

## BULLETIN of ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT WEST



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**12/2025-26**

### **NEXT MEETING- Sunday, 28 September**

**Program: Inter School Elocution Competition**

**Time: 10.30am**

**Venue: The Amore.**

- **Meeting followed by LUNCH.**

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

#### **Forthcoming Club Programs**

**\* Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October**

**AG's visit followed by meeting of Club Board of Directors in VIRTUAL MODE.**

**\* Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October:**

**\* Diwali Get-To-Gather**

**\* Sunday, 09<sup>th</sup> November:**

**Program:**

**100% Paul Harris Fellow Club Celebration And felicitation of New Paul Harris Fellows**

**Chief Guest: PRID. Dr. Manoj Desai.**

**Meeting followed by LUNCH.**

#### **Birthday Greetings**

**Ann Meeta Anurag Kapoor- September 23**

**Rtn. Nirmal Mandlewala-September 24**

**Ann Yukti Anirudh Garg- September 26**

**Ann Dharti Nirmal Mandlewala; September 29**

#### **Forthcoming District Event**

**\* Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Intercity Meet- Cluster 3 at Surat**

**Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm**

**\* More Information in next issue of Spark.**

## **Field trip to Terrace Gardening- September 21**



**Sunday morning Field Trip for Terrace Gardening @ Dr Keyuri Shah & Dr Paresh Shah's place, was a amazing experience for all of us.**

What we saw & heard was beyond our imagination & how we felt being there is beyond words.

The natural ecosystem consisting of flora & fauna of a variety of species, on the terrace of a house was a wonder to see. The serene environment created by all the healthy & lively plants around, blooming with flowers & fruits of all types, as if welcoming you & embarassing you with love, made it a 'don't want to go back home' place.

**Years of hard work, dedication & passion, along with organic & natural farming practices adopted by Dr Keyuriben & Dr Pareshbhai, was well evident from the magical mini forest they have created.**

Both of the experts, taught us, in their own unique ways, the basics of organic farming, terrace gardening, plantation techniques, soil care & compost methods, in such a simple & lucid way, with the aid of presentation on a television, making us confident to start with gardening in our own houses.

Visit to this natural paradise was complimented with a sumptuous breakfast of fafda- jalebi, hot dhoklas & freshly plucked papaya & gauva from the garden. The marvelous experience, rekindled the child in all of us, inspiring us to connect with the soil & nature once again.

Thank you **Rtn Setubhai & Ann Rakhibhabhi** for organizing the event & **Rtn Tasnimben** for giving the Thank You Note to the wonderful hosts.

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



**Rotary Friendship Exchange Team from  
RI District 3060, India to RI District 2110, Italy.**

**- Report by PP. Bhavesh Shah**



**We, Rtn Sonal and Rtn Bhavesh, had another opportunity to participate in RFE (Rotary Friendship Exchange) to Sicily, Italy. The host district was RID 2110. It covers Sicily and Malta regions of Italy. It is a beautiful island segment, south of mainland Italy. We were a total of 5 couples, representing RID 3060. The tour started on 4th September.**

We were welcomed warmly at Catania airport, by our hosts.

**The first day, everyone settled with respective families**- with whom next 10 days were to be spent. (Usually, RFE team members are hosted with 3-4 families for 2-4 days each. This time, the Sicilians were kind enough to provide the same residence for 10 full days.)

Each host family made extraordinary efforts to make us feel at home. For next eight days, the hosts took turns every day to take us out. Various historical and natural sights were enjoyed.

**Day 2:** Visited Mount Etna (active volcano), with exhilarating hike on the way. Also visited some tea gardens.

**Day 3:** Enjoyed ancient city of Syracuse and Ortigia island, visiting caves in the sea, along with some historical Greek monuments.

**Day 4:** Spending time with own host families each, we went to see Villa Romana Del Casale - a UNESCO site, that used to be a Roman noble man's residence.

**Day 5:** Travelled to Enna - the city in the centre of Sicily. Visited beautiful places like Castle of Lombardy, and Lake Pergusa - and had lunch at the ancestral home of a Rotarian by the lakeside.

