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NEXT MEETING- Wednesday, September 10




World Suicide Prevention Day
"How You Can Save a Life ?"

हमारे आस-पास खुदकुशी के किस्से बढ़ रहे हैं ?
अगर वो इंसान, हमारे सामने हो,
तो क्या हम उसकी जान बचा सकते हैं ? कैसे ?


 **10 Sep 2025**
Wednesday


 **08:30-09.30PM**

On Zoom 

Host:
Rotary Club of Surat West
&
Rotary Club of Surat Tapi

Speaker
Dr. Abha Bang Soni
Consultant Psychiatrist & Director at
BRAMHA & ASSSAN Hospitals, Nagpur





Program Co-ordinator: President Rtn Dr. Parag Shah
(Rotary Club of Surat West) (Dist 3060 - Mental Health Co-ordinator)

Rtn Amardeep Singh Bunet Rtn Santosh Pradhan Rtn Sarah Makwana
(District Governor) (Dist Service Project Counsellor) (Dist Service Project Chair)

***Rotarians and Spouses most welcome.**

Forthcoming District Event

Sunday, September 14

Program: Intercity Meet Cluster 3
Membership, Service Projects and Public
image seminar

Venue: Agrawal Pragati Trust,
Near Avadh Utopia, Dumas Road, Surat

Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm

Birthday Greetings

Rtn. Ajay Varshney.....- September 7

Rtn. Rajesh Agrawal...- September 9

Rtn. Rajesh Nandwani-September 10

PP. Krunal Mehta.....- September 13

Forthcoming Programs

*** September 12&13.....: Rotary Photo Exhibition at Platinum Hall, SIECC, Sarthana.**

*** Sunday, 21st September: * Workshop on Terrace Gardening**

*** Sunday, 28th September: * Inter School Elocution Competition**

*** Wednesday, 15th October: * Diwali Get-To-Gather**

*** Sunday, 09th November: 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club Celebration
And felicitation of New Paul Harris Fellows**

Chief Guest: PRID. Dr. Manoj Desai.
Meeting followed by LUNCH.

Rotary Wisdom



Rotary 

“ We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

For more information,
ROTARY.ORG



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

- Malala Yousefzai



Former RIPE Sangkoo Yun, Korea is no more



We share with heavy hearts the sad news of the passing of **former Rotary International President-Elect for 2026–27, Rtn. Sangkoo Yun , Korea.**

Just a month ago, his resignation was accepted due to health complications — and now we mourn the loss of a person deeply devoted to service and leadership.

🙏 May the Almighty grant peace to his noble soul and strength to his family in this time of profound grief. His vision and dedication to Rotary's ideals will continue to guide us all.

Rotary Photo Exhibition- 12& 13 September

A poster for the Rotary Photo Exhibition. At the top, it features the Rotary logo, the text 'Rotary Club of Surat West, DIST. 3060', and the 'PHOTO EXHIBITION' title. To the right are logos for 'UNITE FOR GOOD' and 'SGCCI' with the word 'संस्कृति' in Hindi. The central image shows a woman in a red sari smiling. Text on the poster includes 'Explore | Create | Inspire', 'MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO EXPLORE THE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY', 'PORTRAITS OF FESTIVALS', 'JOIN US FROM 12 & 13 SEPTEMBER', 'TIME: 12 NOON to 9 PM', 'SANSKRITI THE MEGA ART FESTIVAL', 'VENUE: PLATINUM HALL, SIECC CAMPUS, SARTHANA, SURAT', and 'BOOTH NO: 46 & 47'. At the bottom, it says 'Supported By:' followed by logos for Bhavakart Green, Synergy, Kapo, Mahila Wealth, CSFK, and Golden Eye.

Step into a world of stories captured through the lens. Join us at the Rotary Photo Exhibition — a showcase of award-winning photographs and some of the finest works from across the nation, at Sanskriti: **The Mega Art Festival on 12 & 13 September from 12 PM to 9 PM @Platinum Hall, SIECC Campus, Sarthana, Surat.** PP. Vivek Goel is working hard to make this event a grand success!

Cedar Rapids pilot to fly across Atlantic in support of polio eradication



A Cedar Rapids pilot is currently flying across the Atlantic Ocean to support polio eradication efforts with a goal of raising \$1 million for the cause. The campaign has already raised \$100,000.

Peter Teahen, of Cedar Rapids, is flying with his co-pilot Ed Galkin, of New Jersey. The pair's journey began Saturday, taking off from New Jersey. **The entire journey will take them 37 days with stops in 11 countries.**

Teahen and Galkin are longtime Rotary Club members and are raising money through the Rotary Foundation. The Gates Foundation is matching donations, providing \$2 for every \$1 donated to the campaign.

