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Preventing conflict requires collaboration, empathy, and proactive efforts to nurture peaceful communities worldwide. It's a time to reflect on building bridges and creating sustainable paths to peace in our communities and beyond.

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"Magic is not found, it's something you create every day"

Unleash your creativity, embrace your power, and shape a world full of possibilities. Empower your journey with creativity and intention. Remember, the magic lies in what you create and the stories you shape."

Stephanie A. Urchick

President, Rotary International 2024-2025



There's nothing more powerful for engaging and retaining members than a club that's vibrant, welcoming, and - yes - fun. Think back to what drew you to Rotary.

I always walk into meetings at my home club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, with a smile on my face. A few years ago, someone arrived late. Instead of scolding the person, we cheered. Since then, we've made it a tradition to applaud all members when they arrive for meetings. It's tough not to smile with a greeting like that.

There's nothing more powerful for engaging and retaining members than a club that's vibrant, welcoming, and — yes — fun. Think back to what drew you to Rotary. Chances are, it wasn't just the service projects or professional networking. It was the people — the friendships, the shared laughter, and the joy of working toward a common purpose. That's what keeps us coming back.

If you're looking for that sense of joy in your meetings, don't be afraid to ask yourself and your fellow members some tough questions. If you were a prospective member, would you join your current club? It's a powerful question but don't stop there. Do members of your club feel that they belong? Are your meetings fun? If not, what can you do about it together? At your next meeting or event, try something new to bring out a few extra smiles. It's the simple things that create lasting bonds and make clubs simply irresistible.

Here's one example of a club moving in the right direction. The Rotary Club of Fukushima, Japan, has been combining environmental responsibility with community fun since 2021. In Japan, people have made picking up trash into a sport known as SpoGomi, and every year the club hosts a game. This year, more than 400 participants cheered each other on while they came together to improve their community.

This event is an excellent example of how Rotary clubs can have fun, make a difference, and raise awareness for broader global challenges all at the same time. And the inclusive, family-friendly format allows people of all ages to participate.



When we enjoy what we do, that energy becomes contagious. It's what attracts new members and keeps our clubs strong and engaged. It helps people feel that they belong.

Retention and culture go hand in hand. The healthier our club culture, the more likely members are to stay. Rotary magazine is an outstanding resource for inspiration on how to enhance our club culture and deepen member engagement. I encourage you to explore the stories and

strategies in these pages, drawing from other clubs' successes to find ideas that work for you.

Together, we can create a more engaged, enjoyable, and inclusive Rotary that every member can feel proud to be part of. Let's continue with renewed commitment and enthusiasm, living The Magic of Rotary.

Stephanie A. Urchick

Rotary International President, 2024-2025



Rotary celebrates skill development, fostering career growth, and empowering communities through vocational excellence.

Tushar Shah

District Governor



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Warm Rotary Greetings

With 150 days more to go in this Rotary year, let us work towards creating cherished memories and leaving behind a hearty legacy of meaningful service. Let's reach out to more beneficiaries and invite friends and relatives to share our vision of a healthy and peaceful community.

Rotary lays importance on ethical conduct in one's profession and in the month of January we honoured individuals who through their vocation are making a difference in the community and creating hope in the world.

At times we come across youth who get addicted to drugs or because of peer pressure fall into depression. They sometime take the extreme step of ending their lives abruptly leaving behind a heartbroken family. We need to look out for such troubled individuals who are directionless and offer a helping hand to them. We can take help of a doctor or a therapist in Rotary and help affected individuals come out of these unhappy situations. Let us understand and accept the perspectives of others and make this world more inclusive.

On the 23rd of February , on Rotary's 120th birthday, we would be celebrating Rotary Day in a big way. This year, let us together make it extra special by planning projects and activities which could bring significant change in the community, whilst increasing our reach to more people. This is an excellent opportunity to highlight the great work done by the Rotary Foundation and reach out to the youth.

May we enjoy Rotary and prioritize it to serve the community with sincerity and purpose.

Tushar V. Shah
District Governor

Mona Sitwala

United for Peace

Every morning the newspapers remind us of insane violence – in homes, communities and nations. Somewhere someone is subject to unwarranted atrocities, somewhere countries are at devastating war, somewhere religious groups are at each others throat. Violence is detrimental to the growth of individuals and communities and it has no place in a progressive world.

The concept of peace begins at the individual plane. Peace loving people give rise to peaceful communities and nations. A person in a disturbed state of mind can never realise his full potential. The golden era of economy, science or arts dawns only in conflict free times. The renaissance period, which left behind masterpieces in arts, happened only during a time of relative calm in Europe. Economy of nations flourish when there is peace. The finances of countries at conflict like Israel and Ukraine has taken a beating. War pulls back nations by decades.

Rotary realises the importance of peace and has dedicated February to peace, conflict resolution and world understanding. Through the Rotary Peace Centres it is doing good in the world by training peace fellows who work for a peaceful world. Popular Rotary programs like IYE and RFE are wonderful initiatives than propagate world understanding and respect for diverse cultures.

23rd of February, Rotary's birthday, is celebrated as World Understanding and Peace Day. From February 20 to 22 the Presidential Peace Conference will be celebrated in Istanbul, Turkey. Led by RIP Stephanie Urchick this conference will explore important peace building issues of our time and ways to heal a divided world.

We can never have peace in the world until we make peace with ourselves. With this understanding let us give peace a chance - in our lives, in our families and in our communities.



As we navigate global challenges, this month serves as a call to action to bridge divides, promote dialogue, and champion sustainable solutions for lasting peace.

**DG TUSHAR SHAH
OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT**



RC Anand Milkcity



RC Baroda Kalanagari



RC Baroda Sunrise



RC Bharuch Narmadnagari



RC Baroda



RC Senoras Jamnagar



RC Baroda Metro



RC Bhavnagar Royal



RC Choti Kashi



RC Surendranagar



RC Wadhwan City



RC Imagica Jamnagar



RC Baroda Cosmopolitan



RC Anand



RC Navsari

WHAT WAS SAID.....

"This year become a regular donor. The work of Rotary Foundation depends on regular giving by members. Rotary Direct provides a simple way to make monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions. This empowers Rotary to plan effectively and continue transforming lives"

Mark Daniel Maloney - TRF Trustee Chair

"In a world longing for peace we must be it's fiercest advocate. Imagine the message that we send when we plant a Peace Pole in a playground, or park - a silent powerful symbol of harmony and unity. With every such act we inspire others to believe in a common future where goodwill prevails"

Anirudh Roychowdhury - RID 2023-25

"Encourage and ensure 100 percent club contribution to TRF. IN 2021-22 only 3 districts in India had 100% club contribution. In 2024-25 already 12 have achieved 100% club contribution, which is very good. Congratulations!"

