

ROTARY CLUB OF SURAT INSTALLS NEW ROTARACT TEAM FOR 2023-24

The Rotary Club of Surat held its weekly meeting on Friday, 21st July 2023, at 7:30 PM Dr. Sarosh Bhacca Memorial Rotary Hall, Jivan Bhar School Annexe, Timaliyawad, Surat-395001. The meeting started with networking and fellowship over dinner.

The meeting began with the club's President Rtn. Sandip Nanavati welcomed the attendees, followed by the rendition of the National Anthem. Rtn. Rupal Bhatt announced the upcoming birthdays and anniversaries of Rotarian and Rotary Partners, fostering a spirit of joy and camaraderie among the participants.

The outgoing President Rtn. Bijal Shah expressed her gratitude to her team for their support throughout the year. She praised their dedication, enthusiasm and achievements in various projects and activities. She also thanked the Rotary Club of Surat for their guidance and encouragement. The meeting proceeded with the installation ceremony of the new team for the Rotaract Club of Surat Community. DGE Rtn. Tushar Shah in the presence of the dignitaries RC Surat President Rtn. Sandeep Nanavati and PDRR Viral Gondalia inducted Rtn. Jay Shah as President and Rtn. Laveena Khatri as the Secretary, along with their team members, for the term 2023-24.



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The New Team Members :

President : Rtn. Sandeep Nanavati, **President Elect and Secretary :** Rtn. Jay Mistry, **IPP:** Rtn. Tejas Gandhi, **Joint Sec :** Rtn. Rupesh Jariwala, **Treasurer :** Rtn. Manoj Gautam
Directors : Rtn. Vineet Panchal, Rtn. Mrinal Kothari, Rtn. Zilpa Sheth, Rtn. Alpesh Shetranjiwala, Rtn. Ajay Mehta
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

During the meeting, Rtr. Jay Shah, shared his vision for the year, and DGE Rtn. Tushar Shah gave insightful guidance to the new team, highlighting their important role as future Rotary leaders. PDRR Viral Gondalia and RC Surat President, Rtn. Sandip Nanavati, extended their best wishes to the newly installed team.

Secretarial announcements were made by Rtr. Laveena Khatri and RC Surat Hon. Secretary Jai Mistry informed about the upcoming events and programs of the club. The meeting also celebrated the 50th Charter Day of Rotaract Club of Surat Community, which falls on 22nd July. The participants wished the new team all the best and hoped that they would continue the legacy of service and fellowship.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Rtr. Harsh Merchant. The meeting was adjourned by RC Surat President Rtn. Sandip Nanavati.



Key Highlights:

- Rtr. Nitesh Khanna presented the Four Way Test.
- Rtr. Shiv Mehta introduced DGE Tushar Shah.
- Outgoing President Rtr. Bijal Shah introduced incoming President Rtr. Jay Shah.
- Hon. Secretary Rr. Laveena Khatri presented the Annual Report 2022-23.
- Rtr. Jay Shah delivered acknowledgements and gratitude as the new president.
- MoC was ably handled by Ms. Vanshi Pathak and Ms. Hinal Radadia.



RI. President's Message

"Building peace is the essence of Rotary."



Gordon McNally,
RI President 2023-24

RI. President stated - Even as we face new and serious challenges, Rotary takes care of its members and those we serve works to build lasting peace, and embeds belonging and inclusion in everything we do. That is why I am asking everyone in Rotary to Create Hope in the World.

This year, we are prioritizing projects to support mental health. This effort is deeply personal to me. I know what it's like to see someone suffer in silence. I have also witnessed the power of personal connections, the value of discussing emotional and mental well-being, and the lifesaving impact of preventive care and treatment. Research shows that performing acts of kindness is an effective step any of us can take to protect our well-being. And by building peace within, we become more capable of bringing peace to the world.

Building peace is the essence of Rotary. Many of our service projects foster the conditions for Positive Peace. We work tirelessly to overcome barriers and create new connections. This year, we'll promote virtual international exchanges for members to strengthen those vital connections.

Peace isn't a dream, and it's not passive. It's the result of working hard, earning trust, and having open conversations that may be difficult. Peace must be waged persistently — and bravely. Everything we do across our areas of focus has the potential to foster the hope that can make peace possible.

