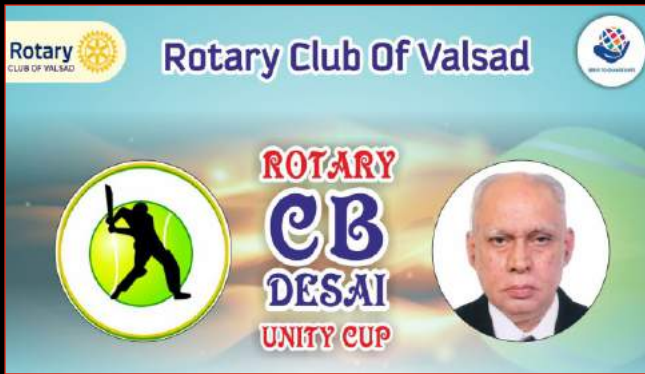
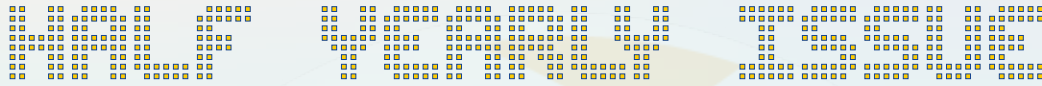


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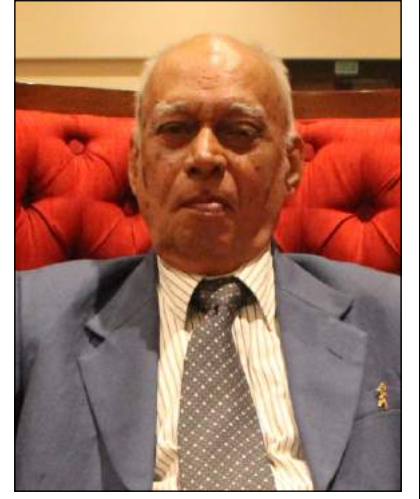
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President | Secretary
Rtn. Dipesh Shah | Rtn. Swati Shah

OUR TRIBUTE TO THE LEGEND

Abraham Lincoln said in his famous quote, "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." **We can proudly say that for our forever club mentor and guide Kikukaka. – He lived lifetimes in his years around.** He was probably one of the only few privileged Rotarians who had the honour of completing a Golden Jubilee in Rotary, and Rotary Club of Valsad will forever remain proud about this achievement by a fellow member. As editors of the official magazine of Rotary Club of Valsad, we are going to miss him dearly. He was a constant guide and our source of information about Rotary. **Cicero said, "The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living."** We, the editors, as well as the members of Rotary Club of Valsad will forever cherish the memorable events lived with you both personal and as Rotarians. Om Shanti...
- Team Milestone



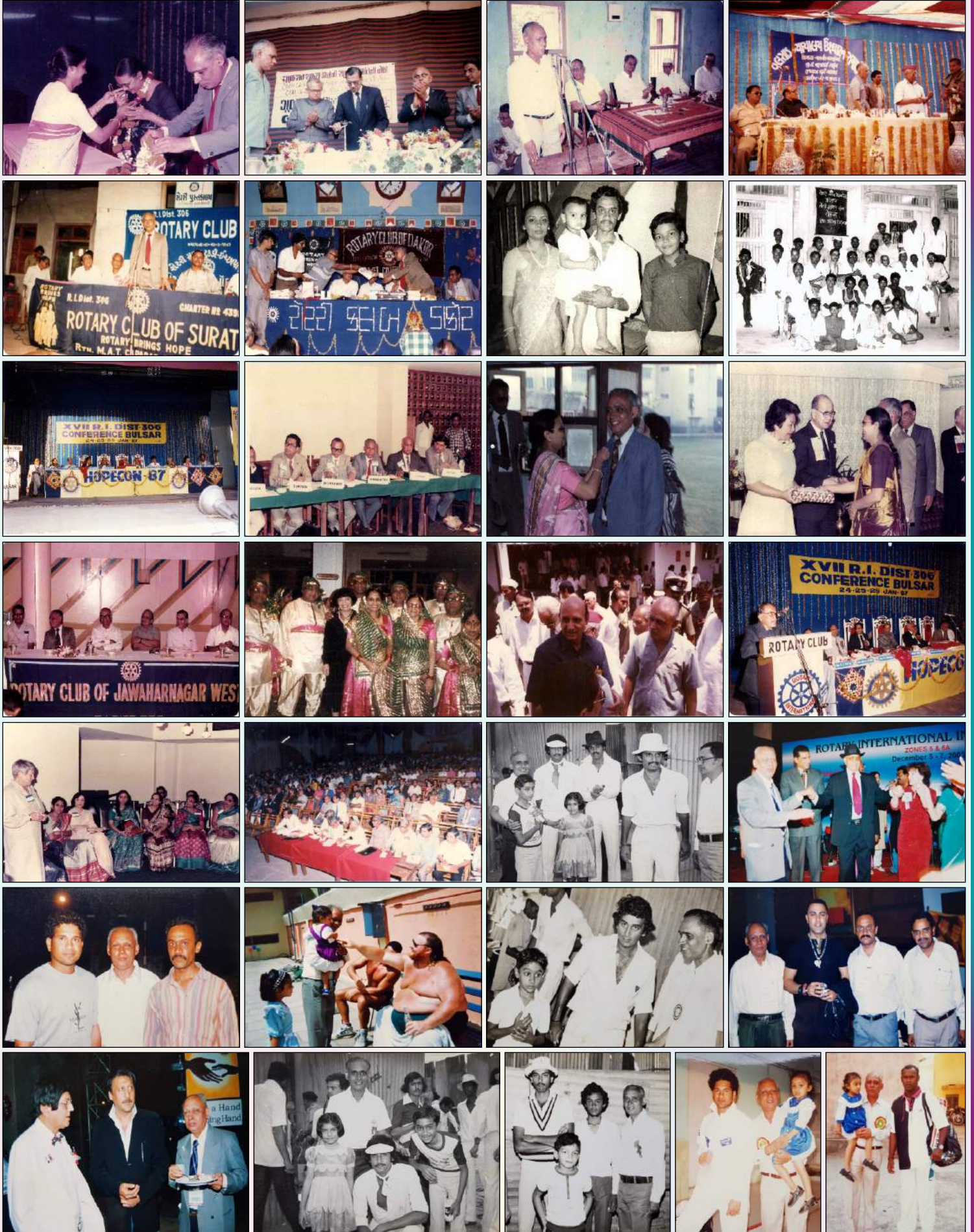
PDG Chandrakant Desai
13/10/1937 - 18/11/2022

