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**We meet every Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. at Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall, Jeevan Bharti, Surat
All our meets are Dinner meets.**

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मीठी मीठी यादें मधुर शाम की

What can you say about the last meet? Just out of the world. Most entertaining, thrilling, competitive & a feast of beautiful melodious patriotic songs, sung by over about 25 participants of our club, which include Annets, Annes & Rotarians. Solos, Duets, Group singing, dance item, vocals... you name it, and it was performed. हम हिन्दुसतानी, हम हिन्दुसतानी..., ऐ मेरे प्यारे वतन..., मेरे वतन के लोग, दाल दाल पर सोने की... हे वतन हे वतन..., वंदे मातरम् ...छोदो कल की बातें... येह देश है वीर जवानो का ...दुनिया वालो बुरी नजर से ..., हम होंगे कामयाब ... नन्हा मुन्ना यही हु & many more patriotic songs were sung. I do not recollect any more available patriotic songs in bollywood left unsung. The dress codes for the evening did add charming flavor to the atmosphere. The conversation & coordination, which was done in Hindi, did give the impact of we being hard-core Hindustani's.

We had the special charm of an orchestra, with musicians on the Casio, the bongo & the dholak, which supported the singers very well. Thanks to our Ex Rotarian Sailesh Vashi. Since this was a competition, we had professional singers & musicians as the panel of Judges. They were Mrs. & Mr. Chirag Thakkar & Mr. Prashant Kansara. (Mr. Chirag is the brother of Ann Ami Adhiya). The prizes were declared by the judges on the basis of the participants voice, confidence, rhythm, and pronunciations in the song sung. Three prizes were distributed each for annets, Annes & Rotarians. The first prize in the Annets category went to Shivani Pandya, in the Anns category the prize went to Ann Jayshree Dalal & Ann. Preeti Pandya. The best Rotarian singer was Rtn. Sanjay Pandya. Congratulations to all the winners & special congratulations to the Pandya family for capturing three first prizes. In fact I would like to congratulate all the participants for having the guts & courage to express their feelings about their country irrespective of their bad or good voice or rhythm. Winning or Loosing is immaterial, what is important is the spirit. What was noticed in the participation categories was that the children were more spirited than the parents. Why is the enthusiasm in the parents lacking? What was very touching & emotional was when all the members present in the hall stood up & sang

the song "हम होंगे कामयाब" There was an instant surge in ones mind & body while singing, to do something for the country.

Our caterer Dilipbhai also needs a pat on the shoulder for the excellent delicious food he served us for the evening.

We had the company of an IYE student from Japan Miss Masako. She too filled in with the National song of her country. A prospective member Anand Kangriwala was also part of the celebrations that evening. We had the biggest crowd in our club & which our club has never experienced in all these years in a formal meeting. The statistics are

Rotarians: 22, Annes: 20, Annets: 32, Guests: 20 & Guest Children: 8

Visiting Rotarians: 2. **Total: 104**

How would it be if the guests also were members of the club? I am sure our club impressed them on that evening. The memorable evening ended with the National

Anthem "जन गन मन"

We would like to thank our President's brother Mr Vimalbhai Shinglot & PP Rtn. Sunil Dsouza for having captured the memories of the celebration in their camera & video cameras. When I opened my email the next morning that is the 15th Wednesday, my friend Sunil had already mailed me the last evenings photograph. Well all the reason he is our clubs efficient Internet Officer. Apart from the thanksgiving, we also missed the presence of Rtn. Anand Acharya who was supposed to be the favorite for the top position in the competition. Don't know what kept him from coming?

On The Independence day, a day of such importance for the country, it is quite surprising that the Rotary world in Surat is quiet, is silent. When the GSE team is visiting our city, we normally have joint meetings of all the clubs in Surat to facilitate the visiting team. If the GSE team is that important for the Rotary world, why is the Independence Day not, that we do not celebrate it collectively? There should be some celebration done jointly by all the clubs & the senior members of Rotary in Surat should take the initiative to organize it.



Annets of
Rotary Club of
Surat
Riverside (Divya
, Vasundra &
Diana)
Performing
The dance Item
On the Song
**"I Love You O
India"**



The coming Tuesday that is the 21st August is the New Year of the Parsi Community. Since this being a National Holiday, we will not have any meeting on this Tuesday. All the members of Rotary Club of Surat Riverside wish A Very Happy & a Prosperous New Year to Rtn.Pheroze Madan & Family. PP Rtn. Sunil Dsouza, Please convey our greetings to our ex-Rotarian Zareer, who is now settled in USA

Rotarians/ Annes/ Annets/ Guests
Singing Alltogether In The Tune Of

“हम होंगे कामयाब , हम होंगे कामयाब ”

The song was sung from the heart of all those present there. You have to hear it to believe it

Happy Birthday To You

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The Rotary World

- ☐ Rotary Clubs
29968
- ☐ Rotarians Worldwide
1,176,169
- ☐ Rotary Countries
163
- ☐ Rotaract
6,921 clubs; 159,183
Members
- ☐ Interact
7,573 clubs; 174,200
Members
- ☐ Rotary Community Corps
4,040 RCC's; 92,950
Members



A Must Read For All The Indians Specially When We Are Celebrating Our Independence Day

Hello Indian The Indian Story...

