

# The Banyan Leaf

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Rotary Vadodara Banyan City

2024-25  
RI District 3060



CLUB NO: 225155 CHARTER DATE: 19th April 2023

RI President  
Stephanie Urchick



District Governor  
Tushar Shah

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### NEXT MEETING

#### INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Pres. Rtn. Rishi Raj Kaith & Team 2024-25

Chief Guest & Installing Officer

PDG Rtn. Dr. G. K. Thakral

Date: Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Time: 7.30 pm Dinner; 8.15 pm Meeting

Venue: Hotel Surya Palace, Near Parsi Agiyari, Sayajiganj, Vadodara

*Punctuality is a trait of good Leaders*

# Rotary in Action @ Vadodara Banyan City



**OUR ROTARY LEADERS**  
**RI PRESIDENT: Stephanie A. Urchick**  
Member: RC McMurray, USA  
Member Since: 1991  
Consultant Higher Education



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Tushar Shah**  
Member: RC Surat Tapi  
Member Since: 2008  
Automation & Process Instrumentation

## Rotary's Special Observance Month: July



## Mother & Child Care

Rotary Clubs are expected to plan activities and projects that focus on mothers' and children's health and well-being.

The projects may include women of child bearing age, expectant mothers, and nursing mothers. Healthy mothers give birth to healthy children who grow up to become healthy adults.

We may also plan activities for newly born children, infants, adolescents, and malnourished children.

Malnutrition and infection are two of the major challenges during pregnancy and after birth. We need to address both issues through health awareness campaigns.

## Meet Your Club President

Rtn. Rishi Raj Kaith joined



Rotary on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 as a charter member of Rotary Vadodara Banyan City.

Rtn. Rishi is B.Com with PGDBM. He is into Industrial Mechanical Contracting and owns his own business – Industrial Works & Services. He is also a certified Psychology Counsellor and engaged in professional counselling of students.

Rtn. Rishi is happily married to Shikha who is Past President of Inner Wheel and a Homemaker. The couple is blessed with son Mudit, an Statistician working with MasterCard at Gurugram and daughter Arunima pursuing her Honors in Psychology at MIT Pune. Rtn. Rishi Raj Kaith is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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### Thank You Friends

Advent of New Rotary year brings new RI President, new RI theme, new District Governor & new club President with fresh ideas to take actions and create lasting change in our communities.

As the new Rotary Year rolls over, I express my heartfelt gratitude to my team, spouses and each one of you. Your support, enthusiasm and dedication have been the driving force behind our success and achievements during 2023-24. My special thanks to our bulletin editor PDG Dr. G. K. Thakral for publishing a very informative, engaging & inspiring monthly club bulletin –‘The Banyan Leaf’.

It was my privilege & honor to serve Charter President of new but illustrious and upcoming Rotary Vadodara Banyan City. Thirteen recognitions and awards received from DG Nihir & Vaishali Dave is testimony to the place we have created in RI District 3060 within such a short span of time.

As I step down, I am delighted to pass-on leadership baton to our energetic President Rtn. Rishi Raj Kaith. I am confident that under his promising leadership our club will continue to ‘Create Hope’ and spread ‘Magic of Rotary’ to explore new horizons of service and attain new heights of accomplishments. I assure my constant support & assistance during year 2024-25 and beyond.

हौंसले बुलन्द कर रास्तों पर चल दे , तुझे तेरा मुकाम मिल जाएगा,  
बढ़ कर एकेला तू पहल कर, देख तुझे काफिला खुद बन जाएगा।

**Rtn. Dr. Rashmi Thakral**  
Charter President

### WE THANK THY BENEVOLANCE

#### Rtn. Sunil Agrawal

Thankyou Rtn. Sunil & spouse Sunita Agrawal for your generous donation of 500 notebooks for distribution to school students under our Literacy Project.



#### Rtn. Deepak Kewalramani

Thank you Rtn. Deepak & spouse Vandana for adding to public image of RVBC by presenting beautiful T-shirts with RVBC logo to all the Rotarians.

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## ACCOLADES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & AWARDS

Rotary Vadodra Banyan City under the leadership of Charter President Rtn. Dr. Rashmi Thakral and her team left an indelible mark of good governance and service to humanity in the very first year of the club.

At the recently concluded District Award Function – ‘Anand Utsav’, DG Nihir & Vaishali Dave were all praise for the wonderful work done by our club during the year 2023-24. They not only recognized Rtn. Dr. Rashmi Thakral with Golden Award as Best President, but also sincere efforts made by her team, Rotarians and spouses of our club to ‘Bring Hope’ while serving community.

‘The Banyan Leaf’ congratulates RVBC Family for standing tall in RI District 3060 by bagging 13 District Awards in the very first year.





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## OUR AWARDS TALLY

1. Best Emerging Club
2. Gold Award for Best President Dr. Rashmi Thakral
3. Diamond Award Membership Growth
4. Project Shakti Ride
5. District Citation
6. Project Rotary No Chhaydo
7. Project Cancer Detection Camp
8. Project COLS (CPR Training)
9. Project WinS
10. Mental Health Awareness Program
11. Achieving Membership Growth
12. Appreciation Award - District Membership Counsellor PDG Dr. G.K. Thakral
13. Rotary International Citation



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## ALVIDA YEAR 2023-24

The last meeting of year 2023-24 turned out to be a memorable evening with mix of gratitude, appreciation, recognitions and celebrations. Pres. Rtn. Dr. Rashmi Thakral thanked her team, all the Rotarians & spouses for their wholehearted support and participation during the year. She took the audience through the year with an eye-catching power point presentation. She presented beautiful mementos as mark of her gratitude & appreciation to Rotarians & spouses who had given their best during the year. Towards the end of her address, she served special sweet to everyone to celebrate a successful year. She wished the new team her unwavering support while expressing her good wishes.

Rtn. Deepak Kewalramani presented beautiful T-shirts with RVBC logo to all the Rotarians.



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### NOTEBOOKS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

The last project for the year 2023-24 was undertaken by Rotary Vadodara Banyan City on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024. We gave 900 notebooks to 250 students of Bhayli Government Shala. The students were in dire need of the stationery. District Governor Nihir Dave had promoted this initiative at the district level by printing Rotary logo, its mission statement and the Four Way Test on both covers of the notebook. It covered two vital aspects of Rotary's goal – helping children under Project Literacy and serving as Public Image initiative by prominently displaying Rotary brand and its message.

The club had initially ordered 400 notebooks but the requirement at the school turned out to be more than double. A spontaneous contribution of 500 notebooks from Rtn. Sunil Agrawal turned out to be great face-saver for the club.

