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THREADS OF TRADITION, TIES OF FRIENDSHIP

Cultural participation has a unique power—it goes beyond art, music, or tradition. It is a bridge that connects people, communities, and nations, fostering **empathy, respect, and global understanding.** When individuals engage with cultures other than their own, they experience perspectives, values, and ways of life that are different yet surprisingly familiar, opening the door to **mutual appreciation**.

Through initiatives like the **Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Programme**, young people from diverse backgrounds live with host families, take part in local traditions, and interact with communities. These experiences teach more than language or customs; they cultivate **tolerance**, **curiosity**, **and a sense of shared humanity**. Every conversation, shared activity, or collaborative project becomes a small but meaningful step toward **global peace and friendship**.

Cultural participation also strengthens local communities. Welcoming newcomers to share in traditions fosters dialogue, broadens perspectives, and encourages collaboration. It reminds us that while our cultures may differ, common human values—friendship, respect, and generosity—bind us together.

In essence, celebrating and engaging with culture is not just about enjoyment—it is about **learning, connecting, and understanding.** When young people experience the richness of another culture firsthand, they carry lessons of empathy and cooperation into the wider world. By fostering these connections, Rotary's programs are helping build a generation of **global citizens** who value unity, appreciate diversity, and work toward a more peaceful and harmonious world.

Shared traditions, stronger bonds, brighter world.

Editorial TeamSudarshan

THE FOUR-WAY TEST



IMPORTANT LINKS







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RC SURAT ROCKS THE GARBA FLOOR!

Date: Friday, 3rd October 2025 **Time:** 7.30 pm **Venue:** Dr. Sarosh Bhacca Memorial Rotary Hall, Nanpura, Surat

The Rotary Club of Surat came alive with music, dance, and joy as members and guests gathered for a memorable Dandia Garba Night celebration. Dressed in dazzling traditional attire, attendees danced to the rhythmic beats of Garba and Dandia music, turning the hall into a mini Gujarat for the evening. Traditional lamps, colorful drapes, and ethnic motifs set the perfect festive mood.

President Kundan Shah welcomed everyone and highlighted the role of cultural celebrations in building stronger community ties. After Ma Ambema's arti, members and their families joined in open Garba rounds.

RYE students Elliot from France and Ana from Brazil also joined the celebrations along with their host families from Rotary Club of Metro and Rotary Club of Surat West, enjoying the music and matching steps with everyone.

- Live DJ spinning traditional and fusion Garba beats
- Judges: Ms. Niki Gandhi and Ms. Karuna Suri

Category	Winner(s)
Best Action (Female)	1st – PP Bhishma Jariwala 2nd – Rotary Partner Manjari Desai
Best Action (Male)	1st – PP Tejas Gandhi 2nd – Rtn. Alpesh Shetranjiwala
Best Dress (Female)	Rotary Partner Ekta Jariwala
Best Dress (Male)	Rtn. Chetan Jariwala
Rotractor (Female)	Rtr. Dhwani
Rotractor (Male)	Rtr. Krish
Couple Action	Rtn. Mrunal Kothari and Rotary Partner Tinjal Kothari
Couple Dress	PP Nikhil Madrasi and Rtn. Alpa Madrasi

A delicious dinner was served, adding to the joyous spirit of unity and fellowship. The celebration brought together Rotarians and their families, reflecting the true Rotary spirit of togetherness and cultural appreciation. **Hon. Secretary Tejas Gandhi** extended a heartfelt vote of thanks to all members and participants for making the evening a **resounding success**.

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KNOW YOUR MEMBER: RTN. KETAN PATEL

Ketan Patel was born on **1 January 1980** in Surat. A proud Rotarian since **2017**, he has been an **active participant** in various Rotary events and initiatives. At present, he serves on the **Club Service Committee** as **District Events and Club Picnic Chair**, and also holds the position of **Chairman – International Service (RYE Programme)**, contributing to youth exchange and global understanding.



Professionally, Ketan is an **entrepreneur** based in Surat, successfully managing **three thriving ventures**:

- Financial Products Distribution specialising in Mutual Funds, Life Insurance and General Insurance. He oversees client acquisition, product presentations, regulatory compliance, and builds lasting relationships with clients and financial institutions.
- **Sahyog Holiday** a **travel agency** offering complete domestic and international travel solutions, from planning and bookings to seamless travel coordination.
- Sahyog Overseas a student consultancy firm guiding aspirants in university selection, applications, documentation and visa processes for overseas education.

Together, his ventures have served **over 2,000 satisfied clients**, a testament to his dedication to **service**, **trust** and **excellence**.

Ketan is married to **Jignasa**, a homemaker from Surat, and they are blessed with a son, Harsh, who represented India as an **RYE student in Brazil (2021–2022)**.

HUMF

On **Wednesday, 8th October 2025,** RC Surat organised **HUMF,** an initiative aimed at supporting maternal health by providing nutritional kits to twelve expectant mothers. The cause was supported by the dedicated volunteer efforts of **Rtn. Daksha Shah** and generously **sponsored by a well-wisher.**







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BIRTHDAY

10th October Rtn. Indravadan J. Shetranjiwala

12th October Rotary Partner Asha Bhupendra Jariwala

13th October Rtn. Bhairav Desai

13th October Rotary Partner Anand Sheth



10th October Weekly Meeting

11th October Healthy food distribution at Bal Anganwadi Sponsored by Rtn. Kamal Gandhi

ROTARY INFORMATION



