



# Sudarshan

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R. I. PRESIDENT : FRANCESCO AREZZO

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## THE SEEDS WE LEAVE BEHIND – A ROTARY LEGACY OF KINDNESS

Some seeds sprout in days. Others take years before they break through the soil, reaching for the light. Yet, the most precious seeds—the ones that truly change the world—are the acts of kindness we plant in the hearts of others.

As Rotarians, we are more than just doers of projects; *we are gardeners of tomorrow*. Every book we gift, every young mind we mentor, every smile we inspire—these are seeds that may not bloom in our lifetime, but will one day offer shade, shelter, and hope to those who follow.

Kindness, unlike wealth or status, only grows when shared. The tree you plant might bear fruit for someone you will never meet. The clean water project you support today might quench the thirst of children not yet born. The scholarship we fund might empower a leader who will never know our name—yet will change their community in ways beyond our imagination.

Our work is a silent promise to the future: that goodness will continue to grow even when we are no longer here to tend it. And perhaps the truest testament to a life well-lived is when, long after we are gone, people still embrace, nurture, and build upon the seeds we once planted.

**This is the quiet magic of Rotary—we do not plant for applause, but for abundance; not for recognition, but for renewal.**

So let us keep sowing—small acts, big acts, everyday acts. For one day, someone will sit in the cool shade of a tree we planted, and though they may never know our faces, they will know this: **kindness grew here.**

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— Editorial Team  
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## THE FOUR-WAY TEST



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Of the things we think, say or do:

first

Is it the **TRUTH**?

second

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third

Will it build **GOODWILL** and  
**BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

fourth

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to  
all concerned?

## IMPORTANT LINKS



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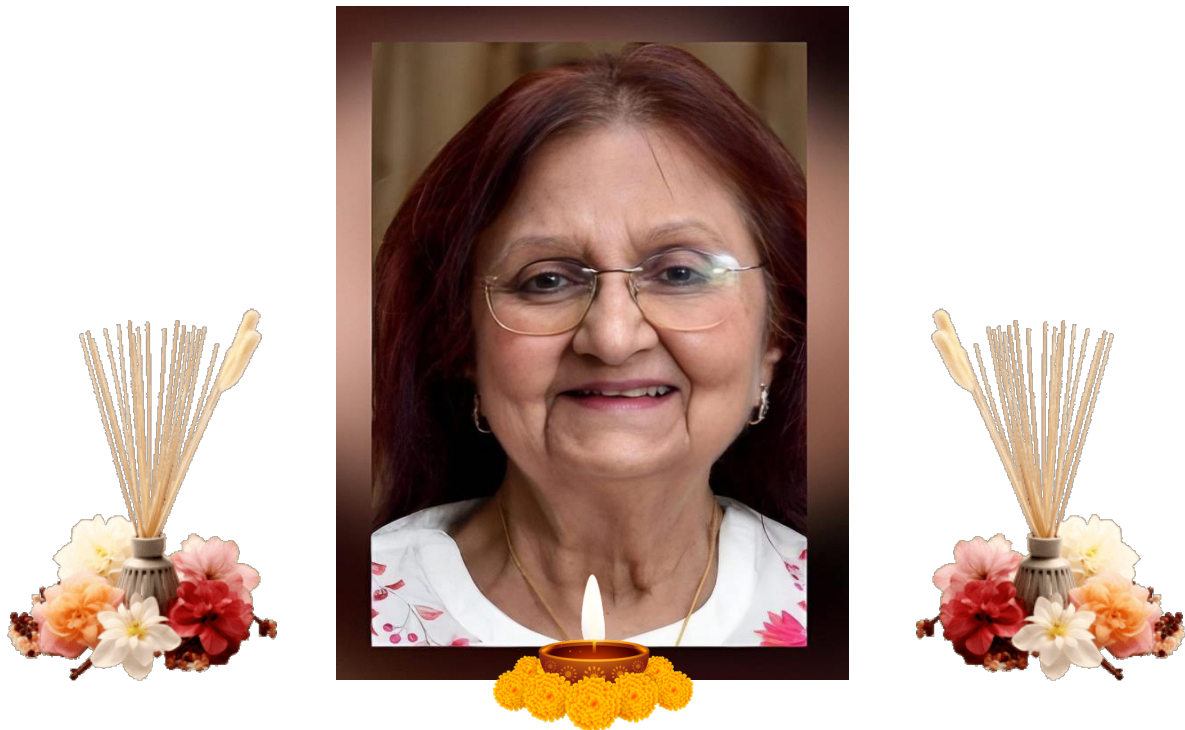
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NILESH JARIWALA

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CLUB OFFICE : DR. SAROSH BHACCA MEMORIAL ROTARY HALL,  
JIVAN BHARTI SCHOOL ANNEXE, TIMALIYAWAD, SURAT - 1.

