

## BULLETIN of ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT WEST



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R.I. Dist. **3060** Zone **4-B**  
Club No. : **31549**  
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**08/2024-25**

## NEXT MEETING

**\*Sunday, 29th September**

**Program: Inter School Elocution Competition**

**Time: 11. 00 Am**

**Venue: The Amore, Opera-1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.**

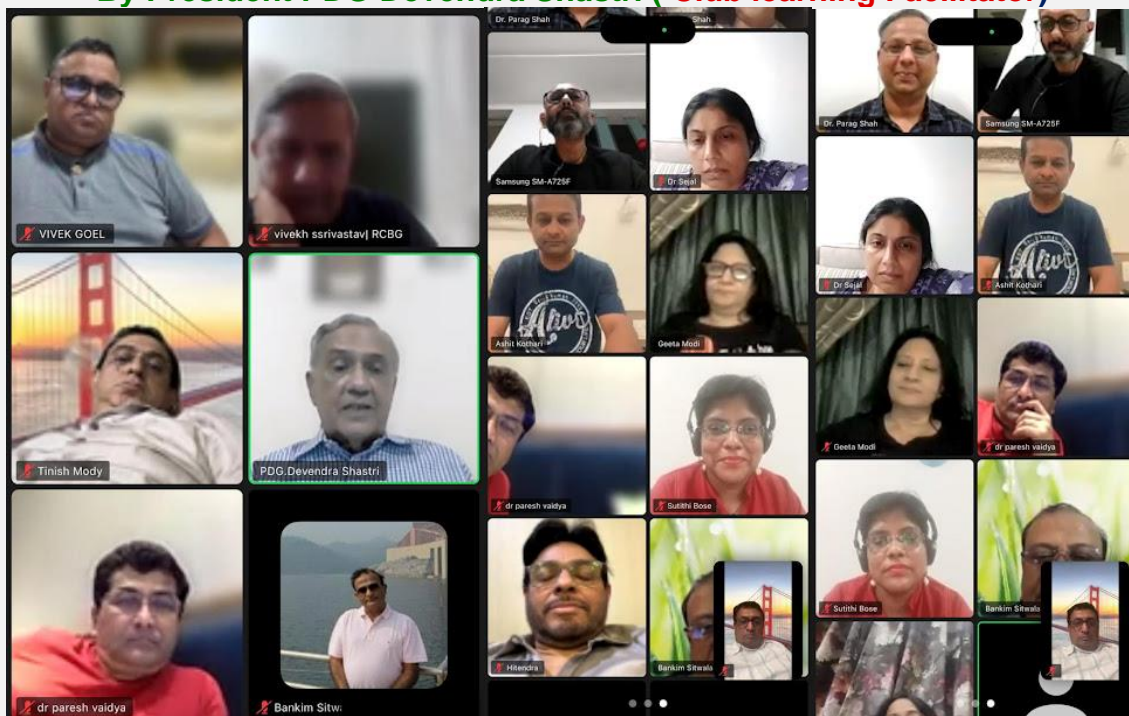
**\*The event will be followed by LUNCH.**

## Forthcoming Programs

- **Thursday,26<sup>th</sup> September**; Meeting to Welcome RI President-Elect  
**Mario Cesar MrtinsCamargo and wife  
Danise Camargo, BRAZIL.**
- **Sunday, 29th September** : **Inter School Elocution Competition**
- **Sunday, October 02** : **Jt. Meeting with Rotary clubs- Speaker:Mr. Lalit Kapoor**
- **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October** : **FIRESIDE MEETING-**  
**\*Rotarians please come forward to host the Get-To-Gather.** If interested,Please contact  
President PDG. Devendra Shastri on or before 1<sup>st</sup> October
- **Wednesday,16 th October**: **Mental Health Awareness Conclave**  
**Venue: Dilip Praesh Rotary Hall,**  
**Adjoining T & T.V. Sarvajanik School, Nanpura.**  
**Time: 8.30 Pm. DINNER MEETING.**
- **Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> October** : **DIWALI GET-TO-GATHER**

