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**05/2025-26**

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**Program: Independence Day celebration**



**Venue: The Millennium School,**  
**Dandi Road, Nanthan, Surat**

**Time: 10.00am**

**\*Rotarians and Spouses are welcome**

#### **Forthcoming District Events**

**RYE Inbound Orientation Program**  
- 30th & 31st August 2025 at Baroda

#### **Birthday Greetings**

Ann Pooja Amit Gajjar...- **August 3**  
PP. Bhavesh Shah .....- **August 10**  
PP. Bankim Sitwala.....- **August 11**

## Forthcoming Programs

- **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August:** Club Board of Directors meeting **online**

### Rotary Wisdom



## TO BE A ROTARIAN

It takes a unique quality to set aside one's needs  
and join a special club to ensure dreams succeed  
It takes determination that comes from deep within  
It takes one of a kind- to be a Rotarian

It takes one who is willing to heed a call for help  
It takes belief to act in SERVICE ABOVE SELF  
It takes a heart of gold to say " Yes, count me in"  
It takes rock-solid character- to be a Rotarian

It takes time and patience and staying to the end  
and a stranger's cry for help for you to be their friend  
It takes dealing with rejection and leading with your chin  
It takes real humility- to be a Rotarian

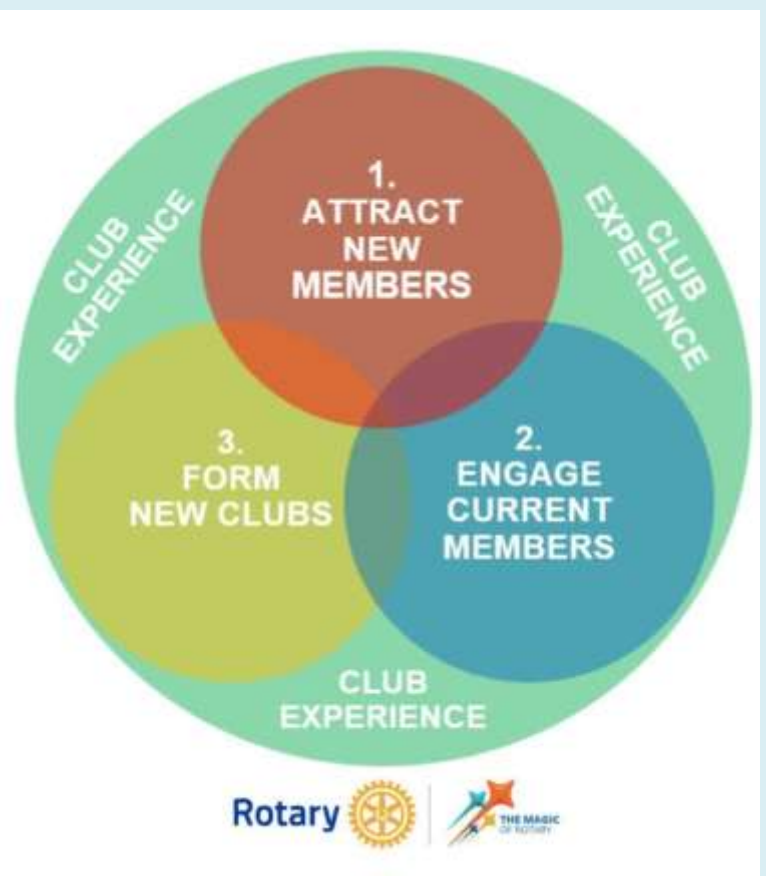
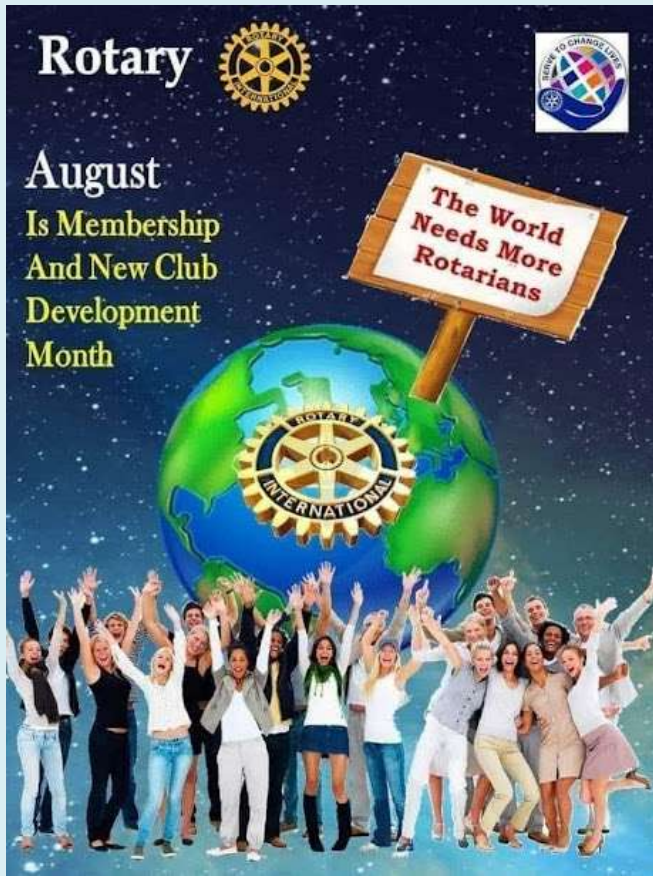
It takes far reaching vision to see when people fall  
and a hand outstretched to help them again stand proud and tall  
It takes a shoulder to the wheel and words of " Let's begin!"  
It takes a voice of hope- to be a Rotarian

