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CHARITY NAVIGATOR – 4 Star Charity

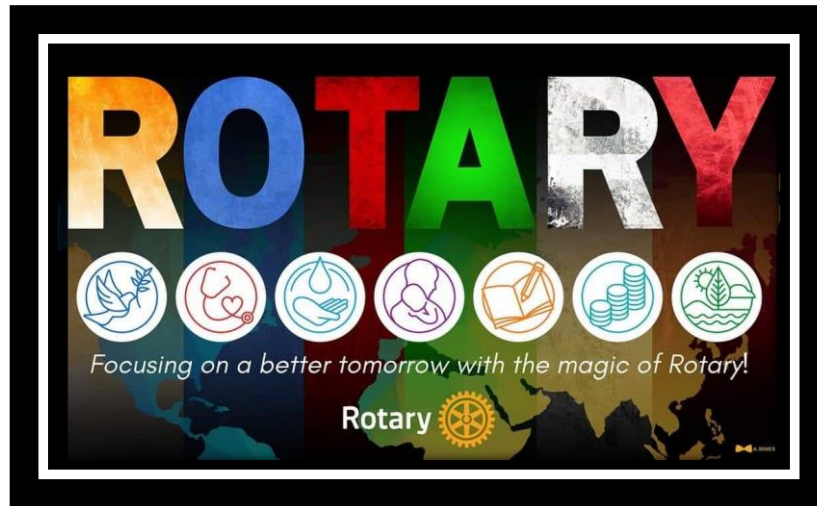
The Rotary Foundation receives highest rating from Charity Navigator for 16th consecutive year.

For the 16th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.



The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

“We are delighted to provide the Rotary Foundation with third-party accreditation that validates their operational excellence,” said Michael Thatcher, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. “The Four-Star Rating is the highest possible rating an organization can achieve. We are eager to see the good work that the Rotary Foundation is able to accomplish in the years ahead.”



RCPD News Highlights

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Board of Directors Nominated - Year 2025-26

POST	NAME
President	Rtn Aditi Bhende
V. President & Dir Club Service	Rtn Aashima Agashe
Pres. Elect & Dir Membership	Rtn Vinod Dua
Secretary	Rtn Pervin Sadekar
Treasurer	Rtn Rathan Sinha
Director Community Service – Medical	Rtn Dr. Samir Gosavi
Director Community Service - Non-Medical	Rtn Rajiv Wakhle
Director Youth Service	Rtn Richard Lobo
Director The Rotary Foundation	Rtn Anil Chadda
Director Public Image	Rtn Vidya Naik
Director Without Portfolio	Rtn Biman Mukherjee
Immediate Past President	Rtn Prof PNN Iyer

Facts of the Day (09/11)



DO YOU KNOW THE DEFINITION OF **ROTARY??**

How do you describe the organization called “Rotary”? There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians.

In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. The turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary’s Public Relation Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be pre pared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

“Rotary is an organization of business and professional person united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.”

Regards,

Anoop Gupta

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An IIT Legacy....

Flashback to 1954 - A tall gangling young lecturer, Rama Sastri, with a very marked Telugu lilt to his English, taught us Physics at IIT Kharagpur. He was an excellent teacher, despite his accented English, and also served as the warden of Azad Hall.

A (hilarious) general body meeting of the hostel was held sometime late 1954 to discuss burgeoning mess bills, which had climbed from rupees thirty to an astronomical forty rupees per month. Rama Sastri had to pacify the irate students.



He patiently explained the reasons for the increase 'What to do, everythingu become costly, ricu, saltu, pepperu, vegetablesu all cost more.' The students were mesmerised by the accent'u and kept quiet. The meeting passed off peacefully. The anecdote became part of the early IIT student lore as a memorable event'u!

Rama Sastri was deputed for a year to MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on a post doctoral fellowship. He came back a changed man. He had broad shoulders (filled out thanks to nourishing US food) and sported a marked American accent. His bold visage was unrecognizable from the figure he cut a year earlier.



He sounded totally American until he came to the deadly word 'against' when he reverted to his original Telugu persona. He pronounced it as 'againistu,' and we were relieved that our beloved Prof had become normal.

Rama Sastri left IIT Kharagpur in the early sixties and joined the Physics Department of the newly set up IIT Madras. He retired years later as a much loved Professor after an excellent career. IIT Madras now runs a student award in his memory.

Rama Sastri's son, Krish graduated with a Mechanical Engineering degree from IIT Madras in 1977 and later, in the 1980s, migrated to the US and is now a lecturer in the Department of Aerospace Engineering at San Diego State University.

One may wonder the reason for a long spiel about a Physics teacher of long ago: His granddaughter Usha was born in USA, graduated from Yale, did a Master's degree at Cambridge and later attended the Law School at Yale where she met and married a classmate. Usha Chilukuri is the wife of JD Vance, Trump's running mate who will now be the Vice President of USA.

Yes, the accomplished daughter of a Mechanical Engineer from IIT Madras and the granddaughter of a Physics teacher at IIT Kharagpur and IIT Madras is set to become the Second Lady of the USA!

