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## Mission in Motion

### Vision & Strategy - Board Meeting

A Board Meeting of Rotary Surat Riverside was held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at the residence of PP Dr. Prashant Kariya. The meeting began with discussions on key service initiatives and upcoming projects. The following are the areas covered in the meeting.

- **Global Grant Project – Milk Van Initiative**

It was unanimously agreed to undertake a Milk Van as a Global Grant project in collaboration with four clubs – Riverside, Tapi, Udhna, and Sachin.

- Each club will contribute a corpus of ₹12 lakhs for sustaining the project for coming years.
- The Milk Bank will be established in collaboration with Kiran Hospital.
- Rotary Riverside will lead the project.
- The core team will consist of the President, Community Chair, and one additional member, rotating annually.

- **Physiotherapy Centre Expansion**

The construction of the second floor of the Physiotherapy Centre will commence shortly. All required formalities have been completed successfully under the guidance of AG Bankim Vashi.

- **Fellowship Meet & Vocational Awards**

The organisation of a Fellowship Meet and a Vocational Award Ceremony were discussed.

- **Vote of Thanks**

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Rtn. Emily Jacob, expressing appreciation for the delightful arrangements, including the delicious samosas, the warm hospitality, and the fruit custard prepared with extra love by Ann Vaishali Kariya.





## RSR Summer Greet, Meet & Treat

On 16<sup>th</sup> April, members gathered at Boketto for the vibrant RSR Summer Greet, Meet & Treat – an evening filled with tropical vibes, floral energy, lively music, and meaningful bonding.

The venue came to life with cheerful giggles, colourful flowery attires and the scheduled IPL match at the backdrop which created a perfect setting for members to unwind and connect.

Fun-filled games and rocking music added to the festive spirit as the grown adults enjoyed being grown up kids to win the interesting games. The members soaked in the relaxed ambiance, delicious treats, and engaging interactions throughout the evening.

Overall, the Summer Greet, Meet & Treat was a refreshing and enjoyable experience, leaving everyone with wonderful memories and renewed connections.

Kudos to the forever green Jodi of RSR – PE Nirupa Patel and PP SE Ritu Talwar for making all necessary arrangements for us to enjoy. Gratitude to President Gautam Rawal and PP Secretary Manoj Gajiwala for organising this tropical-themed fellowship.





## HUMF Project – Dental Check-Up Camp

As a part of the HUMF Project, a successful Dental Check-Up Camp was organized for 70 children at Anganwadi 36 & 37 on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026, with the objective of promoting oral health awareness and early detection of dental issues among children.

We express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Vidhi Shah and Dr. Parishi Shah for conducting detailed dental examinations for all the children. They also educated the children on proper brushing techniques and highlighted the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene from an early age. Basic dental concerns were identified, and appropriate guidance for follow-up treatment was provided to the mothers wherever required.

We are deeply thankful to Rtn. Dr. Nehal and Purvi Patel for generously sponsoring toothbrushes and toothpaste for all the children.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Rtn. Amita Desai, PP Ritu, PP Rashika, PE Nirupa Patel and Rtn. Emily Jacob for their valuable support and active participation, which contributed greatly to the success of the camp.

The initiative was a meaningful step towards creating awareness about dental health and ensuring healthier smiles for the children.





## PELS & SELS, RY 2026-27

The PELS (President Elect Learning Seminar) and SELS (Secretary Elect Learning Seminar) for Rotary District 3060 were organized on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at Regency Lagoon Resort, Rajkot, with the objective of preparing incoming club leaders for the Rotary year ahead. The training program focused on leadership development, effective club administration, membership growth, service planning, and strengthening the impact of Rotary activities across the district.

Our vibrant PE Nirupa Patel and ever so passionate SE PP Ritu Talwar attended the training sessions to nurture themselves for a successful RY 2026-27 under the able guidance of DGE Nilesh Shah.





## Cyber Security Technology – A Joint Speaker Meet

A meaningful Joint Meeting on Cyber Security Technology was held on 28 April 2026 at Dilip Paresh Rotary Hall. The session highlighted the growing importance and relevance of cyber security in today’s digital era.

The topic was very well explained by the learned and experienced professional Mr. Chintan Pathak, whose insightful presentation created awareness about current cyber threats and safety measures.

A special thank you to PP Hon. Secretary Manoj Gajiwala for organizing such an informative and timely meeting for all members in association with Rotary Club of Surat Roundtown and Rotary Club of Surat Seaface.



## Nourish to Flourish: Project Poshan Weeks

**Venue:** Anganwadi 36 & 37

**Beneficiaries:** 74 children

Malnourishment is not merely about hunger – it is a silent challenge that deprives children of their growth, weakens communities, and slows the progress of society.

