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# RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## RTN. FRANCESCO AREZZO

*RI President - 2025-26*



Not long ago, in a small health center in the village of Aaye in southwest Nigeria, a woman arrived in labor carrying twins. The facility was short-staffed. The nurse midwife in charge was not present.

A community health worker stepped forward. She had participated in Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria, a Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale initiative. And though she was not formally trained as a midwife, she was equipped with essential emergency obstetric skills.

Hours later, both babies had been delivered, one at the health center and the other at a general hospital, where the mother had been referred after complications were quickly identified. The newborns and their mother were alive and safe.

Women around the world face similar circumstances every day — moments when the difference between life and loss depends on well-trained medical staff and reliable systems and procedures.

Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria exists to increase the chances that those moments end in hope. By strengthening health systems and training frontline workers, this program helps communities protect mothers and children even when circumstances are difficult.

This work reflects the very heart of Rotary service. Service is not only what we do when conditions are ideal. It is what we do when systems are strained, resources are limited, and the need is urgent. It is the commitment to prepare people before a crisis arrives and to stand with communities when it does.

Maternal and child health is not an abstract goal. It is deeply personal. It is a mother who survives childbirth. It is a newborn who takes a first breath. It is a family that remains whole because someone was trained, ready, and cared enough to act. Rotary understands that service means investing in people and systems long before they are tested.

Programs like Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria show what is possible when Rotary brings together local knowledge, global partnerships, and sustainable solutions. By working alongside health professionals and local leaders, Rotary helps ensure that lifesaving care does not depend on luck or location.

The story of the mother and her twins is at its core a story of service. It is a reminder that Rotary's impact is measured in human moments when people step forward to help others in their most vulnerable hours.

When we Unite for Good, service becomes more than an ideal. It becomes a lifeline for families, a source of strength for communities, and a promise that Rotary will continue to go wherever help is needed most.

**Rtn. Francesco Arezzo**  
President 2025-26

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**RTN. SUDHA PRAJAPATI**

*President - 2025-26*



## HAPPY FACES...HAPPY SCHOOLS

This month being the last month of the Academic year, we decided to bring as much as SMILES on the faces of children as much as we can. So, all our projects this month were mainly focussed on HAPPY BACHPAN...with this slogan in our minds we firstly decided that visit of our Interactors to Manovikas School – a school of deaf-dumb and mentally challenged children. Our aim was to bring smiles on the faces of children of Manovikas school, and we achieved both – our Interact children were also so happy to meet these children and learn about their way of leaving and learning.

Furthering our initiatives of having more HAPPY faces..we distributed 2 smart TVs in 2 different Primary Government schools, this will help the children have learning session through digital media. Our Rotaract are not left behind, they also contributed in bringing smiles this month on the faces of children of Primary Government school, Vadholi – Kunta – by distributing sports uniform to them.

We saw more happy faces, as we distributed king-size snakes ladder games to the children of Manovikas and king-size LUDO games to the children of Primary Government school, Vadholi – Kunta.

Apart from services...we had our Interact children meet other Interact children from District during the RYE orientation program, this session helped them meet other Interactors and learn about their experiences from RYE program.

It is such a satisfying feeling when we are able to bring SMILES to the needy and while we help them we can also feel an ETERNAL HAPPINESS and am grateful to all of you who have participated with us during the entire year in bringing smiles and spreading happiness to our community in one way or another...

KEEP smiling and KEEP Serving...feel satisfied and feel Happiness.

**Rtn. Sudha Prajapati**  
President 2025-26

# VISIT TO MANOVIKAS

## INTERACT CLUB OF PHOENIX AND LUMENS

On 4 April 2026, both the Interact clubs visited Manovikas along with their Parent Rotary Club. Around 20 members participated in this visit to learn and gain meaningful experiences.

Manovikas, an institution run by the Manovikas Charitable Trust, is dedicated to supporting children with special needs. The visit gave them an insight into their daily lives, the challenges they face, and the continuous efforts made to provide them with proper education, care, and support. They were given an introduction to the organisation, its mission, and the various programs conducted for the development of the children.

