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PRESIDENT'S PULSE

Rtn. Sumita Shah



As I reflect on April, I must share that it was one of the most chaotic and emotional months of my life. I was traveling to the USA when I received the heart-breaking news that my mother was critical. Amidst the rush back home and the grief that followed her demise, you all stood by me like a family and I found immense comfort in your messages. I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Life, of course, must continue, and slowly, things are finding their balance again.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Rtn. Dr. Manish Patel



May brings fresh energy and renewed purpose to our Rotary journey. Let us continue building fellowship, strengthening service, and touching lives through meaningful action. Together, may we create moments of hope, kindness, and positive change in the communities we serve.

ROTARY LANDSCAPE

PDG Rtn. Santosh Pradhan



Barcelona, Spain, will host the **Rotary International Convention on 26-30 June 2027** at the Fira de Barcelona.



This was originally scheduled to take place in Dubai, United

Arab Emirates (UAE). Rotary postponed it to a later year due to the current security situation in the Gulf region and uncertainties around international travel, which made it difficult to organize the event. This will enable Barcelona to bring the Rotary community together two years sooner than was recently announced in March.

PROGRAMS REWIND

Housie Hungama (9th Apr):

What an evening! Rotary Club of Udhna turned 9th April into pure masti with Housie Hungama, that was conducted by Rtn Farnaz & Ann Bhakti Shah in their signature style, the night was packed with surprises, cash prizes, laughter, and unmatched energy. The turnout was huge, and the fellowship was even humongous. A night to remember — full of games, giggles, and Rotary spirit

AI Masterclass (23rd Apr):

An insightful AI Masterclass by AI Expert Mr. Meet Desai was organized.

In his engaging presentation, Mr. Desai highlighted the growing importance of Artificial Intelligence in today's world and demonstrated how it can enhance both

IPP. Rtn. Praveen Kakkar



daily life and professional work. He emphasized that AI is the future, and understanding its applications is essential for everyone.

Memorable Moments (30th Apr):

The Club enjoyed a delightful fellowship evening at "Mr. Café – The Sky Lounge", where Anns and Rotarians shared cherished memories over a sumptuous meal.

Dr. Bijal and Dr. Bhavin Lashkari also recounted their memorable journey in the RID 3060 Antakshari Competition, which they won emphatically, adding to the joy and spirit of the gathering. The evening truly reflected the warmth, unity, and vibrant spirit of Rotary fellowship.

ROTARY LANDSCAPE (Contd.)

R.I. President Arezzo expressed his sincere appreciation to the city's [Barcelona] organizers and the local Rotary members for their flexibility to work on an accelerated timeline. He also thanked Rotary members and leaders in the UAE for their commitment to Rotary and their substantial efforts to bring the Rotary convention to Dubai. "We look forward to a future convention there," he says.

Registration for the 2027 Rotary Convention in Barcelona will open in September 2026.

DESI DELIGHTS

Rtn. Maharukh Chichgar



ઉનાળો, જીવન અને ગુજરાતની સુગંધ



બાળપણમાં ઉનાળાની રજાઓ આનંદનો ઉત્સવ લાગતી; હવે "રજા" શબ્દ જ કેલેન્ડરમાં શોધવો પડે! સવારની યા સાથે દિવસની દોડ શરૂ થાય છે અને સાંજ સુધી વિશ્રામ માત્ર વિચારમાં જ રહે છે. જવાબદારીઓની વચ્ચે પણ મન ક્યાંક ગુજરાતની મીઠી સુગંધ શોધે છે—ગરબા, ગલીઓ, અને લોકોની ઉષ્મા. જીવનની આ દોડમાં નાની પળોને માણવી—મિત્રો સાથે હાસ્ય અને પરિવાર સાથેનો સમય—એ જ સાચી રજા છે.

ઝવેરચંદ મેઘાણીની પંક્તિઓ યાદ આવે—

"હું ગુજરાતનો, ગુજરાત મારો, એ મીઠી મીઠી વાતોનો ધારો;
જ્યાં માનવતા મહેકે હૈયે, એ મારો દેશ, એ મારો વારો."

