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R.I. District 3060 Zone 4-B



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My dear Rotary Surat West family,

The Installation of Miss Aishani Ashit Kothari as President of Rotaract Club of Surat West has ushered in a New energy and New Josh in our Rotary Family. I convey my best wishes to Aishani and her Team for the super exciting Year ahead.

I also Congratulate President Rtn Sonal Shah and Hon Sec Rtn Meeta Kapoor and the whole team for the Year 2023 -24 for the back to back successful events organized by them.

Mental Health awareness a much needed message in today's Hectic life style is being handled with utmost Dedication by Project Chair Rtn Dr Parag Shah.

We will be seeing more actions in the coming months...

Regards

Rtn Mausam Jalan

Bulletin Editor – Year 2023 -24.

Installation of Miss Aishani Ashit Kothari as the President of Rotaract Club of Surat West.

Rotaract Club of Surat West's incoming President Aishani and her team were installed on **September 1st 2023**.

The installation ceremony was held in a cozy environment at the Leonardo Banquet, Surat. RCSW President Rtn Sonal Shah served as the installing officer.

She, along with PP Rtn Bhavesh Shah; as well as President Aishani's parents - PP Rtn Ashit Kothari and Ann Purvi Kothari, did the honours of decorating the board members with Rotaract pins.

Heartening to see new members being added to the family. All the guests from Rotary conveyed their best wishes and promised support to the enthusiastic young brigade.

A graceful event with delicious dinner was topped with lovely fellowship! We look forward to many joint initiatives of the Rotary and Rotaract club of Surat West.





The whole Rotary Surat West family wishes them a Memorable and impactful year.

Live Webinar with speaker Dr Nilima Shah on 6th September 2023.

Topic – “The Inside Stories from psychiatry Diaries”



Dr. Nilima Shah.

She works as Associate Professor in the Dept of Psychiatry at NHL Municipal Medical College, Ahmedabad.

She has previously worked at GMC, Surat for 5 years.

She has a clinical and teaching experience of 17 years.

Continuing with its program on Mental Health Awareness, Rotary Club of Surat West under the able guidance of **Project Chair Rtn Dr Parag Shah** organized an online Webinar with speaker Dr Nilima Shah on 6th Sept 2023, 09.00 pm Onwards.

The Webinar was attended by Members of our Club and also by Members of other Clubs from Our District 3060.

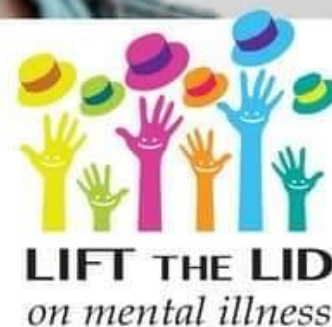
The Interactive session anchored by Dr Nilima Shah was enlightening, Informative and highly Interesting. Inputs by PDG Devendra Uncle, Rtn Dr Vijay Shah and other Senior members of our club made the session more meaningful and Interesting.

Lift the Lid of Mental Illness

In Australia, half of all people who experience a mental illness have their first episode by age 18 and three quarters by age 25



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Speaker Session on Organ Donation with Rtn Anil Srivatsa – 8th Sept 2023.

Rotary Club of Surat West along with other Nearby Clubs of Surat Organised an informative Speaker Session with Rtn Anil Srivatsa at the Jeevan Bharti School, Nanpura on 8th September 2023. The Topic of this Session was : Organ Donation.

Other Clubs who participated are RC of Surat, RC of Tapi, RC of Udhana, RC of Surat Seaface, RC of Surat Round Town and RC of Hazira Bay.

Anil Srivatsa - Post a successful corporate career as the former CEO of India Today's FM Radio division, the former CEO of Punjab Kings IPL cricket and now an Entrepreneur as President of Sochcast.com India's first spoken word audio platform for women.

Anil's current mission is most significant. Anil, after donating his kidney to his brother 9 years ago, embarked on a mission to ensure NO one dies waiting for an organ.

With a Goal to reach a million potential donors driving around the world with the message of organ donation and love. Anil has so far reached over 260000 plus people via over 900 lectures. He has driven across 58 countries in the past 8 years and is currently on a mission to unite Rotary for Organ Donation.

He was flagged off by Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta at the Rotary International Convention in Houston to the Melbourne convention.

