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## Mission in Motion

### Seeds of Hope, Trees of Life

This year Rotary Club of Surat Riverside organised a unique tree plantation drive on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 to celebrate stronger bonds of friendship. For the first time, in 30 years, Mangroves were planted in the coastal region near Dabhari Beach to make an attempt to protect the coastline, to support biodiversity and mitigate climate change.

This project enabled to increase awareness among members and the local community about the importance of mangroves in combating climate change.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the members for their active participation in making this environmental initiative a grand success under the able leadership of President Rtn. Gautam Raval and Hon. Sec. Past President Rtn. Manoj Gajiwala.

A special thanks to Mr. Nitin Varmora, the Range Forest officer, Dumas; Mr. Kiran Desai, the Forester, Dumas and Mr. Rahul Chauhan, the Van Rakshak, Dumas for their guidance and logistical support. Certificates of appreciation and a token of gratitude were presented to them.

The Mangrove Plantation drive reflected our club's commitment to a greener future.

Soon after the green drive, hot tea and pakoras were served as refreshments, and everybody shared laughter and happiness and made the Friendship Day truly memorable and extra special.







## Seeds of Hope, Trees of Life







## Shield her Future: FREE HPV Vaccination Camp

Rotary Club of Surat Riverside and Rotary Club of Udhna jointly conducted a FREE HPV Vaccination camp for about 70 girls, 9 to 14 years, at Mook Badhir School, Surat on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025. This initiative aimed to reduce the risk of cervical cancer by up to 90% in these young hearing-impaired girls, giving them a life-long protection against this disease.

Sincerest gratitude to the two Rotary Clubs, and to every Rotarian who supported to complete this project successfully. Together, we can protect every daughter.

Thank you, Past President Rtn. Dr. Prashant Kariya for initiating this project with the support of President Rtn. Gautam Raval, Hon. Sec. Past President Rtn. Manoj Gajiwala and all the members who extended themselves a little beyond the mundane.





## Freedom Through Fellowship

Rotary Surat Riverside celebrated Independence Day Fellowship on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 with great enthusiasm, patriotism, and fellowship spirit. The event was held at Sarosh Bhacca Rotary Hall, Jeevanbharti School, beautifully decorated with the colors of the Tiranga, creating an atmosphere of pride and unity.

The evening began with a warm fellowship dinner, where members cherished the spirit of unity and togetherness.

The members and families were dressed in attire reflecting the spirit of Independence, which filled the surroundings with the vibrant flavour of freedom.

The Rotary proceedings began soon after the dinner by calling the meeting to order, reciting the four-way test, special speeches and so on.

The first newsletter of the Rotary Year 2025-26, Riverside Ripples July edition, was launched by the President and the Editor IPP Rtn. Rinki Barman.

President Rtn. Gautam Raval addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of upholding Rotary values alongside the spirit of freedom, and encouraged members to contribute towards building a stronger and self-reliant nation.

Fun games and interactive sessions were jointly organised by Past Presidents Rtn Rashika Bhardwaj and Rtn Ritu Talwar along with Rtn Nirupa Patel which added a touch of joy and bonding to the celebration.

The Independence Day Fellowship was a perfect blend of patriotism, camaraderie, and service-mindedness, truly reflecting the motto: "Freedom Through Fellowship."







## Freedom Through Fellowship







## Rotary Cares: Keeping you Dry

Rotary Surat Riverside organized a Raincoat Distribution Drive on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at SVNIT Crossroad to support the daily wage earners and street vendors during the monsoon season.

The initiative aimed to provide protection against heavy rains and ensure that they are shielded when there's a downpour. A total of 30 raincoats were distributed that evening.

President Rtn. Gautam Raval and Hon. Sec. PP Manoj Gajiwala highlighted that such small yet meaningful acts of service align with Rotary's vision of "Service Above Self", ensuring care and comfort for those in need.

Members of the club actively participated in the distribution, bringing smiles and relief to the beneficiaries. Our heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors of this project.







## Inspire Heartfulness Program

The Heartfulness Institute and Rotary Club – District 3060, conducted a free two-day “Perna – Teachers Training Program” on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025 for all school teachers, aiming to equip them for value-based education. The venue for this program was Mukbadhir School, Surat.

This program helped teachers become more effective and better professionals in their field and enabled them to implement “The Heartfulness Way – A Values-Based Curriculum.”

RC Surat Riverside, RC Surat Tapi, RC Udhna, and RC Surat Seaface came together for mindfulness, connection, and community spirit through this initiative.

Sincerest gratitude to the volunteering members of our club and the Literacy Chair PP Rtn. Dr. Prashant Kariya.



