

# NEWS WHEEL

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### PRESIDENT'S PULSE

Rtn. Sumita Shah



As the president of our Rotary Club, I am thoroughly enjoying the journey! The support from everyone is incredible, and our meetings and projects are running smoothly. It truly is a pleasure to lead such a united and dedicated team!"

Kudos to RC Udhna!!

### EDITOR'S CORNER

Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel



This month, our Rotary news bulletin shines in green color, celebrating the vibrant festival of Navratri. May Maa Shakti, the divine feminine energy bless us and the community we serve. with joy, harmony, prosperity and renewed energy. Wishing everyone a very happy & joyful Diwali and a very happy, prosperous new year.

### ROTARY LANDSCAPE

PDG Rtn. Santosh Pradhan



**2026 Rotary Convention in Taipei:** Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo announced that the 2026 convention will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, from June 13-17, 2026, which may have 30,000+ participants.

**Sustainable Agriculture in India:** Rotary recognized the "Partners for Water Access and Better Harvests in India" as 2024 program of scale recipient. This initiative received a USD 2 million award to improve farmers' livelihood through sustainable agriculture and water management.

**Support for Young Professionals:** Rotary is rolling out a leadership program with Toastmasters to support professional development of Rotaract members, a key step in attracting and retaining young people.

### PROGRAMS REWIND

#### Overnight Picnic at Saputara (5<sup>th</sup> Sept):

A delightful overnight picnic at Saputara, a beautiful & scenic hill station in Gujarat was organized on 5th September. The rainy season added to the charm and making it an unforgettable experience. A special thanks to the Bonding Committee Chair PP Rtn. Chetan Jariwala for all the arrangements.

#### Hair-care in Monsoons (11<sup>th</sup> Sept):

A captivating speaker meeting with Mr. Promod Devan, owner of Headmasters, who shared insightful thoughts on Hair care to keep hair strong, shiny, and healthy especially in monsoons, making it a very interesting session. On the same evening, the outstanding contributions towards Rotary for the year 2024-25 were recognised by presenting certificates & plaques to two stalwarts of the club,

IPP. Rtn. Praveen Kakkar



PP Rtn Devang Munim (Fantastic Fifteen Award and Certificate of Gratitude) & PP Rtn Bankim Dave (Certificate of Gratitude and Memento of Gratitude).

#### Evening of Instrumental Melodies (17<sup>th</sup> Sept):

90th birthday of our beloved & senior most PP Rtn. Rajanikant Marfatia was celebrated grandiosely with a beautiful musical program by Mr. Jashraj Shastri & Mr. Ashish Shastri. It was one of the most memorable programs of the year. The program was fully sponsored by the birthday boy PP. Rtn. Rajanikant Marfatia.

#### Navratri Celebrations (25<sup>th</sup> Sept):

Navratri was celebrated with a vibrant Garba Night, where members showcased stunning traditional attire, filling the evening with joy and festive energy. A special thanks to Ann Bhakti Shah & Annet Mahazarin for special efforts to make it a great success.

## ROTARY LANDSCAPE (Contd.)

### Rotary Peace Center:

A new Rotary Peace Center has opened in Pune, India at Symbiosis University, expanding Rotary's global peacebuilding footprint into South Asia. The Rotary Peace Centers train professionals in peacebuilding and conflict resolution measures in orders to promote peace and co-operation world wide.

## DESI DELIGHTS

Rtn. Maharukh Chichgar



### "આ છે ખરી દિવાળી"



આ માસ માં દિવાળી ના દીવડાં આપણા ઘર માં અજવાળું કરવા આવી રહ્યાં છે. દિવાળી આવતા આપણે આપણું ઘર સાફ કરીએ છીએ - જૂનું પુરાણું દૂર કરી નવી વસ્તુઓ વસાવીએ છીએ, પરંતુ ઘર સાફ કરવા સાથે આપણે આપણું મન પણ સાફ કરવું જોઈએ. અંતરનો દ્રેષ, ગુસ્સો, ઈર્ષ્યા અને નકારાત્મક વિચારો દૂર કરી, નવો પ્રકાશ અંતરમાં પ્રગટાવવો જોઈએ.



ખરી દિવાળી કયારે ?  
લાગણી થી ખળખળો.... તો છે દિવાળી, પ્રેમના રસ્તે વળો.... તો છે દિવાળી...  
જો હોય ઉદાસી કોઈની આંખોમાં જરા પણ, લઈ ખુશી એમાં ભળો.... તો છે દિવાળી...  
દિવાડાઓ બાહર પ્રગટાવ્યે થશે શું? ભીતરથી ઝળહળો.... તો છે દિવાળી...



