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## **Next Meeting**

**10/08/2021 Tuesday**

**7.30 pm Dilip Paresh Hall**

Ananya, younger son of Rtn. Meera & Rtn. Bharat Sheth, has achieved the coveted milestone of being awarded a PhD at Purdue University, USA.

The Sheths are sponsoring the dinner in celebration of Ananya's achievement.

1. A 15-minute Power Point Presentation on Ananya follows.
2. Induction of 4 new members by Rtn. Mihir Thakkar, District Membership Development & Retention Chairman.
3. Acceptance of Oxygen Concentration Machine, donated by Essar Port and Rtn. Dipesh Parikh.

We shall appreciate your gracious presence.

### **Brief Bio data of Dr. Ananya Bharat Sheth**

Armed with a degree of B. E. in Civil Engineering from Manipal Institute of Technology in 2012, and a M. S. in Construction Management from Purdue University, U.S.A. in 2016, Ananya recently earned his coveted degree of PhD in "INNOVATION SCIENCE: STRATEGY, INNOVATION & RESILIENCE for Corporates" under Dr. Joseph Sinfield in 2021 thru his path-breaking research. Dr. Ananya has published a number of papers in prestigious journals. He also won a coveted grant from National Science Foundation-NSF, U.S.A. for further research.

He is a recipient of the 2015 Graduate Scholarship ( CMAA-Chicago ), and also a finalist at a Global Innovation Competition, having been invited to present his findings by Schneider Electric to their headquarters at Paris, France in June, 2012.

He has been a member of the Purdue Consulting Club & of Toastmasters International at Purdue University.

He is a very friendly, enthusiastic person, full of humor. He appreciates Creativity and values Uniqueness. He tends to go deep into those subjects, which catch his attention.

He enjoys leading an active lifestyle, values regular exercise routine, plays many sports, including Badminton, Swimming and others. He absolutely loves being in Nature, and has done a number of trekking expeditions in the Himalayas and elsewhere.

Closest to him is Music. He has been trained in Indian Classical Vocal & Instruments. He is part of a semi-professional fusion band at Purdue University called Tatvam, having successfully performed nearly 50 shows in Indiana-Illinois and Chicago during the last 5 years. He sings, plays the guitar, and finds producing music exciting. He has also begun building up a Soundcloud channel - <https://soundcloud.com/ananya-sheth>. Do check him out there.



# **LAST MEETING**

**03/07/2021 Tuesday**

**7.30 pm Dilip Paresh Hall**

## **Dabba Party**

### **Winners**

#### **South group-**

Best coconut rice Ann Swati Desai

Best sambar - Ann Neha Gandhi

#### **West group-**

Best Patudi - Ann Sunita bastawala

Best Handvo - Ann Gopiben Chokhawala & Rtn Mona Sitwala

#### **North group -**

Best Mutter Paneer - Ann Dr. Meena Shah

Best Chole & Muli Paratha Ann Rashmee Berry

Best Jain Mutter Paneer Ann Anar Solanki

#### **East Group-**

Best Kheer Ann Shaifali Chokhawala

Best Mishti Doi Rtn. Keta Shah

Best group on overall - East



**Rtn PP Prashantbhai desai  
welcoming the guest Mr Nilesh  
Patel and Mrs Nisha Patel**



**Group East - The Winner**



**Group - North**



**Group - South**



**Group - East**



**Memento to the guest by PP Rtn Deepak Berry**



**Vote of thanks by Rtn Bharatbhai Sheth**





Infact it is always said that picture speaks a lot and all the above pictures truly reflect the fun and satisfaction we had at Dabba party last Tuesday. All the Anns of 4 groups namely EAST, WEST, NORTH AND SOUTH prepared the food as per the respective traditions. Our president had specially invited connoisseurs Mr Nilesh Patel and Mrs Nisha Patel to judge the whole event. It was a fun meeting ending with VP Rtn Bharat Sheth proposing the Vote of thanks.