Teahen joined the Cedar Rapids West Rotary Club in 1984, only a year before the Rotary Foundation started its polio eradication education efforts.

"On the international level, to see the energy that we created so just completely blows us away. And that's why we're so excited to do this trip, and why Rotarians are supporting us, saying this is the most unique fundraiser ever done," said Teahen.

Points to Ponder

Watch your thoughts,
they become words.
Watch your words,
they become actions.
Watch your actions,
they become habits.
Watch your habits,
they become character.
Watch your character;
it becomes your destiny.

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LEAD AND INSPIRE
PEOPLE.

DON'T TRY TO
MANAGE AND
MANIPULATE
PEOPLE.

INVENTORIES CAN
BE MANAGED BUT
PEOPLE MUST BE
LED.

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Applications for Rotary Friendship Exchange program

2025-26 invited



6th September, 2025

**Fellow Rotarians
Rotary Club of Surat West**

Pasted below is Email received from R I District 3060 Friendship Exchange Program Chair.

As the last date to receive CLUB SPONSORED complete application by the District is 20th September 2025 with complete documents and Cheque of prescribed amount in the email - The completed application must be submitted to President Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah on or earlier than 14th September, 2025.

For further information and clarification – Please do not hesitate to contact Club Rotary Friendship Exchange Program Chair Rtn. PP. Bhavesh Shah <M> 9825232620 (only Whatsapp) or President Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah <M> 9426138318.

With Rotary Greetings,

**Rtn Dr. Parag Shah
President
RC Surat West**

Greetings from Rotary District 3060!

Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) is a unique program that provides Rotarians and their families with the opportunity to travel, experience new cultures, strengthen Rotary's global bonds, and promote goodwill and understanding. As part of the District 3060 RFE Committee, we are pleased to invite your esteemed club to encourage eligible Rotarians to apply for participation in the RFE Program 2025–26. This enriching program will include cultural immersion, club fellowship, and opportunities to showcase our district's hospitality by hosting the inbound team.

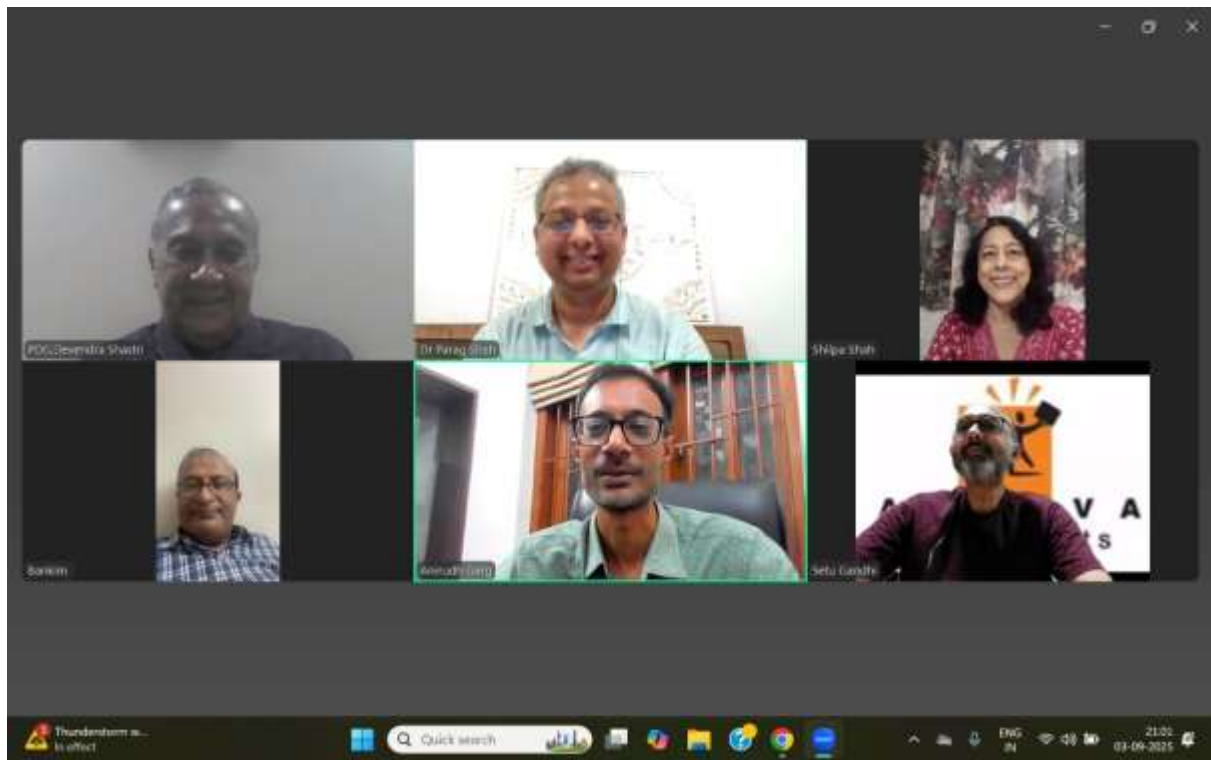
We request your kind support in: 1. Sharing this opportunity with your members. 2. Nominating interested Rotarians (with their spouse, if applicable) through a Club Undertaking & Resolution, duly signed by the Club President and Hon. Secretary. 3. Ensuring that the completed application forms, along with the Club Resolution and cheque, reach the District RFE Chair before 20th September 2025. Please note that only applications accompanied by the Club Undertaking & Resolution will be considered valid.

