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## April is the month of festivals across India

Baisakhi (Punjab), Bihu (Assam), Pohela Boishakh (W. Bengal), Puthandu (Tamil Nadu),  
Vishu (Kerala), Pana Shankaranti (South India)



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**RCPD  
Highlights**



## Report of 34th Inali Hand Camp at Mannargudi, Tamil Nadu

Mannargudi Camp was a big challenge.

The host Shri Sunil Lunked was introduced by Shri Padam Raj Singhvi. Padam Raj is our partner who had hosted LN-4 camp in Panruti, Tamil Nadu in 2019. The tour of Tamil Nadu was initially planned as a 2-Day camp at Erode followed by a 1-Day camp at Mannargudi, and journey tickets of the team were accordingly booked. The registration for Mannargudi didn't pick up initially and once we even thought of calling it off. Later as the registrations picked up, we changed it to a 2-Day camp and changed our return bookings. Two weeks before the camp, the Erode hosts were requested to prepone the camp date allowing a 3-Day camp at Mannargudi. Finally we ended making it a 4-Day camp, restricting the number of hands to 500 and keeping the remaining registrations in waiting for the next camp!



Another challenge was that the host was an individual, not an organisation. In all the camps organised so far, we have enjoyed the organisational support. But the host turned out to be an exceptional resourceful person, in human resources too!

The biggest challenge was the language barrier. As our experience of previous camps in Tamil Nadu, almost all the beneficiaries as also the local junior volunteers speak only Tamil. A solution for this problem too was worked out.

## Report of 34th Inali Hand Camp at Mannargudi, Tamil Nadu (Contd.)

Our team with Inali team reached Mannargudi on 23rd evening. The camp was organised at Maamannar Maruthu Pandiyar Marriage Hall. The venue was made available late evening. All the arrangements were done and we decided to start the camp next day a little early than usual. When some of us reached the venue at 7 morning, the venue was fully crowded with 100+ beneficiaries and their companions. With the help of host family members, the order was established and we soon began the camp by singing National Anthem.

A grand inaugural ceremony was organised on the upper floor with high profile guests - Dr T R B Rajaa, minister of Industries and Commerce, V Mohanachandran, District Collector and Mannai T Chozarajan, Chairman municipality. The number of beneficiaries who had received the hand by that time became the attraction of the event, but the centre of attraction remained our own Hassan Bhai who demonstrated with ease how useful is the Inali prosthetic.

The first day was a bit difficult because of the language barrier, but from next day, the friends and extended family of hosts stood rock solid and smoothened the operations. A team of junior volunteers from local Bon Secour College along with scout boys from National Higher Secondary School did a wonderful job to support the camp.

Many beneficiaries were emotional after getting the hand. The media and local elite were awe-struck with the efficiency, order and humanitarian approach by the teams. We also counselled those who were found unfit. The Rotarians and Lions of Mannargudi visited the camp and felicitated the organisers. AG Meenakshi Suriyaprakash, Pres K Venkatesh of RC Mannargudi, Pres A Pannerselvam of RC Mannargudi Midtown and Pres GV Krishnamurthy of RC Mannai Green City organised a joint meeting of 3 clubs at a very short notice of just a few hours and I was invited to address it.



This camp recorded the largest number of hands distributed in a single camp as 505, and single largest output in a single day as 186 beneficiaries with 8 bilateral cases making the score 194 in a day.

Myself and Hassan from RCPD worked with a 9-member team of Inali foundation led by Ashish Kumar, Shubham (P&O), Durgesh, Siddharth, Prathamesh, Abdullah, Kaniphnath, Abhishek, Zameer. Hats off to the dedicated efforts of all the concerned to bring this seemingly impossible task into reality.



## Report of 34th Inali Hand Camp at Mannargudi, Tamil Nadu (Contd.)

Lunked family turned out to be excellent hosts. They not only paid attention to the requirements of entire team, they also arranged for a tour to Thanjavur and also to local temples. All the arrangements were meticulously done. The security guards were instructed to allow the beneficiaries walking in during late night and early morning hours due to arrival of their buses/trains at odd hours. All the beneficiaries as well as their attendants were requested to have food before leaving.

The Mannargudi camp turned out to be a very satisfying experience!



Report by Rtn Pradeep Munot

**Kudos to the entire Family!**



Mannargudi was a game-changer!

