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## Exploring the Power Of Digital Era – Forum Marfatia

Time:7.30PM

Venue: Rotary Hall, Jeevan Bharti Annexe, Timaliyawad, Nanpura, Surat. – 395001

### MOM for the meeting held on date 17/03/23.

Meeting started with the National Anthem.

Meeting was called to order by President Tejas Gandhi.

Rtn. Meghal Baxi recited the Four Way test.

President Tejas welcomed all and talked about the Importance of digital era – How digital era has transformed the way we communicate, interact and conduct business. He also did the Secretarial announcements. Rtn. Dr. Neeta Gandhi did the Birthdays and Anniversary greetings. PP Rtn. Kamal Gandhi gave a brief report on smart board distribution in Buhari School and sewing machine distribution to Dr. Ambedkar Vanvasi Kalyan Trust.

PP Rtn. Yatish Parekh gave a memento to Speaker Forum Marfatia as a token of gratitude.

Rtn. Abhay Patwardhan beautifully gave introduction of Speaker Forum Marfatia.

Forum Marfatia in her talk , Highlighted why and how we should use digital power. It is a very good tool to promote business as well as to contribute in the society also. She also talked about creating short videos that are less than 30 seconds to capture the attention of audience, graphics powered by NLP to enhance customer attractions and improve digital hygiene. Retargeting is also an effective practice that can help businesses.

She emphasized the importance of certain key concepts such as Influencer marketing, Vlogger, Blogger, Facebook page to promote the services to targeted audience. All the members were feeling so excited after such an informative session on Social media.

Rtn. Jai Mistry did the vote of thanks.

President Tejas Gandhi adjourned the meeting.

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We meet at 7.30 pm  
on Every Friday at  
Club Office Address

## Felicitations of Young Women Achievers by Hardik Jariwala Foundation at Mokhamal, Dang

Dt. 12/03/23 (Sunday)

As a part of International Women's Day Celebration, Hardik Jariwala Foundation had decided to felicitate young women achievers to inspire children of Dang District at village Mokhamal, Tal. Subir, District Dang.

President Tejas Gandhi, First Lady Dr. Neeta Gandhi, Rtn. Papamile Isyagi and exchange student Hussein from Rotary club of Surat attended the awards ceremony Function.

We left the Surat at 5.45 a.m on Sunday morning. Our First halt was at Madhi ni Khamni, Bajipura. We had yummy breakfast and tea at there along with the fellowship with all invited guests from Surat who had gathered there.

We reached at 9.30 a.m at Mokhamal. Everyone was busy in preparation for this grand celebration. The whole atmosphere was filled with great enthusiasm. All the 10 achievers had came from different places to this very remote place in Dang - Mokhamal to join the noble cause of encouraging children of this village.

The program started with prayer sung by women of Mokhaman, in Dangi language. After that beautiful dance was performed by the girl students of the village. Then welcome speech was given by Shri Raj Jariwala – Founder of Hardik Jariwala Foundation. He welcomed Chief Guest Shri Mahendrabhai Katargamwala and all invited Guests. He gave brief information regarding different activities done by Hardik Jariwala Foundation.

All 11 young achievers were given awards and memento followed by their speech motivating the students. From smallest girl of 8 years age to eldest lady of 79 years were felicitated. The Athletes felicitated were,

**Bakula Patel** for swimming and dancing, **Pooja Charushi** for triathlon, **Reena Patel** for power lifting, **Muskan Gupta** for cycling, **Zahra Saleh** for karate, **Sumita Valvi** for athletic hurdles, **Xena Raja** for taekwondo, **Kamya Malhotra** for taekwondo, **Drashti Vasava** for Ice Stock, **Eva Patel** for Ice Stock, **Krishna Patel** for Table Tennis, **Tasnim Mir** for Badminton.

It was so inspiring hearing the stories of their struggle. They were all determined to achieve their Goal no matter how much struggle they have to do.

The program ended with beautiful Dangi dance by all villagers. So many guests also joined them.

It was a wonderful program full of fun though quite inspiring !!!





On 11<sup>th</sup> March, Saturday, Rtn. Bhupendra Jariwala and R/P Asha Jariwala had sponsored the Pal Aanganwadi. R/P Asha Jariwala distributed the healthy Puri- Bhaji with yummy fryums to the little kids. They were feeling so happy. Children are always eagerly waiting for the Saturdays to get yummy breakfast.

