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BLOOD DONATION: A CIVIC DUTY, A ROTARY WAY OF LIFE

In a world where every drop of blood can mean the difference between life and death, **blood donation is** more than just a medical act—it is a powerful expression of humanity. At Rotary Club of Surat, we believe it goes even further—it is a compassionate civic duty that echoes our motto, Service Above Self.

Every unit of blood has the potential to save **three lives.** But its true power lies in what it inspires—a wave of empathy, community spirit, and selfless giving. For us Rotarians, a blood donation drive is not just an event on the calendar. It is a movement. A statement. A way of showing that we care deeply, not just in words, but through action.

When a fellow Rotarian steps up to donate, they offer much more than blood. **They offer hope.** Hope for someone undergoing surgery, for a child fighting a rare disease, or for a mother in a maternity ward. And often, this gift is given without ever knowing who will receive it.

Through organised blood donation camps, awareness drives, and leading by example, we—as a club and as individuals—uphold a responsibility that aligns perfectly with Rotary's global goals. It is **our shared moral commitment** to create a community where no life is lost for want of blood.

Let us remind ourselves and others:

You don't need to be a doctor to save a life. You just need to care. Let us continue to care. Let us continue to serve.

Donate Blood. Serve Humanity. Live Rotary.

— Editorial Team Sudarshan

THE FOUR-WAY TEST



IMPORTANT LINKS







PRESIDENT I.P.P. VICE PRESIDENT PRESIDENT ELECT HON. SECRETARY HON. JT. SECRETARY HON. TREASURER KUNDAN SHAH JAI MISTRY VINEET PANCHAL HARSHAD KINKHABWALA PP TEJAS GANDHI PP KAMAL GANDHI NILESH JARIWALA

DIRECTORS: PP DR. AJAY MAHAJAN, JILPA SHETH, DR. NEETA GANDHI, DEEPAK GANDHI, MEGHAL BAXI SGT. AT ARMS: NAINESH MASTER, SURAJ SAGAR, CHETAN JARIWALA

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Date: Friday, 11th July 2025 **Time:** 7.30 pm Venue: Dr. Sarosh Bhacca Memorial Rotary Hall, Nanpura, Surat.

The weekly meeting was called to order by **President Kundan** Shah, followed by the soulful rendition of the National Anthem and the Four-Way Test led by Rtn. Suraj Sagar. President Kundan Shah extended a warm welcome to all present and honoured the guest speaker for the evening, Shri Narsinhbhai Jinjala of Grow Native Green Forum, with a stole.

Hon. Secretary Tejas Gandhi shared updates on the successful Plantation and Notebook Distribution programme, along with the handover of the Solar Power System, Vocational Training Centre, and Water Heater, all held on 6th July at Utterbuniyadi Vidyalay, Amalsadi. He also outlined the club's upcoming initiatives.

Rtn. Nainesh P. Master introduced the guest speaker, Shri Jinjala. Shri Jinjala spoke from the heart, recounting how his love for nature began in childhood and led him to personally plant over 1,000 trees. His mission evolved into forming a committed green team focused on promoting tree plantation through urban forestation and the Miyawaki methodology. He explained the steps involved, highlighted the benefits of the Miyawaki technique, and shared that the forum had recently volunteered for plantation at Utterbuniyadi Vidyalay.

Further, IPP Jai Mistry and VP Vineet Panchal handed over the award received from RID 3060 for the year 2024-25, recognising the outstanding contributions and achievements of the club and its members. Updates from Rotaract Club of Surat Community (RCSC) were shared by PE Devam Panwala. Rtn. Chetan Jariwala then made birthday and anniversary announcements, and the formal Vote of Thanks was delivered by VP Vineet Panchal. As a thoughtful gesture, eco-friendly **cloth bags** were distributed to all attendees by **Rotary Partner** Belaben Golwala, reinforcing the evening's green message.

The meeting was adjourned by President Kundan Shah, concluding yet another enriching and inspiring weekly gathering of RC Surat.















RTN. NIKHIL MADRASI SHINES BRIGHT





RC Surat is proud to share that PP Rtn. Nikhil Madrasi has been conferred with the prestigious Avenues of Service Award by Rotary International.

This recognition highlights his consistent efforts, strong leadership, and selfless contributions across various avenues of service. His dedication continues to inspire fellow Rotarians and reflects the true spirit of the Rotary movement.

The award was presented by Immediate Past District Governor Rtn. Tushar Shah in a moment of pride and celebration for the club.

A BIRTHDAY WITH A ROTARY TOUCH

While most receive gifts on their birthday, **PP Dr. Sarosh Bhacca** chose to celebrate his special day by **contributing to The Rotary Foundation**—a gesture that truly reflects Service Above Self.





President Kundan Shah, Hon. Jt. Secretary Kamal Gandhi and Hon. Treasurer Nilesh Jariwala felicitated Dr. Bhacca for his generous act. He continues to inspire with his commitment to Rotary values and service to the community.

ONE DAY, SIX CLUBS, 185 BOTTLES OF HOPE



A joint **Blood Donation Camp** was successfully organised on **Thursday, 10**th **July 2025** at NJ Center, Udhna, bringing together six Rotary clubs – RC Surat, RC Udhna, RC Surat Tapi, RC Surat West, RC Riverside and RC Seaface.

The camp was graced by **AG Nehal Shah** as **Chief Guest**, whose encouraging presence and words added warmth and enthusiasm to the event. A total of **185 bottles of blood** were collected during the day-long drive, thanks to the active participation of Rotarians and community members.

