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District 3060



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NEXT MEETING

Friday, 15th August

Program: Independence Day celebration



**Venue: The Millennium School,
Dandi Road, Narthan, Surat**

Time: 8.30am (More details in club WhatsApp Group)

***Rotarians and Spouses are welcome**

Forthcoming District Events

RYE Inbound Orientation Program

- 30th & 31st August 2025 at Baroda

Birthday Greetings

PP. Bankim Sitwala.....- **August 11**

Ann Arpita Varshney... - **August 20**

Forthcoming Programs

***Wednesday, August 20: Know Your Rotarian @ The Housie Game @TheAmore**

Anchor: Ann Hem Tinish Mody. Time: 8.00pm

Highlights of 2nd Meeting of Club Board of Directors- August 6

The 2nd Board of Directors meeting for R.Y.2025-26 was held on 06th Aug 2025 online in Virtual mode (Zoom meeting) at 8.30 pm.

1. The minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting for R.Y.2025-26 held on 02nd July was read out by Hon Sec Rtn. Anirudh Garg and was confirmed by the Board of Directors.
2. President Rtn. Parag Shah briefed the board that apart from 3 members of the current strength of our Club, all others have paid total dues for the entire year.
3. President Rtn. Parag Shah explained the various programs that the current team was planning for the month of August 2025, like Independence Day celebration on 15th August at Millennium School, Housie with know your Rotarian on 20th August at the Amore, etc.
4. President Rtn. Parag Shah discussed the topic of conducting future Board of Directors meeting in online mode till the monsoon season is over and requested the members to volunteer for hosting the meetings in offline mode.
5. President Rtn. Parag Shah announced to the board that a new member form from Anupriya Vineet Sethia had been received along with interest meeting charges of Rs. 2500.00 cash. The board agreed to let the process continue and to invite the couple for 2 interest meets.
6. President Rtn. Parag Shah briefed the board about the upcoming district program in Surat and requested the members to participate in the same.
7. President Rtn. Parag Shah asked the board members if anyone wanted to add anything with the permission of the chair. PDG Devendra Shastri offered to utilize surplus amount of the year 2024-25 of our club towards payment of salary of teacher employed at Bachpan day care centre project of our club during current year 2025-26. This proposal was unanimously accepted by all present.
8. President Rtn Dr Parag Shah sought suggestions of the board members for conducting AG visits in this year & it was resolved to have 4 meetings in all including 2 online meetings in the current year.

Larry A. Lunsford selected to be 2027-28 Rotary International president



Larry A. Lunsford, a member of the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2027-28. He will officially become the president-nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him.

Lunsford attended Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, on an academic scholarship, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting. **He first encountered Rotary when he received a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to spend the 1981-82 academic year at the University of Newcastle in Australia.**

A certified public accountant, Lunsford spent seven years working for Ernst & Young before joining a family-owned business, Bernstein-Rein Advertising, in 1990. He is currently executive vice president and chief financial officer for the Bernstein group of companies. He has held positions on the boards of the Kansas City Spirit Festival and the Variety Club as well as serving as director of a local bank and treasurer of the Epilepsy Foundation for the Heart of America. He has also served on Truman State University's alumni and foundation boards and received the university's Distinguished Service Award.

Lunsford joined the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza in 1991 and has since served as district governor (2001-02), RI director (2013-15), and trustee of The Rotary Foundation (2021-25, vice chair 2024-25). He has been a member of RI committees, including the Executive Committee (chair 2014-15), Membership Growth Committee (chair 2016-18), and Nominating Committee for President of RI (chair 2023-24). He also has served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (chair 2023-24), Finance Committee (chair 2022-23 and 2024-25), and Participant Experience Committee (chair 2023-24).

Lunsford has been awarded The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award, The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, and the RI Service Above Self Award. He and his wife, Jill Lunsford, have two children and one grandchild. They are Major Donors, Bequest Society members, multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation, and Sustaining Members.