**505 prosthetic hand fitments in a single camp** —this isn't just a record, it's 505 lives changed forever! ❤️

Each one of you played a vital role in making this possible. Your dedication, teamwork, and unwavering spirit are truly inspiring. The energy, passion, and commitment of our team were phenomenal!

A special heartfelt gratitude to our incredible mentors— **Pradeep Sir, Gautam Sir, Richard Sir, and Hassan Bhai** —your guidance, support, and belief in this mission made all the difference. We are beyond grateful for your leadership and encouragement! 🙏

Thank you all for giving your best and creating such a massive impact. This is just the beginning—let's aim even higher for our next milestone. Together, we can transform even more lives! 💪

We are proud. We are grateful.  
We are Inali! ❤️🙏

(FROM SATISH PUNDE, INALI FOUNDATION)

## Ayodhya, Cuttack & Vizag Gift of Mobility Inali camps



A 3 member Inali Foundation team did the appraisal & fitments and Rtn Gautam Idnani trained & counselled 20 prosthetic hands beneficiaries (incl. one bilateral) near Ayodhya on Feb 23rd-24th 2025. The camp organised by Shri Hanumangarhi, Ayodhya was initiated at the instance of Rtn. Nihir Dave, DG, RID 3060, Gujarat.

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A 7 member Inali Foundation team along with Gift of Mobility, RCPD team comprising of Rtns. Richard Lobo, Shabbir Jamnagarwalla & Gautam Idnani conducted Inali prosthetic hands camps at Cuttack (115 hands) hosted by Lions Club of Cuttack on Mar 1st-2nd, 2025 and at Visakhapatnam (32 hands) jointly hosted by RC Vizag Central, Round Tablers of Viking 225, Rotaract Club of I.R.I.S., Sindhi Panchayat and Visakha Safety Council Training & Development Trust (spearheaded by Rtn. C. Balasatish) on Mar 5th, 2025.



**Report by Rtn Gautam Idnani**



## Project Report: Playing 11 Bicycle Project

The Handing over of 12 Bicycles to the beneficiaries, (9 girls and 3 boys) took place at the picturesque Jalmeen Resort, Village Hatve Budruk at 11 am on Sunday, 16 March.

The Club was represented by PE Aditi Bhende, PP Pallavi Sable, Rtn.Parveen Sadekar, PDG Dr Madhav Borate, PP Vikram Nabar, Rtn. Ulhas Bhosle, Ann Dipti Bhosle, Rtn.Harcharan Singh, and Rtn.Navya Shirvaikar.

We are grateful to Rtn. Mrs. Meena Borate (RC Pune Yuva) for providing the venue for the Function and also co ordinating with Parents and Beneficiary children and ensuring their presence. Pres. Deepa from RC Pune Yuva was also present and donated water bottles from her club, to the children.

It was heartening to see the joy in the children's eyes and smiles as each came forward to receive their bicycles. Many of them have now been saved nearly 6 kilometres of daily trudge from their homes to school

The Bicycles were procured from Pune and transported to the Village for the distribution. The Project cost is Rs 60,000/- approx.

We were really happy with the gracious hospitality and delectable lunch that was served to us after the function.



*Happy Children with Bikes!*



*Happy Girl receiving Bike from Rtn. Parvin*



**Report by Ann Dipti Bhosale**





## A Report on the Visit to Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital

A Report on the visit to Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, Kharghar, for the Inauguration of Global Grant Project (GG2463403) for (23) Cardiac Surgeries & (50) Women's Ante-Natal Care.

On Monday, the 17th of March 2025, I was part of a group of 27 Downtowners who joined the day trip to Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani (SSSS) Hospital at Kharghar, (Navi Mumbai) organized by RCPD's GIFT OF LIFE team.

The purpose of this visit was to inaugurate the **GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT (GG2463403) FOR (23) CARDIAC SURGERIES AND (50) WOMEN'S ANTE-NATAL CARE.**

This project was initiated by PP Rtn Yezdi Batliwala in 2023-24 during the Presidentship of IPP Rtn Aruna Rathi.

In addition to RCPD, two Clubs from the American continent (SUNRISE-LANCASTER, and CHARLES COUNTY-LA PLATA), joined hands and contributed as Global partners, with District Designated Funds (DDFs) from 3 Districts of Rotary International (namely our own 3131, a District from the USA, and a District from Brazil), thanks to the untiring very good networking done by PP Rtn Yezdi Batliwala.