At Rotary, we strongly believe that every child deserves proper nutrition and the opportunity to lead a healthy and fulfilling life, as good health lays the foundation for a brighter future. With the dedicated efforts of the women force of Rotary Surat Riverside, Project Poshan proudly continues into its third year under the capable guidance of Rtn. Emily Jacob, Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala, and Rtn. Rakhi Jindal.

A heartfelt salute to all the donors whose generosity and compassion continue to bring hope, happiness, and smiles to countless faces.

### Week 105

Date : 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Food : Soy Milk & Fruit

Volunteers : PP Ritu Talwar, Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala, Rtn. Emily Jacob

Sponsors : Rtn. Amita Desai





## Nourish to Flourish: Project Poshan Weeks

### Week 105



### Week 106

Date : 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Food : Soy Milk & Fruit

Volunteers : Rtn. Emily Jacob, Rtn. Amita Desai, Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala, Rtn. Daksha Khushi & Annet Khushi

Sponsors : Rtn. Amita Desai



### Week 107

Date : 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Food : Soy Milk & Sesame-Peanut Cikki

Volunteers : PP Rashika Bhardwaj, PP Ritu Talwar, Rtn. Amita Desai, Rtn. Emily Jacob and PE Nirupa Patel

Sponsors : Rtn. Amita Desai





## Nourish to Flourish: Project Poshan Weeks

### Week 107



### Week 108

Date : 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026  
 Food : Soy Milk & Sesame-Peanut Cikki  
 Volunteers : Rtn. Emily Jacob and PP Ritu Talwar  
 Sponsors :Rtn. Amita Desai

### Week 109

Date : 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
 Food : Soy Milk & Fruit  
 Volunteers : Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala, Rtn. Emily Jacob and PP Ritu Talwar  
 Sponsors :Rtn. Amita Desai





## RSR Voices, We Hear

### The Essence of Service -By Past President Sanjay Pandya

We have all learnt from Mahatma Gandhi...

वैष्णव जन तो तेने कहिए, जे पीड़ पराई जाणे रे।:  
सच्चा वैष्णव वह है जो दूसरों की पीड़ा को समझता है।  
पर दुःखे उपकार करे तोये, मन अभिमान न आणे रे ॥:  
जो दूसरों के दुःख में उपकार करता है और मन में अभिमान नहीं लाता।  
सकळ लोक मां सहुने वन्दे, निंदा न करे केनी रे।:  
जो सभी लोगों को सम्मान देता है और किसी की निंदा नहीं करता।



In my view, service should always be unconditional. If one serves in the hope of attaining heaven, it becomes a transaction. If one serves to cross the ocean of rebirth (bhavsagar), it begins with a condition – and respect for true service ends there. Where there is demand, there is a deal; and where there is a deal, there is no true service.

Service must be done with surrender. If service is rendered with compassion, it becomes meaningful. A lack of compassion can turn the act of service into a source of pride or ego for the doer. At the foundation of any service, simply taking care of someone is not enough. They must be respected, honored, and empowered so their inner strength grows.

Service is not an activity for time-pass – it is a powerful, unbroken emotion and deep understanding that springs from the core of life. It is an ocean of sensitivity that arises from the heart for those in need.

There is no space for publicity in service. What I've learned is that true service should be so compassionate and humble that even the left hand doesn't come to know what the right hand has given – whether it's a donation or a direct act of help. Only such acts, free from negligence and filled with selfless strength, can be called true service.

Not everyone may have the external capacity for service. But if one has love, compassion, prayer, a tender heart, kindness, and the blessings of God – only then can true service happen.

Service should emerge from inner inspiration, without any expectation or desire for recognition. If it's done for attention or display, it becomes merely a transaction. And where there's a transaction, there can never be real service. While serving others, one should offer them immense love and respect. True service is when the one receiving help never feels burdened or embarrassed to accept it.





## RSR Voices, We Hear

When a businessman resolves not to cheat his customer, service becomes more important than profit. When a doctor sees the patient as God and treats with sincerity, the value of their service becomes greater than their consultation fee. Service should not be filled with pretence, but with the transparent truth.

Personally, I find joy only in selfless service. These are my individual beliefs, and I cannot impose them on others.

I also believe that no matter should be seen as universal or absolute. Circumstances guide decisions, not just the person alone.

The couplet (sakhi) by Kabir that I try to live by:

कहे कबीर कमाल से, दो बातें कर ले ।  
कर साहिब की बंदगी, भूखे को अन्न दे॥  
अस्तु ॥

## Did you know?

**FUNNY FACTS**  
Because learning should be fun!

- Bananas are berries, but strawberries are not!
- A group of flamingos is called a "flamboyance."
- Octopuses have three hearts and blue blood.
- Cows have best friends and can get stressed when separated.
- The inventor of the frisbee was turned into a frisbee after he died — his ashes were put into memorial discs!
- Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins can.
- Wombats produce cube-shaped poop. Nature has a sense of humor too!
- "Mmm" is the only word made without moving your tongue.
- Penguins sometimes propose to their mates with a pebble.
- Your brain named itself. Think about that for a second.





