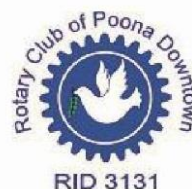




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## International Women's Day - 08-Mar



*"And in the end, I believe that we don't need to do anything to be loved. We spend our lives trying to seem prettier, smarter. But I realized two things. Those who love us see us with their hearts and attribute qualities to us beyond those we really have. And those who don't want to love us will never be satisfied with all our efforts. Yes, I really believe that it is important to leave our imperfections alone. They are precious to understand those who see us with the heart."*

*Courtesy: Ann Dipti Bhosle*

*By Frida Kahlo*

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**RCPD  
Highlights**

## Promoting Peace: Rotary's peacebuilding history around the world

### The Objects of Rotary

With memories of the Great War fresh in their minds, delegates to the 1921 convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, amended the association's constitution to include the goal "to aid in the advancement of international peace and goodwill through a fellowship of business and professional men of all nations united in the Rotary ideal of service."

Delegates to the 1922 convention made sweeping changes to the Rotary International and club constitutions. Separate objectives for each were replaced with the Objects of Rotary (now called the Object of Rotary). The new approach, however, retained the vision for peace.



### World War II

During World War II, Rotary members looked for ways to create a stable and peaceful world. In 1940, convention delegates adopted a statement, Rotary Amid World Conflict, which emphasized that "where freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights do not exist, Rotary cannot live nor its ideal prevail." Walter D. Head, then Rotary International's president, remarked that there must be a better way to settle international differences than violence and called on Rotarians to find it.



The Rotarian magazine ran essays by authors, politicians, and other well-known figures that encouraged discussion on the topic of peace. Rotary published collections of these essays as "A World to Live In" (1942) and "Peace Is a Process" (1944). Recognizing that the end of the war didn't eliminate the need to discuss these topics, Rotary continued the series with "Peace Demands Action" in 1947.

### The United Nations

Rotary was present at the start of the United Nations in 1945. Rotary International was one of 42 organizations invited to serve as consultants to the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco, California, USA (commonly called the UN charter conference). Additionally, many Rotary members and honorary members from around the world attended the conference as members of and consultants to their nations' delegations.

Rotary and the United Nations remain committed to creating lasting change that enhances international relationships, improves lives and communities, and creates a more peaceful world.

## Promoting Peace: Rotary's peacebuilding history around the world (Contd.)

Today, Rotary International holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council (UNESCO). The Rotary Representative Network, established in 1991, maintains and furthers this relationship with several UN bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies.

### Scholarships

Rotary founder Paul Harris recognized the connection between international understanding and peace. In a message to the 1921 convention, Harris had written, "Rotary believes that the better the people of one nation understand the people of other nations, the less the likelihood of friction, and Rotary will therefore encourage acquaintance and friendships between individuals of different nations."

Scholarships for graduate study in other countries became the first program of The Rotary Foundation in 1947. The idea of sending a student abroad for at least a year of university study was part of an effort to encourage higher education and promote greater understanding between people of different cultures and nationalities.

After Harris' death that year, donations to The Rotary Foundation (Harris had requested them in lieu of flowers) began flooding in to Rotary headquarters. The Paul Harris Memorial Fund was designated for the newly created scholarship program.

Called the Paul Harris Foundation Fellowships For Advanced Study, it supported 18 scholars in its first year. Later it became known as the Ambassadorial Scholarships and lasted until 2013, when graduate-level scholarships were incorporated into district and global grants.

### Peace Forums

To raise awareness about issues that cause conflict and activities that promote peace, Rotary created Peace Forums as a three-year pilot program. Rotary leaders and invited guests explored topics such as "Nongovernmental Organizations and the Search for Peace" at the first Peace Forum held in 1988 in Evanston, Illinois, USA.

In 1990, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation broadened the program and changed the name to Rotary Peace Programs.



