

## BULLETIN of ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT WEST



Rotary  
District 3060



Rotary Year **2025-26**

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R.I. Dist. **3060** Zone **4-B**

Club No. : **31549**

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**02/2025-26**

## NEXT MEETING

**Sunday, 27th July**

**Program:** Medical Camp & Musical Morning at Old Age Home

**Venue:** Shree Modheshwari Hitvardhak charitable trust- Old Age Home, Bhatha, Surat.

**Time:** Medical Camp: 8am to 9.30am Musical Morning: 9.30 am to 11 am



### Forthcoming Programs

**August 6:** Meeting of Club Board of Directors on **Zoom platform**

**August 15:** Independence Day Flag Hosting at **Millennium School, Surat**

### Birthday Greetings

Ann Binny Chirag Gandhi- **July 17**

Rtn. Anant Agrawal.....- **July 19**

Ann Hem Tinish Mody.... -**July 23**

## Last Meeting- July 09. AG's Visit cum Club Assembly



1<sup>st</sup> meeting after Installation and we could see bubbling spirit of fellow Rotarians who turned up in unexpectedly large numbers. After delicious Dinner and enlivening fellowship, the meeting kicked off with **Sgt-At-Arms Rtn. Amit Desai** calling meeting to order.

**President Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah** extended cordial welcome to one and all especially **AG Rtn. Bankim Vashi**, member and Past President of Rotary Surat Riverside. President introduced him as a Rotarian with 25+ years of experience and active on District level. A fine singer and handsome personality, AG Bankim found many of his friends in our club.

**PDG Devendra Shastri** shared his thoughts on “Our Purpose Today” explaining the role of Asst. Governor who is a connecting link between District Governor and Club Leaders.

Thereafter, each responsible officer shared the report under his/her avenue of service which gave idea of multi furious activities and projects planned by our club during Rotary Year 2025-26. AG Bankim Vashi in his observations, emphasized **the need for Membership Development** and urged our club to focus on this challenging task. He also talked about upcoming **District Conference coming up at AGRA on 3,31 January and 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2026**. AG added that now all club reporting to DG and AG is done digitally making it easy for club leaders. AG was much impressed with our club's plans and projects. **He praised the leadership of President Rtn. Dr. Parag and Hon. Secretary Rtn. Anirudh.**

President Parag shared details of major District Events to take place in current year and urged all members to attend these events especially District Conference in large numbers. There was useful exchange of information by members with AG. **Everyone felt better informed on current policies and initiatives of DG Amardeep Singh Bunet and RI President Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy.**

After usual announcement by **Jt. Secretary Rtn. Gaurang Goel**, **Rtn. PP. Dr. Paresch Vaidya** proposed a hearty vote of thanks to AG Bankim Vashi and all members for their presence and participation.





## Tree Plantation Project- Sunday, July 6



### **Members Attended:**

President Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah, PP Rtn Setu Gandhi, Rtn Vijay Mevcha, Rtn. Raghav Khaitan, Rtn. Dr. Vijay Shah, Rtn. Shilpa Shah, Rtn. Rajesh Bansal, Hon. Sec. Rtn Anirudh Garg.

First Lady Ann. Sejal Shah, Ann Madhavi Mevcha, Ann Sukruti Vaidya, Ann Archita Khaitan & Ann. Rakhi Gandhi

The event was organized by **Host organization Setu Cooperatives** – which is run by Dr. Paresh & Keyuri Shah (Brother of our PE Rtn. Dr. Vijay Shah)

Project chair **Ann. Rakhi Gandhi and Rtn. Shilpa Shah** coordinated wonderfully with them and all the RCSW members attending the event had a memorable time planting tree saplings in the rain. The location was mesmerizing with a wonderful lake in the background so how could we miss scores of photos and with the rain god happily participating the photos had different props like umbrellas and rain coats among other things.

After tree plantation we joined the hosts in their main hall for tea & snacks, where we got a brief about Miyawaki forest technique. We also got to know how much effort goes in preserving the saplings planted so that they grow into trees. We were also made aware of the historical significance of this place as Mahatma Gandhi had visited this place during Dandi Satyagrah.

Overall, a fun filled & enriching experience – **thanks to the Project Chair and Terrace Gardner of our Club Ann. Rakhi Gandhi**

- Report by President Dr. Parag Shah.