He is the first to drive from one convention to another. Anil represents India at the World Transplant games. At the games this year in Perth,

Australia Anil won two gold medals and set the games world record and he also won a gold in the 2019 games .

The commitment was to speak to 100 rotary clubs between the two conventions, and ended up speaking to 303.

Anil is currently the founder and Charter President of the world's first Rotary Club of Organ Donation. He was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Bombay - Vice President Blood and Organ donation Rotary Action Group .

Founder and charter President

A. Rotary Club of Plainsboro, NJ USA

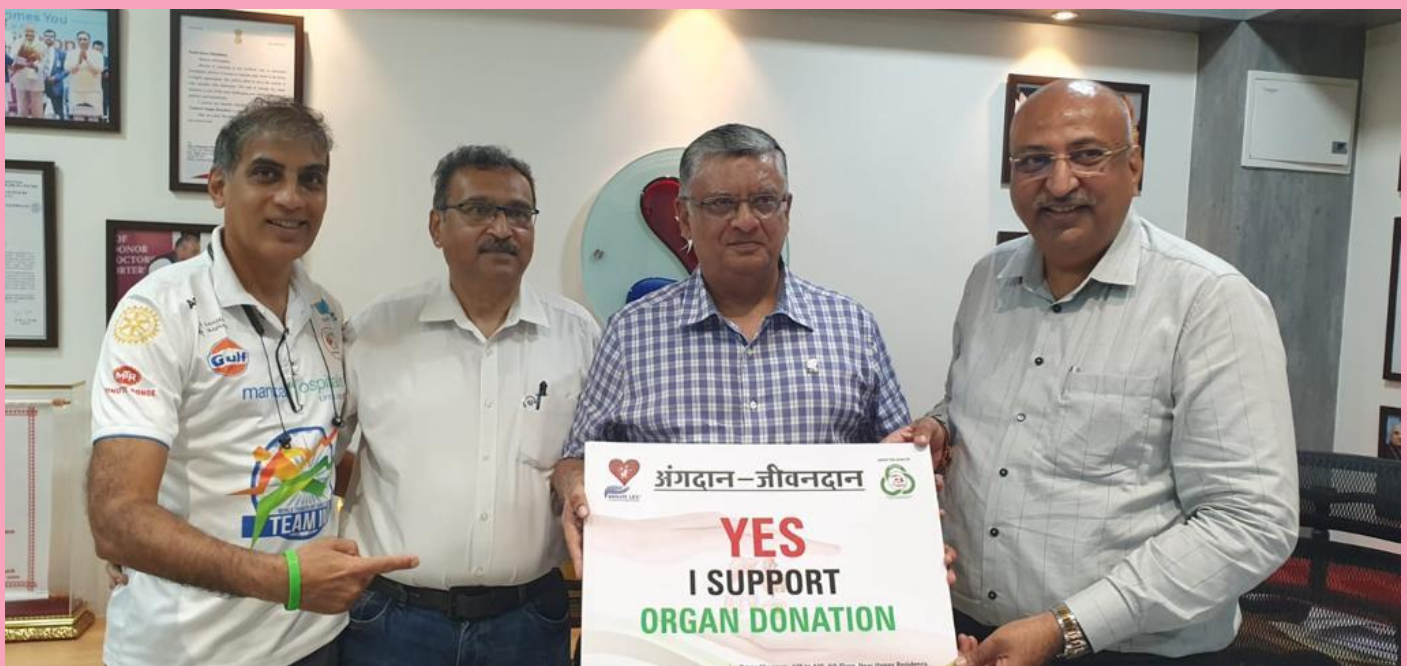
B. Rotary Club of Bangalore Social

C. Rotary Club of Organ Donation –

Board member District Organ Donation committee Dist 7680 Washington DC.

He travels with his wife Deepali.





It was an eye opening and motivating session by Rtn Anil Shrivatsa of Rotary Club of Organ Donations. Our past member and a prominent proponent of the cause, **Nilesh Mandlewala (Donate Life)** enlightened the audience too. President Sonal introduced him in her unique style.

Excursion to Mumbai to attend the Shooting of KAUN BANEGA CROREPATI on 9th Sept 2023

Project Chair – Hon Treasurer Rtn Hem Mody

Rotary Club of Surat west organized an out of the Box Excursion Trip to Filmcity Studios at Mumbai to attend the shooting of KBC anchored by superstar **Shri Amitabh Bachhan**.