# Our Fourth Major Project this Year

## THE NOTE BOOK PROJECT

Friends, every year we also distribute notebooks and other accessories. (as per the school's need) to Champawadi, Vyara.

Thanks to Rtn PDG Kulbandhu Sharma for tirelessly coordinating this project every year.

Date :- 8th August 2021

Day:- Sunday

Start time :- 7:30 am

Gathering Venue:- 10, Shrungar Soc, Nr Starbucks, Parle point, Surat.

Distribution at school:-10:00 am to 11:30

### Appreciation message received fro Champawadi school

નમસ્કાર સર....

આપના માર્ગદર્શન અને પ્રયાસો થકી રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ સુરત રાઉન્ડ ટાઉન દ્વારા અમારી શાળાની શુભેચ્છા મુલાકાત અને બાળકોને શિક્ષણિક કીટનું વિતરણ કરવા બદલ શાળા પરિવાર આપનો અને ક્લબનો હૃદયથી આભાર માનીએ છીએ.

લિ. મુખ્ય શિક્ષક શ્રી

પ્રાથમિક શાળા ચાંપાવાડી.



# We The Roundtowner

## Introduction of PP Rtn Prashant Desai

His journey in Rotary

Hello friends, Prashantbhai's attachment with Rotary began way before he joined it. His grandfather Shri Nanubhai Desai was a Rotarian and he became President of Rotary Club of Surat in 1949. In the early sixties he had observed Rotary as a school child, and his main attraction then was attending dinner parties on first Friday of every month. He had the privilege to closely observe stalwarts of Rotary – like Vaikunthbhai Shastri, Chandrakant Parekh (father of Rtn.Yatish Parekh), Rajnikant Thaker, Dr.R.K. Desai, Babubhai Solanki (father of Bharatbhai Solanki), Gunvantbhai Bhatt (father of Prafull Bhatt) and many others. He vividly remembers the district conference hosted by Surat and had Rotarian guests from Indore being it the first experience of home hospitality.



The attraction changed to attachment, when in 1984, he was invited by Dr.Vinod Shah- his mentor in ENT and a very active Rotarian of his time. The President of the club then was Rtn. Shri Shailesh Mehta and he was inducted into Rotary fold in June. The club had its meeting in Malavi Hall of T & T V school campus, where our present meetings are held. It was a second 'school coming' for him as he did his schooling in T & T V. 1985 was when PDG Bharatbhai became the DG and he enjoyed his first district conference as a Rotarian. He fondly remembers Dhirubhai bringing the double decker bus from Bombay to Surat for our prestigious project . The Rotary hall was then newly built and they had a science laboratory on first floor and library in the basement. He takes pride to declare that the club was very active and thriving at that time. Come 90's and the club had a lull phase. It was during these times that he became the President in 91-92 and Rtn Mr.Raja Saboo was RI President. 'LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF' was the theme, and the first MEDICARE PROJECT through a matching grant was conducted during that year. His main task was to streamline the appointments of office bearers of our club, because many capable rotarians were not ready to take up the leadership of the club. The attraction became attachment and at the turn of the century it turned into commitment. PDG.Bandhuji became DG in 2002-03 and he was the district secretary.

A year before, during DG. Rtn. Jatin Bhatt's tenure, he was the Assistant governor and was adjudged the best Rotarian of the district during that year. He received the award during Bandhuji's conference. It was in 2004 that our district carried out medical camp in Ethiopia. It was a wonderful experience and it brought universality of Rotary in his life. Next came medical projects in Buxar and Gaya in Bihar- which were carried out by private funding and rotarian doctors. Then came 2009, when he was selected as GSE team leader to USA.

It was a proud moment in his life. The one and a half month he spent in the mountains of North Carolina, will always be remembered. Staying in American homes was a first time experience for him and there were moments which he would cherish for life. In 2012, he attended his first RI conference, when Kalyanda was RI President. It was an enriching experience.



RFE visit to Brazil was next. It created lasting friendship and all these trips converted his attraction to attachment to commitment to passion . He admits that rotary culture has immensely helped him in building his personality and become a better person.



