



# #Chakra

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# RI PRESIDENT MESSAGE



In President Francesco's January 2026 Newsletter, talks about vocational service - the power of bringing together people with unique skills to do good in the world. It reminds us that integrity isn't just about our actions matching our words. Integrity is in everything we do. He says that the Four-Way Test - those four simple questions help us not judge others but guide us toward genuine, effective service . He notes that there are 1.2 billion young people in emerging economies reaching working age in the next decade and only 420 million jobs projected. He says that Rotary support doesn't mean imposing our will. It means listening to local needs, building partnerships, and designing projects that communities can sustain themselves.

Francesco is encouraging YOU to ask how your club can address vocational needs in your community. What skills do your members have that could change someone's life? How can your networks open doors for young people? What partnerships can create sustainable jobs? ... Please Read more.....More Than Job Training

In a garage outside Salinas, California, young people who are learning to restore classic cars are doing more than developing a skill — they are reclaiming their futures. This training program provides mentorship and, for some, a path away from gang involvement toward meaningful employment. Graduates leave with certifications, practical experience, and hope.

This is what Rotary's Vocational Service Month celebrates each January — the power of bringing together people with unique skills to do good in the world. It reminds us that integrity isn't just about our actions matching our words. Integrity is in everything we do.

The California automotive program has been such a success because it was built on integrity. Members of the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea didn't assume they knew what the community needed. They listened. They learned there was a shortage of skilled mechanics as well as a large number of young people lacking job training. They recognized that technical skills alone wouldn't be enough, so they partnered with Rancho Cielo, a nonprofit offering counseling and support services alongside vocational training.

That is The Four-Way Test in action. Those four simple questions help us not judge others but guide us toward genuine, effective service. Consider our commitment to ending polio. For nearly 40 years, we have promised the world's children we will eliminate this disease. Despite obstacles, we persist, and today we are closer to defeating the virus. Keeping this promise is the very definition of integrity.

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The same integrity must drive our vocational service. With 1.2 billion young people in emerging economies reaching working age in the next decade and only 420 million jobs projected, we face a critical gap. Communities long excluded from economic opportunities need our support.

But support doesn't mean imposing our will. It means listening to local needs, building partnerships, and designing projects that communities can sustain themselves.

You have knowledge that can transform lives. Whatever your profession, your expertise combined with Rotary's values creates lasting change. The question isn't whether you have something to offer, it's how you'll use your skills to serve.

This January, I encourage you to ask how your club can address vocational needs in your community. What skills do your members have that could change someone's life? How can your networks open doors for young people? What partnerships can create sustainable jobs?

Let integrity guide you. Let The Four-Way Test light your path. And let the young people in California and the multitudes worldwide who need job skills remind you why vocational service matters. Let us celebrate putting our professional skills to work for humanity with integrity at the heart of everything we do.

**Francesco Arezzo**  
President, Rotary International

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2026....New Year...has come with new hopes...new beginnings..and New Achievements for PHOENIX.

We have had a fantastic year with great achievements month on month and my dear Friends and Phoenix Family....I am equally proud to let you know...that PHOENIX has continued to RISE...and SHINE...with a fantastic beginning of 2026..

We had started the year with Service...just after celebrating New Year..by distributing Sweaters, books, traditional games and celebrated Uttarayan and our Republic Day. As we continue to spread smiles across 500+ students at the start of the year....with our Service Projects during January...

We end the month..with a wonderful fellowship trip to Rotary District Conference at AGRA - "Sange-mar-mar". PHOENIX continue to SHINE at Conference..with our very own Rtn. Vipul Patel, giving his acceptance speech as District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND)

Rtn. Megha Patel..winning the Mrs 3060 contest.. also further accolades received by Phoenix for the year 2024-25 on being in TOP 5 clubs of District 3060 in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) giving.

I must take this moment to thank you my fellow Rotarians who made it to our District Conference Agra, and with your enthusiasm and cheerfulness..we were able to create such beautiful memories..

So, friends as I wish you all a very HAPPY NEW YEAR...and as we CELEBRATE our Team...and OUR Selves....We prepare ourselves..for the DGship year 2028-29... I am very confident..that with you all..and our spirit of togetherness...we are going to continue to RISE and SHINE in 2026 and in the years to come..

CHEERS to PHOENIX..

Rtn. Sudha Prajapati  
President 2025-26

# SERVICE PROJECT

## Sweater and Notebook Distribution 3<sup>rd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January

Starting a New Year with a Rotary-led school sweater distribution is a masterclass in impactful community service. By focusing on schools, our club isn't just fighting the cold but directly supporting Basic Education and Literacy, one of Rotary's seven areas of focus.