"I have seen him as a Governor, as a past Governor, twice as a District Trainer, as my Conference Chairman, as Conference Councillor & as friend, Philosopher and guide to many Rotarians of Club and District. He holds the record of attending continuous regular meetings for nearly 15 years of the Club. During his Service to Mankind, he had received many recognitions, awards and honours such as **Serving Rotary for more than 50 years**, the highest award of Rotary International - **SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD**, the 2nd highest recognition of TRF **THE CITATION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE, THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD of RID 3060**, the selection in COL (Council of Legislation) representing 3060. He was the man with lots of wisdom & knowledge, but never did show offs. He was known in giving the correct advise whether sweet or bitter! He always preached whatever he practised in his life. His simplicity & truth were the 2 integral and important characters of his life. Upcoming leaders used to come to take his advice & blessings. He was not only respected in 3060, but also in other Districts. The District 3060 and Rotary International have lost a star, a jewel and most knowledgeable Rotarian in history. May his pious soul rest in eternal peace. My heart felt condolences to Smt. Nilaben, Smt. Bhavnaben, PP Dharmin, Rtn. Devangi and all grand children. We will miss you Kikubhai forever. Jai shree Krishna!"
- PDG Dr Nilax Mufti (RID 3060, 2001-2002)

"ચંદ્રકાંતભાઈ ભગવાનજી દેસાઈ, એડવોકેટ પ્રોફેશનલ પરંતુ પ્રથમ ધર્મ રોટરી નો. રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ વલસાડ ના સતત વિકાસમાં એમના યોગદાનને કોઈ કાળે અવગણી શકાય નહીં. કિકુ કાકા એટલે શિસ્તના આગ્રહી. રોટરી ક્લબની તમામ કાર્યવાહી ડીસ્ટ્રીક અને ઇન્ટરનેશનલ guidelines પ્રમાણે ચાલે, એનો અમલ થાય અને ભવિષ્યમાં આવનારા લીડર આ બધી કાર્યવાહીથી અભિભૂત થાય, એ માટે તમામ પ્રકારના પ્રયત્નો એ કરતા રહેતા અને એ જ કારણસર જ્યારે પણ આપણી ક્લબ ની મુલાકાતે બહારના ક્લબના PDG અથવા તો બીજા કોઈ પણ આવે અને આપણી ક્લબની protocol જોઈને હંમેશા પ્રભાવિત થઈને જતા. તેઓ હંમેશા કહેતા ROTARY માં સિનિયર હોય કે જુનિયર હોય આપણે બધા સરખા છીએ, કારણ કે આપણે બધા Rotarian છીએ. અને એ જ કારણસર એમને નવા દાખલ થયેલા મેમ્બરો સાથે પણ એટલું જ ફાવતું જેટલું સિનિયરો સાથે. **બહુ જ સ્પષ્ટ વક્તા, એમનો અભિપ્રાય વ્યક્ત કરવામાં એ ક્યારેય અચકાતા નહીં.** એમને જે યોગ્ય લાગે એ અભિપ્રાય તેઓ અચૂક આપતા, હા પણ તમે માગો તો. કિકુભાઈ વિશે બધા જ એવું માનતા ગંભીર પ્રકૃતિ અને સ્પષ્ટ વક્તા અને શિસ્તના આગ્રહી. પરંતુ હું એક પ્રસંગ જણાવું, જેમાં મને નવું જાણવાનું મળ્યું. વર્ષો પહેલા સેવવાસ ક્લબમાં કાકા ને સ્પીકર તરીકે આમંત્રણ હતું. સબ્જેક્ટ હતો humour in rotary. કાકા ની સાથે અમે આઠ દસ જણા ગયા હતા. કાકા ને બોલવા માટે નો સમય અડધો પોણો કલાક આપ્યો હતો, પરંતુ કાકાએ જેવી શરૂઆત કરી કે હોલમાં બેઠેલા તમામ ના અટ્ટહાસ્ય થી હોલ ગુંજી ઉઠ્યો. કાકાએ એક એકથી ચડિયાતા પ્રસંગોનું વર્ણન કર્યું, અને લગભગ એમણે આખા હોલને અટ્ટહાસ્ય થી ભરી દીધો. મારે માટે આ એક એમનું નવીન પાસું હતું, તેમનું નિરીક્ષણ ગજબનું હતું. સામેવાળી વ્યક્તિને પારખી લેવાની ગજબની સૂઝ હતી એમનામાં. District લેવલની બાબતમાં, ડિસ્ટ્રિક્ટ ગવર્નર નું ઇલેક્શન હોય કે બીજી કોઈ પણ બાબત હોય, એમની સલાહ સર્વોપરી ગણાતી. હું એમની પાસેથી Rotary ના protocol શીખ્યો, શિસ્ત શીખ્યો, કોની સાથે કેવી રીતે વાત કરવી એ શીખ્યો, ક્યારે બોલવું, ક્યારે ચૂપ રહેવું, એ પણ શીખ્યો. એમની સાથેની ઘણી બધી યાદો મારી સ્મૃતિમાં સચવાયેલી છે. બધું જ લખવા બેસું તો જગા ઓછી પડે. અંતમાં એટલું જ કહીશ કે કાકા તમારી સ્મૃતિ અમારા મનમાં, અમારા હૃદયમાં કાયમને માટે કંડારાયેલી રહેશે. **Rotary Club of Valsad માં તમે હૃદયસ્થ છો.**" - PP Mayur Shah (2003-2004)

"My interaction with Kikukaka as a Rotarian or PDG are to be cherished. He was the most endearing, humble, approachable and ever encouraging person to have in the club. His punctuality in attending the meetings, inputs in the activities or projects, interactions, guidance in dealing with the Rotary district duties and not forgetting his talks on - Humour in Rotary. **A person full of energy, enthusiasm and indomitable spirit.** The advent of Covid and its restrictions caused havoc in his life. A free bird was caged and suddenly he started going downhill. All the precautions helped in preventing the infection but it dampened the cheer of life eventually taking its toll. You are no more with us but memories will linger on for long and will be cherished by one and all in Valsad community, lawyer community and our Rotary world. **We all miss you Kikukaka our Angel of RC Valsad.**"
- PP Dr. Mehul Solanki (2019-2020)

HIS LIFE STORY IN PICTURES



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,
Wishing you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

2021 was a very challenging year for the entire world. We at RC Valsad lost **our senior Rotarian and mentor PDG Chandrakant Desai**, the void he has left behind will be felt forever. But life goes on and stops for no one, we need to keep making efforts to make it better for ourselves and everyone around us. This becomes more achievable when we join hands and move towards a common goal. RC Valsad with its vision of Making a Difference in someone's life somewhere, is continually working in various fields.



