ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE

RI District: 3060 Charter Date: 26-Jun-1996 Club No.: 31734

Rtn. Gordon R. McInally
RI President

Rtn. Nihir Dave
District Governor

TEAM भारथी Service with Spirituality

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

Vol. 28 Issue-01

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

President
Rtn. Ankur Marfatia
+91 98247 02832

Hon. Secretary
Rtn. Kapil Arora
+91 98241 15313

यदा यदा हि धर्मस्य ग्लानिर्भवति भारत:।
अभ्युत्थानमधर्मस्य तदात्मानं सृजाम्यहम्॥

ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE

RI District: 3060 Charter Date: 26-Jun-1996 Club No.: 31734

Rtn. Gordon R. McInally
RI President

Rtn. Nihir Dave
District Governor

TEAM सारथी Service with Spirituality

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

Vol. 28 Issue-01

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

President
Rtn. Ankur Marfatia
+91 98247 02832

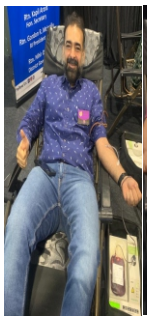
Hon. Secretary
Rtn. Kapil Arora
+91 98241 15313

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

1st July'2023 : As Every Drop Counts

Team Saarthi of Rotary Surat Riverside began the Rotary Year 2023-24 on a virtuous note by organizing a Blood Donation Camp on 1 July 2023 at NJ Center, Udhna in collaboration with Rotary Club of Udhana, Rotary Club of Surat West, Rotary Club of Surat Seaface, Rotary Club of Surat and Rotary Club of Tapi. The camp was made possible under the dynamic leadership of the President Rtn. Ankur Marfatia and the Honorary Secretary Rtn. Kapil Arora, through the dedicated efforts of the Saarthi Team and the generous participation of numerous donors and supporting clubs. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this noble cause.

The blood donation camp witnessed an overwhelming response, with a total of 213 donors who selflessly came forward to donate blood. Their support will undoubtedly make a significant impact on countless lives. We are proud to announce that 13 members from Rotary Surat Riverside actively participated in the blood donation camp.



14th July'2023 : Installation Ceremony 2023-24

The Installation Ceremony of President Ankur Marfatia and Secretary Kapil Arora of Rotary Surat Riverside was held on 14 July 2023 at the Banquet Hall of Vastu Luxuria. This was the 28th Installation Ceremony of RSR which was held with much pomp and grandeur in the gracious presence of Chief Guest Swami Ajit Mukund Dasji from ISKCON, Installing Officer PDG Prafull Bhatt, other dignitaries, fellow Rotarians from neighbouring clubs and the RSR family members.

The ceremony began with Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Sushma Jain calling the meeting to order which was followed by the recitation of the Four Way Test of Rotary by Rtn. Kishan Desai who is the Editor of the Club Bulletin. Past President Rtn. Sanjay Pandya invoked upon the Almighty by chanting few Shlokas and also enlightened the gathering by explaining the significance of them. The spiritual note continued with a Krishna Vandana performed by Annets Nitya, Saanvi, Malika and Sanskriti who presented a beautiful rendition of Kathak, the most graceful classical dance form.

The outgoing President Ritu Talwar extended the welcome speech to the august gathering followed by the introduction of the Chief Guest by Past President Rashika Bhardwaj and the Installing Officer by Past President Jugal Shinglot. Thereafter, the Secretarial Report was shared by the outgoing Secretary Nirupa Patel to give a glimpse of the WOW Team in the year gone by. President Ritu Talwar then delivered her farewell speech with renewed promises to stand as a strong support as the IPP. The baton was then passed on to the new President Ankur Marfatia who was introduced by Rtn. Mihir Shukla in the presence of PDG Prafull Bhatt who also installed the new Secretary Kapil Arora along with Team Saarthi. The First Lady Manisha Marfatia welcomed the new team with a token of love and gratitude. The PDG then shared his words of wisdom with the new team and the audience. The new President extended his resolutions and acceptance speech with the assurance to achieve the benchmark set by the outgoing WOW Team. The Membership Director PP Rashika Bhardwaj and the Assistant Governor Bimal Choksi inducted the two new members

ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE

RI District: 3060 Charter Date: 26-Jun-1996 Club No.: 31734

Rtn. Gordon R. McInally
RI President

Rtn. Nihir Dave
District Governor

TEAM आरधी Service with Spirituality

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

Vol. 28 Issue-01

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

President
Rtn. Ankur Marfatia
+91 98247 02832

Hon. Secretary
Rtn. Kapil Arora
+91 98241 15313

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

14th July'2023 : Installation Ceremony 2023_24

The Chief Guest Swami Ajit Mukund Dasji finally took charge of the podium and enlightened the audience by his mesmerizing oratory skills imparting preaching about leading life in the most meaningful way by extending oneself beyond ME. The audience was enamoured by his content of delivery and the practicality of life as perceived by Swamiji.

The new Secretary Kapil Arora then made the Secretarial Announcements for the month of July and also greeted the July born Rotarians as well as the Rotarian couples who rejoiced their nuptial bliss the same month. The Past President Manoj Jain extended the vote of thanks and the ceremony culminated with the Sergeant-at-Arms PP Daksha Bhalodia adjourning the meeting. The ship of the Installation Ceremony was steered by the MOCs PP Anand Acharya who is a veteran in it and by Rtn. Rinki Barman who is also the Editor-in-Charge of the Club Bulletin.

Heartfelt gratitude to all the members who made the show a success by extending themselves beyond duty's call to make this day a memorable one!!!

ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE

RI District: 3060 Charter Date: 26-Jun-1996 Club No.: 31734

Rtn. Gordon R. McInally
RI President

Rtn. Nihir Dave
District Governor

TEAM आरशी Service with Spirituality

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

Vol. 28 Issue-01

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

President
Rtn. Ankur Marfatia
+91 98247 02832

Hon. Secretary
Rtn. Kapil Arora
+91 98241 15313

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

16th July to 23rd July'2023 : Be a Superhero and Save Lives

The National IAP CPR Week was held from 16 to 23 July 2023 at various schools and community places in Surat. As a part of Basic Life Support Workshop for Mass Awareness, a crucial lifesaving technique, CPR, was demonstrated to about 3400 people of various age groups by PP Dr. Prashant Kariya, Dr. Ashwini Shah, Dr. Madhusudan Umaraji, Dr. Sandeep Thakkar, Dr. Mahesh Patel, Dr. Faizal Vora, Dr. Yogesh Desai, Dr. Zainul Gagan, Dr. Salim Hirani, Dr. Ami Yagnik, Dr. Manish Sharma and Dr. Darshak Makadiya. There were seventeen sessions being conducted to impart indispensable lessons to enable the youngsters and general public to save many lives in case of an emergency.

Kudos to PP Dr. Prashant Kariya and his doctor colleagues!

16th July '2023 : Shielding the *Jawans* with Raincoats

With the onset of monsoon which is in full vigour this month, Rotary Surat Riverside organized a raincoat distribution project on 16 July 2023. This project was undertaken to shield the traffic *jawans* from the heavy showers when on duty during the rainy season. The raincoats were provided to more than 200 brave *Jawans* of the Traffic Brigade at Delhi Gate Police Chowki, near Surat Railway Station. We extend our special gratitude to ACP Mr. Vimal Gamit for his invaluable support.

The generosity and dedication of RSR made this project a success, ensuring our *Jawans'* safety and comfort on duty. Let's keep up the community spirit for more impactful projects in the future under the leadership of President Rtn. Ankur Marfatia and Honorary Secretary Rtn. Kapil Arora,

Thank you members, as together we made a difference!

ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE

RI District: 3060 Charter Date: 26-Jun-1996 Club No.: 31734

Rtn. Gordon R. McInally
RI President

Rtn. Nihir Dave
District Governor

TEAM आरधी Service with Spirituality

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

Vol. 28 Issue-01

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

President
Rtn. Ankur Marfatia
+91 98247 02832

Hon. Secretary
Rtn. Kapil Arora
+91 98241 15313

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

19th July'2023 : Solaced Hearts, Gleaming Faces: HUMF I

HUMF is our District 3060 project, focused on 'Maternal & Child Health', running successfully for over 5 years now. The first HUMF project of RSR for the RY 2023-24 was held in Panjava Sheri Aanganwadi at Majuragate on 19 July 2023 which was attended by a couple of dedicated RSRians. 35 children were served soymilk, snacks and fruits on the campus to add nutritional values in their life and also bring some joy to their faces. Such projects thus solace our hearts witnessing the gleaming visages.