During the visit, the interacts interacted closely with the children and observed different activities designed to enhance their skills. They visited specially designed classrooms for deaf and dumb children, with each having hearing aids based on their level of understanding and learning needs, and also noticed that students who are deaf and mute actively participate in learning and perform tasks just like any other students, which was truly inspiring.

Engaging activities such as playing volleyball and a life-sized Snakes and Ladders game. These activities help connect with the children on a personal level and understand their strengths rather than focusing on their limitations. Interestingly, they also learned basic sign language, such as how to ask someone's name, which made communication more meaningful and enjoyable.

The visit was a powerful reminder of the importance of empathy, patience, and inclusivity. It helped them understand that every individual deserves equal respect, opportunities, and support, regardless of their differences.

Overall, the visit to Manovikas was an eye-opening and enriching experience. It left a lasting impression on all of us and motivated us to become more compassionate, aware, and socially responsible individuals. Maa Foundation was kind enough to arrange for the trip's transportation.



# RYE TRAINING SESSION

On 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026, we attended RYE Orientation Session hosted by Baroda club at Baroda. Parents of all the 3 exchange students - Int. Jasmine and Int. Shaurya who are both going for longterm exchange program and Int. Zaie Nandwana who is going for short term exchange program.

**Int. Jasmine** is going to **Brazil** and **Int. Shaurya** will be going to **Taiwan** for a period of 11 months and **Int. Zaie** will be going to **Singapore | Malaysia** for 45 days short term program.

We and the outbound children had a very important learning about the rules and regulations and responsibilities of host parents and host club.

It was a great learning session for all of us..and we imparted this learning to our club members during our general meeting on held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Our members Rtn. Vineet Ojha has agreed to act as a International Youth Officer and Rtn. Aditi Jain has agreed to support the club and be the counsellor for the inbound students.



# GENERAL MEETING



On 9<sup>th</sup> April, we had our regular general meeting along with delicious home made snacks by our Club Admin Rtn. Meetal Bhavsar.



Our Phuntakshari Chair Rtn. Amisha Mehta and co-chair Rtn Sunil Chauhan, introduced the Captains of the Team and gave a brief frame-work of the program.

Rtr Ishaan Jain gave us a glimpse of the Continous leadership plan of Rotaract Club of Vapi Beacons, which was appreciated by the District also.

We acknowledged the acceptance of Presidentship candidature of Rtn. Sheetal Tailor for RI year 2027-28.



# HAPPY SCHOOL

## SMART TV DONATION

On 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April, we donated two 43-inch Croma smart televisions to the primary section of Dhodhiya Falia - Tukwada Government School and Chandor Government School Namadha.

This smart TV will support the digital learning initiatives.  
Rtn Vineet Oza , Rtn.Hemant Prajapati, Rtn. Rahi Shah, Hon. Sec Anju Garg, President Sudha Prajapati and Rtr. Shubbh Prajapati.

We also distributed food packets to the children.



# HAPPY SCHOOLS

**"SMALL GESTURES CREATE LASTING SMILES!"**

On 28 th April, Rotaractors of the Rotaract Club of Vapi Phoenix Beacons donated sports uniforms to 75 students from Classes 1 to 5 at Kunta Government School, encouraging sportsmanship, teamwork, fun, and learning together.

We also donated kingsize LUDO game to the children...the children were so happy to play on this huge game mat.

It was heart rendering to see their smiles..



# PELS AND SELS



The Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater successfully hosted the President-Elect Learning Seminar (PELS) and Secretary-Elect Learning Seminar (SELS) on 18-19 th April at Regency Lagoon Resort and Convention.

The seminar offered an enriching learning journey under the valuable guidance of PDG Mohan Palesha. The event was further graced by Guest of Honour Axaykumarji Maharajshri, whose divine presence inspired the gathering.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Gurjeet Singh Sekhon, RI Director 2027-29, whose motivating words encouraged the incoming club leaders for the Rotary year ahead.

President-Elect Rahi Shah and Hon. Sec.-Elect Sonakshi Garg attended the two-day learning sessions.