We organized **free Medical Camp, provided early morning breakfast to young aspirants appearing for police force, Diwali celebrations with our elders, Teachers Talent Search, Sharad Purnima Celebrations, Navratri Celebrations, C. B. Desai Unity Cup**, etc. All this has been possible only due to the active and dedicated efforts of the Project chairs and the Rotary team.

Please accept my sincere Congratulations and thanks for your hard work and supporting me at each point!

With half of the year gone, I have numerous more dreams to come true. The note book project is going on in full swing, but I would like to point it that we could reach very few students & the need for note books is much larger quantity and we are looking into it. Friends surely we will keep working together and try to achieve the best.

Bye for now!

Regards,
Dipesh Shah.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Audrey Hepburn once said, **"The best thing to hold onto in life is each other."** This New Year let us all stand together and be the sunshine - both in our lives and in the society. Let us resolve to be unshakeable within and move towards a better world.

Time Changes people but there are people who change the time. May we at RC Valsad be the one who have the courage and strength to be able to touch and make a difference in as many lives as we can.



PP SUNIL JAIN



PHF PP BHAVIN SHAH



PHF RTN. NIRALI GAJJAR



PHF RTN. CHIRAG DESAI

PROJECTS UNTIL DECEMBER 2021

BLOOD DONATION



RC Valsad every year starts its new Rotary Year with a very noble project 'Rotary Blood Donation Camp'. It was organized at Valsad Raktdan Kendra, on the day 54 units of blood were collected. Vaporisers, Steel Water Bottles, 5 layer Face Masks were given to the blood donors. Special thanks to **Shri Yazdi Italia** and his team at Valsad Raktdan Kendra for providing all the support. Thanks to all the Rotarians for donating blood & remaining present for the project. Congratulations to **Project Chair Rtn. Anand Dak** and the gift donors.

રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ વલસાડ દ્વારા રક્તદાન કેમ્પ યોજાયો



વલસાડ તા. ૧ : રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ વલસાડનાં વર્ષ ૨૦૨૧-૨૨ના વર્ષની શરૂઆત ૧ જુલાઈથી થતી હોય અને ગ્રેકટર્સ ડે. તરીકે ઊજવવા માટે દર વર્ષે રક્તદાન કેમ્પનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવે છે. આ વર્ષે કોવિડ સ્થિતિને જોતા મુગલ ફોર્મ દ્વારા સવારે ૧૦ થી ૫ દરમિયાન થોડા થોડા ઘાતાઓને બોલાવવામાં આવ્યા હતાં અને આ રીતે સોસાયલ ડિસ્ટન્સ સાથે પરબ્લ યોજનું દાન વલસાડ રક્તદાન કેન્દ્રને આપવામાં આવ્યું હતું. દરેક ઘાતા ઓને પ્રોત્સાહિત કરવા માટે રો. આનંદ તરફથી સ્ટીમ વેપોરાઈઝર, રો. મનોજ જેન તરફથી સ્ટીલીની વોટર બોટલ, રો. અજય શાહ તરફથી બાદશાહ મસાલાનું ગિફ્ટ હેમપર, અને આ વ્યા હતાં અને આ રીતે જ સરસ સાથ મળ્યો હતો, અને ઘણા સમય બાદ આટલી મોટી સંખ્યામાં રક્તદાન શક્ય બન્યું હતું. આ સમગ્ર આયોજન ઈન્વેન્ટેર રો. આનંદ ડાક કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. સહયોગ આપેલ બદલ રોટરી વલસાડ પ્રમુખ રો. દીપેશ શાહ અને મેમ્બી રો. સ્વામી શાહ દ્વારા અભિનંદન પાઠવવા માં આવ્યા હતાં.

HAND OVER OF BiPAP MACHINES



RC Valsad handed over Two BiPAP Machines, a type of ventilator used to treat chronic conditions that affect your breathing, and One Syringe Pump worth Rs.1,25,000/- to the **Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital in Dharampur**.

TREE PLANTATION



Rotary Club of Valsad jointly with **Shah N.H. Commerce Collage and Gram Panchayat Bhagdawada** organized **Tree Plantation Drive at Collage Campus**. More than 300 plants were planted on the day & another 200 plants were given to the collage students to be planted in the area surrounding their homes. A big thanks to **PP Hitesh Patel** for sponsoring the plants worth Rs.20,000/-.

SHAH N. H. COMMERCE COLLEGE VALSAD
MANAGED BY SHRI MUKESHJI K. K. SHARMA
 AN AFFILIATE COLLEGE OF SHRI MUKESHJI K. K. SHARMA UNIVERSITY

INSYAHULAH
 In collaboration with
GRAM PANCHAYAT BHAGDAWADA, VALSAD
 &
ROTARY CLUB OF VALSAD
 JOINTLY ORGANISE

Tree Plantation 2021-2022

Date	Time	Venue
07/07/2021	1:30 pm onwards	College Campus Valsad

COMMITTEE:
SHRI KORTYBHAI S. DESAI
 HON'BLE JOINT SECRETARY
 SHRI BHASKARJI K. K. SHARMA, VALSAD
 CHIEF OF HONORARY
 MEMBERS: DR. N. S. SHARMA, VALSAD
DR. CHANDAN SHIRSE, VALSAD
 DISTRICT MANAGER

Shri Kandarshah Desai, President, Rotary Club of Valsad
 Shri Gauravbhai Akur, Dy. Secretary, Bhagdawada, Valsad
 Shri Dipesh Shah, Secretary, Rotary Club of Valsad

CORDIALLY INVITED BY:

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 HEAD PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH
PROF. RAJESH C. KHARBE
 PROF. DR. N. S. SHARMA
 PROF. NARESH S. PATEL
 PROF. CHANDAN S. SHARMA

SHRI. GIRESHKUMAR N. RANA, PRINCIPAL
 BHAGDAWADA COLLEGE, VALSAD



ROTARY'S WELLNESS PROGRAM

Rotary
રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ વલસાડ
 ધાર્મિક પદ્ધતિને જે તમામ મિત્રો માં ઉત્સાહવર્ધન કરવા યાચી છે.
સીરીઝ ઓફ હોલિસ્ટીક હીલિંગ
 Physical, Mental, Emotional and Spiritual.
 તારીખ : ૮ જુલાઈ ૨૦૨૧, ગુરુવાર
 સમય : સવારે ૬:૩૦ - ૭:૩૦
 સ્થળ : રોટરી હોલ, મોંઘાભાઈ દેસાઈ હોલ ની સામે, વલસાડ.
 પ્રાણાયામ ઓક્યુપ્રેશન હેલ્થી ડાયટ
 મુદ્રા સાયન્સ યોગાસન
 મેડિટેશન રૈકી હીલિંગ પ્રનિક હીલિંગ
 જેવા વિવિધ સ્વપ્રદ મુદ્દાઓ પર ઓનિએન્ડેશન આપવામાં આવશે. તો અચૂક જોડાઓ
 આ કાર્યક્રમ રોટરી સભ્યો તથા તમામ વલસાડ વાસીઓ માટે છે.
 રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ વલસાડ હૃદય ના ઉમળકા યો અપ સૌને આવકારે છે.
 રો. ટીપેશ શાહ રો. કાશ્મીરા વસાણી રો. સ્વાતિ શાહ
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Concerned about the well-being of all during this tough Covid Pandemic times, Rotary Club of Valsad has started series of sessions in Physical, Mental, Emotional and Spiritual, Holistic Healing.

