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## UTTARAYAN EXTRAVAGANZA: ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT'S JOYFUL CELEBRATION

Makar Sankranti, one of India's most ancient festivals, is celebrated as Uttarayan in Gujarat, symbolizing the arrival of spring and dedicated to the Sun God. Gujarat's Uttarayan festivities are steeped in traditions, including kite flying and the preparation of delicacies such as Til (Sesame seeds) and Gur (Jaggery), Peanut chikki, Undhiyu, and Carrot Halwa. The celebration spans two days in Gujarat.

This year, Rotary Club Surat came together to celebrate Uttarayan at the residence of Rtn. Kundan Shah on January 15<sup>th</sup>, Monday. In the crispness of a winter morning, around 10:00 a.m., members gathered on Kundanbhai's terrace with infectious enthusiasm.



The festivities commenced with a Surati breakfast, featuring delectable Khaman, Chikkis, and hot tea. The joyous occasion saw active participation from all members in kite flying. Laughter resonated as individuals engaged in the festivities, flying kites, shouting 'Kai po chhe,' holding Phirkis, engaging in lively conversations, and relishing berries, guava, chikkis, gazakh, and laddus.

The sky, adorned with colourful kites, added to the picturesque scene. Crowded terraces, friendly rivalries showcasing kite-flying skills, and lively background music contributed to the vibrant atmosphere. As lunchtime approached, members indulged in mouth-watering food within this joy-filled setting.

President Sandeep Nanavati extended heartfelt greetings to all members, thanking them for their enthusiastic participation and inviting everyone to the wedding of his beloved son, Monil Nanavati. President thanked Rtn. Kundan Shah and Rtn. Daksha Shah for making the arrangements for Uttarayan celebration.

The celebration, a delightful blend of fun and fellowship, left everyone with cherished memories to take home.

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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



## ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD (RYLA) @ BRCM COLLEGE

The RYLA is conducted by Rotarians and Non – Rotarians who are experts in their respective fields. RYLA is organized keeping in view for developing Leadership qualities among the college students while having fun and interacting with faculties having expertise from various fields. It touches the aspects and topics on developing qualities of effective leadership like problem-solving and conflict management, importance on effective communication skills, building self-confidence and presentation skills etc. Rotary Club regularly organizes such seminar and camp for young aspirants.

### An Overview of RYLA

**Day 1 :** 8 January, Monday

**PP. Rtn. Nikhil Madrasi**, an inspirational speaker, shared valuable insights with students on the subject **of reaching the top**. His engaging session provided practical strategies and motivation, guiding students on the path to success. With a focus on determination, hard work, and seizing opportunities, Rtn. Madrasi encouraged students to set ambitious goals, overcome challenges, and strive for excellence in their academic and personal pursuits.



**Day 2 :** 9 January, Tuesday

**Rtn. Niket Shastri, a dynamic speaker**, delved into the crucial topics of **Team Building and Stress Management**, offering valuable insights on fostering cohesive teamwork and implementing effective stress coping mechanisms. With a wealth of expertise, he shared practical strategies for enhancing team synergy and promoting individual well-being within the challenging dynamics of today's work environment.

**Day - 3 :** 10 January, Wednesday

**Ms. Shraddha Shah, an expert speaker**, enlightened college students on **the art of grooming oneself and mastering professional etiquette**. Focusing on presenting a polished and professional image, her session equipped students with essential skills to navigate the professional world with confidence. With practical insights tailored for young minds, Ms. Shah's engaging talk emphasized the importance of personal presentation in fostering success in their academic and future professional endeavours.





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Day - 4 : 11 January, Thursday

**Ms. Poonam Lakhpati**, an inspiring speaker, delivered **empowering insights on conquering depression and overcoming overthinking**. Her session provided practical tools and wisdom, guiding the audience towards resilience and mindfulness to promote mental well-being. With a compassionate approach, Ms. Lakhpati shared strategies tailored to empower individuals, offering a transformative perspective on navigating challenges and fostering emotional health.

Day - 5 : 12 January, Friday

**Ms. Heena Jain**, an insightful speaker, enlightened students on **empowering minds and cultivating gratitude**. Her engaging session emphasized how imparting knowledge and fostering gratitude can form a robust foundation for personal growth and well-being.

With a focus on resilience and a positive outlook on life, Ms. Jain's talk resonated with students, with her empowering message underscoring the importance of a holistic approach to education, encouraging students to embrace learning as a transformative journey towards self-discovery and fulfilment.



### IMPORTANT LINKS TO FOLLOW

\*Rotary Club of Surat - FB Page\*

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

\*RC Surat FB - Profile\*

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

\*RC Surat - Instagram Profile\*

<https://instagram.com/rcsurat?igshid=NGExMmI2YTkYzg==>

## PEOPLE OF ACTION - WEEKLY PROJECT NUTRITIOUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

A Bal Anganwadi is a vital establishment that plays crucial role in the early childhood development and care of the children below 6 years. Every week, the Child Anganwadi Food drive serves a beacon of hope, raising awareness and providing essential nutrition to these innocent youngsters.

On the **13 January' 24**, Saturday the nutritious food was made possible through the generous coordination and sponsorship of Rtn. Kundan Shah and Rtn. Daksha Shah.



Investing in the nutrition and well-being of these children is an investment in the future of humanity. By providing them with the nourishment they need, we empower them to reach their full potential and contribute to society in meaningful ways paving the way for a brighter and promising tomorrow for all.

## GREETINGS !



### BIRTHDAYS

Rtn. Devesh Gohil	20/01
R/P. Deep Upadhyay	23/01
Rtn. Deepak Gandhi	27/01

### ANNIVERSARIES

R/P. Tinjal and Rtn. Mrunal Kothari	22/01
R/P. Jyotsana and Rtn. Rajen Shah	22/01
R/P. Devyani and Rtn. Rajesh Bhatt	22/01
R/P. Anupa Amin and Rtn. Jignesh Amin	23/01
R/P. Zankhana and Nainesh Master	24/01
R/P. Ila Sheth and Rtn. Chandresh Sheth	26/01