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## Editorial :

Dear Rotarians,

Greetings from team "Sunrise Times"

While planning this issue, I had a lot of challenges and all these have been overcome by our experienced Editorial Team and our enthusiastic members.

My aim and goal is to make "Sunrise Times" very interesting to read.

To make it interesting I felt that the Magazine should attract interests of readers irrespective of age and gender. Keeping this as an objective I have included categories like Rotary Information, Photographs, Gizmos and Gadgets Section, 100% Attendance Members list, Birthdays and Anniversaries, One Liners on Installation Nite, Messages from BOD's and Events of our Club in this magazine.

We have an excellent leader in Rtn Ramayya and a very Dynamic and Vibrant team of BOD's. I am sure that with their experience and vision, our club will excel in all the areas of opportunities and our activities will create enough news and excitement for our magazine. I feel that "Sunrise Times" will be the face of our club and I will assure you that the activities of our club will be presented in the most colourful, attractive and interesting manner.

I thank the President, Rtn Ramayya and the Board of Directors for entrusting the responsible position as the Editor of the prestigious Magazine of our club.

My special thanks to our team members, Rtn Lokesh Jain, Rtn Sekhar and Rtn Ajit Gandhi for their invaluable inputs, motivation and suggestions during the planning and design of Sunrise Times.

-- Rtn. Srinivas Gumidelli

## The Four-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do

- Is it the TRUTH ?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned ?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS ?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

**Our Club meets every Saturday at Hotel Taj Tristar over Breakfast at 8.30 a.m.**



Gumidelli Srinivas

Lokesh Jain

Chandrasekhar M.

Ajit Gandhi

## President's Message :

Dear Rotarians,

At the outset I would like to thank all my colleagues for having reposed confidence in me and entrusting the responsibility to lead the team for the year 2008-2009. I would like to congratulate outgoing president and his team for the excellent work done and for getting rewards and recognition for the club at District level. We have started in a systematic way and finalized the goals for the year ahead. Now let us all strive to achieve our goals and come out with flying colours to take performance of our club to higher levels.

I would like to request for the involvement and participation of all the members of our club to realize our goals with thumping success. Community projects of significance to society, enjoyable fellowships and PR activities to enhance image of our club are going to be key areas apart from vocational visits to interesting establishments. Our bulletin is going to be totally different covering all activities and catering to members, anns and annets. I wish all of you a memorable and fulfilling year to make our dreams real.

-- Rtn. K.A. Ramayya

## Board of Directors

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Editor - The Sunrise Times	:	Rtn. Srinivas Gumidelli

# MESSAGE FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Rotarians,

Very good beginning .We may see some novelty this year.

“Vocational Service was the basis for Rotary’s activities in the beginning of our first century, this may be the time to restore business and professional ethical concerns as Rotary’s primary responsibility as we are in our second century of rotary movement.



Apart from learning about different types of vocations by organizing visits lectures etc, this year it is proposed to recognize and honour some public servants who practice their profession with honesty and integrity for the benefit of society.”

**Rtn SK Verma**

Director - Vocational Service



Dear Rotarians, Anns and Annette’s,

I wish to make the Secunderabad Sunrise a vibrant, lively and an active club and for this I request your regular attendance and participation of all our members in all the programmes. I am sure that just your regular presence is enough to enable us to achieve this. Your presence itself will make the meeting reverberate. So those who are hibernating wake up and join us for breakfast, this is my humble request.

Thank you,

**Rtn Joseph P George**

Sergeant - at - Arms



Dear Rotarians,

Rotarians, RCSS is already know as a vibrant club and visible to the District 3150 as achievers. Here is yet another chance for us to outperform other clubs by achieving the status - the First to achieve USD 100 EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) for the Year 2008-2009. We as Rotarians should set our own goals and put in an effort to achieve them. Last date to complete USD 100 contribution towards Rotary Foundation will be 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2008... This is just the beginning. All kind hearted and magnanimous members are expected to contribute further.



Best Regards

**Rtn Narender Gauri**

Chairman - Rotary Foundation



Hi Rotarians,

I am glad to be appointed as Club service Director and I know the expectations are more from all the portfolios and the challenge is to deliver more than expected. Being an element of Secunderabad Sunrise, itself gives strength and courage to excel in Club Service.

