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WISHING ALL A VERY HAPPY HOLI..MAY THE FESTIVAL BRING IN MYRIAD COLOURS OF HEALTH, HAPPINESS, PROSPERITY

The Four Way Test
of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



MEETING DETAILS

There is no meeting this week.



BLOW CANDLES ON - Many many happy returns of the day!!



Dr. Ashish Shah
16th March
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Shriyush Gajera
16th March
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CLUB NEWS

On the occasion of women's day.. our club had organised a unique event.. We felicitated 70 ladies working with 108 team.. the squad works relentlessly and selflessly round the clock and round the year, but their efforts and endeavours are highly under rated.. hats off to president Divyeshbhai Aghera for recognising their worth. It was an honour and privilege to have our DG Tushar bhai Shah, first lady Nehalben Shah and RMC commissioner Mr. Tusharbhai Sumera to grace the event with their esteemed presence Thanks to Chetanbhai, Hardik goyel and the entire Team 108 for smooth running of the event



ts very vital to take care of your body, especially for females ,who often neglect their health issues.. to commemorate women's day, special health package to get your vitals screened and checked, was offered by Pathology laboratory at our Lalitalaya...Kudos ,keep up the enthusiasm alive TEAM DPMC

A diagnostic camp for Gynec, Medicine, ophthal and ortho branches was held on Sunday, 9th March by Rotaractors of Christ college.Keep it up Rotaractors.... 115 patients were screened.. Thanks to Dr. Nishithbhai Sanghvi, Dr. Ketanbhai Thakkar, Dr. Piyush Unadkat, Dr. Divyesh Gajera (non Rotarian physician) President Divyeshbhai Aghera, president elect Jigneshbhai Kamdar

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Rotary Cricket League!! excellently planned and executed auction by the team under the leadership of Rtn Deepak Mehta, midtowners participated in large numbers.. it was indeed a fellowship fiesta

On the occasion on international women's day, RCRM and RCC had organised WOW.. women on wheels.. a fun cycling ride..it was a grand success... MLA Dr. Darshitaben Shah flag offed the event. Kudos to Ann Urvi Solanki and Team for excellent arrangements and organisation



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

What it takes to heal a divided world Rotary's commitment to peace was on display at the presidential peace conference, "Healing in a Divided World," held on 20-22 February in Istanbul. Participants from various backgrounds outlined what it takes to achieve peace. It is "not something we can achieve quickly or easily. It takes an intentional commitment over time," noted Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick, who convened the conference. Attendees included the first 13 Rotary Peace Fellows at the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES

1) Rtn Harshbhai Vora won the Udaan award for future ideas and innovation in insurance industries for 2024-25. He also won two tickets for Japan trip.. Congratulations.



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2) Annet Dr. Dhvani Vachharajani, Jagrutiben Ganatra and Nehaben Thakar (Project SETU), were felicitated by the prestigious AAJKAL group on women's day.



3) Senior citizens' laughing club felicitated Ann Dr. Miloni Lakhani and Dr. Khushboo Dodia... (Courtesy our super woman PP Dr. Banuben Dhakan).



4) Role of literature in women empowerment.. Rtn Ritaben Chauhan was one of the members in the panel for the discussion, organised by Rajkot central chapter on 8th March.. congratulations Breakfreewomenday#wemenlovewomen

ELT@I Celebrating Women's Day
ORGANISED BY RAJKOT CENTRAL CHAPTER

INSIGHTFUL DISCUSSION
Role of Literature in Women Empowerment

8TH MAR. 2025
04:00 PM TO 08:00 PM IST

VENUE: Elegant Academy, Star House, W. Dhanashwar Dairy, Kothwadi Chowk, Kothwadi Road, Rajkot.

5) Many congratulations to Rtn Dharti Rathod for her achievement in being honoured with EMPOWERMENT AND EXCELLENCE Award for her contribution in empowering lives



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“I AM A WOMAN, WHAT IS YOUR SUPERPOWER?”

Almost every lady worth her salt will talk about the equality (the to go phrase is पुरुष समोपसी! - my answer to that it is a la Aamir Khan - आप पुरुष ही नहीं....!)

The ladies are stronger than 'gentle'-men— bound to be so! No arguments! The in vogue word is 'Shakti' because it directly connects with Goddesses. अगर आप खुद खुदा को इस में घसीटेंगे, तो फिर ...! They have more flexibility, more forbearance, more fortune and more fortitude; whilst men only understand one 'F' word! No comparison- game over! It was suggested that multitasking was a female's forte whilst men will be a cropper; I will subtly disagree with that though because the biggest task that men face is to face the women in their life- the mother and the wife-and 'mark' the words, “ Never the twain shall meet” - Kipling was Nostradamus! For a man, here, even two is a crowd!

Why this inadvertent comparison ? लड़की क्यों लड़कों सी नहीं होती? God made two separate kinds of human beings(with due respect to the third gender!) with each gender having its own special charms and repulses. Men are suave whilst women are sassy, men are debonair and women are dainty and you can imagine the chaos and conundrum arising if these interchange! To each one his/ her own. The physical, mental, emotional attributes are entirely different- God made it so; who are we to challenge it? Mathematically these are two different subsets which interact as in Venn diagrams and do have something in common- those are the human feelings, desires and humanity in general. Just as you cannot compare apples with oranges - yet you can still mix them to have a cocktail !

Coming back to Women's Day— That one day of 'upright infinity' (8) when the entire women world is in 'March' mode!!!

Just one day? Is it an ODI slam-bang? Wham

Bam - thank you mam? As Gabbar would say- “Bahut na insaafi hai!” But it was Gabbar who can be blamed for the gender bias- “Kitne Aadmi the?” -

Christian Dior did confess- “After women, flowers are the most lovely thing, God has created.” Whilst on God, He created Adam first! Why? Sex selection blame could be squarely put on Him- isn't it? NO. Because, He then created Eve- which was so perfect that He never ever created a new species and closed shop. Adam gave a damn and sinned Eve. Even in our scriptures, Ram doubted and deserted Sita over a wash man's comment. Krishna had 16108 wives, Ranchhoding Radha.

Women are special. Woman has a man, she has a he, female has a male, XX has a XY- yet we still have just 'heroes' ; high time we have 'Sheroes'- oh so sweet, smooth and strong! Women have been pilots and priests, ornithologists and Orthopaedic surgeons, wrestlers and bar bouncers. (Santa Claus may be a clause in contention)

USA became independent in 1776, in this so called developed country women got voting rights in 1920, Switzerland in 1971 and Saudi Arabia in 2015. In Saudi Arabia, women are not allowed to drive a car as of today. Rotary admitted women only in 1989- much after women on Everest (1975)and in space(1983). Wimbledon started having same prize money for gentlemen and ladies only in 2006 and the ICC world cup for men had a prize money of \$4 million in 2015 and ladies will have \$2 million in 2019(after a stupendous 10 fold rise proposed this year)-- a shame, an irony.

Women do not need space, they are already in space; they do not demand equal rights- they need equal rites, equal duties!!!

And as Akshay and Arijit would say- it is not just sharing the same Pin and Pan नंबर; it is about sharing “स्वार्थों का अंबर and खुशियों का समंदर”

And believe me, it was Mohammed Ali Jinnah who quoted -

“ Nothing ever can succeed without women participating side by side with men” .

For once he was right.

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