The various methods & tools for well-being and healing includes -
Yogasana, Pranayama, Meditation, Mudra Science, Pranic Healing, Reiki Healing and Acupressure.

The Project Chair of this wellness Series is **Rtn. Kashmira Vasani.**



BACK TO SCHOOL

રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ વલસાડ દ્વારા વિદ્યા પ્રોજેક્ટ શરૂ કરાયો

(વર્તમાન પ્રવાહ વાપી બ્યુરો)
 વાપી, તા. ૧૧
 રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ વલસાડ દ્વારા વર્ષ ૨૦૨૧-૨૨ના પ્રમુખ રો. શ્રી ટીપેશ શાહ દ્વારા પોતાના વર્ષની શરૂઆતમાં જ જાહેરાતમાં આવ્યું હતું કે, આગામી વર્ષ કરમ્યાન શિક્ષણના વિવિધ કાર્યક્રમો કરવામાં આવશે જે અંતર્ગત 'વિદ્યા' પ્રોજેક્ટની શરૂઆત કરવામાં આવી છે જેમાં કોઈ પણ શાળામાં ભણતા વિદ્યાર્થીઓ પેસાના કારણે જો શાળા છોડી દેતા હોય તો તેવા વિદ્યાર્થીઓને એડાપ્ટ કરી આગળનો અભ્યાસ કરાવવામાં આવશે.
 આ પ્રોજેક્ટની શરૂઆત મહિલા સાર્વજનિક હાઈસ્કૂલની બે વિદ્યાર્થીનીઓ કે જેમને ધોરણ-૯ ના ભણવું જોઈતું હતું પરંતુ એડમિશન મેળવેલ નહીં હતું. આવાર્ષા હેમાંગી-પીનેન દેસાઈ દ્વારા રો. પ્રેમલ શાહ લીટરરી ચેરને જાણ કરવામાં આવતા જ ટીમ રોટરી દ્વારા ધનાનો સંપર્ક કરી બીજાજ દિવસે બંને દીકરીઓને શાળામાં પ્રવેશ આપાવ્યો અને તેઓને ગત વર્ષ અને આગામી વર્ષની કુલ ૧૧,૫૦૦ રૂ. કી રો. મનોજ જૈન દ્વારા ભરવામાં આવી હતી.
 આ પ્રોજેક્ટ માટે રોટરીના સભ્યો દ્વારા ટીમ લિટરરીને ખુબ ખુબ અભિનંદન પાઠવવામાં આવ્યા હતા અને આગામી દિવસોમાં વધુ વિદ્યાર્થીઓને માન્ય પેસાના કારણે અભ્યાસ છૂટી ગયો હોય તો તેઓને કરી અભ્યાસ માટે શાળા સાથે જોડવાનું કાર્ય કરવામાં આવશે. અંતે રોટરી ક્લબના માનદ મંત્રી રો. સ્વાતિ શાહ દ્વારા સૌનો આભાર માનવામાં આવ્યો હતો.

Back to School project of Rotary Club of Valsad is with the motive to see that no student of economically weaker section of community or the families affected by Corona pandemic leave their studies. Here, RC Valsad plays the important role of seeing that no student of class 9th to 12th drops out or discontinues his/ her school due to nonpayment of school fees. With the solid support & commitment of its members, RC Valsad is doing its best to make a difference in the society and see to it that students don't miss school.



DONATION TO SCHOOL OF SPECIAL CHILDREN

RC Valsad gave donation to Jalaram Manovikas Kendra, School for Special Children. Our Club supports the School and these children in many ways since a long time.



DONATION OF PENS TO STD 10th & 12th STUDENTS



Writing Ball Pens & Chocolates were distributed to Students of Standard 10th and 12th at Sarvajanic School, Abrama, Valsad. Rotarian Member of our Club Shantubhai did this donation on his birthday.

CHESS TOURNAMENT



On the occasion of **World Chess Day**, RC of Valsad and Rotaract Club of Bulsar (CRT) organized **Rotary Chess Tournament on Sunday 18th July 2021 at Sports Complex, Valsad**. After a long gap due to the Covid pandemic everyone was very excited for the physical Chess Competition. **100 participants** following strict Covid protocol took part in the competition. **Shri Viraf Awari Sir was the Chief Arbiter on the day**.



Participants from Silvassa, Daman, Vapi, Navsari took part in the tournament. Lunch was arranged for all the participants. The winners were rewarded with Trophies, Certificate and Cash Prizes. Every Participant was given a **return gift sponsored by Rtn. Manoj Jain**. The **venue was sponsored by PP Hitesh Patel & the Lunch was sponsored by PP Sunil Jain**. All the participants went back home with big smiles on their face.

AWARD CEREMONY OF ROTARY'S ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS 1.0

RC Valsad with its mission to improve the performance of students appearing for class 10th Board Exams launched the project "**Rotary Academic Excellence Awards**" with a vision to boost the moral & spirits of the students appearing for class 10th Board examinations. 16 schools of Valsad district were selected and taken up in the project. On 22nd July, **The Three Topper Students of 16 Schools** were awarded with a Trophy, certificate & Gift, and the Principals of all the schools were also recognized and presented with gift. Students, Principals & Parents had big smiles on the faces. **Thanks to the Donors of the project & Rtn. Manoj Jain for sponsoring all the gifts**. MOC for the Day were **Rtn. Nirali Gajjar and Rtn. Jinal Mehta**.



SEMINAR ON PRANIC HEALING

Rotary's Wellness Program

PRANIC HEALING

Date: 07th August, 2021 (Saturday)

Venue: ROTARY Hall, opp. Monghabhai Hall, Valsad Time: 4 pm onwards

We are glad to have team of pranic healers from **Aakaar Pranic healing centre, Surat**, who will join and enlighten us on different topics related to our daily life from Health, Wealth, Relationship, Spirituality and Gratitude.