Really, the weekly healthy food distribution program by the Rotary Club of Surat is a commendable effort towards promoting a healthy lifestyle among underprivileged children in the community. Such initiatives can go a long way in improving the health and well-being of the community .

Our Club thanks Rtn. Jagrutiben and Rtn. Purnimaben for coordinating the project so effectively.



## Distribution of Sewing Machines at Dr. Ambedkar Vanvasi Kalyan Trust

How good it would be if women could use their skills to bring happiness to themselves and their families? On dt. 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, Keeping this noble thought in mind, Rotary club of Surat distributed one Overlock machine and one Sewing machine to the Sewing class run by Dr. Ambedkar Vanvasi Kalyan trust.

Managing Trustees of Dr. Ambedkar Vanvasi Kalyan Trust thanked Rotary Club of Surat for this great support. They brief on the activities done by the trust. The Handing over ceremony was attended by several volunteers of Rotary club including President Rtn. Tejas Gandhi, Hon. Sec. Rtn. Kundanbhai Shah, PP Kamalbhai Gandhi, Rtn. Nileshbhai Jariwala, Rtn. Papamile Isyagi, Rtn. Daksha Shah, Rtn. Jagruti Gandhi, Rtn. Purnima Gandhi, R/P Manjari Desai.

The donation of the Overlock and Sewing machines will make a positive impact on the local community by providing opportunities for skills development and economic empowerment for women.



## A year in the life of an Exchange Student - Hussein KARANDO

My name is Hussein KARANDO, I am from France, I am 17 years old and am a part of the Rotary Family. I am participating to the program Rotary Youth Exchange to spend one year in Surat, in India and discover this country with her culture and traditions. I am in India since seven months now and I've been able to experience many things which are completely different from my home country.



When I met my first host family, it was at the airport and I was very stress about what I was about to experience during these years. But, the welcoming they gave me make me feel so comfortable, and even if I was still stressed, I was feeling so much better. And I have been able to appreciate this welcoming every where I went, school, Rotary, the society where I was, even in the shop, people where so happy and so nice with me. So, because of all of them, I can now consider India as my second country.

Also, before coming in India, I thought the most difficult thing I would face would be eating vegetarian food, because I had the habit of eating daily non-vegetarian food and, didn't know about all the delicious food we could make with only vegetarian. I have eaten Dosa, naan, rôti.... And also discovered some drinks like lassi or Masala Chai.

The months after I arrived, I could participate to many festivals, like Ganpati, Navratri, Diwali, Uttarayan, Holi.... This was for me one of the best part of my exchange, being with all these people and enjoying all over the night, sharing this precious moments and I was feeling like at home. Even if I couldn't speak Gujarati, we were all experiencing the same thing and I will remember it for my whole life.





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During these exchange I also met lot of peoples, and also make new friends. I am in XII th standard, in The Millennium School Surat, and I spend lot of time with my classmates. I have been able to discuss with them and exchange so much things about our countries.

I made a new family during my two bus trip too, in South and North India. I met other exchange students who come from different countries, Brasil, U.S.A. , Mexico and France. We shared so much things and we go through so much experiences that we are now like a family. And I believe this is one of the purpose of this association.



After this seven months in India, and all the things I've been through, I feel so different from when I left my home. I am so happy for being in this country, even if when I came I didn't have this vision of India, this is why I chosse a completly different country, to see and experience by myself, and make my own opinion.

I will for sure share my experience when I will go back, to make everyone come and visit this beautiful country.

## Upcoming Programs March'2023

- 18<sup>th</sup> March – (Saturday) – Nutritional food distribution to kids at Pal anganwadi, sponsored by Rtn. Anilkumar Agarwal
- 19<sup>th</sup> March – (Sunday) – Eye Camp by RCC Lajpore at Samarpan multi speciality Hospital, Sachin
- 24<sup>th</sup> March – (Friday) – Weekly meeting – Musical program by family physician association, Surat
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – (Saturday) – Nutritional food to kids at Pal Anganwadi, Sponsored by Rtn. Kamal Gandhi
- 31<sup>st</sup> March – (Friday) – Business (closed) meeting

## Greetings



- 23/03 – Rtn. Abhay Patwardhan
- 28/03 – Rtn. Rajen Shah
- 28/03 – Rtn. Alpesh shetranjiwala
- 29/03 – R/P Dipti Nanavati
- 31/03 – Rtn. Jagruti Gandhi