**Rtn Sandeep Jhavar**

Director - Club Service



Dear Rotarians,

After the Presidentship, our club has entrusted me the responsibility of Service Projects. As you are aware, I will be working with our other service committee chairs Rtn. Amarnath, Rtn. Samir Gupta, Rtn. Dr. Kailash Gupta and Rtn. Dr. Ajai Seth in completing “Rotary Eye Care Centre”, SMILE-Hospital on Wheels, IOL, Water Project at Tallagudem, School benches project under MG from Poland & Australian clubs and Iron carts project.



I also request cooperation of all our members in accomplishing the said tasks at an early date.

Thanks

**Rtn. B.S. Ravindranath**

Chairman - Service Projects



Dear Rotarian Friends & family,

Warm Monsoon greeting from my fellowship team comprising Rtn Srinivas, Rtn Pawan, Ann Tanvi & myself.

My team & I have plans for a wonderful fellowship year ahead. With above in mind we have decided to implement a new concept where in we would be involving all family members in the year to come. Alternate month will be the fellowship hosted by our members & other alternate months Anns of our club will take over & organise a programme it can be entertainment, charity or any novelty program . Imagination is yours, Anns. The Anns would be divided into groups of say 4 or 5 Anns. Each group would plan the alternate month fellowship. You shall shortly receive information on the same.

I thank all the club members for their continuous support in hosting & look forward for the same in future. Cheers to a wonderful year ahead of Service, Fellowship & Fun at Rotary Secunderabad Sunrise !

**Rtn. Lokesh Jain**

Chairman - Club Administration & Fellowship



Dear Rotarians,

As you are aware, Membership Development is one of the most important area in Rotary because Membership increases fellowship, generates more revenues for contributing to society and also helps in improving Rotary awareness.



My team members are experienced Rotarians comprising of Rtn Ajit Gandhi, Rtn Madhu Suresh and Rtn Dr. Surender. I request all the members to promote Rotary amongst your friends and colleagues and try to induct new Rotarians in our club and support our team to achieve the goal of reaching 50 members in this year.

**Rtn Chandrasekhar M**

Chairman - Membership Development & President Elect 2009 - 10

## 100% Attendance for July 2008

- Rtn K Ramayya
- Rtn Urmil Dharia
- Rtn B S Ravindranath
- Rtn Lokesh Jain
- Rtn Srinivas Gumidelli

*Never underestimate your power to change yourself, never overestimate your power to change others.*

# A Glimpse on Installation Nite

Installation function for the team of RCSS for the year 2008-2009 was held on 05-07-2008 at Family World from 7 PM onwards. The function was well attended by members of RCSS and other clubs.

Meeting started with invocation by Annette Gunjan Gauri followed by welcome address by outgoing President Rtn. B S Ravindranath, outgoing Secretary Rtn. K A Ramayya gave a power point presentation explaining all the important activities during the year 2007-08. Later on the new Board of Directors were installed by Asst. Governor, Rtn Krishna Sagar. Incoming President Rtn. K A Ramayya has given the acceptance speech and requested all the members for co-operation, involvement and support. Rtn. Krishna Sagar, Asst. Governor gave an inspiring talk and assured all the support to the club. Dr. A K Purohit,

Neuro Surgeon, NIMS was the Chief Guest and he was introduced by Rtn. Dr. L R Surender and he addressed the gathering in an impressive way by way of humour, invaluable information, motivation and stolen the hearts of the people. Mementos were given to Chief Guest and Asst. Governor.

Further as a token of appreciation mementos were given to all the outgoing office bearers by the outgoing president Rtn Ravindranath and the meeting has ended with national anthem. Dinner followed.

A Professional Photographer had taken the photos of all the Rotarian Families who were dressed in formal attire. The entire event was compered excellently by Rtn Rahul Manchanda and Annette Maria Joseph.



