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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 26th March

Rotary

PDG. Rtn. Devendra Shastri
President

Rtn. Tinish Modi
Hon. Secretary

**MUSICAL
ANTAKSHARI**

**MARCH
26
2025**

EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

CRAZY BITE, BANQUET HALL
PRECEDED BY DINNER

Anchors:

Ann Meeta Kapoor

IPP. Sonal Shah

Program Coordinator: Rtn. Sanjay Jalan

*** Rotarians and Spouses are welcome.**

*** Meeting preceded by DINNER.**

*** Club will felicitate all Rotarians and Spouses whose birthday/Wedding Anniversary falls in March.**

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Rtn. Sanjay- Ann Mausam Jalan -**March 12**

Rtn. Rajesh- Ann Dimple Agrawal-**March 13**

Birthday Greetings

March 20: Ann Archita Raghav Khaitan

March 22: Rtn.PP. Shilpa Shah

March 24: Ann Ritu Gaurang Goel

March 26: Ann Kinjal Krunal Mehta

March 28: Ann Kavita Mitesh Bhagat

Forthcoming Projects and Programs

***Saturday, 22nd March : Career Guidance Project**

***Saturday, 29th March : Rotary no Chhayado Project**

***Monday, 31st March : Last day to submit entries for Photo Contest**

***Wednesday, 09th April : Presentation by Rotary Youth Exchange Students and Rtn. PP. Shilpa Shah**

Venue: Cray Bite Restaurant Banquet Hall

Time: 8.00 pm.

***Wednesday, 16th April : Online Meeting on Mental Health**

***Wednesday, 23rd April : Meeting of Club Board of Directors**

***Wednesday, 30th April.....: 30TH CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION.**

CAREER GUIDANCE PROJECT- SATURDAY, 22ND MARCH



The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry
in association with
The Rotary Club of Surat West
&
Shree Surati Modh Vanik Samast Panch, Surat



Rotary Club of
Surat West
R.I. District 3642 Zone 4-B



Presents



CHIEF GUEST
Shri Praful Pansheriya
Hon'ble Minister of State, Parliamentary Affairs,
Primary, Secondary and Adult Education,
Higher Education, Government of Gujarat

GUEST OF HONOUR
Shri Bhagirathsinh Parmar
District Education Officer,
Surat.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Shri Jayesh Brahmabhatt
Career Counsellor,
Shikshan Sarvada

EVENT SCHEDULE

For 10 th Std Students	22/03/2025	4:00 PM
For 12 th Commerce & Arts Students	23/03/2025	10:00 AM
For 12 th Science Students	24/03/2025	4:00 PM

Venue: **SGCCI, Samruddhi**, Nanpura, Surat.

DEVENDRA SHASTRI
President,
The Rotary Club of Surat West

VIJAY MEVAWALA
President,
SGCCI

DHARMESH TAMAKUWALA
President,
Shree Surati Modh Vanik Samast Panch

LET'S UNITE FOR THE GROWTH

SCAN QR FOR
REGISTRATION



**INAUGURATION ON SATURDAY, 22ND MARCH AT 4.00PM AT
SAMRUDHHI, MAKAI POOL, NANPURA, SURAT**

THE NORTH INDIA IYE TRIP. (20th February to 12th March)



The trip was very well crafted focusing on the local culture, traditions and historical sites with a goal to gain a deeper understanding of the region and its people.

Through cultural immersions , food explorations, arts and crafts, music and dance, and visits to local markets ,the students got to observe and experience the local traditions firsthand. The students were from different countries and it was an added privilege for me to observe their language and culture and we developed a very lasting bond. **We visited the Golden Temple (Amritsar), Mandi,Manali, Dharmashala, Delhi andTaj Mahal (Agra). We also visited various museums,forts,palaces,temples and historical sites in Jaipur,Jaisalmer and Jodhpur . The students got to see the diversity and vibrancy of Incredible India.**

I am thankful to District 3060, Rtn Rajneeshbhai Anand , Rtn Deepenbhai , PDG President Rtn Devendrabhai Shashtri and Rotary Club Of Surat West for giving me an opportunity to serve.

PP. Shilpa Shahh: Team Leader

Rotary honours a teacher and mentor with the 2025 Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award



The 2025 recipient of Rotary's [Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award](#) combines a longstanding commitment to empowering women with a talent for teaching and mentorship. **Ayda Özeren, a member of the Rotary Club of Izmir-Gündoğdu, Izmir, Turkey, is an author, mediator, and professional speaker whose work has touched the lives of as many as 11,000 women and girls.**

"We have to change the leadership process. We should make more women leaders," she says. Özeren has spent years conducting financial literacy workshops for women as well as organizing mentorship opportunities and tutoring programs for girls. She published a book and donated all the proceeds to funding girls' scholarships. In 2023-24, as governor of Rotary District 2440, she took the lead in relief efforts for victims of the 2023 Turkey-Syria earthquakes.

