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## NEXT MEETING

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

**Program: Made for Each Other Contest**



**Anchors: Rtn. PP. Tinish and Ann Hem Mody**

**Participants: Rtn. Dr. Shikha and Asim Samaia**

**Rtn. Dr. Vishal and Dr. Daizy Mandlewala**

**Rtn. Amit and Nima Desai**

**Rtn. Anup and Shweta Mittal.**

**Rtn. PP Vivek and Rekha Goel**

**Venue: Crazy Bite Restaurant Banquet Hall**

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

**8.45Pm Onwards: Program**

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

**\* Club will felicitate all Rotarians and Spouses whose Birthday/Wedding Anniversaries fall during February.**

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

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

### Birthday Greetings

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

## Ripples of hope and change



This month, as we come together for the International Assembly and the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrate *The Magic of Rotary* — a unique blend of global connection, vision, and action that empowers us to create lasting change.

One of the most inspiring examples is our Rotary Peace Fellowship programme, a cornerstone of Rotary's mission to build a more peaceful and just world.

For more than 23 years, Rotary Peace Fellowships have been transforming communities. Our Rotary Peace Centers, hosted at leading universities around the globe, have educated over 1,800 fellows who now work in more than 140 countries.

These centres cultivate expertise in fields like conflict resolution, sustainable development and peacebuilding, preparing fellows to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges. This programme exemplifies how Rotary turns vision into action, creating a ripple effect of hope and change.

This month during the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrate a significant milestone with the opening of our newest peace centre in Istanbul. This centre will focus on training leaders to address peacebuilding challenges in the Middle East and North Africa, further extending Rotary's impact.

Peace fellows are dedicated champions of transformation, addressing critical issues such as refugee resettlement, youth and women's empowerment, and reconciliation in conflict zones. Many founded vital organisations or hold leadership roles in governments,

nongovernmental organisations, and international institutions like the United Nations and World Bank.

One inspiring story is that of Ntang Julius Meleng, a 2024 Rotary Peace Fellow at Makerere University in Uganda. Through his Social Change Initiative, Julius has worked to empower young people in Cameroon to take active roles in peacebuilding and leadership.

His project provided training in conflict prevention, civic engagement, and leadership to youths and community officials in areas affected by conflict, equipping people to drive sustainable peace efforts.

Julius harnessed Rotary's global network to overcome obstacles, including limited funding and security risks, and make a meaningful impact.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship gave Julius the tools and support to turn his vision into reality. His work embodies *The Magic of Rotary* — the transformative power of connecting people, sharing resources, and uniting for a common purpose.

As we reflect on the achievements of our peace fellows and celebrate Rotary's enduring commitment to peace, let us also recognise the role that everyone in our network of 1.2 million members plays in creating magic through service.

Together, we can amplify our impact, inspire new generations of leaders, and build a brighter, more peaceful future.

**Stephanie A Urchick**  
President, Rotary International

## Free Eye Check-up Camp- January 26



**The Free Eye Check-up Camp was held in the premises of Rtn. PP. Dr Paresh Vaidya's hospital namely "Center for Sight" located on City Light Road on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 10.00am to 4.00Pm. Entire staff of the hospitalsacrificed their well earned Sunday for this camp. **60 parients were examined and identified poor patients for Cataract surgery.** More such Free check-up camps will be held in early February and **Cataract surgery sponsored by our club will commence in February end.Kudos to Rtn. PP. Dr Paresh Vaidya and team CFS for their services****

## Battery Operated Artificial Hand Project- January 29





**Summary of project: Battery operated artificial hand**

**Hosts: All 14 Rotary Clubs of Surat area.**

**Beneficiaries: 32**

**Collaboration with Rotary Club of Pune downtown and Inali Foundation.**

**Cost of one artificial hand: Rs. 35 000/-.**

**Total cost of Project: App. RS. 9.00 Lakhs**

**Project coordinator: Rtn PP Mihir Thakkar, Rotary Club of Surat Metro**

**Our club was represented by Rtn. Amit Desai and President PDG Devendra Shastri.**

**The camp started at 9.00am and concluded at 2.00pm.**

**All 32 beneficiaries look to be extremely happy for breathing new lease of life of self - respect and self- reliance. Patients came from Vapi to Maharashtra to take the advantage of the camp. Beneficiaries were given training about how to operate the fitted hand and exercise that they need to do to strengthen their hand muscles.**

