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ROTARY CLUBS' NAVRATRI: A FELLOWSHIP FESTIVE FUSION OF CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

On the evening of October 30th '2023, something special unfolded in Surat. Five Rotary Clubs, namely the Rotary Club of West, Rotary Club of Surat, Rotary Club of Round Town, Rotary Club of Tapi, and Rotary Club of Udhna jointly organized a Navratri celebration that left a mark.

The event was a beautiful fusion of colourful culture and joyful community spirit. As the participants moved to the rhythm of traditional music, they shared smiles and jokes, creating a mood full of happiness and unity. The Navratri celebration was more than just a traditional 'Garba' dance but, it was about the connections that bind a community together.

One of the highlights of the evening was the mouth-watering meal served, bringing everyone to the same table and leaving a lasting impression of togetherness. The delightful dinner served as a perfect finale to a magical night of celebration and friendship.

As the lights dimmed on this unforgettable Navratri celebration, the Rotary Clubs demonstrated that their event was more than just a festive occasion, but also a way of nurturing the bonds of unity and community among their members.



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The Team 2023-24

President : Rtn. Sandeep Nanavati, **President Elect and Secretary :** Rtn. Jai Mistry, **IPP.:** Rtn. Tejas Gandhi, **Joint Sec :** Rtn. Rupesh Jariwala, **Treasurer :** Rtn. Manoj Gautam
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Sergeant at Arms : Rtn. Meghal Bakshi, Rtn. Rajesh Desai, Rtn. Umang Dalal **Advisors :** PP. Rtn. Bhupendra Jariwala and PP. Rtn. Nikhil Madras

We meet at 7.30 pm on Every Friday at Club Office Address

HEARTWARMING CHANDNI PADWA CELEBRATION

In the spirit of Chandi Padwa, a time for new beginnings and a celebration of love and care, the Rotary Club of Surat embarked on a heartwarming journey to share compassion and joy with the elderly residents of various old age homes.

This noble endeavour touched the lives of those residing in three significant locations in Surat. A total of 29 packets of Ghari and Bhusu - Savory dry mix, a traditional gujarati sweets that are associated with the celebration of Chandni Padwa in Surat was distributed as a part of on 29th October 2023, Sunday:

- ❖ 15 packets were delivered to Shrimati Nirmala Ba Vrudhashram in Bhatha.
- ❖ 8 packets were shared with Matoshri Vrudhashram at Palanpore Patia.
- ❖ 6 packets were distributed at Sai Mandir (Bhukhya Ne Bhojan) on Anand Mahal Road, Adajan.



Special thanks to the dedicated volunteers Rtn. Rupeshbhai Jariwala, R/p. Ektaben Jariwala, and Manishbhai & Viralben Vyas for their invaluable contributions to this heartwarming initiative.

Each of these homes became a heaven of love and care. The Club also gifted packets of Ghari to Rotary Members as these sweets and snacks are enjoyed not only for their taste but also for the cultural and symbolic significance they carry on this auspicious day. The tradition of enjoying Ghari and Bhusu on Chandni Padwa in Surat has deep cultural and regional roots and is cherished by the people of the region as an essential part of the celebration. Many thanks to our Pres. Sandeep Nanavati and Hon. Sec. Jai Mistry for coordination of the entire distribution.

The selfless efforts and enthusiasm exemplify the true spirit of Rotary, where service above self is not just a motto but a way of life. Chandi Padwa became an occasion to strengthen the bonds of humanity and showcase the power of collective care and empathy.



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LET'S HAVE A GLANCE OF IT!!

Here's a summary of some of the key projects and initiatives undertaken by the Rotary Club of Surat:

1. In the village of Niyol, located near Surat, the Rotary Club provided water facilities to the entire village. It was an era when infrastructure facilities were not easily available, they ensured that the village had access to potable drinking water with the installation of RO water tank and underground pipelines.
2. In the Umra Cremation Ground, a solar plant and a water heater plant were established with the help of generous sponsorship and contribution of Rotarians late Shri. Narendrabhai Mehta and Bhavaniben Mehta, serving as eco-friendly and sustainable energy sources.
3. A modern peace garden was developed at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University with the support of Rotarian. Late Shri. Narendrabhai Mehta and Bhavaniben Mehta.

These projects represent the Rotary Club of Surat's dedication to improving the quality of life in the region, providing essential services, and enhancing community infrastructure.

1. At the Guru Nanak Dharmarth Hospital located on Bhatar Road – Surat, the Rotary Club of Surat has installed 7 dialysis machines at the Dialysis Centre.
2. The Rotary Club of Surat has established the Rotary Aswin Mehta Memorial Planetarium, which is currently in a closed state. This planetarium used to provide educational knowledge to the public. However, the knowledge and educational activities that took place in this planetarium are now being conducted at the Science Centre managed by the Surat Municipal Corporation.
3. Located near Kim, hospitals such as Sadhana Hospital, Lokhat Hospital, Surat Diamond Hospital, and Sanjeevani Hospital have received donations of dialysis machines and ventilator machines.

These initiatives by the Rotary Club of Surat demonstrate their commitment to improving educational and healthcare facilities, providing essential medical equipment in the region.