Bharat getting ready to celebrate 79th

Independence day- August 15



History of Independence Day

In 1947, on 15th August, India became independent. We won freedom from British Raj after a hard struggle. On this day at the stroke of midnight, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, our first Prime Minister, unfurled the National Flag at the Red Fort for the first time. It marked the end of the 200 years old British reign in India. We now breathe air in a free and sovereign nation.

The British have governed India for about 200 years. Under British colonisation, the life of every Indian was depressing and full of struggle. **Indians were treated as slaves and had no freedom of speech. Indian rulers were puppets in the possession of British officers.** Indian fighters were dealt with cruelty in British camps, and farmers were starving as they couldn't grow crops and needed to pay substantial land taxes.

On this special occasion, the people of India remember the selfless sacrifices and unparalleled contributions of great men and women to achieve the independence of India. Leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhas Chandra Bose, Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad and Gopalbandhu Das are paid reverent homage by one and all in the country. Also Check: India Independence Day Speech Great Indian Freedom Fighters India couldn't have acquired independence without the efforts of numerous extraordinary freedom fighters. Bhagat Singh, Rani of Jhansi, Chandra Shekhar Azad, Subhas Chandra Bose, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Ram Prasad Bismil, and Ashfaqulla Khan are some of the notable names. Role of Women in India's Independence Several women have played a significant part in the Indian freedom movement. Savitribai Phule, Mahadevi Verma, Capt Laxmi Sehgal, Rani Laxmibai, and Basanti Devi are just a few crucial names to remember. These women along with many others played a prominent role in leading India towards its independence. The 'Good' British Rulers in India Not all the British were awful; many started adoring India and did incredible things for it. Some even took part in the Indian Independence struggle.

Some of the good British rulers include Warren Hastings who developed court reforms; Freda Bedi who supported Indian nationalism; Allan Octavian Hume who started the Indian National Congress, etc. Also Check: Welcome Speech for Indian Independence Day Why Do We Celebrate Indian Independence Day?

India accomplished freedom following a 200-year-long battle. India gained complete independence from the British on 15th August 1947. That is why the day holds importance in the heart of each Indian citizen either living in India or abroad. India is celebrating 79 years of freedom on 15th August 2025. This day also helps us remember the struggles of freedom fighters and the lives sacrificed in attaining independence. The struggle that our freedom fighters have gone through shows us that the freedom we appreciate today has been attained by shedding the blood of hundreds of individuals. It stirs patriotism inside each Indian. **It makes the current generation understand the struggles of individuals around them and familiarise themselves with the freedom fighters of India.**

Mrs. 3060 Competition

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Mrs. 3060 Competition

Mrs. 3060 competition emphasizes not only beauty but also the values and qualities of a modern married woman, including her achievements and social impact.

It is just not a beauty pageant for married women that celebrates and admires the accomplishments and achievements of a wife, daughter and a mother

It empowers married Indian women to showcase their real beauty, strength and personality.

We believe in giving women of Rotary District 3060 a platform to fulfill their dreams and work towards their goals with determination resilience, perseverance and integrity.

When, How, What, Where & More...

- **Age:** The participant should be a minimum of 23 years. There is no upper age cap. Organizers reserve the right to demand a proof of age at any given point of the competition.
- This competition is open only for Married Female Rotarians or Spouses of Rotarians.
- Auditions will comprise the following rounds: Traditional Wear Walk and Talent Round/Q&A Round.
- During Auditions, participants have to arrange for their own makeup artist.
- **Participation:** Contestants are expected to participate diligently and follow the schedule provided by the organizers.
- **Registration Fees:** A participation fee (non-refundable) of Rs 5000/- is applicable if the participant is selected for the FINALE. This includes grooming/training and a makeup artist for the Finale.
- The auditions, cluster-level expenses, and the Grand Finale at the Annual Conference in Agra (Travel & Stay) will have to be borne by the participant.
- Only the applicant will be allowed inside the designated venue of the preliminaries and Finale. Their personal support staff will not be allowed near the center stage.
- The organizers are not responsible for the non-completion or non-occurrence of the event.
- In the event of any dispute, the organizer's decisions are final and binding on the applicant.
- The organizers have all the rights to cancel, reschedule, postpone, and amend the competition.
- Deadlines are determined by the number of entries. The decisions of the Jury/Judges are final.
- The Top 3 winners will be crowned Mrs. 3060, Runner-Up, and First Runner-Up at the Annual Conference.
- The applicant understands and agrees that any misconduct, negative innuendos, or misrepresentation of themselves or other participants, through any form, whether oral, written, and/or by actions, will be grounds for disqualification, without question.
- Incorrect information will result in disqualification, whether discovered prior to, during, or after participation.
- For Cluster Auditions, it is the responsibility of the participant to be present on the day of the auditions.
- Auditions will ascertain Persona, Ramp Walk, Confidence, Spontaneity, and Communication Skills.
- Please refer to the Google link for registration: <https://forms.gle/TjTZ6TpCnx1QqV1A9>