(1) Outgoing President Rtn Ravindranath installing Rtn Ramayya as the President (2) Acceptance Speech by newly elected President Rtn Ramayya (3) PDG Rtn Sambasiva Rao handing over a Presidential Recognition to Rtn Ramayya (4) Dr. Purohit, Chief Guest addressing the gathering, (5 & 6) A view of the audience (7) Rtn. Urmil Dharia, Rtn. Ramayya, Dr. Purohit, Rtn. Ravindranath, Rtn. Krishna Sagar on the Dais (8) Board of Directors for 2008-09

*The speed of the boss is the speed of the team.*

**Excellent start to 2008-09. Keep it up.**  
**Rtn. Rajesh Pamnani**



"Nice Venue, Good Food & Lovely Speaker make it good."  
**Rtn. Sandeep Jhawar**



*Oh! What a speaker, good selection, best of the year*  
**Rtn. Sekhar**



"Awesome" food at installation nite"  
**Rtn. Manish Sharma**



Highly motivated President can take the club to a greater height – Such was the Enthusiasm and Motivation levels of our incoming President.  
'Well begun is half done' - Rtn Ramayya with his leadership and managerial skills will take our club to new heights.  
**Rtn. Narendra Gauri**



**AN IDEAL BLEND OF ROTARY BUSINESS WITH HUMOUR AND PLEASURE.**  
**Rtn. Sarathy**



"Great Chief Guest and Superb Speech From Him"  
**Rtn. Rahul Manchanda**



*Maintaining sunrise standards, specially chief quest speech*  
**Rtn. Lokesh Jain**



**JUMBO Cabinet for JUMBO Humanitarian Work Installed!!!**  
**Rtn. Samir Gupta**



**FANTASTIC BEGINNING FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**  
**Rtn. AMARNATH**



What a successful and pleasant installation function. I did not ask for better than this. Very good beginning is indication of great success ahead.

**Rtn. Ramayya**



**Devastatingly Daring !**  
**Rtn. Vaman Rao**



**A Par Excellence Affair**  
**Rtn Srinivas Gumidelli**



## Highlights of Club Assembly

Club Assembly of RCSS was held on 12-07-2008 at Taj Tristar at 08.30 AM & the Directors / Chairmen of various committees have explained the approach being adopted for achieving goals. All have expressed confidence in achieving goals which are as follows:

**Rtn. Chandrasekhar M.** - Chairman - Membership Development : He is planning to increase the membership to 50.

**Rtn. S.K. Varma** - Dir. Vocational Services : He is planning to have atleast 4 Vocational Visits (preferably one per Quarter) and to honour 2 people for excellence in their respective vocations.

**Rtn. GVN Sreedhar Raju** - Chairman - New Generation : His goal is to revive Interact Club at St. Andrews School, establish a new Interact Club and Rotaract Club.

**Rtn. Lokesh Jain** - Chairman - Club Administration & Fellowship : He is planning to have 6 Fellowship Meetings.

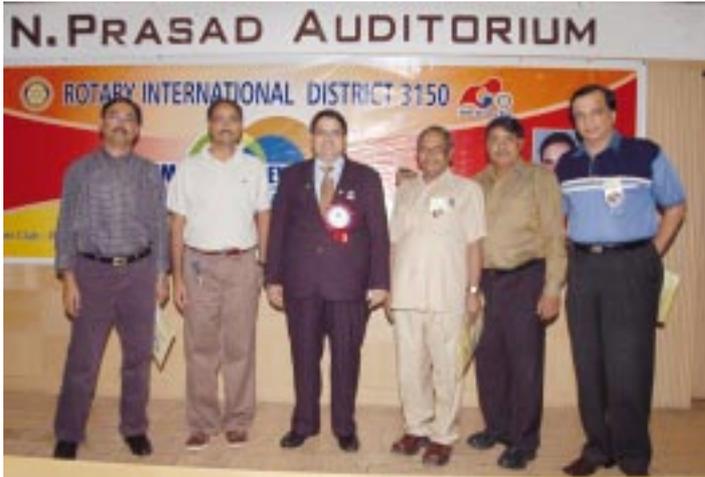
**Rtn. Subhas Dhandhanian** - Chairman - Fund Raiser : He has a plan to raise Rs. 5 lakhs by organising various Fund Raising programmes

**Rtn. P. Vaman Rao** - Chairman - Public Relations : He is planning to install 2 Hoardings at prominent places in the city to increase the awareness of our Club and Rotary.

**Rtn. B.S. Ravindranath** - Chairman - Community Service & **Rtn. K. Amarnath** - Dir. Community Service : They are planning to conduct 4 Medical Camps, 4 Eye Camps, establish one Rotary Community Project, Supply benches 1 or 2 schools, Water Project at Tallagudem, SMILE Project at Rotary Sponsored Eye Centres.

