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PRESIDENT'S PULSE

Rtn. Sumita Shah



Dear Udhna Family,
As we continue our journey together, I encourage you to share your creative ideas for innovative meetings and inspiring speakers. Your suggestions help us grow, stay vibrant, and make every gathering more meaningful. Let's work as a united team to bring fresh energy to our club and elevate each meeting. Your involvement truly makes the difference.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel



Purple colour is associated with dignity and honor, making it a perfect choice for recognizing achievements, milestones, and distinguished service in our club newsletter as we close the calendar year. In this final issue of 2025, may the purple theme reflects our collective pride in Rotary service and the very contributions of our members.

PROGRAMS REWIND

Fellowship Meeting (4th Nov):

A laughter filled blast at **CAFÉ 18-19** was a perfect beginning after Diwali break. Members turned out in large numbers and enjoyed an evening tremendously by reconnecting & bonding with others.

Close Business Meeting followed by Stand-up Comedy Night (13th Nov):

In the Close Business Meeting, nominations were invited for R.Y. 2026-27 board of our club along with conducting other essential business as per the agenda.

The stand-up comedian Mr. Tanishk Rathore entertained the audience with his unique comic timing after the conclusion of Close Business Meeting. The event was a brain-child of PP. Rtn. Dharmesh Chorawala – Ann Jigisha Chorawala. Kudos to both for all the efforts.

A Karaoke Night (20th Nov):

The much anticipated Karaoke Night was a stupendous success. As many as 22 hidden stars of the club stepped in to the spotlight & delivered show-stopping performances, leaving the audience in awe. PDG Santosh Pradhan & IPP Praveen Kakkhar ensured seamless fun as the hosts of the evening.

Felicitation of PP. Rtn. Prakash Patel (27th Nov):

The Club celebrated the remarkable contribution of **PP. Rtn. Prakash Patel**, a beacon of kindness, and service by felicitating him with a beautiful plaque and a Certificate of Appreciation to commemorate his 70th birthday. Rtn. Neeraj Choksi, Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel, IPP Rtn. Praveen Kakkhar & Ann Pratibha Patel shared inspiring stories including their personal experiences from his life, achievements and selfless service.

IPP. Rtn. Praveen Kakkhar



ROTARY LANDSCAPE

PDG Rtn. Santosh Pradhan



The Rotary Club of Coimbatore Cotton City designed a project to raise awareness about the illicit practice of caging and trading wild



parakeets. Volunteers meticulously placed nearly a ton of millet grains in a 1,200-square-foot artwork depicting the clipping of a parakeet's wings.

ROTARY LANDSCAPE (Contd.)

"Each grain represents hope," says Niketu Shah, a club leader who directed the project, part of a larger effort by an animal rescue organization and supported by the state forest department. The artwork was completed in May at a shopping center. Last year, the club helped provide the forest department with an X-ray machine for birds. In captivity, many birds suffer from disease and stress that reduces their lifespan.

DESI DELIGHTS

Rtn. Maharukh Chichgar



કંડી આવી ગઈ છે... અને સૂરત ફરીથી જીવી ઊઠ્યું

સૂરતમાં કંડીનું આગમન હંમેશા એક અનોખી મજા લઈને આવે છે. સૂરતનું જીવન જેમ ગરમીમાં ઝડપી અને વરસાદમાં જીવંત રહે છે, તેમ કંડીમાં તે વધારે મીઠું અને સંસ્કારી બની જાય છે. રાતના સમયે શહેર જાણે તારલાંઓની છાંયમાં કંડકનો ગરબો રમે છે. નિર્મલ આકાશ, શાંત હવા, અને હળવો પવન—માણસનું મન તાજું અને નિર્મળ કરી દે છે. સૂરતવાસીઓ માટે તો કંડી એ માત્ર ઋતુ નથી, પણ એક ભાવના છે—જેમાં પરિવાર સાથે સમય પસાર કરવાની મજા, ગરમ ખોરાકની લાલચ અને નાની-નાની મસ્તીમાં જીવનનું સૌંદર્ય જોવા મળે છે. સૂરતવાસીઓ માટે કંડી એ રસોઈના તહેવાર સમાન છે. સિંગદાણા, શક્કરિયા, ઉંધિયું, લાડવો, ગરમ જલેબી-ફાફડા, હળદરિયું દૂધ—પોંકના વડા આ બધું તો કંડીનો પ્રથમ પ્રેમ છે.

અને અંતે, કંડીની મજાને વર્ણવતી ગુજરાતી કવિ પ્રભુદાસ ભાયાણીની પંક્તિઓ કંડીની નરમાશ, મીઠાશ અને શાંતિને હૃદય સુધી પહોંચાડે છે:

“શીતઋતુનો સ્પર્શ મળ્યો, હૈયું પણ હરખાયું સાથે પવનની શીતળ લહેરે, મનને મધુરું ગીત ગાયે.”

ચાલો—આ કંડીના મોસમને રોટરી ના ગરમ ભાવો સાથે આવકારીએ, અને સ્મિત, સેવા અને સકારાત્મકતા સાથે કંડીની મજા માણીએ.