In case of doubt or queries: Please connect with cluster coordinators.

Auditions to be held cluster-wise during Public Image Seminar

Cluster	Date of Audition	City of Audition	Cluster Coordinator	Contact No.
Cluster 1	31.08.2025	RAJKOT	Ann. Neha Sheth	9909610404
Cluster 2	07.09.2025	VADODARA	Mona Jinwala	9376216336
Cluster 3	14.09.2025	SURAT	Dhwani Mehta	9998245900
Cluster 4	21.09.2025	VALSAD	Falguni Naik	9427155663
Cluster 5	12.10.2025	NANDURBAR	Ritu Patwari	9423981773

DG Amardeep Singh Bunet
District Governor

PDG Pinky Patel
Counsellor – Public Image
Chairman – Mrs 3060

Rtn Pankaj Shah
Dist Public Image Chair

Rtn Deepali Dholakia
Co - Chairman Mrs. 3060

Rtn Rashika Bhardwaj
Co - Chairman Mrs. 3060

Rtn Bharat Sharma
Event Coordinator – Mrs 3060

Registration link of Mrs 3060;

<https://forms.gle/TjTZ6TpCnx1QqV1A>

District Antakshari Competition Audition Rounds

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The Schedule of Antakshari Auditions is here...

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Rules

- Each team should have 2members.
- Apart from one Rotarian, Only Children and Spouse of Rotary members are allowed subject to submission of Rotary ID
- A maximum of 1 Rotaract member or 1 Annet is allowed in the team of two.
- Only Hindi Movie Songs are allowed in the Competition. Album songs or Web Series Songs will not be permitted.
- Cluster Auditions / Competitions will be held prior to Semi-Finals& Finale.
- For Cluster Auditions, it is the responsibility of the team to be present on the day of the auditions
- Auditions will ascertain Knowledge, Voice quality, Rhythm, Spontaneity
- There is no restriction in number of teams from each club.
- The qualified participating members in the audition round cannot be replaced in the Semifinal / Final round.
- Jury / Organizer decision is FINAL and binding on all.
- Song length: At least the first verse of the song must be sung
- Registration should be submitted latest by 15.08.2025
- Please refer the google link for registration : <https://forms.gle/L1nzypaFgUcGqu2G8>
- In-case of doubt, queries : Pls connect with cluster coordinator