"I find her remarkable and inspiring, because whatever she does, she does it with her heart," says Yeşim Yöney, a member of the Rotary E-Club of District 2440, who co-nominated Özeren for the award. "She's a hard worker, a good planner, and she is somebody who is positive, who embraces people. I think that's a very important thing in a leader."

Özeren studied political science, international relations, and marketing. While pursuing a career in the banking industry, she learned how to be a teacher. She began conducting financial literacy seminars after her bank developed a program to provide startup funding to female entrepreneurs. Through Rotary, she led similar classes for women in rural areas, factories, and schools. She visited more than 100 factories and small manufacturing companies, educating around 8,000 women about finances and economic empowerment. It was by teaching others, Özeren says, that she learned how to lead.

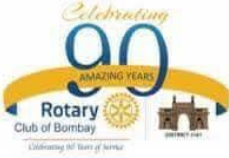
"As a result of doing so many coaching programs, I became a facilitator. I became a trainer," she says. "At the same time, I started tutoring in a university, giving lessons in strategic management. It was a little tough, it was very challenging for me, because I had to study each subject first before I could give a lecture to the students."

Bereavement


***Beloved mother pf Rtn. PP. Dr. Paresh Vaidya left for heavenly abode on 14th March 2025.** “Spark” joins Rotary Surat West family in conveying our heartfelt condolences to Rtn. PP. Dr/ Paresh, Ann Sukruti and Vaidya family. May the departed soul rest in eternal peace. Om Shanti.

*** Beloved mother of Ann Rakhi Setu Gandhi left for heavenly abode on 15th March 2025.** “Spark” joins Rotary Surat West family in conveying our heartfelt condolences to Ann Rakhi, PP. Setu and Gandhi-Shah family. May the departed soul rest in eternal peace. Om Shanti.

Rotary Wisdom




THE RECIPE OF A ROTARIAN!



- 1 measure of good thought.
- 1 measure of consideration.
- 1½ measures of forgiveness.
- 1½ measures of well-beaten faults.
- 2 measures of sympathy.
- 2½ measures of sacrifice.
- 2 measures of kind deeds.


Mix thoroughly. Stir in kind words for taste, and flavor with charity. Pour into all your daily life, and bake well with the heat of human kindness.

—Rota-Mac, the Rotary Club of McPherson, Kansas, U.S.A.



FRIENDSHIP WAS THE FOUNDATION ROCK ON WHICH ROTARY WAS BUILT, AND TOLERANCE IS THE ELEMENT THAT HOLDS IT TOGETHER!

Paul P. Harris



EYE CATARACT SURGERY PROJECT- MARCH 18



On March 18 afternoon 12.30 pm, we assembled at Center for Sight Eye Hospital.

Those who took the time out on a working day were; **Rtn.PP Tinish Mody, Rtn.PP Ashit Kothari, Rtn.PP Geeta Modi, Sgt-At-Arms Rtn. Vijay Mevcha, Rtn.PP Bhavesh Shah and President PDG [Devendra Shastri](#).**

Rtn.PP Dr Paresh Vaidya welcomed all of us and especially **Rtn.PP [Rajan Marfatia](#)** who donated Rs. 2 lakhs for the Project. He witnessed live Cataract surgery being done by Dr Paresh Vaidya.

Rtn.PP Rajani Marfatia was very happy to see the infrastructure of the hospital and thanked everyone for the warm welcome. **We will complete target of 50 Cataract surgeries by June.**

Special mention **for Rtn.PP Dr [Paresh Vaidya](#)** who organized all logistics of the event in spite of the sad demise of his beloved mother last Saturday. His dedication and commitment should be example of Service Above Self to all of us.

2025 Council on Legislation Meeting

Rotary's Parliament

2025 Council on Legislation meeting of Rotary International

13-17 April 2025 | Chicago, Illinois, USA

The Council on Legislation meets every three years
to vote on proposed changes
to the legislation that governs Rotary.



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The complete set of proposed legislation to be considered at the 2025 Council on Legislation
<https://www.rotaryclubresources.com/.../col25-proposed...>

9th Meeting of Club Board of Directors held on March 19, 2025



The 9th board of directors meeting was hosted by **Sergeant-at-arms Rtn. Vijay Mevcha**, at his residence .
The following points were discussed and passed by the board.

President PDG Devendra Shastri welcomed everyone and the minutes of the last board meeting held on February 21st, 2025 was read by **Hon. Sec. PP. Tinish Mody** and passed.

* **Financial status** was discussed and an additional fee of Rs.5000 to be collected from members who had not paid till date.