This time the Topic of focused will be **HEALTH**

Every session we will be doing a advanced – meditation technique aimed at achieving the universal consciousness

TWIN HEARTS MEDITATION

Session will be followed by **Healings** performed by the team of healer's for the Valsad people who needs it. We would appreciate your prior registration for the same to organise the event efficiently.

Thank's to Aakaar Pranic Healing Centre, Surat

Rtn. Dipesh Shah President
Rtn. Swati Shah Secretary
Rtn. Kashmira Vasani Project Chair
Rtn. Nirmal Desai Project Co-Chair

Pranic Healing is an ancient Science & art of healing that utilizes Prana or Life energy to heal the whole physical body. A session of Pranic Healing was organized at Rotary Hall, where a team of pranic healers from **Aakaar Pranic Healing Centre, Surat** came & gave a very beneficial session on Pranic Healing. The session was attended by more than 70 people. The session was arranged by **Project Chair Rtn. Nirmal Desai**.



AMRUT MAHOTSAV

75th Independence Day celebrations at RC Valsad started with a new monthly project of Poem recitation "**Amrut Mahotsav**" a project envisioned by **Project Chair Rtn. Chetan Modi**, to encourage & nurture budding young talent of town. The people of Valsad have been provided a platform at the Rotary Hall, to come & recite their self-scripted or any other writer's poems. The first session of this project was held on the eve of Independence Day, 14th August 2021. **National Flag Hoisting Ceremony** was done at Rotary Hall to commemorate our 75th Independence Day. After the flag hoisting a Musical Program with the theme of "**Desh Bhakti**" was held, where many Rotarians sang songs & some professional singers were also invited for the program. RC Valsad launched its new project of "**Rotary Musical Classes**" on the auspicious day whose **Project Chair is Rtn. Mahesh Bhanushali**.

Rotary Valsad

રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ વલસાડ

દર વર્ષે ૧૪મી ઓગસ્ટ અને ૧૫મી સપ્ટેમ્બરના રોજ આજના દેશને આજના સ્વતંત્રતા દિવસની ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવે છે. આ દિવસને યાદ કરવા માટે આજના દેશને આજના સ્વતંત્રતા દિવસની ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવે છે.

14-8-2021 ને સાંજે 7:30 કલાકે રોટરી હોલ સ્ટેડીયમ રોડ પર

આજના દેશને આજના સ્વતંત્રતા દિવસની ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવે છે. આ દિવસને યાદ કરવા માટે આજના દેશને આજના સ્વતંત્રતા દિવસની ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવે છે.

મુખ્ય મંત્રી પ્રોજેક્ટ ચેરમેન
ડૉ. ઈશિવર શાહ ડૉ. ચેતન મોદી



RENOVATION OF ROTARY TRAFFIC ISLAND

A fresh look was given to the Rotary Traffic Circle situated at Stadium Road, Valsad. The traffic Circle has been given a fresh coat of paint; it has been decorated with the colours of our National Flag- Saffron, White and Green giving it a very pleasing look. **The Project Chair was PP Hitesh Patel**.



INDUSTRIAL VISIT

RC Valsad arranged Factory visit for 70 students of Final Year B.Sc college students. Students were taken for plant visit at **Rtn. Jinesh Mehta's** industrial units, Asha Cellulose & Asha Penn Color. The keen interest & time with which Rtn. Jinesh Mehta & the staff of units explained the manufacturing process made the students understand how a real industrial unit functions. After the tour of the industrial units, refreshment was given to all the students and then there was a question and answer session in which the queries raised by the students were answered. RC Valsad thanks Rtn. Jinesh Mehta for providing this experience to the college students.



TEACHERS TALENT SEARCH - SEASON 4

Around **400 teachers from 36 schools of Valsad district** participated in a number of competitions like Solo Singing, Group Singing, Elocution, Story Telling, Solo Dance, Group Dance, General Quiz and Antakshari, held to celebrate Teachers Day – Teachers' Talent Search- season 4 was organized. This program is a continuous project of RC Valsad for the past three years, and this being a successful **consecutive Fourth year**. **We thank our main sponsor Rtn. Harshad Raveshia of DOMS** for his wholehearted sponsorship and return gifts to all. Certificates and Awards along with the gifts were distributed to all the participants and winners. **Project Chair was Rtn. Sanober Shroff.**



NATION BUILDER AWARD

Rotary Club of Valsad gave Nation Builder Award Certificates to 30 Primary School Teachers from various schools in and around Valsad. These certificates were received from **Rotary India Literacy Mission RILM.**

A survey of more than 2000 students of class 9th to 12th was done painstakingly with the support of Rotaractors, where in the student had to fill a small form nominating his or her primary school teacher who made a impact in their life. It is the primary school teachers who build the foundation of students which makes them excel in their future studies and life.

The selected teachers were honoured at the Teacher's Day Celebration event on 5th of September, 2021 at Morarji Desai Auditorium.



DONATION OF HOSPITAL BEDS

Rotary club of Valsad donated two Hospital Beds worth Rs.11,000/- in the month of September. One to the Municipality Hospital and another to a needy patient's family. Thanks to our donor **Rtn. Dr. Shailaja Mufti**. This donation was done on the occasion of her birthday.



NOTEBOOKS DISTRIBUTION

RC Valsad distributed **525 nos. of full scape A4 size Notebooks** of 180 pages to students of 6th, 7th & 8th Standard at Dhamdachi Prathmik Shala and Bhagdavada Prathmik Shala worth Rs. 9000/-.

Thanks to our donor **PDG Anish Shah**.



DISTRIBUTION OF STATIONERY & BLUETOOTH DEVICES

RC Valsad distributed 580 Notebooks worth Rs.12,000/-, 125 sets of Toothpaste and Toothbrush worth Rs. 5000/-, 125 Compass boxes worth Rs.4375/- and Four Bluetooth speakers for Interactive Learning worth Rs.5000/- to the School Children of Jamanpada Prathmik Shala, Dharampur.



INAUGURATION OF MOBILE CANCER DETECTION UNIT VEHICLE



IPP Rajesh Patel & President Dipesh Shah were felicitated at the inauguration of **Rotary Mobile Cancer Detection Unit Vehicle** for RC Valsad being part a of the project by the worthy hands of **Shri Gyanvatsal Swamiji** at Rotary Club of Chikhli River Front.