**Blood Donation Camp- July 10**  
**Joint project by 6 Rotary clubs of Surat Area**



**Joint Club Project with:**

Rotary Club of Udhna, Rotary Club of Surat, Rotary Club of Surat Tapi, Rotary Club Surat Riverside, Rotary Club of Surat Sea face

**Members Attended:**

President Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah  
PP. Rtn. Tinish Mody  
PP. Rtn. Vivek Goel  
PP. Rtn. Shilpa Shah  
Rtn. Dr. Vijay Shah  
Rtn. Anurag Kapoor  
Rtn. Amit Desai  
Rtn. Vijay Mevcha  
Hon. Sec. Rtn Anirudh Garg

The event was organized by NJ Group. Rtn. Niraj Choksi, Co-Founder of NJ group was present and his staff took care of all logistics, snacks and Tea/Coffee. Chief guest AG Rtn. Nehal Shah attended the event and welcomed all. **PP Rtn. Tinish Mody, PP Rtn. Vivek Goel, Rtn. Anurag Kapoor and Rtn. Vijay Mevcha donated blood and got certificates for the same.** The rest of the members of RCSW cheered them on and had lots of fun interacting with other club Rotarians and Anns. We had tea/coffee and snacks and had a great time. **Total of 185 units of blood were collected. Many group photographs were taken with various Rotary clubs.**

**All in all a great and successful event managed by Project Chair Rtn. Anurag Kapoor.**

**-Report by President Dr. Parag Shah.**



## District Conference at Agra.



**Dates**  
30th, 31st Jan & 1st Feb 2026

**Venue**  
Jaypee Palace Hotel & Convention Centre, Agra

This 5 Star lavish creation is extraordinarily unique and awe-striking when it comes to ambience, recreation, accommodation, food, spa and everything that you can name. The incredible beauty and irresistible charm of this hotel lure thousands of visitors each year. The amusement and recreation facilities at Jaypee Palace Hotel will make you visit this place again and again. Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra, built of red sandstone and white marble, is a Mughal architecture.

**Host Club**  
Rotary Club of Bharuch

**Co-Host Clubs**  
RC Ankleshwar  
RC Bharuch Femina  
RC Dahej  
RC Bharuch Narmada Nagari

**Registration Details With Accommodation**

Slab	Time Lines	Couple Registration	Twin Sharing	Single Sharing	Single Occupancy	Extra for Child above 5 Years
Slab-1 20th to 22nd Dec 2024		38000	20000	17000	35000	7000
	Spot Payment @ Jodhpur	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
	To be paid till 10th Jan 2025	5000	3000	3000	5000	3000
	Last date of Balance Payment	15th Apr 2025	15th Apr 2025	15th Apr 2025	15th Apr 2025	15th Apr 2025
Slab-2 23rd Dec 2024 to 15th April 2025		40000	23000	18000	36000	8000
	Last date of Payment	15th Apr 2025	15th Apr 2025	15th Apr 2025	15th Apr 2025	15th Apr 2025
Slab-3 16th April to 31st August 2025		42000	23000	20000	38000	9000
	Last date of Payment	31st Aug 2025	31st Aug 2025	31st Aug 2025	31st Aug 2025	31st Aug 2025
Slab-4 1st Sept. to 31st Dec. 2025		44000	25000	22000	40000	10000
	Last date of Payment	31st Dec 2025	31st Dec 2025	31st Dec 2025	31st Dec 2025	31st Dec 2025

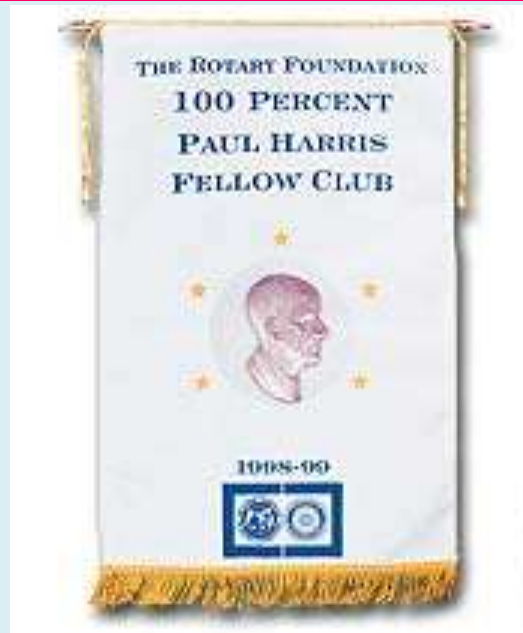
**Bank Details**  
Account Name: Rotary District 3060 Conference 2526  
A/C No.: 30042001001644  
Branch Name: Shethna Plaza, Station Road, Bharuch  
IFSC Code: PMEC0100809  
Bank: Prime Co-operative Bank Ltd