**Rtn. Narendra Gauri** - Chairman - Rotary Foundation : He wants to achieve USD 100 (Every Rotarian Every Year) for the year 2008-2009.

# District Membership Development Seminar



Members of the Club with District Governor Elect 2009-10 Rtn Suresh Chandrasekhar



Members at the Seminar

Membership Development Seminar by 3150 Dist. was held at FAPCII Hall on 27-07-2008. Seven Rotarians Viz. Ramayya, Urmil Dharia, Chandra Sekhar, Srinivas, Lokesh Jain, Sarathy and Ravindranath participated in the seminar. Mr.J.P.Sandani new member also attended. The seminar was addressed by Dr.Sarath Babu, Governor, Rtn Sam Movva, Zonal Representative, Rtn.T.V.R.Murthy, Membership Development Chairman and all of them stressed

the need for membership retention and development. They have set a goal of taking the membership to 3150 during 08-09. The Chief Guest for the Seminar was Sri Garikapati Narasimha Rao, the well known orator. His speech was very inspiring, and gave valuable suggestions on values of friendship, contribution to the society, being a good human being. The audience was spellbound.

## Speaker Meeting on “Right to Walk”



Speaker Meeting was organized on 19-07-2008 at Taj Tristar. Mrs. Kantimathi Kannan was the Chief Guest and Speaker for the day.. She spoke on burning issues Viz. non-availability of footpaths, non-availability of facility to cross roads and non-availability of parking facilities. She presented mind boggling number of deaths which are happening to people who walk on roads due to non-availability of footpaths or unusable footpaths.



She informed the members that a drive has been initiated by her and some like minded people to create an awareness about “Right to Walk” and also discuss these problems with the Govt. Departments to create proper facilities for safe walking

The hurdles faced by her also were narrated very explicitly. The session was very interactive and lively. Speaker was given appreciation letter and mementos.

*If I had 8 hours to chop a tree, I would spend 6 hours sharpening my axe.*

# Indian Home Remedies

## Common Cold :

Lemon can be used effectively to treat common cold, as it increases the body resistance. Take one glass of warm water and pour some lime juice and a tsp of honey in it and consume it once or twice on a daily basis.

## Cough :

Grapes help a great deal in treating cold in a few days. Consume 1 cup grape juice and also add 1 teaspoon honey to it. **OR** Almonds are excellent for dry coughs. Soak about seven almonds in water and keep them overnight. Next morning peel off the brown skin. Now grind them to form a powder and add twenty grams each of butter and sugar and form a paste. Consume it twice a day, once in the morning and the second time in the evening.

## Heartburn :

Ginger serves as an effective home remedy for heartburn. Grind fresh ginger and prepare ginger tea. You can even add ginger to foods. **OR** Increase your fiber intake, as it aids in the absorption of excess acid and gas. It helps in flushing out the toxins from your body. **OR** Drink plenty of water at least 8 glasses everyday. **OR** Green tea is also effective in treating heartburn.

## Obesity :

On an empty stomach in the morning, drink 1 glass of warm water mixed with juice of half a lime and 1 tsp honey. **OR** In 1 cup of water, add 3 tsp of lime juice, 1/2 tsp pepper powder and some honey. Drink this everyday for about 3-4 months. **OR** As a substitute of breakfast, consume 2 ripe tomatoes in the morning. This remedy will aid in reducing your weight at a faster rate.

-- Ann. Nagini Gumidelli

# Marriage .... Before and After ....

He: Yes. At last. It was so hard to wait.  
 She: Do you want me to leave?  
 He: No! Don't even think about it.  
 She: Do you love me?  
 He: Of course! Over and over!  
 She: Have you ever cheated on me?  
 He: No! Why are you even asking?  
 She: Will you kiss me?  
 He: Every chance I get.  
 She: Will you hit me?  
 He: Are you crazy! I'm not that kind of person!  
 She: Can I trust you?  
 He: Yes.  
 She: Darling!

After marriage....

Simply read from bottom to top.

-- Contributed by Rtn. Samir Gupta

## CONGRATS

To Rtn Lokesh Jain for being appointed as the Asst. Governor of Dist 3150 for the year 2009-10.