We reached the Hospital at noon as planned, and were welcomed by its Director (Dr C. S. Srinivas) and the Trust Officer (Mr. Omkar Joshi).

Over the next 45 minutes, in a spacious conference room, they both explained to us how the SSSS Hospital was conceptualized, and how they have grown to their present all-India status today with four centres actively functioning.





## A Report on the Visit to Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital (Contd.)

All (technical and non-technical) questions of the Downtowners were patiently answered. The mesmerized Downtowners realized what a marvellous Community Service the SSSS Hospital is doing (free of cost to the patients), through saving the lives of infants and children [who have unfortunately inherited (CONGENITAL) HEART DISEASE, and whose parents would not be able to afford the charges of Private Hospitals].

It was shocking for us to learn that most of these children would not be able to reach even their 10th birthday if they were deprived of the Cardiac Surgery this hospital provides free of cost.

We all were surprised to learn that the Hospital does not even have a billing counter. For records, over the last 10 years, this group of all-India hospitals have successfully treated a few thousand infants and children.

A guided tour of the Hospital followed (led by the Director and Mr. Joshi), to show us the Departments, Systems, and very up-to-date modern AI-assisted facilities of the Hospital, which ensure achieving a remarkable (almost 98%) success rate in paediatric cardiac surgeries.

Dr. Rishikesh (HOD Public Health) gave us a PowerPoint presentation of their Community Service (such as the Ante-Natal care provided to pregnant women, the advanced research undertaken to improve the outcome, efforts to identify the prospective children having CHD, and how these children are brought to the 4 cardiac surgery centres spread in different parts of the country, etc.)

We were introduced to the first 4 sets of parents with their children, who will be among the beneficiaries of RCPD Global Grant project for 23 cardiac surgeries.



## A Report on the Visit to Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital (Contd.)

It was an extremely emotional moment for all of us to meet these small children, with Dr Srinivas summing up the most important bottom line that (although most of us present there would not be alive to see it happen), RCPD will be providing something like 80 years of life to these children.

After a simple Satvik lunch, we set out on our return journey at 2.40 pm reaching Poona Club sharp 6 pm. VP Rtn Vinod Dua had carried his KARAOKE System in the bus, which helped to provide excellent entertainment, and to discover several singing talents in our Club.

During both ways of the bus rideover a total of 7 hours , we were served delicious cookies/juices. Some members had even brought home-cooked yummy goodies.

From the time we started at 8.25 AM and returned at 6.00 pm in a comfortable AC bus, it was a trip that turned out to be a memorable one.

On behalf of all 27 who were on the bus, I wish to thank VP Rtn Vinod and Ann Anita Dua for the excellent arrangements made straight from the heart. We missed the presence of President PNN Iyer who has not been well, and many other members and Anns who could not make it.

I am sharing a few pictures taken at the site.

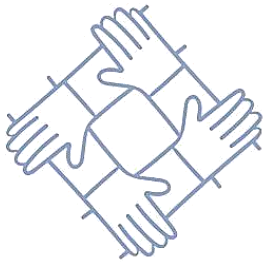
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## Gift of Mobility LN4 Camp, Ahmedabad

A 6 member GoM team (comprising of Rtn. PP Shabbir Jamnagarwalla, Rtn. PP Jitendra Mehta, Rtn. PP Asis Ray, R'Ann Ipsita Ray, Rtn. Gautam Idnani and volunteer Haresh Karle) conducted a LN4 camp hosted by RC Ahmedabad Metro on Mar 23rd, 2025. We were successful in fitting / training / counselling 37 LN-4 beneficiaries.



RC Ahmedabad Metro is keen and have requested us to enable them to set up a LN-4 permanent centre in Ahmedabad.

Note: GoM, RCPD enabled & supports 9 LN-4 centres across the country i.e. Erode (Jeevan Jothi Trust), Faridabad (RC Delhi South Central & Arogya Kendra), Indore (RC Indore Uptown), Jaipur (RC Jaipur Majesty), Nagpur (Mahavir Int'l Service), Kalyan (RC New Kalyan), Kolkatta (RC Calcutta Presidency), Varanasi (Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Sahayta Samiti) & Pune (Sane Guruji Arogya Kendra).

These permanent centres have so far fitted 1530 LN4 hands which are in addition to the count of 14038 LN4 & Inali hands enabled by GoM, RCPD since 2014 till date at various temporary camps all over the country.