We distributed Sweaters in 5 Government schools in January, namely in Primary schools Namdha . Primary School, Vadoli, Kunta, Umbergaon Anath Ashram, Avadh Siksha and Primary School at Tukwada..

300+ students received sweaters in this winter all were so happy and it was a delightful sight to see children in RED and carry Rotary logos.

In addition to sweater distribution notebooks were also distributed on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan to students of 2<sup>nd</sup> till 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Prathmik Shala Dhodia Falia, Tukwada.

Notebook distribution alongside the sweaters is a brilliant move. While the sweaters provide physical comfort, the notebooks provide the literal tools for their education. Rotarians Divya , Anju , Vineet, Sheetal , Sana , Kirti and Interact Navya and President Sudha executed these projects effectively.



# GENERAL MEETING

## 22<sup>nd</sup> January

On January 22nd, we held our first general meeting of the year. While savoring the delicious Sev Khamni prepared by our very own Rtn. Meetal Bhavsar, we also participated in a soulful sound healing meditation session led by Rtn. Sneha Upadhyay. The experience was both rejuvenating and calming, providing a perfect start to our meeting.

Additionally, our esteemed Mrs. India, Rtn. Divya Vasave, shared an inspiring and detailed account of her journey to winning the Mrs. India 2025 pageant. She spoke about the challenges she faced, the dedication required, and the fulfilling moments along the way, leaving us all motivated and proud.

Moreover, we took some time to plan and discuss the execution of our upcoming Republic Day celebration at Jamboree. We brainstormed ideas to make the event memorable and engaging for all attendees, focusing on themes of unity and patriotism.

Furthermore, we discussed our eagerly anticipated trip to the Rotary District Conference in Agra. We outlined the itinerary, highlighting key sessions and networking opportunities, ensuring that everyone is well-prepared and informed.

The meeting was both productive and enjoyable, setting a positive tone for the year ahead.



# 77TH REPUBLIC DAY

## 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Celebration 26<sup>th</sup> January

This Republic Day, our club combined tradition with community impact. The atmosphere at Prathmik Shala at Jamburi was electric, moving from the solemnity of the national anthem to the joyful laughter of students playing traditional games.

The day commenced with the Flag Hoisting, honouring our nation's heritage. The students wowed us with cultural performances and an impressive, high-energy human pyramid that demonstrated incredible focus and coordination. We distributed books to help fuel the students' academic journeys.

12 Floor Mats were handed out to ensure the students have a clean, comfortable space for their daily activities. To promote strategy and fun, we engaged in traditional games and provided Snakes and Ladders sets.

The celebration concluded on a high note with nutritious snacks distributed to all students.

Our dedicated team of 10 rotarians and 2 Rotractors showed up in full force for the massive celebration.



# CONGRATULATIONS



## Rtn. Megha Patel Mrs. 3060

Rtn. Megha Patel, won the pageant Mrs. 3060 on 31st January 2026 held at 56th Rotary District Conference Sang-e-Marmar, Agra.

Her journey to winning the 1<sup>st</sup> position is equally challenging. She 1<sup>st</sup> secured her position in top 12 during the Auditions held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at Hotel Grand Mercure, Vadodara, where 46 inspiring women beautifully showcased their confidence and grace through a traditional wear fashion show, including ramp walk, introduction, and Q&A rounds.

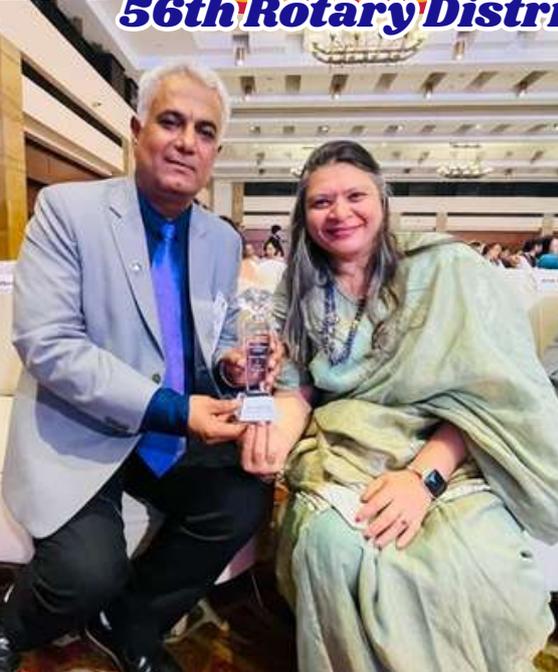
Our club proudly congratulates Rtn. Megha Patel, on securing 1st position as Mrs. 3060. The final event was judged by Ms Shweta Sharda, Miss Universe India 2023.