Bharat Pandya - TRF Trustee

"The new Peace Centre at Istanbul will be called the Otto and Fran Walter Peace Centre. For the first time a programme is to be named after the funder. We have mostly named everything after Paul Harris, Arch Klump etc. For us working with the Walter foundation this was a deal breaker and Rotary had no problem with it"

Martha Helman - TRF Trustee

"Revenues are higher than expenses until fiscal 2026 and from fiscal 2027 our expenses will become higher than our revenues. Higher inflation has led to increased expenses and now the challenge is to balance the budgets for 2027 till 2029"

Rhonda Stubbs - RI Treasurer and Director

"Millions of students in grade 1-12 across India are using our audiovisual content, thanks to Rotary's contribution to the Government of India's NCERT programme. Our adult literacy project is another milestone, empowering thousands of man and women with dignity, independence and freedom that literacy brings"

PRIP - **Shekhar Mehta**

"We are not peace brokers or people who can negotiate the release of hostages or stop a war. As peacebuilders we prevent conflict before it happens. We create the conditions necessary for a peaceful society to exist"

RIP Stephanie Urchick

"When we talk about world peace, today's problem is not the huge war going on between nations, but between human beings and nature. Around 7 million people died in the two world wars, but because of environmental degradation we lose 10 million each year. World War 3 is already on"

Sonam Wangchuk -

Environmentalists, at the Kochi Institute

"Today the real borders are not between nations, but between the powerful and powerless, free and fettered, privileged and humiliated. If we want true peace we have to bridge this divide and close the gaps"

PRIP - **Kalyan Banerjee**

"Service is not just a project; it is a way of life where the giver gains as much as the receiver. Even seemingly simple acts like supporting a struggling student financially, advocating for marginalized communities or offering a listening ear, carry immense value. All it takes is willingness to serve"

PRID - **C Bhaskar**

"We have not yet tapped the full potential of public sector companies and industrial units, which are in fact looking for trusted avenues where their funds can make a meaningful impact. Rotary's meticulous financial management and commitment to community projects make it an ideal partner"

RID - **Raju Subramanian**

Rotary Club of Nandanagari

Organized a sweater distribution program and an eye and dental checkup camp

At Model Urdu High School. Sweaters were distributed to needy students by District Education Officer Vandana Valvi and other dignitaries, while certificates were awarded to painting competition winners. The event was attended by key Rotarians and local leaders, reflecting Rotary's dedication to community welfare and student well-being.



Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown

Organized a Mega Diabetes Prevention and Management Camp

The Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown organized a Mega Diabetes Prevention and Management Camp at Rotary Lalitalay to mark World Diabetes Day. Focused on raising awareness and promoting affordable care, the camp offered a 50% discount on essential tests and consultations, benefiting 104 patients, free blood sugar testing, and Diabetes Risk Profiles at just ₹100 (regular cost ₹1,800), availed by 32 individuals. This initiative highlights Rotary's dedication to disease prevention and fostering a healthier community.



Rotary Club of Surat Tapi Project "NOURISH"

As part of Project "NOURISH," the Rotary Club of Surat Tapi, worked to combat malnutrition by providing nutritious food and monitoring children's health to move them out of red and yellow categories. On January 16, beneficiaries received soya milk, teel chikki, and drawing books in celebration of Uttarayan. This initiative supported 21 children, emphasizing Rotary's commitment to child health and well-being.

Rotary Club of Vadodara Heritage

Organized a CPR training session

At Kelavani Trust School, Akota, Vadodara. Dr. Ankur from Sterling Hospital conducted the session, demonstrating CPR techniques and providing hands-on training to students. He also discussed how to handle medical emergencies effectively. Over 120 students and teachers from the Grade 11 and 12 Gujarati-medium science stream participated, gaining essential life-saving skills.



Rotary Club of Vapi - Achieved a milestone

Haria L.G. Rotary Hospital, managed by Rotary Vapi Niramay Trust, achieved a milestone by performing the first kidney transplant between Surat and Mumbai for a 28-year-old Nepalese girl. The procedure was conducted free of cost, showcasing Rotary's "Service Above Self." Both the donor and recipient are recovering well, with the hospital ensuring modern nephrology and transplant services are now accessible locally, eliminating the need to travel to distant cities. This success highlights the hospital's dedication to advancing healthcare and raising awareness about organ donation.



Rotary Club of Bharuch Femina Trained 26 women

Rotary Club of Bharuch Femina trained 26 women in Tavra, Mangalmath, in a three-month sewing class to promote financial independence. The initiative equips participants to start sewing ventures or secure jobs, fostering self-reliance and community well-being.



Rotary Club of Anand Milk City "Ek Ped Apno Ke Liye"

"Ek Ped Apno Ke Liye", Project promotes tree plantation to mark special occasions, with NGO Gayatri Parivar ensuring care until full growth. Led by Rtn Hardik and Poonam Joshi, the initiative has planted 75 trees. Supported by Yuva Gayatri Pariwar Trust, it fosters sustainability and community awareness.

Rotary Club of Udhana Trained 10 visually impaired individuals

Rotary Club Udhna and Rotary Eye Institute trained 10 visually impaired individuals on AI-powered Smart Vision Glass at Andhhan Shikshan Mandal, Surat. This innovative device empowers independence and dignity. The initiative was supported by Rotary leaders and the Mandal's management.



Rotary Club of Bhavnagar Royal Enhanced road safety

On January 11,, ahead of the Uttarayan festival, Rotary Club of Bhavnagar Royal enhanced road safety by fitting 200 two-wheelers with life-saving guards at Rupani Circle, Bhavnagar. These guards protect riders from kite thread injuries. The initiative involved 15 Rotarians, 5 Rotaractors, and 3 Interactors, who managed traffic and ensured proper installation. This project highlights Rotary's dedication to community service and promoting safe riding practices.



Rotary Club of Sarigam Inaugurated the Gynaecology and Paediatric Department

Rotary Club of Sarigam inaugurated the Gynaecology and Paediatric Department at NR Agarwal Rotary Hospital, a permanent project supported by the CSR initiative of Caliber Chemicals Pvt. Ltd., Sarigam. This new facility enhances healthcare access for women and children, embodying Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self."