**Four members of Rotary club of Pune downtown accompanied 11-member technical team of the Inali Foundation located near Lonavala.**

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સુરતના નાનપુરા વિસ્તારમાં આવેલા દિલીપ પરેશ રોટરી હોલ ખાતે ઈનાલી-બેટરી સંચાલિત કૃત્રિમ હાથ પ્રત્યારોપિત કરવાનો કાર્યક્રમ યોજાયો હતો. સુરતમાં કામ કરતાં રોટરી ક્લબના 14 સંગઠનો દ્વારા એક છત નીચે આ બેટરી સંચાલિત હાથ પ્રત્યારોપિત કરવામાં આવ્યાં હતાં. જેમાં સુરત, દક્ષિણ ગુજરાત સહિત મુંબઈ અને અન્ય રાજ્યમાંથી પણ લાભાર્થીઓ આવ્યાં હતાં. 35થી વધુ લોકોને નિઃશુલ્ક રીતે હાથ લગાવી આપવામાં આવ્યાં હતાં. જેમાં ઘણા એવા હતાં જેમને બન્ને હાથ લગાવી આપવામાં આવ્યાં હતાં.



સુરત 30-01-2025

## રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ સુરતના 14 સંગઠનોએ 35થી વધુ લોકોને કૃત્રિમ હાથ પ્રત્યારોપણ કર્યા નાનપુરા રોટરી હોલ ખાતે કેમ્પ યોજાયો

ભાસ્કર વ્યૂઝ | સુરત

સુરતના નાનપુરા દિલીપ પરેશ રોટરી હોલ ખાતે ઈનાલી-બેટરી સંચાલિત કૃત્રિમ હાથ પ્રત્યારોપિત કરવાનો કેમ્પ યોજાયો હતો. સુરતમાં કામ કરતાં રોટરી ક્લબના 14 સંગઠનો દ્વારા એક છત નીચે આ બેટરી સંચાલિત હાથ પ્રત્યારોપિત કરવામાં આવ્યાં હતાં. જેમાં સુરત, દક્ષિણ ગુજરાત સહિત મુંબઈ અને અન્ય રાજ્યમાંથી પણ લાભાર્થીઓ આવ્યાં હતાં. 35થી વધુ લોકોને નિઃશુલ્ક હાથ લગાવી આપવામાં આવ્યાં હતાં. કેટલાક પેશન્ટને બન્ને હાથ લગાવી આપવામાં આવ્યાં હતાં.

મુંબઈથી હાથ મેળવવા આવેલી રેખા ધીરજકુમાર ભારવાએ કહ્યું કે, મને ગત માર્ચ મહિનામાં અકસ્માત થતાં મારા હાથની નસ દબાઈ ગઈ હતી. જેથી બે વાર ઓપરેશન કરીને હાથ કપાવવો પડ્યો હતો. હું નોકરી કરતી હતી. પરંતુ હાથ ગુમાવવો પડતાં નોકરી છૂટી ગઈ હતી.