## 'इंस्पायर टीचर्स ट्रेनिंग' से शिक्षा में संवेदनशीलता और करुणा की नई लहर

रोटरी डिस्ट्रिक्ट 3060 और हार्टफुलनेस एजुकेशन ट्रस्ट की ऐतिहासिक पहल

लोकतेज संवाददाता, सुरत। रोटरी डिस्ट्रिक्ट 3060 और हार्टफुलनेस एजुकेशन ट्रस्ट के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में पाले प्वाइंट स्थित मुक्त बधिर् स्कूल में इंस्पायर टीचर्स ट्रेनिंग प्रोग्राम का सफल आयोजन किया गया। यह अभिन्न और प्रेरणादायी पहल शिक्षकों को मानसिक शांति, भावनात्मक संतुलन और संवेदनशील शिक्षण को दिशा में मार्गदर्शन देने के उद्देश्य से की गई। दो दिवसीय इस कार्यक्रम का मुख्य माकसद शिक्षकों को



प्रशिक्षण का संचालन श्री तापी, रोटरी सुरत सोसेस और सहायभूति, धीर् और संचालन चारुलता और श्रीमती नीति रोटरी उधना ने महत्वपूर्ण साझे भावनात्मक संतुलन, सम





## Nourish to Flourish: Project Poshan Weeks

**Venue:** Anganwadi 36 & 37

**Beneficiaries:** 60 children

Malnourishment is not just a matter of hunger – it's a silent crisis that robs children of their potential, weakens communities, and holds back progress.

At Rotary, we believe that no child should suffer due to lack of proper nutrition, and that a healthy life is the foundation of a bright future. Therefore, with the continued efforts of the women force of Rotary Surat Riverside, the Project Poshan continues its third year under the able guidance of Rtn. Emily Jacob, Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala and Rtn. Rakhi Jindal.

Kudos to the donors! Your act of benevolence brings smiles to so many faces.

### Week 74

**Date** : 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Food** : Soy Milk & Fruit

**Volunteers** : President Rtn. Gautam Raval, First Lady Ann Jayna Raval, PP Rtn Rashika Bhardwaj, Rtn. Emily Jacob, PP Rtn. Ritu Talwar, Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala, Rtn. Sushma Jain

**Sponsors** : Rtn. Puja Kampani & Spouse Mrinal Kampani







## Nourish to Flourish: Project Poshan Weeks

### Week 75

Date : 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Food : Soy Milk & Fruit

Volunteers : Rtn. Emily Jacob, PP Rtn. Ritu Talwar, Rtn. Nirupa Patel, Rtn. Kinnari Nakrani

Sponsors : Rtn. Puja Kampani & Spouse Mrinal Kampani



### Week 76

Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Food : Soy Milk & Fruit

Volunteers : Rtn. Emily Jacob, Rtn. Daksha Khushi, Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala,  
President Rtn. Gautam Raval

Sponsors : Rtn. Puja Kampani & Spouse Mrinal Kampani







## Nourish to Flourish: Project Poshan Weeks



### Week 77

Date : 28th August 2025

Food : Soy Milk & Fruit

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

Sponsors : Rtn. Puja Kampani & Spouse Mrinal Kampani







## Knots of Love, Bonds of Care: Rotary Surat Riverside's 2<sup>nd</sup> HUMF Project

As part of Rotary Surat Riverside's HUMF Project, the festival of love and care, Raksha Bandhan, was celebrated with the children of Anganwadi 36 & 37, Panas Gam on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

The little ones were delighted as Rakhis featuring their favourite cartoon characters were tied on their wrists, filling the atmosphere with joy and festive spirit. To add sweetness to the occasion, boondi ladoo and chips were distributed as snacks for all the children.

Rotary Surat Riverside expresses heartfelt gratitude to PP Rtn. Rashika Bhardwaj for graciously sponsoring this HUMF project and making the celebration memorable for the kids.

The event beautifully reflected Rotary's spirit of care, bonding, and service.







## RSR Voices, We Hear

Dear RSRians

When you joined Rotary, chances are it was because you wanted to make a lasting difference. Arch Klumph felt the same way.

When he proposed The Rotary Foundation in 1917, he envisioned more than just a fund. He saw an enduring vehicle for Rotary members to serve their communities and create lasting change. More than a century later, that vision thrives, thanks to your dedication and to the Foundation's unique structure, which empowers members to identify and solve global problems at every level.

Today, I am not asking you for a donation. Instead, I invite you to look at The Rotary Foundation with fresh eyes. Imagine a charity governed by its own members. A global mission carried out by those very members. A Foundation that reflects the shared values of its members — ensuring clean water and literacy for all, eradicating the scourge of polio, building local economies through entrepreneurship, and making the world more peaceful through conflict resolution training.