**Day 6:** Drove up to Taormina- a major tourist town, where cruises anchor for a day trip, It is home to archeological attractions and luxury hotels. The view of the Giardini - Naxos seafront was amazing!

**Day 7:** We visited the baroque city of Noto, enjoying the walks in the streets with beautiful buildings. From there we went to Ragusa (our current Rotary International President hails from this place). Ragusa is another beautiful place, capital of the Iblei mountains area, and having some beautiful historical architecture.

That evening, we attended the formal meeting, hosted by RC Catania. We had an opportunity to present about ourselves, our club, our district, culture, country and lifestyle. It was an exciting evening whereby we met Rotarians from various parts of the district, including the IPDG and RFE chair- who were instrumental in making this RFE visit possible. We exchanged flags and gifts, were cheered loudly, encountered some exceptionally emotional moments, and enjoyed warm chats, and banters till late in the night.

**Day 8:** Visited the Cyclops coast, to the port of Ulisse (Ognina) with lava rocks, then Acicastello (castle), Acitrezza with the Cyclops rocks, the timpa overlooking the sea of Acireale, closing of the day with visit to the noble baroque city of Acireale.

**Day 9:** We went to Messina, a city in the Strait that separates Sicily from the rest of Italy. It has an interesting Cathedral with mechanical clock, and museum; and saw Milazzo castle.

On the way back, we enjoyed another long boat ride, in the sea, near Catania. An enthralling experience!

**We thus, came to the Tenth and the last day of our RFE program. It was very difficult to say goodbye to our loving family of Laura and Alberto, their beautiful daughters Costanza and Magherita, as well as their parents- Nonna and Dad 😊.** Some of us could control the tears, some couldn't. We had extended our family across seas. (Laura and Alberto are lawyers, practicing in their own firm. Laura is the IPP of RC Catania, and was responsible for working out the beautiful itinerary.)

We thoroughly enjoyed our experience. We met many Rotarians at various places, exchanged ideas, and created opportunities for future endeavours of Rotary. (Of course, the hosts arranged for some shopping and had us relish Italian food, throughout the visit.) We learnt a lot about their culture, society, and lives.

**We really appreciate efforts of all the loving hosts of RID 2110, as well as their RFE team, under Rtn Sergio, and IPDG Pitari. We are looking forward to welcome team 2110, with equal love and excitement!**

**We are thankful to team RFE of 3060, RY 24-25 chair Prafulbhai Dewani, and incoming chair Devangbhai Munim, IPDG Tusharbhai, and DG Amardeep Singh, We recognize support of club international service chair PP Hitendrabhai, IPP PDG Devendrabhai, and President Paragbhai from bottom of our hearts.** We encourage all our members to participate in RFE team, as well as enjoy interaction and hosting of incoming RFE guests. It's an experience, that's a privilege for Rotarians.