MEDICAL CAMP AT JAMANPADA PRATHMIK SHALA

RC Valsad organised a Medical Camp on 3rd October, Sunday at Jamanpada Prathmik Shala, Dharampur. With our team of doctors, **285 adults and children were the beneficiaries.** They were given free medicines worth Rs. 25000/- donated by **Rtn Manish Bharucha**. 125 pair of Sandals were distributed to children of Rs. 14000/- donated by **Rtn. Dr. Sunil Deshpande**. 580 Notebooks were distributed worth Rs. 12000/- donated by **Amit Kapadia**. 125 sets of Toothpaste & Toothbrush to children worth Rs. 5000/- by **PDG Dr. Nilax Mufti & Rtn. Dr. Shailaja Mufti**. 125 Compass boxes to children worth Rs. 4375/- by **Rtn. Dr Nileshtalekar**. 4 Bluetooth speakers for Interactive Learning worth Rs. 5000/- by **PP Hitesh Patel**. We heartily thank the whole team of our Doctors and Donors for their contribution!!!

રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ વલસાડ
ફ્રી મેડિકલ ચેકઅપ કેમ્પ
તા. ૩ ઓક્ટોબર ૨૦૨૧ ને ધરમપુર - સપ્તમ કામળે ૧૦ થી ૧ વાગ્યા સુધી
સ્થળ : જામનપાડા પ્રાથમિક શાળા, માકડબના, ધરમપુર.
અને જામનપાડા ખોલે જાણના ધરમપુર સ્થાનના સ્થાનિકોનો આભાર
આને તેમની પાસે પોતાના સમયનું મહત્વ ધીરજ કરાવવાની રાજુલ તક જેવું...

Dr. Manish Bharucha Rtn. Manish Bharucha	Dr. Sunil Deshpande Rtn. Sunil Deshpande	Dr. Amit Kapadia Rtn. Amit Kapadia	Dr. Nilax Mufti & Dr. Shailaja Mufti PDG Nilax Mufti & Rtn. Shailaja Mufti	Dr. Nileshtalekar Rtn. Nileshtalekar	Dr. Hitesh Patel PP Hitesh Patel
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Dr. Hitesh Patel, Dr. Sunil Deshpande, Dr. Manish Bharucha, Dr. Nilax Mufti & Dr. Shailaja Mufti, Dr. Nileshtalekar, Dr. Hitesh Patel.



KIDS & TEENS GARBA COMPETITION

Rotary Club of Valsad presents

Kids & Teens Garba Competition

(Traditional)
"Get ready to show your garba moves!"
(2 taali garba, 6 & 10 steps dodhiya)

Surprise Bumper Prize For Best in all 3 age groups

Return Gift, Certificates & Food Kits to all the Participants

Participant's Entry 200/-	3rd October 2021 Sunday 5 pm to 8 pm	Viewer's Entry 100/-
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Age Group 1) 5 Yrs to 8 Yrs 2) 9 Yrs. to 12 Yrs 3) 13 Yrs to 17 Yrs	Supergirl (Best Style & Dress) 1st - Trophy & Gift 2nd - Trophy & Gift 3rd - Trophy & Gift	Superboy (Best Style & Dress) 1st - Trophy & Gift 2nd - Trophy & Gift 3rd - Trophy & Gift
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Venue : Regal Hall, 2nd Floor, Sai Leela Mall, Dharampur Road, Valsad.

Passes Available at

Uday Financial Services Bhagini Samaj, Valsad Mo.: 9824322227	Coffee Culture Abrama, Valsad Mo.: 7016654043	Foodaholic Tithal Road, Valsad Mo.: 8140319000
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Rtn. Dipesh Shah
President

Rtn. Jinal Mehta
Project Chair

Rtn. Swati Shah
Hon. Secretary

Rotary Club of Valsad celebrated the spirit of Navratri with the Kids and Teens to foster a sense of diverse Indian Culture and Tradition amongst the young generation. Children & Youngsters participated in huge numbers & enjoyed the event to the fullest. The number of Participants were 125 children. In the age group of 5 yrs to 15 yrs. Certificate, Return gift & food packet were given to every participant. Prizes were given according to age groups of the participants and a Bumper prize to the best among all age groups was awarded. The event was a great success with lots of enjoyment by participants, Rotarians, Rotaractors and their families. Project chair was Rtn. Jinal Mehta.



SPONSORS OF DIST. TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

RC Valsad was one of the sponsors for District Table Tennis Tournament held at the NagarPalika Sports Complex, Valsad. Students under the age of 15 played this tournament.



વલસાડમાં આજે ગુજરાત સ્ટેટ ટેબલ ટેનિસ યોજાશે

વલસાડ વલસાડ પાલિકાના સ્પોર્ટ્સ કોમ્પ્લેક્સમાં સો પ્રથમવાર ગુજરાત સ્ટેટ ટેબલ ટેનિસ એસો. ના નેજા હેઠળ વલસાડ ડિસ્ટ્રિક્ટ ટેબલ ટેનિસ એસો. દ્વારા 8થી 10 ઓક્ટોબર સેકન્ડ ગુજરાત સ્ટેટ ટેબલ ટેનિસ ચેમ્પિયનશીપ-2021 અંતર-11થી 15ની ઉંવે-ટર્ન આયોજન કરાવ્યું છે. જેમાં રાજ્યમાંથી 200થી વધુ ખેલાડીઓ ભાગ લેશે. આ સ્પર્ધા રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ વલસાડ, શિવમ ટેવસપર્સ અને યુનિક પોલિપેકના સહયોગથી પ્રથમવાર વલસાડમાં યોજાઈ રહી છે. સ્ટેટ એસો.ના પ્રમુખ વિપુલ મિત્રા, ચેરમેન મિલન તોરવણેએ શુભેચ્છા પાઠવી છે.

SHARAD PURNIMA CELEBRATION

Rotary Club of Valsad celebrated Sharad Purnima with a lot of grandeur and enthusiasm with Rotary, Rotaract and Innerwheel members. Three new members **Prakashbhai Patel, Surekha Saini and Chandresh Shah** were inducted in the club on the day. **IPP Rajesh Patel was felicitated** for successful year as the president of RC Valsad & winning Awards at District Award Ceremony for his year. IPP Rajeshbhai received Silver Award for Public Image Showcase Project, Award of Excellence for the HUMF project, New Generation project, Governor's Citation. Hon. Secretary Dr. Shaiaja Mufti won the Award for the Best Secretary.



ARPAN 5.0



We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. And, Diwali is a festival of joy, happiness, giving & celebrating!! With this belief, **Rotary club Of Valsad and Rotaract club of Valsad** travelled to Jahgiri village, the end village of Valsad district to visit **HEM English medium school** and donated clothes to more than 500 people, 400 crackers kit and 200 food kits to the school kids as well as the villagers.