# SANG - E - MARMAR

56th Rotary District Conference, Agra - 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - 1<sup>st</sup> Feb



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**JOURNEY TO CONFERENCE  
VAPI TO MATHURA**



**Board Members at conference**



**President & Hon' Secretary with Club Flag**



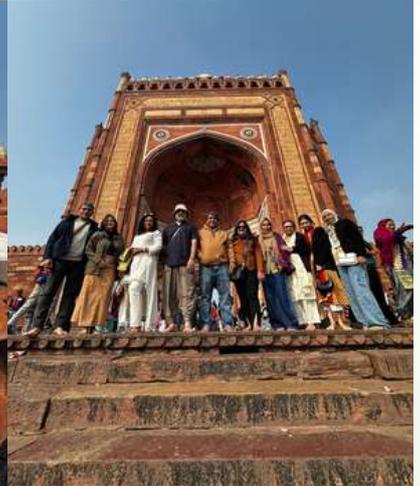
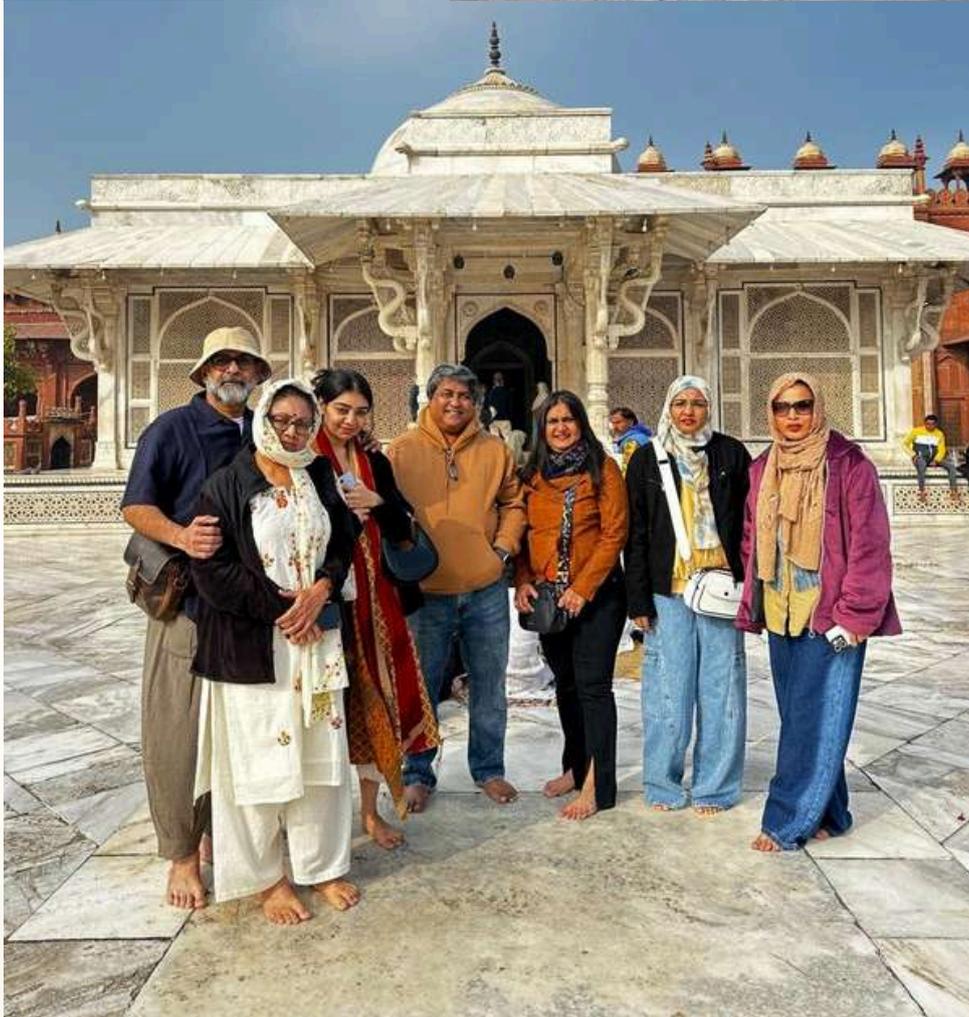
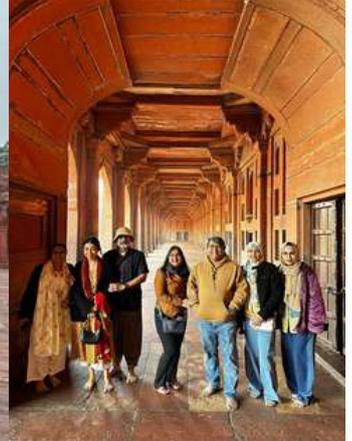
**Mrs. 3060 winner**



**Club Flag**

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# CREATIVE MINDS



## Rtr. Nitya Vasave

This month our creative minds Rtr. Nitya Vasave and Int Virika Choudhury put their vision into reality .

