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DG Amardeep Singh Bunet

District Governor

Rtn. Gautam Raval

Club President

PP Rtn. Manoj Gajiwala

Honorary Secretary



Mission in Motion

A Gesture of Warmth: Sweater Distribution

A sweater distribution program was successfully conducted on 6th January 2026 with the aim of providing warmth and comfort to the students of Segwachama Primary School. Sweaters were distributed to underprivileged children and beneficiaries, bringing smiles and a sense of care to the community.

President Rtn. Gautam Raval, Honorary Secretary PP Rtn. Manoj Gajiwala, Past President Rtn. Ritu Talwar, Rtn. Sushma Jain, Rtn. Emily Jacob, Rtn. Kinnari Nakrani and IPP Rtn. Rinki Barman were the members who actively participated in the distribution, making the program meaningful and impactful. The event reaffirmed our commitment to community welfare and the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self.





Vision & Strategy – Board Meeting

A Board Meeting was held on 6th January 2026 at the residence of Past Presidents Rtn. Rashika & Rtn. Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj. During the meeting, the board discussed various service projects and fellowships to be undertaken in the coming months. Suggestions were also made to collaborate with other Rotary clubs on joint service initiatives to raise awareness about Cyber Crimes and Cervical Cancer.

The pre-planning of OCV was also done and the expansion of our permanent project, the Physiotherapy centre was discussed at length.

A total of 15 board members were present at the meeting, reflecting strong commitment and participation. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Bhardwaj family for their warm hospitality and gracious support, which contributed greatly to the smooth and pleasant conduct of the meeting.





Proud Moment for Our Rotary Family: Mrs 3060 Preliminary

Ann Drashti Raval participated in the Mrs. 3060 Contest on 11th January 2026, hosted by the Rotary Club of Baroda Metro and co-hosted by the Rotary Club of Baroda Kalanagari at Hotel Grand Mercure.

The contest witnessed enthusiastic participation from 60 contestants, and it is a matter of great pride that Ann Drashti Raval successfully cleared the first round and was selected for the second round, which will be held during the District Conference at Agra.

We congratulate Ann Drashti Raval on this wonderful achievement and wish her the very best for the next round!



Vision & Strategy – Board Meeting

A special board meeting was convened on 23rd January 2026 at Rtn. Kapil Arora's residence to discuss and plan the seamless functioning of the upcoming Official Club Visit (OCV). The meeting focused on reviewing roles and responsibilities, coordination of committees, and finalising key arrangements to ensure a smooth and impactful visit.

Board members actively shared inputs, addressed logistical aspects, and aligned on timelines and execution strategies. The meeting concluded with a collective commitment to work in harmony and uphold the Rotary spirit, ensuring that the OCV is conducted efficiently and successfully.

Our heartfelt gratitude to Rtn. Kapil Arora and Ann Falguni Arora for graciously playing the role of host and extending warm hospitality. Your generosity and support truly made the occasion pleasant and memorable.





Vision & Strategy – Board Meeting



District Conference

Sang-e-Marmar, the 56th District Conference at Agra was conducted on 30th-31st January & 1st February 2026 with great enthusiasm and fellowship, bringing together Rotarians from across the district on a common platform of learning, inspiration, and service. The conference featured insightful sessions, inspiring addresses, and meaningful discussions focused on Rotary's vision, leadership, and community impact.

The event provided an excellent opportunity for networking, sharing best practices, and celebrating achievements, strengthening the spirit of unity and collaboration among clubs. Overall, the District Conference was a memorable and enriching experience, reinforcing our commitment to Rotary ideals and Service Above Self.

Assistant Governor PP Rtn. Bankim & Rtn. Charulata Vashi, President Rtn. Gautam & First Lady Jayana Raval, Honorary Secretary PP Rtn. Manoj & Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala, Rtn. Rajan & PP Rtn. Ritu Talwar, PP Rtn. Manoj & Rtn. Sushma Jain, PP Rtn. Raju & Tejashri Mehta, Rtn. Nilisha & Spouse Pargnesh Jariwala, PP Rtn Rashika Bhardwaj, Rtn. Kapil Arora and IPP Rtn. Rinki Barman from our club attended the conference.