SPOTLIGHT ON THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR

PP. Rtn. Bankim Dave



A close friend and a truly multifaceted personality, **Persi Engineer** is an Architect by qualification and an art lover by passion—flamboyant, debonair, energetic, and gifted with eloquence. An able administrator and visionary leader, he served as the first Provost of Sarvajani University. With remarkable dedication and foresight, he laid the foundation of the Faculty of Architecture, which has today blossomed into the multidisciplinary institution Mitraj - IDPT, offering Architecture, Interior Design, and Fine Arts. He also leads several EU funded ERASMUS research projects of Indian and European universities reflecting his global academic outlook.

A connoisseur of beauty in all forms, he loves singing and cherishes everything elegant and artistic. Equally accomplished is Vahbiz - his wife, who serves as a faculty member - Professor in the same institution. Together, they are blessed with two talented daughters—Zeenia, an Architect and Professor at the college, and Sanaya, a Dentist. A family of achievement, grace, and culture, they truly inspire admiration.

OUR TINY BIT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



MCH-HUMF District Project (April 7), As part of our District Project on Maternal and Child Health (MCH), IPP Rtn. Praveen Kakkhar, along with Rtn. Dr. Bijal Lashkari, Rtn. Ami Merchant, and Rtn. Amit Gribnawazwala, visited the Aanganwadi at Piplod. The team had the opportunity to interact with the mothers and children and support them through a small but meaningful initiative aimed at improving nutrition and well-being.

During the visit, nutritious food items including almonds, peanuts, Gud Chikkis, roasted channa, bananas, and biscuits were distributed to 10 mothers and 20 young children. These simple yet wholesome supplements were warmly received and reflected our shared commitment to supporting healthier beginnings for families in our community.

A special and joyful surprise was the presence of Dr. Kedar Lashkari, son of Dr. Bijal Lashkari, who joined the group and added to the spirit of the occasion. His participation made the visit even more memorable and heartwarming. We are deeply humbled by the opportunity to make a modest yet meaningful difference in the lives of others. Such service initiatives remind us of the true essence of Rotary and strengthen our resolve to live by the motto of "Service Above Self."

ON THE HORIZON

8TH MAY

District Governor Amardeep Singh Bunet's Official Club Visit.

14TH MAY

Rotary Youth Exchange Program (Being Organized by PP. Rtn. Devang Munim)

21ST MAY

Talk Show with Social Media Influencers (Being Organized by PP. Rtn. Bankim Dave)

28TH MAY

Sound Therapy Session with Ms Ranjana Agarwal

IPP. Rtn. Praveen Kakkhar



Community Service

5TH MAY

MCH-HUMF at aanganwadi, Piplod.

CONDOLENCES



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MEMORIES



PP. Rtn. Harshal Desai

Birthdays

Mahazarin Variava	8 May
Pranav Desai	12 May
Anil Merchant	16 May
Priyanka Desai	18 May
Bhalchandra Desai	21 May
Pravin Todiwala	21 May
Bankim Dave	26 May
Ami Desai	27 May
Jay Randeria	27 May

Wedding Anniversaries

Manu-Shanta Chheda	15 May
Dipesh-Smruti Shah	18 May
Binita-Deepak Chevli	18 May
Jasmine-Hemant Mandlewala	21 May
Manher-Aruna Dakoria	22 May
Nirbhay-Shilpa Desai	30 May

NEW LEADERS



President-Elect & Secretary-Elect - Maharukh & Anya attended **PELS-SELS 2026-27** at Rajkot on 18-19 April. Asst Gov. (2026-27) Harshal, Zubin and Priyanka accompanied them.

HUMOUR IN ROTARY

- A Rotarian said he joined Rotary for service, fellowship, and leadership. After three months, he admitted the real attraction was the gossip over dinner!
- What is the favorite exercise of some Rotarians? Running late to the meeting and walking fast to the front row!