**Report by Rtn Gautam Idnani**

## Inali Battery operated Prosthetic Hand Camp at Chennai

Impressed by the successful organisation of series of camps in various states for distribution of 1900 hands, the CSR partners of Inali Foundation, Altius, sanctioned funds for an additional 400 hands with a condition to utilise them before 31 March 2025. Team Inali in association with our Gift of Mobility team took up the challenge. A camp at Chennai was organised at a very short notice on 22nd to the 24th of March. Rtn. Pradeep Munot, Rtn. Richard Lobo and Volunteer Hassan attended the Camp.



This Camp was organised under the auspices of Jain Friends Welfare . The DG of RI District 323, Rtn Mahaveer Bothra and Dr Kamakoti, Director-IIT Madras paid a visit to the camp. In all 175 hands were distributed over a period of three days. The Camp was reported in the local media.



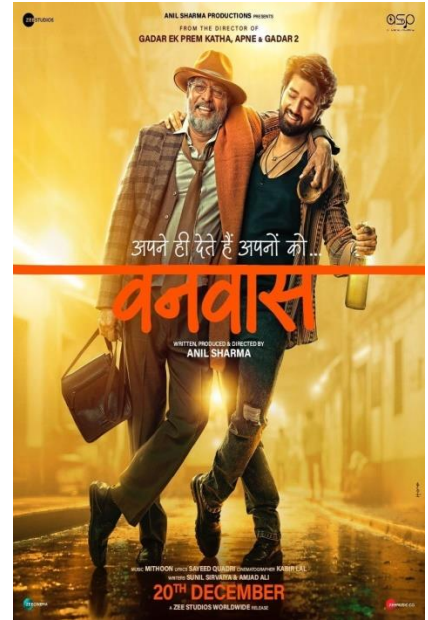
Our special thanks to the Sunil Lunkad who organised the camp at a very short notice. He had recently organised the Inali camp at Mannargudi, where we had distributed 505 hands. Lion Padamraj Singhvi who had organised a LN4 camp at Panruti in the year 2019 ably assisted him.

**Report by Rtn Richard Lobo**



## Movie Montage

1. **"Vanvaas "**  
Zee5 - 2hrs 20 mins.  
Har ghar kee kahani. Nana Patekar's  
magnum opus.



2. **"Achari Ba"**  
Sentimental family, kids & dog  
story.  
JioHotstar - 1hr 35 mins.  
Neena Gupta & Kabir Bedi are  
outstanding.





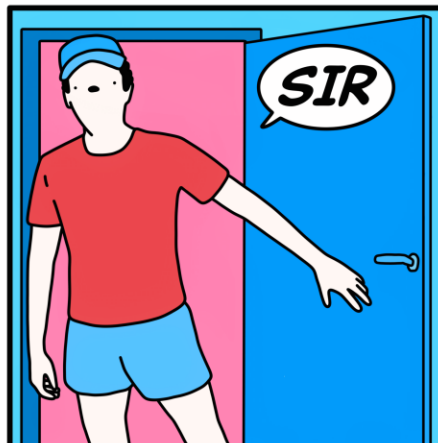
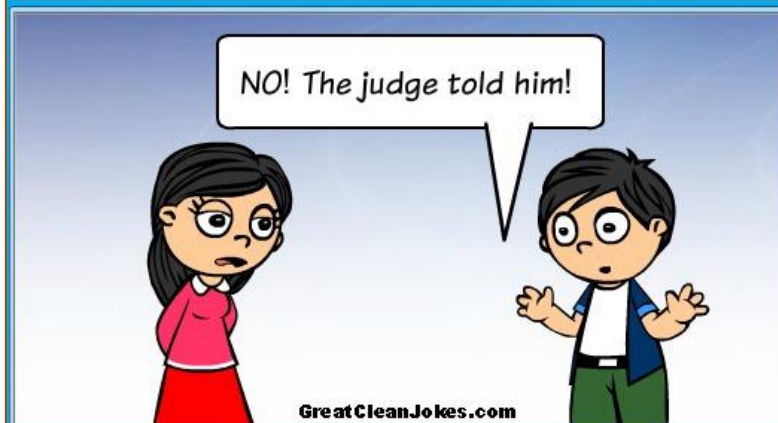
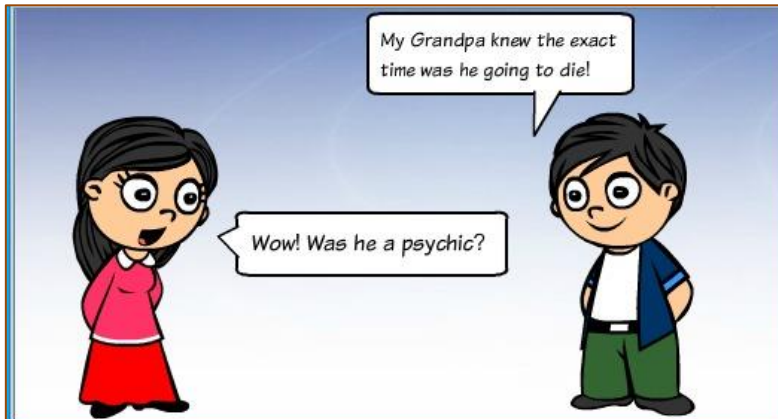
## April 2025 - Fixtures