District Conference





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 93

Date : 1st January 2026

Food : Soy Milk & Fruit

Volunteers : Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala, Rtn. Emily Jacob, President Rtn. Gautam Raval, Rtn. Amita Desai, PP Rtn. Jugal Shinglot, Rtn. Vishal & Ann Neena Singh, Rtn. Daksha Khushi

Sponsors : PP Rtn. Jugal & Ann Falguni Shinglot (Poshan), Rtn. Daksha Khushi (Munch), Rtn. Vishal & Neena Singh (Toys)



Week 94

Date : 8th January 2026

Food : Soy Milk & Fruit

Volunteers : Rtn. Emily Jacob and Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala

Sponsors : PP Rtn. Rajesh & Rtn. Dhvani Mehta





Nourish to Flourish: Project Poshan Weeks

Week 94



Week 95

- Date : 22nd January 2026
- Food : Soy Milk & Fruit, Til Ladoo (Sankranti Special)
- Volunteers : President Rtn. Gautam & First Lady Jayana Raval, Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala and Rtn. Emily Jacob
- Sponsors : PP Rtn. Rajesh & Rtn. Dhvani Mehta (Poshan), President Rtn. Gautam & First Lady Jayana Raval (Til Ladoo)

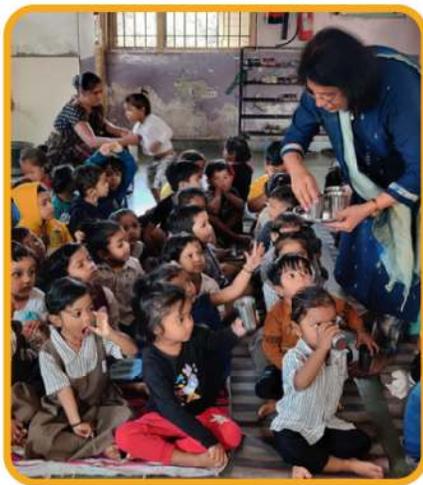




Nourish to Flourish: Project Poshan Weeks

Week 96

Date : 29th January 2026
 Food : Soy Milk, Fruit, Chocolate Muffin
 Volunteers : Rtn. Emily Jacob
 Sponsors : PP Rtn. Rajesh & Rtn. Dhvani Mehta



Did you know?

Scientists have discovered that trees can communicate with each other through underground networks of fungi, sometimes called the “wood wide web.” These networks allow trees to share nutrients and even send distress signals to help neighbouring plants deal with danger like drought or pests. 🌳🕸





RSR Voices, We Hear

Sang-e-Marmar: A Journey of Inspiration at the 56th District Conference

The 56th Rotary District Conference of Rotary District 3060, titled “Sang-e-Marmar”, was held at the magnificent Jaypee Palace Hotel & Convention Centre, Agra, from 30th & 31st January to 1st February 2026. The conference was a beautiful blend of fellowship, inspiration, culture, and learning, leaving behind cherished memories for every Rotarian present.

The conference was hosted by Rotary Club of Bharuch, with support from the Co-Host Clubs – RC Ankleshwar, RC Bharuch Femina, RC Bharuch Narmada Nagari, and RC Dahej. Their warm hospitality and flawless coordination made the event truly memorable.

Highlights of the Conference:

The conference began with the official inauguration, followed by a serene prayer dance, setting a spiritual and positive tone.

The introduction of our District Governor, DG Amardeep Singh Bunet, reflected strong leadership and inspiring vision.

A powerful address by renowned Bollywood actor Mr. Ashutosh Rana deeply touched and motivated the audience.

DGE Nilesh Shah and team extended an enthusiastic invitation for the 57th District Conference at Silvassa (January 2027).

The evening concluded with a sumptuous dinner and an energetic performance by Ravi Pawar and his Symphony Group.

Day 2 – Culture, Pride & Inspiration

The second day was equally enriching and close to my heart.

A vibrant cultural presentation by IYE students beautifully showcased India’s diversity and festivals.

The dance presentation “Pancha Mahabhuta” by the Rotarians of Surat clubs, depicting the five elements of nature, was a proud and emotional moment for me, as I had the honour of being part of this performance.

Our dynamic leader PDG Pinky Patel was felicitated on her selection as Council on Legislation (COL) representative for District 3060 (2026–2028).





RSR Voices, We Hear

The Mrs. 3060 event was graced by Miss Universe India 2023, Ms. Shweta Sharda, whose humility, elegance, and grace won everyone’s hearts. It was a proud moment as both the First and Second Runners-up were from Surat. Her graceful dance on “Piya Tose” added magic to the evening.

Insightful sessions by Dr. Sweta Adatia, Mr. Sushil Jaiswal, Mr. Ashish Vidyarthi, and Mr. Anurag Muskaan added immense value to the conference.

The day ended with great food, pleasant cold weather, and lively entertainment by GP V4, keeping spirits high.

Fellowship, Fun & Fond Memories

A group of 17 RSRians who were putting up at Taj Agra shared this unforgettable journey together. Adding a spiritual dimension to our experience were the morning visits to the holy towns of Vrindavan and Mathura, which filled our hearts with peace and positivity.

No Rotary trip is complete without a little fun and indulgence, and Agra gave us plenty to cherish! From woollens, shoes, leather bags, Agra petha, and Dalmoth, everyone shopped to their heart’s content – quite literally till we dropped. Thankfully, traveling by train made it possible to manage all the extra luggage with ease!

While the mornings were filled with spirituality and divine experiences, the evenings were high on spirits, energy, laughter, music, and fellowship, beautifully balancing calm and celebration.