- * **Two new member proposals were discussed and forwarded to Club Membership Chair for further action.**
 - * Preparations for **charter night celebrations** on April 30, 2025 were discussed.
 - * **Tentative programs and projects for the months of March, April and May 2025** were discussed, including Career Guidance Mahotsav 2025 on March 22, meeting on mental health, charter night celebrations, Umbrella distribution to the needy hawkers, Global investor conference, etc.
 - * President PDG Devendra Shastri shared the progress of the eye cataract surgery project held on March 19th at Centre for sight. **Rtn. PP Rajani Marfatia, who made a major donation of Rs. 2 lakhs** towards this initiative, was particularly pleased with the outcome of the project.
 - * **PP. Hitendra Mody** invited all members to a musical evening by renowned artist Bhavin Shastri at Sanjivkumar auditorium on April 5th, 2025 at 8:30 PM. It's a organ donation awareness program by **DONATE LIFE** organisation.
 - * **President PDG Devendra Shastri discussed the club's contribution to The Rotary Foundation.** He informed that the club has already donated a generous amount of \$11,000. He further asked all the board members to encourage more members to donate generously for the same.
 - * **Sergeant-at-arms Rtn. Anirudh Garg was unanimously elected as President for the Rotary year 2027-2028, amidst a thunderous round of applause.**
 - * The **next board meeting** was to be held on April 23, 2025.
 - * The meeting concluded with **President PDG Devendra Shastri** extending a hearty vote of thanks to the warm and gracious hosts, **Sergeant-at-arms Rtn. Vijay Mevcha and Ann. Madhvi Mevcha**, for their hospitality and for making the event a memorable one.
- The Board meeting was attended by** President PDG Devendra Shastri, Vice President and PE Dr. Parag Shah, Hon. Sec PP. Tinish Mody, PP. Hitendra Mody, PP. Bankim Sitwala, IPP. Sonal Shah, PP Bhavesh Shah, PP. Krunal Mehta, Rtn. Sanjay Jalan, Sergeant-at-arms Rtn. Anirudh Garg and Sergeant-at-arms Rtn. Vijay Mevcha.

"THE EVOLUTION OF TAMIL, SANSKRIT, AND HINDI: A JOURNEY THROUGH INDIA'S LINGUISTIC HERITAGE"

Tamil language structure is very different from that of Sanskrit and Tamil among the Bharatiya languages has the least influence from Sanskrit

Even the influence happened more in recent centuries if not 1-2 millenniums

Bhagwan Shiva taught Sanskrit grammar to Panini and Tamil grammar to Agasthya at the same time.

Shiva set the Kaal matra (time) for each syllable of Sanskrit from the right side of his damru and for Tamil, from the left side of his damru.

Samskrutam was created as inter galactic communication language as Deva Basha and Tamil was created for ordinary humans as Manushya Basha.

So Tamil has less letters and easy on pronunciation compared to Samskrutam.

Samskrutam was kept only as a phonetic language for long.

But due to the deterioration of memory power among the humans, a need for written script arose.

Brahmi script for Tamil was created first to fill the gap.

The early form of Samskrutam used in Tamil land was Prakrutam.

In South Bharat , they were using Grandham as the script for Prakrutam (which has many common letters with Malayalam)

Most of the kings in South Bharat kept all the royal records in Prakrutam and used the language for temples.

They used Tamil for the communication with the masses as most of them were not proficient in Prakrutam.

The Devanagari script for Samskrutam came much later. But Samskrutam was always emphasised as a phonetic language and memory power is more important due to that

Hindi as a language was created much much later

By 10th century , a dialect called "Khari Boli" became more prominent among the various north Bharatiya dialects , most of which were spoken without written scripts.

Khari Boli can be said to be the mother of Hindi language

Due to the influences of Persia first and later from the Turkish language , Khari Boli took the form of present day Hindi.

The moghuls named the language as Hindi after the name of Sindhu river, since for them, the land east of Sindhu river was referred as Sindhu Sthan and their language Sindhi.

S was pronounced with H sound by them. So it became Hindusthan and Hindhi.

Since the commonality between Tamil and Hindi is very less

Since there was not much need for the commoners of South , Hindi was not getting popular in south bharat.

But the other south Bharatiya languages like Marathi, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam were later influenced more by Samskrutam and so they started following samskrutam model than Tamil model.

HUMOUR

*I trained my dog to fetch a beer.
It may not sound too impressive,*



*But, he gets them from the
neighbor's fridge!*

JOKE OF THE DAY

A man and a woman
were traveling in a train.

Woman: Every time you smile,
I feel like inviting you to my place.

Man : Awwww! Are you single ?

Woman : No, I am a Dentist....