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Counsellor- Public Image

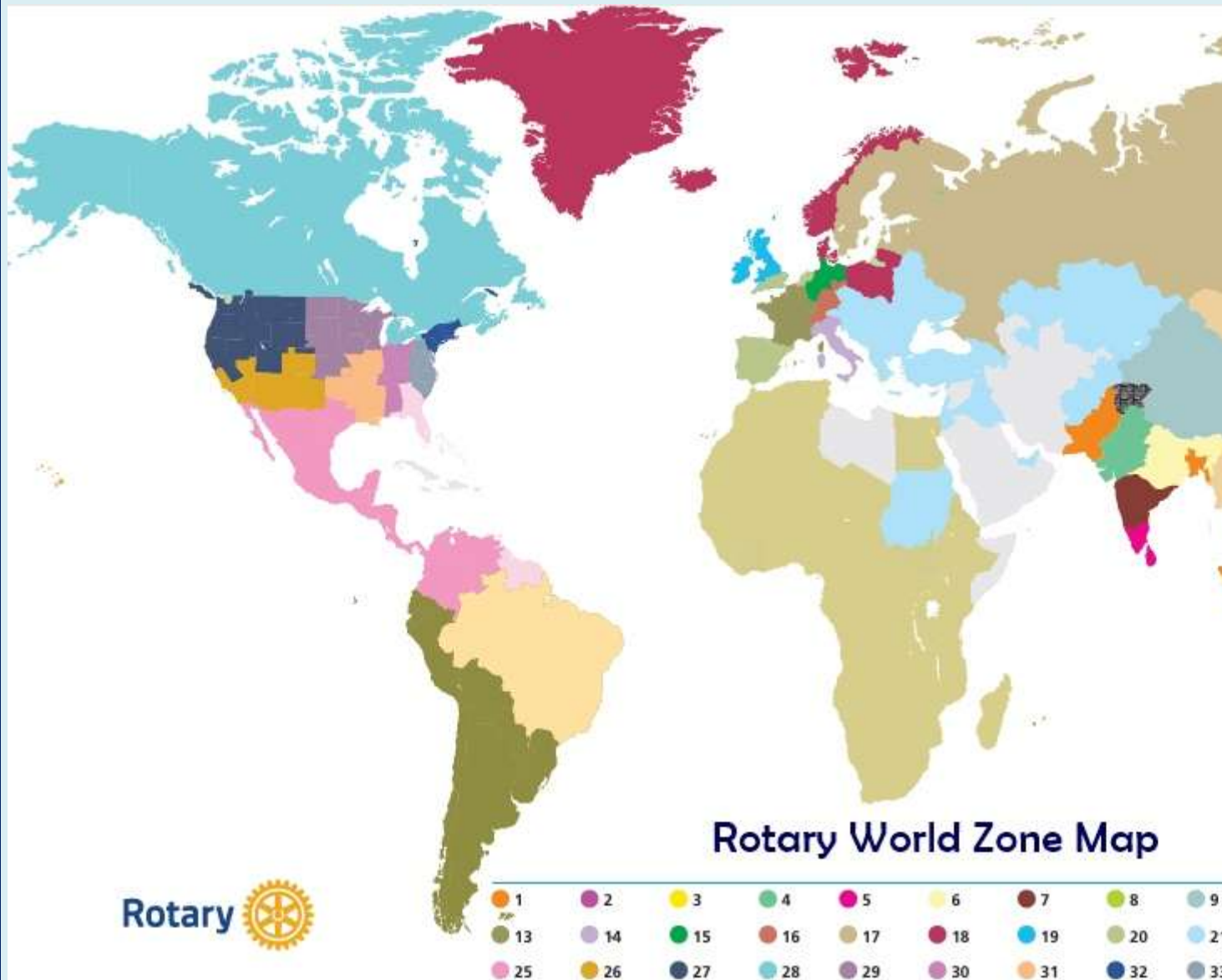
Rtn Pankaj Shah
Dist Public Image Chair

Rtn Bharat Sharma
Chairman -Antakshari

Rtn Sunil Neve
Co-Chairman - Antakshari

Last Date for Registration is 15th August 2025.

Rotary International Zone Structure updated



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Zone List: <https://my.rotary.org/.../my.../rotary-international-zones>

Zone Maps: <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/zone-structure-maps>

Every Rotary year, the Rotary International Board of Directors makes minor changes to the list of zones based on decisions to merge or create new districts, or grant district requests to change zones. In addition, the Board conducts a comprehensive review at least every eight years to comply with RI Bylaws that districts and clubs be divided into 34 zones of approximately equal number of Rotarians.