To Annette Nikhil Gumidelli S/o Rtn Srinivas Gumidelli for winning the All India Tennis Association (AITA) Doubles Tournament (under 14) held at Tirupati on 24th July 2008.

# Medical Camp at Centenary School, Secunderabad



The Medical Camp was conducted on 26.07.08. The camp was conducted with the active participation of doctors 1) Dr. Kailash Gupta - Obst & Gynaec (2) Dr. Ajay Seth - Ophthalmology 3) Dr. L.R. Surendar - Dentist (4) Dr. Swamy - Gen Physician (5) Dr. Shankar - Gen. Physician (6) Dr. Archana - Dentist (7) Mr Victor Joseph - Optometrist (8) Mr Janardhan - Optometrist. About 350 students were screened for various ailments. Deserving Students were given **Free Medicines** for General health,

Eye ailments, Dental ailments. 35 students were found having acute necessity of **Spectacles** and were promised to be given by freely. At the end of the camp a small meeting was organised to acknowledge the contribution of the doctors by giving momentos. The momentos were given away by Rtn. Ajit Gandhi, Past President. The teachers and some of the parents of the students who were present during the camp have expressed their happiness and gratitude to our club.

*The cost is long forgotten but the quality is remembered forever.*

# 10 Amazingly Simple Tricks To Turn Your Brain Into A Powerful Thinking Machine

There are two basic principles to keep your brain healthy & sharp as you age: variety and curiosity. When anything you do becomes second nature, you need to make a change. If you can do the crossword puzzle in your sleep, it's time for you to move on to a new challenge in order to get best workout for your brain. Curiosity about world around you, how it works & how you can understand it will keep your brain working fast & efficiently. Use the ideas below to help attain your quest for mental fitness.

**1. Read a Book :** Pick a book on an entirely new subject. Read a novel set in Egypt. Learn about economics. There are many excellent popular non-fiction books that do a great job entertaining you while teaching about a subject. Become an expert in something new each week. Branch out from familiar reading topics. If you usually read history books, try a contemporary novel. Read foreign authors, the classics and random books. Not only will your brain get a workout by imagining different time periods, cultures and peoples, you will also have interesting stories to tell about your reading, what it makes you think of and the connections you draw between modern life and the words.

**2. Play Games :** Games are a wonderful way to tease and challenge your brain. Sudoku, crosswords and electronic games can all improve your brain's speed and memory. These games rely on logic, word skills, math and more. These games are also fun. You'll get benefit more by doing these games a little bit every day-spend 15 minutes or so, not hours.

**3. Use Your Opposite Hand :** Spend the day doing things with your non-dominant hand. If you are left-handed, open doors with your right hand. If you are right-handed, try using your keys with your left. This simple task will cause your brain to lay down some new pathways and rethink daily tasks. Wear your watch on the opposite hand to remind you to switch.

**4. Eat for Your Brain :** Your brain needs you to eat healthy fats. Focus on fish oils from wild salmon, nuts such as walnuts, seeds such as flax seed/olive oil. Eat more of such foods & less saturated fats. Eliminate transfats completely from your diet.

**5. Learn Phone Numbers :** Our modern phones remember all phone numbers. No one memorizes phone numbers anymore, but it is a great memory Skill. Learn a new phone number everyday.

**6. Break the Routine :** We love our routines. We have hobbies and pastimes that we could do for hours on end. But the more something is second nature, the less our brains have to work to do it. To really help your brain stay young, challenge it. Change routes to the grocery store, use your opposite hand to open doors & eat dessert first. All this will force your brain to wake up from habits & pay attention again.

**7. Go a Different way :** Drive or walk a different way to wherever you go. This little change in routine helps the brain practice special memory & directions. Try different side streets go through stores in a different order anything to change your route.

**8. Learn a New Skill :** Learning a new skill works multiple areas of the brain. Your memory comes into play, you learn new movements and you associate things differently. Reading Shakespeare, learning to cook and building an airplane out of tooth picks all will challenge your brain and give you something to think about.