DIWALI WITH SENIOR CITIZENS

Members and families of Rotary club of Valsad visited Old Age Home and celebrated Diwali on 3rd November with Lighting the lamp of LOVE & CARE through SERVICE to the 85 Senior Citizens of VRUDHASHRAM at Atar, Valsad. Fire crackers, Sweets, Farsan and Books were given to the residents. **Project Chair - Rtn. Mahendra Bulsara.**



INTERCLUB MEET AT NAVSARI

RC Valsad had a joint Club meeting with RC Navsari. Members of RC Valsad visited RC of Navsari's **Physiotherapy Center & Rotary Eye Hospital**. Detailed information about the management and facilities provided at these centers was shared and discussed. The visit was followed by Club meeting, entertaining games and fellowship. Hospitality of the members of Rotary Club of Navsari was overwhelming.



HEALTHY MORNINGS WITH HEALTHY BREAKFAST

Rotary Club of Valsad made arrangements of providing Healthy Breakfast to the young aspirants trying hard to make a career in the Police Force. Nutritious Breakfast was arranged for more than 200 aspirants early in the morning for continuous Nine days at Valsad Police Headquarter Grounds, Abrama. **Project Chair - Rtn. AnandDak.**



VISIT TO HELPING HANDS CHARITABLE TRUST

Members & Anns of RC Valsad visited the Helping Hands Charitable Trust project at Killa Pardi & gained knowledge about the activities and functioning of the center.



ROTARY'S C.B. DESAI UNITY CUP

Rotary Club of VALSAD hosted C.B.DESAI UNITY CUP at BDCA Cricket Ground, Valsad on 19th December. This tennis ball cricket tournament was held in the fond memory of senior Rotarian and Past Governor C. B. DESAI. Six Rotary Club teams from Valsad District participated in this tournament & enjoyed the fellowship. The participant teams were:

1. RC VALSAD
2. RC GANDEVI
3. VAPI PHOENIX
4. RC NAVSARI
5. RC CHIKHLI RIVERFRONT
6. VAPI WEST .

The live scores & updates of the tournament was available on Cricket Heroes App. The winners of the Tournament was RC NAVSARI Team and the runners up were RC VAPI WEST. Project Chairs - Rtn. Tarang Shah & Rtn. Nishit Mehta.



FELICITATION OF RTN. SUDHIR CHAKOLE (RID 3131)

RC Valsad Felicitated Rtn. Sudhir Chakole, member of Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar from RI District 3131. He is on a cycling mission covering more than 4000 kms. to promote Cycle Chalao Health Banao, Go Green, Save Fuel, Salute Indian army.

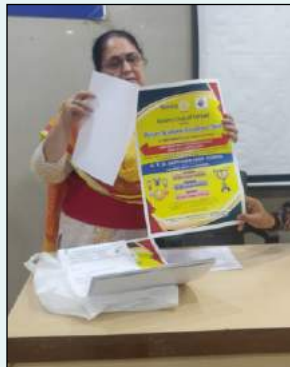


SAREE DISTRIBUTION

Rotary Club Valsad organised a project for Widows from villages surrounding Valsad city where 50 ladies were motivated to earn their lively hood and make their family self sufficient. We also invited Gynecologist Dr Yogini Rolekar to discuss about health and hygiene and distributed sarees to all the 50 widows at the Homeguard Kacheri on 14th December 2021. **Project Chair was Rtn. Hitesh Patel.**



LAUNCH OF ROTARY'S ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2.0



RC Valsad launched its **2nd season of Rotary's Academic Excellence Awards** to boost the moral and spirits of the students appearing for class 10th Board examinations. **The Three Topper Students of various Schools will be awarded with a Certificate, Trophy and Gift.**



FELICITATION OF KICK BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Rotary Club Of Valsad

INVITATION

Felicitatation
of Proud Winners of
National Kick Boxing Championship

Date 29th Dec, Wednesday - Time : 6:00 pm
Venue : Sports Complex, Bh DMDG School, Valsad.

Chief Guest
Mrs. Kinnariben Patel
President
Valsad Nagarpalika

Guest of Honor
Mr. Mahesh Patel
District Sports Officer
Valsad

Rtn Dipesh Shah President
Rtn Hitesh Patel Event Chair
Rtn Swati Shah Hon. Secretary

RC Valsad felicitated the winners of Kick Boxing championship at the Sports Complex Valsad. Mrs Kinnariben Patel, President Valsad Nagarpalika was the Chief Guest. Mr. Mukesh Patel, District Sports Officer was the Guest of Honour. **Project Chair - Rtn. Hitesh Patel.**



NOTEBOOK & BALL PEN DISTRIBUTION

As a part of Education and Literacy Drive, Rotary Club of Valsad started a Mega Project of Distributing **10,000 Notebooks** to around **2500 students of Primary Schools** of Valsad District. The Primary aim of this Project was to reach the most rural schools of Valsad, thus lighting a small ray of hope in the lives of those not so fortunate. **The total cost of this Project was 3 lakhs rupees** including the cost of printing, the cover page design of these Notebooks with The Rotary Literacy Logo. The set of Notebooks & ball pens were distributed in the following Schools, and Rotary Club of Valsad is heartily thankful to all the sponsors for their wholehearted contribution.

Rotary Club of Valsad

We Wish to Distribute 10000 Notebooks to the Needy Students of Govt Schools of Valsad District

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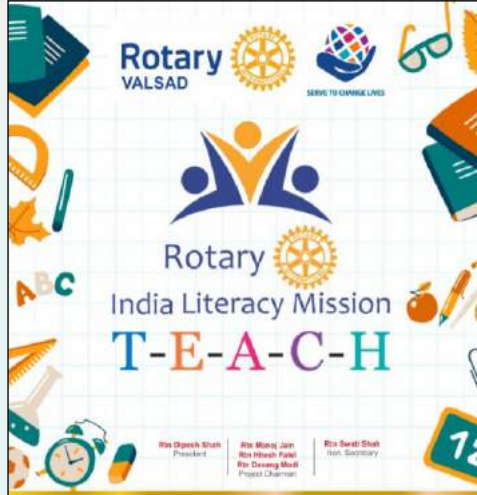
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Project chair
Rtn Manoj Jain
Rtn Hitesh Patel
Rtn Devang Modi

Rtn. Dipesh Shah
President

Rtn. Swati Shah
Hon. Secretary

ROTARY Notebook Distribution			
No.	School Name	No. of Students	No of Books
1	Atak Pardi Prathmik Shala	190	760
2	sharmjivi vidhyamandir	360	1440
3	Valsad Pardi prathmik shala	113	452
4	MLD Sarvanik shala	152	608
5	SMD Sarvanik shala	183	732
6	Lilapore Prathmik shala	86	344
7	Sarodhi Prathmik Shala	80	320
8	Dhamdachi Prathmik Shala	45	180
9	Maniba Sarvanik Vidhyalay	157	628
10	Maniba Sarvanik Prathmik Vidhyalay	175	700
11	Jamnabai Sarvanik Prathmik Shala	112	448
12	Police Head Quarter School	150	600
13	Bhagdawada Prathmik Shala	55	220
14	Tarmaliya Prathmik Shala	50	200
15	Abrama Prathmik Shala	200	800
16	Sarvoday High School	167	668
17	Kanjan Hari Prathmik Shala	40	160
18	Mukhya Kanya Shala	80	320



THE PHF RECOGNITIONS

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants.

