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Today's Programme - 'Holi Celebration & Potluck Dinner'.

EDITORIAL

When Colors Meet Cinema: The Holi-Bollywood Connection

Holi isn't just a festival. It's that one glorious day when life itself turns into a Bollywood montage – where the air hums “होली के दिन दिल खिल जाते हैं, रंगों में रंग मिल जाते हैं” from Sholay, and suddenly even the quietest soul feels like dancing in the streets.

The morning begins softly, like a promise. Someone somewhere is already teasing with “आज न छोड़ेंगे बस हमजोली, खेलेंगे हम होली” – also from Sholay – and you know resistance is futile. White kurtas are worn with misplaced confidence, as if they don't already know their destiny. The first splash of गुलाल lands, and with it arrives the eternal anthem from Silsila – “रंग बरसे भीगे चुनरवाली, रंग बरसे!” – a line that doesn't just play on speakers, it echoes in memory.

By noon, the streets feel like a grand set designed by the gods of cinema. Someone turns up the volume and suddenly it's “होली खेले रघुवीरा अवध में” from Baghban, and the celebration grows devotional yet mischievous at once. The elders smile knowingly; the youngsters are already planning their next color attack.

There's always that one romantic corner too. Two people, pretending annoyance, live their Yash Raj dream as if they've stepped straight into Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani – because when “बलम पिचकारी जो तूने मुझे मारी” plays, it's not just about colors anymore. It's flirtation disguised as festivity, love hidden behind laughter.

Dignity quietly leaves the premises. Faces blur into bright abstractions of pink, blue, and green. No one is boss, no one is rival – only partners in colorful crime.

As the sun leans westward, drenched clothes cling to tired, happy bodies. The drums slow down, but the mood doesn't. There's sweetness in the air – gujiyas, laughter, shared glances – and somewhere a nostalgic heart hums “होली आई रे कान्हाई” from Mother India. It reminds everyone that this festival is older than cinema, older than cities – yet cinema gave it a soundtrack that made it immortal.

By evening, as colors fade into softer pastels and people gather for warm meals, Holi feels like the perfect Bollywood climax. Differences washed away. Grudges dissolved. Hearts are a little lighter. Because on this day, like the songs promised, दिल खिल जाते हैं and रंगों में रंग मिल जाते हैं.

Holi is not just played. It is sung.

It is danced.

It is lived – one lyric at a time.

Editor

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*Rotary Club of Cuttack
Weekly Meeting Minutes
24th February 2026
Meeting No. 3827*

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Rtn. K.K.P. Subudhi.

The proceedings commenced with a one-minute silence, for World peace and better understanding followed by the recitation of the National Anthem. Rtn. Ajab Patel had the honour of escorting the Guest Speaker, Rtn. Adyasha Priyadarshini Santuka, to the dais.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, circulated through the e-bulletin, were duly confirmed. Fellowship announcements were made by Rtn. Shanu Rath.

Rtn. Pranab Choudhury and Rtn. Md. Saad were warmly welcomed to the meeting.

Secretary Rtn. Dr. Tasneem Dodia presented the report of the Club's activities and updates.

Vice President Rtn. Krishna Prasad Subudhi informed the House that an Emergency Board Meeting was convened on 6th February. The Board deliberated upon the shortfall of funds and resolved to encash two Fixed Deposits held with UCO Bank. It was also noted that the pending Darpan registration has now been successfully completed.

The Guest Speaker, Adyasha Priyadarshini Santuka, addressed the august gathering and delivered an insightful and engaging deliberation on Vastu, enriching the members with valuable knowledge and practical perspectives.

A memento was presented as a token of appreciation and gratitude.

The Vote of Thanks was gracefully proposed by PP Rtn. Subhasini Lenka. Rtn. Suryakant Das Mohapatra presented the meeting statistics.

The meeting was adjourned thereafter, followed by fellowship over Hi-Tea.

Rtn. Tasneem Dodia
Secretary

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PP Rtn. Dr. Subasini Lenka & PP Rtn. Er. D. K. Biswal graced the National Science Day celebration at Saraswati Swati Sishu Vidya Mandir, College Square, on 28th February.



AG for 2026-27, IPP Rtn. Akshaya Kumar Nayak attended the AGLS & DTLS

“Embark” held in Colombo. THEY HAVE CELEBRATED AND WE HAVE GREETED

Marriage Anniversaries

25th Rtn. Akshaya K. sa-hoo & Ann Radha

26th Rtn. Dr. S.K Parida & Ann Shanti

26th Rtn. Surya P. Mishra & Ann Sujata

28th Rtn. Er. A.K Mishra & Ann Jayshree

1st March Rtn. Suresh Choudhury & Ann Samita

BARABATI felicitates the members who have celebrated their Anniversaries.

March stands for Water and Sanitation month.

Last Weekly Meeting



6th ODISHA EYE CONCLAVE



Sampatrai RCC Senior Citizens Home



Dr. Sanjit Pattnaik donated Rs. 300000/- to Sampatrai RCC Senior Citizens Home in memory of his father Late Laxman Pattnaik (The Freedom Fighter, Labana Satyagrahi & Leader of Banar sena).

Rotary Play School Renovation work



RCC & JPM Eye Hospital organised and supported SUVI in conducting their convocation ceremony and talent competition on 1st January at JPM Conference Hall.