**9. Make Lists :** Lists are wonderful. Making lists helps us to associate items with one another. Make a list of all the places you have traveled. Make a list of tastiest foods you have eaten. Make a list of the best presents you have been given. Make one list every day to jog your memory & make new connections. But don't become too reliant on them. Make your grocery list, but then try to shop without it. Use the list once you have put every item you can think of in your cart. Do the same with your "to do" lists.

**10. Choose a new skill :** Find something that captivates you that you can do easily in your home and doesn't cost too much. Photography with a digital camera, learning to draw, learning a musical instrument learning new cooking styles, or writing are all great choices.

-- Rtn. Chandrasekhar M.

## Welcome to ROTI!

### The Official "Rotarians on the Internet" Fellowship

ROTI is a lot more than a group of Rotarians who get together on the Internet for fellowship. We are a large organization with a mission, goals, and a number of projects under way. We hope you will join us, to move your Rotary experience to an all new level of international involvement and Service Above Self.

Our membership is open to all Rotarians, Rotarian spouses and Rotaractors, and there is no cost or pressure for contributions.

Electronic communication forms the heart and soul of ROTI.

Once you are a member, you may access the members section and locate other members by name, country, club or district. The member information includes basic demographics on each person, so you may get to know us, and there are links to members' club and/or district web sites. You can also interact with other ROTIans through a variety of email lists, and through online messengers and telephony programs like Skype.

Another method of communication is via the "Breadbasket", the monthly newsletter of Rotarians on the Internet ("Roti" means bread). It started out as a digest of the best postings of the month to make sure that all of our members would see the more important messages. However, the world of Rotary is full of ideas and the Breadbasket quickly grew to a newsletter of many topics. We are sure there will be items of interest for everyone with the broad area of coverage presented and the diverse styles of our contributors. All members of ROTI are automatically notified when an issue of the Breadbasket is published.

-- Rtn. Vaman Rao

## What is Politics ?

A little boy goes to his dad and asks, 'What is Politics?'

Dad says, 'Well son, let me try to explain it this way:

I am the head of the family, so call me The President.

Your mother is the administrator of the money, so we call her the Government.

We are here to take care of your needs, so we will call you the People.

The maid, we will consider her the Working Class.

And your baby brother, we will call him the Future.

Now think about that and see if it makes sense.'

So the little boy goes off to bed thinking about what Dad has said.

Later that night, he hears his baby brother crying, so he gets up to check on him.

He finds that the baby has severely soiled his diaper.

So the little boy goes to his parent's room and finds his mother asleep.

Not wanting to wake her, he goes to the maid's room. Finding the door locked, he peeks in the keyhole and sees his father in bed with the maid.

He gives up and goes back to bed.

The next morning, the little boy says to his father, 'Dad, I think I understand the concept of politics now.'

The father says, 'Good, son, tell me in your own words what you think politics is all about.'

*The little boy replies, 'The President is scr....g the Working Class while the Government is sound asleep. The People are being ignored and the Future is in deep shit.'*

Contributed by Rtn. Ajit Gandhi

The human mind is like a parachute, it only works when it is open.

# Sony Xperia X1 Mobile



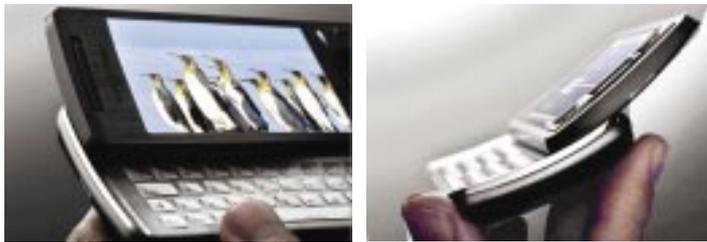
Sony Ericsson today revealed their new XPERIA X1 smartphone, and it looks like it could be a serious contender in the battle for mobile supremacy. With a slick, modern user interface and industrial design to match, the phone is clearly designed to compete with Apple's iPhone Juggernaut. The X1 has

a luscious aluminum shell and an amazingly sharp display with a resolution which puts Apple's to shame

While the XPERIA X1 runs on the Windows Mobile Platform, Sony Ericsson developed a slick new user interface which gives it a much more forward looking design than most WinMo devices. Sony's new "panel" interface shows nine tiny tiles which represent individual application windows. When touched, they open up to display the application using a smooth animated style.