Kudos to the sponsors and donors and especially to the Club Vice President Amita Desai for connecting with this organization!

23rd July'2023 : Plant a Tree, Plant Hope

Human avarice takes an unbearable toll on the environment as it results in the destruction of the ecosystem. Hence, it becomes pertinent to plant more trees to bring about a balance in the ecosystem.

As the key to a greener planet is in our hands, RSR organized a tree plantation drive on 23 July 2023 at Krishyug Organic Farm, Adajan. With the support of Mr. Anand Kumar, Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF) of Surat, we planted 50+ fruit-bearing and medicinal trees saplings. The plantation area will be closely monitored to ensure success, nurturing the growth of these trees. Our sincerest gratitude to Mr. Nitin Varmora, the Range Forest Officer, who led the way! 30+ enthusiastic RSRians joined in the effort, making this a community-driven initiative.

The *bhajiyas* served hot under the supervision of Rtn. Manoj Gajiwala and Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala was mouthwatering and was just a perfect treat on a heavily washed day.

ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE

RI District: 3060 Charter Date: 26-Jun-1996 Club No.: 31734

Rtn. Gordon R. McInally
RI President

Rtn. Nihir Dave
District Governor

TEAM सारथी Service with Spirituality

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

Vol. 28 Issue-01

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

President
Rtn. Ankur Marfatia
+91 98247 02832

Hon. Secretary
Rtn. Kapil Arora
+91 98241 15313

BOARD MEETING

4 th July'2023 : Pre Installation Board Meet.

The second board meeting of the Saarthi Team was held on 1 July 2023 at Honorary Secretary Rtn. Kapil Arora's residence. This meeting was organised exclusively to plan the execution of the Installation Ceremony. Every minute detail of the event was discussed at length and responsibilities being distributed. All the members came together as one and accepted their roles gracefully to make the Installation of the Saarthi Team a memorable one.

The scrumptious snacks and the mouth-watering desserts prepared and presented by Rtn. Falguni Arora were delicious.

Rotary ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

ROTARIONS OF THE MONTH

This month is dedicated to our dynamic President Rtn. Ankur Marfatia and the zestful Secretary Rtn. Kapil Arora. The duo has given such a kick start to RY 2023-24 that we can't overlook the effort that must have gone in doing multiple service projects in just 31 days. It is highly commendable that they are sparing precious time of their life in investing it to serve the society. Moreover, to be able to bind the team with that thread which needs to be sturdy enough to hold them is appreciable. We applaud each and every effort made by the two and wish them good luck for an industrious year.

Kudos to the duo and they rightly deserve this title at the inception!

ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE

RI District: 3060 Charter Date: 26-Jun-1996 Club No.: 31734

Rtn. Gordon R. McInally
RI President

Rtn. Nihir Dave
District Governor

TEAM

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

Vol. 28 Issue-01

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

President
Rtn. Ankur Marfatia
+91 98247 02832

Hon. Secretary
Rtn. Kapil Arora
+91 98241 15313

MOTIVATIONAL STORY

Jadav "Molai" Payeng (born 31 October 1959) is an environmental activist and forestry worker from Majuli, popularly known as the *Forest Man of India*. Over the course of several decades, he has planted and tended trees on a sandbar of the river Brahmaputra turning it into a forest reserve. The forest, called Molai forest after him, is located near Kokilamukh of Jorhat, Assam, India and encompasses an area of about 1,360 acres / 550 hectares. In 2015, he was honoured with Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award in India. He was born in the indigenous Mising tribe of Assam.

In 1979, Payeng, then 19, encountered a large number of snakes that had died due to excessive heat after floods washed them onto the tree-less sandbar. That is when he planted around 20 bamboo seedlings on the sandbar. He not only looked after the plants, but continued to plant more trees on his own, in an effort to transform the area into a forest. The forest, which came to be known as Molai forest, now houses Bengal tigers, Indian rhinoceros, and over 100 deer and rabbits. Molai forest is also home to monkeys and several varieties of birds, including a large number of vultures. There are several thousand trees and bamboo covers an area of over 300 hectares. A herd of around 100 elephants regularly visits the forest every year and generally stays for around six months. They have given birth to 10 calves in the forest in recent years.