**Thank you Rotary Surat West, and all of you\_**



**WORLD  
TOP 20**

# Giving Countries (2025-26)

Rank	Country	Rotarians	% of All Rotarians	Clubs	% of All Clubs	Annual Fund	PolioPlus Fund	Other Funds	Endowment Fund	Total Contributions	Annual Fund Per Capita
1	USA	2,60,235	23%	7,036	19%	\$62,16,191	\$15,68,009	\$8,86,397	\$28,24,562	\$1,14,95,159	\$23.89
2	Korea	59,301	5%	1,615	4%	\$45,57,313	\$1,27,897	\$87,660	\$9,47,191	\$57,20,061	\$76.85
3	India	1,67,871	15%	4,651	13%	\$11,37,340	\$1,58,806	\$14,76,422	\$3,36,782	\$31,09,350	\$6.78
4	Japan	81,063	7%	2,173	6%	\$20,42,892	\$5,00,289	\$31,821	\$3,80,644	\$29,55,646	\$25.20
5	Canada	18,122	2%	668	2%	\$4,10,222	\$1,73,801	\$2,31,582	\$99,257	\$9,14,862	\$22.64
6	Philippines	26,482	2%	982	3%	\$3,70,178	\$1,64,596	\$28,720	\$1,72,372	\$7,35,866	\$13.98
7	Taiwan	35,174	3%	1,013	3%	\$3,40,904	\$36,361	\$1,21,947	\$2,11,630	\$7,10,842	\$9.69
8	Brazil	51,001	5%	2,308	6%	\$4,80,884	\$83,739	\$24,469	\$3,339	\$5,92,431	\$9.43
9	UK	30,331	3%	1,444	4%	\$2,41,521	\$89,715	\$35,889	\$1,12,720	\$4,79,845	\$7.96
10	Germany	58,545	5%	1,156	3%	\$2,60,251	\$1,37,460	\$71,751	\$294	\$4,69,756	\$4.45
11	Italy	39,071	3%	969	3%	\$1,76,629	\$1,04,770	\$31,593	\$89,283	\$4,02,275	\$4.52
12	Nigeria	13,916	1%	557	2%	\$1,68,392	\$1,29,139	\$7,420	\$36,240	\$3,41,191	\$12.10
13	Uganda	7,862	1%	215	1%	\$2,25,143	\$49,004	\$32,661	\$23,577	\$3,30,385	\$28.64
14	Australia	20,736	2%	937	3%	\$1,62,387	\$56,287	\$38,152	\$16,340	\$2,73,166	\$7.83
15	Singapore	783	0%	23	0%	\$23,611	\$13,522	\$100	\$2,12,722	\$2,49,955	\$30.15
16	Mexico	9,544	1%	605	2%	\$1,03,658	\$18,200	\$1,08,543	\$6,372	\$2,36,773	\$10.86
17	Switzerland	13,313	1%	220	1%	\$1,37,477	\$15,167	\$13,138	\$0	\$1,65,782	\$10.33
18	France	26,177	2%	1,085	3%	\$78,175	\$52,397	\$21,051	\$0	\$1,51,623	\$2.99
19	Hong Kong	2,098	0%	90	0%	\$15,173	\$9,225	\$1,130	\$6,035	\$1,31,563	\$54.90
20	Thailand	6,958	1%	337	1%	\$38,198	\$1,662	\$9,861	\$81,212	\$1,30,933	\$5.49

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## District Endowment Matching Initiative

For Rotary International Districts in Zones 4, 5, 6 & 7

To empower Rotary Districts in Zones 4, 5, 6, and 7 to create lasting impact through endowments dedicated to Environmental (primary objective) and Primary Education (alternate objective) with matching contributions from Donor **AKS Ravishanker Datspe**.

### Process of Endowment Creation & Matching

#### 1. District Participation

- Each District in Zones 4, 5, 6, and 7 may create a pooled or named Endowment in compliance with Rotary Foundation (TRF) policies.
- District can create endowment in honor of individuals, too.
- The minimum size of an Endowment will follow TRF's eligibility requirements.

#### 2. Named Endowment

- To be dedicated specifically for Environmental projects as primary focus and Primary Education as alternate.
- Naming rights remain with the Donor and will be associated with the District.

#### 3. Matching Contribution

- Endowments created by Districts will be matched Dollar to Dollar in Rupee value by Donor **AKS Ravishanker Datspe** through the Foundation Trust.
- Matching limit: Up to USD 50,000 (or Rupee value) per District.

#### 4. District Resolution

- District must pass a special resolution confirming that the spendable earnings of the Endowment will be utilized for Environmental (primary) or Primary Education (alternate).
- Resolution must include provision that if the District does not utilize its spendable earnings, the Donor may reallocate the earnings from his Endowment to other projects of his choice, anywhere.
- The resolution should be submitted to the Donor's Committee for authorization of matching.

### Stewardship, Compliance & Reporting

#### Management

- Endowment creation and management will strictly follow Rotary Foundation (TRF) policies.
- Spendable earnings from the Donor's matched contribution will be directed to projects identified by the District Endowment or by the Donor, as applicable.

#### Reporting

- Each District Endowment must submit an annual impact and utilization report to ensure accountability and transparency.
- Reports will be shared with the Donor and the Committee for review.