It's a full 3G phone, working on just about every phone and data network you can think of, supporting Quad-Band GSM, EDGE, HSDPA, HSUPA, and UMTS standards. Most of Sony's X1 propaganda fails to mention Wi-Fi connectivity, but [this spec sheet](#) I found says "Utilize high-speed Internet at Wi-Fi™ hotspots at airports and other facilities", so I'm hoping it really does.

The X1 really is loaded to the hilt with features. There's a 3.2 megapixel digital camera with video recording and even video chat on high-speed networks. Internet surfing is achieved using the Internet Explorer Mobile browser. Unlike iPhone's tower-triangulation navigation, the X1 offers true aGPS maps and directions. All the requisite



-- Rtn. Lokesh Jain

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**Rtn. K.A. Ramayya**  
 President - Rotary Club of Secunderabad Sunrise

## takes aim at **iphone**

PDA features are there, including E-mail, an alarm clock, calculator, calendar, document readers, address book, and task manager. And yes, it all syncs with Outlook and Exchange via ActiveSync. Heck, it even has push e-mail support like a Blackberry.

Of course, there's full media playback support using Windows Media Player, including wireless stereo headset connectivity over Bluetooth A2DP. The X1 features a beautiful 3-inch TFT screen with a whopping 800 x 480 resolution (that's way sharper than the iPhone's already ample 480 x 320 display).

While the phone only has 400MB of on-board memory, but you can store up to 8GB of media files on optional SanDisk Micro or Memory Stick Micro memory cards. Behind its touchscreen display, the phone's QWERTY keyboard than slides out to form an elegant arc when viewed from the side.

When closed, the X1 measures in at 4.3 x 0.7 x 2.1 inches, making it just a hair smaller than an iPhone on the width and height, but about 1/3rd thicker. Weight is 5.1 ounces, just a tiny bit heavier than the iPhone's 4.8 ounces.

My greatest concern about the X1 is it's Windows Mobile roots. While Sony Ericsson has clearly stepped up their game in the interfaces shown here, I'm afraid it all could just be a facade for WinMo's less-than-stellar roots. I guess we'll just all have to wait until we can get our hands on one to see. Expect the XPERIA X1 to make its way to stores sometime in the second half of 2008. Pricing hasn't yet been revealed.

--Rtn. Shrvan Malani

### Birthdays (7th August - 7th October)

7-Aug	Shilpa	W/o. Rtn. Ajit Gandhi
8-Aug	Sree Ramyasha	D/o. Rtn G V N Sreedhar Raju
8-Aug	Rtn. Subhas Dhandhanian	
15-Aug	Rtn. Lokesh Jain	
15-Aug	Seema Jain	W/o. Rtn. Lokesh Jain
16-Aug	Bhavya Goyal	D/o. Rtn. Anil Ratan Goyal
18-Aug	Rtn. P. Vaman Rao	
20-Aug	Rtn. B.S.Ravindranath	
22-Aug	Sanskar Agarwal	S/o. Rtn. Jitender Aggarwal
25-Aug	Ruchika	D/o. Rtn. Vijay Rathi
31-Aug	Rtn. Vishal Srivastav	
21-Aug.	Rtn. George	
4- Sep	Maria Joseph	D/o. Rtn. George
4-Sep	Gunjan Gauri	D/o. Rtn. Narender Gauri
4-Sep	Arushi	D/o. Rtn. Sandeep Jhawar
9-Sep	Vedika	D/o. Rtn. Pawan K. Tibrewala
12-Sep	Rohini	W/o. Rtn. P. Vaman Rao
16-Sep	Pooja	D/o. Rtn. Subhas Dhandhanian
18-Sep	LR Surekha	W/o. Rtn. Dr. LR Surender
27-Sep	Rtn G V N Sreedhar Raju	
2-Oct	Pallavi Verma	D/o. Rtn. Suresh Kumar Verma
6-Oct	Ritika Srivastav	W/o. Rtn. Vishal Srivastav
7-Oct	Aayush	S/o. Rtn. Ashwin Nivetia

### Wedding Anniversaries (7th August - 7th October)

15-Aug	Rtn. Dr. LR Surender / Ann. Surekha
22-Aug	Rtn. P. Vaman Rao / Ann. Rohini
22-Sep	Rtn. Suresh Kumar Verma / Ann. Mridula

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