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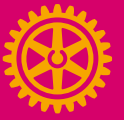
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HIGHLIGHTS

**VIRTUAL JOURNEY TO MOUNT KAILASH, NARRATED BY VARSHA GOTI,
WAS BREATH TAKING AND DIVINE**



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NEXT MEETING DETAILS

DATE : 8th November 2025
DAY : Saturday
TIME : 9.30PM Onwards
VENUE : Hemu Gadhvi hall
WELCOME : Rotarians and Anns
PROGRAMME : Manhar Udhas nite Catch him live with his unforgettable numbers like
નયન ને બંધ રાખી ને મેં જ્યારે તમને જોયા છે.... Har kisiko nahi milta yaha pyar zindagi ka and many more



BIRTHDAY WISHES - Many many happy returns of the day!!



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CLUB DETAILS

Varsha Goti... as aptly called the Trek Ambassador was at her best in sharing and narrating her divine and breath taking journey from Brahmatal to Mount Kailash and Mansarovar... the entire club was at Himalayas... Thanks a ton to Varsha and Shailesh Bhai Goti for sharing their once in a lifetime experience with all of us

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

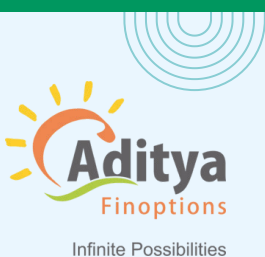
1) JOY OF GIVING

Under the auspices of Gujarat Paryavaran Trust, entire months 'Ration was distributed to needy women (250 widows, 60 plus aged women) Thanks to Vikas Bhai Shah for sponsoring. President Jigneshbhai Kamdar, Dr. Ashwinbhai Joshi and Vikasbhai Shah were present.. Thanks to wonder lady Banuben for actively participating in project remotely also.. Our 2 Joy of giving projects of September 2025 had been selected in district 3060 as Reflection of district for every month. The projects were to provide dinner to Blind Girl Orphanage Home & Central Jail Project. Kudos and Congratulations to Joy of Giving project Chair, Dr. Banuben Dhakan & Midtowners.



2) Our Midtown library is selected for Motibhai Amin Award for the second time... Great Going IPP Divyeshbhai Aghera, Pritiben and TEAM RML

3) PDG Dipakbhai Agrawal has been nominated in the "50 above 50" category As the cultural brand ambassador for his brain child Rotary Doll's Museum. Keep it up... Well Deserved



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

United States

A talent showcase held by the Rotary Club of Carpinteria in California has raised more than \$325,000 since 2009. The club has used the funds for service projects, including purchasing about 300 musical instruments for children and awarding around 100 college scholarships. A sellout for the 16th straight year, April's showcase presented a range of entertainers, including dancers, musicians, storytellers, comedians, and jugglers. "All of our members play a role in one way or another" in organizing the show, says Club President David Powdrell. "Find what brings you joy and get involved" is our motto. Several participants over the years have gone on to become professional entertainers, including Will Breman, who found success on the television series The Voice, and magician Mark Collier.

Canada

When leaders at the Rotary Club of St. Thomas in Ontario noticed a lack of engagement, the club adapted by adjusting its schedule to allow more time for service. The result has been astonishing, with an energized mission and growing interest by prospective members, says Barbara Warnock, immediate past president of the club. "Meeting every week was a deterrent to new members, and we felt that we needed to have more active participation in local projects," says Warnock. The club now meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, with the other Wednesdays designated for volunteering at two local organizations: Grace Café, a street mission and soup kitchen, and Harvest Hands, which collects and distributes edible foodstuffs that would ordinarily have been discarded. "Our Rotarians have embraced this work to contribute to feeding those in need," Warnock says. Value of food products rescued by Harvest Hands