There is something uniquely impressive about taking a humble material like paper and transforming it into art that carries such a heavy environmental message.

Nitya's focus on the "3 Rs" (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) isn't just about the finished product; it's about the mindset of seeing potential in "waste" rather than just a disposal problem.

### The Impact of Nitya's Paper Artistry:

By choosing paper as her medium, she highlights several critical pillars of sustainability

- **Resource Conservation:** Using recycled paper reduces the demand for virgin wood pulp, directly saving trees and habitats.
- **Waste Diversion:** Every scrap used in her art is a piece of material kept out of a landfill.
- **Low-Impact Creativity:** Unlike synthetic mediums, paper-based art often involves fewer toxic chemicals and a much lower carbon footprint.
- **Cultural Shift:** Her work acts as a visual prompt, encouraging others to rethink their own consumption habits and value "resourcefulness."

## Int. Virika Choudhary

Virika has captured the soul and harmony of it through the image of Lord Krishna.

The image of Krishna playing the flute is the ultimate symbol of "Ananda" (bliss) and the interconnectedness of all living things.

It creates a perfect poetic balance with Nitya's work: one artist protects the environment with her hands, while the other celebrates its divine spirit through her craft.



# BIRTHDAY'S



**Rtn. Swapnil Walunj**  
5<sup>th</sup> February



**Rtn. Dewang Garg**  
5<sup>th</sup> February



**Rtn. Anand Goyal**  
6<sup>th</sup> February



**Rtn. Sunil Nimodia**  
24<sup>th</sup> February

# ANNIVERSARY



**Rtn. Mehul & Rtn. Mitali  
Bhavsar**  
14<sup>th</sup> February



**Rtn. Vikram & Rtn. Poonam  
Choudhary**  
16<sup>th</sup> February



**Rtn. Shwetang Dhanani  
& Rtn. Megha Patel**  
16<sup>th</sup> February



**Rtn. Sanjeev & Rtn. Vijeta  
Mundra**  
18<sup>th</sup> February



**Rtn. Shweta & Rtn. Vivek  
Gupta**  
22<sup>nd</sup> February



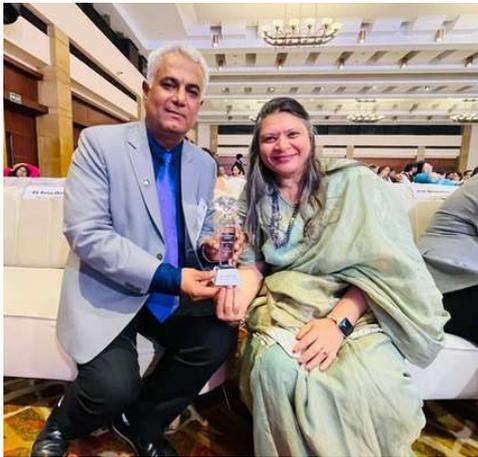
**Rtn. Manish & Rtn. Namita  
Sarayan**  
22<sup>nd</sup> February



**Rtn. Vineet & Rtn. Sonia  
Ojha**  
22<sup>nd</sup> February

# APPRECIATIONS

**FOR WINNING MRS. 3060**  
**Rtn. Megha Patel**



**FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION IN TRF**  
**Rtn. Vipul Patel**

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WEDDING**  
**Rtr. Vinni & Manan Desai**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEBRUARY  
2026**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Conference Agra</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 <i>General Meeting</i>	20 <i>Boards Counselling</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>OCV</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7

**MARCH  
2026**

# EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we step into the first month of 2026, our district finds itself at a beautiful crossroads of reflection and action.

January is always a poignant time for us—it is the month where we honor our nation's history while actively shaping the future of our communities.

We culminate this month by celebrating the 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day. As we hoist the national flag, we are reminded of our dual identity: proud citizens of a vibrant democracy and dedicated members of a global humanitarian force. Our work in literacy, health, and sanitation is our greatest contribution to the nation-building process.

As the morning mist cleared over the Yamuna, our district gathered for the 56<sup>th</sup> Rotary District Conference—Sange Marmar. The theme was a perfect tribute to our host city, Agra, reflecting the purity, strength, and timeless beauty of the marble that defines it.

As we turn the page on this January issue, let the memories of Sange Marmar serve as more than just a souvenir of our time in Agra. Let the strength and purity of that marble inspire us to be 'solid' in our commitments and 'brilliant' in our service. We have half a year of opportunities still ahead of us—let's make every day count."

Rtn. Paromita Sarkar  
Editor