YOU say that our government is inefficient.

YOU say that our laws are too old.

YOU say that the municipality does not pick up the garbage.

YOU say that the phones don't work, the railways are a joke, the airline is the worst in the world, and mail never reaches its destination.

YOU say that our country has been fed to the dogs and is the absolute pits.

YOU keep saying all this and more. What do YOU do about it?

Take a person on his way to Singapore.

Give him a name - YOURS. Give him a face - YOURS.

YOU walk out of the airport and you are at your International best. In Singapore you don't throw cigarette butts on the roads or eat in the stores. YOU are as proud of their Underground Links as they are. You pay \$5 (approx. Rs.60) to drive through Orchard Road (equivalent of Mahim Causeway or Pedder Road) between 5 PM and 8 PM. YOU come back to the parking lot to punch your parking ticket if you have over stayed in a restaurant or a shopping mall irrespective of your status identity. In Singapore you don't say anything, DO YOU?

YOU wouldn't dare to eat in public during Ramazan, in Dubai. YOU would not dare to go out without your head covered in Jeddah. YOU would not dare to buy an employee of the telephone exchange in London at 10 pounds (Rs.650) a month to "see to it that my STD and ISD calls are billed to someone else." YOU would not dare to speed beyond 55 mph (88kmph) in Washington and then tell the traffic cop, "Jaanta hai sala main kaunhoon (Do you know who I am?). I am so and so's son. Take your two bucks and get lost." YOU wouldn't chuck an empty coconut shell anywhere other than the garbage pail on the beaches in Hawaii, Australia or New Zealand.

Why don't YOU spit Paan on the streets of Tokyo? Why don't YOU use examination jockeys or buy fake certificates in Boston? We are still talking of the same YOU. YOU who can respect and conform to a foreign system in other countries but cannot in your own. You who will throw papers and cigarettes on the road the moment you touch Indian ground.

If you can be an involved and appreciative citizen in an alien country why can't you be the same here in India? Once in an interview, the famous Ex-municipal commissioner of Bombay Mr. Tinaikar had a point to make. "Rich people's dogs are walked on the streets to leave their affluent droppings all over the place," he said. "And then the same people turn around to criticize and blame the authorities for inefficiency and dirty pavements. What do they expect the officers to do? Go down with a broom every time their dog does it? In America every dog owner has to clean up after his pet has done the job. Same in Japan. Will the Indian citizen do that here?" He's right. We go to the polls to choose a government and after that forfeit all responsibility. We sit back wanting to be pampered and expect the government to do everything for us whilst our contribution is totally negative. We expect the government to clean up but we are not going to stop chucking garbage all over the place nor are we going to stoop to pick up a stray piece of paper and throw it in the bin. We expect the railways and airlines to provide clean bathrooms but we are not going to learn the proper use of bathrooms, and clean up after we use it in consideration of other passengers.

We want Indian Airlines and Air India to provide the best of food and toiletries but we are not going to stop pilfering at the least opportunity. This applies even to the staff who is known not to pass on the service to the public. When it comes to burning social issues like those related to women: dowry, girl child killing, domestic abuse, and others, we make loud drawing room protestations and continue to do the reverse at home. Our excuse? "It's the whole system which has to change, how will it matter if I alone forego my son's rights to a dowry." etc... So who's going to change the system?

What does a system consist of? Very conveniently for us it consists of our neighbors, other households, other cities, other communities and the government.

But definitely not me and YOU.

When it comes to us actually making a positive contribution to the system we lock ourselves along with our families into a safe cocoon and look into the distance at countries far away and wait for a Mr.Clean to come along & work miracles for us with a majestic sweep of his hand. Or we leave the country and run away. Like lazy cowards hounded by our fears we run to America to bask in their glory and praise their system. When New York becomes insecure we run to England. When England experiences unemployment, we take the next flight out to the Gulf. When the Gulf is war struck, we demand to be rescued and brought home by the Indian government. Everybody is out to abuse the country. Nobody thinks of feeding the system. Our conscience is mortgaged for money.

Dear Indians,

This write-up is highly thought inductive, calls for a great deal of introspection and pricks one's conscience too....

I am echoing J. F. Kennedy's words to his fellow Americans to relate to Indians....

"ASK NOT WHAT INDIA CAN DO FOR US, RATHER WHAT WE CAN DO FOR INDIA AND DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE TO MAKE INDIA PROUD OF US"

Or as Gandhiji said "You must be the change you wish to see in the world".

Lets do what India needs from us.

Humorous Truth

The black man.....

This is quite interesting.

A black man walks into a cafe one early morning and noticed that he was the only black man there.

As he sat down, he noticed a white man behind him.

The white man said, "Colored people are not allowed here

The black man turned around and stood up. He then said,

"When I was born I was black,"

"When I grew up I was black,"

"When I'm sick I'm black,"

"When I go in the sun I'm black,"

"When I'm cold I'm black,"

"When I die I'll be black."

"But you sir..."

"When you're born you're pink,"

"When you grow up you're white,"

"When you're sick, you're green,"

"When you go in the sun you turn red,"

"When you're cold you turn blue."

"And when you die you turn purple."

"And you have the nerve to call me colored!!!"

The black man then sat back down and the white man walked away...

Pass this on and help erase racism! This is what they call human racism