## **Last Meeting: September 18**

**Speaker meeting – Topic: - Rotary Basics- ABC's of Rotary  
By President PDG Devendra Shastri ( Club learning Facilitator)**



Our club was honoured to have **our own President PDG Devendra Shastri ( club learning facilitator) as a speaker, who spoke on the ABC's of Rotary.**

The meeting started by the **welcome speech of the meeting co-ordinator PE Parag Shah, who welcomed everyone present.**

After which, **PP Rtn Hitendra Mody introduced PDG Devendra Shastri in his immaculate style.** He said that PDG Devendra Shastri is not only a distinguished Rotary leader but also a friend, philosopher, and guide to many in the Rotary community. His experience and insights have always been a source of inspiration.

**President PDG Devendra Shastri**, then started his speech, where in his power point presentation, he started off with a brief history of the birth of Rotary. He spoke on the Definition of Rotary, that Rotary is an organization of business & professional persons, united world-wide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build good will and peace in the world. He also spoke on how the Rotary is structured, including various 34 different zones and 535 districts world-wide, spread across 220 countries. Our club is in RI district 3060.

PDG Devendra Shastri said that club service, vocational service, community service, international service and youth service are the avenues that serve as foundation of club activity. He said that all are welcome irrespective of their caste, creed, religion or nationality to become a rotary member. His vast experience and insightful remarks provided a valuable perspective on Rotary's mission. The importance of building connections and commitment to serving others.

**The meeting was well attended not only from our own members, but also from across the district and beyond.** There was a **Q & A session** after his speech, wherein the members had the opportunity to further explore Rotary.

The meeting ended after the vote of thanks by **PP. Rtn. Vivek Goel**

**- Report by Rtn.PP. Bankim Sitwala**

**RI President Elect to visit Surat on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**ODYSSEY OF SERVICE**  
**A ROTARY CELEBRATION**



**NAMASTE!**

**26 SEPTEMBER**

**7:00 PM**

MARIGOLD,  
AVADH UTOPIA,  
OPP. AIRPORT,  
DUMAS ROAD, SURAT

Registration Fee  
1200/- (Up to 10 Sep 24)  
1500/- (11 Sep 24 to Spot)

ROTARY DISTRICT 3060  
SOUTH MAHARASHTRA  
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Equitas Small Finance Bank,  
Varachha, Surat

**RID 3060 WARMLY WELCOMES**  
**RIPE Mário César Martins De Camargo**  
**&**  
**His Wife Denise De Camargo**

DG Tushar Shah  
Event Convener

PDG Ruchir Jani  
Event Chair

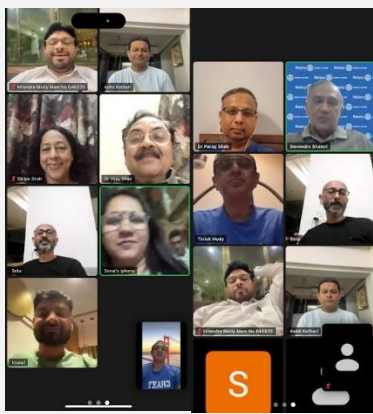
Event Secretary  
PP Ketan Joshi

Registration Chair  
PP Manish Poddar

**Membership Statistics**

| <b>Membership figures as of 01 September 2024 **</b>     |                     |                  |                       |                    |
|--|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Country</b>   | <b>Rotary Clubs</b> | <b>Rotarians</b> | <b>Rotaract Clubs</b> | <b>Rotaractors</b> |
| <b>Bangladesh</b>  | 432                 | 8,877            | 356                   | 2,116              |
| <b>Bhutan</b>  | 1                   | 29               | 0                     | 0                  |
| <b>India</b>   | 4,659               | 174,561          | 1,866                 | 286,620            |
| <b>Maldives</b>  | 1                   | 43               | 0                     | 0                  |
| <b>Nepal</b>   | 158                 | 5,448            | 154                   | 4,816              |
| <b>Pakistan</b>  | 196                 | 2,641            | 149                   | 714                |
| <b>Sri Lanka</b>   | 69                  | 1,905            | 77                    | 3,034              |
| <b>Total</b>   | 5,516               | 193,504          | 2,602                 | 39,300             |
| <b>Worldwide</b>   | <b>36,638</b>       | <b>1,160,261</b> | <b>8,860</b>          | <b>117,636</b>     |
| <b>** These are system generated figures as on date.</b> |                     |                  |                       |                    |

## Highlights of Meeting of Board of Directors- September 11



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Directors meeting for R.Y.2024-25 was held on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024 online in Virtual mode (Zoom meeting) at 8.30 pm.