Rotary Club of Rajkot Makarsankranti Kit Distribution

On January 11, 2025, Rotary Club of Rajkot organized the "Makarsankranti Kit Distribution" project at the Old Collector Office, Rajkot. Led by Rotarian Partner Nirali Padhariya, the initiative provided essential kits to HIV-positive children, spreading festive cheer and support. The project, with a cost of ₹27,500, exemplified Rotary's commitment to community care and compassion.

Rotary Club of Wadhwan Metro Organized a Thalassemia Check-Up Camp

On December 21, Rotary Club of Wadhwan Metro, in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society, Surendranagar, organized a Thalassemia Check-Up Camp at M.M. Shah Education Society. The health initiative, under the focus area of Disease Prevention and Treatment, benefited 100 students. With a project cost of ₹5,000 and 8 man-hours, this effort reflects Rotary's dedication to community health and well-being.



Rotary Club of Anand Roundtown Distributed school bags

Rotary Club Anand Round Town organized a thoughtful initiative to support underprivileged children by distributing school bags at Mahavir Jupad Patti School No. 18. Led by President Gagan Punjabi, the event was managed with seamless coordination, ensuring every child received their school supplies. This heartfelt gesture brought smiles to the faces of the children, equipping them with essential tools to pursue their education and fostering hope for a brighter future.



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Rotary Club of Bhavnagar Vibrant Paint It Out

On December 16, RC Bhavnagar Vibrant organized "Paint It Out," a vibrant painting seminar held at Shangar Showroom. Participants showcased their creativity by artistically painting a set of six tea coasters. The session was guided by the talented Shri Nirupamaji Tank, an expert in the field, who inspired and enhanced the artistic skills of the attendees. This event beautifully blended creativity and learning, leaving participants enriched and motivated.

Rotary Club of Navsari Nature Conservation Awareness session

In January 2025, Rotary Club of Navsari undertook several impactful initiatives, including a Nature Conservation Awareness session, sweater distribution to 100 underprivileged children, and awareness programs on cervical cancer, organ donation, and Thalassemia/Sickle Cell at Agrawal High School. The club adopted 15 TB patients, providing six months of nutritional support, and celebrated the graduation of 12 adults from an education program at Swami Vivekanand School. These projects highlight Rotary's dedication to health, education, and community welfare.



Rotary Club of Amreli the "Harti Farti Library"

The Club has initiated the "Harti Farti Library" project to provide education and learning opportunities to children in slum areas. This initiative, conducted every weekend, involves one dedicated teacher and two club members who volunteer their time to engage and educate these young minds. The project aims to foster a love for learning and bridge the educational gap for underprivileged children, embodying Rotary's commitment to community upliftment and empowerment through education.



Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar actively participated in National Immunization Day

Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar (RCBJ) actively participated in National Immunization Day on December 8, 2024. Continuing their 40-year legacy, RCBJ sponsored 40 vehicles to transport vaccinators to 876 booths across 40 Urban Health Centres. The initiative benefited over 3500 individuals and successfully reached 210,000 children under the age of 5 with polio vaccinations.



Rotary Club of Surat West "Organ Donation Awareness"

Rotary Club of Surat West joined an "Organ Donation Awareness" kite festival at Lalbhai Contractor Stadium, Surat. State home minister Shri Harsh Sanghvi inaugurated the event which was attended by 2000+ citizens of Surat. Club members PP Hitendra Mody and Rtn Nirav Mandlewala were key organisers of the event.

Rotary Club of Amreli Gir Conducted anemia testing

On 25th January 2025, Rotary Club of Amreli Gir, conducted anemia testing under "Anemia Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (AMBA)" in association with Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast & supported by IDBI Bank (CSR Initiative). The project was executed at Mahila Vikas Mandal, Pragna Chakshu Mahila Trust & Deaf and Mute School. Total 100 girl students were tested for anemia deficiency & were given necessary iron tablets.



**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS
TO OUR ROTARY 3060 FAMILY**



RC Navsari
Rtn Sanjay Patvardhan



RC Amreli Gir
Rtn Ankur Javiya



RC Amreli Gir
Rtn Sagar Vakotar



RC Amreli Gir
Rtn Nirav Joshi



RC Amreli Gir
Rtn Chirag Koladiya



RC Amreli Gir
Rtn Bimal Pokar



RC Amreli
Rtn Riyaz Verasia

**LIVING WITH DIGNITY –
PROJECT BY RC SENORAS JAMNAGAR**

A sentimental aid to female cancer patients was carried out by RC Senoras Jamnagar, an all ladies club of 3060. This innovative project started by an enthusiastic step and willingness of principal Smt. Heena Tanna of G.S. Mehta Girls High School. She shared her desire to donate her hair to one club member Nisha Iyer and this led to the start of the novel campaign.

Heena Tanna donated her hair and this act ignited a desire in many women of Jamnagar, Khambhaliya to do the same and they come forward in large numbers for this noble cause. They voluntarily cut their long hair and donated them to make wigs for women suffering from cancer. As a result of chemo therapy - one of the treatment of cancer, hair loss is experienced by many women.

Club members then searched at many places for a wig manufacturer. Finally now the wigs are being made at Rajkot and these are donated to cancer patients free of charge. Cost of one wig is from 4000 to 7000 rupees. Until now club has donated wigs to more than 30 patients. To prepare wigs hair more than 12 inches long is required and from three such samples one wig can be made. The

hair donors are honoured by a certificate bearing their photo.

On International Women's Day, an appeal was made by RC Senoras and Shri Batukbhai Khandheria Charitable Trust and in response females of all age group came forward in support of the cancer survivors, bringing confidence and happiness in their lives.

Past first lady Vaishali Dave was very much impressed by this signature project and appealed to all Rotary clubs to take it up. On this request many clubs of the district participated and joined hands resulting in less expense and huge impact in society.

At the same time, club is donating breast prosthesis to the breast cancer patients who undergo surgery and removal of the breast. DG Tushar Shah and First Lady Nehal Shah handed over Breast Prosthesis to needy cancer survivor during the official club visit. Project director Nisha Iyer and cervical cancer and vaccination coordinator Dr. Kalpana Khandheria are carrying out this project with effective sustainability and this achieves high PR for Rotary not only amongst cancer patients but whole society.



VAPI HALF MARATHON 2025 BY RC VAPI RIVERSIDE

A mega public image and literacy support project, the 10th edition of the “Vapi Half Marathon” was successfully organized by RC Vapi Riverside on January 12, 2025. Participants aged between 10 and 60 years enthusiastically took part in the marathon, which aimed to raise funds for the education and empowerment of tribal girls. These funds will support not only girls education but also other community initiatives.