For those, who have recently joined our club, he is an ENT surgeon practicing for last 40 years and chairman of South Gujarat Academy of Otolaryngology. His wife Swatiben – enjoying family life- was a bank officer, a professional singer and a passionate mother of Harini- physical therapist in USA and Harsh- an automobile engineer and IYE student to South Korea. He is also active in Indian Medical Association, Surat and was President in 2015-16.



He thanks Rotary, for moulding and nurturing him, making him what he is today.



# Rotary Buzz

## It's a month of August - Membership and New Club Development Month

**Rotary District 3060**  
**PEOPLE OF ACTION**

**JOIN LEADERS  
EXCHANGE IDEAS  
TAKE ACTION  
IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

Join Rotary

Email: [joinrotary3060@gmail.com](mailto:joinrotary3060@gmail.com)  
Contact: 99250 29776

THE WORLD NEEDS MORE ROTARIANS

Membership is subject to Rotary Club approval.



Rtn Santosh Pradhan  
DG RID 3060

### 10 Reasons to Join A Rotary Club

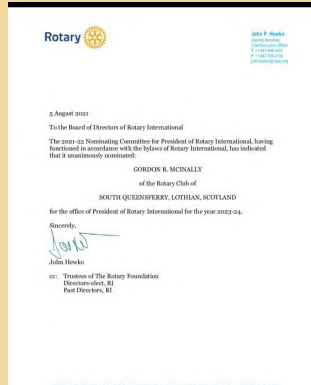
The Opportunity to Serve

- Leadership Development
- Citizenship in the World
- Business Development
- Continuing Education
- Personal Growth
- Entertainment
- Community
- Friendship
- Fun

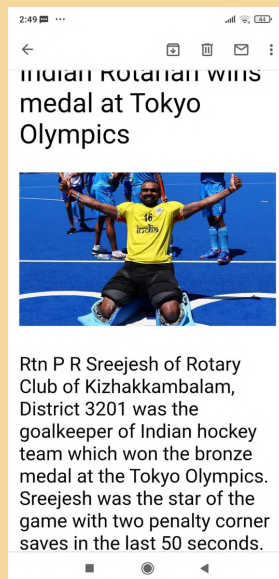
### Major changes in Rotaract

- Rotaract is now a type of Rotary membership.
- Rotaract clubs will be allowed to sponsor other Rotaract clubs or establish themselves without a sponsor.
- Rotaract will be open to all young adults 18 and over. There will no longer be an upper age limit of 30.
- The Trustees encourage Rotaract clubs to work with Rotary clubs on global grant projects.
- Rotaractors are now eligible to serve on district-level and RI committees.
- Rotaractors will enjoy greater support, training, and access to tools from Rotary.
- In 2022, Rotaractors will pay annual per capita dues of either \$5 (Institution based) or \$8 (Community based)
- Rotary clubs should continue to work with Rotaractors at meetings and events and on service projects.

## Rtn. Gordon Mcinally of Scotland has been nominated as RI President for 2023-24



## Olympic News



## Birthday Wishes

Rotary Club of Surat Roundtown wishes a very Happy Birthday to

- 1) Ann Priyanka Jariwala - 13th August
- 2) Rtn Chetan Sanghvi - 15th August
- 3) Rtn Manoj Bapaye - 15th August



## **NORTH EAST INDIA**

Arunachal Pradesh Governor \*P B Acharya\* said, "Indians know more about the US than about the Northeast".

He made a valid point - very few of us know enough about the Northeast.

Here are some of the surprising facts about the Northeast.

1. There are \*eight states\* in Northeast: Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Sikkim, Nagaland.

2. There are nearly \*220 languages\* spoken in the Northeast, It is a mix of Tibetan, South-east Asian and East Indian Cultures.

3. Northeast is the only part of India that the \*Mughal Empire could not conquer\*.

4. The \*Ahom Dynasty\*, which ruled the Northeast for 600 years, is the longest unbroken Dynasty in Indian history.

5. The world's largest river island, the \*Majuli\* and the world's smallest river island, \*Umananda\* both are in the Northeast.