Total 55 Members including Rotarians, Anns and Annets from our Club registered to participate in this once in a life time opportunity of Meeting Legendary Super Star Amitabh Sir.



The arrangements were done to provide maximum possible comfort and minimum hassle to us. Mr. Bachchan showed us why he is a legend and loved by millions. At the age of 81, he exhibited energy of a teenager, and humility of a layman. His aura and vibes were no less than divine. He addressed the audience with love, and respect. After the shoot, he went

around the set, making sure that each part of the audience was covered in photos with him. He obliged by signing autographs for the fans, from his van. All our members also patiently complied with the arrangement, and participated with exceptional enthusiasm.

There was a beautiful gift prepared with efforts of our Event chair Rtn Hem Modi, which he called for on the set and appreciated nicely.

Rtn Sandip Monga won a prize for the audience round.

After the event, RCSW family went for a night of fun, food and fellowship. It extended till the late hours, and people dispersed reluctantly. We can call it a historical event by RCSW.

Credit goes to Event Chair and our Hon Treasurer Rtn Hem Modi for her painstaking efforts. We thank Rtn Sanjay Agarwal of RC Mumbai MaKaBo, for all the arrangements, personal involvement and care. We are grateful to Sanjaybhai for this beautiful experience and lifetime of memories!

Must thank Rtn Sanatan Modi from Mumbai for bringing this opportunity to us. One more feather in the cap of our amazing pair, President Rtn Sonal Shah and Hon Sec Rtn Meeta Kapoor...







Unique Gift Organised by
Hon Treasurer Rtn Hem Modi
our Event Chair.

A Centre Table with a Collage
of Pictures of Legendary
Bollywood Actor Shri Amitabh
Bachhan.



Rotary's two official mottoes



**Arthur Frederick Sheldon,
the Rotarian whose
convention speech inspired
Rotary's secondary motto,
One Profits Most Who
Serves Best.**

Service Above Self and One Profits Most Who Serves Best, Rotary's official mottoes, can be traced back to the early days of the organization.

In 1911, the second Rotary convention, in Portland, Oregon, USA, approved He Profits Most Who Serves Best as the Rotary motto. The wording was adapted from a speech that Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon delivered to the first convention, held in Chicago the previous year. Sheldon declared that "only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best."

The Portland gathering also inspired the motto Service Above Self. During an outing on the Columbia River, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, talked with Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham about the proper way to organize a Rotary club, offering the principle his club had adopted: Service, Not Self. Pinkham invited Rotary founder Paul Harris, who also was on the trip, to join their conversation.

Harris asked Collins to address the convention, and the phrase Service, Not Self was met with great enthusiasm.

At the 1950 Rotary International Convention in Detroit, Michigan, USA, two slogans were formally approved as the official mottoes of Rotary: He Profits Most Who Serves Best and Service Above Self. The 1989 Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. He Profits Most Who Serves Best was modified to They Profit Most Who Serve Best in 2004 and to its current wording, One Profits Most Who Serves Best, in 2010.



A name badge from the 1928 Rotary International Convention features Rotary's mottoes.

#CelebrateCommunity



For the third year, Rotary International, Kiwanis International, Lions International, and Optimist International are working together to celebrate and give back to our communities with a week-long service event, to be held **11-17 September 2023**.

Rotary and Rotaract clubs are encouraged to partner with local Kiwanis, Lions, and Optimist clubs on a project that will have a long-term impact in their community. (Use the club finder tools to locate Kiwanis, Lions and Optimist clubs near you.) To get started, work with local social service organizations or government officials to learn what your community needs and how you can plan the most effective project.

Tell your neighbors — and us — about your joint service project by posting on social media with #CelebrateCommunity and adding the project to Rotary Showcase.

We can do more when we work together. Let's harness the collective power of our four organizations' 3.4 million members and Celebrate Community together.

Rotarians in Action

"Namaste" from 29,000 feet above, at the top of Mount Everest in Kala Patthar, Nepal!

Ken Hutt from the Rotary Club of Berry, Australia, has singlehandedly raised over \$200,000 for End Polio Now from his thrill-seeking paragliding expeditions.