Over 2,500 competitors from Valsad district, Daman, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Baroda, and even as far as Dahanu and Mumbai in Maharashtra participated across categories of 5 km, 10 km, and 21.1 km. DG Tushar Shah flagged off the marathon on a crisp Sunday morning.

The event began with an energetic early morning warmup Zumba and dance session, getting participants pumped up for the race. A vibrant dance performance by the students of RVKC added to the festive atmosphere, while drummers provided an upbeat rhythm that kept the energy high throughout the day.

To ensure the well-being of the participants, a

physiotherapy center was set up, offering free services for those in need of recovery after the race. Refreshments were provided along the route and at the finish line, ensuring the runners stayed hydrated and energized. Every participant was awarded a medal as a token of appreciation for their effort, with the top winners receiving special prizes.

The prize distribution ceremony was attended by dignitaries, including DG Tushar Shah, DGN Nilesh Shah, AG Dr Mohit Rajani, PDG Ruchir Jani, Gujarat Government Minister Kanu Desai, MP Dhawal Patel, and representatives of J.B. Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

J.B. Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., based in Daman, was the lead sponsor, with support from several local industrial units. The event's success was made possible by the tireless efforts of Project Chairman Rajesh Panchal, Co-Chair Viral Desai, President Parmeshwar Bang, Secretary Archana Purohit, Vice President Arpan Tachak, and other members of the Rotary Vapi Riverside.



VAPI HALF MARATHON 2025 BY RC VAPI RIVERSIDE



ROTARY AND THE SEVEN CENTRES OF PEACE

Peace is most important for the well being and progress of mankind. It is not just the absence of violence, peace is the manifestation of human compassion and the only battle worth waging. Rotary realises the significance of peace and is working steadily in this direction through its "Peace Centers" and peace fellowship programmes.

Rotary Peace Centers are programs that train people in conflict resolution and peace building. Based at premier universities, Rotary's peace centers, which now total seven, offer fully funded master's degree or professional development certificate programs. The eighth center - the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center - is expected to open soon in Istanbul. The centers offer customized curriculums to address specific aspects of the peace building process and to address underlying causes of conflict, such as poverty, discrimination, and lack of access to education.

The program was created in 1999 and the first center began classes three years later in 2002. Many program alumni serve as leaders in governments, non-governmental organizations, educational institutions, and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank. The tailor made curriculums has been carefully crafted to train the next generation of global change-makers, no matter where they land.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is a program for leaders with experience in peace and development and committed to community and international service. The Rotary Foundation awards fellowships for master's degrees and certificate studies at top universities. Each year, TRF awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and up to 80 for certificate studies at premier universities.

<p>RONALD KASULE Co-founder & CEO, Diversity Ability Support Network System (Dasuns) Promotes social and inclusive development by connecting people with disabilities in Uganda with service providers</p>	<p>LORELEI HIGGINS Community lead, City of Calgary Anti-Racism Program, Canada Works in indigenous relations, cultural mediation, and community-based anti-racism strategies and capacity building</p>	<p>JAMIE LESUEUR Head of emergency operations, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Leads response efforts for Turkey, Ukraine, and other global locations experiencing crisis</p>	<p>HUMAIRA SHAFI Assistant professor at the Centre for International Peace and Stability, National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan Empowers future generations in South Asia, primarily women, with knowledge in peace studies and conflict resolution</p>	<p>SPENCER LEUNG Founder, Ge Organics Peace International Creates economic opportunities through sustainable agriculture for rural communities in Thailand</p>	<p>PATIENCE RUSARE Senior writer, Silatech, a global youth organization based in Qatar Practices Positive Peace Journalism and communications that support global causes</p>
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ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS

ROTARY AND THE SEVEN CENTRES OF PEACE

In the master's degree programs candidates study peace and development issues with research informed teaching and a diverse student body. The programs last 15 to 24 months and include a two- to three-month field study, which participants design themselves. This program is intended for working professionals. The fellowships cover tuition fees, boarding, round-trip transportation, internship and field-study expenses. Over the years Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,700 fellows who now work in over 140 countries. For example, Rita Lopidia, had studied at the University of Bradford, England. After graduation, she established the EVE Organization for Women in Uganda. Through this she were able to mobilize Sudanese women to participate in the peace process, leading to the signing of the agreement on the "Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan" in 2018. Lopidia's time at the peace centre had a profound effect on her, as it has on most peace fellows.

The seven Rotary Peace Centres are scattered all over the world and are as follows:

Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok - When a coup took place in Myanmar in 2021, the peace and

development studies program at Chulalongkorn University worked to recruit and support peacemakers there. Six months later, during evacuations in Afghanistan the program created an entire network to get people out of the country. "We are looking for fellows who are sitting on the front lines of conflict," says Martine Miller, deputy director of the center. Those can include a peace fellow who works in prison systems in California or one focusing on at-risk youth in Kenya.

Duke University/University of North Carolina in Durham and Chapel Hill, North Carolina - This program is an anomaly among Rotary Peace Centers. The 21-month curriculum offers courses in peace building and brings together fellows from two college campuses 10 miles apart, doubling student's resources and flexibility. It's the only master's program that doesn't offer a degree in peace studies, instead focusing on international development policy, or various academic specialties. The holistic approach allows fellows to enter pertinent development sectors such as public health, where they can promote peace. The program's willingness to think outside the box leads to unusual instruction, with courses in water and sanitation and a



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peace and development related film series.

University of Bradford in Bradford, England - Home to the largest program in the world devoted to peace studies this university offers seven different master's degrees in peace studies and has educated students from more than 50 countries. The sheer breadth of the program means fellows can focus on anything from sustainable development to contemporary security issues. During the 15 months fellows can participate in field studies in Africa, Northern Ireland, etc, where they talk to political leaders and immerse themselves in regional institutions and issues. Then there is a trip to Oslo, Norway, to visit the Nobel Peace Center and other preeminent peace building institutions or to The Hague to learn about the International Criminal Court system in action.

International Christian University in Tokyo - Founded in the wake of World War II, ICU embraces the mission of the UN and has a strong focus on international diplomacy. The school's emphasis on intergovernmental peacekeeping organizations is underscored in classes such as "The UN and Sustainable Development" and "Multilateral Diplomacy." Fellows pursue a master's degree in peace studies within the public policy and social research program. A field trip to Hiroshima enables students, including some who have come from war-torn countries, to hear the voices of survivors of the

nuclear bomb and witness how Japan attempts to overcome genocide through reconciliation.