6. \*Seven prominent National Parks\* of India are located in Northeast.

7. \*Shillong\* is considered as the Rock Capital of India.

8. \*Mawsynram\* in Meghalaya holds the Guinness World Record for being the Wettest Place on Earth.

9. \*Sualkuchi\* in Assam is one of the World's largest weaving villages where the entire population is engaged in weaving Silk Fabrics.

10. \*Muga\*, the Golden Silk of Assam, is not produced anywhere else in the World.

11. It is the cleanest region in India. \*Mawlynnong\* in Meghalaya is the cleanest village in \*entire Asia\*.

12. 70% of the country's \*Orchids\* are found in Northeast.

13. Mizoram and Tripura are among the states with the highest \*Literacy\* rate in India.

14. There is \*no Dowry\* culture in entire Northeast.

15. Sikkim is the first state in the world where 100% of its agro produce is organic and certified so. Sikkim won the Future Policy Award 2018, beating 51 nominated policies from 25 countries, according to a statement. Policies from Brazil, Denmark and Quito (Ecuador) bagged silver awards.

The award is co-organised by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), the World Future Council (WFC) and IFOAM – Organics International

Kindly spread this information to all your contacts to help develop awareness of the Northeast part of India further.



## One of the best message of recent times...

Don't miss to read it, every perception is indeed wonderfully conceived...

\*THE BHISHMA WAY\*

\*or\*

\*THE JATAYU WAY\*

No two people respond to the same situation in a similar way.

Here are examples of two legendary personalities who were faced with a very similar situation, but their responses were diagonally apart.

This is a comparative study between Bhishma and Jatayu.

Both of them were confronted with character defining assault on womanhood.

One chose to die protecting the victim while the other chose to be a mute spectator of the crime.

1) \*POWERFUL or POWERLESS\*

Bhishma was a powerful warrior and if he wanted, he could have stopped the disrobing of Draupadi - the Queen but he chose to be a silent witness of this act

whereas Jatayu was old and invalid and knew that in all probability, Ravana would kill him but still, he chose to try his best to protect Sita - the Queen.

\*Bhishma was powerful yet acted powerless whereas Jatayu was powerless yet acted powerful\*.\_

"Real power is not about physical strength but about the deep desire to help."\_

\*2) ALIVE or DEAD\*

Bhishma lived on but died everyday to his conscience whereas Jatayu died once but lived eternally true to his conscience. \_

" \*Our only constant companion is our conscience - better to be true to it."\_\*

3) \*FAME or INFAMY\*

Bhishma's name and fame went down in history because of \*this one act of not stopping the disrobing of Draupadi\* but Jatayu's name and fame went high in history because of his act of trying to save Sita. \_

" \*We are all going to be mere names in history, sooner or later. Will we be equated with the bad or the good - is our choice."\_\*

4) \*CULTURE or VULTURE\*

Bhishma was supposed to be a highly cultured human but acted highly insensitive & stooped low in values like a vulture

whereas

Jatayu was supposed to be a lowly uncultured vulture but acted highly sensitive and soared the skies in values like an evolved human. Who would you call as a human - Bhishma or Jatayu? \_

"One doesn't become a human being by being born as a human - one becomes a human being by being a human."\_

5) \*SPOKEN or UNSPOKEN WORDS\*

Draupadi begged and pleaded protection from Bhishma because she knew if someone could protect her it was only him but still Bhishma didn't protect her

whereas

Sita didn't even ask Jatayu for protection - she just wanted him to inform Rama about her kidnapping by Ravana because she knew Jatayu was not powerful but still Jatayu tried to protect Sita.

Bhishma being a human couldn't even understand the spoken words of Draupadi what to speak of understanding her unspoken words whereas Jatayu even though was a mere bird, understood not only the spoken words of Sita but also her unspoken words.