## SPOTLIGHT ON THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR

PP. Rtn. Bankim Dave



Having served the SMC for 28 years at various positions and departments, lastly he served as Executive Engineer for 12 years in various Zones and Housing Department associated with landmark projects like Floral Park, Biodiversity park, various Swimming pools and gardens and also as an Officer at the helm for construction & maintenance of Public bldgs., Roads, water supply, drainage lines, street lights etc. This zestful **Rtn. Rajesh Jariwala** carries bunch of qualifications from B.E. Civil to an MBA to a Graduation in Law & a Masters in Technology in Water resources.

Currently, Rtn. Rajesh is Executive Director of Femina Women's Care. Truly, a Made for each other couple; **Ann Dr. Gayatri** is Assistant Commissioner at SMC & she too carries a list of qualifications from B. Sc. (Zoology), MBA & Doctorate in Malaria. The couple is blessed with daughter Dr. Palak, Gynecologist who is married to Dr. Ronak, a Cardiologist.

## OUR TINY BIT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Rtn. Insiyah Lokhandwala



**3 September:** A career counseling session was organized at T.D. Vashi Saraswati Vidhyamandir jointly with NJ Charitable Foundation, which was attended by 185+ students. The session was conducted by Mr. Ranjeet Dutta of NJCF. A special thanks to PP Rtn. Vishal Merchant for being instrumental in organizing the same.



**8 September:** Interschool Chess and Drawing Competition was organized jointly with NJ Charitable Foundation at NJCF, wherein 30 & 34 students participated in Chess & Drawing respectively in 2 categories (Std. 6-8 & Std. 9-12). Special thanks to Rtn. Neeraj Choksi, Ms. Nima Deokar and entire team of NJCF for putting in great efforts.



**9 September:** Under District project MCH-HUMF, nutritious food items like Almonds, Peanuts, Gud-chikki, Roasted Chanas, Bananas & Biscuits were distributed to 10 mothers and 22 kids at Aanganwadi, Piplod. Kudos to IPP Praveen Kakkar, Rtn. Dr. Bijal Lashkari & Rtn. Amit Garibnawazwala for the same.



**17 September:** A Tree plantation program was organized jointly with Rotary Club of Surat Tapi, NJCF & Safe Invest to celebrate progress and to plant for future as a tribute to honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Shri Surat Panjrapole, Chitrakoot branch. A special thanks to Shree Suat Panjrapole and its entire team for hosting us and providing necessary help and support. Kudos to PP Rtn. Prakash Patel for all the efforts.

## ON THE HORIZON

IPP. Rtn. Praveen Kakkar



### 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER

#### Holiday (Gandhi Jayanti)

No Meeting.

### 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

#### RFE Presentation & New Member Induction:

A Presentation by Rtn. Rajesh Jariwala & Gayatri Jariwala about RFE to Italy. In the same program, two new members will be inducted.

### 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

#### Diwali Celebrations

At PP. Rtn. Devang Munim's farm house.

### 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

#### Diwali Holidays

No Meeting.

### 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

#### Fellowship meeting

We shall meet up and enjoy grand fellowship post Diwali holidays.

## Community Service

#### CPR TRAINING

CPR training will be organized at various schools, details of which will be shared later.

#### DENTAL & EYE CHECKUP

Dental & Eye Checkup camp will be organized at various schools, details of which will be shared later.

#### ELOCUTION COMPETITION

Interschool Elocution Competition will be organized jointly with NJCF, details of which will be shared later.

## MEMORIES & MILESTONES

PP. Rtn. Harshal Desai



### Birthdays

Dipesh Shah 1<sup>st</sup> Oct  
Manher Dakoria 6<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Janak Jariwal 7<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Dr. Bijal Lashkari 7<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Neeraj Choksi 8<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Kritika Gohil 10<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Bhavna Chorawala 20<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Keyur Mehta 21<sup>st</sup> Oct  
Arya Khattiwala 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct  
Kashyap Desai 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct  
Nisha Kachiwala 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct  
Hiral Desai 24<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Smruti Desai 24<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Dharmesh Kachiwala. 25<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Tushar Shah 25<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Ami Anil Merchant. 26<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Nirali Bhagat 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

### Wedding Anniversaries

Bhupendra-Panna Bhatt 21<sup>st</sup> Oct  
Insiyah-Mustafa Lokhandwala 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

### Milestone



In this month's Milestones section, we proudly celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by our esteemed PP. Rtn. Rajanikant

Marfatia. A pillar of wisdom and inspiration, Rajnikanta (as he is fondly known) has enriched not only our Rotary club but also entire community of Surat city with decades of service, leadership and fellowship. His spirited journey, filled with innumerable accomplishments and goodwill, continues to light the path for generations of Rotarians and citizens of our city. Reaching this rare and joyous milestone is not only his personal triumph and a testament to his wonderful health but also a moment of pride for our entire club.

-- Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel  
(Bulletin Editor)