જોકે, આજે સુરતમાં આ પ્રકારે હાથ મળે છે તેવી જાણ થતાં હું મારા પતિ સાથે અહિં આવી હતી. કારણ કે હાથ ગુમાવ્યો ત્યારબાદ મારે નોકરી જ નહીં ધરકામ પણ ન થાય

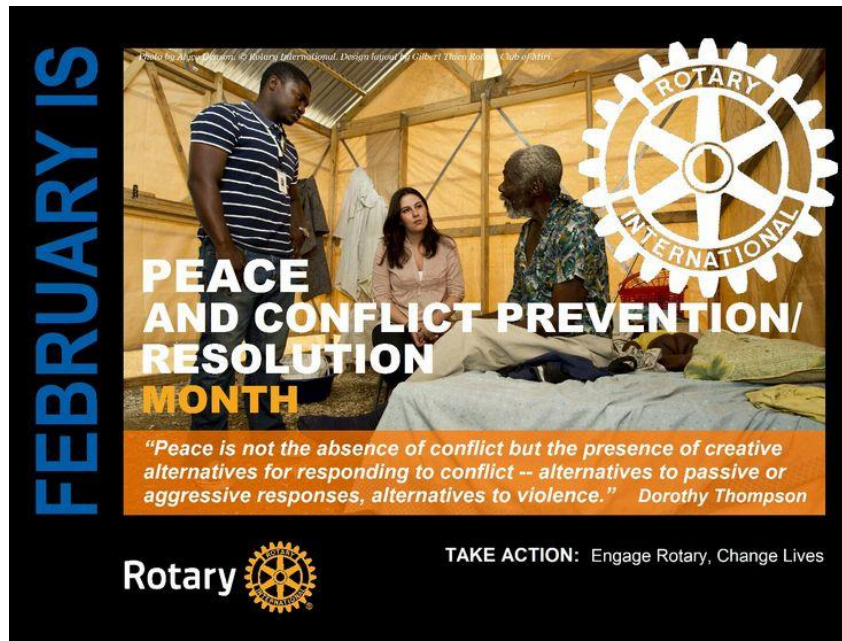
### દર વર્ષે આ પ્રકારના કાર્યક્રમો યોજાય છે

અમે દર વર્ષે આ પ્રકારના કાર્યક્રમો કરીએ છીએ. જેમાં લોકોને બન્ને હાથ તો કોઈને એક હાથ લગાવી આપીએ છીએ. બેટરી સંચાલિત હાથ હોવાથી કુદરતી જેવો જ દેખાય છે. વજનમાં હળવો છે. રોજિંદા કામ થઈ શકે છે. દરરોજ ફીટ કરવો અને કાઢવો પણ આસાન હોય છે. માર્કેટમાં લગભગ 50 હજાર સુધીની કિંમતથી લઈને લાખો રૂપિયાના હાથ મળતાં હોય છે. પરંતુ વિવિધ સંસ્થાઓના સહયોગથી અમે આ નિઃશુલ્ક રીતે કરીએ છીએ. આ વખતે રોટરી ક્લબ સુરતના 14 સંગઠનોનો સપોર્ટ મળ્યો છે.

» પ્રદિપ મુનોત, સંસ્થાના વતી

તેવી સ્થિતિ હતી. હવે જ્યારે હાથ મળ્યો છે. ત્યારે એવું લાગે છે કે, નવ મહિના બાદ ફરીથી મને નવું જીવન મળ્યું છે. હાથ મળ્યો છે તો ધરકામની સાથે નોકરી પણ કરી શકીશ તેવો આત્મવિશ્વાસ ફરીથી આવ્યો છે.

## February is Peace and Conflict Prevention Month



### **Area of Focus:**

## **Peace and conflict prevention/resolution.**

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar because it includes the anniversary of the **first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905 in Chicago**. That day is now designated as the "World Understanding and Peace Day".

**On February 23 Rotary celebrates the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Rotary club meeting. This is an opportunity for Rotary clubs and districts to promote Rotary's public image.**


Rotary has designated months to help clubs Develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions.

The Concept is to give all the clubs of the District a Ready Reckoner of the types of Service Projects, which could be indulged, during the Year, and help plan the activities of the year, mostly based on the Rotary Calendar i.e. Rotary Designated Months.



