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GREATER CARNIVAL

With the humble support and cooperative spirit of all involved, Greater Carnival-2024 blossomed into a magnificent spectacle. Once again, the grandeur of the Rotary Grater was on full display, captivating all who attended. Everyone from the organisers to our members to the guests to the judges were rendered speechless with the grand show put up.

The judges for the event were:

1. **Sonal Sagathiya:** an International choreographer with various National Awards, she is the Founder of Kankan International Art Group of Rajkot, Gujarat, India
2. **Twinkle Jagani:** a choreographer of the internationally acclaimed Kankan group, Rajkot, she has performed at various national and international dance festivals
3. **Neel Doshi:** Food and Product Development Consultant with Adani Spices and Balaji Wafers, he has been featured on Colors Gujarati Cooking Show. He has also participated at MasterChef India.
4. **Siddhi Khajuriya:** with over a decade of experience in the hospitality industry, Proprietor of Mom's Kitchen and Banqueting Services.

Every team member poured their heart and soul into their performance, infusing the carnival with boundless enthusiasm and energy. The air was electric with excitement and camaraderie as participants embraced the spirit of fun and fellowship. Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater orchestrated a truly unforgettable Greater Carnival with a grand success.

And this event would not have been what it was without the efforts by **Ann Purvi Lakhani and Ann Sheetal Patel**



TEAM PUNJAB

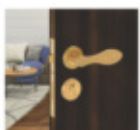
- **Team Leader** : Rtn Manish Patel and Ann Pooja Patel.
- **Participants** : Rtn. Manish Patel, Ann. Pooja Patel, Rtn. Dr. Yogesh Mehta, Ann. Dr. Amee Mehta, Rtn. Dr. Sanjeev Nandani, Ann. Nitika Nandani , Rtn. Rajiv Zaveri, Ann. Divya Zaveri, Rtn. Binesh Patel, Ann. Sonal Patel, Rtn. Yash Rathod, Annet Krisha Rathod, Ann. Komal Patel, Annet Nittal Patel, Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, Ann. Poonam Mehta, Ann. Jatin Panchasara, Rtn. Vishma Panchasara, Annet Hirav Panchasara, Ann. Sakshi Kotecha, Ann. Falguni Vegda and Ann. Shilpa Bavishi
- **Setup** : We had setup a few things of Punjab like the traditional Punjabi House in midst of Mustard Fields, the famous and iconic Golden temple, the ever important Attari Border, a Selfie booth and a display table showing the Five 'K's of Sikhism (kesh (unshorn hair and beard), kangha (a comb for the kesh, usually wooden), kara (a bracelet, usually made of iron or steel), kachera (an undergarment), and kirpan (a small curved sword or knife made of iron or steel) and many other items.
- **Important Décor items:** A 3D model of The Golden Temple, Farm with real Wheat, Mustard, a Tractor, a Scarecrow and a Well. Handmade items like a charkha, the gate at the Attari Border. A lassi making Valona, Khatla, Chulha, Motorcycle, live Lohri celebration, Phulkari duppatas and various handmade decorations.



- **Costumes** : Everyone in the team wore their own dresses from their own wardrobes. Ladies wore typical Punjabi dresses with Bangles, Parande, Mang tika, and loud makeup. Men too were in traditional Punjabi attire, Kurta Pyjamas with a traditionally tied Punjabi Paghdi and Kirpan.
- **Food Prepared:** Sarso ka Saag and Makkai ki Roti with Sweet Lassi. A yummy Langar Achar and Chutney with Salad. Kada Prasad was served at the Golden Temple setup.



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- **Entertainment** : A Skit starting with the traditional prayer and various important aspects of Punjab like Bhaidooj, traditional Melas, a wedding, karvachauth and story of a soldier leaving his family to join the army were show cased. All 22 participants took part in the 12-song skit which told the story of the state of Punjab.
- **Songs** : Ek Onkar, O veer mere, Chal mele, Nachdi gidde ti, Balle Balle, Kala sha kala, Hai o rabba, Din karve da aya re, Aye jaate huve lamho, Soldier dialogue, Tera put bhi shahid, Rang de basanti.
- **Characters represented** : Soldier, Farmer, Gurudwara Priest and a full Punjabi household.
- **Quiz** : Rtn Dr. Yogesh Mehta answered the question with all 5 being correct.
- **Prize** : 1 for Authentic Food and 1 for GK Quiz
- **Special Mentions** : Each participant was playing a role in the stall too. The stall was designed to be very rustic like original Punjab. We tried to portray all the aspects of Punjab state like their typical house, their main occupation, farming, their religion, their passion towards patriotism while enjoying every moment of preparation as well as the main show.