**Objective**  
Strengthening Communities, Sustaining the Environment.

#### Overnight Committee

To ensure stewardship and smooth execution, the following committee will oversee the initiative.  
Chairman: **PDG Suresh Neri** - RI District 3192  
Vice Chairman: **PP Vijay Tadavala** - RI District 3191

#### Core Members

- AKS Ravishanker Datspe** - RI District 3192
- Rtn. Ret Michael Joseph** - RI District 3191

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#### Key Highlights

- Opportunity for every District to create a sustainable, named Endowment aligned with Rotary values.
- Dollar-to-Dollar matching support by Donor up to USD 50,000 equivalent in INR.
- Long-term impact ensured through clear compliance, governance, and stewardship.

**Active Support and Promotion**  
**RI Director K P Ganesh**  
**RI Director M Marugamandan**  
**Trustee Bharath Pandya**

Out of the 20 matching contributions planned initially, 4 have already been confirmed:

- Dist. 3191 - In honor of **Late PDG Dr. Saneer Harisel**
- Dist. 3192 - In memory of **Late PDG Pankaranga Sely**
- Dist. 3090 - In recognition of **PMP Raja Saboo and Madan Usha Saboo**
- Dist. 3179 - In honour of **Late Harkness Potdar** (PDG Anwar Potdar's Father): \$25,000  
In honour of **Late PDG Motilal Desai** (PDG Raju Desai's Father): \$25,000

**Hurry up to participate and get the benefit of matching funds while the program is still underway!**



## RI President Speaks Loud and Polite! Says-"Let Literacy Become the Voice of Change!"

RI President Francesco Arzoo calls Rotarians to action this Basic Education and Literacy Month. With millions still unable to read and children lacking educational access, our mission is clear: Unite for Good through sustainable, inclusive education, especially for girls and marginalized youth.

Literacy transcends reading; it is the foundation of human dignity, economic mobility, and peace. Every scholarship, classroom, and literacy program becomes an act of peacebuilding. We must think boldly, welcome members passionate about education, and commit to long-term impact. Never stop learning, never stop serving. UNITED, as People of Action, we can make every child's reading dream a reality.

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## Foundation Trustee Chair's Message Literacy As A Human Right

Foundation Trustee Chair Holger Knaack emphasizes education's transformative power during Basic Education and Literacy Month. Highlighting Rotary's comprehensive approach across multiple focus areas, he showcases Lynne Paradis from Red Deer, Alberta's remarkable Literacy Alive! initiative.

Through partnership with San Ignacio, Belize, and eight Rotary Foundation global grants since 2011, the phonics-based program has trained over 1,300 teachers and benefited 20,000 students with 96% success rates. Now compulsory in Belize primary schools, the program demonstrates how foundation support creates systemic change when members' passion meets strategic partnerships across communities.

"When our members' passion meets Foundation support, we don't just improve individual lives, we change entire communities."

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# Rotary Membership Update



## NEW MEMBERS ADDED

### ZONES 4, 5, 6, 7

S. No.	DISTRICT	ZONE	MEMBERS
1	3000	5	1389
2	3011	4	522
3	3203	5	479
4	3191	7	454
5	3131	7	417
6	3170	7	411
7	3192	7	405
8	3150	7	404
9	3020	7	397
10	3141	4	389
11	2981	5	357
12	3132	7	350
13	3080	4	346
14	3030	6	345
15	2982	5	342
16	3292	6	326
17	3291	6	312
18	3233	5	293
19	3142	4	274
20	3060	4	271
21	3181	7	242
22	3250	6	216
23	3262	6	207
24	3182	7	206
25	3212	5	183
26	3234	5	182
27	3012	4	176
28	3055	4	172
29	3110	6	171
30	3206	5	165
31	3120	6	157
32	3100	6	125
33	3240	6	124
34	3211	5	122
35	3070	4	117
36	3220	5	108
37	3231	5	104
38	3090	4	85
39	3040	4	83
40	3053	4	83
41	3056	4	78
42	3204	5	76
43	3205	5	66
44	3160	7	44
45	3261	6	19
Total			11,794

