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PRESIDENT'S PULSE

Rtn. Sumita Shah



Dear Rotarians,
As we complete six months of this Rotary Year, I am filled with gratitude and pride. Together, we have served with purpose, strengthened fellowship and delivered impactful projects. Your commitment, teamwork and goodwill inspire me daily. Thank you for the trust & support – let us continue serving with passion and unity for our community and the Rotary family.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel



As the calendar turns, Rotarians gain a fresh 365 pages to live "Service Above Self." This year, let each meeting be a story of hope, each project a promise kept, and each friendship a reminder that when we serve together, communities heal and futures brighten. Wishing every Rotarian a purposeful, compassionate New Year.

ROTARY LANDSCAPE

PDG Rtn. Santosh Pradhan



Rotary Club of Udhna congratulates Rtn. Vipul Patel on his election as District Governor for the Rotary Year 2028-29. This significant milestone stands as a testament to his steadfast commitment, exemplary leadership and dedicated service to Rotary ideals. His journey in Rotary has been marked by vision, integrity, and a deep passion for making a meaningful difference in the community.

We are sure that Rotary District 3060 will scale new heights and continue to strengthen its impact while truly living the spirit of "Unite for Good."

PROGRAMS REWIND

"स्नेहमिलन कार्यक्रम (6th Dec):

A melodious fellowship program was hosted by **PP. Rtn. Prakash & Ann Pratibha Patel** at **Rio Greens**. The evening was a beautiful blend of soulful music, delicious food, fun fellowship & great vibes.

Annual General Meeting (11th Dec):

The board for RY 2026-27 & President for RY 2027-28 were elected. They all are committed to serve with dedication.

A Sangeet Sandhya (20th Dec):

A day of celebrations... Sangeet Sandhya of **Parvashi**, daughter of **PP Rtn Manish & Rtn Nirali Naik**.

Rotary Udhna family came together for a night of fantastic music, fun fellowship, and delicious food. We Wish **Parvashi & Sneh** a blissful togetherness filled with joy, love, and endless happiness for the lifetime.

IPP. Rtn. Praveen Kakkur



Sci-Fi (Science Fair), Felicitation of "Change-Makers" & Meritorius Students (26th Dec):

Sci-Fi: An innovative science fair was organized jointly with NJ Charitable Foundation at Science Center, Surat, wherein total 74 schools participated in both the categories of Class 6-8 & Class 9-12. In the evening at the same venue, a district event of felicitation of 10 "Change-makers" & club's event of felicitation of 12 meritorius students was organized. (More details overleaf in "Our tiny bit to make a difference" section)

Fellowship at Wedding Reception (27th Dec):

Rotary Club of Udhna joined the wedding reception of **Aayasha, granddaughter of Salmaben & Rtn Bilal Memon**. A Fantastic fellowship, delicious food, and a beautiful venue made the evening truly special.

ROTARY LANDSCAPE (Contd.)



Our heartiest congratulations to PDG Pinky Patel on her selection to represent RID 3060 at the Council on Legislation (COL) for the term 2026-28. The Alternate COL

Representative is PDG Ruchir Jani.

We are confident that she will represent RID 3060 with distinction, integrity, and wisdom, making our district proud on the international platform.

DESI DELIGHTS



૨૦૨૫ને વિદાય, ૨૦૨૬નું સ્વાગત



Rtn. Maharukh Chichgar



વર્ષ ૨૦૨૫ નો પડદો ધીમે ધીમે નીચે ઉતરી રહ્યો છે... દરેક દિવસે, કંઈક શીખવ્યું, કંઈક સંભાળ્યું, કંઈક ગુમાવ્યું અને ઘણું મેળવ્યું. આનંદનાં રંગો હોય કે ચિંતાનાં પડછાયાં—બધું જ આપણાં જીવનનાં કેનવાસ પર નવા અજવાસ માટેનો આધાર બની રહ્યું. રોટરીના વિશાળ પરિવાર સાથે આપણે સેવા અને માનવતા જેવા મૂલ્યોને નવા સ્વરમાં જીવ્યાં. મિત્રતા, સહકાર અને પ્રેરણાના અસંખ્ય ક્ષણોએ વર્ષ ૨૦૨૫ને યાદગાર બનાવી દીધું. હવે ૨૦૨૬ આપણા બારણે છે નવી આશાઓ, નવા સપનાં અને નવી શક્તિના દીપક લઈને. આ પળે ગુજરાતી સાહિત્યના નવરંગી કવિ મકરંદ દવેની સુવાસભરી પંક્તિ મનમાં ઝીલાય છે:

“વર્ષ નવું—વાત ન્યારી, હૈયામાં ખીલે પ્રેરણાની કુમકુમવારી”

યાલો, એ જ પ્રેરણા સાથે એકબીજાને હૃદયપૂર્વક કહીએ— “સાલ મુબારક!”. ૨૦૨૬ તમારા જીવનમાં પ્રકાશના નવા દ્વાર ખોલો. આરોગ્ય, આનંદ, શાંતિ અને સમૃદ્ધિના શણગારથી તમારા દરેક દિવસને ઉજળો કરીને જાય. રોટરીના આપણા પરિવારને—સહકારની સુગંધ, સેવા નો સંકલ્પ અને માનવતાનો અભય આશીર્વાદ મળે અને નવા વર્ષમાં રોટરી વધુ મજબૂત બને તેવી હાર્દિક શુભકામનાઓ.