**IT IS NOT A MATTER OF BRINGING MORE PEOPLE INTO ROTARY, IT'S RATHER A QUESTION OF GETTING MORE ROTARY INTO PEOPLE.**

**HAROLD THOMAS**

Rotary  
DOWN UNDER 


**IMAGINATION  
INSPIRATION  
INNOVATION  
TEAMWORK**

**Rotary** 

**PEOPLE OF ACTION**

*The Absence of an "Official Creed":*

*Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meetings or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.*

**Rotary**  **PEOPLE OF ACTION**

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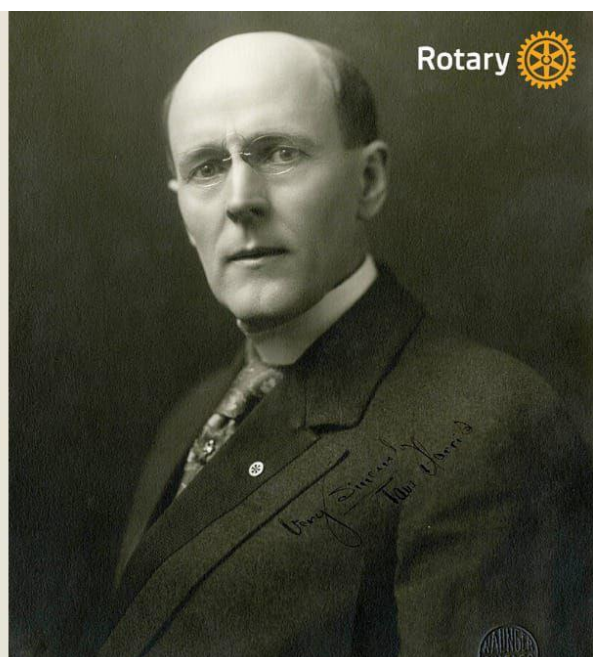
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- Networking
- Personal Development
- Professional Growth
- Global Impact
- Access to Resources

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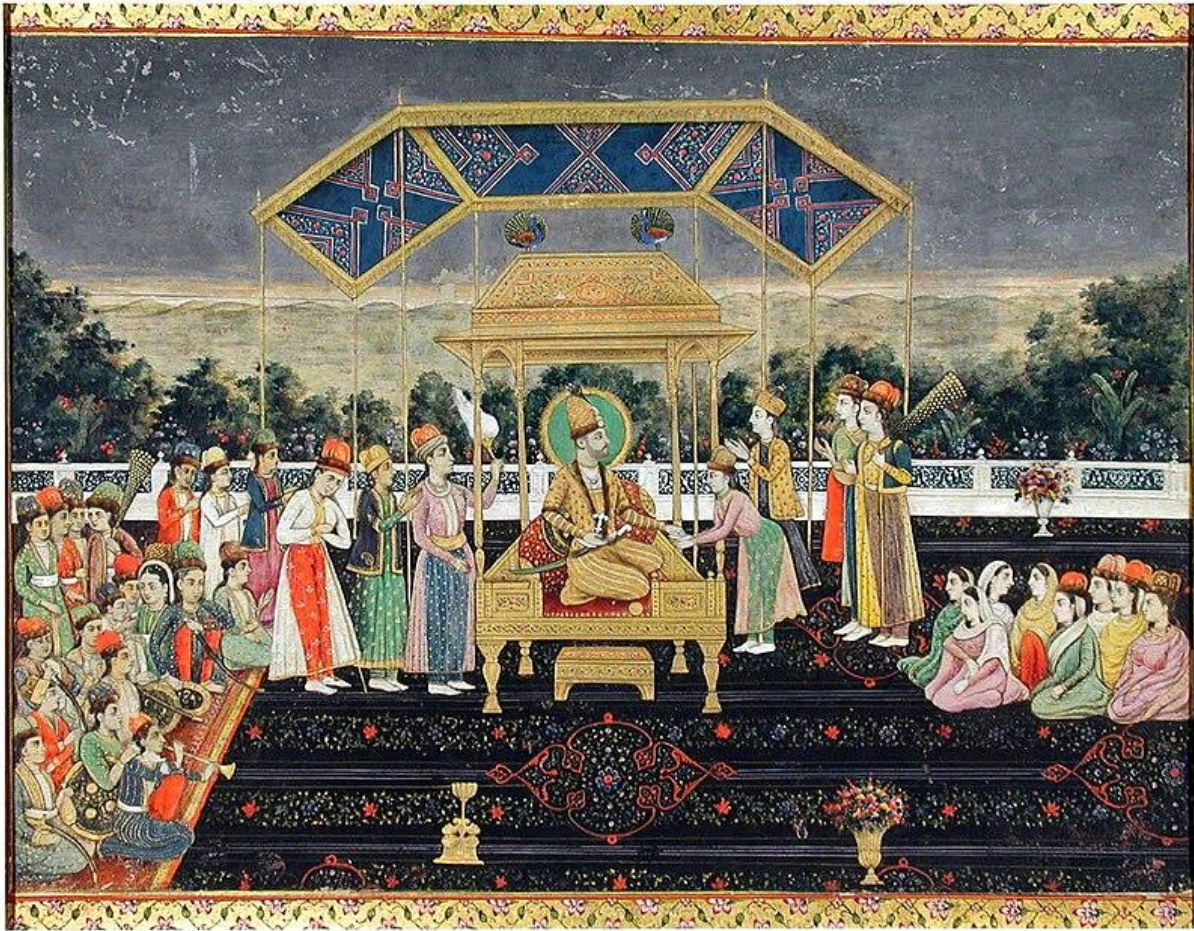
**"I have no hesitation in saying that world peace could be achieved and made permanent if reared on Rotary's firm foundation of friendliness, tolerance, and usefulness."**