University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia - As one of Australia's largest universities, UQ is known as a research innovator in social sciences, a strength reflected in the 18 month Master of Peace and Conflict Studies curriculum. Members of the school's political science department focus on the role of images and emotions in shaping global politics, examining, for example, the worldwide concern for Syria's refugee crisis prompted by the heart-rending photo of a Syrian toddler washed up on the shore. A course in gender, peace, and security also challenges students to deconstruct "masculine" and "feminine" roles in peacemaking that equate violence with men and victimhood with women.

Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda - The first peace center in Africa is in the Great Lakes region, an area with a long history of conflict. This gives fellows a chance to interact in the direct aftermath of conflicts, or as clashes unfold in real time. The year long course has a trip to Rwanda, where fellows see how media and ethnicity directly fed into the country's mass atrocities in 1994. To learn how spirituality influences behaviour in war situations, students visit Kibeho, a small village where Catholic schoolgirls said they experienced apparitions of the Virgin Mary that foretold the bloodshed. Makerere's



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curriculum emphasizes on human rights and refugee and migration issues.

Uppsala University in Uppsala, Sweden - The peace center at Uppsala University is known for its conflict data program, a comprehensive database of organized violence and mortality. Around the world, policymakers from the EU to the UN look to the Uppsala program as the global standard for evidence-based records and the peace fellows draw upon the same scientific approach toward social issues. The 20 month program include a trip to the Nobel Peace Centre, Oslo. There are also opportunities to continue self-designed field work and

research. For example, in Zambia they might focus on water and sanitation, or in Korea they could learn about nuclear nonproliferation.

Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey - At this soon to be opened centre, “The Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center” will offer peace builders based in the Middle East and North Africa the opportunity to complete a one-year professional development certificate program, earning postgraduate diplomas in peace and development studies. The Walter Foundation donated US\$15.5 million to fund the operations and



DREAM PROJECT "SUCHETA" BY RC NAVSARI

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, or Clean India Mission is a country-wide campaign initiated by the Government of India on 2nd October, 2014, to eliminate open defecation and improve solid waste management and to create Open Defecation Free (ODF) villages. This mission is a nation-wide campaign in India that aims to clean up the streets, roads and infrastructure of India's cities, towns, and rural areas and to spread the awareness of cleanliness and its importance.

Cleanliness of one's surrounding areas improves not only physical health but also mental health and makes people far more productive. Cleanliness is the most important habit one can possess, as it is interrelated with health. A clean and hygienic person can fight off and prevent many diseases, especially communicable diseases. It is important as it prevents dangerous diseases like dengue, typhoid, hepatitis, and other diseases caused by mosquito bite, etc.

Looking to the huge advantages and necessity of

Swachhata Mission, District Governor Tushar Shah selected Project "SUCHETA" as his District Dream Project and shared his views for the adoption of atleast one street and taking full responsibilities to keep it neat and clean through out the year.

Club members visited many streets of Navsari city and finalised and adopted one street near the Rotary Hall (from Nilanjan complex to Akshar Vihar Appartment, Ashabaug) in which members meet regularly and thus can easily look after it. For the cleaning process club engaged four safai kamdars and decided to clean the street twice a week.

The aim is to keep it clean through out the year and beyond, under district dream project SUCHETA. Club has installed a notice board mentioning the contact number of the Project Chair to receive any complain regarding the cleanliness and members regularly visit the area for assessment of the work.





Rotary
District 3060


Celebrating Rotary Day
23rd February 2025



Service above self



**WORLD
ROTARY
DAY**




Rotary
District 3060

Celebrating Rotary Day 2025 – District 3060


Rotary District 3060 is gearing up for a grand celebration of Rotary Day on February 23, 2025, showcasing the spirit of "Service Above Self." This day will highlight Rotary's impact and inspire communities to join hands in creating a better world.

Key Highlights:

Rotary Carnival: Vibrant fairs with health check-ups, blood donation camps, and project showcases.



Rotary Global Connect: Virtual events with international Rotarians sharing success stories.




Rotary
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Youth for Rotary: Talent hunts and debates for young minds on leadership and global peace.



Rotary Run for Change: Marathons promoting education, polio eradication, and environmental awareness.



Service in Action Exhibitions: Photo stories and interactive displays of impactful projects.



Plant-a-Pledge: District-wide tree-planting drive for environmental conservation.



Landmark Inaugurations: Creation of Rotary Peace Parks, murals, and community utilities.



Join us as we make this Rotary Day a memorable celebration of community service and global impact!

TOGETHER, WE

CELEBRATE

Rotary



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District 3060



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6th

March

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March

2025



Rtn. Tushar Shah
District Governor

Rtn. Prashant Jani
Event Counsellor

Rtn. Bhavnesh Mehta
Event Chair

EVENT, CHALLENGES, AND RECOGNITION

Rotary District 3060 

ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST ESSAY COMPETITION

Let's encourage future stars to think critically and apply the Rotary Four-Way Test principles in their daily lives to succeed and excel



Open to Students of Secondary & Higher Secondary
1 December 2024 to 15 March 2025
Recognition by District 3060 for Top 3 Students of School/Group

Submit Your Entries
91-95747 88889 | rtsatishwari@gmail.com

Good decisions don't just happen. Ask yourself these 4 questions:



1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to All Concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to All Concerned?

Rtn. Tushar Shah District Governor | Rtn. Mitesh Bhatt Public Image Chair | Rtn. Satish Tiwari Public Image Co-Chair | Rtn. Lalit Joshi Four Way Test Chair

DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE INITIATIVES

Rotary District 3060 

ROTARY STAMBH A PUBLIC IMAGE PROJECT



SPECIFICATIONS:

- MATERIAL: DHRANGADHRA STONE
- WEIGHT: APPROXIMATELY 250KGS
- SIZE: WIDTH 18" X HEIGHT 54"

BENEFITS:

- SOLID STRUCTURE
- LONG LIFE
- NO WEATHER EFFECT
- ZERO MAINTAINANCE
- PLACE NAMES AT FOUR SIDES

CAN BE PLACED AT


- STREETS
- ISLAND IN CITY
- ROTARY PROJECTS
- GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS
- DISTRICT GRANT PROJECTS
- ROTARY GARDES / HOSPITALS
- AT ADOPTED VILLAGE
- ROTARY COMMUNITY HALLS

COST :

- RS 19000.00
- INCLUSIVE GST AND PACKING
- EX-HALVAD/SURENDRANAGAR

PROJECT CHAIR
RTN.RAJENDRASINH RANA
ROTARY CLUB OF HALVAD
M : 9429111111

RTN.TUSHAR SHAH DISTRICT GOVERNOR
RTN.MITESH BHATT DPIC

Rotary District 3060 

Any Saturday/Sunday of January and February 2025

DHAMAAL GALI


Back to Bachpan

SAY NO TO DRUGS
Addiction is an adaptation,
It's not you—it's the cage you live in

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DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE PROJECT ROTARY NO CHHAYO




1ST 50 SET OF UMBRELLA
₹ 450.00 / PCS
₹ 9000.00 / SET
(20 NOS IN ONE SET)

AFTER 50 SET OF UMBRELLA
₹ 630.00 / PCS
₹ 12600.00 / SET
(20 NOS IN ONE SET)

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Congratulations!