Our Club Sponsored RYE Student Diya Shah on way to USA

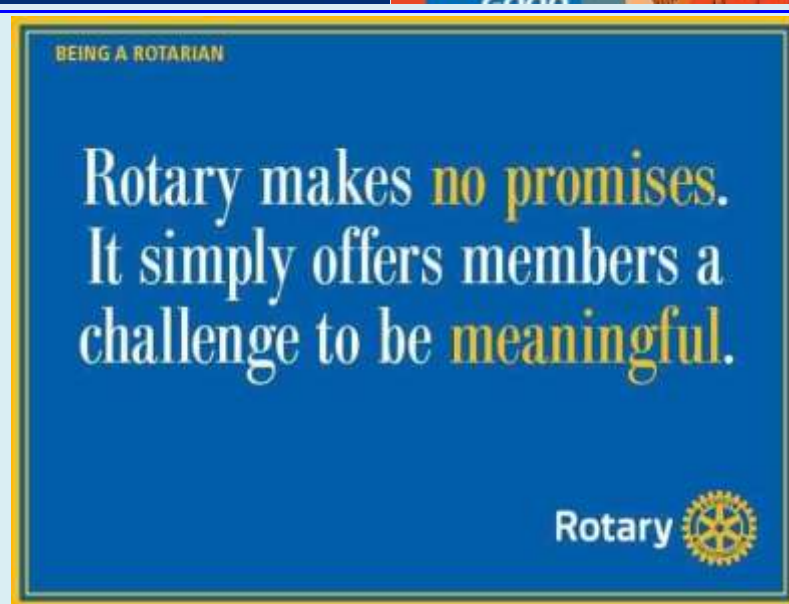