We are enclosing an application form herewith also.

For any assistance, please contact:

**Rtn. Devang Munim
District RFE Chair
Email: devangmunim@poojagroup.com | Mobile: +91 98251 29547**

Highlights of Board of Directors meeting held on September 3

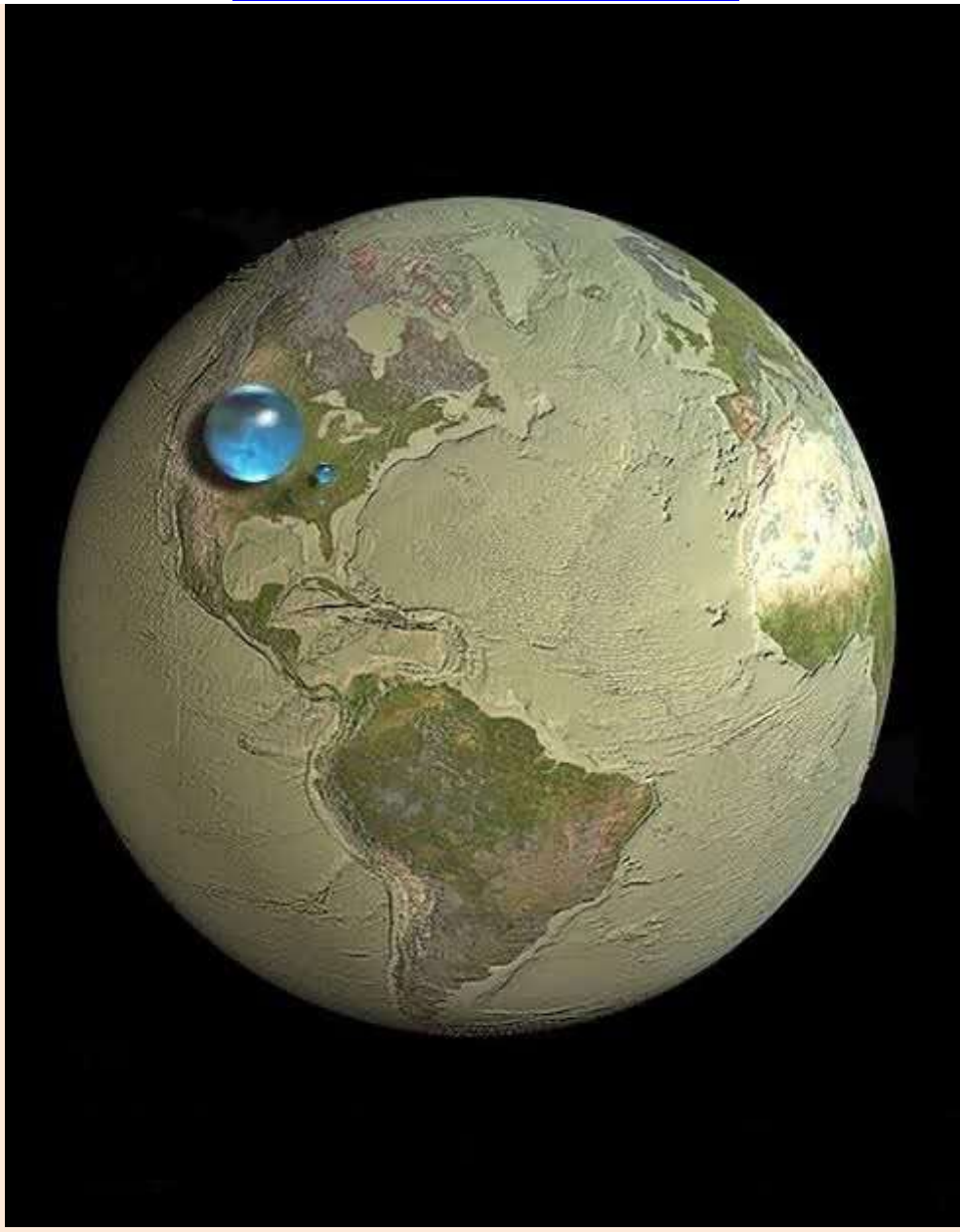


The 3rd Board of Directors meeting for R.Y.2025-26 was held on 03rd Sept 2025 online in Virtual mode (Zoom meeting) at 8.30 pm.