1. The minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting for R.Y.2024-25 held on 14<sup>th</sup> August was read out by Jt. Hon Sec Rtn. Tinish Mody and was confirmed by the Board of Directors.
2. President PDG Devendra Shastri updated on the visit of R I President Elect Mario on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept at Avadh Utopia and requested members to attend the event. President himself & President Elect Dr Parag Shah, PP Rtn Bhavesh had registered for the same.
3. President PDG Devendra Shastri updated for the R I District 3060 conference Jodhpur to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec to 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec and requested members to get themselves registered for the same.
4. PP Rtn Setu Gandhi discussed the detailed Program and arrangements made for the Inter School elocution competition event to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024 at Amore. Almost 8 schools had registered till date and still more entries were awaited as the deadline was 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024. it was decided to finalize the Judges for the event.
5. President PDG Devendra Shastri suggested for the program to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 for Diwali get to gather. Board member shared suggestions for the program. PP Tinish Mody and PP Ashit Kothari were Authorized to select suitable venue for the Diwali Get-together meet.
6. President PDG Devendra Shastri informed the board that official visit of Our District Governor 3060 Shri Tusharbai Shah is scheduled on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. He requested to block the date and keep that day free.
7. PP Rtn Bhavesh Shah suggested for participating in joint meeting with other Rotary clubs and Institutions on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct at 3 pm to 6 pm whereby internationally well-known speaker Mr.Lalit Kapoor, the founding director of Plant based wellness foundation, will speak on Nutrition & health to cure lifestyle disease like hypertension, Diabetes Hypothyroidism, Gout, and sleep apnoea.

Report by PP Hon Sec Rtn. Tinish Mody.

# **Mental Health Conclave- October 15-15-16 2024**

## **Mental Health Conclave**

14-15-16 October 2024

A series of Joint Club Speaker meetings of all Rotary Clubs of Surat city,  
to commemorate the Mental Health Month (October)

Venue: Dilip Paresh Rotary Hall

Timings: 8.00pm - 8.45pm Dinner  
8.45pm - 10.15pm Speaker Session

| Date / Day                              | Primary Host Club                  | Co-Host Clubs  | Sessions   |
|---|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> October<br>(Monday)    | Rotary Club of<br>Surat Tapi       | Max. Rotary Clubs<br>of Surat City will<br>be invited to join<br>as Co-Host for<br>any one of the<br>days – thus<br>forming 3 groups<br>for 3 days | Different Topics related to<br>Mental Health on each<br>day.<br>Either Individual Speaker<br>session OR Panel<br>discussion OR Q-A /<br>Interactive session - On<br>each day |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> October<br>(Tuesday)   | Rotary Club of<br>Surat Round Town |  |  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> October<br>(Wednesday) | Rotary Club of<br>Surat West       |  |  |

- The host clubs will primarily organize the session on respective day.
- Members of all other clubs will be invited to join as participants on any / all the three days.
  
- Filling up Google form for Registration before the event shall be compulsory for all participants (from host clubs as well as invited clubs).
  
- Dinner expenses shall be borne from the registration fees (received from participants of host clubs as well as invited clubs – for a given day).
- Other than dinner expenses, can be borne equally by the host clubs of that respective day.

### Invited Participants:

- All Rotary Clubs of Surat city are invited.
- Rotarians, Anns & Rotary husbands - can attend
- Any participants can choose to attend either one / more sessions of their interest, out of these three.

