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RI President

DG Amardeep Singh Bunet

District Governor

Rtn. Gautam Raval

Club President

PP Rtn. Manoj Gajiwala

Honorary Secretary



Mission in Motion

Celebrating Leadership: DG Amardeep Singh Bunet Installation Ceremony 2025-26

The Rotary District 3060 Governor Installation Ceremony was held with great enthusiasm and fellowship, marking the formal induction of Rtn. Amardeep Singh Bunet as District Governor for the Rotary Year 2025-26 on 1 July 2025 at AIA Auditorium, GIDC Ankleshwar. The event witnessed the gracious presence of Chief Guest and Installing Officer PRID Dr. Bharat Pandya, past and present Rotary leaders, club presidents, secretaries, and members from across the district.

The formal installation of the incoming District Governor was conducted with the symbolic transfer of the Rotary collar and gavel. In his acceptance speech, DG Amardeep Singh Bunet outlined the vision and goals for the year, emphasizing the Rotary International theme Unite for Good and urging clubs to focus on service, membership growth, and impactful community projects.

President Rtn. Gautam Raval, Past President Rtn. Manoj Jain and Assistant Governor Rtn. Bankim Vashi attended this prestigious ceremony.





Guiding the Year: Board of Directors Meeting 1

The enthusiastic new RSR Board set its sail on 2 July 2025 at the new President, Rtn. Gautam Raval's residence to discuss the Installation Ceremony. Duties, roles and responsibilities were designated for a seamless functioning of the most pertinent event of the year.



Celebrating Leadership: RSR Installation Ceremony 2025-26

The 30th Installation Ceremony of the new leadership team of Rotary Club of Surat Riverside for the Rotary Year 2025-26 was held on 5 July 2025 at Amore, in the presence of esteemed Rotarians – RSR members, PDGs, District Officers, Presidents and Secretaries of neighbouring clubs, guests, and well-wishers.

The event began with Rtn. Charulata Vashi Calling the Meeting to Order, followed by a Prayer Dance performed by our champion Annet Nitya Kariya, and the Four Way Test was recited by Rtn. Perna Grover. All the Rotarians then sang in unison the Rotary Song 'Vive La Rotary'

A warm welcome address was extended by Rtn. Rinki Barman, the outgoing President, who graciously welcomed the august gathering and thanked each and every one for their support throughout the year 2024-25.

The Installing Officer, Past President Rtn. Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj was introduced by Rtn. Manoj Bhatia and the Chief Guest, Mr. Atik Desai was introduced by Past President Rtn. Manoj Jain.



Celebrating Leadership: RSR Installation Ceremony 2025-26

Past President Rtn Ritu Talwar, Honorary Secretary 2024-25 presented the report of the previous Rotary year with flair, vivacity, and heartfelt pride, highlighting the club's achievements and milestones.

The outgoing President Rtn. Rinki Barman then presented her Farewell Speech by sharing her pride of the milestones the team achieved, and extended her gratitude for the bonds built, the laughter shared, and the spirit of "Service Above Self". She finally declared the passing over of the reins to the incoming President Rtn. Gautam Raval. She was honoured with a standing ovation and thunderous applause by the audience.

The Incoming President was introduced by the veteran Past President Rtn. Jugal Shinglot and then the formal installation of Rtn. Gautam Raval as President for 2025-26 was done by the prestigious Installing Officer Past President Rtn. Ajay Bhardwaj. The President took the oath with great enthusiasm and a vision for a purposeful year ahead. Alongside, the new board of directors and office bearers were also installed. The Installing Officer then forwarded his blessings to the President and his team.

In his acceptance speech, President Rtn. Gautam Raval expressed gratitude for the trust placed in him and outlined his vision for the year, focusing on key priorities like literacy, health, youth engagement, etc. He emphasized the importance of collaboration and community engagement in expanding the club's impact.

Past President Rtn. Manoj Jain and Rtn. Charulata introduced the new members and the Assistant Governor Rtn. Sandeep Nanavati inducted them as members of Rotary Surat Riverside.

Chief Guest Mr. Atik Desai, former Vice President – Chief Administrative Officer at Larsen & Toubro, Hazira graced the occasion and shared valuable insights about the Corporate World.

The Honorary Secretary, Past President Rtn. Manoj Gajiwala announced the upcoming events and requested all members to be present during those events in large numbers.

The event also included a warm celebration of birthdays and wedding anniversaries of members falling in the month of July. Greeting Chair Ann. Falguni Arora personally extended wishes to the celebrants, adding a delightful personal touch to the evening.