### Rotary Peace Centers

At various times, Rotary members had proposed creating a university to promote peace, but the concept never seemed feasible. In the 1990s, Rotary leaders were inspired by the 50th anniversary of Harris' death to consider an alternate approach.



## Promoting Peace: Rotary's peacebuilding history around the world (Contd.)

The idea was simple, but the impact would be tremendous: Rotary would encourage people already engaged in peacebuilding as a career to apply for graduate-level study in the field, and The Rotary Foundation would provide scholarships to peace fellows that would allow them to enroll in established peace programs at existing universities.

Rotary approved the creation of Rotary Peace Centers program in 1999, and the inaugural class of Rotary Peace Fellows began their studies in 2002.



Rotary Peace Centers, located at universities around the world, develop leaders who become catalysts for peace in local communities and on the global stage. They study the causes of conflict and build practical skills exploring innovative solutions to real-world problems in areas such as human rights, international relations, and global health and development.

Rotary is not a university and yet it has an educational task to perform, and that task is to divert the world mind to thoughts of friendly cooperation. — Arch Klumph, father of The Rotary Foundation, in a speech to the 1921 convention

### Peace for all time

Rotary's goal today is to create environments where peace can be built and maintained through sustainable and measurable activities in communities worldwide. Peacebuilding remains a cornerstone of our mission as a humanitarian service organization.

Courtesy: <https://www.rotary.org/en/promoting-peace-rotarys-peacebuilding-history-around-world>

## Udaan 2025 - Organised by Rotary Club of Noida

For the Third year, Rotary Club Of Poona DOWNTOWN was invited to conduct the LN4 camp at Noida on Feb 16th and 17th, 2025.

The event called Udaan is done every year in which Prosthetic lower limbs are arranged by Spark Minda Foundation and LN4 hands by our Club.

The camp was hosted by Rotary Club of Noida. The event was inaugurated by Shri. Manish Kumar Varma, District Magistrate of Gautam Buddha Nagar.

In all thirty one LN4 hands were given to beneficiaries, spreading smiles and transforming lives.

Rtn Vinod Dua along with me and two volunteers Hassan Shaikh and Manoj Disale represented our Club.

Dr. Mohita Sharma, President of the Rotary Club of Noida along with Rtn. PP Ram Grover (during his Presidentship this Project commenced) did a commendable job in organising the event.

**Report by: Rtn Pradip Munot**





## Classmates and Mates without Class: The Trickery of Life

There is something both amusing and tragic about Schootime classmates.

When we are young, sitting side by side on stiff wooden desks, everything feels equal. We wear the same uniforms, complain about the same teachers, & dream the same big dreams.

We believe, with the foolish confidence of youth, that life will reward us fairly. That the one who topped the class will top in life, that the one who struggled will always struggle, that effort will always be equal to success.

But life is not a classroom. Life is a trickster, a mischievous storyteller who loves plot twists.



Then, one day, years later, we meet again at reunions, ordinations, weddings, funerals, airports, or by accident at a supermarket. And suddenly, we see what nobody warned us about.

The boy who never did his assignments now owns a mansion. The one who won all the academic prizes is still searching for relevance.

The one who was always quiet now commands boardrooms, while the one who once led every debate now sits in silence, waiting for an opportunity that refuses to come.

And we ask ourselves: How did this happen?

Nobody told us that life does not follow the rules of the classroom. That hard work is important, but so is luck. That intelligence is valuable, but connections sometimes matter more. That some rise not because they are the best, but because they were in the right place at the right time. That life does not grade us like exam scripts. It rolls the dice, and sometimes, the results are baffling.

There is a good side to all of these: **no matter how far life scatters us, when classmates meet again, the years disappear.**

Titles do not matter.

Bank accounts do not speak.

We laugh over memories of forgotten nicknames, of teachers we swore at, we would never forget, but now struggle to remember, crushes that rushed the hormones et al. For a brief moment, we return to a time when we were just young with dreams before life stepped in with its unexpected script.