During the year 2019-20 when PP Dr. Mehul Solanky was the serving President of Rotary Club of Valsad and PDG Anish Shah was the serving District Governor, 11 members of RC Valsad became Paul Harris Fellows or went a step ahead in their contribution.

Rotary Club of Valsad presented the Paul Harris Fellow Certificates and Pins to the members who had contributed to The Rotary Foundation in the year 2019 -20, by giving \$1000 thus becoming Paul Harris Fellow.

The PHF recognitions were conferred to the members by PDG Anish Shah in the presence of PP Dr. Mehul Solanky. The members recognized on the day were:-

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| 1. PP Hitesh Patel (PHF level 2) | 2. IPP Rajesh Patel (PHF level 2) | 3. PP Bharat Bhanushali (PHF level 2) |
| 4. Rtn. Rajendra Mehta (PHF level 2) | 5. Rtn. Chirag Desai (PHF level 1) | 6. Rtn. Jigish Marjadi (PHF level 1) |
| 7. PP Mahendra Bulsara (PHF level 1) | 8. Rtn. Nirmal Desai (PHF level 1) | 9. Rtn. Pural Vashi (PHF level 1) |
| 10. Rtn. Utpal Patel (PHF level 1) | 11. Rtn. Vishakha Desai (PHF level 1) | |



RC VALSAD IN DISTRICT EVENTS



At Rotary Institute, Mahabalipuram.



In iRUN 2.0, a virtual run by Rotary Satellite Club of Cochin Downtown.



Team RCV at District Membership Seminar, Bharuch cluster 3,4,5,6 & 7.



Fellowship with Rotary club of Vijapur RID 3054.



Team RCV at Felicitation of DGND Tushar Shah, Surat.



Team RCV at Puraskar - The Award Ceremony.

ABOUT ROTARY, FROM THE DESK OF PP AKSHAY VAKIL

PART II History of the Rotarian

In the first part of this article we dealt with the history of “The Rotarian”; mouth piece of RI. As explained there, it became logistically impossible to meet the demands for “The Rotarian” from a single source. It was then decided to print it locally at different places over the world.

In this issue we will deal with the history of “the Rotary News” being printed in India, copy of which you get as a subscriber.

“Easter Rotary Wheel” was the original and the printing right were given to a private publisher A. Mac Rae & Co. in Calcutta. The printing was handled by Middle Asia office of RI. In 1950 that office was closed and printing was stopped. An enterprising PDG by name of Debu Hoshali who was in publishing business took upon himself to publish the magazine by obtaining rights from RI. This continued for eight years till 1960. Meanwhile on ownership and royalty issue the license was withdrawn. For long thirteen years there was no publication. Rotarians of this region were deprived of information and much of the history was lost forever. In 1973 RI decided to print the magazine on its own and formed a trust to run it and since then it is being printed from Chennai.

The trust is comprised of independent directors some PDGs from Districts & the editor and secretary as members of the board. In 1983, Hindi version called “Rotary Samachar” was published simultaneously on the demand of section of beneficiaries who were not comfortable with English.

The Rotary News is also printed here for Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka with focus on their local news. Its first editor was PDG Krishnama Chari who served for 13 years as the editor. At present, Rashida Bhagat, a professional journalist is the editor.

In 2005, Rotary news was adjudged the best amongst other publications. You will be surprised that Rotary News is the cheapest of all other publications! The process has started to convert to electronic version to save cost. Make it a habit to read it!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL UPDATES



PRID Dr Bharat Pandya
Rotary Foundation Trustee
Rotary year 2022-26.



Gordon R. McInally
from Scotland
2023-24 RI President



Rtn. Benjamin List
Nobel prize awarded in Chemistry

TRIBUTE TO THE GEMS OF ROTARY



PRID Sushil Gupta
former RI President Nominee
28/10/2021



PRIP Clifford L. Dochterman
2/11/2021

SECRETARIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Rotarian Friends,

We would like to thank all the Rotarians, whose birthdays & anniversaries have been in the month of September, October, November & December for their generous contribution to the club. This contribution will be utilized for Service projects. The name and amount of the contributors is as follow:

Name	September	October	November	December
	₹	₹	₹	₹
Ashra Dhara				2,000.00
Bulsara Mahendra			5,001.00	
Desai Rajiv				1,000.00
Desai Nirmal	1,000.00			
Desai Chirag				2,500.00
Deshpande Sunil	1,001.00			
Jain Sunil			2,000.00	
Marjadi Sunil		1,500.00		
Mehta Jinal				2,000.00
Mehta Rajendra	3,000.00			2,500.00
Mufti Shailaja	20,000.00			
Parekh Kamlesh	1,500.00			
Patel Utpal				2,000.00
Patel Rajesh	5,000.00			
Patel Hitesh				3,000.00
Sadrani Paresh				2,000.00
Shah Anish	9,000.00			
Shah Amish	2,000.00			
Shah Dharmin		1,500.00		
Shah Mayur				1,000.00
Shah Premal				2,500.00
Shah Darpan				1,100.00
Shah Dipesh				2,000.00
Shah Manish				1,500.00
Shroff Sanober			1,500.00	
Talekar Nilesh	5,500.00			
Varaiya Rajendra		2,100.00		2,500.00
Vasani Kashmiria				2,100.00
Vibhandik Rushikesh	1,500.00		2,000.00	
	49,501.00	5,100.00	10,501.00	29,700.00



Donation for Notebook Distribution Project		
Navami Industries	Mr.Piyush Bajarria & Mr.Raju Panchamia	51,000.00
Desai Construction	Rtn. Mehl Desai	25,000.00
Shivam Developers	Rtn. Pural Vashi	25,000.00
Rajwadi Emporium		25,000.00
Sunplast Industries	Rtn. Rajendra Mehta	25,000.00
Keyur Investment	Mr. Hires Shah	15,000.00
Big Plastic Enterprise	Rtn Manoj Jain	15,000.00
Vijay Emporium	Mr. Vijay Patel	15,000.00
	Mr. Umesh Shukla	15,000.00
Universal Trading Co.	Mr. Vaibhav Shah	15,000.00
	Rtn. Hitesh Patel	15,000.00
Paras Plastic	Mr. Sahil Shah	15,000.00
		2,56,000.00