Celebrating Leadership: RSR Installation Ceremony 2025-26

The program concluded on a high note with Rtn. Daksha Khushi proposing the Vote of Thanks in her signature graceful and heartfelt style, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, guests, and members who made the event a memorable success.

The success of the evening was greatly enhanced by the charismatic and efficient hosting of the event by two seasoned Rotarians – Past President Rtn. Ankur Marfatia and Rtn. Mihir Shukla. The host anchored the ceremony with grace, confidence, and a perfect blend of warmth and professionalism.

The memorable moments were captured by Rtn. Kapil Arora and the delicious food platter was thoughtfully curated by Rtn. Dhvani Mehta and PP Rtn. Ritu Talwar.

The ceremony was a beautiful blend of tradition, transition, and inspiration—a true celebration of Rotary's values of Service Above Self.





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Rotary Cares: Blood Donation Camp

Drop by drop, we save lives... And yes, Rotary did it once again on 10 July 2025 at NJ Centre, Udhna in association with NJ India. A whopping 185 donors came forward for this life saving initiative which was jointly conducted by the Rotary Clubs of Surat - Rotary Club of Udhna, Rotary Club of Surat Tapi, Rotary Club of Surat Riverside, Rotary Club of Surat Seaface, Rotary Club of Surat, and Rotary Club of Surat West. This joint venture was inaugurated by Assistant Governor Rtn. Nehal Shah in the presence of IPDG Rtn. Shah and AG Rtn. Bankim Vashi.





Nurturing Minds: Notebook Distribution Drive

Education is the foundation of a better future, and every child deserves the tools to learn and grow. In line with our commitment to literacy and community service, Rotary Surat Riverside organized a Notebook Distribution Project on 15 July 2025, providing essential study materials to the students of Class 11 & 12, in Sharda Vidhyalaya, Ichchapore. The President, Honorary Secretary, Past Presidents, other Members and Anns spared their time to support this noble cause.

Beneficiaries: 180 students

Notebooks: 720



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: शारदा विद्यालय, इछपूर में नोटबुक वितरण

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An Honour to Lead as the Installing Officer

It was truly a privilege and honor as Past President Rtn. Jugal Shinglot served as the Installing Officer of the new office bearers of Rotary Community Corps Bharuch. The new team was entrusted with ushering in a fresh chapter of leadership on 21 July 2025 at PD Shroff Rotary Hall, Bharuch. His gracious presence and guidance motivated and inspired the new team to uphold the values and objectives of the Rotary Community Corps Bharuch and work towards serving the community with greater zeal and dedication.





Engage, Enlighten, Empower: Speaker Meet 1

The first fellowship of Rotary Surat Riverside for the Rotary Year 2025–26 was an inspiring in-house speaker meet — a perfect blend of purpose and passion held on 22 July 2025 at Sarosh Bhacca Rotary Hall, Jeevan Bharti. With a thoughtfully curated agenda, dynamic speakers, and impactful discussions, the evening truly reflected the spirit of Rotary at its finest.

The program featured valuable sessions aimed at learning and growth:

- Club Trainer, PP Rtn. Rashika Bhardwaj conducted an engaging training for Segment Directors & Committee Chairs, empowering all members to learn together.
- TRF Chair, PP Rtn. Jugal Shinglot shared insightful updates on The Rotary Foundation.
- Literacy Chair, PP Rtn. Dr. Prashant Kariya briefed members on important literacy initiatives and upcoming projects.
- Membership Chair, PP Rtn. Manoj Jain discussed strategies for membership growth, its benefits, and achievable goals.

Every segment added value, inspiration, and renewed energy for the year ahead.

The evening began with Sergeant-at-Arms, PP Rtn. Ritu Talwar calling the meeting to order, followed by Rtn. Alpaa Shahh leading the Four-Way Test. President Rtn. Gautam Raval delivered both the opening and closing remarks, while Secretary PP Rtn. Manoj Gajiwala made secretarial announcements. The program concluded with a gracious Vote of Thanks by PP Rtn. Divyang Parikh.

A special note of appreciation to Rtn. Dhvani Mehta for the delightful food arrangements that added warmth and flavor to the evening.

The fellowship was a wonderful opportunity for RSRians to connect, learn, and reignite their commitment to Service Above Self.



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Be a Lifesaver: CPR Session

Rotary Club of Surat Riverside and Rotary Club of Udhna organized a special CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) training session for the hearing and speech-impaired students on 23 July 2025 at Mukbadhir Vidyalaya, Parle Point. The program aimed to empower participants with essential life-saving skills, enabling them to respond effectively in medical emergencies.