**Registration Details Without Accommodation**

Slab	Time Lines	Rotarians Per Pax	Rotaractors Per Pax	Interactors & Child above 6 years Per Pax
Slab-1 20th to 22nd Dec 2024		13500	9000	7000
	Spot Payment @ Jodhpur	1000	1000	1000
	To be paid till 10th Jan 2025	-	-	-
	Last date of Balance Payment	15th Apr 2025	15th Apr 2025	15th Apr 2025
Slab-2 23rd Dec 2024 to 15th April 2025		14000	10000	8000
	Last date of Payment	15th Apr 2025	15th Apr 2025	15th Apr 2025
Slab-3 16th April to 31st August 2025		15000	11000	9000
	Last date of Payment	31st Aug 2025	31st Aug 2025	31st Aug 2025
Tot Cost for 31st Dec 2025		130000	140000	100000

**For further details, please contact President Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah**

## **Our club is 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club 2024-25**



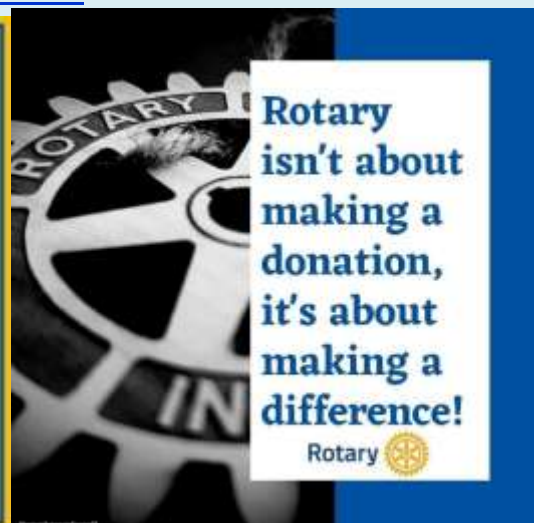
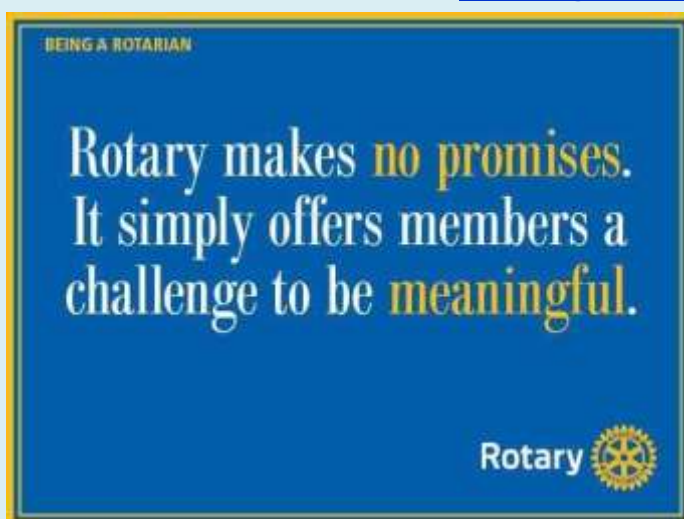
Our club has achieved enviable milestone with all 42 Rotarians becoming PHF as on 30 June, 2025. Very few Rotary clubs in our District has this honor. Thanks to fellow Rotarians for their generous contribution to the Rotary Foundation and also sharing their TRF recognition points to help fellow Rotarians to become PHF.

### **New PHFs in Rotary year 2024-25 are;**

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Agarwal, Rajesh Omprakash Agrawal | 11. Mandhyan, Rahul Y.              |
| 2. Bansal, Rajesh                    | 12. Mandlewala, Nirav Nilesh        |
| 3. Desai, Amit Jitendra              | 13. Mevcha, Vijay Vinu Bhai         |
| 4. Doctor, Tasnim.                   | 14. Monga, Sandeep                  |
| 5. Gandhi, Setu Rajnikant            | 15. Nandwani, Rajesh Parmanand.     |
| 6. Goel, Gaurang.                    | 16. Nihalani, Vijay K (Major Donor) |
| 7. Goel, Vivek Omprakash.            | 17. PITALIYA, ANIL Y                |
| 8. Jain, Mukesh Ashok.               | 18. Shah, Parag Y                   |
| 9. Jalan Sanjay Murarilal.           | 19.. Thakare, Sr., Archana Milind Y |
| 10. Khaitan, Raghav Y.               | 20. Garg Anirudh                    |

**\*Rest of 22 Rotarians were already Paul Harris Fellow prior to Rotary Year 2024-25.**

## **Rotary Wisdom**



## Untold Story

In 1986, Christopher Thomas Knight ran out of gas in rural Maine, walked into the woods—and stayed there. He lived alone, without human contact, for 27 years.



