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**DISTRICT GOVERNOR: AMARDEEP SINGH BUNET** 

## THE WINTER OF OUR SPIRIT

As winter's clarity graces Surat, it mirrors our Rotary spirit: a season where warmth is consciously kindled and purpose stands sharp against the chill.

We see this in our "Architecture of Resolve." Like structures that endure the cold, our meetings and planning are built with precision—laying firm foundations for service that must outlast the seasons. This is the disciplined backbone of our promise.

Yet, what is a strong shelter without a hearth? This brings us to the "Fire of Fellowship," the sacred glow that defies the outer cold. It is the shared laughter, the genuine connection that fuels our collective soul. It reminds us, "In the coldest winter, I learned there lay within me an invincible summer." Our club is that invincible summer.

These forces are intertwined. **The frost demands the fire.** Our governance builds the shelter; our fellowship lights the hearth within it.

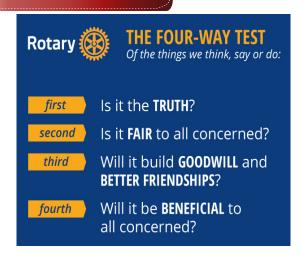
Let this winter, then, be our season of purposeful warmth. May we stand as a steadfast shelter for our community and burn as a generous flame for one another.

For in this balance, we don't just pass through the cold—we transform it.

Together, we are the warmth the world needs.

Editorial TeamSudarshan

# THE FOUR-WAY TEST



# **IMPORTANT LINKS**







PRESIDENT I.P.I
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HON. JT. SECRETARY
PP KAMAL GANDHI

HON. TREASURER
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

#### **BUSINESS CLOSE MEETING**

**Date :** Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 **Time :** 7.30 pm **Venue :** Dr. Sarosh Bhacca Memorial Rotary Hall, Nanpura, Surat

The Rotary Club of Surat held a closed business meeting on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025. The meeting began with the **National Anthem**, followed by the **Four-Way Test** presented by **Rtn. CA Vijay Methwani.** 

President Elect **Harshad Kinkhabwala** welcomed all members and shared the minutes of the previous closed business meeting, which were approved by the house. He informed members that nomination forms for the positions of office bearers and board of directors for the **Rotary year 2026–27** had been distributed. He then read out the names of the nominees for the various roles along with their proposers. The members present seconded these nominations, which were subsequently forwarded to the Scrutiny Committee for review.

**Hon. Secretary Tejas Gandhi** briefed the members on the upcoming programmes, and the meeting concluded with a **vote of thanks** delivered by **Vice President Vineet Panchal.** 



## **CELEBRATING A BEAUTIFUL UNION**

**On 17 November,** RC Surat came together in full spirit as our members, along with their spouses, attended the wedding reception of **Rtr. Harsh, son of Rtn. Tejas Merchant.** The evening felt less like an event and more like a celebration of togetherness, filled with warm conversations, cheerful moments, and a lovely ambience.

Our heartfelt blessings to the newly wed couple as they begin a new chapter filled with **joy, harmony,** and **bright possibilities**. Compliments to **Rtn. Tejasbhai** and his family for hosting such a graceful and memorable occasion.

A warm thank you to all the members who joined and added charm to the celebration with their presence.







# KNOW YOUR MEMBER: RTN. MANOJ GAUTAM



**Rtn. Manoj Gautam** has been a Rotarian since **1996–97,** initially with the Rotary Club of Midtown, before becoming a regular member of the **Rotary Club of Surat** from **2004–05** following the merger.

He is actively involved with the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) programme at both club and district levels, a passion deepened by his family's direct experiences. His daughter Veronica was an RYE student in Brazil (2006–07) and his son Ishaan in Germany (2008–09), and they have fondly hosted many inbound students over the years.

Professionally, he is in the **textiles business**, dealing in **dyed yarns** (manufacturing, sourcing, consultancy) and **technical textiles** for the travel and defence segments. He is married to **Sonia**, a homebaker for two decades and the owner of the

brand 'Flaavours by Sonia'. Their daughter Veronica is active in Gujarati & Hindi films, theatre, writing, and voiceovers. Their son Ishaan works in the automobile sector with high-end brands such as Mercedes, Rolls-Royce, BMW and Lamborghini.

The RYE programme continues to be a central and fulfilling part of his Rotary journey.

#### PAL BAL AANGANWADI: PEOPLE OF ACTION

On **Saturday, 29th November 2025,** healthy meals were distributed to 30 children at Pal Bal Aanganwadi, sponsored by **Rotary club of Surat** and volunteered by **Rtn. Purnima Gandhi** 







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#### **BIRTHDAY**

07 <sup>th</sup> December	R	tn.	Ra	iesh	Desai
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11<sup>th</sup> December Rtn. Manish Dhirajlal Halvawala

11<sup>th</sup> December Rtn. Hetal Rumendra Mehta

12<sup>th</sup> December Rotary Partner Purvi Harish Chauhan

## **ANNIVERSARY**

07<sup>th</sup> December Rtn. Girish and Anjali Shethi

08<sup>th</sup> December Rtn. Jilpa and Anand Sheth

08<sup>th</sup> December Rtn. Himanshu and Aruna Thacker

11<sup>th</sup> December Rtn. Raj and Varsha Jariwala

11<sup>th</sup> December Rtn. Nimish and Purvi Mehta

# **UPCOMING PROGRAMME**

05<sup>th</sup> December Weekly Meeting

06<sup>th</sup> December Healthy food distribution at Bal Anganwadi - Sponsored by Rtn. Jilpa Sheth

11<sup>th</sup> December HUMF Sponsored by a well-wisher

11<sup>th</sup> December Handover of playground equipment at Bal Anganwadi

#### ROTARY INFORMATION





