

## BULLETIN of ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT WEST



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## NEXT MEETING

**\* Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**Program: Made for Each Other Contest**

**Anchor: Dr. Jigish and Dr. Alka Shah**

**Venue: Crazy Bite Restaurant Banquet Hall**

**Time: 8.00-8.40 Pm: DINNER**

**8.45Pm Onwards: Program**

**\* Rotarians and Spouses are Most Welcome**

- **Program Co-Ordinator: Rtn.PP. Tinish Mody**

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

PPP. Vivek- Rekha Goel- **February 3**  
Rtn. Amit- Sneha Agrawal- **February 7**  
Rtn. Chirag- Binny Mehta **February 7**  
PP. Setu- Rakhi Gandhi - **February 7**  
Rtn. Dr. Vishal- Dr Daizy Mandlewala-**February 10**  
Rtn. Nirav- Dr Mansi Mandlewala - **February 15**  
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Rtn. Anirudh- Yukti Garg - **February 16**  
Rtn. Dr. Vijay-PP Shilpa Shah- **February 17**  
Rtn. Anil-Aaradhana Pitaliya - **February 17**  
Rtn. Rajeev- Shilpa Bansal - **February 18**  
PP. Krunal-Kinjal Mehta - **February 20**  
Rtn. Gaurang- Ritu Goel - **February 22**  
Rtn. Alok- Sarita Tulsian - **February 25**

### Birthday Greetings

February 4: **Ann Seema Sham Shah**  
February 5: **Rtn. Gaurang Goel**  
February 7: **Rtn. Anil Pitalia**  
February 8: **Rtn. Nirav Mandlewala**  
February 8: **Rtn. Mukesh Jain**  
February 14: **Rtn. PP. Vivek Goel**  
February 19: **Ann Dimple Rajesh Agrawal**

### Forthcoming Projects and Programs

**\*Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January: Free Eye Check-up camp**

**Venue: Center for Sight Hospital, Unity Corner, City Light Main Road.**

**Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm.**

**\*Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January: Battery Operated Artificial Hand Project**

**Jointly with All Rotary clubs of Surat Area**

**Venue: Dilip Paresh Rotary Hall, Nanpura. Time:9.00am-1.00pm**

**\*Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February: Meeting of club Board of Directors**

**\*Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Rotary Day-Vocational Awards Presentation**

## Seminar on “Women in Nation Building”



Forum on "**women in Nation Building**" was an eye opener. Listening to successful women in launching start-ups and exploring innovative business was a matter of pride. **Our own Rtn.PP Geeta Modi** narrated her professional journey which received huge applause **from 200+ audience**. Our **Rotary Club Surat West** had the honour to support this excellent initiative of **United Growth Foundation and TIE, Surat**



## Movie Fellowship- Sunday, January 19



Movie Fellowship was a grand success with **45+ Rotary Surat West family** who enjoyed the Movie "**Emergency**". Those who were part of the event today have returned home with enthusiasm and great satisfaction. Rajhans Precia, a brand new multiplex is an iconic theatre. **Attendees were served with Popcorn, Vada and Tea/Coffee/Coke.** It is a MUST see movie taking us back from Independence day to Indira Gandhi's assassination.

**Kudos to Event Coordinator Rtn Gaurang Goel, Rtn.PP Ashit Kothari** for walking extra mile to bring success to the Fellowship. A group Photograph was taken at the end of Movie.

**Thanks to all those who took time out to participate in Movie Fellowship.** We plan to have at least one more Movie Fellowship before the end of Rotary year 2024-25.

## Highlight of The meeting of Club Board of Directors- January 16



**The 7<sup>th</sup> board of directors meeting was held at Trezoro and hosted by Rtn. Sanjay Jalan.**

**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 December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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.** Hon. Treasurer PP Hitendra Mody along with Hon. Sec PP Tinish Mody along with all the board members to send reminders to members.

Various projects for the **forthcoming months of February and March** were discussed including Vocational awards, Made for each other etc. A brief outline was discussed for the **charter night celebration** in April.

President PDG Devendra Shastri shared the arrangements for the **movie fellowship** "Emergency" with the help of **Event Chair Rtn. Gaurang Goel**, which is to be held on January 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday morning.

For the needy and less fortunate people, **Eye cataract camp** is to be held at the hospital "Centre for Sight" by **PP. Dr. Paresh Vaidya**. The right people were to be identified.

President PDG Devendra Shastri discussed the **club's contribution to The Rotary Foundation** and asked all the board members to encourage more members to donate generously for the same.