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PRASHANT JANI District Rotary Foundation Chair
ANISH SHAH Endowment & Major Gift Chair



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
FUND RAISING

Playing Cards - **Rs. 100/-**

Novel by Lt Gen. KJS Dhillon - **Rs. 1000/-**

District Umbrella - **Rs. 300/-**

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ROTARACT 3060 MAKING WAVES

February is a month of reflection and celebration as we honour 120 years of Rotary, a legacy of service and fellowship that has transformed lives across the globe. This milestone is a testament to the enduring impact of Rotary's commitment to building a better world. Appropriately, February is also world understanding month, reminding us of our shared mission to foster peace, harmony, and goodwill among all.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to RID 3060, DG Tushar Shah, and First Lady Nehal Shah for their extraordinary support and encouragement to Rotaract District 3060 during "Rotasia 2025". Your guidance and belief in us played a pivotal role in making this event a resounding success.

"Rotasia 2025" was indeed a landmark event, hosted with remarkable precision under the visionary leadership of Chairman PDRR Ketan Patel. The dedication and hard work of the Rotaractors of District 3060 shone brightly, and I am immensely proud of the

way our district showcased its excellence on a national stage. Together, we have set a benchmark for future events and strengthened the spirit of Rotaract.

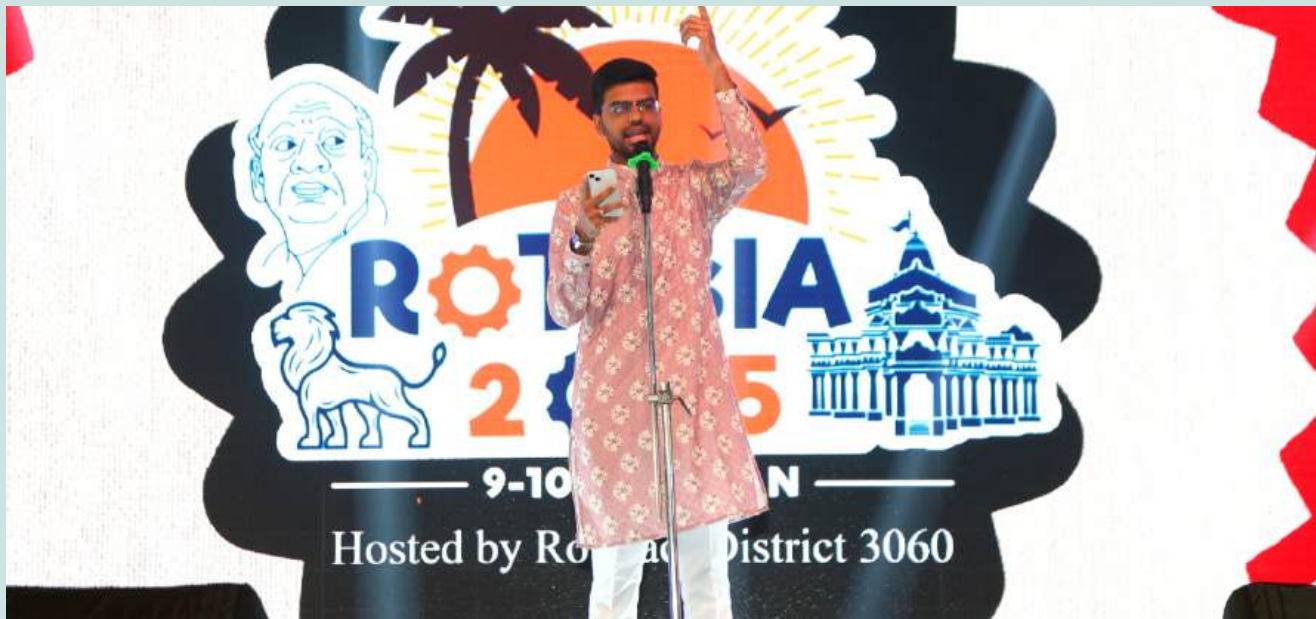
On a personal note, it is a great honour to represent Rotaract District 3060 at the Rotary International Assembly in Florida, alongside DG(E) Amardeep Bunet. This opportunity to be part of a global platform is not just a privilege but also a responsibility to amplify the voice of Rotaract and further our shared vision of service and leadership.

As we move forward, I encourage all of us to continue fostering the growth of Rotaract in 3060. Let's inspire the next generation of leaders, collaborate on meaningful projects, and strengthen the Rotary-Rotaract bond to create lasting change in our communities. Thank you for your unwavering support, and let's make the rest of this Rotary year truly remarkable.

Rohit Ashish Ajmera

District Rotaract Representative, RID 3060





TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAMME BY RC SURENDRANAGAR

Rotary Club of Surendranagar organized a very unique Teacher's Training Programme under basic education and literacy. The project named as 'G-Round' meaning 'Geometry on the Ground' was quite unique and one of its kind. It combined learning mathematics and geometry with fun.

Mr Ketan Acharya, a renowned mathematician and a technocrat from Mumbai conducted the training programme at S.P. Vidhalaya, Surendranagar. The programme aimed at educating 75 teachers from various schools of Surendranagar on how to effectively teach mathematical geometric principles, properties, laws and theorems through fun learning exercises, story telling and practical problem solving exercises through

games and use of props.

Drawings and images replicating graph sheets, circle, lines, angles, semi circle were drawn on the ground measuring a staggering 22 feet X 22 feet. Props like lemon, PVC pipes, cone, cylinder, cube, squares along with bicycle rim were used to teach geometry. Use of these props aimed at effective understanding and correlation of mathematical formulas and concepts.

Apart from practical training and interaction teachers were also given instruction manual with Rotary branding in both Gujarati and English language. The project was highly successful as teachers too used various props and interacted amongst themselves with other mathematical problems and probable solutions.