We meet at 7.30 pm on every Friday

IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF  
RTN. BHAVANIBEN NARENDRAKUMAR MEHTA



OBITUARY

The **Rotary Club of Surat** Parivar is saddened to hear of **Rtn. Bhavaniben Narendrakumar Mehta** returning to her **eternal home** on **August 7, 2025**.

We were blessed to have both—a **generously philanthropic couple**—join our club **30 years ago**. After the **sad demise** of **Rtn. Narendrabhai four years ago**, she continued to be with us, and lately as an **Honorary Rotarian** of our club. She has left her **legacy** with an **endowment fund** of **over one lakh US dollars**. With the **spendable income** from their **generous contributions**, we continue to undertake many communities need-based projects, and shall continue to do so **eternally**. Therefore, she will be supporting our **service projects** for a **long time** and will remain in the **Rotary life** of our club **forever**.

We shall regretfully **miss her physical presence**, but she will always be **with us**—especially when we carry out any **project**, her **contribution** will be **alongside us**.

We **pray to the Almighty** to grant her **noble soul** the **rightful place** in His **abode**. Our **loss** is **irreparable**, but her **life's work** will continue to **benefit countless lives** above and beyond.

Both were always **smiling** and **ever helpful** during their time of **membership**. We will certainly **miss her**.

-PDG Himanshu Thacker

## 1001 REASONS FOR A GREENER TOMORROW

On 10th August 2025, Rotary Club of Surat, in collaboration with the **Grow Native Green Forum** and generously sponsored by a **well-wisher**, came together for a **large-scale tree plantation drive** at **Lokbharti School, Citylight Road**. **Rotary Partners, members, and volunteers** joined hands with one shared vision — to **plant 1001 trees** in a single morning. The target was ambitious, but the **enthusiasm** in the air was enough to make it possible.



The event began at **8:00 am**, as members picked up **tools and saplings**, quickly getting to work. From **digging pits** to carefully **placing the young trees** and giving them their **first watering**, every step was carried out with **dedication and joy**. The **school grounds** soon transformed into a **patchwork of green**, each **sapling** representing **hope, cleaner air, and a legacy for future generations**.

This was not just an **environmental activity** — it was a **celebration of unity, purpose, and long-term commitment**. **Conversations** flowed as **hands got muddy**, and **laughter** echoed amidst the **rustle of leaves**. It was a reminder that **service** can be as **simple and powerful** as **planting a tree**, knowing it will provide **shade, oxygen, and life** for years to come.



## HUMF PROJECT: EMPOWERING EXPECTANT MOTHERS

HUMF, organised by RC Surat on **Wednesday 13th August 2025**, provided nutritional kits to expectant women, with **Rtn. Daksha Shah** volunteering for the cause. A dedicated team of physiotherapist **Dr. Isha Modi** from **Shree Bhartimaiya Physiotherapy College** offered valuable guidance to the beneficiaries.

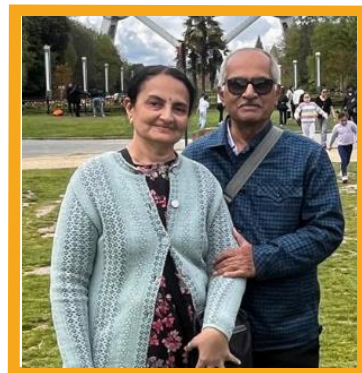




## KNOW YOUR MEMBER – RTN. KAMAL GANDHI

**Rtn. Kamalbhai Gandhi** was born in **Surat** in **1957**. He pursued his early education partly in **Kolkata** (three years) and later at **St. Xavier's, Surat**. A **Civil Engineering graduate** from **SVRCET, Surat**, he built a successful career in **Civil Engineering Consultancy**, practising for over **30 years**. He now works as a **Valuer for Immovable Assets**.

His leadership journey reflects his commitment to both his profession and Rotary. He has served as **President of ICEA** (2014–15), **President of ICE** (2015–16), **President of RC Surat** (2017–18), and **Assistant Governor, District 3060** (2022–23). He is currently serving as **Hon. Joint Secretary of RC Surat** (2025–26).



Rtn. Kamalbhai is supported in his endeavours by his spouse, **Rtn. Jagruti Gandhi**, a **Commerce Graduate**. They are blessed with a **son, Shayar**, and a **daughter Palak**. Palak is married to **Manish**, and together they have a **grandson Darshnik**. Shayar holds degrees in **Architecture** and **Masters in Film & Video Communication**, and is presently an **independent film writer and director**.