TEAM BENGAL

"Amar Shonar Bangla"

- **Team Leader**: Rtn. Ashwin Lodhiya & Ann. Varsha Lodhiya
- **Participants**: Rtn. Ashwin Lodhiya, Ann. Varsha Lodhiya, Rtn. Kunal Mehta, Ann. Monika Mehta, Annet Prahaan Mehta, Annet Trishala Mehta, Rtn. Rushit Nathwani, Ann. Grishma Nathwani, Annet Misri Nathwani, Annet Reian Nathwani, Rtn. Purvesh Kotecha, Ann. Meera Kotecha, Annet Devansh Kotecha, Rtn. Anup Joshi, Ann. Kruti Joshi, Annet Dhyaana Joshi, Rtn. Viren Kothari, Ann. Neena Kothari, Ann. Sadhana Vaghela, Rtn. Sahdeusinh Vaghela, Rtn. Mihir Modi, Ann. Devangi Modi, Mr. Jayesh Jogia, Rtn. Kusum Jogia, Rtn. Chirag Patel, Ann. Shilpa Patel, Rtn. Sunil Ambasana, Rtn. Miral Patel, Annet Navya Patel, Rtn. Dhruv Kakkad, Rtn. Praful Gohil, Rtn. Kushal Mehta, Ann. Deval Mehta and Annet Vihaana Mehta
- **Setup** : We had set up a miniature scale Howrah Bridge, Durga Pooja Pandal, Sundarbans Tiger Reserve with Special VR effects with VR Google and Head phones, Cycle Rickshaw, Jaal Mudi Stall, Kalkatti Jewelry Stall and a digital Signage displaying the details and history of West Bengal and the important characters from the state.



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- **Important Décor items:** Durga Pooja Pandal, Howrah Bridge and Sundarban Tiger Reserve in Bengal, Digital Signage, Cycle Richshaw, Jal Mudi Stall, Kolkatti Jewelry Stall
- **Costumes:** Majority of the participants were wearing traditional bengali attire. Men: Bengally kurta, khes and dhoti, Female: typical Bengali saree (white saree with red border paired with red blouse)
- **Food Prepared:** Doi Fuchka (Pani Puri) prepared by Nina Kothari and Bhoger Khichuri with Baingan Bhajja prepared by Monika Mehta for the judges. Also, different flavors of Pani and Masala of Fuchkas and Bengali Khichuri (Khichadi) for the rest of the Rotary families were prepared by all the Anns from the team.



- **Entertainment:** Dance by Annet Misri Nathwani, Ann. Grishma Nathwani, Ann. Deval Mehta, Ann. Devangi Modi, Ann. Meera Kotecha and Rtn. Miral Patel and a Fancy Dress set up.
- **Songs :** Aekla Chalo by Rabindranath Tagore sung by Ann. Devangi Modi and Rtn. Miral Patel
- **Characters represented:** Ramkrishna Paramhansa - Rtn. Praful Gohil, Swami Vivekananda - Rtn. Sunil Ambasana, Bankimchandra Chatterjee - Mr. Jayesh Jogia, Durgaa Maa - Annet Navya Patel, Tiger (vahaan) of Durga Maa - Annet Dhyana Joshi, Subhash Chandra Bose - Annet Prahlaan Mehta, Mother Teresa - Annet Vihaana Mehta, Usha Uthup - Ann. Shilpa Patel, CM Mamta Banerjee - Ann Neena Kothari, Hemant Kumar - Rtn. Viren Kothari, Saurav Ganguly - Rtn. Dhruv Kakkad, Devdas - Rtn. Mihir Modi, Bengali Bride & Groom - Rtn. Rushit & Ann. Grishma Nathwani, Jal Muri Seller - Rtn. Anup Joshi
- **Quiz :** Rtn. Mihir Modi answered the question with 3 and half being correct.
- **Prize :** Best Décor/Dress Up
- **Special Mentions :** Audience was in awe with the miniature scale model of Howrah Bridge (Approximately 2.5" x 6" x 3") Ladies and Girls enjoyed making DIY Jewelry at the Kolkatti Jewellery stall. Also, the audience did enjoy the Safari of Sundarban Tiger Reserve with VR Googles and headphones.



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TEAM RAJASTHAN

- **Team Leader :** Rtn. Apoorva Modi & Ann. Ashini Modi
- **Participants :** Rtn. Apoorva Modi, Ann Ashini Modi, Annet Arham Modi, Annet Aahna Modi, Ann. Ishita Ganatra, Annet Sarthak Ganatra, Annet Dhiyan Ganatra, Rtn. Ravi Padnani, Ann. Riya Padnani, Annet Kush Padnani, Rtn. Hrishit Amlani, Ann Nivetha Amlani, Annet Manveer Amlani, Annet Meher Amlani, Rtn. Paresh Kalawadia, Rtn. Seema Kalawadia, Rtn. Bharat Mangtani, Ann Avani Mangtani, Annet Kashish Mangtani, Rtn. Mihir Nagrecha, Ann. Roopa Nagrecha, Annet Harshvi Nagrecha, Ann Dr. Kartik Sutaria, Rtn. Dr. Priyanka Sutaria, Annet Mrigank Sutaria, Annet Nairiti Sutaria, Rtn. Deepak Kothari, Ann. Geeta Kothari, Julie Shah, Ann. Neha Sheth, Rtn. Jaideep Vadher and Ann. Urvashi Vadhe
- **Setup :** Entire stall was covered by kantan to give it a traditional feel, all the items were handmade or gathered by our members from their own home. The Photobooth, the welcome message board, the Pink City Wall Art, the Flag, all the items were hand-painted by the team members. The Desert with Mandir were also created by us and all the decor items were placed elegantly taking care of all minute details to give an authentic Rajasthani feel.