### ZONES 4, 5, 6, 7 OVERVIEW

S. No.	ZONE	MEMBERS
1	4	2,596
2	5	3,866
3	6	2,002
4	7	3,330
Total		11,794
Rest of World Total		31,819
World Total		43,613

### ZONE 4

S. NO.	DISTRICT	MEMBERS
1	3011	522
2	3141	389
3	3080	346
4	3142	274
5	3060	271
6	3012	176
7	3055	172
8	3070	117
9	3090	85
10	3040	83
11	3053	83
12	3056	78
Total		2,596

### ZONE 7

S. NO.	DISTRICT	MEMBERS
1	3191	454
2	3131	417
3	3170	411
4	3192	405
5	3150	404
6	3020	397
7	3132	350
8	3181	242
9	3182	206
10	3160	44
Total		3,330

## WORLD TOP 20

### ROTARY DISTRICTS IN THE WORLD MEMBERSHIP

RANK	DIST.	ZONE	COUNTRY	CLUBS	MEMBERS
1	3000	5	India	165	7238
2	3141	4	India	122	6696
3	3170	7	India	143	6630
4	2981	5	India	148	6131
5	3030	6	India	110	5732
6	3203	5	India	105	5719
7	3292	6	Nepal	162	5635
8	3630	11	Korea	119	5552
9	3011	4	India	140	5504
10	3131	7	India	136	5331
11	3211	5	India	163	5274
12	9213	22	Uganda	140	5259
13	1910	21	Austria	112	5186
14	3060	4	India	104	5068
15	64	1	Bangladesh	230	4857
16	1900	15	Germany	92	4811
17	3820	10	Philippines	154	4783
18	1810	15	Germany	88	4731
19	3212	5	India	121	4724
20	1860	15	Germany	90	4715

### ROTARY DISTRICTS IN THE WORLD NEW MEMBERS ADDED (2025-26)

RANK	DIST.	COUNTRY	ZONE	MEMBERS
1	3000	India	5	1389
2	3680	Korea	12	548
3	3600	Korea	11	533
4	3011	India	4	522
5	3203	India	5	479
6	3191	India	7	454
7	3131	India	7	417
8	3170	India	7	411
9	3192	India	7	405
10	3150	India	7	404
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13	3710	Korea	12	385
14	2981	India	5	357
15	3132	India	7	350
16	3080	India	4	346
17	3030	India	6	345
18	2982	India	5	342
19	3292	Nepal	6	326
20	3750	Korea	11	322

## Did you Know!



A Dutch “**wind tree**” spins tiny **artificial leaves** that generate power in even the **slightest breeze** — energy disguised as nature.

In the Netherlands, engineers have designed a remarkable fusion of nature and technology called the “wind tree.” Unlike traditional wind turbines, this sculptural innovation features dozens of tiny artificial leaves that spin quietly in the wind. Each leaf acts as a micro-turbine, capable of capturing energy from even the gentlest breeze. The result? A tree that doesn’t just look beautiful — it generates clean electricity around the clock.