**oddlyhorrifying** In 1986, 20-year-old Christopher Thomas Knight made a decision that would turn him into a modern-day myth. After running out of gas on a remote road in rural Maine, he abandoned his car, walked into the dense woods—and simply never came back. Without telling anyone, he vanished into the forest, beginning a life of complete solitude that would last an astonishing 27 years.

Knight settled in a secluded area near North Pond, living in a hidden encampment cleverly camouflaged among the trees. He built a modest shelter from tarps and scavenged materials, enduring brutal Maine winters without a campfire, fearing the smoke might give him away. To survive, he relied entirely on stealing food, clothing, and supplies from nearby cabins and a summer camp, carrying out over a thousand burglaries with meticulous care. Residents dubbed the mysterious thief the “North Pond Hermit,” but for decades, no one could catch him or confirm he was real.

Knight avoided all human contact—he didn’t speak to another person for nearly three decades. His isolation was so complete that he missed the fall of the Berlin Wall, the rise of the internet, and nearly every major world event.

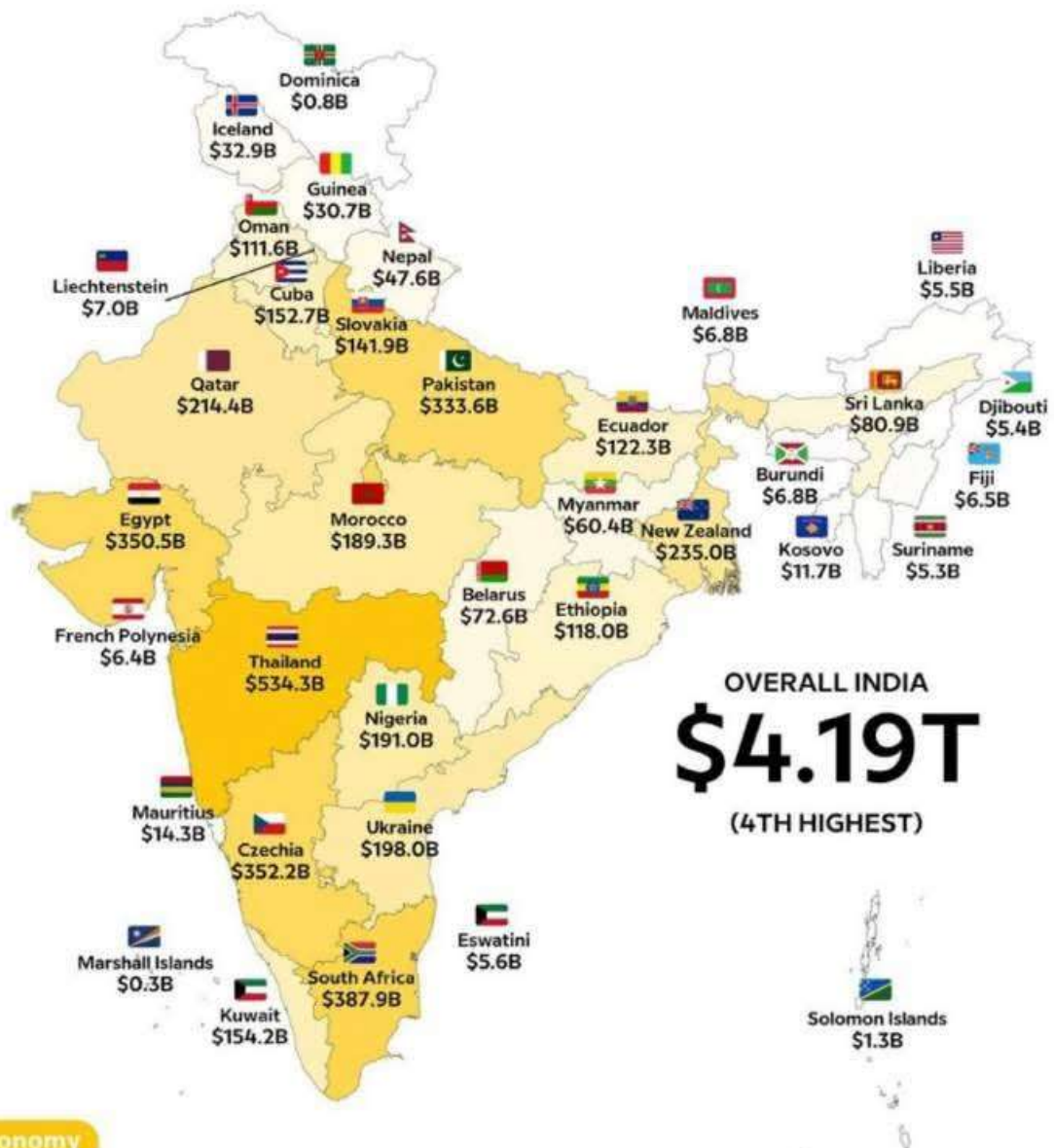
He was finally caught in 2013 while stealing from a camp. His arrest stunned the local community and sparked national fascination. Though he had committed hundreds of burglaries, many locals viewed him with a strange mix of resentment and sympathy. Knight later said the only time he spoke to another human during his 27-year exile was to say “hi” to a hiker he accidentally encountered.

