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PRESIDENT'S PULSE

Rtn. Sumita Shah



Dear Rotarians,

We all are eagerly looking forward to संग-ए-मरमर the Rotary Conference in Agra, - a perfect blend of fellowship, inspiration, and learning. Beyond enriching Rotary insights, it promises memorable moments, meaningful connections, and the joy of togetherness. Let us participate wholeheartedly, represent our club with pride, and return energized with fresh ideas and renewed Rotary spirit.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel



As we step into February, our bulletin wears a vibrant magenta, symbolizing energy, compassion and purposeful action. Thank you for your steady service and cheerful fellowship. May this month inspire fresh ideas, meaningful projects, and stronger connections in our club and community. Let's keep turning commitment into impact, together.

PROGRAMS REWIND

New year Celebrations (4th Jan):

The RC Udhna family rang in the new year with a bang at **Ann Vahhbiz & Rtn Persi Engineer's** farm near Palsana. The evening was a whirlwind of music, fun, and fellowship, with a delicious spread of food that left everyone grinning. A huge turnout made it a night to remember - full of excitement, laughter, and memories to cherish!

An Industrial Visit (8th Jan):

The RC Udhna family had a fascinating evening on account of an industrial visit to **Lexus SoftMac** a leading Diamond Processing Unit at Ichhapore. The visit offered a unique glimpse into the world of diamond processing leaving everyone in awe. The ladies were particularly thrilled by the experience.

IPP. Rtn. Praveen Kakkur



It was an evening of knowledge, excitement, and great fellowship - a truly memorable experience for all!

Vocational Month Special (22th Jan):

Vocational Journey: Two Stories, One Purpose

Rtn Persi Engineer and **Rtn Dr Manish Patel** shared their incredible vocational journeys at Rtn Devang Munim's farm, leaving the audience mesmerized! The evening was a masterclass in inspiration, with both Rotarians weaving their stories in a way that kept everyone hooked. Their experiences were a testament to passion, perseverance, and success. The lovely weather and delicious food added to the magic, making it an unforgettable evening for the large gathering!

ROTARY LANDSCAPE

PDG Rtn. Santosh Pradhan



Create Lasting Impact is the 2026-27 presidential message. The R.I..



President-elect Olayinka H. Babalola called on members to

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ROTARY LANDSCAPE (Contd.)

Create Lasting Impact at Rotary's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 12 January. He urged members to make their clubs more welcoming, carry out impactful projects, and allow their Rotary experiences to transform them personally. "If we can change ourselves, we can change our districts," he said. "If we can change our districts, we can change the communities we serve. And if we can change our communities, we will change the world."

DESI DELIGHTS

Rtn. Maharukh Chichgar



ઢાઈ અક્ષર પ્રેમ કે



14 ફેબ્રુઆરી - વેલેન્ટાઇન ડે નજીક આવી રહ્યો છે. આ દિવસ માત્ર વ્યક્તિગત કે રોમેન્ટિક પ્રેમ સુધી સીમિત નથી, પરંતુ સમગ્ર માનવજાત માટેના પ્રેમ, કરુણા અને સહાનુભૂતિનો સંદેશ આપે છે. આપણા ધાર્મિક ગ્રંથો પણ પ્રેમને જીવનનું કેન્દ્ર માને છે. ભગવદ ગીતા નિષ્કામ કર્મ, કર્તવ્યભાવ અને સર્વજન પ્રત્યે સમભાવ રાખવાનો ઉપદેશ આપે છે, જ્યારે મહાભારત માનવ સંબંધોમાં ક્ષમા, સમજણ અને કરુણાનું મહત્વ સ્પષ્ટ કરે છે.

રોટરીનો મંત્ર Service Above Self પણ આ જ વિચારને સાકાર કરે છે - સ્વાર્થથી ઉપર ઉઠીને સમાજની સેવા કરવી. સાચી સેવા પ્રેમ વિના શક્ય નથી. આજના અશાંત અને વિભાજિત સમયમાં દુનિયાને સૌથી વધુ જરૂર છે પ્રેમ, માનવતા અને એકબીજાની પીડ સમજવાની. જેમ નરસિંહ મહેતાએ અમૂલ્ય શબ્દોમાં કહ્યું છે -

“વૈષ્ણવ જન તો તેને કહીએ, જે પીડ પરાઈ જાણે રે.”