INTERACT NEWS FROM AROUND RID 3060

I am delighted and proud to share the highlights of the Interact clubs activities in RID 3060 for the month. The young Interactors are full of enthusiasm and not only coming forwards with remarkable service projects but also learning valuable lessons on leadership and team spirit.

We are excited to welcome a new addition to our district - Interact Club of Vidya Bharti English School, sponsored by RC Udhna and co-sponsored by RC Surat Tapi. We look forward to seeing the club's growth and contributions to the community.

A significant event this month was the District Rotary Conference – “The Thar Summit” held in Jodhpur. Special congratulations goes to IC of The Galaxy School – Wadi and IC Baroda Sayajinagari for the outstanding

presentations of their projects during the summit. Your efforts truly showcase the incredible work being done across our district.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce the Interact Conference scheduled for the last week of April. This will be a one-day event, providing an exciting platform for Interact clubs to showcase their best projects in front of fellow members. It will be a day filled with learning, inspiration, and fun activities.

Let's continue working together to make a difference in our communities and inspire others through our service and leadership.

Diivyaang Desai

District Interact Representative, RID 3060

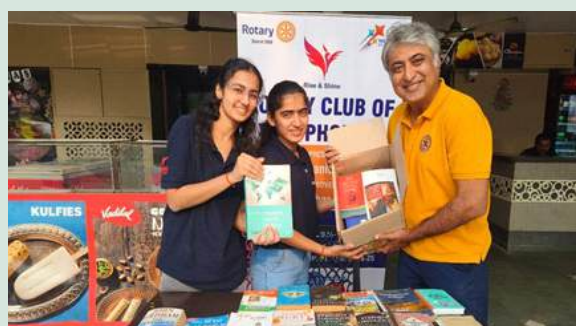


BHIS Interact Club

Students organized a sale of handcrafted products made by the students of “The Reach Centre for Autism”, under the guidance of Miss Lata Iyer. The event was a grand success, showcasing the creativity and potential of the special students and fostering a deeper sense of social responsibility among the learners.

IC Rungta Vidya Bhavan

Sponsored by RC Bharuch embarked on a heritage walk in Bharuch, one of India's oldest cities. They explored iconic landmarks such as Jumma Masjid, R.S. Dala School, Begam Wadi, Sardar Manzil, Old Civil Hospital, Bharucha Hall, and Raichand Deepchand Library. This enriching journey offered them valuable insights into the rich history and cultural heritage of Bharuch.



IC Vapi Phoenix

Organised a book donation drive on 25th December. All the interactors participated enthusiastically and they collected large number of books (which included old Hindi and English novels and reference books for CAT exams) and donated to government library, Chala, Vapi

The books were given in good condition and were readable. The books they donated would be useful to many students or readers who like to spend their time in the library among books.

The Interact Club of The Galaxy School - IB

Successfully conducted an anaemia awareness and testing camp at SNK school with the help of KPSNA, testing 646 individuals for haemoglobin levels. Free medicines and supplements for 30 days, were provided to those with low haemoglobin, ensuring timely support and care.



Interact club of Bharuch

Distributed study items to the children from underprivileged background, along with Change Bharuch club which educates children and works towards bringing self-dependency in the youth by the magic of education. It was a wholesome moment to connect with the kids and spending time with them.



The Interact Club of Bharuch

Is thrilled to have volunteered at the 'Spice of Bharuch' event, organized by the Rotaract Club of Bharuch. The Interactors had an absolute blast, making unforgettable memories during the 3-day event from Dec 27 to 29.

Billabong High International School's Interact Club

In collaboration with Mahavir International, organized the 8th annual sports day on January 5, for 900 underprivileged children from Mobile Pathshala in Vadodara. The event aimed to promote sportsmanship and inclusivity, fostering values of teamwork and unity while giving the children a memorable and joyful experience.

The day was packed with thrilling races and games, from high-energy sprints and hurdles to delightful sack races that had everyone cheering. The grand finale—a fun-filled teacher's race—brought smiles and laughter, closing the event on a high note.



DEVELOPING SKILLS – ONE STUDENT AT A TIME BY ROTARY ANAND MILKCITY (RAM)

Rotary Anand Milkcity (RAM) and Inner Wheel Club Anand, supported by Anand Nagar Prathmik Shikshan Samiti had embarked on an enormous and imposing project – Kaushalya and Udaan to enhance basic skills in reading, writing, speaking and numerical. This project was carried out for 5000 + students of 26 Primary Municipal Schools of Anand. This project was being held for the first time in Gujarat state.

Inaugurated on August 6, 2024, Project “Kaushalya” was organized in 4 phases spanning 6 months, for students of standards 6-8 of 26 Primary Municipal Schools of Anand. The Cluster Resource Coordinators (CRCs) conducted the 1st round of tests in reading, writing, speaking and numerical for 5000+ students in one single day.

The 800 winners of the first round participated in the second round and 120 winners from this round went on to the third round. In the final round conducted on January 6, 2025, the best 36 students performed in person for reading and speaking. In each round, prizes, certificates, medals were presented to the top 12 winners and each and every student was presented with a school bag as motivation, encouragement and as appreciation of their diligence and courage to reach the finals and perform on stage in front of a 550 audience.

The first three winners in each skill (total 12) were handed over cash awards of Rs 7000, Rs 5000 & Rs 3000, along with certificates, medals and school bags.

In the final round held at the Agricultural University

Auditorium various dignitaries were present to applaud the children. DG Tushar Shah, Inner Wheel District Chairman Bhavita Deore, Vice Chairman of Anand Nagar Shikshan Samiti Shri K Shah and Administrator Shri Rajesh Bhoi, IW District Executives, PDG's, PDC's, 26 principals, 180+ teachers and 250+ students were present.

Under project “UDAAN” club has engaged about 20 teachers for remedial teaching. They will help out 350 weak students listed out of the students who gave the first test. This course is for three months aiming to bring them on par with average students.

This project is planned for 3 years, extendable to 5 years and aims to :-

- Instill trust in their own abilities
- Realise their strengths and weaknesses
- Give them self confidence and enhance their understanding and performance
- Upgrade their levels to beyond average
- Provide students with opportunities for self growth and progress
- Provide cash awards, rewards to help them financially for higher education

Members of Rotary Anand Milkcity (RAM) and Inner Wheel Club Anand have not only contributed financially for the project but also given their services in all 4 rounds, helping in supervision, monitoring and judging.