His efforts became known to the authorities in 2008, when forest department officials went to the area in search of 115 elephants that had retreated into the forest after damaging property in the village of Aruna Chapori, which is about 1.5 km from the forest. The officials were surprised to see such a large and dense forest and since then the department has regularly visited the site.

In 2013, poachers tried to kill the rhinos staying in the forest but failed in their attempt due to Molai who alerted department officials. Officials promptly seized various articles used by the poachers to trap the animals. Molai is ready to manage the forest in a better way and to go to other places of the state to start a similar venture. Now his aim is to spread his forest to another sand bar inside of Brahmaputra.

Jadav Payeng belongs to the Mising tribe in Assam, India. He, along with wife and 3 children (1 daughter and 2 sons), used to live at the house which he had built inside his Forest. In 2012, Jadav built a house at No. 1 Mishing Gaon near Kokilmukh Ghat and shifted to this house with his family. Since then, they have been living in this house. Jadav, however, travels everyday to his Forest to tend and look after the plants and trees. He has cattle and buffalo on his farm and sells the milk for his livelihood, which is his only source of income. In an interview from 2012, he revealed that he has lost around 100 of his cows and buffaloes to the tigers in the forest, but blames the people who carry out large scale encroachment and destruction of forests as the root cause of the plight of wild animals.

Jadav Payeng was honoured at a public function arranged by the School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University on 22 April 2012 for his achievement. He shared his experience of creating a forest in an interactive session, where Magsaysay Award winner Rajendra Singh and JNU vice-chancellor Sudhir Kumar Sopory were present. Sopory named Jadav Payeng as the "Forest Man of India". In the month of October 2013, he was honoured at the Indian Institute of Forest Management during their annual event Coalescence. In 2015, he was honoured with Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award in India. He received honorary doctorate degree from Assam Agricultural University and Kaziranga University for his contributions.

ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE

RI District: 3060 Charter Date: 26-Jun-1996 Club No.: 31734

Rtn. Gordon R. McInally
RI President

Rtn. Nihir Dave
District Governor

TEAM भारती Service with Spirituality

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

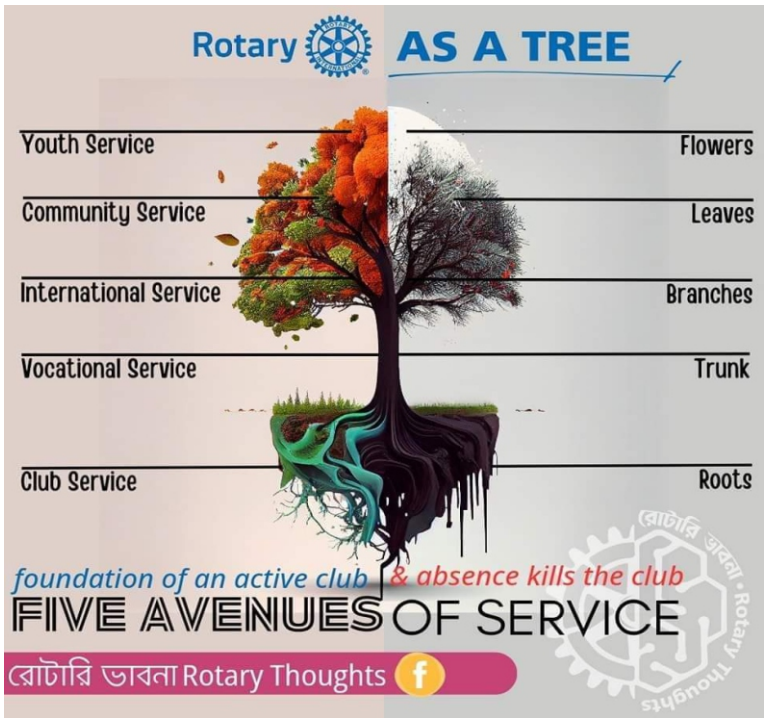
Vol. 28 Issue-01

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

President
Rtn. Ankur Marfatia
+91 98247 02832

Hon. Secretary
Rtn. Kapil Arora
+91 98241 15313

ROTARY INFO



Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change- across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

ROTARY NEWS

We are on Cloud Nine

Congratulations to Annet. Aashna Marfatia for a joyful MBBS journey!