# GREETINGS BIRTHDAYS



**Rtn. Himanshu Parekh**  
May 03<sup>rd</sup>



**Rtn. Chintan Shah**  
May 10<sup>th</sup>



**Rtn. Himen Shah**  
May 18<sup>th</sup>



**Rtn. Sudha Prajapati**  
May 19<sup>th</sup>



**Rtn. Anju Garg**  
May 26<sup>th</sup>

# GREETINGS ANNIVERSARY



Rtn. Atul & Rtn. Ruby  
Goyal  
May 06<sup>th</sup>



Rtn. Sunil & Rtn. Pragya  
Nimodia  
May 09<sup>th</sup>



Rtn. Amit & Rtn. Amisha  
Mehta  
May 09<sup>th</sup>



Rtn. Swapnil & Rtn. Toral  
Walunj  
May 09<sup>th</sup>



Rtn. Pushpkumar & Rtn. Poonam  
Dhoot  
May 11<sup>th</sup>



Rtn. Barun & Rtn. Paromita  
Sarkar  
May 15<sup>th</sup>



Rtn. Shreya & Mr. Jinal  
Desai  
May 28<sup>th</sup>



Rtn. Mayur & Rtn. Mitali  
Panchal  
May 30<sup>th</sup>

# APPRECIATIONS



**Rtn. Riddhi Sheth**

For arranging the trip of Interactors to Manovikas



**Rtn. Vineet Ojha**

For accepting the post of International Youth Officer 26-27



**Rtn. Aditi Jain**

For accepting to be counsellor for inbound exchange students



**Congratulations!**

**Rtn. Sheetal Tailor**

President Elect Nominee - 2027-28

# APPRECIATIONS

## CLUBS IN ACTION



### ROTARY CLUB OF UMBERGAON



Rotary Club of Umbergaon marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of its upgraded Physiotherapy Centre by worthy hands of our District Governor Amardeep Singh Bunet. This important initiative reflects the club's continued commitment to enhancing healthcare facilities and improving access to quality rehabilitation services for the community.

The upgraded centre is equipped with improved infrastructure and modern physiotherapy facilities, aimed at providing effective treatment and care to patients. The inauguration was attended by Rotary members and dignitaries, making it a proud and memorable occasion for the club.

This initiative stands as a testament to Rotary's dedication towards community service and healthcare development.

### ROTARY CLUB OF VAPI PHOENIX



Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix proudly participated in the District CSR Grant project "The Last Bed" by donating a Dead Body Freezer to 21st Century Hospital.

This facility will provide essential support to families in and around the Vapi area during difficult times. As 21st Century Hospital is a critical care and cancer care centre, the availability of this facility will be especially beneficial for families of the deceased. The Dead Body Freezer will be made available free of cost to all needy families, ensuring dignity and support in times of loss.

This initiative reflects Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix's compassion and commitment to serving humanity with care and sensitivity.

Appreciation from District - Project The Last Bed

# UPCOMING EVENTS

# 2026 MAY

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI                              | SAT                                | SUN   |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
|     |     |     |     | 1<br><i>Phuntakshari Auction</i> | 2                                  | 3<br><i>Eye Checkup camp<br/>Rotaract<br/>PELS SELS</i> |
| 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8                                | 9                                  | 10  |
| 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15                               | 16                                 | 17  |
| 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22                               | 23<br><i>Phuntakshari Practice</i> | 24  |
| 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29                               | 30<br><i>Phoenix Cricket</i>       | 31  |

# EDITOR'S NOTE

## RTN. PAROMITA SARKAR

April has been a month full of meaningful activities and impactful experiences. From engaging in donation drives aimed at growth and community support, to interactive sessions with PELs and SELs, every initiative has contributed to a deeper and more practical learning process.

The seminar on the Rye learning process added valuable insights, helping us understand structured approaches to learning and development in a more effective way. These experiences have not only strengthened our knowledge but also built a sense of responsibility, teamwork, and active participation.

We also extend our sincere appreciation for the club projects recognized at the district level. This achievement reflects the dedication, creativity, and consistent effort of everyone involved, and it serves as a strong motivation to continue striving for excellence.

As we move forward, we carry these experiences as stepping stones for further growth, learning, and contribution.

**Rtn. Paromita Sarkar**  
Editor 2025-26