SPOTLIGHT ON THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR

PP. Rtn. Bankim Dave



The Sanskrit Subhashito fame PDG. Santosh Pradhan, born in Patan, Gujarat; grew up in Mumbai and started career in Aurangabad, Maharashtra. As Rotaractor he led the Club as President & won accolades at District level. He Shifted to Surat in August 1998 where he ushered his career as Service Franchise for Thermax Limited. Dynamic in approach, a visionary and fueled with leadership qualities; Santosh joined R. C. of Udhna July 2008 & with his zeal, dedication and confidence escalated to the position of District Governor of R.I. Dist. 3060 in the R.Y. 2021 - 2022. Needless to mention that his goodie bag overflowed with success, awards and recognitions.

Sunetra, his best half & partner in his own Company "Sansu Aquatek India Pvt. Ltd" which employes 400+ technocrats is a reckon name in Service industry. Sunetra is also a member of R. C. of Udhna & member of Board of Directors.

The couple is blessed with two daughters, Divija and Rouha, both RYE alumni, are now in Auckland, New Zealand and members of the Rotaract Club of Auckland. Divija has done her graduation in 3D Animation and Visual Effects and specialises in Compositing. Rouha is pursuing her graduation in languages: Japanese and Korean.

OUR TINY BIT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Rtn. Insiyah Lokhandwala



4 & 7 November: Under MCH-HUMF district project, nutritious food items like Almonds, Peanuts, Chikki were distributed to 10 & 8 mothers, and 30 & 22 children respectively at Piplod (on 4th Nov) and Umra (on 7th Nov) Aanganwadis by IPP Praveen Kakkar, Dr. Bijal, Lashkari, Rtn. Ami Merchant & Rtn. Amit Garibnawazwala.



15 November: Interschool Elocution competition was organized jointly with NJCF at NJCF, Udhna, wherein 33 students participated from 30 schools in two categories (Class 6-8 & Class 9-12). The event was judged by Rtn. Dr Manish Patel, Rtn. Keyur Mehta, Rtn. Maharukh Chichgar & Rtn. Arya Khatiwala. A very special thanks to Rtn. Neeraj Choksi, Ms. Nima Deokar and entire NJCF team for putting in all the efforts to make the event a grand success.

ON THE HORIZON

IPP. Rtn. Praveen Kakkar



6TH DECEMBER

Meeting shifted from 4th Dec to Rio Greens, Dumas Rd. at a સ્નેહ-મિલન કાર્યક્રમ with Music hosted by PP. Rtn. Prakash - Pratibha Patel

11TH DECEMBER

Annual General Meeting

20TH DECEMBER

Musical Program

Meeting shifted from 18th Dec to Sangeet Ceremony of Parvashi, Daughter of PP. Rtn. Manish - Nirali Naik.

26TH DECEMBER

Meeting shifted from 25th Dec for....

1) Science Fair (SCI-FI)

2) RID 3060 Teacher's training Award Ceremony

3) Student Scholarship Award Ceremony

At Science Center, Surat.

Community Service

2ND DECEMBER

MCH-HUMF at aanganwadi, Piplod.

Birthdays

Priyanka Modi	10 th Dec
Jehan Variava	16 th Dec
Dr Mukul Choksi	21 st Dec
Pragmesh bandaria	22 nd Dec
Shilpa Desai	27 th Dec
Santosh Pradhan	30 th Dec

Wedding Anniversaries

Ami - Ashish Desai	3 rd Dec
Mahazarin-Jehan Variava	5 th Dec
Bankim - Tejal Dave	6 th Dec
Santosh - Sunetra Pradhan	6 th Dec
Praveen - Bharti Kakkar	8 th Dec
Ketan - Bhavna Shah	9 th Dec
Vishal -Ami Merchant	11 th Dec
Mehernosh-Parvin Todiwala	13 th Dec
Keyur-Hema Mehta	14 th Dec
Rajni-Veena Timbawala	14 th Dec
Bilal-Salma Memon	15 th Dec
Harshal-Priyanka Desai	24 th Dec

MEMORIES & MILESTONES

PP. Rtn. Harshal Desai



PP Rtn. Prakash Patel has been pivotal to Rotary Club of Udhna for many years, in every aspect including his dynamic leadership, his extraordinary inter-personal skills and his devotion to Rotary in general and our club in particular. Kaka, as he is fondly known, leads community service projects in an inspiring manner. From mobilizing donations to overseeing execution, and from coordinating with district officers, Beneficiaries and international partners, his dedication has driven some of our most impactful initiatives, galvanized our members, igniting the spark to turn vision into reality.

Yet, beyond these achievements, it is his warmth and empathy that leave a lasting impression. He listens with empathy, and in times of need his voice resonates not just with wisdom but with sincere

love and respect. He offers guidance selflessly, never patronizing, even when he holds strong opinions or clearly sees the origins of problems. His considerate nature ensures everyone feels valued, respected and heard.



His impact goes far beyond titles or positions. He embodies the spirit of Rotary in every action, fostering unity, compassion and purpose within our ranks. To commemorate his 70th birthday, President Sumita Shah felicitated him with a plaque and a Certificate of Appreciation.

- Dr. Manish Patel: Bulletin Editor