\*"The language of heart is more powerful than the language of words."\_\*

6) \*CLARITY or CONFUSION\*

Bhishma was confused regarding his Royal duty that he forgot that he had a higher duty - a moral duty

whereas

Jatayu was so clear about his moral duty that no other duty was a consideration for him. \_

\*"When caught up in dilemmas, best is to follow the higher principles - to follow our heart because it always knows the truth."\_\*

7) \*GOOD or BAD EXAMPLE\*

Bhisma set a very bad precedent for generations to come

whereas

Jatayu set the most ideal precedent for generations to come. \_

"If we can't be a great example atleast let us not be a bad one." \_

8) \*RELATIVE or STRANGER\*

Another interesting point is that Bhisma was an elderly relative of Draupadi but acted as a total stranger in this episode

whereas

Jatayu was not at all related to Sita, he was a stranger but acted more than a dearest relative. \_

"True relationships is based on heartly connections not just bodily connections." \_

9) \*THE SAINTLY or THE WICKED\*

\*Both, Bhisma and Jatayu had a few moments to decide what to do. Life,\*

sometimes puts in situations where in a few moments we need to take crucial decisions.

What we decide very much depends on the kind of inner integrity we have cultivated by the association we keep.

Bhisma's intelligence was clouded and it failed the test of life because he associated with the wicked minded, selfish Kauravas whereas Jatayu's intelligence was crystal clear and it passed the test of life because he associated with the saintly, selfless Lakshman and the All-pure Lord Rama.

\_"After all, who we are solely depends on whom we associate with." \_

10) \*EMBRACE or NEGLECT\*

The Supreme Lord as Sri Krishna was not at all happy with this attitude of Bhisma so much so that when He came as a peace messenger to Hastinapur, He didn't even bother to look at Bhisma, what to speak of respecting him

whereas

The Supreme Lord as Ramachandra was so happy with the attitude of Jatayu that he embraced him and personally did his final rites - a honour that even Dasharath - His father didn't receive. \_

The scriptures explain that the ultimate test of any activity is, if the Supreme Lord is pleased with us. \_ It is very clear, Bhisma displeased God whereas Jatayu pleased Him.

\*This recount is not meant to criticize Bhisma - he is undoubtedly a great warrior and an amazing personality who sacrificed his personal desires for Hastinapur,\*

but

we do vehemently criticize his inaction. The end here is to learn from the choices made so that we are conscious history follows us. \_

\*When we see some injustice, some problem, we have only two options - either close your eyes to it or do something about it - follow "the Bhisma way" or "the Jatayu way"\*

and whichever way we choose remember there will be consequences of our choices

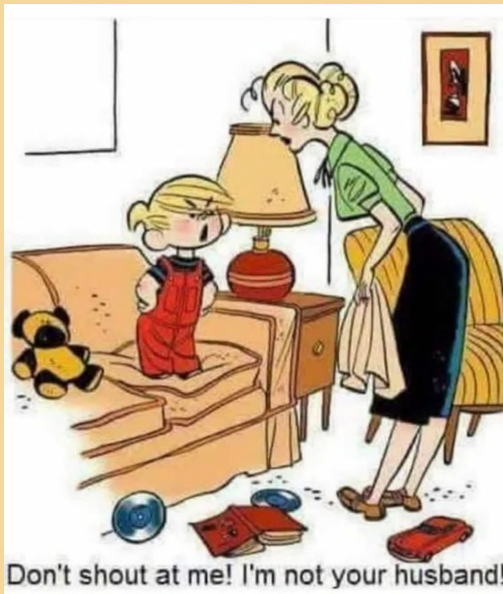
\*~"the Bhisma result" or "the Jatayu result".\_\*

\*Brilliant analysis..!!\*





Just Enjoy



For past 32 years, my wife has been complaining to me about not putting the cap back on the toothpaste.

On our anniversary, I decided to change this bad habit and make my wife happy.

For a week, I was diligent, always capping the toothpaste.

I was expecting my wife to thank me, but she never did it.

Finally, last night she turned and looked at me and said - Why did you stop brushing your teeth .. 😊😬😬👀

\*Marriage is a social crime\*