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## PRESIDENT'S PULSE

Rtn. Sumita Shah

My family of R C Udhna, Two months of Rotary for us has been a truly fulfilling journey. With your constant support, we have shared smiles, welcomed new friends, and created memorable moments of service and fellowship. I am deeply grateful for the encouragement and teamwork, and I look forward to many more milestones together.



## EDITOR'S CORNER

Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel

The festivals made month of August special - Rakshabandhan, Navroz, Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi - each adding different color and meaning, along with the pride of Independence Day. Reflecting this spirit and joy, the brick orange color themed bulletin celebrates the festive energy. May it bring you smiles, inspiration and Rotary warmth!



## PROGRAMS REWIND

### Baarish Beats Housie (7<sup>th</sup> Aug):

The event was a fantastic evening! RJ Shreya expertly conducted the program, engaging all members with infectious excitement. Attractive prizes added to the thrill. The evening was filled with laughter, excitement & wonderful moments!

### Janmashtami Celebrations (14<sup>th</sup> Aug):

Janmashtami was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The members actively participated in the Dahi-Handi program, creating a vibrant and joyous atmosphere. The evening was filled with excitement, fun, and great fellowship!

### 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebrations:

On 15<sup>th</sup> August, Rotary Club of Udhna celebrated India's 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day with a flag hoisting ceremony at Mook Badhir School. President Rtn Sumita Shah hoisted the flag, marking the occasion.

IPP. Rtn. Praveen Kakkar



Over 300 children, teachers, trustees, and Rotary members participated with great enthusiasm.

### New Members Induction (21<sup>st</sup> Aug):

We welcomed new members in an induction ceremony. PDG Santosh Pradhan inducted **Mr. Anand Bakshi, Mr. R.K. Mishra, Mrs. Jasmin Mandlewala** as regular members & **Dr. Mukul Choksi** as an honorary member.

On the same evening, RC Udhna's achievements in RY 2024-25 were celebrated. IPDG Tushar Shah and AG Nehal Shah presented many district awards including **Best President (Platinum), Best Secretary (Gold), & Best Club (Gold)**.

### Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations (31<sup>st</sup> Aug):

The meeting was shifted to **Rtn. Jitesh Bhagat's residence** for this celebrations to pray and participate in an Evening Aarti.

## ROTARY LANDSCAPE

PDG Rtn. Santosh Pradhan



**Sang Koo Yun** resigned as 2026-27 R.I. President due to health issues. The Board of Directors has selected **Olayinka Hakeem Babalola** of Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria in his place as R.I. President for 2026-27.



**Larry A. Lunsford** of Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA, is the selection of the nominating committee for R.I. President for 2027-28. He will be the president-nominee on 15 Sept, if no other candidates challenge him.

## ROTARY LANDSCAPE (Contd.)



Lozano, the 2024-25 president of the Rotary Club of Lima, Peru, is also the adviser for the Interact Club of Abraham Valdelomar, which is sponsored by the Lima club. Under his guidance, the Interactors embarked on an ambitious project to transform plastic bottles and other recyclable materials into eco-bricks. The bricks were then used to create tables and chairs for the Bellavista school in Independencia, a municipality north of Lima's city center.

## DESI DELIGHTS



Rtn. Maharukh Chichgar



“બંધન થી મુક્તિ સુધી, ભક્તિથી નવી આશા સુધી”

આ ઓગસ્ટ મહિનો જાણે સંસ્કૃતિનો એક રંગીન ઉત્સવ બની આવ્યો. ૯મી ઓગસ્ટે રાખી બાંધતા ભાઈ-બહેનના સ્નેહબંધને Rotary ની fellowship ની યાદ અપાવી. ૧૫મી ઓગસ્ટે સ્વાતંત્ર્ય દિવસની પર મહાત્મા મોહનદાસ ગાંધીના સત્ય અને અહિંસાના સૂત્રો ઉજાગર થયા.

એ જ દિવસે મીઠા પારસી સમાજે નવરોઝ ઉજવીને નવો આરંભ અને આશાનું દિપક પ્રગટાવ્યું. ત્યારબાદ જન્માષ્ટીના પાવન પરવે મોહનની વાંસળી ભક્તિ, કર્તવ્ય અને નેતૃત્વના પાઠ ભણાવી ગઈ. એક મોહને ચરખાથી આત્મનિર્ભરતા શીખવી, બીજાએ કરુણાના સંગીતથી માનવતાને જોડયું.