Scotland

The Rotary Club of Elgin supports numerous initiatives for youth, including a Rotaract club, an Interact club, and several RotaKids clubs, which are a program of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland to build citizenship and leadership skills in children under 12. At the Greenwards school, RotaKids clubs are a go-to activity, reports teacher Kirstin Mustard, one of four club leaders. In February, the RotaKids held a rummage sale, collecting about \$100 for The Rotary Foundation. In June, they sponsored a walk that raised about \$3,200 for Harry's Hat, a charity for the condition hydrocephalus, a buildup of water in the brain. That organization assisted the family of one of the youths. Stephanie Urchick, 2024-25 RI president, visited that month and was treated to a performance based on a history project. "It was truly inspiring to see the passion, creativity, and compassion shown by the pupils," she says. "Their community spirit shines through."



India

The Rotary Club of Coimbatore Cotton City designed a project to raise awareness about the illicit practice of caging and trading wild parakeets. Volunteers meticulously placed nearly a ton of millet grains in a 1,200-square-foot artwork depicting the clipping of a parakeet's wings. "Each grain represents hope," says Niketu Shah, a club leader who directed the project, part of a larger effort by an animal rescue organization and supported by the state forest department. The artwork was completed in May at a shopping center. Last year, the club helped provide the forest department with an X-ray machine for birds. In captivity, many birds suffer from disease and stress that reduces their lifespan.



Philippines

Many people in the Philippines lack access to affordable dental care. To address the problem, members of the Rotary Club of Bacolod Central launched Project Smile, which provides dental care to teachers at public schools. Rotarians screen recipients and schedule extractions, fillings, and fittings. The club pays the costs not covered through the volunteer care of the Negros Occidental chapter of the Philippine Dental Association and supplemental funding from the local congressional office. Thus far, the project has delivered 55 dental makeovers. "These dedicated heroes often choose to spend their own money to supplement their teaching needs rather than on their personal health and well-being," says club member Maria "Toks" Lopez



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The West has perfected comfort. India has perfected resilience.

This isn't just a cultural observation. It's a fundamental difference in how societies function at their core.

After traveling across continents, I've seen how the West builds systems of predictability. Trains arrive on schedule. Meetings start when they should. Traffic flows in orderly lanes. Life runs like a well-oiled machine, designed to eliminate friction at every turn.

But there's a hidden cost to this perfection.

When systems get too good, people forget how to adapt. A delayed train becomes a crisis. A power outage feels apocalyptic. A missed delivery ruins an entire day. The West has engineered out the very chaos that builds human flexibility.

Then you land in India.

Here, chaos isn't a bug. It's the operating system.

Traffic looks like madness but somehow flows. Plans collapse but goals still materialize. When your scooter breaks down, three strangers appear to help before you've even asked. The system doesn't work because it's perfect – it works because people make it work.

This isn't romanticizing dysfunction. It's recognizing a different kind of strength.

In the West, wellness is an industry you buy into – apps, retreats, subscriptions, therapists on speed dial. In India, wellness is woven into the fabric of existence. Fresh food cooked daily, not "meal-prepped." Family as foundation, not scheduled appointments. Spiritual reflection as rhythm, not a "practice" you squeeze between meetings.

The West finds peace through order. India finds peace through acceptance.

Of impermanence. Of contradiction. Of the beautiful mess that is human existence.

Yes, India frustrates. Bureaucracy suffocates. Infrastructure fails. But when systems break, people step in. Because resilience isn't something Indians aspire to – it's something we inherit. It's in our bones.

The West has built societies that protect individuals. India has nurtured instincts that connect them.

And this is where the future lies.

The next wave of human progress won't come from optimizing systems alone. It will come from designing for humanity's full spectrum – efficiency and adaptability, precision and heart.

The West asks: "How can we make life smoother?" India asks: "How can we make life possible?"

The societies that thrive tomorrow will be the ones that master both questions.

Because comfort without resilience is fragile. And resilience without comfort is merely survival.

We often refer to this trait of adaptability as *Jugaad*.

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