1. At the Vankawala Children's Hospital in Majuragate, Surat, various medical equipment was provided.
2. A Women Empowerment Centre was initiated in Chhapara-bhatha, sponsored by Rotarian Babubhai Jariwala.
3. In the primary school of Ponsara, Club have provided a toilet block, an R.O. plant, a hand wash station, school benches, greenboards, and shoes, sweaters, and raincoats for the students.
4. The primary school in the northern part of the Amalsadi village near Palsana, which has been adopted by the Rotary Club of Surat, is currently undergoing renovation at a cost of 70 lakh rupees through a global grant.
5. The club has adopted Uttar Bunyadi School, Amalsad in Palsana district, identified to carry out substantial renovations in the school, amounting to around 70 lakhs rupees through a global grant to create an enable learning environment for students.

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The Rotary Club of Surat has also made significant contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

As of now, the Rotary Club of Surat has donated 6,03,627 US dollars to The Rotary Foundation - TRF, which is approximately equivalent to 5,01,01,041 rupees (5 crores, 1 lakh, and 1,041 rupees). The club achieved the title of "Major Donor" - Paul Harris Club banner by donating around 10,000 US dollars, which is roughly equal to 8,30,000 rupees, on June 24, 2021. (1\$ equivalent to Rs. 83).

List of Major Donors ----

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| • Bhavani- Narendra Mehta | Major donor level 4 |
| • Babubhai Jariwala | Major donor level 2 |
| • Hiteshbhai and Bhishma Jariwala | Major donor level 1 |
| • Bhupendra Jariwala | Major donor level 1 |

Additionally, the Rotary Club of Surat has established individual Endowment Funds in the Rotary Foundation by donating approximately 19 lakh rupees (25,000 US dollars) in The Rotary Foundation. The interest earned from these Endowment Funds is utilized to support charitable projects carried out by Rotary Clubs. The interest generated from this international Rotary Endowment Fund is utilized to reward individuals or organizations recognized by Rotary clubs for their exemplary service activities. In addition to prominent Rotarians, even other distinguished individuals from Surat have generously supported this initiative.

Below are the names of those contributors:

1. Babulal P. Sanghavi Endowment Fund - US \$25,000 (Approximately ₹19,25,000) US \$1,865.69 (Approximately ₹1,43,658.13)
2. Bhavaniben and Narendrakumar Mehta Endowment Fund - US \$25,000 (Approximately ₹19,25,000) US \$953.34
3. Dhanera Diamonds Endowment Fund - US \$25,000 (Approximately ₹19,25,000) US \$657.81
4. Kishorbhai Shah Rotary Club of Surat Endowment Fund - US \$25,000 (Approximately ₹19,25,000) US \$569.33
5. Sargam Construction Pvt. Ltd. Director Bharat Shah Endowment Fund - US \$25,000 (Approximately ₹19,25,000) US \$525.97
6. Shailesh J. Jogani Endowment Fund - US \$25,000 (Approximately ₹19,25,000) US \$657.81
7. Venus Jewels Endowment Fund - US \$25,000 (Approximately ₹19,25,000) US \$657.81
8. Colourtex Endowment Fund
9. Madanben Babubhai Jariwala Endowment Fund

The Rotary Club meetings have been held in the Rotary Hall, Jeevan Bharti School, Nanpura, Surat since past several years. However, regular meetings for Rotarians have also taken place at various other locations.



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The club has held its meetings at various locations over the years, such as

- At residence of Divan Bahadur P. J. Talia Khan (1937-1943)
- At Naginchand Hall – (28—0-1943 to 1957)
- Jeevan Bharati Kala Bhavan Hall ie. Dr. Sarosh P. Bhacca Memorial Rotary Hall, since 1957 till date. Meetings have been conducted at different times on Fridays in different decades, with the current schedule being every Friday evening at 7:00 PM for the third group.

Rotary Club meetings in Surat used to take place at different times and venues. The details are as follows:

- The meetings occurred on the second and fourth Fridays in the evening at 6:30 PM.
- Starting from December 25, 1948, the meetings took place every Friday evening at 6:30 PM and on Saturdays at 7:00 PM.
- Meetings were held in the evening at 7:00 PM.
- From the year 2002-2003, the meetings were held at night starting from 7:30 PM.
- From the year starting from 2015-2016, there were dinner meetings from 7:30 PM to 8:15 PM onwards.

IMPORTANT LINKS TO FOLLOW

RC Surat Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/RCSURAT?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

RC Surat Facebook Profile:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093960544210&mibextid=ZbWKwL>

RC Surat Instagram Profile:

<https://instagram.com/rcsurat?igshid=NGExMml2YTkyZg==>










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UPCOMING PROGRAM - NOVEMBER 2023

04 Nov (Sat)

Nutritious Food Distribution at Pal Anganwadi

10 Nov (Fri)

No Meeting

GREETINGS !

BIRTHDAYS

Rtn. Prof. Dr. Harish Chauhan	09/11
R/P. Tinjal Kothari	09/11
R/P. Vandana Desai	12/11
R/P. Purvi Mehta	13/11
R/P. Chandraben Mistry	14/11
R/P. Minakshi Agrawal	15/11
R/P. Nisha Shroff	16/11
R/P. Nikita Dalal	17/11

ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn. Snehal and R/P. Jayna Patel	08/11
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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

The Rotary Foundation



The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

For the 12th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating - four stars from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The Foundation earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

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