

BULLETIN of ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT WEST



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NEXT MEETING

*** Wednesday, January 8**

Program: Vocational Awards Presentation

Venue: The Amore, Near V R Mall.

Time: 8.00-8.40Pm- DINNER

8.45 Pm onwards: Meeting

*** Rotarians and Spouses are most welcome.**

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Rtn. Archana- Milind Thakare -**December 24**

Birthday Greetings

December 25: **Ann Nilima Devendra Shastri**

December 26: **Ann Sneha Amit Agrwal**

December 30: **Rtn. Anirudh Garg**

Forthcoming Programs

- **Wednesday, 8th January: Vocational Awards Presentation Meeting**
- **Sunday, 19th January: Movie Fellowship**
- **December 20,21&22 :RI District 3060 Conference at Jodhpur**



Last Meeting- December 18



Annual Election Meeting of our club was held on Wednesday, 18th December at 8.00 Pm at Crazy Bite Restaurant, Piplod. The following business was transected.

- 1. Following Rotarians were declared elected Unanimously for the Board of Directors the Rotary Year 2025-26.**

| Sr. No. | For the office of | Name of Candidate |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Director | PP Rtn. Tinish R Mody |
| 2 | Director | PP Rtn. Banim Sitwala |
| 3 | Director | PP Rtn. Shilpa V. Shah |
| 4 | Director | PP Rtn. Paresh Vaidya |
| 5 | Director | PP Rtn. Krunal Mehta |
| 6 | Treasurer | PP Rtn. Hitendra R Mody |
| 7 | Vice-President | Rtn. Sanjay Jalan |
| 8 | Jt. Secretary | Rtn. Gaurang Goel |
| 9 | Hon. Secretary | Rtn. Anirudh Garg |

Following Rotarians are already elected last year.

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| 10 | President Elect 2026-27 | Rtn. Dr. Vijay Shah |
| 11 | President 2025-26 | Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah |

President PDG Devendra Shastri will serve as Imm. Past President in BOD 2025-26.

2. It was unanimously resolved that all members will pay **additional Club Dues @ Rs. 5000/-** for the period **January- June 2025** to meet **Banquet Expenses**.

3. The audited Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure account of our club for the Rotary year 2023-24 was passed unanimously.

4. Meaningful discussion took place about future programs and projects.

5. **Future leaders for next 5 years after 2027-28 were identified who will mutually decide the year of their Presidentship.**

Jt. Secretary Rtn. PP. Ashit Kothari made usual announcement.

President Nominee Rtn. Dr. Vijay Shah proposed a **vote of thanks** to the chair and incoming team under the leadership of Rtn. PE Dr. Parag Shah.

Rotary Photo Contest 2024

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PHOTO CONTEST 2024

Submit your best festival portrait and let art meet celebration!

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PORTRAITS OF FESTIVAL
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SUBMIT NOW!
Submit your entries on:
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Submission Deadline: 30th Jan 25

WIN PRIZE UPTO ₹ 50,000/-

ALL WINNING IMAGES WILL BE SHOWCASED IN AN EXCLUSIVE EXHIBITION DURING 2025!

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Submission Rules:

- Open to all ages and Indian nationals.
- Maximum 5 photos per participant (color/B&W).
- Submission Deadline: 30.01.2025
- Photos must be taken with a digital camera or mobile phone.
- Basic editing (brightness, contrast, HDR) allowed; no major alterations like adding/removing elements.
- Submit images in JPG format, min. resolution: 1024x1024 px, max. size: 3 MB.
- Photos must be unpublished and not awarded in other contests.
- Rename files as: yourname_mobilenumber_imaginumber (e.g., vivek_9978929168_1)
- Share on social media with #rotaryphotocontest2024 (Instagram/Facebook)

Mandatory Info:

- Photo Title & Short Description
- Full Name, DOB, Address (with ZIP), Email, Phone Number
- Instagram/Facebook ID

Important Notes:

- Submitted photos may be published on social media, but this doesn't imply jury selection.
- Participants authorize their images to be used free of rights, ensuring no third-party claims exist.

Winning Images:

- Displayed at an exclusive exhibition in 2025.
- Winners can submit 3 additional images for the exhibition.

Participation implies acceptance of all rules.

1st Position ₹ 20,000 **2nd Position ₹ 15,000** **3rd Position ₹ 10,000**

10 Honourable Mentions: Certificates

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TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES



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Highlights of the decisions taken in meeting of Club Board of Directors on 16th December



The Board meeting of the board of directors was held on Monday, December 16, 2024, **hosted by President PDG Rtn Devendra Shastri at his residence.**

The following points were discussed and passed by the board.