SPOTLIGHT ON THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR

PP. Rtn. Bankim Dave



Rajani kaka, as he is fondly known is omnipresent at all events, meetings and occasions; which depicts his exuberance and will power. A visionary leader whose life blends enterprise with empathy.

A distinguished businessman with unwavering ethics and foresight. A Rotarian par excellence, living the motto "Service Above Self". His social commitment has touched countless lives silently yet deeply. As Past President of SGCCI, he elevated industry with integrity and inclusiveness.

The catalyst for Surat Airport, he gifted the city wings to global progress. His leadership transformed ideas into enduring institutions - He is Past President of Sarvajanic Education Society. Respected across business, civic, and social circles alike. An inspiring legacy of vision, service, and selfless contribution; a benevolent person PP. Rtn. Rajanikant Marfatia.

OUR TINY BIT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Rtn. Nisreen Lokhandwala



5 December: Under MCH-HUMF district project, nutritious food items like Almonds, Peanuts, Chikki were distributed to 10 mothers, and 22 children at Piplod by IPP Praveen Kakkhar, Dr. Bijal Lashkari, Rtn. Ami Merchant & Rtn. Dhruvesh Modi.



19 December: Blood Donation camp was organized jointly with NJ India Invest Pvt Ltd at Udhna, wherein 133 units were collected. A very special thanks to Rtn. Neeraj Choksi, and entire NJ team for putting in all the efforts to make the event a grand success.



26 December: An innovative science fair (SCI-FI) was organized jointly with NJCF at Science Center, Surat. Total 74 schools participated. Surat Municipal Corporation Commissioner Ms. Shalini Agarwal was the chief guest. Total of 4 prizes in each category of class 6-8 & class 9-12 (Winner, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up & consolation) were declared. A big thank you to Rtn. Neeraj Choksi and entire team of NJCF for all the efforts. On the same evening, a district event of Felicitation of top 10 Change-makers, selected from 365 teachers across RID 3060 (sponsored by NJ India Invest Pvt Ltd.) alongwith felicitation of 12 meritorious students who qualified for scholarship program of Rotary Club of Udhna was organized at the same venue.

ON THE HORIZON

IPP. Rtn. Praveen Kakkhar



4TH JANUARY

A New Year celebration party sponsored by Rtn. Persi & Ann Vahhbiz at their farm house.

8TH JANUARY

An Industrial visit to Lexus Sofmac, A Diamond Machinery Manufacturer as part of the Vocational Month celebration.

15TH JANUARY

Utrayan Celebrations Venue and timing will be intimated later.

22ND JANUARY

Vocational Awards Ceremony as part of Vocational Month Celebrations. The members may forward the nominations to President Sumita Shah or Rtn. Persi Engineer by 5th Jan 2026.

Community Service

6TH JANUARY

MCH-HUMF at aanganwadi, Piplod.

HUMOUR IN ROTARY

A Rotarian walks into a meeting with a ladder. "Why the ladder?" asks the President. "To take Service Above Self to new heights!" he grins. Everyone laughs, then they spot the real reason: he'd forgotten his phone charger and climbed up to use the projector USB port to charge his phone. Moral? In Rotary, even mishaps turn into service opportunities—and great stories!

MEMORIES

PP. Rtn. Harshal Desai



Birthdays

Dr. Pritesh Parekh	1 Jan
Amit Garibnawazwala	1 Jan
Vahhbiz Engineer	1 Jan
Sumita Shah	4 Jan
R. K. Mishra	5 Jan
Mustafa Lokhandwala	6 Jan
Jasmin Randeria	7 Jan
Dr. Manish Patel	9 Jan
Ami Vishal Merchant	11 Jan
Urvashi Patel	11 Jan
Chetan Desai	14 Jan
Aruna Dakoria	16 Jan
Dhruvesh Modi	19 Jan
Hina Jariwala	23 Jan
Devang Munim	28 Jan
Nirali Naik	29 Jan
Dr. Naitik Mehta	31 Jan

Wedding Anniversaries

Rakhi - Kashyap Desai	16 Jan
Pragnesh - Priti Bandaria	21 Jan
Anil - Hina Jariwala	25 Jan
Chetan - Sejal Jariwala	26 Jan
Tushar - Bhakti Shah	27 Jan
Sumita - Sachin Shah	28 Jan
Maharukh-Zubin Chichgar	30 Jan

WELLNESS WATCH

PP. Devang Munim has successfully undergone a surgery to correct Retina Displacement on 19th Dec 2025. He is recovering well at home.