Doesn't this sound like an interesting charity? The Rotary Foundation is trusted around the world because we have earned that trust. After our successful the Gates Foundation and World Vision invited us to lead again — resulting in the \$30 million Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge across nations.

We are efficient, strategic, and guided by dedicated professional staff and passionate volunteers. Our Foundation consistently receives top marks from Charity Navigator. And the Gates Foundation matches our \$50 million annual commitment to polio eradication 2-to-1, depositing \$100 million into our account each year. That is trust, delivered.

Even in conflict zones, we are there. In Gaza, a single confirmed polio case triggered a humanitarian pause in the war, allowing health workers to vaccinate children and quell an outbreak. Rotary helped fund that urgent response.

Once again, we proved to be a reliable partner in a crisis. We can be proud that we made a difference.





## RSR Voices, We Hear

Now we look ahead to our ambitious Global Grant of minimum \$ 30,000 fundraising goal for 2025-26. We can reach it together, as we boldly support a Foundation that is doing bold things.

Rotary is not going anywhere, because Rotary is everywhere! That is our strength. That is our unique opportunity. Be part of the legacy of The Rotary Foundation. It is one that Arch Klumph would be proud of. It is a legacy that has changed the world and will continue to do so, as long as we are all part of it.

**PP Rtn. Jugal Shinglot**

**TRF Chair**

**Rotary Surat Riverside**

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## Rotary Stories – Collated by President Gautam Raval

### Give Everywhere – A Story of Realization

At a district meeting, an elderly Rotarian sat quietly as the speaker announced that their club hadn't achieved 100% EREY. He folded his arms and softly muttered, "I donate to temples, orphanages, schools. Why this too?"

No one replied. But later that evening, he visited a Rotary-supported school on the outskirts – funded by a grant made possible by EREY.

He watched children enter through a gate with the Rotary wheel on it. A girl named Rani tugged at his sleeve.

"Uncle, thank you. The new toilet is only for girls. I don't have to stay home anymore when I have periods."

He stood there – speechless. Not because of what she said, but because of how direct it felt. His ₹1,500 wouldn't have changed a school. But it could have helped unlock a grant that did.

That night, he quietly filled out his EREY form.

The Lesson: We all give. But Rotary giving multiplies. It doesn't replace your other donations – it amplifies them.





EREY is not about the amount. It's about standing up and saying, "I'm not just in Rotary – I'm with Rotary."

When every Rotarian gives – even a little – we unlock the power to do a lot.  
GLOBALLY. TRANSPARENTLY. IMPACTFULLY.

## What Are We Paying For? – A Story for the Heart, Not the Name

There was a Rotarian named Arvind, proud to wear the Rotary lapel pin and attend every weekly meeting.

He paid his club dues each year without question – because being a Rotarian mattered to him. It was about identity. About belonging. About the name.

But when it came to EREY, Arvind always said:

"Why should I pay just to be recognized on some certificate?"

One day, during a district meet, a video played – showing a clean water project in a drought-hit tribal village. A child held up a glass of water and said, "Rotary gave us this."

Tears welled up in many eyes, but Arvind sat still.

The speaker gently added:

"That water didn't come from recognition.

It came from Rotarians who believed \$25 mattered.

From those who didn't just wear Rotary, but lived Rotary."

It hit Arvind hard.

He realized:

He was paying to be called a Rotarian...

But not giving to become one.

That evening, he quietly filled the EREY form.

Not for a pin.

Not for a banner.

But for a child who could now drink clean water.





## The Moral:

Membership pays for our seat.

EREY pays for our service.

Recognition is a by-product.

Impact is the real award.

And when we all give – even just \$25 – it becomes a wave that builds schools, delivers hope, and saves lives.

## Did you know “strengths” is the longest word in the English language with one vowel?

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, “strengths” is the longest word in the English language with one vowel. The word contains nine letters, eight of them being consonants.

## Milestone Memories

### •Another Trip Around the Sun

4 <sup>th</sup> September	: Ann. Alpa Vaidya	20 <sup>th</sup> September	: Annet. Vivaan Singh
9 <sup>th</sup> September	: Rtn. Jatin Vaidya	20 <sup>th</sup> September	: Annet. Aariyan Singh
9 <sup>th</sup> September	: Ann. Pinky Jariwala	24 <sup>th</sup> September	: PP Rtn. Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj
10 <sup>th</sup> September	: PP Rtn. Bankim Vashi	24 <sup>th</sup> September	: Rtn. Kapil Arora
10 <sup>th</sup> September	: Ann. Purvi Dalal	25 <sup>th</sup> September	: Rtn. Rajan Talwar
11 <sup>th</sup> September	: Ann. Tejal Shukla	26 <sup>th</sup> September	: Spouse. Sanat Desai
20 <sup>th</sup> September	: Annet. Parish Dalal		







## Events in the Spotlight, September 2025

**3<sup>rd</sup> September** - HUMF 2 - Drawing Competition, Annapurna & Female Fellowship

**9<sup>th</sup> September** - Outstanding Teachers Award

**13<sup>th</sup> September** - Dang Giving

**21<sup>st</sup> September** - Charity Event: A Movie Show

**Every Thursday** - Weekly Poshan Meetups

## Glorious Glimpses

Heartiest Congratulations to the Magic of Rotary Team under the able leadership of President (2024-25) Rtn. Rinki Barman and Honorary Secretary (2024-25) PP Rtn. Ritu Talwar for achieving the Club Excellence Award, from Rotary International.