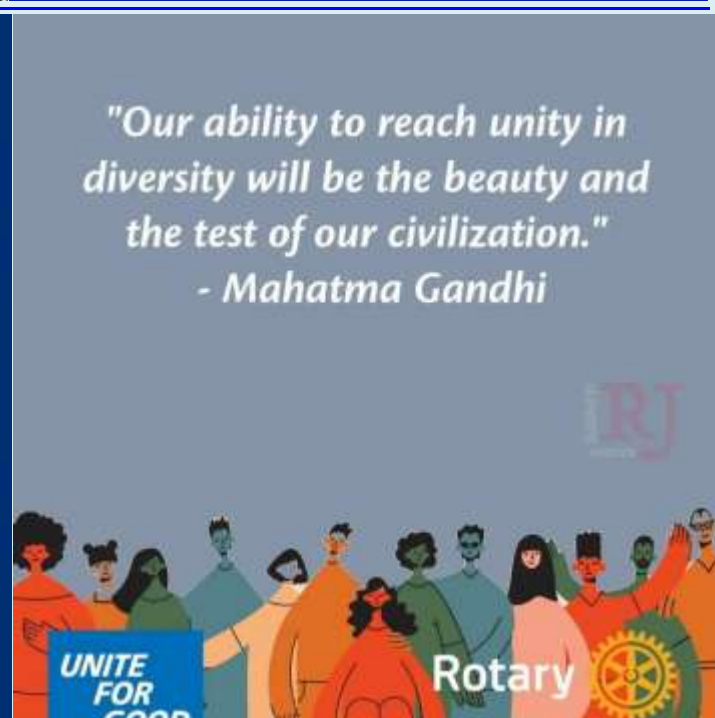
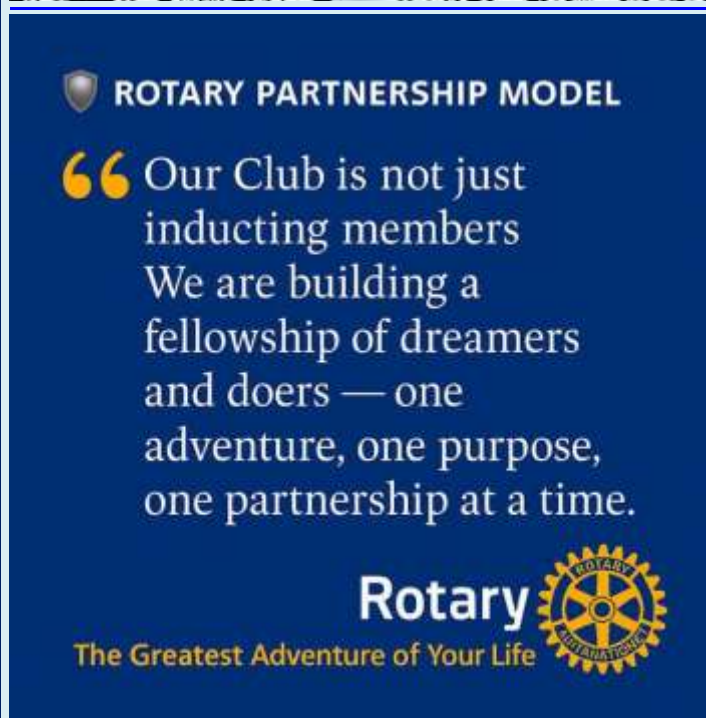
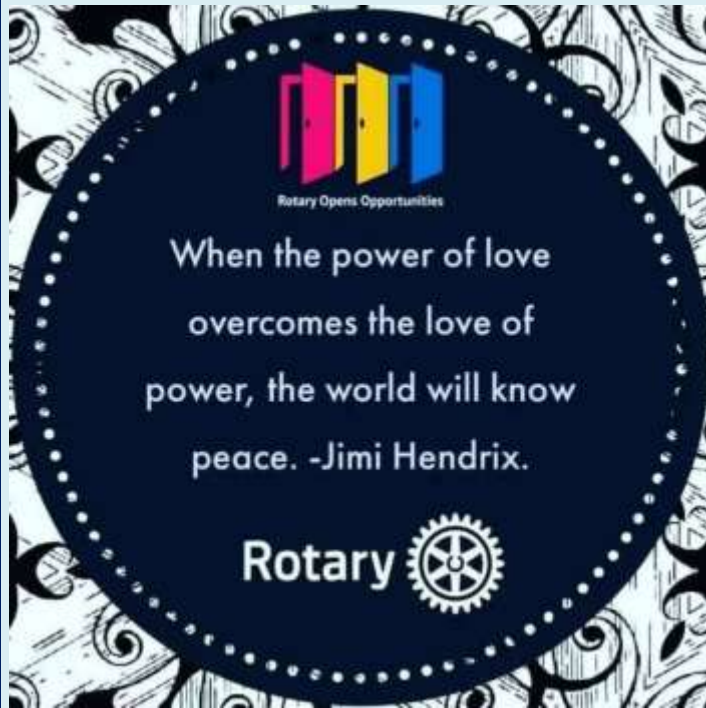