### Club Meetings

**Venue:**  
Poona Club Conference  
Hall No 1.

03-Apr Thurs	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
10-Apr Thurs	<b>Holiday</b> (Holiday Mahavir Jayanti)
17-Apr Thurs	<b>Downtowns Got Talent</b>
24-Apr Thurs	Talk on AI by PDG <b>Dr. Deepak Shikarpur</b> (Guest Speaker)



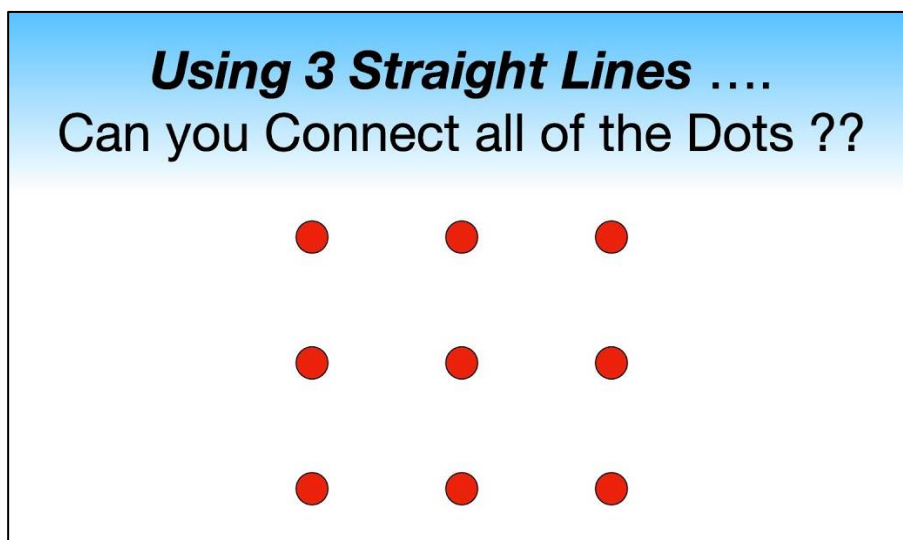
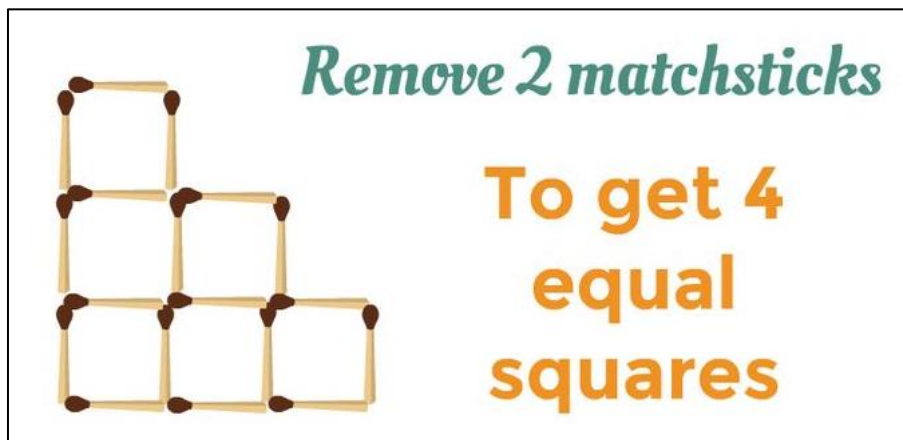