**And just maybe, that is the real lesson: Success is not just about who has more, but about who still has a heart that can remember with love.**

Article compiled by: Prof PNN Iyer



## Movie Montage

### 1. "Hastag Tadeva Lagnam"

Prime Video - 1 hr 53 mins.

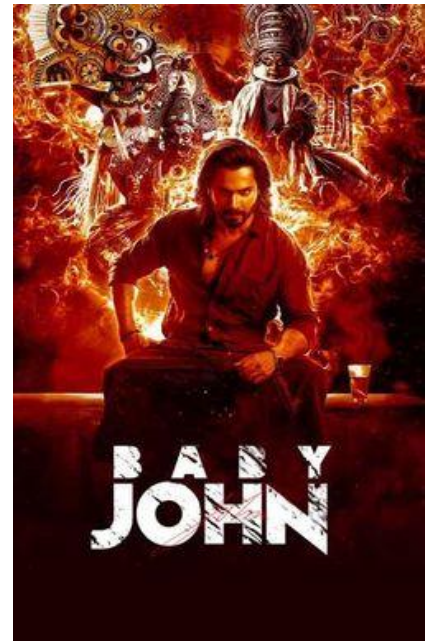
Very nice Marathi movie, with English subtitles, about delayed marriages, in these times.



### 2. "Baby John"

Prime Video - 2 hrs 40 mins.

A very engaging movie of a father who is very responsible towards his duty. Nice Entertainment and Action Packed.





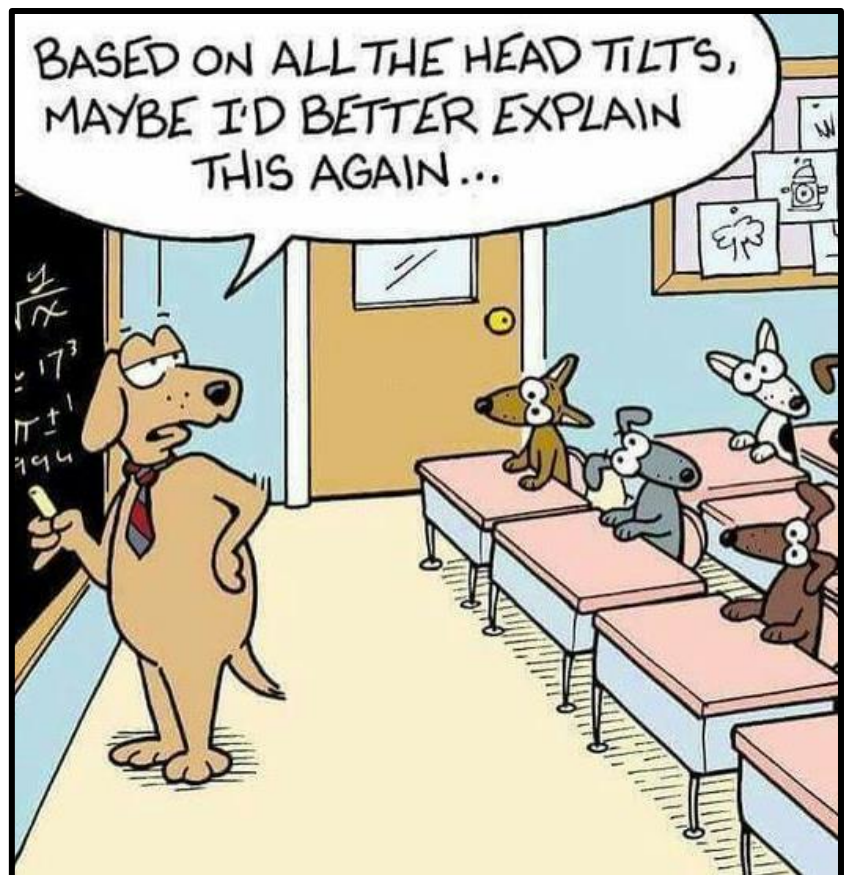
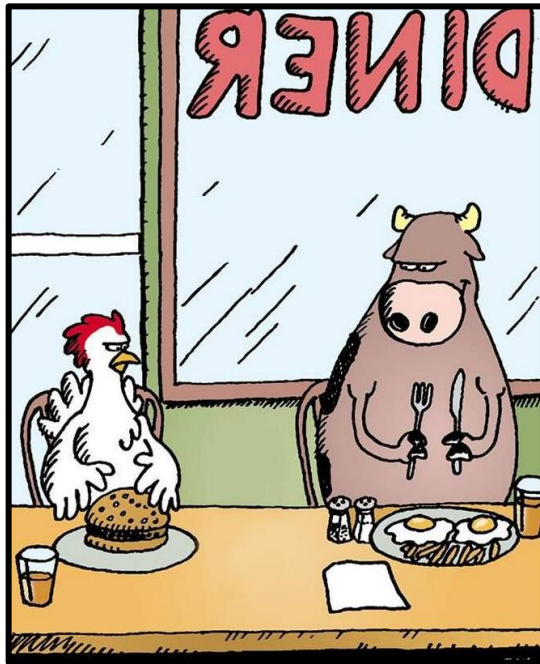
## March 2025 - Fixtures