**PP. Geeta Modi** came forward to host the next board meeting to be held in February.

The board meeting ended after a hearty **vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. PP. Ashit Kothari to the wonderful and warm host Rtn. Sanjay Jalan. The Board meeting was followed by dinner and enlivening Fellowship.**

# Pre-PELS&SELS Seminar held at Surat- January 19



**The President Elect & Secretary Elect Pre-Learning Seminar (previously Training), was held on 19th January at Greenland Resorts, Kadodara-Palsana Highway, Surat & hosted by Rotary Club of Kadodara.**

**The seminar was attended by our PE Dr Parag Shah & SE Dr Anirudh Garg.**

The seminar was attended by President Elect & Secretary Elect of all Rotary clubs from Cluster 3, 4 & 5 of Rotary Dist 3060.

**PDG Dr G K Thakral as the District Learning Facilitator**, conceived & conducted the program, while tapping the wisdom & experience of a galaxy of PDGs & other District dignitaries as the resource persons. **DGE Amardeep Singh Bunet and incoming first lady Kamaljitji were present.**

**The program focussed on learning on various topics like:**

Introduction to the Team 2025-26 of Rotary District 3060, Creating impact as a Rotary club, Leadership qualities & The Roadmap for the next year.

**The sessions helped all President Elect & Secretary Elect to plan for the next year as well as understand the concepts of Club Administration.**

Afternoon workshop focussed on: Getting orientated to the webpage myrotary.org & goal setting for their respective club for the coming year.

**It was a perfect mix of fellowship with other club representatives & a meaningful learning exercise to get prepared for the upcoming roles.**

- **Courtesy: Rtn. PE. Dr. Parag Shah**





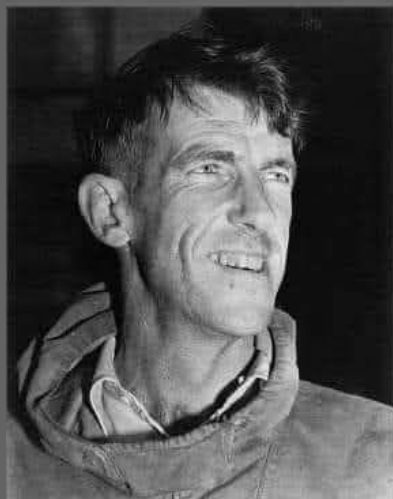
## Why be a Volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame.  
It's not for any personal gain.  
It's just for love of fellowman.  
It's just to send a helping hand.  
It's just to give a tithe of self.  
That's something you can't buy with wealth.  
It's not medals won with pride.  
It's for that feeling deep inside.  
It's that reward down in your heart.  
It's that feeling that you've been a part.  
Of helping others far and near,  
that makes you be a Volunteer!

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## Famous Rotarians

Rotary   
Club of Morisset



**Sir Edmund Hillary**  
Summitted Everest with  
Tensing Norgay  
Rotary Club of Auckland NZ

Edmund Hillary and Tensing Norgay were the first men to summit Mount Everest on May 29, 1953.

After summiting Everest, Hillary devoted much of his life to assisting the Sherpa people through his Himalayan Trust which built many schools and hospitals in the remote Himalayan region.



## The Sharabha story



The story of Hiranyalashipu and Prahlada is popular in mythology. Lord Vishnu manifested as the ferocious Narasimha to defeat and kill Hiranyakashipu. However, Narasimha's rage did not subside even after his victory, causing the gods to fear for the universe's safety. They sent Prahlada, Hiranyakashipu's son and a devotee of Vishnu, to calm Narasimha. Though Prahlada managed to soothe Narasimha slightly, it was not enough. The gods then turned to Lord Shiva for help.

Lord Shiva dispatched Virabhadra to pacify Narasimha. However, Narasimha's anger only grew, and he threatened Virabhadra. At this point, Lord Sharabha, a unique incarnation of Lord Shiva, is depicted as part lion, part bird, and part god, known as Sharabheshwara or Sharabheshwaramurti.

This form was a terrifying bird-like creature with a thousand arms, a crescent moon on his head, sharp fangs, and powerful wings. His appearance was so overwhelming that it diminished Narasimha's strength and vitality.

The story of Sharabha is found in several Puranas, including the Shiva Purana, Linga Purana, Vamana Purana, Kalika Purana, Skanda Purana, and Sharabha Upanishad.

Sharabha overpowered Narasimha by binding him with his tail and claws, lifting him into the sky, and bringing him down. Helpless, Narasimha recognized Shiva's supremacy and eulogized him with devotion. Accepting Narasimha's submission, Shiva merged him back into himself, signifying that Narasimha was not truly killed but rather subdued and integrated.