- **Important Decor items** - Pink City, Handmade Zarokha Photobooth, Handmade Welcome Board, Real Camel.
- **Costumes** - Traditional Rajasthani costumes - All males members were looking royal in their Rajasthani Paghadi and all the female members were wearing Marwadi dresses by with traditional jewellery including nath. They also covered their head with dupatta as is the custom in traditional Rajasthani culture and it was a beautiful sight to behold.
- **Food Prepared** - Daal-Bati & Churma



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• Entertainment :

- Welcome Speech in Rajasthani language by Ann. Avani Mangtani
- Singing by Ann Dr. Kartik Sutaria
- Puppet Dance by Annets Arham Modi & Aahna Modi
- Group Dance on Ghoomar song by all the female members using props like Diyas and thaals & Talwar Dance by the male members
- Group Dance on Holi Festival with real holi colours

• **Songs** - Kesariya Balam, Chaudhry (Rajasthani Folk song), and Ghoomar and Holiya mein ude re gulaal

• **Quiz:** Dr. Kartik Sutaria answered the questions with 3 being correct.

• **Prize received** - Budget



TEAM MAHARASHTRA



• **Team Leader:** Rtn. Mehul Nathvani & Ann. Vidhi Nathwani

• **Participants:** Rtn. Mehul Nathvani, Ann. Vidhi Nathvani, Annet Vyom Nathvani, Annet Jiya Nathvani, Rtn. Ishita Chhotai, Rtn. Ravi Chhotai, Rtn. Pravin Patel, Ann. Mita Patel, Rtn. Bhavesh Dholakiya, Ann. Ila Dholakiya, Dr. Bandish Jhala, Rtn. Dr. Nidhi Jhala, Ann. Meera Sapovadiya, Annet Tanmay Sapovadiya, Rtn. Bhavin Sabhaya, Ann. Gunja Sabhaya, Annet Shreena Sabhaya, Ann. Chetna Kataria, Rtn. Ketan Kataria, Annet Harshal Kataria, Ann. Priti Vasani, Rtn. Pradip Vasani, Annet Khush Pabari, Rtn. Bhavesh Pabari, Ann. Dipti Pabari, Ann. Simka Bhalodiya, Annet Akshat Bhalodiya, Annet Aarna Bhalodiya, Rtn. Bhavin Bhalodiya, Ann. Jigna Parsana, Annet Shriya Parsana, Ann. Deval Kothari, Annet Rajveer Kothari, Rtn. Bharat Hapani, Ann. Sonal Hapani



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- **Setup :** Team Maharashtra displayed the iconic Gateway of India as its entrance. Among other things displayed were the Shani Temple, different stalls of Sholapur handloom items, Kolhapuri Chappals, Flower Garland Baskets, Paithani Sarees from Aurangabad, Setup of Dagadusheth Temple, Festival of Gudipadwa with Kalash, Maps representing key places of Maharashtra and Beach area was with small fishes. Different trees of Grapes, Oranges, Strawberries and Coconut trees were put on the outside of the stall. Dahi handi was kept on the exit side. A lovely setup of live Worli art station was also kept for visitors to enjoy.
- **Important Décor items:** Gateway of India, Worli art corner, Sholapur Handlooms, Kolhapuri Chappals, Idols of Lord Ganesha and Lord Shanidev, Paithani Sarees among others.
- **Costumes :** Nauvari saree were worn by females with traditional flower veni in the hair along with traditional ornaments. The male team members had worn different Maratha costumes.
- **Food Prepared:** Misal Pav and Puran Puri
- **Entertainment:** Shivaji Act, Ganpati Aradhana, Lavni Dance along with live commentary by Rtn. Pravin Patel



- **Songs:** Maharashtra Maza, Pinga, Moriya Re and Jai Bhavani
- **Characters represented :** Bal Thackrey, Lokmanya Tilak, Dabawallas, Sachin Tendulkar, Madhuri Dixit, Lata Mangeshkar, Jijabai, Shivaji, Shanidev Pujari, Eknath Shinde
- **Quiz:** Rtn. Dr. Bandish Jhala answered the questions with 3 being correct.
- **Prize :** For Talent Performance
- **Special Mention:** It was a great team effort which made the event memorable. Great fun with Greater Fellowship.



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