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CYCLOFUN-2025 ON 6TH APRIL 2025, SUNDAY!! A MEGA EVENT BY RCRM!!



MEETING DETAILS

DATE : 06th April 2025
DAY : Sunday
STARTING POINT : The 21 kms Cyclofun starts off from Atmiya University, Rajkot.
PROGRAM : The event starts off with more than 4000 enthusiastic cyclists of all age groups, beginning at 6am from Atmiya University, Rajkot. After the long ride there will be breakfast and fellowship at Atmiya University-9:30am onwards.



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



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4th April



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CLUB NEWS

1. MEETING MEIN:

On 28th March 2025, RCRM felicitated a man of great calibre and vision - Shree Vijaybhai Dobaria of Sadbhavna Vruddhasharam. He has been pivotal, in the planting of a tree per Rotarian with their names on it. He has pledged to make Rajkot Green and the Tree plantation drive by Sadhbhavna Trust is a proof of that. It was indeed an honor to have him with us and felicitate this visionary for his contributions to the society. Midtowners attended the meet in large numbers.

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2. CYCLOFUN MEETING AT D.P.M.C:

On 25th March 2025, meeting for Cyclofun was arranged at D.P.M.C by the Rajkot Cycle Club. It was a meet and greet event. Also the promotion of our Mega Cyclofun event was done.



3. SWASHRAY VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES:

Swashray provides training on Tailoring, Nail Art, Beauty Salon and Mehendi at very nominal charges. Request all, to spread the word so it can benefit the masses.

4. WELCOME TO IYE STUDENTS AT RAJKOT MEETING:

An all five Rotary Clubs meeting has been organised on 31st March 2025, Monday to extend a warm welcome to our International Youth Exchange (IYE) students. The venue is D. P. Doshi Rotary Greater Bhavan. It will be a great gesture for commitment to global goodwill. It promises to be an evening of bonding, fellowship, cultural exchange and knowledge enhancement.



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nobel laureate leads speaker roster for 2025 Rotary International convention: Yemeni journalist Tawakkol Karman promotes peace and women's rights

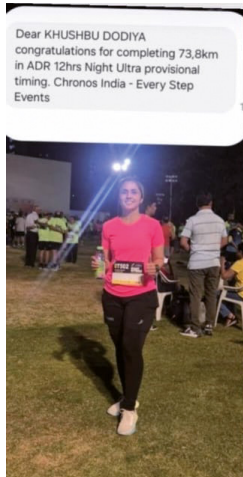
The first woman from the Arab world to win the Nobel Peace Prize will address Rotary International's 2025 convention, which takes place from 21-25 June in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Tawakkol Karman has endured persecution and imprisonment for speaking out in favor of democracy and women's empowerment.

"In the most trying circumstances, both before and during the Arab Spring, Karman has played a leading part in the struggle for women's rights and for democracy in Yemen," said Thorbjørn Jagland, chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, announcing the Nobel Prize in 2011. Karman shared the award with Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Leymah Gbowee.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES

1. Congratulations to Mr. Sukhdevsinh Chauhan (Spouse of Rtn. Ritaben Chauhan) for being the recipient of 'Vatan na Ratan' 2025 award.
2. Congratulations to Rtn. Aartiben Mandaliya for organising a 1 day retreat- 'Mad to Meditate' on 30th March 2025, at Osho Vatika, Balsar.
3. Congratulations to our Star Athletes - Dr. Khushbu Dodiya (73.8 kms), Rtn. Neetaben Motla (73 kms) and Varsha Goti (65 kms) for completing the 12 hours category run of ADR Night Ultra 6.0. Hats off women!



4. Best wishes to Nagrecha family on the grand opening of MIR KALA KENDRA- (their daughter) Harshvi Nagrecha's kathak classes. The big day is on the 6th April 2025, Sunday, 10 am onwards. All Midtowners have been invited.

5. Heartiest congratulations to Aashish G Mehta on being appointed as Committee Member of CREDAI India! Kudos!



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Chaitra Navratri 2025 Calendar:

The sacred festival of Chaitra Navratri is observed for nine days, during which Hindu devotees honour Goddess Durga and her nine forms, collectively known as Navdurga. On the final day, the festival culminates with Ram Navami celebrations, marking Lord Rama's birth. Chaitra Navratri falls on the first day of the Chaitra month, signifying the start of the Hindu lunar new year.

Chaitra Navratri 2025 Calendar:

Start to end date Per Drik Panchang, the auspicious Hindu festival of Chaitra Navratri will begin on March 30 and conclude on April 7. Check out the festival calendar below to know the exact dates of the nine days of Chaitra Navratri:

Days	Festival	Date
Navratri Day 1	Pratipada, Ghatasthapana and Maa Shailputri Puja	March 30
Navratri Day 2	Dwitiya and Maa Brahmacharini Puja	March 31
Navratri Day 3	Chaturthi, Maa Kushmanda Puja, and Vinayaka Chaturthi	April 1
Navratri Day 4	Panchami, Lakshmi Panchami, and Maa Skandamata Puja	April 2
Navratri Day 5	Shashthi and Maa Katyayani Puja	April 3
Navratri Day 6	Saptami and Maa Kalaratri Puja	April 4
Navratri Day 7	Durga Ashtami and Maa Mahagauri Puja	April 5
Navratri Day 8	Rama Navami	April 6
Navratri Day 9	Dashami, Navratri Parana	April 7

Chaitra Navratri 2025 Calendar: Nine days of fasting

The nine incarnations of Maa Durga that are worshipped during Navratri are Maa Shailputri, Maa Brahmacharini, Maa Chandraghanta, Maa Kushmanda, Skanda Mata, Maa Katyayani, Maa Kaalratri, Maa Mahagauri and Maa Siddhidatri. During the nine days of fasting, each day is dedicated to an avatar of Maa Durga, where devotees offer special prayers, observe fasts, pray to Maa Durga, offer her special food items prepared at home, and visit temples.

On the eighth day, devotees worship young girls as they are considered the incarnations of Goddess Durga in a young form. On the ninth day, Ram Navami is observed, where devotees commemorate Lord Rama's birthday by offering prayers at temples, singing songs, and fasting to ask for Lord Ram and Maa Durga's blessings.

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