According to the Skanda Purana, Narasimha realized Sharabha's divine nature, praised Shiva, received a boon, and discarded his fierce form, merging back into his original state. This version emphasizes the reconciliation between the two deities.

In the Kalika Purana, a different narrative unfolds where Lord Vishnu requests Shiva to destroy his Varaha form. Shiva, as Sharabha, engages in battle with both Varaha and Narasimha, ultimately killing them.

Buddhist traditions offer another perspective on Sharabha. In the Jataka tales, Sharabha is depicted as a compassionate Bodhisattva, an eight-legged deer who spares a king's life, leading the king to outlaw hunting. In Tibetan Buddhism, Sharabha is envisioned as a creature with a goat's head, lion's mane, and horse's body and legs.

The depiction of Sharabha and his role varies significantly across texts, leading to differing interpretations among Shaivites and Vaishnavites. Vaishnavites often reject the accounts of Sharabha defeating Narasimha, viewing them as sectarian interpolations. In contrast, Shaivite texts celebrate Sharabha as a powerful manifestation of Shiva.

In the broader Hindu literature, such as the Ramayana and the Mahabharata, Sharabha is mentioned as an animal but is not directly connected to the deity Shiva.

Overall, the stories of Sharabha highlight the complexities and rich tapestry of Hindu mythology, illustrating the interplay of different deities and their manifestations.

There is an ancient temple in Thirubhuvanam, near Kumbhakonam, Tamil Nadu, and it is dedicated to Lord Sharabeswara. Many tourists come from all over the world to seek the blessings of Bhagwan Sharabeswara here.

### **Meaningful Questions**

**Why is the place in a stadium where you SIT, called a STAND ?**

**Why is that everyone wants to go to HEAVEN, but nobody wants to DIE !!**

**Shall I say that there is racial discrimination even in chess, As the WHITE always moves FIRST.**

**We have FREEDOM of SPEECH, Then why do we have TELEPHONE BILLS ?**

**If money doesn't grow on TREES, then why do banks have BRANCHES ?**

**Why doesn't GLUE stick to its BOTTLE ?**

**Why do you still call it BUILDING, when its already BUILT ?**

**If its true that we all are here to HELP others, What are others HERE for ?**

**If you aren't supposed to DRINK and DRIVE, Why do bars have PARKING lots ?**

**If All The Nations In The World Are In Debt, Where Did All The Money Go..?**

**When Dog Food is 'New With Improved Taste', Who Tastes It ?**

**If The "Black Box" Flight Recorder Is Never Damaged During A Plane Crash, Why Isn't The Whole Airplane Made Out Of That Stuff ?**

**Who Copyrighted The Copyright Symbol ?**

**Can You Cry Under Water ?**

**Why Do People Say "You've Been Working Like A Dog", When Dogs Just Sit Around All Day ??**

**We all are Living in a seriously funny world. So, laugh often!!**



## Happy Republic Day to everyone



**Republic Day 2025 highlights the adoption of India's constitution and India becoming a republic on 26 January, 1950.** The day is celebrated every year by conducting military and cultural pageantry. The grand cultural parade takes place in the national capital, New Delhi along the Raisina Hill near the Rashtrapati Bhavan, along the Kartavya Path, passing the India Gate, into the Red Fort. The ceremonious parade represents the culture and unity of India and the cultural heritage of all states in India by building beautiful tableaux. The theme for tableaux at Republic Day 2025 Parade is Swarnim Bharat: Virasat or Vikas”.

### **Republic Day 2025 Guest of Honor**

**Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto will be the chief guest at India's 2025 Republic Day parade, marking a key moment in India-Indonesia relations.** This visit reflects the importance of the Act East Policy in PM Modi's third term, with both nations aiming to enhance strategic, defense, and economic ties. Historically connected for over 2,000 years, Indonesia and India share deep cultural and commercial bonds, from Ramayana influences to modern trade and investments. Subianto's visit highlights maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific and is expected to bolster bilateral trade, defense collaboration, and mutual investments, further strengthening ASEAN ties.

### **Republic Day 2025 Theme**

**The Theme for Republic Day 2025 has been announced by the Ministry of Defence. The theme for the year 2025 is "Swarnim Bharat: Virasat or Vikas".** The parade will represent the development of India in relation to its cultural heritage, and will take place on Kartavya Path. The Parade will include marches by various army troops and creative exhibitions from many states, union territories and ministries. Like every year, the tableaux will represent the cultural roots of India along with its progress.