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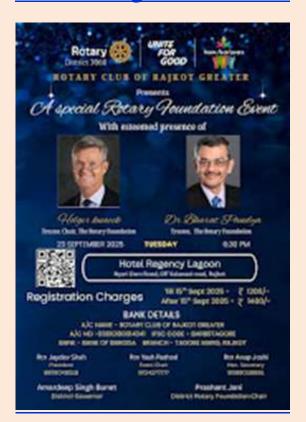
NEXT MEETING- Sunday, 21 September

*Terrace Gardening Field Trip



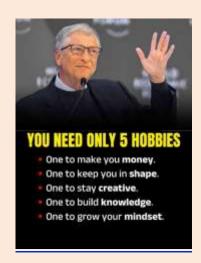
Resource Persons: Dr. Paresh Shah and Dr. Keyuri Shah Co-ordinators: PP. Setu and Rakhi Gandhi *Rotarians and Spouses are most welcome.

Forthcoming District Event



Birthday Greetings

Ann Radhika Vinod Patel.- September 20
Ann Meeta Anurag Kapoor- September 23
Rtn. Nirmal Mandlewala-September 24
Ann Yukti Anirudh Garg- September 26
Ann Dharti Nirmal Mandlewala; September 29
Point To Ponder



Forthcoming Programs

*Sunday, 28th September: * Inter School Elocution Competition. <u>Time</u>: 10.30am Event followed by LUNCH.

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

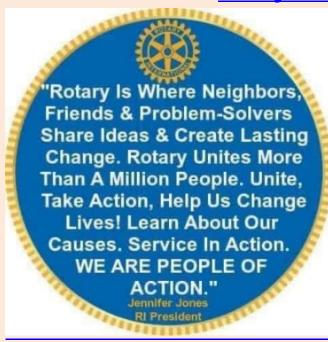
*Sunday, 09th November: 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club Celebration

And felicitation of New Paul Harris Fellows

Chief Guest: PRID. Dr. Manoj Desai.

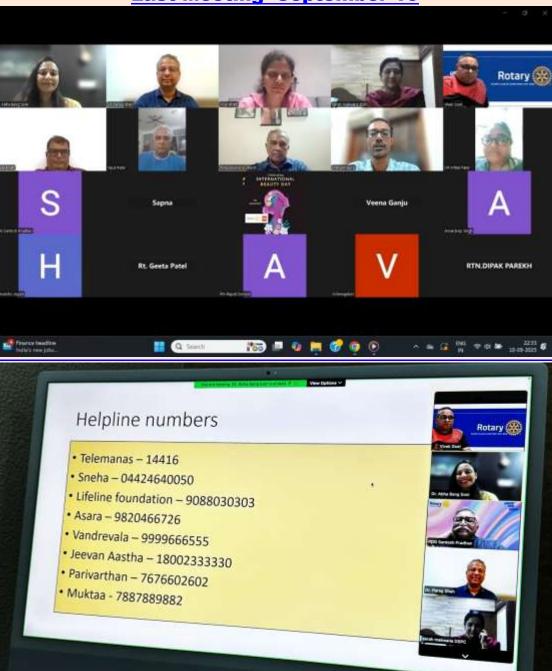
Meeting followed by LUNCH.

Rotary Wisdom





Last Meeting- September 10



Mental Health Webinar on "How you can save a life?" co-hosted by our club along with RC Surat Tapi, was very well delivered by the learned speaker Dr Abha Bang Soni from Nagpur.

The resource person, very vividly yet in simple terms, helped all participants to identify with a situation they may come across where someone known or otherwise is in danger & in front of you and you need to identify the warning signs & provide the help there & then, to save life. The program was very interactive with almost everyone sharing their own experiences & getting an insight into similar situations.

The eve of World Suicide Prevention Day was well marked by RC Surat West, by making our part, in contributing to spread the awareness about a very common & serious health issue.

While, **President Rtn Dr Parag Shah organized the program** as a Dist. Mental Health Coordinator, **PDG Rtn Devendra Shastri Ji made very meaningful remarks** on the extent of the problem & the need of the hour to talk more about this topic & **Hon. Sec Rtn Anirudh Garg delivered the Vote of Thanks.**



-Report By President Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah

Rotary Photo Exhibition संस्कृति- September 12 and 13





The Rotary Photo Exhibition held at Platinum Hall, SIECC Campus, Sarsana was a very successful event organized by our Project Chair PP Rtn Vivek Goel, whose unwavering passion & immense dedication towards Photography was evident in the gallery of exhibits at the Mega Cultural Event. With the Rotary Club of Surat West banner shining high, in the Convention Hall, amidst other displays, it was a huge boast to our Public Image Initiatives in community.

The event was inaugurated by Mr Omprakash Agrawal Ji (Saheli group) & Mr Binay Agrawal Ji (Swastic Industries & Schin Infra). Whereas Mrs. Sandhya Anupam Singh Ghehlot (Wife of our Hon. Rotarian Shri Anupam singh Ghehlot) graced the occasion with her esteemed presence & very interesting conversations with Rotary Club of Surat West members present.

We are proud of PP Rtn Vivek Goel for his achievement & thankful to all those who contributed in support of this endeavour.

-Report by President Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah

News Makers

*PP. Bhavesh Shah and PP. Sonal Shah are currently visiting RI District 2110, Italy as part of Rotary Friendship Exchange team from RI District 3060 from 4th September to 19th September.

End Polio Update



The Rotary Foundation's Board of Trustees approve US \$50 million in new grants to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

UNICEF and WHO are grateful to the Rotary Foundation's Board of Trustees for the approval of US \$50 million in new grants to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative at their June 2025 meeting.

Here's how that funding is being allocated:

Nigeria – Strengthening AFRO surveillance systems to quickly detect and track poliovirus transmission.

Afghanistan & **Pakistan** – Providing operational support to reach every child under five, with a focus on reducing missed children and improving vaccine acceptance in hard-to-reach areas.

Global outbreak response – Ensuring rapid deployment of resources and teams to contain any new polio outbreaks worldwide.

This investment is part of Rotary's long-standing commitment to polio eradication, often matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, multiplying its impact. The goal is to eliminate wild poliovirus from the last two endemic countries and prevent its return anywhere.

WE DID IT



We're proud to announce that The Rotary Foundation supporters have achieved two historic milestones in 2024–25:

- ✓ We exceeded our \$500 million comprehensive fundraising goal, raising more than \$569 million!
- ☑ We achieved our \$2.025 billion by 2025 for our Endowment goal, surpassing \$2.050 billion!

Thank you, all, for your commitment to our Foundation! Courtesy: PDG Anish Shah.

<u>Pictures that make news</u> <u>US Open Champions</u>







Sweden's Speed Camera

Most speed cameras hand out fines. Sweden decided to have a bit of fun with it.

It wasn't just a gimmick. In three days, average speeds dropped from 32km/h to 25km/h.

It worked because it flipped the script. Instead of punishing bad behaviour, it rewarded good behaviour — and people responded instantly.

Sometimes the smartest behaviour change isn't about scaring people into doing the right thing. It's about making them actually want to.



Courtesy: PP. Bankim Sitwala

Laughter- The Best Medicine