Sang-e-Marmar was not just a conference – it was a journey of learning, bonding, devotion, joy, and togetherness that will always remain close to my heart.

Rotary truly rocks!

By Past President Rtn. Rashika Bhardwaj





Milestone Memories

• Another Trip Around the Sun

3 rd February : Spouse Dr. Mehul Bhavsar	12 th February : Rtn. Gautam Raval
5 th February : Spouse Samir Grover	15 th February : Ann. Dr. Purvi Patel
6 th February : PP Rtn. Manoj Gajiwala	21 st February : Ann. Sangeeta Acharya
10 th February : Rtn. Dr. Prabhakar Singh	24 th February : Rtn. Haresh Mahadevwala
11 th February : Rtn. Dr. Nitin Jain	

• Celebrating Togetherness

3 rd February : PP Rtn. Mukund Jariwala	11 th February : Rtn. Kishan Desai
6 th February : PP Rtn. Garshil Lekhadia	29 th February : Rtn. Amish Malji
6 th February : Rtn. Prerna Grover	30 th February : Rtn. Vyankit Raval
9 th February : Rtn. Kinnari Nakrani	20 th February : PP Rtn. Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj
10 th February : Rtn. Dr. Nitin Jain	22 nd February : Rtn. Amita Desai
11 th February : PP Rtn. Rajesh Patel	

Events in the Spotlight, February 2026

🎉 With enthusiasm and purpose, we are gearing up for an impactful Official Club Visit (OCV) by our esteemed District Governor Amardeep Singh Bunet. 🇮🇳 on 8th February 2026 📅, as we proudly showcase our service initiatives 🌟 and true Rotary spirit 💙

🔧 **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

🎉 Heartiest Congratulations to Rtn. Nirupa Patel & Spouse Rajesh Patel on their Son's Wedding 🎊

Warmest congratulations to you and your family on the joyous occasion of your son, Kanishk's wedding.

Wishing the newlyweds a lifetime of joy and cherished moments as they begin this wonderful journey together. ❤️🌟





Glorious Glimpses

🌟 Heartiest Congratulations on being 100% Giving Club 🌟

Heartiest congratulations to Immediate Past President Rtn. Rinki Barman and Past President Rtn. Ritu Talwar on being appreciated at the District Conference for the prestigious recognition of RSR as a 100% Giving Club for Rotary Year 2024–25.

This remarkable achievement reflects your dedicated leadership, commitment to Rotary ideals, and unwavering support for The Rotary Foundation. Wishing you both continued success and many more proud moments in your Rotary journey. 🌟🎉



Thoughts in Transit

🌍 Civic Sense: My Responsibility as a Citizen 🌍

I believe civic sense is the foundation of a healthy and harmonious society. It is reflected in the small, everyday actions we take—following traffic rules, keeping our surroundings clean, respecting public property, and showing consideration for others. These habits may seem simple, but together they shape the quality of life in our communities.

For me, civic sense begins with personal responsibility. When I choose not to litter, wait my turn, obey rules, or help someone in need, I contribute in a small yet meaningful way to the larger good. Practising civic sense is not about enforcement or fear of penalties; it is about awareness, self-discipline, and respect for shared spaces and fellow citizens.

I also feel that by setting a positive example, we can inspire others—especially children—to develop good civic habits. A society where individuals act responsibly is safer, cleaner, and more compassionate. By nurturing civic sense within ourselves, we take an important step toward building a more orderly, respectful, and progressive nation.

The often-lacking civic sense I witness around me—on roads, in public spaces, and in everyday interactions—prompted me to pause and reflect. These recurring scenes made me realise how small acts of carelessness can collectively impact our society. It was this observation that inspired me to jot down these few words, in the hope that awareness can spark responsibility and lead to positive change.

IPP Rtn. Rinki Barman
Editor
Rotary Surat Riverside



International News

Dear Rotarians,

Warm Rotary greetings!

It gives me great pleasure to invite you and your club members to register for the Rotary International Convention, which will be held in the dynamic city of Taipei, Taiwan, from June 13th to 17th, 2026.

This convention will celebrate Rotary's global fellowship and service. It will be a chance to connect with Rotarians worldwide, gain fresh perspectives, and be inspired to continue making a meaningful impact. I'm delighted to share that nearly 30,000 Rotarians have already registered—a testament to the excitement building around this international gathering! I encourage you to lead your clubs and promote early registration.

To support your efforts, I've attached a PowerPoint presentation you can use in your club meetings to inform and inspire fellow Rotarians about the Convention. Please feel free to adapt and share it widely.

If you have any questions or need help, please contact your District Governor, district Promotion Chair or me directly.

Let's represent Zone 4 with pride and purpose in Taipei!

With warm regards,
PDG Gurjeet S. Sekhon
Chairman, Convention Promotion – Zone 4