Delighted to see Param representing through the RYLA exchange program in Brazil. Wishing him a rewarding experience filled with learning, cultural exchange, and leadership growth.







## Thoughts in Transit

### Have the Himalayas Surrendered?

Of late, the frequent cloudbursts in the Himalayan belt make me wonder—have the mighty Himalayas surrendered in front of human evolution? Or is it our craze for unbridled development that has blinded us?

The mountains were never meant to be invaded so recklessly. Today, they stand on the verge of collapsing under our pressure. My heart shatters into infinite pieces when I see raging waters sweeping away villages, towns, and cities in the Himalayan terrain. Are we so short-sighted? Can we still not see the danger lurking around us?

Artificial floods in metro and premier cities force us to ask—why are they happening? One clear reason is unplanned urban growth. Our cities, wrapped in concrete, leave no room for water to seep into the earth. If the ground cannot absorb it, where will the water go? How much can our rivers and lakes consume?

Why is it that development alone makes us blind? Yes, development is essential—but what stops us from choosing development with coexistence? If we fail to extend our hands to nature, a day will come when we will drown in our own negligence.

Better late than never. Let us raise awareness. Our planet is shedding tears, and it is only in our hands to care for this beautiful globe—so that tomorrow still has a future.

**IPP Rtn. Rinki Barman**

**Editor**

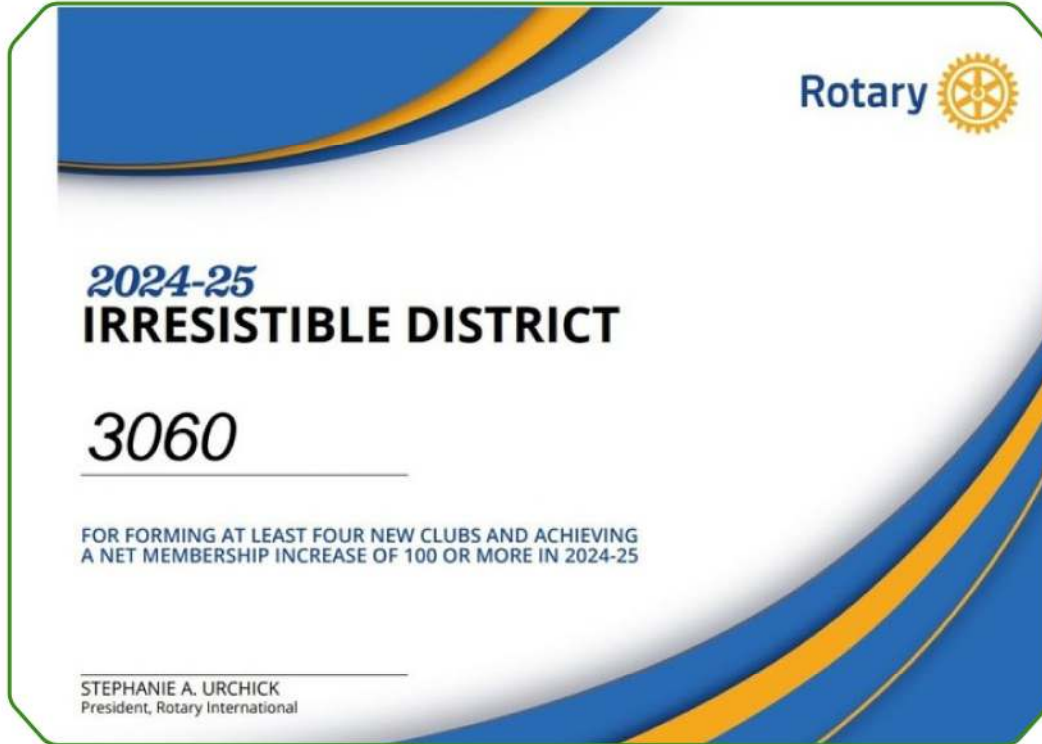
**Riverside Ripples**







## Proud to be from District 3060



**Proud to be an Indian, where each heartbeat echoes the spirit of unity, diversity, and strength. Jai Hind!**