Congratulations to Annet. Anvi Zanzarukiya for winning the Rastriya Prerna Award!

We Stand in Solidarity

Heartfelt condolences to PP Rtn. Jugal Shinglot and Ann. Falguni Shinglot on losing a new life, their grandchild!

ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE

RI District: 3060 Charter Date: 26-Jun-1996 Club No.: 31734

Rtn. Gordon R. McInally
RI President

Rtn. Nihir Dave
District Governor

TEAM सारथी Service with Spirituality

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

Vol. 28 Issue-01

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

President
Rtn. Ankur Marfatia
+91 98247 02832

Hon. Secretary
Rtn. Kapil Arora
+91 98241 15313

" Rotary isn't Just a club to join, but rather an invitation to endless opportunities."

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

In Henry Kissinger's words, "The task of the leader is to get people from where they are to where they have not been."

July month in Rotary is dedicated to leaders and so I thought of jotting down my views about leadership. Leadership may just mean power to many but to me leadership is a responsibility where you take a step back and allow others to flourish. Setting examples, motivating others, extending constant support, being selfless, allowing someone to surpass and most importantly thinking larger than your immediate needs are some qualities which are not very difficult to imbibe (but not many are inclined towards it). Therefore, it is evident that I support what Henry Kissinger has to say.

That too seems clichéd to me now.

So, if I delve deep into this whole concept of being a leader, I preferably would look up to someone who is able to extend beyond the boundaries which we set following the standards set by the society. In the present world, climate change is taking a humongous toll on us. In the past month, we have seen how water is wreaking havoc everywhere and it is continuing to do so rampantly. In this kind of a situation, people who could initiate and think a step ahead of how we can coexist and build a safe future, to me, would be the real heroes, the real leaders. At this juncture, we need such leaders who could pave the path for minimalistic lifestyle and trend it all over so that human greed could be curbed and the environment could be saved from further destruction. Such leaders could emerge from nowhere and bring about a change that is much needed.

Here, I would like to mention about the giving of a simple and humble man Padma Shri Jadav Payeng who is also known as the Forest Man of India.The fact that he had planted and tended trees on a sandbar of Brahmaputra turning it into a forest reserve of about 1,360 acres is laudable, isn't it? If coming from an indigenous tribe he could contribute so much to nature, why can't we?

The Motivational Story section covers his life's story.

Rinki Barman

Editor, Club Bulletin

ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE

RI District: 3060 Charter Date: 26-Jun-1996 Club No.: 31734

Rtn. Gordon R. McInally
RI President

Rtn. Nihir Dave
District Governor

TEAM आरधी Service with Spirituality

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

Vol. 28 Issue-01

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

President
Rtn. Ankur Marfatia
+91 98247 02832

Hon. Secretary
Rtn. Kapil Arora
+91 98241 15313

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

Birthday

1st August	PP Rtn. Divyang Parikh
3rd August	Annet Shree Acharya
5th August	1st Lady Dr. Manisha Marfatia
9th August	Rtn. Rakhi Jindal
12th August	IPP. Rtn. Ritu Talwar
16th August	Annet. Kavya Vaidya
19th August	PP Rtn. Rajesh Patel
19th August	Rtn. Rajat Vij
20th August	Ann. Rashida Lokhandwala
24th August	Annet Aashna Marfatia
27th August	Spouse Pranab Barman
30th August	Rtn. Mdyen Lokhandwala

Anniversary

29th August	Rtn. Jatin Vaidya

UPCOMING EVENT OF THE AUGUST MONTH

- **Project Medicine at Old age home:** 1st August
- **Picnic at Irayos:** 5th August
- **HUMF:** 2nd week of August
- **Anandgram Project:** Medical checkup & Sanitory pad distribution: 3rd week of August
- **Fellowship meet:** 4th week of August

Editorial Team :

Rtn. Rinki Barman
Rtn. Kishan Desai
Ms. Keyuri Patel