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**HIGHLIGHTS**

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE... THE MOST HAPPENING TOPIC/TOOL OF THE DAY... IS IT A BOON OR A BANE? DO JOIN IN FOR INTERESTING INPUTS REGARDING AI..**



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## MEETING DETAILS

DATE : 29th August 2025  
DAY : Friday  
TIME : 8.30pm  
MENU : Dinner  
VENUE : D.P.M.C  
WELCOME : Rotarians, Rotary Anns  
PROGRAMME : Annet Kajal Dipakbhai Agrawal shall be sharing her views on AI versus AI

**\*A First for Rajkot!\*** This week, we're bringing something truly unique in our meeting – for the first time ever in Rajkot, get ready to witness a live AI vs AI debate! Two next-gen artificial intelligence systems will go head-to-head in a fun, thought-provoking session that's sure to leave us all amazed at what the future holds.

But that's not all. We're also thrilled to talk about our club's new partnership with Theia Education, a next-gen EdTech platform designed to help children read better and learn smarter. Through this initiative, RCRM is adopting 1750 children across schools in Rajkot – giving them the support and tools they need to strengthen their reading skills and open up new opportunities.

It's going to be an evening of innovation, inspiration, and impact – celebrating both the future of technology and our commitment to building a brighter tomorrow for our children. **DON'T MISS**



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



**Narendra Thakkar**  
26th August  
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**Jignesh Kamdar**  
27th August  
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**Kalpraj Mehta**  
29th August  
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## CLUB ACTIVITIES

### Joy of Giving

1) Visit to shwan ashram and vrudhashram on 12th August.. lunch distributed. Sadbhavna ashram caters to 106 dogs and more than 160 elderly people. such a noble and touchy activity.. Keep it up Dr. Banuben and TEAM J.O.G. Jigneshbhai and Avni Kamdar, Akash and Hema Parekh, Anilkaka, Anishbhai and Alpaben Avlani, Shailesh Bhai Desai, Keyurbhai, Tupti, Richa Parekh and Ritaben Chauhan were present. Thanks to PP Dr. Niranjanbhai Parikh and Anishbhai Avlani for sponsoring

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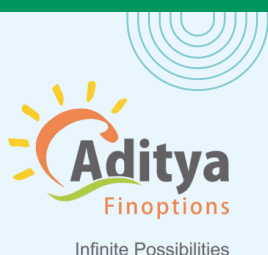
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40000 Inr donated by Rajnibhai Mehta for 40 girls of Lal bahadur school.. Thanks a lot President Jignesh and Avni, Dr. Ashvinbhai Joshi, Rita Chauhan, Rajenbhai Popat and of course Dr. Banuben Dhakan were present.



7Th August was visit to SETU, school for specially abled children WE RCRM Celebrated Raxa bandhan with setu children Anilbhai Jasani, president Jignesh bhai, Dinesh bhai Jivrajani, Bhavana ben, Dhruvin, Dr. Ashvinbhai, Avani Kamdar, Hima Parekh, Rita ben and Banuben Dhakan were present. Thank-you Jagruti ben and Nehaben. Thanks PP Dineshbhai Jivrajani for sponsoring



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School bags distributed to 60 children of Pipaliya village on the occasion of Janmashtami.. Thanks IPP Divyeshbhai Aghera for sponsoring



2) Installation ceremony of Interact club of Genius school was held on Tuesday, 12th August. IPP Divyeshbhai Aghera was the installing officer



3) Janmashtami celebrations were carried out at Manjul play school and Library, with much enthusiasm and fervour



4) Annet Jai Mohitbhai Solanki is going to Southern France, Montbellier, under long term IYE programme (10 months) all the best District News. The Solankis shall be hosting a Taiwanese student, Daniel for.. club would like other families to come forward and host him, after Diwali.. after all it's cultural exchange and a unique opportunity as well

Intercity meet, Cluster 1, to be held at Rajkot on 31st August, RC of Rajkot is the host club.. do register in large numbers, latest by 25th August



#### Condolences

\*Jitendrabhai Ratilal Sheth\* (Father in law of Divyeshbhai Jasani & Father of Sejal Jasani) passed away on 11.08.25 Monday. May the departed soul rest in peace

\*Malinibens' husband, Miteshbhai left for heavenly abode.. unfortunately very soon.. May his soul rest in peace (Maliniben is the key person and an asset at our Manjul playschool)

#### UNITE FOR GOOD ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Peace on earth begins with peace of mind By Geoffrey Johnson

It was the opening months of the COVID-19 lockdown, and students at Douglas Ewart High School in Newton Stewart, Scotland, were having trouble coping. "They came to us and said they were really struggling with their feelings and their thoughts during the pandemic," recalls Jean Best. "They wanted to devise a toolkit so that all the youngsters at the school could help themselves."



