

#SHAKTI

UDAAN - FEBRUARY EDITION



RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



RTN. FRANCESCO AREZZO

In President Francesco's February 2026 Newsletter, he talks about February being Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention month and cites examples of great works by Rotary in Columbia, India and Chad. He says that , "From Columbia to India to Chad, the lesson is clear: Peace is not a dream. It is the result of sustained action with a focus on true, lasting impact. To replicate these successes, Rotary clubs can take three steps: Learn from peace fellows and other peace experts in our organization, apply a peacebuilding lens to community assessments, and prioritize impact over ceremony." He tells us that "Rotary cannot be satisfied with half measures of empty words. If we are truly people of action, then action must define us. Together, we can Create Lasting Impact, across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. "

Let Action Define Us

At last month's International Assembly. President-elect Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola called on members of the Rotary world to live out our presidential message for the 2026-2027 Rotary year , Create Lasting Impact.

This February, as we observe Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we have an opportunity to channel Yinka's call to action into real change.

Peace is not simply the absence of war. A life free from conflict but marked with hunger, instability, or the inability to care for one's family is not peace. Peace requires liberty, opportunity and respect for human dignity. Yet fear often blocks that path - fear of change, of cultural loss, of people we don't understand.

Fear isn't defeated through avoidance or aggression. Knowledge is the first step toward peace. Rotary embraces this idea. Our Rotary Peace Centers and their peace fellows, along with other peace education initiatives, demonstrate how knowledge builds trust and helps communities find solutions to conflict.

In Columbia, decades of conflict have left deep wounds. The 2025 Rotary Foundation Programs of scale awardee, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity, partners with the United Nations World Food Program to expand opportunity, improve conflict resolution, and connect people with social services. Its goal is to break cycles of violence, poverty and food insecurity so peace can take root.

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In Maharashtra, India, People of Action honoree, Swati Herkal built peace through prosperity. Her project confronted farmers' declining soil health, rising debt and illness caused by chemical fertilizers. She and her Rotary partners launched a regenerative agriculture program that revitalized the land, lowered costs, and restored stability. More than 1,100 farmers now participate and over 50 villages have adopted the model.

Rotary also advocates peace by restoring dignity. In Chad, Rotary Peace fellow Domino Frank discovered more than 1,500 women who fought in a rebellion had been erased from reintegration programs. His advocacy led to Chad's first Rotary Foundation global grant and the creation of Corridors of Peace. More than 100 women - triple the goal - completed literacy and vocational training and formed a cooperative to support their families.

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Francesco Arezzo
President, Rotary International

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Rtn. SUDHA PRAJAPATI

February.. brings colours and blooming flowers with onset of spring....

Phoenix is ready to extend its wings and add colours inform of adding different avenue to its Skill Development endeavour, through one more addition – Kaushalya 3 – Roop – a class room which will impart coaching of beautician course at Bhagini Samaj School Udwada. Our Project Kaushalya has been creating a meaningful impact in the society, by giving training to girls and women to earn their livelihood and become self dependent, empowering them...giving them SHAKTI to face the challenges of the world with smile.

Friends, I am so proud of our team, who have relentlessly supported our each and every project full heartedly and have always taken an extra step in getting themselves as well as their friends and family involved in getting our projects implemented successfully.

In this edition, you will see how our members have got their friends involve in our Kaushalya 3 – Roop, thereby extending the good work which we are undertaking to the larger society and building goodwill of our club and Rotary at large.

I would therefore encourage our members to get involved in our programs, projects and continue to inspire your friends and family and continue to build goodwill of our Club and Rotary in the society at large. This is will help us in extending our Public Image in the Society and people will continue to remember PHOENIX with all its good work and continue to support us with their presence as well as their donations and help us continue our charitable activities.

Happy Reading Shakti..our steps towards empowerment

President
Rtn. Sudha Prajapati

CLUB MEETING

19TH FEBRUARY 9TH CLUB GENERAL MEETING

19 th Feb was indeed a crucial club meeting with the OCV preparations on hand.