The session was conducted by District CPR Coordinator PP Dr Prashant Kariya and his daughter Nitya Kariya using visual aids, demonstrations, and sign language interpretation to ensure easy understanding. The participants enthusiastically learned about emergency response, chest compressions, and rescue breathing through hands-on practice.





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 steps into its third year under the able guidance of Rtn. Emily Jacob, Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala and Rtn. Rakhi Jindal.

The financiers for the year ahead have already shared their contribution towards this project. Kudos to all donors!

Week 69

Date : 3 July 2025

Food : Soy Milk & Fruit

Volunteers : Rtn. Emily Jacob, Rtn. Rakhi Jindal, PP Ritu Talwar, Hon. Sec. PP Manoj Gajiwala

Sponsors : Rtn. Perna Grover & Spouse Samir Grover



Week 70

Date : 10 July 2025

Food : Soy Milk, Fruit & Biscuits

Volunteers : Rtn. Emily Jacob, Rtn. Rakhi Jindal, PP Ritu Talwar & Annet Tanisha Jindal

Sponsors : Rtn. Rakhi Jindal & Spouse Yogesh Jindal, Rtn. Perna Grover & Spouse Samir Grover





Nourish to Flourish: Project Poshan Weeks

Week 71

Date : 17 July 2025

Food : Soy Milk & Fruit

Volunteers : President Gautam Raval, Rtn. Emily Jacob, PP Ritu Talwar & IPP Rinki Barman

Sponsors : Rtn. Tejashri Mehta & PP Rtn. Raju Mehta



Week 72

Date : 24 July 2025

Food : Soy Milk & Fruit

Volunteers : President Gautam Raval, , PP Ritu Talwar, IPP Rinki Barman, Rtn. Emily Jacob, Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala, Rtn. Nirupa Patel, Rtn. Kinnari Nakrani

Sponsors : A Philanthropic Rotarian couple





Nourish to Flourish: Project Poshan Weeks

Week 73

Date : 31 July 2025

Volunteers : President Rtn. Gautam Raval & Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala

Sponsors : Rtn. Rajat Vij & Spouse Anju Vij



Empowering Motherhood: Rotary Surat Riverside's 1st HUMF Project

Rotary Surat Riverside recently conducted Project HUMF, a quarterly initiative aimed at supporting pregnant women and lactating mothers in the community. On July 24, 2025, at Anganwadi 36 & 37 in Panas Gam, Surat, the club distributed nutritional kits to 16 pregnant ladies and 14 lactating mothers.

The kits for pregnant women included 500gms of dates, 500gms of roasted chana, and 1kg of jaggery. Lactating mothers received kits containing 1kg of jaggery, 500gms of dates, and a mosquito net for their newborns.

A highlight of the event was an interactive session with Spouse Dr. Manisha Marfatia, a renowned gynaecologist, who shared valuable insights and guidance to help women navigate this critical phase of life with confidence and care.



Empowering Motherhood: Rotary Surat Riverside's 1st HUMF Project

Rotary Surat Riverside's dedicated members, including President Gautam Raval, IPP Rtn. Rinki Barman, PP Rtn. Ritu Talwar, Rtn. Nirupa Patel, Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala, Rtn. Emily Jacob, and Rtn. Kinnari Nakrani, volunteered their time and efforts to make this project a success.

A special thanks to Rtn. Bobby Patel and Rtn. Daksha Patel for sponsoring this noble initiative. Through Project HUMF, Rotary Surat Riverside continues to make a positive impact in the lives of women and children in the community, demonstrating its commitment to service above self.





RSR Voices, We Hear: Walking Down Rotary's Memory Lane

Past President Rtn. Arvind Kumar recalls:

My most treasured Rotary memory is from **2001**, when our young club, Rotary Surat Riverside, successfully hosted the **District Conference** during my tenure as President. The event symbolized our collective strength, unity, and commitment — a shining moment in RSR's history.

Rotary has given me a life rich with purpose, people, and passion. It has shown me that service truly connects the world — and through that connection, we build something far more powerful: a global family.

Past President Rtn. Sanjay Pandya reminisces:

I have to go back 25 years — to the Rotary year 2000–01. During the year when **Dr. Sunil D'Souza** was our Rotary President, a Rotarian named Bill Aston from Iowa, USA visited RSR. We decided to host him at our home.

