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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?



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

“This is the Congress Radio Calling.....”

History is witness to the valiant battles that India and her citizens have fought from time immemorial and emerged victorious each time; be it against foreign attackers, foreign invaders or hostile neighbours.

One gem from among several freedom fighters of India against the British rule was **Dr. Usha Mehta**. Popularly known as Ushaben, she began her journey as a freedom fighter from the age of 8 yrs. From picketing liquor shops to raising the “Simon Go Back” slogan, she was an ardent believer and follower of Mahatma Gandhi.

In 1942, just after the Quit India Movement was launched, a college going Usha informed her father that her studies would have to wait, and walked out of the house. She resurfaced a fortnight later after organizing to set up an underground radio station in Bombay - **The Secret Congress Radio**.

The very first broadcast was made on August 27, 1942 when Ushaben's voice reverberated over the radio for the very first time, “This is the Congress Radio calling.” The broadcasts resonated with national songs and stirring speeches from Dr Ram Manohar Lohia and Achyutrao Patwardhan. During a time when press censorship was at its peak, Ushaben's radio urged people to protest and resist the atrocities of the British Raj. The effect it had on its listeners was so fervent that the British were almost helpless.

The radio was solely funded by donations from cotton merchants, grain dealers, business houses and trade associations of Bombay.

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The broadcasts were never transmitted from the same place for more than once to avoid being detected. But the British finally caught up with Ushaben and arrested her along with her associates. The betrayal by an Indian technician led to the end of the radio service. Nevertheless, history had been created by the Secret Radio in its 88 days of existence.

Ushaben was jailed for 4 years as she refused to answer the judges' questions during the trials. She was awarded the Padma Vibhushan for her extraordinary role in the Indian freedom struggle.



A big salute to the NEVER-SAY-DIE spirit of my countrymen.

Like always, India has triumphed over her enemies and attackers and will continue doing so even now against the COVID 19 pandemic.

The cover page painting by Ann Rupal Buch so beautifully embodies this spirit.

JAI HIND!!!

SPEAKER MEET

The meeting held on 8th August 2020, Saturday was an online speaker meet. The speaker for the evening, Rtn Dr Parveen Prasad, author, faculty and an HR consultant from Pune talked about the 'Demystifying Values'.

It was an extremely enlightening and interactive talk and in line with the current scenario. Dr. Prasad talked about what values mean to each of us, which values do we align ourselves with how they give shape to our personality and nature. The important take aways from the talk were:

1. Values have undergone a paradigm shift with changing times and generations.
2. Values need to be recalibrated so as to fit into the changing world and circumstances.
3. It is not right to be judgmental about anyone because every person would have a different set of values.

Thank you Pratiksha for arranging the talk for the Cosmotarians!



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DISTRICT EVENT

Rotary club of Sachin hosted a Membership seminar on last Sunday, 9th August 2020. The event had the august presence of our DG Rtn Prashant Jani and motivational speaker Ms Kajal Oza Vaidya. Our President Rtn Prakash Masand too attended the event.



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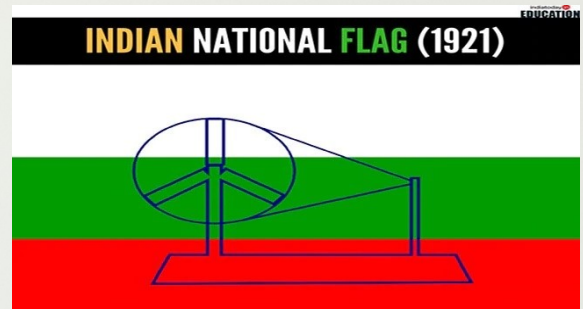
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EVENT COMING UP: FLAG HOISTING ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

On **15th August** RCBC will join Rotary Club of Baroda (Main) at the Rotary hall for flag hoisting. Members are requested to join for this event.
Other details to follow.

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WOMEN IN THE FOREFRONT

- Mrs. Minaxi Agarwal, wife of PDG Deepak Agarwal has been selected to receive the 2019-20 **Excellence in Service to Humanity Award**. This award is given to non- Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary Humanitarian Service through Rotary.
- Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history. A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a member since 1997 and has served Rotary as vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor.
- Taia Hayter has been elected as Stawell Rotary Club's (Australia) youngest president in the history of Rotary. Taking the reins in 2020-21, the 18-year-old has her sights set on making a change in the community.

August



13th August - Purvi Shah

14th August - Akshit Parikh

15th August - Ashmit Bharal

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY