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## HIGHLIGHTS

**KUDOS TO PRESIDENT JIGNESHBHAI, FIRST LADY AVNI FOR  
A SUPER DUPER SHARAD UTSAV**



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## MEETING DETAILS

DATE : 11th October 2025  
DAY : Saturday  
TIME : 8:30 pm  
VENUE : DPMC  
MENU : Dinner  
WELCOME : Rotarians, Anns  
PROGRAMME :  
Speaker meeting : સ્મૃતિ ની સુગંધ.... well known orator, Vinishbhai Antani shall be sharing his views on the above mentioned topic.. Do join in large numbers



વીનેશ અંતાણી નવલકથાકાર, ટૂંકી વાર્તાના લેખક અને નિબંધકાર છે. એમણે સ્મૃતિકથા, સંપાદનો અને અનુવાદોના પુસ્તકો પણ આપ્યા છે. ઊંડી સાહિત્યિક સમજ, માનવસંબંધોનું સંવેદનાત્મક આલેખન, પ્રવાહી ભાષાશૈલી એમના સર્જનનો વિશેષ છે. એમનો જન્મ કચ્છના માંડવીની બાજુમાં નવાવાસ (દુર્ગપુર)માં થયો. પિતા દિનકરરાય અને માતા કુસુમબહેન (બચુબહેન) ના સાહિત્યવાંચનના સંસ્કાર વીનેશભાઈમાં ઊભા થયા. હાઈસ્કૂલ સુધીનું શિક્ષણ નખત્રાણામાં મેળવ્યું. ગુજરાતી સાહિત્યમાં બી.એ. અને એમ.એ. સુધીનો અભ્યાસ ભુજમાં કર્યો. ભુજની કોમર્સ કોલેજમાં ગુજરાતીના અધ્યાપક તરીકે પાંચ વરસ શિક્ષણકાર્ય કર્યું. માનવાત્મકતા જાણીતા લેખિકા પુષ્પા અંતાણી સાથે લગ્નગ્રંથિથી જોડાયા. 1975 માં તેઓ આકાશવાણીમાં પ્રોગ્રામ એક્ઝિક્યુટિવના પદ પર જોડાયા. ત્યાર પછી આકાશવાણીનાં ભુજ, અમદાવાદ, વડોદરા, મુંબઈ, સુરત કેન્દ્રોમાં વિવિધ હોદ્દા પર કામ કર્યું. આકાશવાણી ચંડીગઢમાં સ્ટેશન ડાયરેક્ટર તરીકે ફરજ બજાવી. 1995 માં આકાશવાણીમાંથી સ્વૈચ્છિક નિવૃત્તિ લીધી. હાલ તેઓ પરિવાર સાથે હેદરાબાદમાં રહે છે.



## BIRTHDAY WISHES - Many many happy returns of the day!!



**Dr. Ashwin Joshi**  
11th October  
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વીનેશ અંતાણીને સાહિત્યમાં વિશિષ્ટ પ્રદાન માટે અનેક સન્માન પ્રાપ્ત થયાં છે. એમાં 'ધૂંધલરી જીલા' નવલકથા માટે વરસ 2000 નો દિલ્હી 'સાહિત્ય અકાદમી એવોર્ડ' અને 2018 નો 'અનુવાદ પુરસ્કાર', ગુજરાતી સાહિત્ય અકાદમી દ્વારા 'કનૈયાલાલ મુનશી ચંદ્રક', 'ગોરવ પુરસ્કાર' અને અન્ય પારિતોષિકો, સમગ્રસાહિત્યસર્જન માટે 'દશક એવોર્ડ', 'કાફલો' નવલકથા માટે 'ગોવર્ધન ત્રિપાઠી એવોર્ડ'નો સમાવેશ થાય છે. એમનું નર્મદ, ધૂમકેતુ, જયંત ખત્રી, નંદશંકર મહેતા જેવા મહાન સાહિત્યકારોનાં નામ સાથે જોડાયેલા પુરસ્કારો પ્રાપ્ત થયા છે. એમણે 'ધાસ' નવલકથા પરથી બનેલી ગુજરાતી ફિલ્મનાં પટકથા અને સંવાદો લખ્યાં અને દિગ્ગંજી નાટક પણ આપ્યું. 1980 માં પ્રકાશિત કીર્તિદાસ નવલકથા 'પ્રિયજન' અને બીજી અનેક કૃતિઓથી વીનેશ અંતાણીએ સાહિત્યના અભ્યાસીઓ અને વાંચકોમાં પ્રિયજન જેવું જ સ્થાન પ્રાપ્ત કર્યું છે.



## CLUB NEWS

Dhamakedar Sharad Utsav celebrated on 4th October at Saraza..excellent performances,surprise items by Rotaractors of T.N.Rao and Christ Colleges, 100%participation of club, lipsmacking food... all in all it was an unforgettable sham e mehfil... Thanks to President Jigneshbhai and, First lady Avni.

Special thanks to Rahul Dravid of club. oops Trusha Vora who is always there as rock solid support for all the events Thanks to Avni Kamdar, Trusha Vora and Ushma Madam for excellent choreography and fun filled practice sessions Thanks to President and first lady for lavish dinner on the last day of practice Kudos to Madtowners for record breaking attendance, 190+, and all the participants for their involvement Thanks to Rotaract clubs of .T.N. Rao and Christ college for their participation and Radhika Rajdev and Anand Rathod for sharing their upcoming projects Thanks to team Saraza for a great and delicious platter

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**CLUB ACTIVITIES**

**Joy of Giving**

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, a special programme was organised at Ramnik Kunwarba old age home. Under the સ્વછતા અભિયાન, doctors and students were invited (Dr. Chandan Karkare, all India institute of local self government) to spread the awareness Dr. Banuben Dhakan and Ex Mayor Bhavnaben Joshipuria led the inhabitants to pledge for the same 11 New sarees by Preetiben Vijaybhai Nagrecha and 21 sarees by Nimuben Ukani were donated to the ladies. Autobiography of Gandhiji was also distributed (books) Jigneshbhai and Avni Kamdar, Vijaybhai Nagrecha and Dr. Banuben Dhakan were present. Hats off to super energetic, super woman Dr. Banuben for her relentless contribution towards Joy of Giving, year after year

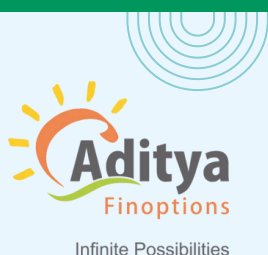


RCRM along with Gujarat Paryavaran trust, donated entire months 'ration to 250 beneficiaries, on Sunday, 5th October Diwali gifts (sarees and many more), lavish breakfast also distributed Project donation received from Aarav Niravbhai Mody.. Thanks Dr. Mody family.

Project chair Dr. Banuben Dhakan, Dr. Jatin Mody sir, Jignesh Bhai Kamdar, Dr. Ashwinbhai Joshi and new member Jagrutiben Bhatt were present for the project



2) Our Dpmc: Rotary Lalitalay Hospital: Has Received \*Outstanding Contribution Award\* @ \*Healthcare Outlook Conclave 2025\*. Our Members: Hareshbhai Parmar, Ashaben Nathwani, Bhavbhutibhai Nathwani Had Joined The Function At Ahmedabad.. \*Many Many Congratulations Rcrm & Dpmc Team..\*



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3) RTN Rupal Bhammar has agreed to lead the club after Twinkle Mehta's tenure..., for the year. 2027-28.. congratulations and all the best

4) PP Anil Kaka Jasani shall be taking up the portfolio of Assistant Governor for next year.. Congratulations



5) Famous actor Mreenal Deshraj gave almost 5 star review of Atmaneem, naturopathy centre and strongly recommended people to visit it..  
Kudos To Vikrambhai Sanghani And TEAM ATMANEEM

Rtn Rita ben Chauhan had the honour to serve as judge for English recitation competition at Rajkumar College.. Congratulations



Garba night of Specially abled children of SETU, was held on 5th October Sunday, at Virani school... president Jignesh bhai kamdar attended it

President Jigneshbhai and first lady Avni Kamdar had attended the event



#### DISTRICT NEWS

Dear All, We are pleased to inform you that interviews for the short term, long-term youth exchange programme & New Generation Service Exchange Programmes will be held on Sunday the 2nd November 2025 at Bharuch.

Date : 2nd November 2025

Venue : M.I. Patel Rotary Youth Center, Hajikhana Bazar Rd, Opp. S.T. Depot, Old Town, Bharuch, Gujarat 392001

Start Time : 09.00 AM

Breakfast : 09.00 to 09.30 AM

Programme starts : 09.30 AM Sharp

Lunch : 01.00 PM to 01.30 PM

Closing time : 05.00 PM

Event Host : Rotary Club of Bharuch

Registration Charges : Rs. 600/- per participant (for parents & club representatives). No registration charges for students.

Please note that all long term and short term students have to be accompanied by parents (at least presence of one parent is compulsory) and host club representative (president, secretary, Club youth exchange officer atleast one club representative is compulsory). Please note that parents of students who are taking the interview cannot double as club representative. Clubs which don't meet these criteria will not be eligible to participate in the district 3060 youth exchange programme. For NGSE only the student is require along with club representative. Parents are not required to attend.

Best regards, Rajneesh Anand Rye Chair 2025-2026 District 3060

For more details, kindly contact President Jigneshbhai Kamdar



#### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Polio fight's legacy in miniature To honor the decades-long commitment to ending polio, Rotary invited artists to create tiny scenes of big moments in the global effort, Delivering Hope Derrick Lin



Physically delivering the vaccine requires challenging travel to remote parts of the world. The artist created this scene using everyday objects and dramatic lighting. The journey of vaccination Raphael Truffi Bortholuzzi



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This re-creation of a rural vaccination site in Brazil illustrates the work of Brazilian Rotary members and health workers during a national vaccination campaign. End Polio Now teddy bear Salavat Fidai



The teddy bear in an End Polio Now shirt is a recognizable unofficial mascot for polio eradication, and it is a reminder that at the heart of our work are the world's children. Untitled Rosa de Jong



This piece shows how old shipping containers are used as vaccination clinics at major transit points such as border crossings and railway stations.



## ON A. LIGHTER. NOTE

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes, But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.  
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese, Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.  
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice, Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.  
If the plural of man is always called men, Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet, And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?  
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?  
Then one may be that, and three would be those, Yet hat in the plural would never be hose, And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.  
We speak of a brother and also of brethren, But though we say mother, we never say methren.  
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him, But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim! Let's face it - English is a crazy language.  
There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; Neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England.  
We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes, We find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square,  
And a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.  
And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, Grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend.  
If you have a bunch of odds and ends And get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?  
If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?  
If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?  
Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up speaking English Should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what other language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? We ship by truck but send cargo by ship. We have noses that run and feet that smell.  
We park in a driveway and drive in a parkway.  
And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, While a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?  
You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language In which your house can burn up as it burns down You fill in a form by filling it out, And in which an alarm goes off by going on.

And, in closing, if Father is Pop, how come Mother's not Mop?

Courtesy Kris Kesavan forwarded as received

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