## Milestone Memories

### • Another Trip Around the Sun

6<sup>th</sup> May : Ann. Nita Dhamanwala  
 17<sup>th</sup> May : Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala  
 17<sup>th</sup> May : Rtn. Daksha Patel


21<sup>st</sup> May : Ann. Dr. Nicky Kumar  
 29<sup>th</sup> May : Ann. Ulka Malji  
 30<sup>th</sup> May : Rtn. Bobby Patel


### • Celebrating Togetherness


6<sup>th</sup> May : Rtn. Rakhi Jindal  
 9<sup>th</sup> May : Rtn. Mihir Shukla  
 10<sup>th</sup> May : PP Rtn. Dr. Prashant Kariya

15<sup>th</sup> May : Rtn. Haresh Mahadevwala  
 20<sup>th</sup> May : Rtn. Dr. Prabhakar Singh  
 31<sup>st</sup> May : Rtn. Emily Jacob

## Events in the Spotlight, May 2026

 **Service Projects:** From health awareness to community upliftment—meaningful action is on the way!

 **Fellowship:** Fun, bonding, and Rotary warmth as we come together to celebrate togetherness.

 **Regular Poshan:** Continuing our mission to nourish children and support healthier futures.

Stay tuned... big impact and bigger smiles coming soon! 

## Glorious Glimpses

Congratulations, Past President Jugal Shinglot, on being invited as the Chief Guest of the RCC District Conference of RI District 3060, successfully organised by the Rotary Community Corps (RCC), Bharuch, under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Bharuch at PD Shroff Rotary Hall, Bharuch, on 12th April 2026!!!





## Thoughts in Transit

### Embrace of the Mountains

Mountains have a unique way of touching the human spirit. Their towering peaks, cool breezes, and tranquil surroundings offer an escape from the noise and rush of daily life. Embrace of the Mountains is not merely a journey to a destination; it is an experience of peace, reflection, and renewal.

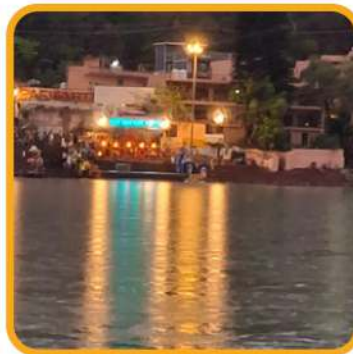
My recent visit to the hills brought me even closer to nature's beauty. The mist-covered valleys, winding roads, chirping birds, and lush greenery created an atmosphere of serenity and wonder. Every sunrise over the mountains felt like a fresh beginning, while the silent evenings inspired calmness and gratitude.

Beyond their scenic charm, mountains teach valuable lessons. Their strength reminds us to stand firm during challenges, while their quiet presence encourages patience and inner peace. The time I spent among the hills refreshed my mind and strengthened my bond with a dear friend of mine.

Whether it is a short retreat or a long sojourn, the mountains leave behind unforgettable memories. Their embrace comforts the soul and rekindles a sense of harmony with nature. In the heart of the mountains, one discovers not only breathtaking landscapes, but also moments of joy, inspiration, and self-discovery.

I also visited Rishikesh, the serene pilgrimage town nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas. The Ganga is more than a river—it is a symbol of life, faith, and timeless strength. Flowing through the heart of India, the Ganga nurtures millions, inspires spiritual devotion, and reflects the enduring power of nature. Its ceaseless journey reminded me of resilience, purity, and the deep connection between humanity and the natural world.

I am sharing a few pictures from the visit to offer you a fresh perspective on the beauty and charm of the mountains.





## District News

Heartiest congratulations to all members of RI District 3060 for achieving the remarkable milestone of 1 million US Dollars in the Rotary Foundation!

This outstanding accomplishment reflects the dedication and collective efforts of our Team Achiever Presidents & Secretaries, Assistant Governors, District Secretaries, and all District Officers. Your commitment and hard work have made this success possible.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to DRFC Prashant Jani for his unwavering support and inspiring leadership. His meticulous planning, constant guidance, and strong commitment have been instrumental in reaching this milestone. This achievement truly stands as a testament to his vision and encouragement.

We are thankful to each and every Rotarian and Individual who has contributed for the Rotary Foundation. It is your kind donations which has made our District achieve this remarkable position.

Once again, congratulations to everyone for this proud and memorable accomplishment!!!