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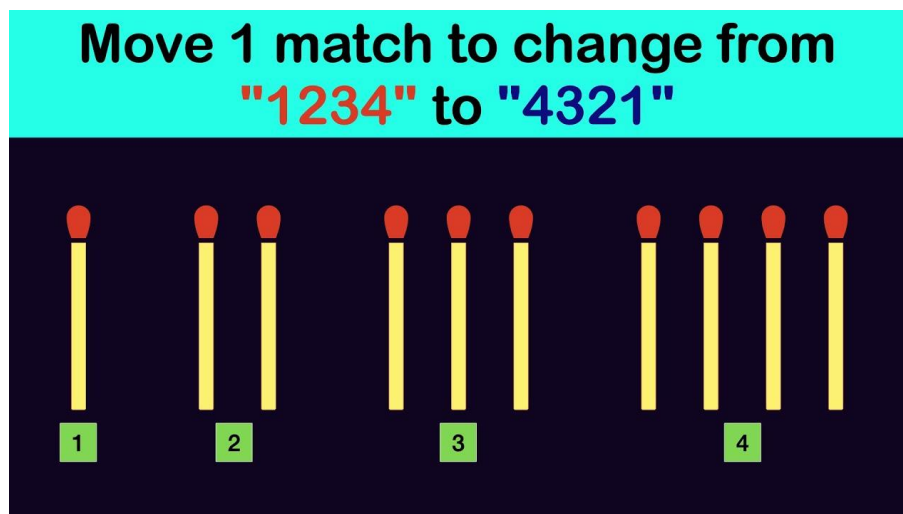
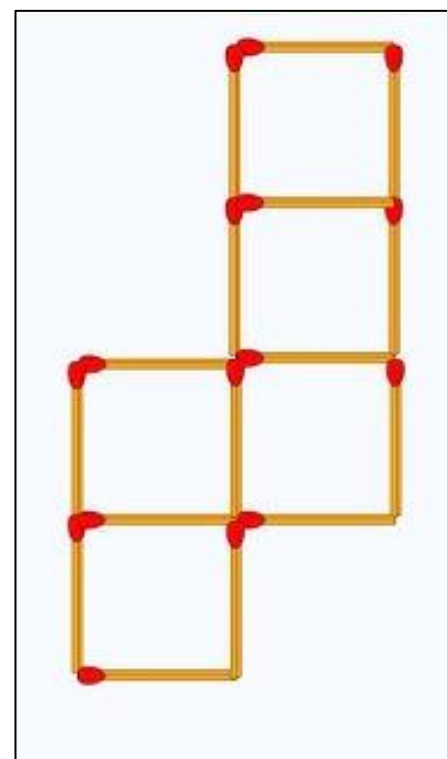


My boss told me to  
have a good day...  
...so I went home.