નરસિંહ મહેતાની પંક્તિ “વૈષ્ણવ જન તો તે ને કહીએ, જે પીડ પરાઈ જાને રે”, બંને મોહનમાં જીવંત થઈ. આ મૂલ્યો Rotary ના Service, Integrity અને diversity માં ઝળહળતા દેખાય છે. જેમ ત્રિરંગો, રાખડી, કૃષ્ણની વાંસળી અને નવરોઝનો પ્રકાશ એક થાય છે, તેમ Rotary સમાજને એકતામાં ગૂંથે છે અને સર્વ પર્વો પ્રેમ, સદ્ભાવ અને સેવાના માર્ગે આગળ વધવા અનંત પ્રેરણા આપે છે.

## SPOTLIGHT ON THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR

PP. Rtn. Bankim Dave



**Rtn. Mahrukh Chichgar**, ever-smiling, simple & humble; ushers in happiness by her presence. She wears many hats herself; a dramatist, an academican and a lawyer. PP. Rtn. Zubin, equally vibrant & jovial husband makes the duo - special. Proud parents of two amazingly talented kids; the Chichgars bring together a life full of creativity, learning and laughter. This multifaceted lady will lead as President of our Club in the coming term.

## OUR TINY BIT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Rtn. Insiyah Lokhandwala



**25 August:** “Quizeria” Inter-school quiz competition was organized jointly with NJ Charitable Foundation at NJCF, Udhna, wherein 102 students from 34 schools participated. A big thank you to NJCF and its entire team for organizing this event.

**6 August:** A HPV Vaccination camp was organized at Mook Badhir School jointly with Rotary Club of Surat Riverside, wherein 70 girls (aged 9-15 yrs) were vaccinated in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. 2<sup>nd</sup> round for the same girls will be organized after 6 months. A big thank you to Harshidaben Bhatt for the donation made in loving memory of PDG Praful Bhatt, that made this vaccination event possible. Special thanks to PP. Prakash Patel for the untiring efforts.

**5 August:** A career counseling session was organized at H.M.Bachkaiwala & SSET pre-primary and primary school, Palanpur Patia in collaboration with NJCF. Total 590+ students of Class 9 & 10 attended the session. A special thanks to NJCF and especially Mr. Ranjeet Dutta of NJCF for conducting this session.

**5 August:** Under District project MCH-HUMF, nutritious food items were distributed to 10 mothers and 20 kids at Aanganwadi, Piplod. Kudos to IPP Praveen Kakkhar, Rtn. Dr. Bijal Lashkari & Rtn. Ami Merchant for the same.

**2 August:** A career counseling session was organized at K.P. Sanghvi Vidhyalaya in collaboration with NJ Charitable Foundation, which was attended by 300+ students of Class 9 & 10 attended the session. The session was conducted by Mr. Ranjeet Dutta of NJCF.



## ON THE HORIZON

IPP. Rtn. Praveen Kakkhar



### 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Overnight Picnic at Saputara**  
Meeting shifted from 4<sup>th</sup> Sept.

### 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Speaker meeting**  
Mr. Pramod Diwan of Headmasters will address us on “Hair care in monsoons”.

### 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Musical Program**  
Meeting shifted from 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. The program including food is sponsored by PP. Rtn. Rajanikant Marfatia on account of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### 25<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Navratri Celebrations**  
We shall celebrate the feminine divine energy with Garba & Colorful traditional dress.

## Community Service

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER

MCH-HUMF at aanganwadi, Piplod.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Interschool Chess Competition jointly with NJ Charitable Foundation at NJCF.

### 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Tree Plantation at Dharampur to celebrate birthdays of Prime Minister Narendra Modi & PP. Rtn. Rajanikant Marfatia.

## MEMORIES & MILESTONES

PP. Rtn. Harshal Desai



### Moment of Pride and Gratitude

We are deeply honoured and humbled to share that **Rotary Club of Udhna has been awarded “Club Excellence Award” for R.Y. 2024-25 by Rotary International**. This recognition reflects the collective dedication, unity, and spirit of service displayed by our club. It has been my privileged to

### Birthdays

Kshitij Desai	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep
Maharukh Chichgar	4 <sup>th</sup> Sep
Bharti Kakkhar	4 <sup>th</sup> Sep
Rakhi Desai.	7 <sup>th</sup> Sep
Veena Timbawala	7 <sup>th</sup> Sep
Rajanikant Marfatia.	17 <sup>th</sup> Sep
Harshal Desai	20 <sup>th</sup> Sep
Tejal Munim	20 <sup>th</sup> Sep
Ubbey Lokhandwala.	21 <sup>st</sup> Sep
Zubin Chichgar	27 <sup>th</sup> Sep
Rajni Timbawala	29 <sup>th</sup> Sep

serve as president during this journey. My heartfelt thanks to all the members, supportive past presidents, generous donors, community partners & PDG Tushar Shah & his team. This award



belongs to all of us. Together, with purpose & compassion, we can achieve excellence.

With Deep Gratitude  
**Rtn. Praveen Kakkhar**  
(President R.Y. 2024-25)