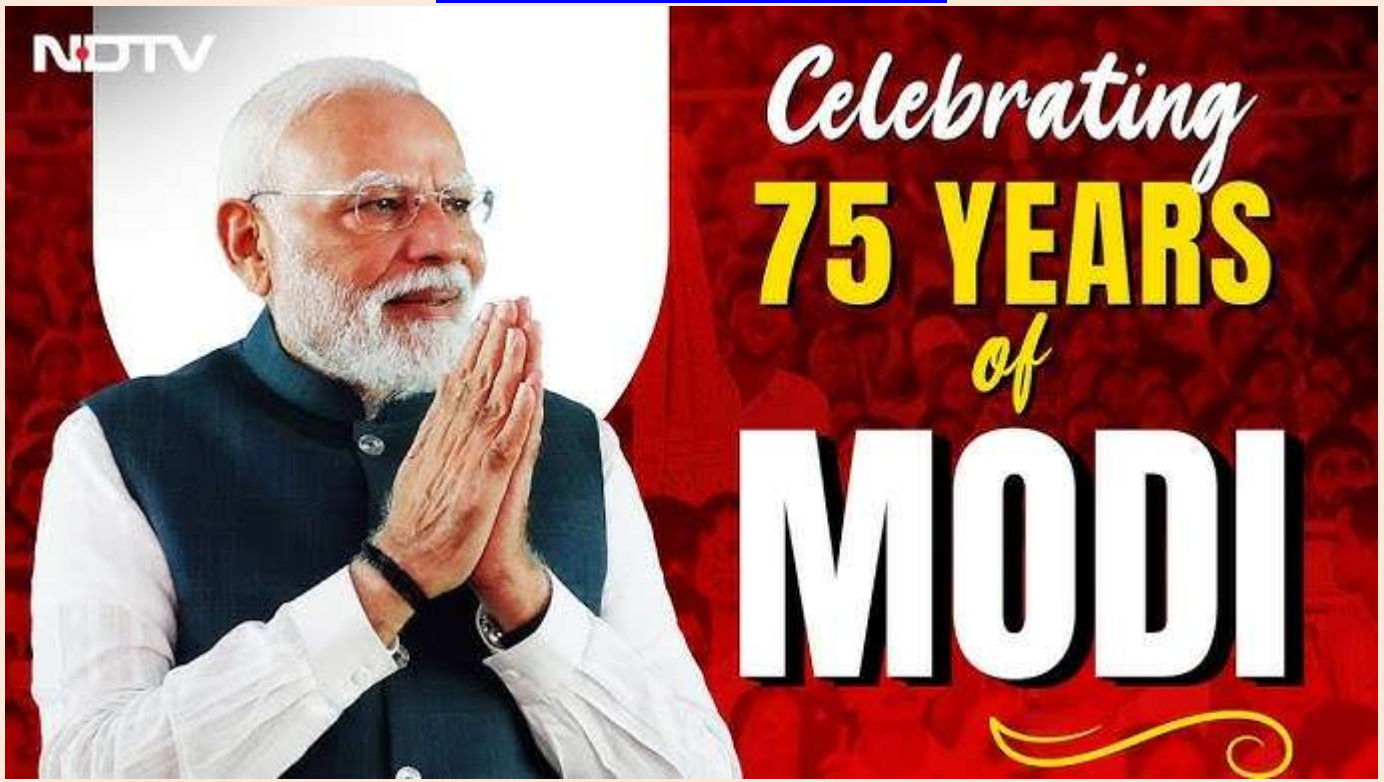
These wind trees are designed to blend into urban and park environments without the visual or acoustic disruption of large turbines. The leaves rotate independently, generating small amounts of power that add up quickly when multiplied across the entire structure. They’re especially effective in cities, where wind is often unpredictable and comes from multiple directions.

Power from the wind tree can charge streetlights, power benches, or even feed into local grids. It’s an elegant solution for decentralized, low-impact renewable energy — all disguised as greenery. These trees work silently, require little maintenance, and symbolize how design can bring sustainability and aesthetics together.

By mimicking the natural form of a tree, the Dutch wind tree not only provides energy but also redefines how we perceive power infrastructure. It’s not just a generator — it’s a living sculpture that inspires cleaner cities

**Courtesy: PP. Bankim Sitwala**





World Athletics Championships  
2025, Javelin

Neeraj Chopra eliminated,  
Sachin Yadav finished 4<sup>th</sup>





# Rotary



**How does Rotary work?**

*Some do a little, others do a lot.  
When we all work together, great  
things happen in the community.  
Lives are changed and the world  
becomes a better place!*

*Polyn T. Bradley*

#Belmaginative

”

I can do things you cannot,  
you can do things I cannot:  
together we can do great things.

— Mother Teresa

## Laughter- The Best Medicine





# HAPPY NAVRATRI

Wishing you a vibrant and joyful Navratri! May these nine nights of devotion, dance, and music bring you immense happiness and prosperity. Happy Navratri!