- **President PDG Devendra Shastri welcomed everyone**, after which the minutes of the last board meeting were read out by **Hon. Sec. PP Tinish Mody** and passed.
- **Agenda for Election cum business meeting** to be held on 18th Dec at Crazy bite, was discussed along with increase in club dues of Rs.5000/- and also adoption of Audited Accounts for R Y 2023-24.
- President PDG. Devendra Shastri along with project Chair PP Krunal Mehta suggested names of One institution and two individuals which were endorsed by the board. Project Chair Krunal will do the needful.
- President PDG Devendra Shastri suggested a **movie fellowship program** in the month of January and requested **PP Krunal** to become the event chair.

- **PP Rtn Ashit Kothari - project in charge of Eye Cataract Camp at Vansda informed that** the Sant Sri Ranchhodas Bapu Eye Hospital at Vansda has become in-operative since last 6 months due to some technical reasons. The board decided to arrange for the eye cataract surgery camp at other location after due diligence.
- President Devendra Shastri suggested to arrange picnic/ excursion program in the month of January or February and for that **PP Rtn Tinish Mody was given the task to initiate and work on the same.**
- President Devendra Shastri updated for the **contribution made by the Board Members and others to the Rotary Foundation.** Till date \$ 1100 has been contributed and another \$ 1000 will be contributed by PP Rtn Bhavesh Shah.
President Devendra Shastri requested Board members to suggest some good programs in the months of February & March 2025, whereby Excursion trip, speaker meeting, Movie fellowship, etc were suggested.
- **Rtn Sanjay Jalan** will be the host for the next board meeting to be held in January 2025.
- President PDG Devendra Shastri thanked everyone for their wholehearted participation and the meeting was adjourned after the vote of thanks by Rtn **PP Ashit Kothari.**

The Board meeting was attended by; President PDG Devendra Shastri, Vice President and PE Dr. Parag Shah, PN Dr. Vijay Shah, IPP Sonal Shah, Hon. Secretary Rtn. PP. Tinish Mody, Jt. Secretary Rtn. PP. Ashit Kothari, Rtn. PP. Bankim Sitwala, Rtn. PP. Setu Gandhi, Rtn. PP. Bhavesh Shah, Rtn. Sanjay Jalan, and Sgt-At-Arms Rtn. Anirudh Garg and Special invitees PP Rtn Geetaben and PP Rtn. Krunal Mehta.

The hosts President PDG Devendrabhai Shastri and Ann. Nilimaben Shastri, left no stone unturned in ensuring that every detail was perfectly arranged, from the thoughtful setting to the seamless coordination and the delicious refreshments and dinner. Their warmth and the attention to detail in every aspect, from the comfortable setting to the thoughtful arrangements, ensured that everyone felt welcomed and engaged. Truly a memorable evening which shall be remembered for a long time.

An interesting Legal situation

A true story from Associated Press, Reported by Kurt Weste

On March 23, 1994, the medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus and concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head.

Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten-story building intending to commit suicide. He left a note to the effect indicating his despondency.

As he fell past the ninth floor his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window, which killed him instantly.

Neither the shooter nor the deceased was aware that a safety net had been installed just below the eighth-floor level to protect some building workers and that Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned.

"Ordinarily," Dr Mills continued, "A person, who sets out to commit suicide and ultimately succeeds, even though the mechanism might not be what he intended, is still defined as committing suicide."

That Mr. Opus was shot on the way to certain death, but probably would not have been successful because of the safety net, caused the medical examiner to feel that he had a homicide on his hands.

In the room on the ninth floor, where the shotgun blast emanated, was occupied by an elderly man and his wife. They were arguing vigorously, and he was threatening her with a shotgun. The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger, he completely missed his wife, and the pellets went through the window striking Mr. Opus.

When one intends to kill subject "A" but kills subject "B" in the attempt, one is guilty of the murder of subject "B".

When confronted with the murder charge the old man and his wife were both adamant and both said that they thought the shotgun was unloaded.

The old man said it was a long-standing habit to threaten his wife with the unloaded shotgun. He had no intention to murder her. **Therefore, the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident; that is, if the gun had been accidentally loaded.**

The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple's son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident.

It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son's financial support and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother.

Since the loader of the gun was aware of this, he was guilty of the murder even though he didn't pull the trigger.

The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus.

Now comes the exquisite twist.

Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus.