### Club Meetings

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

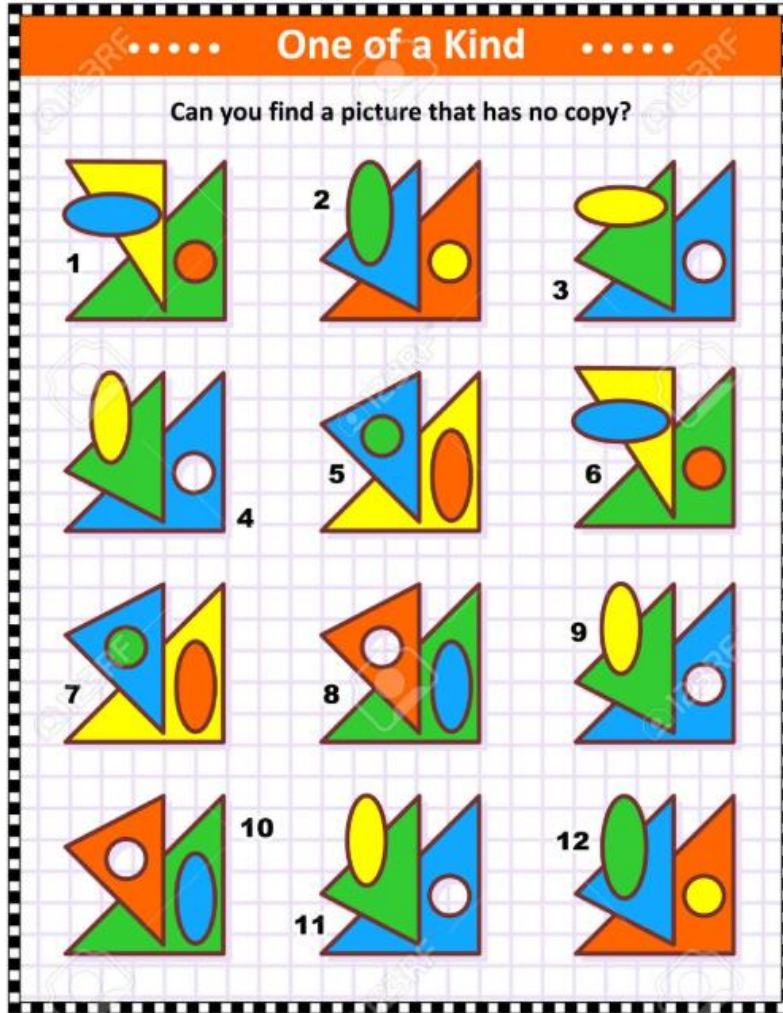
06-Mar Thurs	<b>DG's Visit</b> - Gather by 7 PM - Dinner Follows
13-Mar Thurs	<b>HOLI Holiday</b> (No Meeting)
20-Mar Thurs	<b>Vocational Awards Function</b> - 7-7.30 pm – Fellowship, Awards Function - 8.30 pm – Mini Meal
27-Mar Thurs	Talk on Water and Sanitation (Guest Speaker)

