?

I would choose fruits as there are hundreds of varieties of fruits and they would provide me with all the minerals and vitamins to stay healthy and fit.

8 If you were stranded on an island, what 1 thing and 1 person would you choose to take with you?

Thing: Matchbox Person: My husband, Ashish

9 If you had to delete all but 3 apps on your phone, which 3 will you keep?

Google, Spotify and Whatsapp

10 What is the best and worst thing about getting older?

Best thing: Having more knowledge and wisdom

Worst thing: Body gets weaker and required more care

11 What does Rotary mean to you?

Rotary is a way for me to explore new things. It is a platform through which I could do something good for the society and to help those who need it. Rotary also helped me make lifelong friends.

12 What is your fondest memory of RCRG?

Pot parties and Navratri

13 If you could dedicate your life to solving one national or global problem, what problem would you choose?

To save the Forest. Forests offer watershed protection, provide habitat for animals and livelihood, prevent soil erosion, and mitigate climate changes.



FREE Wings

ANNET TANISH CHIRAG PATEL

I had been preparing for **JEE 2022** for the last **4 years**. I was in 8th grade when I decided that I want to study **computer science** and that too in one of the best institutes of the country. Leaving The Rajkumar College, Rajkot in class 9th was a big decision which many people criticized.

When preparing for JEE, the most challenging thing is to watch your

friends enjoy themselves at school and miss all the fun. But challenges don't matter when you have a goal and you have the drive to achieve it. There are times when you doubt yourself when the journey is long and the goal is too far. But the only thing which you can do is to work hard and move forward towards your goal. I scored **91.8%** in my class **10th boards** which motivated me to perform better and also gave me a lot of confidence.

Things got the hard when COVID hit and my studies shifted to online mode. Out of the 2 most important years of preparation, 18 months were during the COVID period. Studying alone at home without meeting anyone was a big challenge. There were times when there was no motivation to keep studying but as they say, when the going gets tough, the tough gets going.

A week prior to my exam, I was very nervous even though I was well prepared. My parents and teachers played a crucial role in soothing my nerves. All this helped me achieve a **percentile of 99.7** and an **All India Rank of 2758 in my JEE examination**, an **All India Rank of 24** in the entrance examination of **IIIT Hyderabad** and **95.2%** in my class **12th Boards**. I also cleared my **JEE Advanced examination** with **AIR 3739**.

What I have learnt in these 4 years is that **having confidence** and **believing in yourself** is the key to achieve anything you want to. **Your focus** and **your dedication** to the commitments you made to yourself decide where you will reach. Even on the days you feel low, you need to **work hard** with the same energy. And the most importantly **never feel your aim is a baggage for you**. Instead, **learn to enjoy that journey**.

CLUB News

Sad Demise: With profound sorrow we inform you of the sad demise of **Shri Mahendrabhai C. Upadhyay, father of Rtn. Priyanka Upadhyay**. May the soul of the departed rest in eternal peace. Om Shanti.



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