He had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother's murder. This led him to jump off the ten-story building on March 23rd, only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the ninth story window.

The son had murdered himself, so the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide.



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District 3060

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2027-28

ASHISH & RITU PATWARI
ROTARY CLUB OF
DHULE CROSS ROAD

TUSHAR SHAH
District Governor 2024-25

PDG PINKY PATEL
District Election Officer

Profile of District Governor Nominee 2027-28

- 1. Name: Ashish Murlidhar Patwari (ID -5298042)**
- 2. Classification: Engineering- Civil**
- 3. Name of Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Dhule Cross Road (Club ID -54849)**
- 4. Date of Joining this Club: 10th January 2001(Charter Member)**
- 5. Total Number of years in Rotary: 23 Years**

Annet Diya Parag Shah selected for Long term Rotary Youth Exchange Program



Our club sponsored candidate Ms. Diya Parag Shah has been selected by RI District 3060 Youth Exchange committee to visit overseas in 2025-26.

Excerpt of the mail from District IYE committee Chair Rtn. PP. Rajneesh Anand below.

“We are pleased to inform you that you have been selected for the district 3060 long term youth exchange programme for the year 2025-2026.

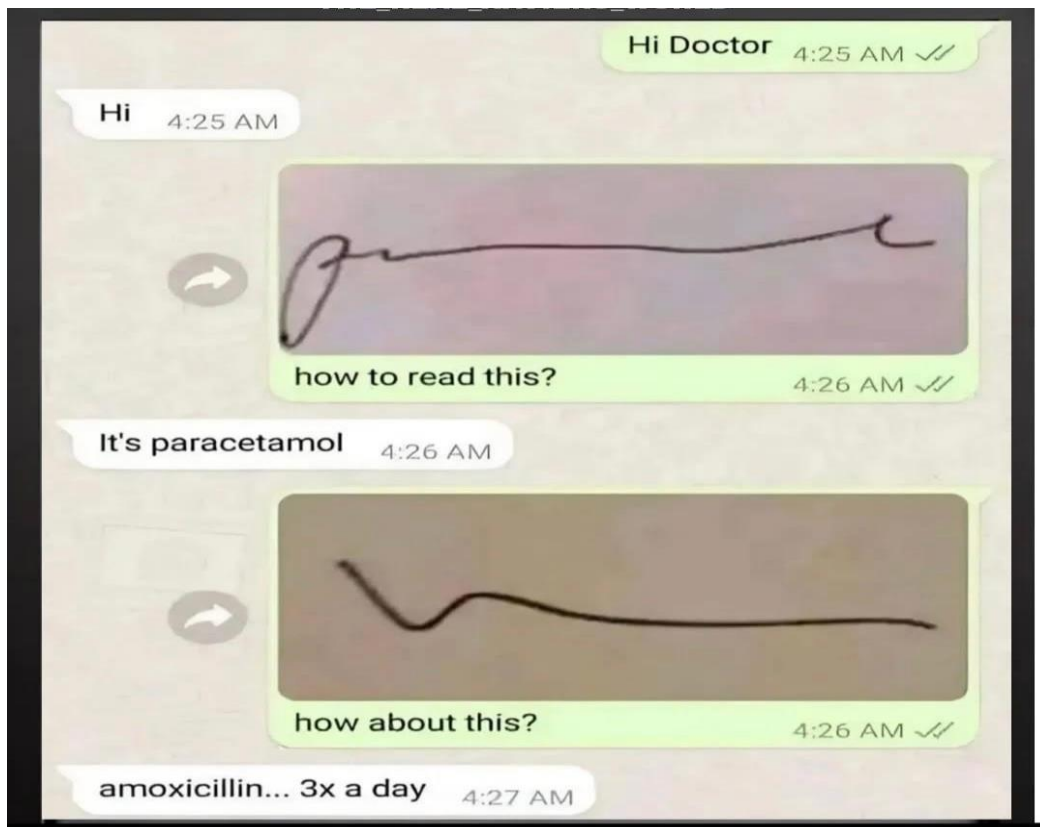
So far we have not received response from partner countries therefore we shall start allocations as and when the responses are received. Please be patience till then.

The interview panel was impressed by your performance and wishes to congratulate you and your family for your wonderful achievement.

Please fill up the attached form and return to us **within 10 days** along with all necessary documents as required.”

Congratulations to Diya! Kudos to proud parents Rtn. PE. Dr. Parag and Dr. Sejal Shah. Our Club IYE Chair Rtn. PP. Hitendra Mody played important role in her selection.

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