## subtle Humour

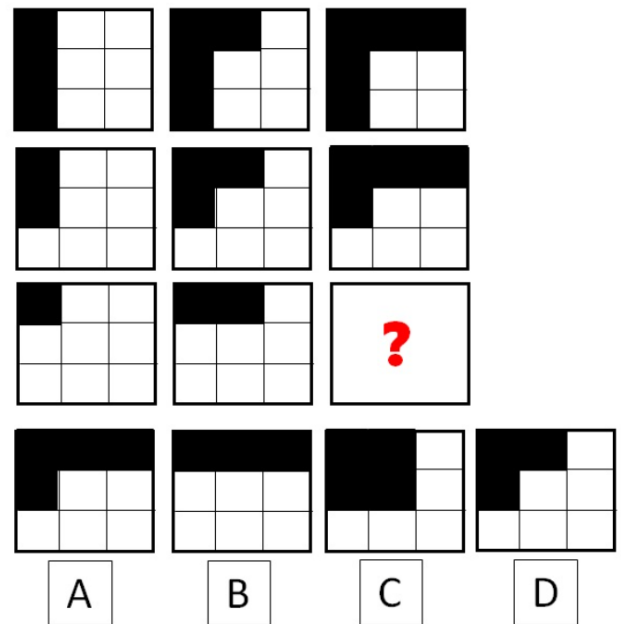




## Cerebral Ticklers



Find the Missing Shape  
in this Puzzle.



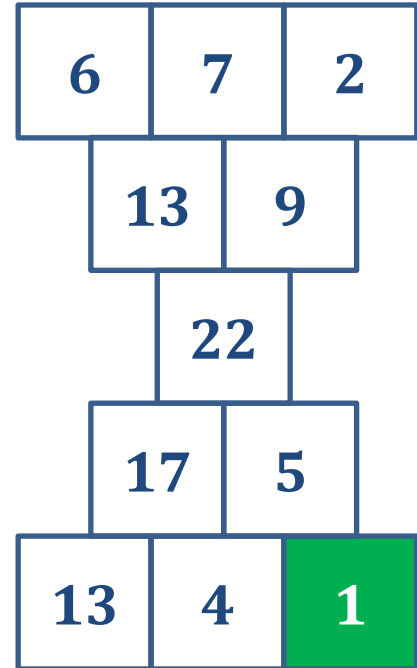
FUN  
TIME

◀ FIND 2 FACES  
In this Picture...



## Cerebral Ticklers – Answers to Feb 2025 Edition

CONYNUTI	CONTINUITY
BOUNARYD	BOUNDARY
OBEDENICE	OBEDIENCE
MRIANAET	MARINATE
MERYMO	MEMORY
PADYOR	PARODY
RCEICALPR	RECIPROCAL
RAEDLEB	READABLE
VAELDITIONC	VALEDICTION
WCHERN	WRENCH
UNTESDYA	UNSTEADY
SIINGFITCAN	SIGNIFICANT
IWHTDRAW	WITHDRAW
SUEYR	SURVEY



Options:

A: 35

B: 12

C: 2

D: 1

Find 5  
differences





Dr. Rama Sivaram

02 Mar

Dr. Sangeeta Wagh

02 Mar

Noshir Tarapore

02 Mar

Dr. Laila Garda

03 Mar

Bireswar Mitra

08 Mar

Tarmay Agashe

09 Mar

Rashida Jamnagarwala

23 Mar

Dr. Bageshri Gogate

27 Mar

Subir Kumar Guha

27 Mar

Priti Malhotra

27 Mar

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



HAPPY  
WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY

*Anil & Nirupama Goel*

*11 Mar*

*Rajiv & Nutan Wakhle*

*18 Mar*

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