તો આવો, આ વેલેન્ટાઇન ડે પર પ્રેમથી જીવીએ અને સેવા દ્વારા પ્રેમને વિશ્વ સુધી પહોંચાડીએ.

SPOTLIGHT ON THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR

PP. Rtn. Bankim Dave



Rtn. PP. Manish Naik is a simple, humble, soft spoken, witty & loves making humorous comments. A sincere Rotarian, a core worker who diligently performs his duty & has a knack for Community service.

On business front, he leads Akshini Systems - an engineering company initiated in 1999 which deals in various types of IT & AVC. Customer satisfaction is their forte and have developed a culture of Caring and Trust for meeting the expectations of employees, customers and society at large. The PRODUCTS include, DATA CENTER / UPS / PEC (Precision Environment Air Conditioning) /ATS (Automatic Transfer Switch) / TVSS (Transient Voltage Surge Suppressor) & Harmonic Filters.

His better half Ann Nirali is a vibrant, talented Woman who is omnipresent as judge, panelist, mentor, at various social events. The couple is blessed with daughter Parvashi, who is happily married to Sneha. Both are settled in Toronto, Canada. Parvashi is a practicing Architect.

OUR TINY BIT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



On January 13, 2026, a heartwarming initiative under our District's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) project brought joy to 12 mothers and 24 children at the Aanganwadi in Piplod. The visit, led by IPP Rtn Praveen Kakkhar, Rtn Ami Merchant, and Rtn Amit Garibnawazwala, was marked by the distribution of nutritious treats, including almonds, peanuts, gud chikkis, roasted channa, bananas, and Rajgira laddus.



Malnourished mothers often face anaemia, weakness, and higher pregnancy risks, which can lead to low-birth-weight babies and poor early growth. In small children, undernutrition weakens immunity, increases infections, and can prevent children from reaching their physical and cognitive potential if not corrected early. This small yet meaningful effort reflects Rotary's unwavering commitment to 'Service Above Self,' as we strive to make a positive impact in the lives of those in need.

ON THE HORIZON

IPP. Rtn. Praveen Kakkhar



8TH FEBRUARY

Intra-club Sports Day at Oneiros Sports Club, Adajan, Surat.

12TH FEBRUARY

Vocational Awards Ceremony shifted from January as part of Vocational Month Celebrations.

16TH FEBRUARY

We shall welcome RFE team coming from Brazil. (Meeting shifted from 19th Feb 2026)

27TH FEBRUARY

Ladies Night Celebrations

Venue and timing will be intimated later.

Community Service

10TH FEBRUARY

MCH-HUMF at aanganwadi, Piplod.

HUMOUR IN ROTARY

At District Conference:

- We travelled 1000 km to prove we still start a meeting 10 minutes late.
- Every ones' step-count tripled, because the hall was always 'just near the next banner.'
- The quickest way to find Rotarians at Agra was simple: follow the sound of 'One more group photo!'
- I could attend two sessions, meet five friends, and still missed the important keynote address.

MEMORIES

PP. Rtn. Harshal Desai



Birthdays

Jayesh Varma	9 Feb
Nirali Choksi	14 Feb
Pratibha Patel	17 Feb
Manish Naik	22 Feb
Shanta Chheda	23 Feb

Wedding Anniversaries

Devendra - Archana	7 Feb
Paras - Shetal Mehta	10 Feb
Pritesh - Trupti Parekh	11 Feb
Dhruvesh - Priyanka Modi	14 Feb
Jitesh - Nirali Bhagat	16 Feb
Kishor - Kritika Gohil	18 Feb
Bhalchandra-Reena Desai	22 Feb
Kiran - Amitesh Shukla	23 Feb
Yogesh - Bhavana	25 Feb
Dr. Bijal - Dr. Bhavin	25 Feb
Pranav - Prasanna Desai	29 Feb

ROTARY - SUBTITLED

At "Better Together" Multi-District Conference held on May 17-19, 2024 at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada (USA), bringing together Rotary Districts 5150, 5180, and 5190, the organizers staged a spoof "Shark Tank" skit where Rotarians pitched a fictional "Ro-Translator" device to decode Rotary acronyms, because even experienced members sometimes need subtitles for our own vocabulary. It became a highlight of the conference.

CONFERENCE ORIGIN

The earliest documented "District Conference" was held on 1 November, 1915 in Waco, Texas, USA, for Rotary District 12 (Texas and Louisiana), under District Governor William H. Richardson, Jr.