It takes a kind of magic to achieve the things they've done  
Teamwork-Trust-Tenacity and of course a lotta fun!  
It takes all of the above but when all is said and done  
It just takes one who cares- TO BE A ROTARIAN

Doug Slater



## August is Membership and New Clubs month



What is **#rotaryinternational**? It is a membership organization that does the world's best service. Why do we want to grow Rotary? To have more hands and hearts to do more good in the world through serving others. So how do we grow **#Rotary**?

For sustainable growth, we need to take a holistic approach, which involves three distinct strategies:

1. **Attract new members and add them to our existing #rotaryclubs;**
2. **Retain members in our existing clubs, by engaging them in impactful service projects, both local and international; and**
3. **Form new clubs, for those who want to serve others in different ways than our current clubs do.**

**That's it - all we need to do! However, we need to employ all three strategies at the same time.**

There is one other thing we need to keep in mind as we implement these strategies - the club experience/club culture. It affects all three strategies. Club culture is the way a club operates. If things are going smoothly in a club, the club's culture is a source of strength. If things are not going smoothly, that club's culture likely needs shifting to realize a different result.

**If a club's culture is good, it makes it easier for that club to attract new members and retain its existing members.** If a club's culture is bad, its members will need to change the club's culture to increase its membership, or form a new/additional club with a culture that fits better with those who are not happy in the current club.

Together, we can **#GrowRotary**!

**#MagicofRotary**

**#PeopleOfAction**

**#EachoneBringone**

# State of Membership in Rotary as on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2025

## Membership Figures

1st July,2025 figures	Asia	Australia , New Zealand, & Pacific Islands	Europe , Africa & Middle East	GB&I	Latin America	USA, Canada , & Caribbean	RI World
Loss during 2024-25	-1900	-941	262	-1283	1021	-6781	<b>-9622</b>
Clubs Lost	-49	-18	89	-48	4	-128	<b>-150</b>
Current Membership							<b>11,24,681</b>
Current Clubs							<b>36358</b>
Note:The four zones in India,Nepal & Sri Lanka added a total of							<b>2274</b>
Clubs added in India							<b>41</b>
PDG Gurjeet S.Sekhon							
Member,RI Membership Growth Committee							

## State of Rotary+ Rotaract membership from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 to 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2025

	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	1st July 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	Loss
<b>Worldwide</b>	<b>13,74,275</b>	<b>13,18,133</b>	<b>12,49,929</b>	<b>12,56,977</b>	<b>-1,77,298</b>
<b>Zone-4</b>	<b>76,992</b>	<b>61,457</b>	<b>55,485</b>	<b>57,778</b>	<b>-18,214</b>
<b>District 3060</b>	<b>7,205</b>	<b>6,915</b>	<b>6,346</b>	<b>6,517</b>	<b>-688</b>
<b>Our Club</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-29</b>

### WORLDWIDE

### RI District 3060





## School Uniform Distribution Project- August 2



**School Uniform Distribution Program held today at the SMC Primary school no 199 at Pandesara, was a very rewarding experience for us all.** We had a wonderful time spend with kids there, while we distributed the uniforms & talked with them about Rotary.