## Cerebral Ticklers

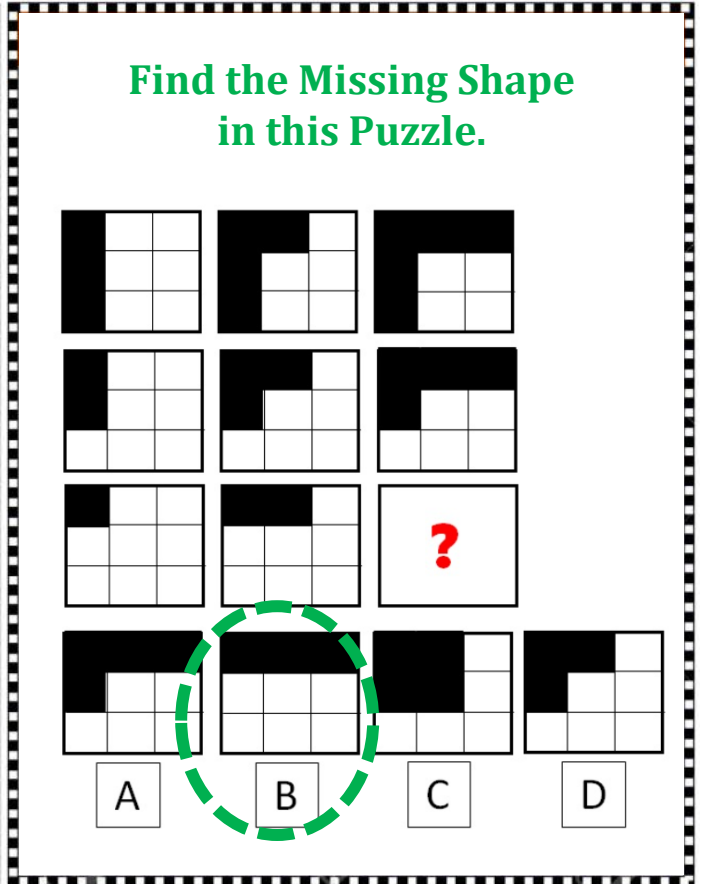
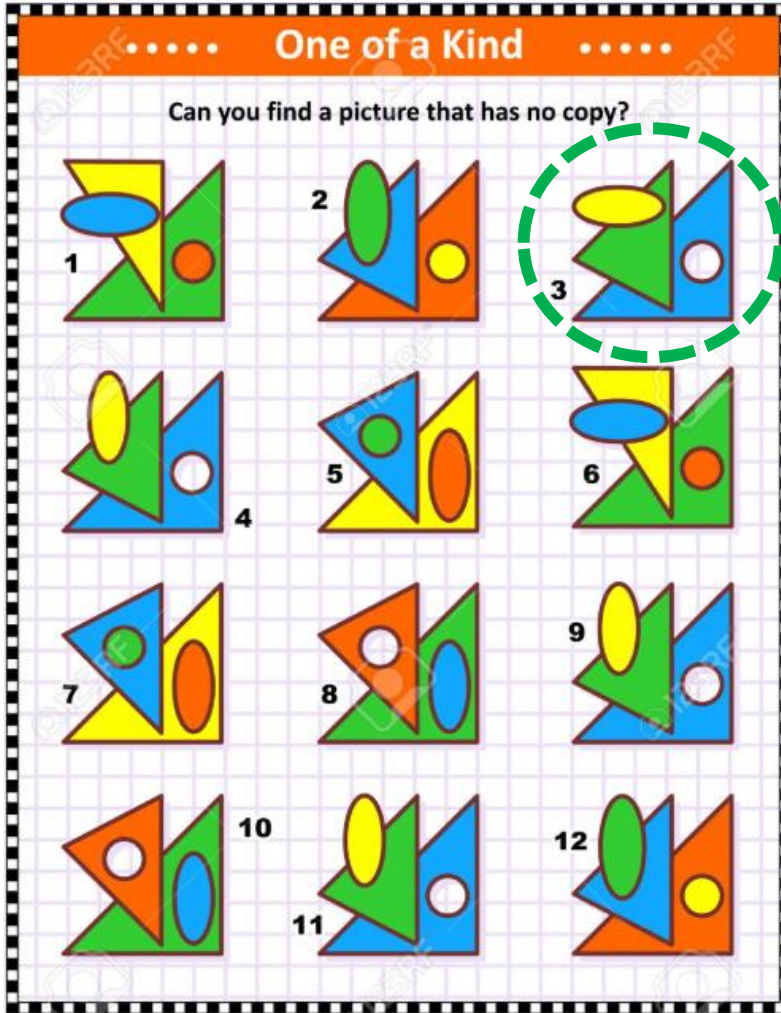


**Move 2 Sticks to Make 4 Squares**





## Cerebral Ticklers – Answers to Feb 2025 Edition



FUN  
TIME

◀ FIND 2 FACES  
In this Picture...



Shabbir Tavawalla

01 Apr

Dr. Madhav Borate

06 Apr

Nishi Chandiramani

06 Apr

Jayshree Mehta

08 Apr

Mahrugh Irani

10 Apr

***Wishing you all a Wonderful Birthday and  
May you have a Wonderful Year ahead...***





HAPPY  
WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY

*Pinky & Vikramjit Mehmi*

*05 Apr*

*Aruna & Narayandas Rath*

*05 Apr*

*Sayan & Nayna Banerjee*

*17 Apr*

*Rajesh & Pritee Gupta*

*26 Apr*

*Dinesh & R'ann Meena Parmar*

*30 Apr*

*Wish you all a wonderful and  
joyful life ahead...*



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Choose more voices.**

**Choose to make an  
IMPACT.**

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**Let's keep saying yes.**

**Let's show the world what  
happens when Rotary chooses  
innovation *and* inclusion.**