Our Project Chair for Kaushalya 1 - Sew & Grew center - Rtn. Poonam Dhoot showcased the products made by ladies at our Kaushalya Center.

This month she has undertaken new initiative to make handbags out of used jeans. These hand bags samples were displayed during our meeting. A sample of Table cloth made at our center was also displayed during the meeting.

We appreciated DGND Vipul Patel for his enormous performance at IFCR, Dubai - he was awarded as Best Batsman and Man of the Match during the IFCR tournament in Dubai.

We also collected old jeans during this meeting from our members and handed over to Rtn Poonam Dhoot.

We discussed the flow of event and theme for OCV, the same being just before Holi - we decided to have a pre-Holi celebration theme during the OCV meeting.

Rtn. Kirti Mulay took over the responsibility of preparing decorative items for the OCV meeting based on Holi theme.



STUDENTS COUNSELLING SESSION

20TH FEBRUARY
ADARSH MADYAMIK SHALA, UDWADA

On 20 th Feb our club visited Adarsh Madyamik Shala, Motiwada, Udwada to give their best wishes to the 10th board students. Rtn. Aditi Jain conducted a motivational and stress- buster session for the students to encourage and relax them before their exams.

Few exam essential items were gifted to the students like:

- transparent exam board | water bottles (sponsored by Rtn . Anju Garg),
- Transparent compass pouch (sponsored by Rtn . Amisha Mehta)
- Ball pen set (Sponsored by Rtn. Rajeev Sarayan)
- Tiffin Boxes (Sponsored by Rtn. Taskeen)



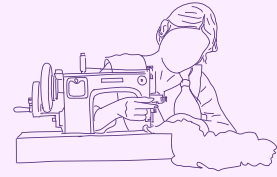
આદર્શ માધ્યમિક શાળા, મોતીવાડા



આદર્શ માધ્યમિક શાળા, મોતીવાડા ખાતે ધોરણ 10 ના વિદ્યાર્થીઓને પ્રોત્સાહિત કરવા તેમજ તેમને જરૂરી એવા આશીર્વાચનો આપવા માટે Rotary Club Of Vapi Phoenix ના President સુધાબેન પ્રજ્ઞપતિ, તેમના સેક્રેટરી એવા અંજુબેન ગર્ગ તેમજ તેમના સહાયક મિત્રો અદિતિ જ્ઞન, શીતલ ટેલર અને સોના જસાણી પધાર્યા હતાં. ધોરણ 10 ના તમામ વિદ્યાર્થીઓને પરીક્ષાલક્ષી માર્ગદર્શન પૂરું પાડવામાં આવ્યું તેમજ તેમણે વધુમાં જણાવ્યું હતું કે જીવનમાં ધાર્પુ પરિણામ મેળવવા માટે ધીરજ, મેકનતા અને સખત પરિશ્રમ કરી તમે સફળતા મેળવી શકો છો. વિદ્યાર્થીઓને "બેસ્ટ ઓફ લક કીટ " સારું હાલ ટિકિટ આપી સૌને motivate કર્યા હતા. શાળાના આચાર્યશ્રી તેમજ સમગ્ર શાળા પરિવાર આપ સૌનો ખુબ ખુબ આભાર વ્યક્ત કરે છે.



KAUSHALYA



Sew and Grew at Ganga Baa Sivan Class, Chala.

The Kaushalya 1 program at Ganga Baa Sivan Class isn't just teaching tailoring—it's teaching resilience and resourcefulness.

Instead of throwing the old jeans away, they are been cut and sown into new products. A jeans bag is strong and the pockets can be used to store small things.

Pieces of denim are also stitched together to make a beautiful patchwork design. This helps reduce waste and protects the environment.

This is indeed creative and eco-friendly "Best Out of Waste" activity.



IFCR - DUBAI



INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF CRICKET LOVING ROTARIANS

"Cricket for Fellowship, Unity and Peace"

This Fellowship is for Rotarians and the Partners of Rotarians who have a love of the game of cricket. It encourages the playing of cricket between teams of Rotarians from clubs, districts, or countries, and promotes groups of Rotarians to meet together socially on appropriate occasions and at special cricketing events.



