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HIGHLIGHTS

WHAT MAKES A FILM HIT OR FLOP... NO ONE KNOWS BUT THE MEETING REGARDING THE SAME, CONDUCTED BY NONE OTHER THAN THE SHAHENSHAH OF MIDTOWN, DR. KETANBHAI, WITH HIS TEAM, WAS A BLOCKBUSTER



BIRTHDAY WISHES Many many happy returns of the day!!



Divyesh Aghera
16th September
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Shailesh Kudchhud
16th September
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Chetan Bhojani
20th September
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Flag exchange ritual of IYE student, Daniel from Taiwan, was done..Thanks again to the host parents, Mohitbhai and Urvi Solanki

19th, 20th, 21st of September, almost 20 plus couples of Midtown are visiting the heritage city of Bhuj
Rotary Midtown Couples' Getaway

Rotary Midtown couples are excited to embark on a romantic 3-day trip to Time Square Club Resort & Spa in Bhuj. This luxurious retreat promises a perfect blend of relaxation, recreation, and rejuvenation for couples.

Highlights of the Trip

- Romantic Ambiance: Serene surroundings and elegant accommodations at Time Square Club.

- Couples' Spa: Indulge in rejuvenating treatments at Hamam & Spa.

- Leisure Activities: Enjoy swimming, table tennis, and leisurely strolls amidst beautiful landscapes.

- Gourmet Dining: Savor delightful meals at the resort's restaurants.

- Quality Time: Cherish moments with your partner in a tranquil setting.

Destination Charm

Bhuj's unique cultural & Smritivan Rathquake Museum heritage and proximity to attractions like add charm to this getaway. Rotary Midtown couples look forward to creating wonderful memories together.

Have a great trip and make memories



CLUB NEWS

Movies have always been a great source of entertainment, irrespective of age

There are many factors that can lead to success of a film, namely..starcast,music, time of release,special appearance, item songs, engrossing plot...etc etc...but there is no rule of thumb or a formula that can make a film hit

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Very interesting topic, very well conducted by Ace orator and writer and movie buff, Dr. Ketanbhai Thakkar... Thanks to creative genius of our club, Dr Jatinsir for conceptualising the programme.

Dr Bhushan Kalariya, Shameena Mathur, Hemalbhai, Urvi Solanki, Dr. Miloni Lakhani and Devangi, shared their two cents on the topic.. Thanks for participation All in all a great evening..Jeene ko Aur kya chahiye??



CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS



Dr Hetal Buch represented India at European Endodontic Society Conference on 5th September 2025 at La Defense CNIT Westfield Paris. Congratulations



Congratulations Dr Bhushan Kalariya for successfully completing 23 glorious years of Dentistry



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CLUB ACTIVITIES

When Awareness Meets Enthusiasm

13/09/25 at 8:30 AM, RCRM Vocational Directors Nita Motla and Rita Chauhan visited Minaben J. Kundaliya Arts and Commerce College at the Rashtriya Shala campus to promote our Swashray initiative and encourage students to benefit from it. The students were very receptive, enthusiastic, and eager to join!



Joy of Giving

New born baby's kit distribution scheduled on 15th September

Lunch to be served to 200 children of Lodheshwar slum area..with the help and arrangements of Ex Mayor, Bhavnaben Joshipura

RML updates

Board games and book talk held ..Keep it up Preetiben Bapodara ,Ratna Desai and Team RML

Club welcomes

new member, Shree Suryakantbhai Trivedi, a business consultant. Dr Sunil Modysir had sponsored him and Dr Jatin Modysir inducted him at the meeting held on 12th September

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kala sangam a semi classical songs baithak was held on Sunday, 14th September our nightingale Dr Dhvani and Kunj Vachharajani had the proud privilege to be a part of it.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nigerian to become second African to lead

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola will serve as president of the global membership organization in 2026-27

As head of Rotary's 45,000 clubs worldwide, Babalola will lead Rotary's top priority of ending polio. Together with its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, Rotary has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent and contributed more than US\$2.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect over 3 billion children from this paralyzing disease.

Rotary members throughout the world develop and implement sustainable, community-driven projects that fight disease, promote peace, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children, grow local economies and protect the environment. More than US\$5.5



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billion has been awarded through The Rotary Foundation – Rotary's charitable arm that helps clubs work together to perform meaningful, impactful service – to support these initiatives over the last 100 years.

About Olayinka Hakeem Babalola: Babalola holds a degree in engineering and spent more than 30 years in the oil and gas sector, including senior leadership roles at Shell PLC. He founded the Riviera Technical Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery firm, as well as Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational performance consultancy.

Babalola is a member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety

Professionals, and the Association of Change Management Practitioners. He also belongs to the Jericho Business Club, a civic organization in Ibadan that contributes to national policy dialogue.

Babalola became involved with Rotary in 1984 through Rotaract – Rotary's program for young professionals and students – and joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi in 1994. He has since held a number of leadership roles within the organization and currently serves as a trustee of ShelterBox UK, Rotary's official project partner for disaster relief.

He and his wife, Preba, support The Rotary Foundation through a named endowment and are members of the Arch Klumph Society, which recognizes Rotary's highest level of philanthropic giving. His Rotary honors include the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Service Above Self Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.



ON A. LIGHTER. NOTE

India's Infrastructure Development: A Growing Story

India's infrastructure sector has been witnessing significant growth, driven by government initiatives and investments. The country's infrastructure spending has seen a substantial increase, with budget allocations rising to ₹10 lakh crore in 2023-24.

Key Initiatives

- **PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan:** Launched in 2021, this plan aims to integrate various ministries for coordinated infrastructure project execution, enhancing connectivity and reducing travel time.
- **Bharatmala Pariyojana:** This project focuses on developing about 26,000 km of economic corridors, aiming to boost logistics efficiency and freight traffic.
- **Jal Jeevan Mission:** Launched in 2019, the mission targets providing tap water supply to every rural household, with over 15.44 crore households covered as of February 2025.
- **Smart Cities Mission:** Aims at urban development with projects worth ₹1,64,706 crore, focusing on improving amenities and reducing pollution.

Recent Developments

- **Metro Expansion:** Delhi Metro logs highest-ever passenger footfall of 81 lakh in a day. PM Modi inaugurated new Kolkata metro routes and laid the foundation for a 6-lane elevated Kona Expressway.
- **Highway Construction:** National Highway construction pace rose 2.8 times from 12.1 km/day in 2014-15 to 33.8 km/day in 2023-24.
- **Aviation Growth:** India became the third-largest domestic aviation market, with operational airports increasing from 74 in 2014 to 157 by September 2024.

Infrastructure Projects

- **Mumbai's Urban Connectivity Upgrade:** A \$100-billion infrastructure push is underway.
- **I-95 Project:** Ferrovia starts an \$825 million project in South Carolina and Georgia.
- **O'Hare Airport Terminal D:** A \$1.3 billion project breaks ground in Chicago.

Challenges and Opportunities

- **Funding:** Centre pushes banks to ramp up infrastructure lending amid slowing credit growth.
- **Resilience:** Concerns about infrastructure resilience highlighted by incidents like Heathrow Airport's closure.
- **Sustainability:** Focus on green infrastructure, like Shell Energy India's plan to expand Hazira LNG terminal capacity.

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