Annet **#Diya Shah**, daughter of President Rtn Dr Parag Shah , departed on 9th August from Mumbai International Airport Terminal 2, for **her long term Rotary Youth Exchange program to Dayton, Ohio, USA**. She is sponsored by our club as an Outbound RYE student for R.Y. 2025-26.

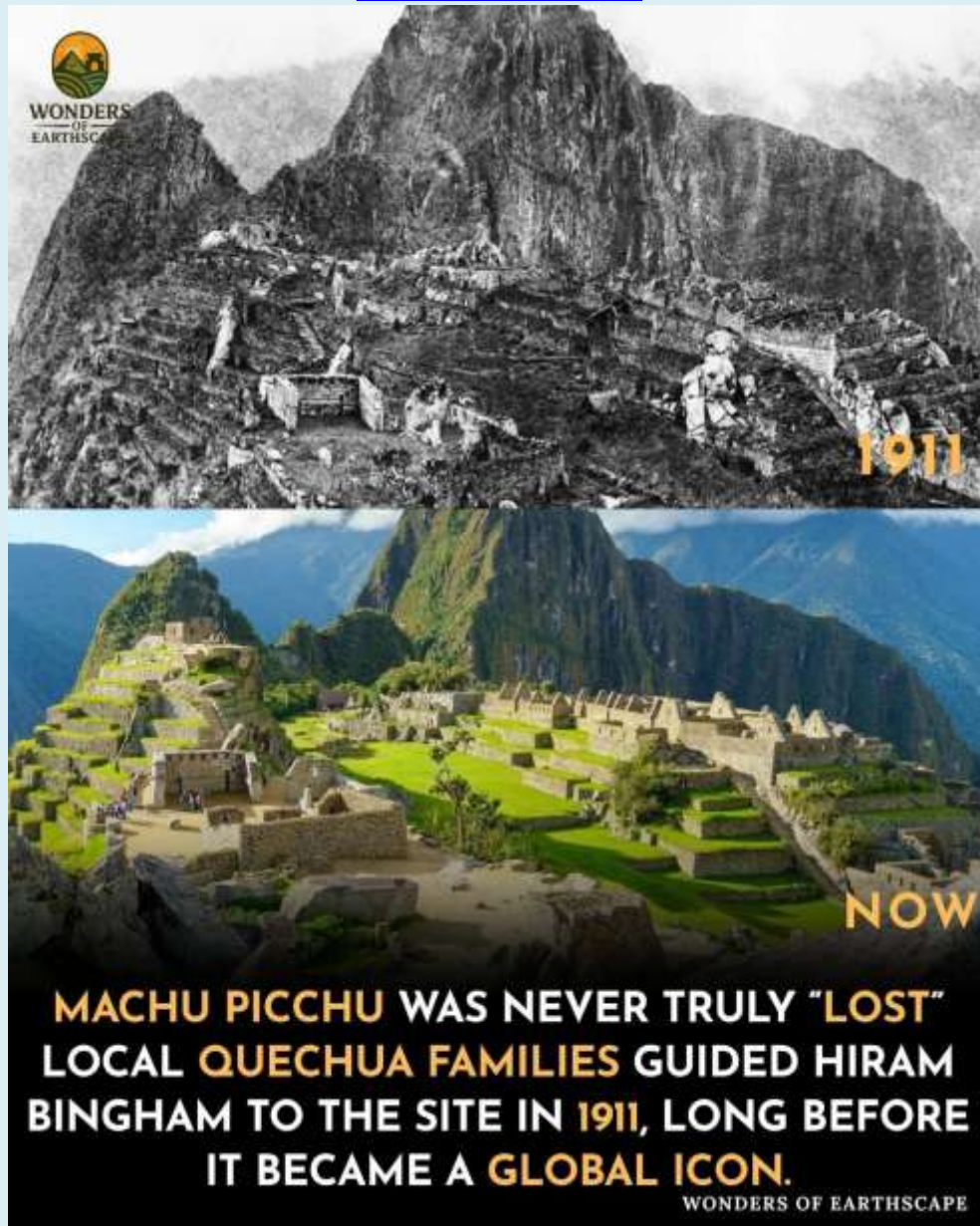
She will be reaching Cincinnati, Ohio (1 hour from Dayton) on the same day, after a travel of around 20 hours, to be received by her host family there. **She will be studying her 11th grade there.**

We wish Annet Diya Shah a wonderful time ahead, filled with Rotary activities, Cultural exchanges & memorable experiences to cherish lifelong.





Machu Picchu



When American explorer Hiram Bingham arrived at Machu Picchu in 1911, he was not the first to set eyes on the legendary Incan city. The site had long been known to local Quechua-speaking farmers and families, who lived nearby and even cultivated crops on its ancient terraces. It was their guidance that led Bingham through the dense Andean jungle to the overgrown ruins perched high in the mountains.

Bingham's early photographs captured a dramatically different Machu Picchu blanketed in vegetation, with moss-covered walls and pathways hidden beneath thick underbrush. Far from the pristine stonework seen by millions of visitors today, the city was in a state of natural reclamation, its architecture concealed by centuries of jungle growth. Yet the majesty of the stone structures still shone through, sparking global fascination with Incan civilization.

Following its introduction to the wider world, Machu Picchu underwent decades of excavation, preservation, and careful restoration. Today, it stands not only as a symbol of Inca ingenuity but also as a testament to the vital role of indigenous knowledge in uncovering and protecting heritage. The contrast between Bingham's early photos and today's restored citadel reveals both nature's power and the enduring legacy of those who built and remembered this sacred site.

- **Courtesy: PP. Bankim Sitwala**

Events that makes headlines



Laughter- The Best Medicine

Trump Tariffs Islands
without people

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