It was the very first time in our life we hosted someone from abroad... **Bill Aston** was a wonderful human being. He was a marathon runner, older than us but still very active and warm-hearted. He stayed with us for two nights.


On the very first day, we noticed that Bill was feeling unwell and was unable to speak properly. He explained to us that he was supposed to give a speech, but his voice just wasn't coming out. We tried to help in every way we could — suggested he gargle, take some medicine — he did everything but it didn't help much. Myself and Priti very much worried and wanted to do whatever we could to support him.

Bill had a significant role in helping get a **matching grant** approved for RSR. I still remember how the Board and President Dr. D'Souza were deeply concerned — would Bill be able to help with the project approval or not?

That evening ended, and Bill went to bed early, with a promise to go for a run at Lalbhai Contractor ground early the next morning — despite his sore throat.

Late at night, he knocked on our room's door. Surprised, we came out — he complained again about his sore throat and, quite humbly, asked for any remedy that might help.

My wife Priti prepared a paste of turmeric powder and asked him to keep it in his throat without drinking water afterward, assuring him that he would feel better by morning.



And in the morning, he knocked on our door again — ready to go for the run. When I stepped out, he excitedly exclaimed, “Miracle! Miracle!” — his throat was completely fine, and he could now speak clearly. He kept repeating the word “miracle” all along the way while running — he was extremely happy!

We didn’t know back then just how important that miracle would be for RSR...

Later that day, there was a meeting at the residence of IPDG Prafull Bhatt. I had gone there to receive a Bill. While I was standing outside, President Dr. D’Souza came running up to me and asked, “Did you take good care of him last night?” I was a bit worried how to respond — but before I could answer, he said, “Congratulations Sanjay! Bill Aston has reviewed our project and approved the grant! He’s even promised to support us again in the future.”

“He kept praising both Priti and you.” The President asked me, “What did you say to him that made him agree to approve the project?”

Perhaps, for the first time, this little secret is being shared publicly with RSR. And what could be a greater joy than this?

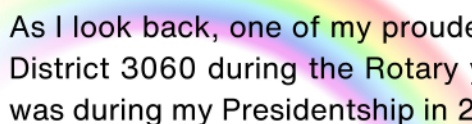
Due to circumstances, we never got to meet again. Perhaps Bill might have forgotten about us over time, but I have preserved what he once wrote to us:

“Best Wishes to Sanjay, Priti & Shivani
Your American Rotary and personal friend always.” — Bill Aston

Past President Rtn. Jugal Shinglot captured Rotary Time as:

I remember it like it was yesterday — the day I was inducted into Rotary Surat Riverside, a young and dynamic club with an average age of just 37. It was on 8 August 1996 that I formally joined the Rotary family, inducted by RI President 2011-12 Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee.

One of the most remarkable milestones came just a few years later when Rotary Surat Riverside hosted the RI District 3060 International Conference in the Rotary year 2000–2001. We were the youngest host — just a five-year-old club at the time. I had the honor of serving as the President Elect and Conference Treasurer. The event was a grand success, and I had the rare privilege of meeting the then RI President Elect Rtn. Richard D. King.



As I look back, one of my proudest achievements remains being awarded the Best President of RI District 3060 during the Rotary year 2001–2002. One of the proudest moments of my leadership was during my Presidentship in 2001–2002, when RSR hosted District 3060 RYLA.



We organized a vibrant three-day event in Dumas, hosting more than 60 young participants.

In 2004, another unforgettable chapter unfolded when I was selected as the Team Leader of the International Youth Exchange (IYE) team representing our district. I had the immense joy and responsibility of leading 10 students to RI District 3310.

In 2013, we had the privilege of hosting Miss Courtney, an International Youth Exchange (IYE) student from South Africa. Welcoming her into our lives was not just a cultural exchange but a beautiful bond formed through Rotary's mission of connecting the world.

We also hosted Rtn. Den Folly from RI District 6000, Iowa, USA, who visited us as part of the Polio Eradication Program.

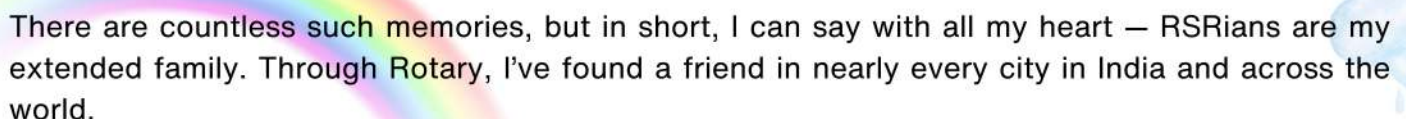
Throughout my Rotary journey, I had the honor of being the primary contact person for all Matching Grants of RSR. It was a role of great responsibility, but more than that, it offered me an opportunity to bring meaningful projects to life through international cooperation.