**DEVELOPING SKILLS – ONE STUDENT AT A TIME
BY ROTARY ANAND MILKCITY (RAM)**



MEGA ART CARNIVAL BY RC PORBANDAR

The Rotary Club of Porbandar and the Rotaract Club of Porbandar successfully organized a grand drawing competition under the banner "Art Carnival" at Chowpati, Porbandar, on Sunday, the 19th of January. The event was a grand success and witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 2,500 students ranging from grade 1 to college, making it the largest drawing competition ever held in the history of Saurashtra.

This massive Public Image initiative showcased Rotary and its work to the general public of Porbandar. At the same time it brought the imagination of students to life and they came up with excellent paintings.

Participants showcased their creativity in the open

environment of Chopati, translating their imagination into vibrant colors on paper. The atmosphere was reminiscent of the movie Taare Zameen Par, as students of all ages poured their hearts into creating masterpieces that reflected their unique perspectives and artistic flair.

The primary objective of the event was to inspire creativity among children and youth through the medium of art. This program became a memorable and proud moment for RC of Porbandar and Porbandar city, setting a benchmark for years to come. A total of 40 students will be selected as winners after the 2500 paintings are scrutinised by evaluators. An award ceremony will be held for felicitating the winners in the near future.



**MEGA ART CARNIVAL
BY RC PORBANDAR**



1. Best club working towards Peace Building & Conflict Management

Monthly Theme Award Category (Criteria given below)

- Organising Counselling sessions for stress management
- Community Mediation: Number of community mediations facilitated by the club for mental
- Peace
- Partnerships for Peace: Measure the number of partnerships formed with other organizations (NGOs, government agencies, etc.) to work on peacebuilding and conflict management initiatives.
- Peace Education in Schools: Track the number of peace education programs implemented in schools, including the number of students reached.

2) Contribution towards PHS – society

Club Award Category (Criteria given below)

- For clubs in which every dues-paying member contributes a minimum of \$1,000 to the Annual
- Fund, Polio Plus, or global grants within a Rotary year
- PHS Membership: number of club members who are part of the Paul Harris Society.
- Annual Contributions: Total annual contributions made by PHS members in the club
- PHS Awareness: Conduct sessions to make members aware of PHS and its significance)

3) Sponsor Club of Best Interact Club

Club Award Category (Criteria given below)

- No of Interact club sponsored & active up till date?
- No of Interact club sponsored in this year?
- No of Joint meetings conducted with Interact Club?
- Total No of projects done by Interact clubs under the leadership of Parent Club?
- No of projects done by Interact clubs?
- How many of the Club's Rotarians were involved with Interact club in the projects ?

4) Best International Service Awards

Club Award Category (Criteria given below)

- What was the Project Impact/Fund raised;

- Total no of Beneficiaries impacted
- Sponsor an International Service Project using only Club funds
- An International Service Chair/member attended any District Learning & Leadership
- Development Assembly and/or District workshop, live or virtually, anywhere in the world.
- Attending International conventions, project fairs Meetings.

5) Role Model club - 3 Yrs

Special Award Category (Criteria given below)

- Club with consistency for last 3 years. Contributing in various service, community projects.
- No of rotary youth exchange student hosted and Sponsored
- No of Sponsored interact clubs
- No of Sponsored Rotaract clubs
- Last 3 yr - Project impact (Fund raised) & Beneficiary touched
- Unique project developed.

6) Star Rotarian of the Year

Individual Award Category (Criteria given below)

- Attendance/Participation: Club Meetings, Projects & Activities, District events, Support to other clubs, Support at district events.
- Vocational Service Impact: The effectiveness of the Rotarian's professional expertise in enhancing projects.
- Community Service: The number and impact of community service projects initiated or participated in by the Rotarian.
- International Service: The Rotarian's involvement and contribution to international projects.
- Membership/Club Sponsorship - Each member sponsor. financial Sponsorship
- Contribution: TRF, CSR Grants, Global grant participation (Points based on contribution)
- Mobilizing resources, always staying at beat for all activities, Promotes rotary and its services.

TRF gift for 2024-25



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"Doing Good In The World" is the motto of The Rotary Foundation.

DG Tushar Shah has launched the The Rotary Foundation Gift for the year 2024-25 - a useful Nonstick Cookware set of 2 pieces. The product is very useful for your home and also for the gifting purposes. Clubs are requested to order them and take advantage of this scheme.

Counselling distress family



Family counseling is a type of social work that helps families address and resolve issues that affect the family as a whole. It can be useful for families dealing with a variety of issues, including: emotional, psychological, or behavioral problems.

Family counseling can help families address issues such as anxiety, depression, substance use, or behavioral problems in children. It can help families cope with major life transitions, such as divorce, bereavement, or relocating to a new location. The counselor works with the family to understand how each family member interacts with the others, and how the family system works as a whole. The goal is to improve relationships and create a positive family environment.

Cleaning of streets/places by adopting them

Cleaning of streets and adoption refers to a community initiative where individuals or groups take responsibility for keeping their local streets clean, often by actively picking up litter, while also adopting a "street" or area to maintain regularly, essentially taking ownership of its cleanliness and appearance; this can be a way to promote civic engagement and improve the overall environment of a neighborhood. Instead of solely relying on municipal services, residents actively participate in cleaning their streets by picking up trash and debris.



Rotary Monthly Theme for February



February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month –Rotary's goal today is to create environments where peace can be built and maintained through sustainable and measurable activities in communities worldwide. Peace building remains a cornerstone of our mission as a humanitarian service organization. Rotary members work to address the root causes of conflict, such as: poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Rotary projects include service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships. Rotary also has peace centers in association with universities around the world. These centers provide academic training, practice, and networking opportunities to develop leaders who can prevent and resolve conflict.

FEBRUARY 2025 Peace Building & Conflict Prevention Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Vasant Panchami	3	4 Ankleshwar World Cancer Day	5	6	7	8
9 Valsad Rangers Daman	10	11 Anand Round Town	12	13	14 Porbandar Saint Valentine's Day	15 Jamnagar
16 Bharuch Heritage	17	18	19	20 World Day of Social Justice	21 International Mother Language Day	22 Surat East
23 ROTARY DAY Surat Tapi	24	25	26 Mahashivratri	27 Vapi Phoenix World Sustainable Energy Day	28 District Sports Day 1 National Science Day	
		Notes: 23 rd : World Peace and Understanding Day				



"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding." – Albert Einstein

Peace is not just the absence of war but the presence of understanding, empathy, and harmony among individuals and nations. It requires dialogue, cooperation, and a commitment to resolving conflicts without violence. True peace is built on justice, equality, and mutual respect, ensuring a world where everyone can thrive without fear. It is a shared responsibility to replace hostility with hope and transform differences into opportunities for unity.



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