With hobbies spanning **reading, writing, music, travel**, and **photography**, Rtn. Kamalbhai is a true believer in lifelong learning and creative exploration. His **passion** lies in **community service** and he lives by his life's motto: **"I listen to my conscience."**

## HIGHLIGHT OF THE 3RD BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 21, 2025

The Third Board Meeting of Rotary Club of Surat for RY 2025-26 was held on July 21, 2025, at Dr. Sarosh Bhacca Memorial Rotary Hall, Nanpura, Surat. Summary of key decisions are as under;

- **Minutes Confirmation:** Minutes of the **2nd Board Meeting** were confirmed. The **Joint Board Meeting** minutes will be confirmed in the next joint meeting.
- **Finance: Provisional club accounts** for **July 2025** were presented and noted.
- **Trustee Appointment:** **PP Rtn. Yatish Parekh**, **PP Rtn. Nimish Mehta**, and **PP Rtn. Kamal Gandhi** appointed as trustees of the **Rotary Club Society of Surat** (subject to their confirmation).
- **Weekly Meetings – August 2025:**
  - ◆ **1 Aug** – Friendship Day Celebration
  - ◆ **8 Aug, 22 Aug, 29 Aug** – Speaker/Fellowship Meetings
  - ◆ **15 Aug** – Holiday
- **Global Grants:** Four proposed projects discussed. **Primary and Secondary Contacts** appointed; separate **bank accounts** to be maintained for each project.
- **Membership:** New **membership application** reviewed and approved. Proposals for **PP Chirag Gandhi** and **Arun Davawala** withdrawn by the proposer.
- **Resignation:** Resignation of **Rtn. Dr. Utkarsh Parmar** received. It was suggested to approach him for continuation of membership.
- The meeting concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** by **Rtn. Harshad Kinkhabwala**.



## ROTARY INFORMATION :

### Top Districts from South-Asia in Annual Fund Giving and the corresponding Worldwide

Zone	District	Annual Fund Total	Worldwide Rank in Annual Fund Giving	Rank in South-Asia in Annual Fund Giving
7	3131	\$951,224	11	1
4	3141	\$837,209	18	2
4	3142	\$712,766	34	3
5	3212	\$474,260	68	4
4	3060	\$441,659	81	5

### Few more District Highlights from South-Asia during RY 2024-25:

#### 100% Club Giving Districts

- Zone 4: 3055, 3060, 3141, 3142
- Zone 5: 2982, 3203, 3204, 3212, 3220
- Zone 6: 3240, 3250
- Zone 7: 3020, 3131, 3132, 3150, 3170, 3181, 3192

#### Top Districts in Donor Giving

- Zone 4: 3060 (85%)
- Zone 5: 2981 (96%)
- Zone 6: 3250 (93%)
- Zone 7: 3181 (97%)

#### Top Districts in Annual Fund Per Capita

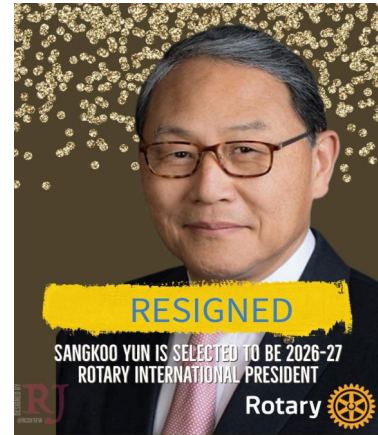
- Zone 4: 3142 (\$197)
- Zone 5: 3212 (\$107)
- Zone 6: 3240 (\$94)
- Zone 7: 3131 (\$184)

#### PHS Champion Districts

- Zone 4: 3011, 3060, 3141
- Zone 6: 3240, 3250
- Zone 7: 3150, 3181

### RY 2024-25 Top 10 TRF Giving Clubs from South-Asia:

Zone	District	Name	2024-25 Total TRF Contribution in US \$	Worldwide Rank in Total Giving
7	3150	Lake District Moinabad, TS, India	\$1,054,190	3
5	3234	Madras, TN, India	\$948,476	4
4	3141	Bombay Pier, MH, India	\$751,163	6
4	3141	Bombay, MH, India	\$679,409	7
4	3012	Delhi Ananta, DL, India	\$534,678	9
7	3131	E-Club of Pune Diamond, MH, India	\$533,239	10
4	3060	Surat Tapi, GJ, India	\$499,974	13
4	3141	Queen's Necklace, MH, India	\$495,534	14
7	3131	Pune Central, MH, India	\$460,527	16
4	3011	Delhi South Central, DL, India	\$440,853	20



**Rotary International announces that SangKoo Yun, Presidentelect for 2026–27, has resigned to focus on his health following a pancreatic cancer diagnosis.**

**Our thoughts and best wishes are with him during this time.**

## BIRTHDAY

15<sup>th</sup> August

Rtn. Dimple Ketan Jariwala

18<sup>th</sup> August

Rotary partner Zankhna Nainesh Master

23<sup>rd</sup> August

Rotary partner Anupa Jignesh Amin

## UPCOMING PROGRAMME

15<sup>th</sup> August

**79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration at**  
 1. Rao Saheb J. C. Munshi School, Surat  
 2. Uttar Buniyadi Vidhyalaya, Amalsadi

16<sup>th</sup> August

**Healthy food distribution at Bal Anaganwadi sponsored by Rtn. Nainesh Master**  
 preponed to 14th August 2025 due to holiday on account of Janmastami

17<sup>th</sup> August**Tree Plantation besides Umra Samshan Bhoomi, Umra, Surat**