I recall a personal experience where my family member, while traveling in Malaysia, was robbed. Despite the difficult situation and lack of support from local authorities, help came from an unexpected yet deeply trusted source — PP Rtn. Chortek, my counterpart from the Rotary Club of Pontian, RI District 3310, and an IYE team leader.

Until 2020, Tuesday evenings were sacred. That was our RSR meeting day — a time we eagerly looked forward to each week. Those evenings were filled with laughter, learning, service, and the warmth of Rotary bonds. Truly, those were the golden days.

Another unforgettable Rotary memory was when I landed in Singapore, District 3310. A 79-year-old Ann from the Rotary Club of Singapore welcomed me at the airport and graciously hosted me for a week.

One of the memories that I hold close to my heart is the genuine care and concern shown by IPP Rinki during her Presidentship — and even now. Her support has always made us feel valued as part of the Rotary Surat Riverside family. Also, her spouse Rtn. Pranab Barman's humility and genuine kindness have always inspired me.



There are countless such memories, but in short, I can say with all my heart — RSRians are my extended family. Through Rotary, I've found a friend in nearly every city in India and across the world.



Did You Know?

5000 years old, Varanasi is one of the Oldest Inhabited Places in the World



Situated on the banks of river Ganges and represented in the Parliament by the country's PM Narendra Modi, the holy city of Banaras or Varanasi is at least 3000 years old. According to Hindu Mythology, Lord Shiva found this city 5000 years ago.

Milestone Memories

Another Trip Around the Sun

1 st August	: PP Rtn. Divyang Parikh	19 th August	: PP Rtn. Rajesh Patel
5 th August	: Ann. Dr. Manisha Marfatia	19 th August	: Rtn. Rajat Vij
9 th August	: Rtn. Rakhi Jindal	20 th August	: Ann. Rashida Lokhandwala
12 th August	: PP Rtn. Ritu Talwar	27 th August	: Rtn. Pranab Barman
16 th August	: Annet. Kavya Vaidya	30 th August	: Rtn. Mdyen Lokhandwala

Celebrating Togetherness

1st August : Rtn. Jatin Vaidya & Ann. Alpa Vaidya



Glorious Glimpses

- Congratulations to **Annet Param Kariya** For securing AIR 21,065 in NEET UG!
- Best wishes to **Annet Shree Acharya** for joining SRK Institute of Computer & Applied Sciences, Surat to pursue B Sc in Bio-Technology
- Best wishes to **Annet Sanvi Vij** for joining PDEU University, Gandhinagar to pursue BA in Liberal Sciences
- Congratulations to **Annet Malika Arora** for clearing Class X by securing 53/56 points, IB Board



Annet Param Kariya



Annet Shree Acharya



Annet Sanvi Vij



Annet Malika Arora

Congratulations!



Thoughts in Transit

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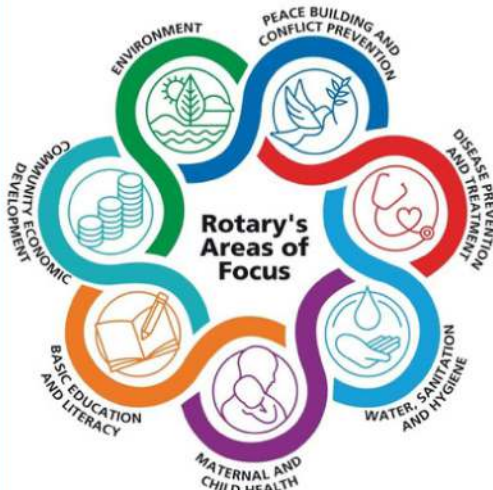
- IPP Rinki Barman

Editor's Desk



Events in the Spotlight, August 2025

- 3rd August : Tree Plantation Drive 🌱
- 7th August : Raksha Bandhan at Mukh Badhir 🧑🏻🧑🏻
- 12th August : Club Fellowship 🧑🏻🧑🏻🧑🏻
- 23rd -24th August : RSR Picnic 🍲 (Tentative)
- Every Thursday : Weekly Poshan Meetups 💬



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1.75 lakhs+ Rotary members
4649 Rotary Clubs
42 Rotary Districts

"Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization."
- Mahatma Gandhi



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