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Thought of the Week



Funny

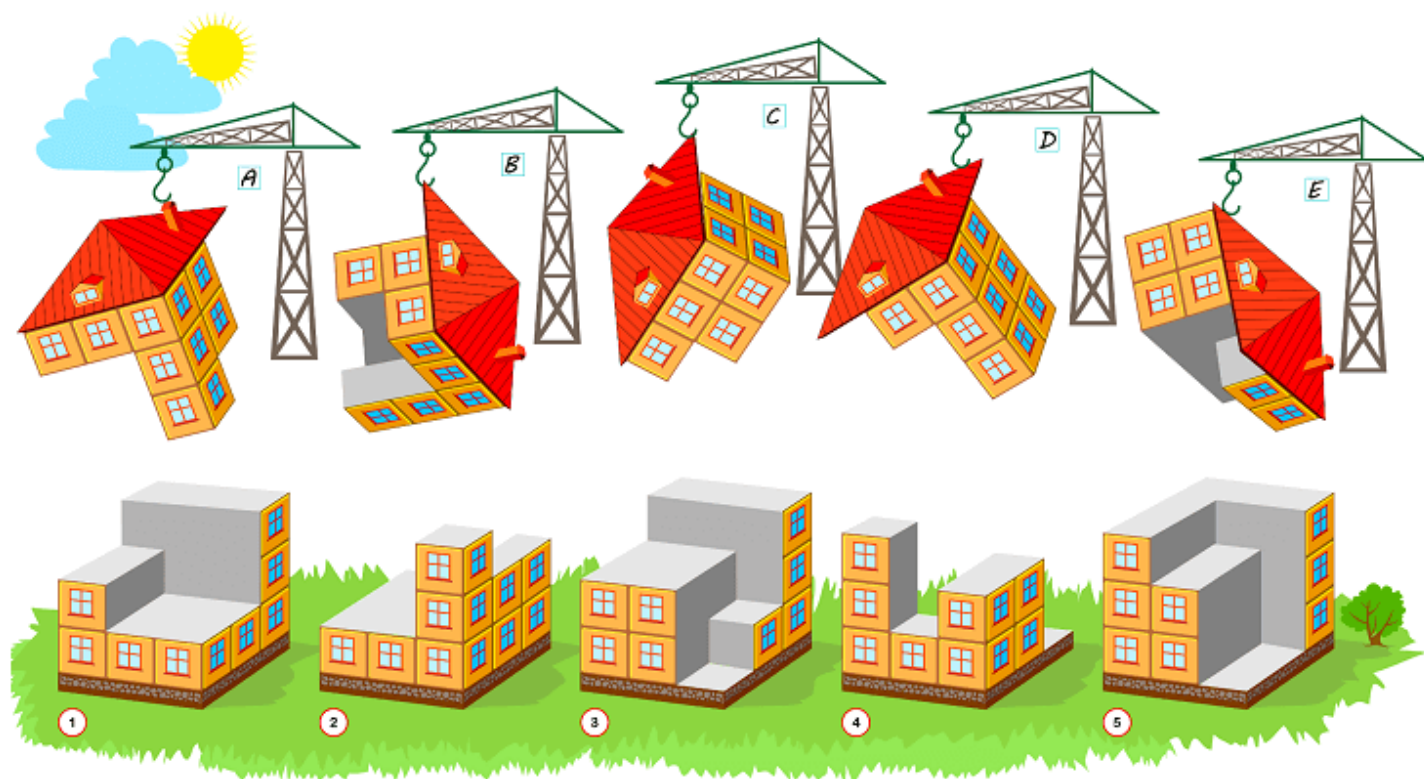


Humour

**“The man who
says his wife can’t
take a joke,
forgets that she
took him.”**

OSCAR WILDE

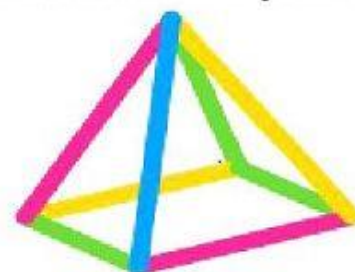
Brain Teasers



What's wrong about this photo?



Which is the top view?



A



B



C



D



Rashida Bahrainwala	01 Dec
Niloufer Tarapore	12 Dec
Hari Prakash Srivastava	17 Dec
Prixhusp Contractor	24 Dec
Asis Ray	25 Dec
Rathin Sinha	25 Dec
Shabbir Jamnagarwala	29 Dec

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



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

<i>Hemant and Mita Shah</i>	<i>03 Dec</i>
<i>Aditi and Ramakant Bhende</i>	<i>07 Dec</i>
<i>Dipti and Ulhas Bhosle</i>	<i>09 Dec</i>
<i>Ashwini and Priti Malhotra</i>	<i>09 Dec</i>
<i>Shailendra and Urmila Abhyankar</i>	<i>11 Dec</i>
<i>Aashima and Tanmay Agashe</i>	<i>11 Dec</i>
<i>Dilip and Seema Bagadia</i>	<i>12 Dec</i>
<i>Anil and Dr. Deepika Chadda</i>	<i>12 Dec</i>
<i>Biman and Manju Mookerji</i>	<i>13 Dec</i>
<i>Sanjay and Sapana Mutha</i>	<i>21 Dec</i>

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