1. The **minutes of the last Board of Directors** meeting for R.Y.2025-26 held on 06th Aug was read out by Hon Sec **Rtn. Anirudh Garg** and was confirmed by the Board of Directors.
2. President Rtn. Parag Shah briefed the board about the **pending club dues for the R.Y. 2025-26**. PDG Rtn. Devendra Shastri suggested Rotarians who can help in getting club fees.
3. **President Rtn. Parag Shah** informed the board about the **district program of Membership, Service Project & Public Image seminar to be held on 14th Sept** and requested everyone to participate for the same.
4. President Rtn. Parag Shah announced to the board the **date of the next AG meet which would be 1st of October on zoom or offline mode along with the next BOD**. Also, it was suggested to motivate **all committee chairs to be present to read out their brief reports for the first three months of FY 2025-26**.
5. President Rtn. Parag Shah informed the board about **Inter-School Elocution competition** to be held on 28th October 2025 morning. **Rtn. Sandeep Monga** would be the program chair for the same.
6. President Rtn. Parag Shah told everyone about the **forthcoming Mental Health Webinar organized on 10th September & Terrace Gardening field trip planned on 21st Sept 2025**.
7. President Rtn. Parag Shah announced to the board that **the Diwali celebration program is planned on the 15th of October 2025**. He said that **farm house of Rtn. Gaurang Goel** had been finalized as venue and we were planning some interactive games and other programs to make the event exciting and memorable for all.
8. PDG Rtn. Devendra Shastri informed the board that the **meeting for celebrating 100 PHF club would can be held on 9th November 2025**. The board resolved to have him as the Program Coordinator for the event.
9. President Dr Parag Shah shared about the communication received from **Scopa School of Performing Arts**, with regards to a **needy student's fees & the board resolved to float the message in the club for reaching out to any potential sponsors**.
10. **President Dr Parag Shah** shared about the email received from Rotary District 3060 about **RFE Program 2025-26**, the information of which shall be shared to all the club members.

-Report by Hon Sec Rtn. Anirudh Garg Rotary club of Surat West

All the water in the world



If we were to put all the water on Earth into a single ball, we would be surprised at how small it is compared to the planet itself. Although water covers about 71% of the Earth's surface, giving it the appearance of a blue planet, the majority of this amount—about 97%—is found in the oceans and salty seas, unfit for drinking or direct use. The fresh water we need for life is extremely limited, with more than 2% of it locked away in ice caps and glaciers. Less than 1% is left for humans, distributed among rivers, lakes, and groundwater. This amount is the basis for all our agricultural, industrial, and other life activities.

If we were to imagine all this water combined, it would form a ball with a diameter of no more than 1,400 kilometers, a size that seems modest compared to the Earth's diameter of more than 12,700 kilometers. Even the deepest point in the ocean, the Mariana Trench, which is about 11 kilometers deep, remains extremely shallow compared to the Earth's enormous thickness of more than 6,370 kilometers.

This simple visualization reveals that water, despite its overwhelming presence on Earth's surface, is merely a thin, fragile layer surrounding a vast planet. It's an important reminder that freshwater resources are severely limited, and that their conservation and wise management have become an urgent necessity in the face of climate change and the ever-increasing human population.

Courtesy: PP Bankim Sitwala

Pictures that make news



टीचर: नेता जी,
आपका बेटा फेल हो गया है
और आप लड्डू खिला रहे हो?
नेता जी: 80 लड़कों की क्लास में
60 फेल हैं....
बहुमत तो मेरे बेटे के साथ है....



अर्ज किया है..
जरा गौर फरमाइए...
जब देखा उन्होंने तिरछी नजर
से, कसम खुदा की, मदहोश हो
गए हम!

पर जब पता चला नजर
पर्मानेंट तिरछी है, वहीं खड़े-
खड़े बेहोश हो गए हम...!!!



पहले जब लोग
सोते थे
तो शरीर को आराम
मिलता था

अब सोते हैं
तो मोबाइल को आराम
मिलता है