Words for the future

Rotary is forging a path to full literacy in India



Long before he became Rotary International's president, Shekhar Mehta was known for setting ambitious goals.

His reputation for successfully tackling difficult problems is why, in 2014, former RI president Kalyan Banerjee asked him to lead an effort to make India fully literate — a goal that has eluded the Indian government as well as many NGOs.

"I realized making a country literate is no easy task," says Mehta, who defines full literacy as an overall rate of 95 percent or above for those aged 7 and up. (The government of India estimates India's current literacy rate among that group at 78 percent.) "But I strongly believe in Gandhi's view that if you find the goal, the means will follow."

An accountant and real estate developer, Mehta didn't enter the endeavor with any experience in education. "I had no clue, no background in education at all," he says. He spent about nine months learning from experts before founding the Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM), a nonprofit that aims to strengthen and standardize Rotary clubs' literacy initiatives across India.

To accomplish this, RILM created a program of service projects that it encourages clubs across India to take on with the nonprofit's support and mentorship. The projects are built around the acronym TEACH, which stands for teacher support, e-learning, adult literacy, child development, and happy schools (which focuses on infrastructure improvements). "We think every school should be a school where our own children would be happy to study," says Kamal Sanghvi, who was an RI director from 2019 to 2021 and chairs RILM now that Mehta is RI president.

"Rotarians understand that for any nation to achieve greatness, you need a high literacy level."

Following the model that made India's polio eradication campaign a success, coordinators promoted the TEACH program in Rotary zones and districts in the country. RILM staff created manuals and organized trainings, and now nearly every club in India works on a project to support at least one aspect of the TEACH program. "The momentum picked up so beautifully," Sanghvi says. "Rotarians understand that for any nation to achieve greatness, you need a high literacy level."

The combined efforts of hundreds of Rotary clubs, plus their partner organizations, have added up to large-scale results. To date, an estimated 7 million children are benefiting from RILM's teacher training component alone. The program's overall reach is enormous.

"Training, standardization, and developing partnerships — these are the three things that make the program work," Mehta says.

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population. We know literacy changes lives, and our goal is to reduce gender disparity in education and empower educators to inspire learning at all ages.

Membership Attrition in Rotary

In last 10 years 1.2 million joined Rotary... and left

RI President Jennifer Jones acknowledged and appreciated the Indian region for being, along with many African countries, the fastest growing region in the world of Rotary, but then people are also leaving equally fast.

One startling piece of statistic all Rotarians needed to keep in their tool kit was that in the last 10 years, 1.2 million members have joined Rotary. "That means that 1.2 million people have also left. What this shows us is that people do want to come into Rotary

but the problem is that they join but they don't stay. So what is our call of action? We need to be better with how we deal with our members. And more focused on their comfort and care. When someone joins our organisation, we need to ask them what they want and then deliver on that promise. Whether it is service, fellowship, events; that's how we will grow. If you want responsible members, you need to give them responsibility. Keeping them engaged is critical."

Rotary Wisdom

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One child.
One teacher.
One book and
One pen can
change the world.
Education is the
only solution.

- Malala Yousefzai

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

“If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people”

— Chinese Proverb

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SEPTEMBER

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Rotarian Code of Conduct

ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will

- Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
- Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