From RC Surat, the camp was attended by **President Kundan Shah**, **Vice President Vineet Panchal**, **Hon. Treasurer Nilesh Jariwala** and **Rtn. Ashwinbhai Sukhadiya**, who all contributed their presence and support to the cause.

AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL



President Kundan Shah, First Lady Daksha Shah, PDG Himanshu Thackar, PP Kamal Gandhi, Rtn. Jagruti Gandhi, PP Sandip Nanavati, Rtn. Dipti Nanavati, Rtn. Dr. Harish Chauhan and Rotary Partner Purvi Chauhan attended the installation ceremony of RC SACHIN on Tuesday, 15th July 2025.

Wishing the new team a successful and impactful Rotary year ahead.

KNOW YOUR MEMBER – RTN. KUNDAN SHAH

Rtn. **Kundan Shah**, born into an affluent business family, spent his early years in **Calcutta**, where he did his schooling at **St. Joseph's College**, followed by a few years at **St. Xavier's**, **Surat**. A fun-loving and energetic personality since childhood, he has always enjoyed a wide range of sports including table tennis, pool, carrom, and volleyball.



After completing his **Graduation in Commerce from Kolkata University,** he joined the **family textile business,** taking charge of **Sales & Marketing,** which remains his core strength. His professional journey involved extensive travel across India, contributing significantly to the business's expansion. He also spent a few years in **Delhi,** during which time he became a member of the **Rotary Club of Delhi North.** In 2020, **Kundan** joined the **RC Surat** and has been an active and committed member ever since. He is the **President of RC Surat** for the current **Rotary Year 2025–26.**

His better half, Dakshaben is also a Rotarian and his pillar of strength. Their family is spread across the globe — elder son Nitin, daughter-in-law Madhu, and granddaughter Alaila live in Australia, while younger son Pranav resides in Canada. Kundan and Daksha also lovingly care for his father, Shri Ramdashhai. Despite the distance, family bonds remain strong, close-knit and sharing a beautiful bond.

Kundan's hobbies include **sports, travel and photography.** He also serves as a **committee member of the Modh Vanik Athwa Panch.** With his dynamic spirit and commitment to service, **Rtn. Kundan Shah is confident about making a meaningful impact** across all Rotary focus areas in the coming year.

We wish him all the best in his Rotary journey!

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PAL BAL AANGANWADI: PEOPLE OF ACTION

On **Saturday, 12th July 2025,** healthy meals were distributed to **25 children** at **Pal Bal Aanganwadi.** The initiative was sponsored by Rtn. **Dr. Neeta Gandhi** and **Rtn. Tejas Gandhi**, and volunteered by them along with **Rotary Partner Purvi N. Mehta.**







Birthday

19 th July 2025	Rtn. Harshad V. Kinkhabwala
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20th July 2025 Rtn. Bhadresh Khatiwala

24th July 2025 Rotary Partner Devyani R. Bhatt

25th July 2025 Rtn. Viral M. Mehta

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

18 th July Weekly Meeting – Introduction to Aanapan meditation by Pinalben S	18 th Julv	July Weekly Meeting -	 Introduction to Aanapa 	n meditation b	v Pinalben Shah
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19th July Healthy food distribution at Bal Anaganwadi sponsored by Rtn. Jagruti and Rtn. Kamal Gandhi

20th July 12th Installation Ceremony of RCC Lajpor

23rd July Installation of Rotaract Club of Surat Community

25th July Weekly Meeting

26th July Healthy food distribution at Bal Anaganwadi sponsored by Rtn. Raj Jariwala

ROTARY INFORMATION



Rotary Club Of Surat SPONSORED

Rotary Community Corps (RCC) Lajpore - Sachin



Mr./Mrs./Miss.

Heartily invites you

12th Installation Ceremony

We solicit your kind presence at the **Installation Ceremony of President**

Samimbaanu Saiyad & Her Team

For the RCC Year 2025-26

Date & Time

20/07/2025 Sunday 10-00 AM onwards **Followed by Lunch**

Installing officer

PP Er. Nimishbhai Metha **Rotary Club of Surat**

Venue

Sachin Public School, Suda Sec. 2, Sachin, Surat-394230

Team of RCC Year 2025-26

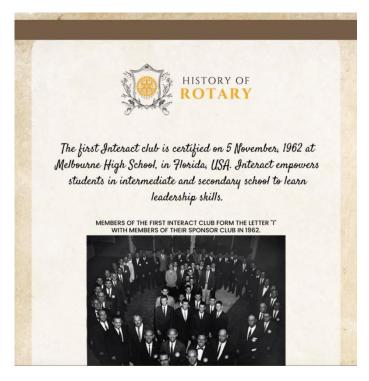
Mrs. Anjana Jagtap (Secretary) Mr. Kirit Bhavsar (Treasurer) Mr. Subhash Patel (Vice President) Mrs. Suman Mane (Auditor) Mr. B. M. Gupta (Vice President)

Miss Sakshi Mishra (J.Secretary) Mrs. Jagu Naik (J. Treasurer)

Mrs. Dipika Bhavsar (Karobari Chairman)

Invited By

Vikramsinh Kaplethiya (RCC President 2024-25) Rotary Community Corps (RCC) Lajpore - Sachin All Team & Members



On 5 November 1962, Rotary certified the world's first Interact Club at Melbourne High School, Florida. It marked the beginning of a movement that would empower young people across the globe to lead, serve, and shape their communities with purpose. Interact was designed to help students in intermediate and secondary school discover the values of leadership, responsibility, and international understanding. Since then, millions of young leaders have found their voice through Interact—standing for causes, driving impact, and carrying forward Rotary's ideals with youthful energy and conviction.ul bond.