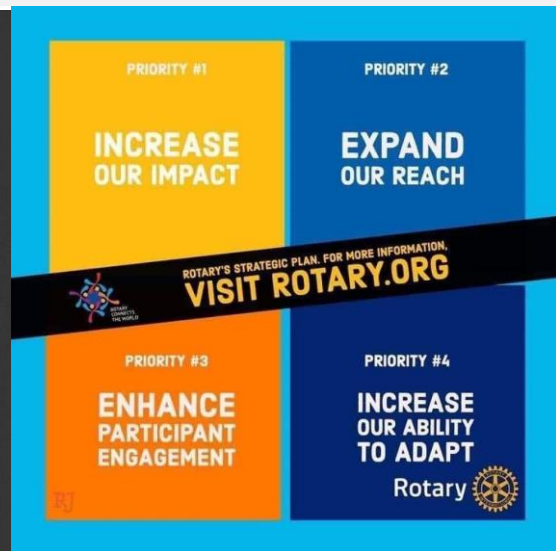
Coordinator: Dr. Parag Shah (Rotary Dist. 3060 - Mental Health Chair)  
(9426138318 / drparagshah@rediffmail.com)

## ROTARY WISDOM

*“Rotary demands three important business obligations — sincerity in affirming, simplicity in bargaining, and faithfulness in performing. And to this may I add that good citizenship is a most positive business obligation.”*

~Raymond M. Havens  
Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA  
1923 RI Convention

[www.rotary5910.org](http://www.rotary5910.org)



## What Does Rotary Do?

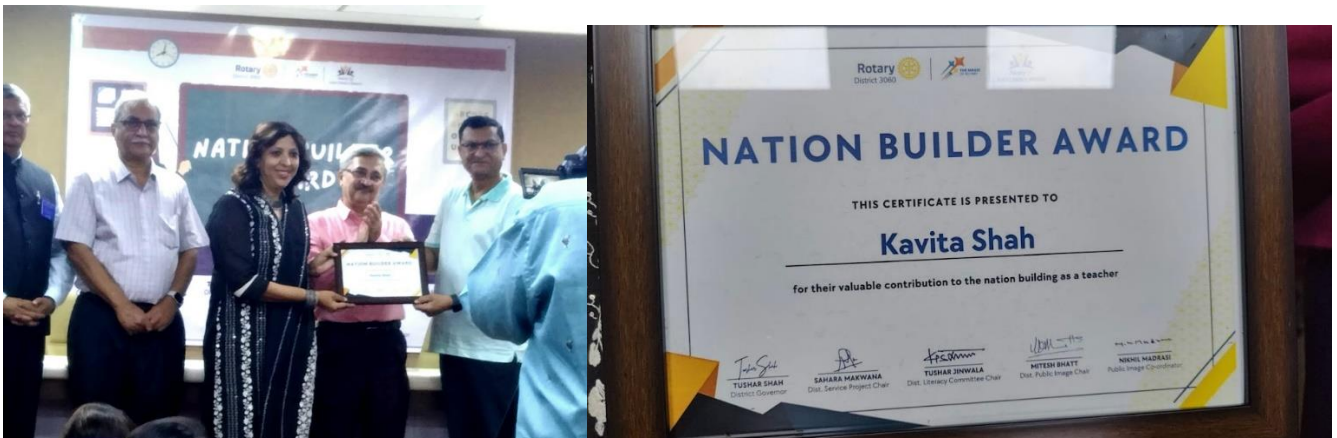
Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. There are more than 45,000 clubs work together across the United States to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment



## Nation Builder Award by RI District 3060

On Sunday, 15th September, RI District 3060 organized a function to felicitate Teachers (who are NOT Rotarians or spouse nominated by Rotary clubs). Our club nominee **Mrs. Kavita Shah** received the award at the hands of Vanita Vishram University Provost Shri. Daxesh Thakkar.



## **Rotary Fireside Get-To-Gather-8&15 September**

**Hosts:** Rtn. PP. Setu Gandhi, Rtn. PDG Devendra Shastri and Rtn. PE Dr. Parag Shah



## Laughter- The Best Medicine

I had a problem with my computer yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11 year old kid next door.

Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?"

He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless asked, "An, ID ten T error? What's that?"

Eric grinned... "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?"

"No," I replied.

"Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

So I wrote down: "ID10T"

And I used to like Eric, the little b~~u~~s<sup>t</sup>ard.