His story raised profound questions about solitude, mental health, and the human need for connection. The North Pond Hermit became a legend—a man who willingly vanished from the modern world and lived on the edge of society in total silence.



# ECONOMY OF INDIA

A look at the GDP of Indian states by comparing them to countries with similar-sized economies in 2025



Economy

Source I: Economy of India, Wikipedia

Source II: GDP Nominal Forecast or Estimate, IMF 2025



TheMapsDaily

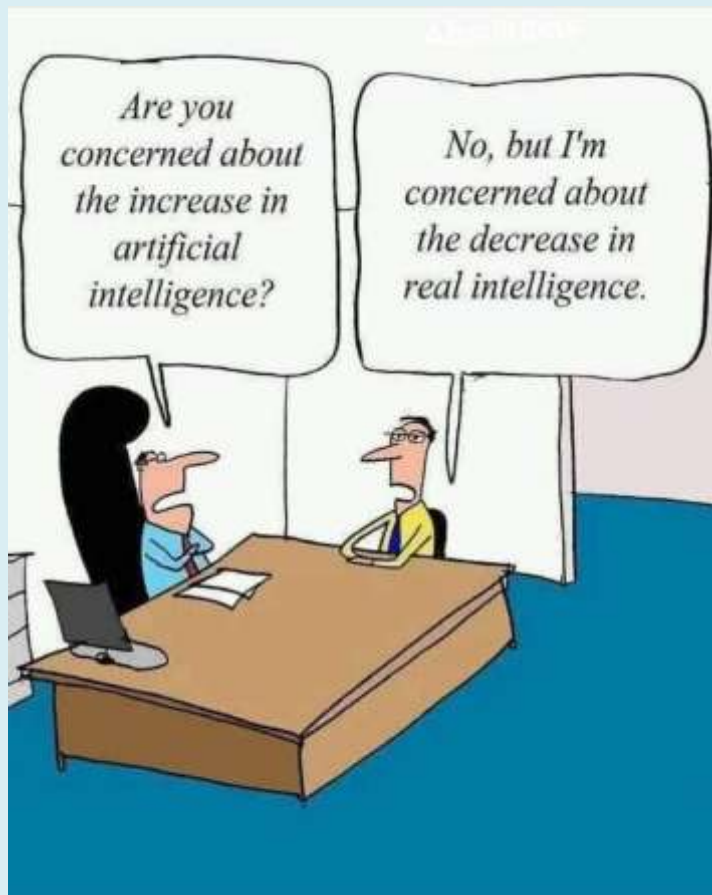
Courtesy: PP. Bankim Sitwala

## Important inventions and their inventors

<b>Johannes Gutenberg</b>  printing press	<b>Benjamin Franklin</b>  lightning rod	<b>Thomas Edison</b>  lightbulb	<b>Alexander Graham Bell</b>  telephone	<b>George Washington Carver</b>  300 uses for peanuts
<b>James Naismith</b>  basketball	<b>Nikola Tesla</b>  fluorescent lighting	<b>Steve Jobs</b>  iPhone	<b>Tim Berners-Lee</b>  The World Wide Web	<b>Hedy Lamarr</b>  radio-guidance system



## POINT TO PONDER



## JUST LAUGH