**Paul Harris**  
founder of Rotary International  
1940 Convention





## DID YOU KNOW THIS MUGHAL JEWEL WAS 2X COSTLIER THAN THE TAJ MAHAL



Amidst the grandeur of the Mughal Empire, where opulence and artistry knew no bounds, there existed a treasure so magnificent that it surpassed the cost of one of the world's most awe-inspiring monuments, the Taj Mahal.

This treasure, a symbol of imperial power and artistic excellence, was none other than the legendary **Peacock Throne**. Commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan, the throne became a celebrated jewel of the Mughal dynasty, embodying the zenith of Mughal craftsmanship and luxury.

The **Peacock Throne**, or '**Mayurāsana**' as it was known, was not just a seat of authority but a marvel of design and embellishment. It was commissioned in the early 17th century and took seven painstaking years to complete. The throne was a masterpiece, adorned with an array of precious stones and metals, and ***its cost was a staggering figure, amounting to twice that of the Taj Mahal's construction.***

Crafted by the skilled hands of the imperial goldsmiths, led by the master artisan Said Gilani, the throne was a evidence of the empire's wealth and Shah Jahan's love for the extravagant. The throne was ascended by silver steps and stood on golden feet set with jewels. Its most striking feature was the representations of two open peacocks' tails, gilded and enameled, and inset with diamonds, rubies, and other stones, giving it the name by which it became known.

The Peacock Throne was inaugurated in a triumphant ceremony on March 22, 1635, a date chosen by astrologers for its auspiciousness, coinciding with Eid al-Fitr and Nowruz, the Persian New Year.



## Forthcoming Projects and Programs

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

\***Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February:**

\* **Dhamal Gaali: Joint program of Rotary clubs in Surat area**

**Time: 6.00am to 8.00am. More Information in next issue of Spark.**

\***Rotary Day-Vocational Excellence Awards Presentation**

**Time: 11.00am followed by LUNCH.**

**Awardess: Mr. Niraj Choksi, CEO, NJ India Invest Pvt. Ltd.**

**Mr. Vishal Budhia, CEO, Steamhouse**

**Institution: Ichhapore Police Station**

**Chief Guest: Shri. Anup Singh Ghelot, Commissioner of Police, Surat (Tentative)**

**Project Coordinators: Rtn. PP Krunal Mehta and Rtn. PP. Ashit Kothari**