The young & pure souls tied the friendship bands on our wrists. They were full of gratitude towards us & gifted us with their beautiful smiles, innocent looks & verbal greetings in chorus.

**RYE students Ana & Emma were the star attractions for those curious eyes** & they were more then happy to show them their classes & spend time while 'trying to talk to them'. Both the RYE students found the experience very meaningful & rewarding, truely finding their purpose being in Rotary.

**The genuine efforts & hard work of the school teachers who worked there, to reach out to unreached & underprivileged people** & make a long lasting impact on their lives by giving them a better life, through the medium of good education was loudly applauded by us all.

**The program was attended by PDG Devendra Shastri, PP Rtn Setu Gandhi, Hon. Sec Rtn Anirudh Garg, Hon. Jt. Sec. Rtn Gaurang Goel, Rtn Rajesh Bansal, Ann Dr Sejal Shah & RYE students Ana & Emma.**

Thank you **Project Chair PP Rtn Setu Gandhi** for arranging the school uniforms & organizing the program.

🐼🐼🐼 - Report by President Dr. Parag Shah

## 2024-25 Club Excellence Award



Rotary Club Surat West has been awarded the **Club Excellence Award for 2024–25 by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation jointly.**

This recognition reflects the collective dedication, unity, and spirit of service demonstrated by each and every member of our club throughout Rotary year 2024-25.

### **My heartfelt thanks to:**

- ◆ All our enthusiastic members and Spouses.
- ◆ Supportive members of Board of Directors and Program- Project Coordinators.
- ◆ Our generous donors and community partners
- ◆ \*And last but not the least our club Hon. Secretary **PP Tinish Mody** and Hon. Jt. Secretary **PP Ashit Kothari** for their unflinching support 24x7 during the year 2024-25

This award belongs to all of us. Let this honour be a reminder that when we work together with purpose and compassion, excellence follows naturally.

**Rtn. PDG Devendra Shastri , President ( 2024-25)**



## Events that makes the NEWS

New World Chess Champion

3 Pahalgam Terrorists killed



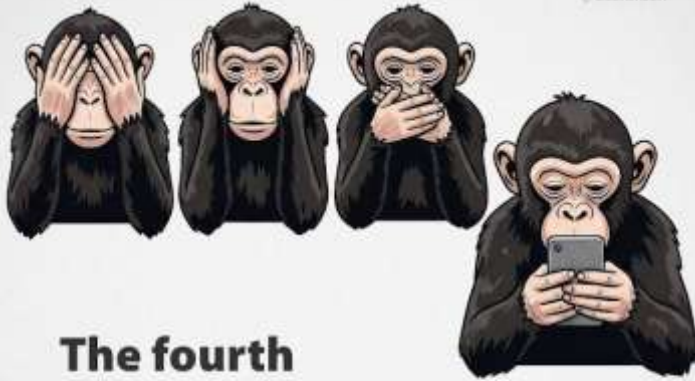
## Nesw Maker

Our dynamic PP. Shilpa Shah anchored a Folk song, dance and drama program on 2<sup>nd</sup> August at Malvi Hall, **SCOPA** in which more than 50 artists took part which mesmerized the housefull audience. Kudos to PP Shilpa for her outstanding performance of conceptulization of entire 2 hours program.