Through such activities, acquaintanceships leading to lasting friendships will be encouraged with a consequent enhancement of international understanding and goodwill in furtherance of Rotary's Fourth Object.



DND Vipul Patel participated in this event and was awarded as the Man of the match and Best batsman of the tournament.





KAUSHALYA 3.0



ROOP - BHAGINI SAMAJ SCHOOL

The inauguration of Kaushalya 3 - Roop on 27th February at Bhagini Samaj marks a significant step in empowering students through vocational excellence.

Roop (meaning "Appearance" or "Form") traditionally focuses on Personal Grooming, Beauty, and Self-Presentation.

Having the "worthy hands" of AG Sameer Modasia and the presence of DGND Vipul Patel adds immense prestige to this launch.

A special class-room for providing coaching of Beautician has been created by us with a specific saloon chairs, trolley, equipments, shampoo station, massage table, hair dryer, straightner, pedicure tub and all other consumable items.

Rtn. Taskeen and Rtn. Mehazbeen Jasani made all the arrangements for the event and special thanks to their friend Kusum for her donation.

A batch of 20 girls from socially backward class studying and staying at Ashram Shala of the school have already been registered and they are provided training under Skill India initiative of Government of India. On completion of their course, they will be awarded certificates under S

Bedsheets were distributed to all the girls staying in the Ashram Shala at Bhagini Samaj. These were donated by Rtn. Dewang and Rtn. Anju Garg.



KNOW YOUR ROTARIAN

RTN. KIRTI KAROPADY MULAY



Kirti Karopady Mulay, sounds like Eco Sparkles is the perfect intersection of technical precision (the Architect) and soulful expression (the Artist). The name itself is lovely—it suggests that being eco-friendly doesn't have to be "dull" or "earthy" in a boring way; it can be vibrant and celebratory.

She was always fond of designing, so she chose Architecture for her graduation and graduated from one of the renowned institutes in Mumbai. She started her corporate career and continued learning many new skills along the way. She got married to Kunal, and they are blessed with a son, Palaash.

In 2012, she watched an episode of Satyamev Jayate on Waste Management. It sparked something deep within her. She learned Organic Kitchen Gardening from @earthenroutes, and that's when her journey towards sustainability truly began.

Kirti focus is on Warli art is especially impactful, as it's a style that inherently honours the relationship between humans and nature.

She is completely immersed in different Eco art forms like Mural paintings and makes plantable products like visiting cards, conference ID cards, festive/ seasonal greeting cards, Employee onboarding letters & for Corporates, Personalised & Customised Plantable Calendar and Natural Holi Colours.



BIRTHDAYS



RTN. TWISHA HATHI
7TH MARCH



RTN. JINAL DESAI
8TH MARCH



RTN. HIMANSHU GARG
9TH MARCH



RTN. NAMITA SARAYAN
9TH MARCH



RTN. RUBY GOYAL
19TH MARCH



RTN. NAMRATA DHANDHANIA
24TH MARCH

APPRECIATIONS

ROTARIANS OF THE MONTH



Rtn. Taskeen & Rtn Mehzabeen Jasani
For their support & active participation in Kaushalya 3.0 - Roop

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 DISTRICT SPORTS MEET & ANTAKSHARI COMPETITION
22 MOVIE NIGHT	23	24	25	26 GENERAL MEETING	27	28
29	30	31				

EDITOR'S NOTE



Rtn. PAROMITA SARKAR

Building Foundations, Celebrating Success

In architecture, February is often a month of transition—moving from the conceptual sketches of the new year into the solid foundations of reality.

In the world of sustainable design, there is no such thing as 'waste'—only 'raw materials' waiting for a visionary.

Congratulations to the new chapters of Kaushalya- 1 launching their new product and Kaushalya- 3 for Roop empowering vocational skills.

As we move into the spring, we invite you to keep this conversation going on our forums."

Regards,
Rtn.Paromita Sarkar
Editor