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Fortunately, Best, who had a long career as a teacher and principal and as one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education, was in a position to help the students help themselves. In 2014, at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia, she and her husband, Keith, had inaugurated a new program called the Peace Advocate Project. Dedicated Rotarians — today they are members of the Rotary Club of the Hub of Southern Scotland, and Keith is a past governor of District 1020 — the couple wanted to ensure that young people in their community and around the world would be prepared to serve as ambassadors for peace. Working with peace fellows from the Rotary Peace Center at the University of Bradford in England, they designed a program that would help them accomplish just that.

For her efforts, Best was honored in November 2017 when Rotary members gathered at the Palais des Nations in Geneva for Rotary Day at the United Nations. There, she and five other men and women were designated Rotary People of Action: Champions of Peace. In her remarks to an animated crowd, Best proclaimed, "Without peace in ourselves we will never advance global peace."



## ON A. LIGHTER. NOTE

Is it ok to wear shorts for men and above knee skirts and tank tops for ladies at a temple? Even at mosques or churches or Gurdwaras would be it be allowed? Or would holy memorials accept them? It would be a blasphemy.

Is it asking for too much to remain decent and talk and behave softly at monuments of national honour? Is it an unrealistic expectation to display civic values at a shrine of sacrifice?

Are we asking for the moon from our current generation? Be it the millennial ones, generation Z or the generation Alpha, they do need to be inculcated some very basic etiquettes and decorum. I may be terribly old fashioned but what I saw and experienced today was a definite disappointment.

We were at the Cellular Jail at Sri Vijay Puram (that is the official new name of Port Blair which was named after Archibald Blair - a British naval surveyor) and it was a matter of anguish and woe to witness the treacherous torments and terror of the British towards the Indian freedom fighters. Just the description of the agony and torture, the excruciating inhuman oppression and atrocities made our heart cry. The abuse was hellish, too cruel and blood-curdling for words, yet the brave and bold stood undaunted, unflinching- tolerating everything for the sake of freedom.

In spite of all these heart wrenching and mind numbing brutality and barbarity, it was an utter disgrace to see the vacationing tourists showing downright disrespect and scant sanity at this memorial commemorating our freedom fighters. Whether it be their dressing sense( I do agree that Andamans are a beach and sea excursion similar to Goa- but at Goa too, places of tourist interest like Bom Jesus Church and Mangeshi temple exhibit reasonable gravitas and modesty) or their indiscreet and indifferent behaviour - it was indeed painful. Another common dereliction is the frivolous use of mobile phones for taking photos and videos when they have been instructed strictly not to do so; here even after strict directives, people flouted them recklessly till the time they were warned to be thrown out of the Light and Sound show. We seem to be pathetically and pathologically incorrigible.

Freedom, yes, that's the word, which people now have started using freely. The Indian Constitution describes the freedom to speak, freedom to write, freedom to express. Even as far as clothes are concerned, the so called socially binding taboos go for a toss on holidays- which is perfectly ok on beaches and pools or clubs and discotheques. These are fundamental rights and one cannot deny them. Yet, there has to be a certain sense of duty and responsibility as well. The duty to remain committed, remain civil and remain courteous can never be overstated. These are equally vital qualities if we wish to uphold our freedom. There is a huge stress on being nationalistic in the recent times; well, showing respect, prudence and dignity where it is duly deserved is possibly the best way to showcase your nationalism.

On this 79th Independence Day, a hand folded earnest request to the citizens of India to preserve, enhance and defend the solemnity and reverence of all the freedom fighters who gave their heart and soul, blood, sweat and tears to make India free. And for heaven's sake - all of them fought - don't create differences between Bapu and Bhagat Singh, Nehru and Netaji, Sardar and Savarkar, Abul Kalam Azad and Chandrashekhar Azad. They were all spartan stalwarts. Their sacrifices were sacred, don't sacrilege them.

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