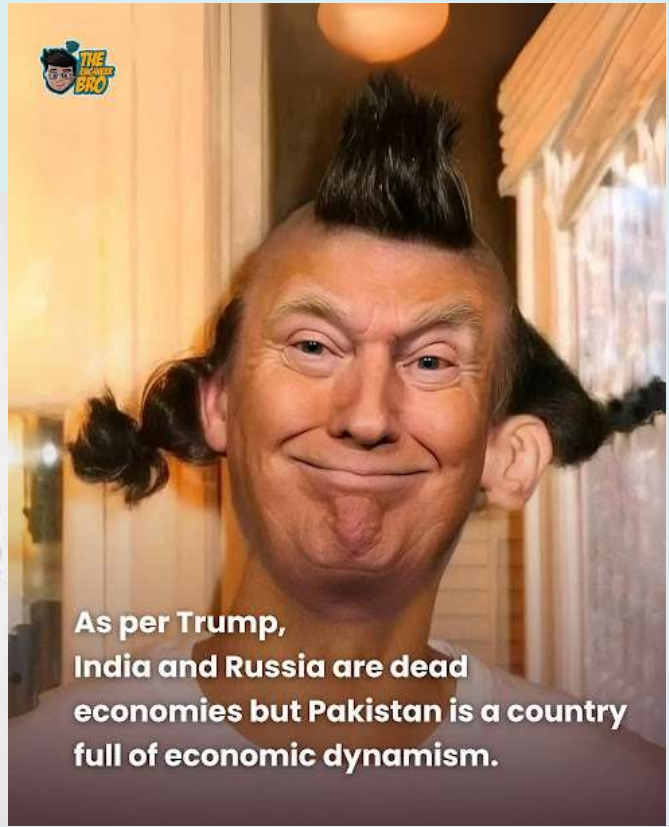




## Laughter- The Best Medicine



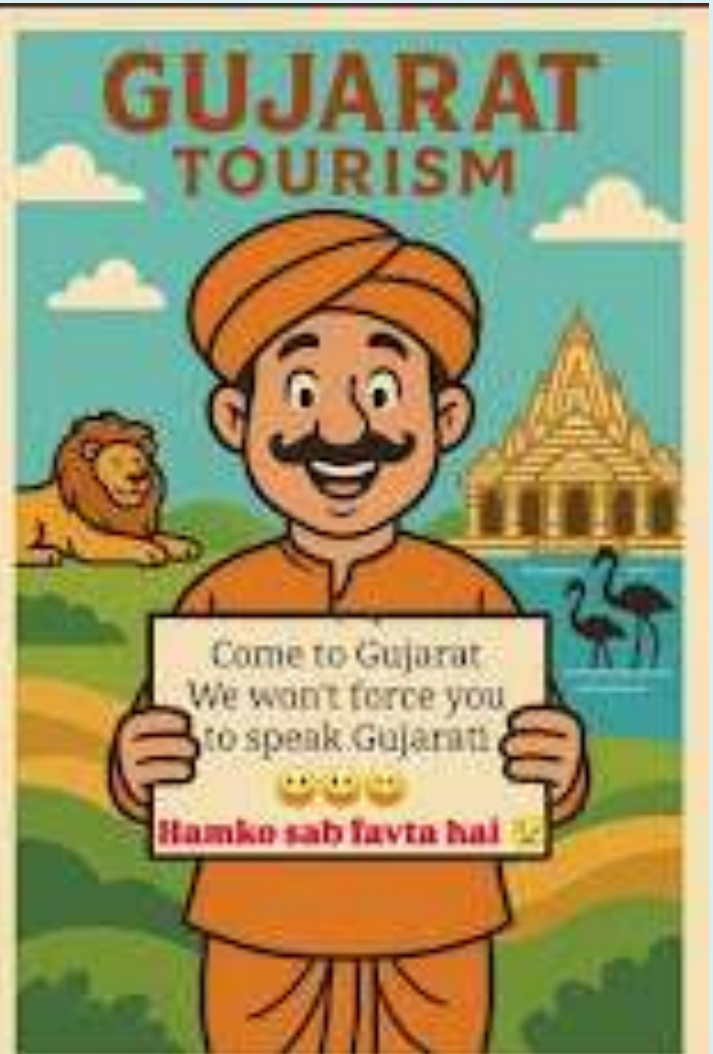
The fourth  
monkey has emerged.  
He sees no one,  
hears no one, and  
speaks to no one.



As per Trump,  
India and Russia are dead  
economies but Pakistan is a country  
full of economic dynamism.



पत्नी पति से -  
पूरा दिन क्रिकेट, क्रिकेट..  
मैं घर छोड़ कर जा  
रही हूं..  
पति (कमेंट्री के अंदाज में) -  
पहलीबार कदमों का  
बेहतरीन इस्तेमाल..!!





## **SOLAR IMPULSE**



The Solar Impulse 2, a Swiss-engineered aircraft, made history by flying around the world using only solar power—no fuel, no emissions, and purely clean energy. Covering over 40,000 km, the mission began in 2015 and concluded in 2016, making 17 stops across 4 continents.

With a wingspan wider than a Boeing 747 but lighter than a car, it housed over 17,000 solar cells on its wings and fuselage. The aircraft could fly day and night, storing solar energy in onboard batteries for night time propulsion.

This mission wasn't about speed or convenience—it was a symbol of sustainable innovation. Solar Impulse 2 proved that renewable energy isn't a dream for the future—it can already carry us around the world.

Courtesy: PP Bankim Sitwala

**“Spark” wishes Happy International Friendship Day to all readers**