Source: Rotary Code of Policies, 2022

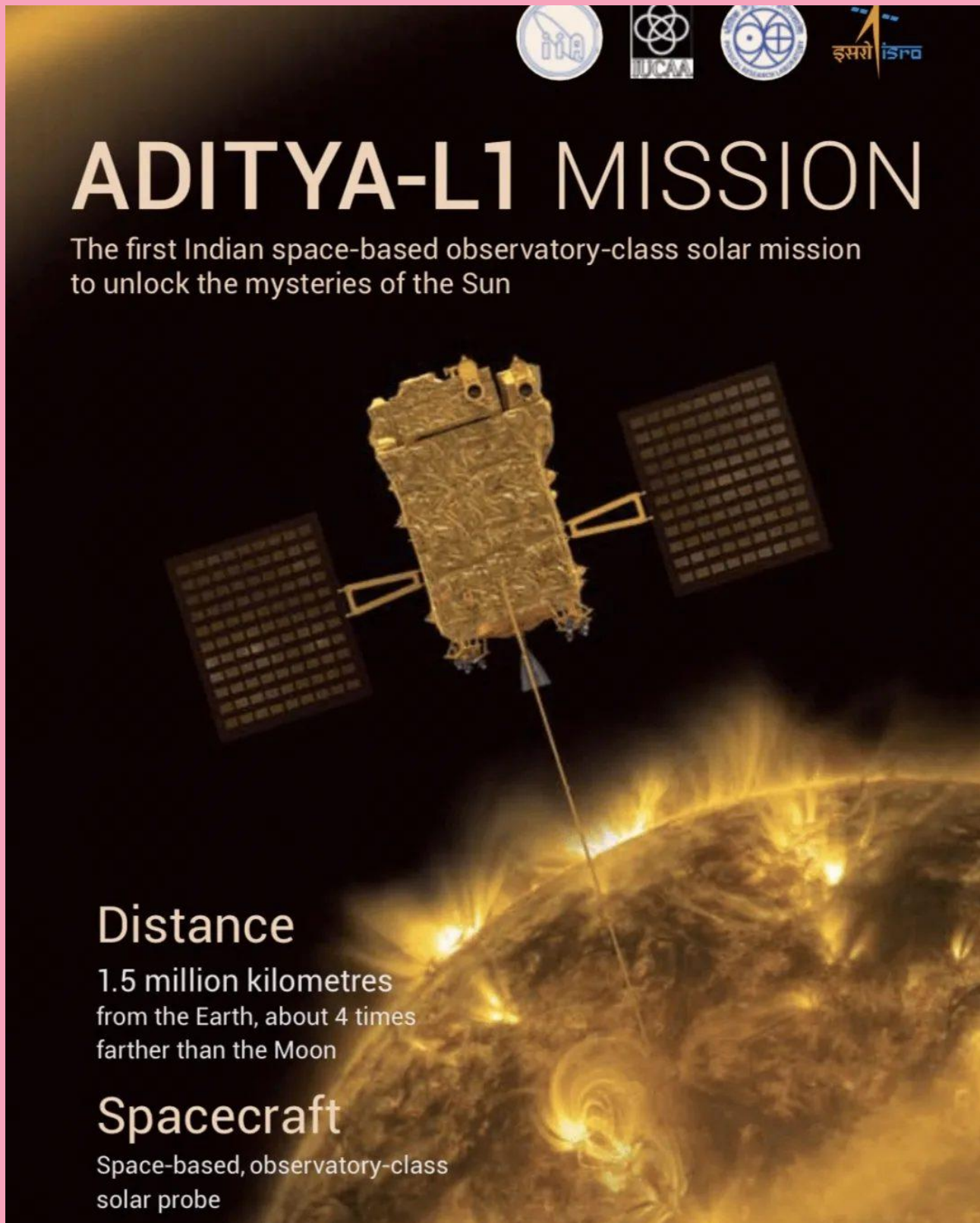
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Rotary International Information

Courtesy : PDG Rtn Devendra Shastri.

News Makers of the Month – ISRO

A promotional poster for the Aditya-L1 mission. At the top, there are four logos: the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) logo, the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIIST) logo, the Indian Institute of Space Astronomy and Astrophysics (IIT) logo, and the ISRO logo in Hindi. Below the logos, the title "ADITYA-L1 MISSION" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath the title, a subtitle reads "The first Indian space-based observatory-class solar mission to unlock the mysteries of the Sun". The central image shows the Aditya-L1 spacecraft, a gold-colored rectangular box with two large solar panel arrays extended outwards, floating in space. A thin line connects the spacecraft to the bright, fiery surface of the Sun, which is visible in the lower half of the poster. The Sun's surface is covered in bright, glowing solar flares and sunspots. In the bottom left corner, there are two sections of text: "Distance" followed by "1.5 million kilometres from the Earth, about 4 times farther than the Moon", and "Spacecraft" followed by "Space-based, observatory-class solar probe".

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Congratulations to team ISRO for successfully launching **Aditya L-1** spacecraft in the orbit towards L-1 point.

Aditya-L1 will be placed in the halo orbit around Lagrange point 1 (L1) of the sun-earth system, which is about 1.5 million km from Earth. The journey to L1 will take 125 days.

Rotary Club of Surat Wishes all Indians a very Happy Ganesh Chaturthi...