The spirit of connection and purpose should inspire every Rotary member. When club leaders focus on offering an excellent club experience, we retain more members and attract more prospective members. We must make our clubs as welcoming and as engaging as we can.

Our goal is to create a sense of belonging, from our club meetings to our service activities. We need to continue creating inclusive, welcoming environments where everyone can be their authentic selves. All people of action need to be able to imagine a place for themselves in Rotary — it's up to us to ensure they can do so.

Over the next year, I will be putting a focus on continuing our journey in diversity, equity, and inclusion — ensuring that Rotary reflects the communities we serve and continues to take significant steps toward accessing the full range of human talents and experiences, so that we can better serve humanity. And we will continue to empower women and girls by helping them unlock the potential already within them.

As we begin this journey together, I take inspiration from Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, who in the 18th century spoke of all the world becoming kin, promoting "sense and worth, over all the earth." This has long been my call to action, and I share it now with you.

Let us build peace within and spread it freely. Let us create belonging and imagine the future of Rotary afresh. Let us work together joyously and **Create Hope in the World.**

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) @ Sarvajanik College of Engineering and Technology (SCET)

13 July / 14 July/ 17 July/ 18 July and 19 July 2023 – 5 DAYS RYLA
(10:00 am to 12:00pm)



RYLA was organized simultaneously on same dates alternatively at 3 different halls on different topics at Sarvajanik College of Engineering and Technology - SCET. Nearly 320 students participated enthusiastically. 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.

5 Day RYLA was inaugurated on 13 July '2023 at SCET. Rtn. Dr. Niket Shastri - RYLA Coordinator and NSS Coordinator of Sarvajanik University, Rtn. PP. Nikhil Madras (Keynote speaker), Rtn. Abhay Patwardhan (RYLA Committee Member), Hon. Sec. Rtn. Jay Mistry was present on the first day of RYLA.

An Overview of RYLA

Day 1 and Day 2

Forum Marfatia - Youth & Social Media: Knowledge and information regarding the newly approached matters and themes of Marketing.

Abhay Patvardhan - Leadership in action: Interaction and discussion of leading organizations and powerful visions of a leader.

Snehal Vakilna - Youth & Cyber Security: Concern about the security of student's privacy and involvement without knowing the negative aspects of tech-world.

Day - 3

Dr. Rinkal Jariwala - SwayamSiddha - Skills to Business: Strategic planning and structured promotion were the center of the discussion.

Abhay Patvardhan - Leadership in action: Interaction and discussion of leading organizations and powerful visions of a leader.

Nikhil Madrasi - Public Speaking: Enlightening and illuminating knowledge on communication and soft Skills.

Day - 4

Shraddha Shah - Professional Etiquette: Presenting yourself polish and professional.

Snehal Vakilna - Youth & Cyber Security: Concern about the security of student's privacy and involvement without knowing the negative aspects of tech-world

Dr. Purvi Kothari - Contemporary Management Techniques – A modern approach involving activities like planning, decision making and monitoring.

Day - 5

Shraddha Shah - Professional Etiquette: Presenting yourself polish and professional

Roshni Trivedi - Communication skills – Enhancing effective communication and soft Skills

CA. Supal Talati - Journey towards Excellence: Believing in the power of your Dreams



Notebook Distribution @ Amalsadi School

One of the focus areas of Rotary International is Basic Education and Literacy. While focusing on the goals of RI, On 15 July' 2023, Saturday - Rotary Club of Surat distributed around 1100 Notebooks to students at Amalsadi school. Pres. Rtn. Sandip Nanavati, Rtn. Kundan Shah and Rtn. Kamal Gandhi volunteered it. Rotary Club of Surat through its members put their continuous efforts towards helping school children thus making their learning process easy and comfortable. The recipient children of the school feel supported and appreciate our Rotary Club of Surat efforts for fulfilling their basic requirement of stationary.



Eye Checkup Camp @ Pal Aanganwadi



Rotary Club of Surat has always been regularly organizing eye check-up camps for all ages. On 18 July' 2023 an Eye checkup Camp was organized at Pal Aanganwadi to ensure clear and healthy vision.

Eye Drops were provided to prevent and treat the conjunctivitis infections which is viral and contagious disease. Rtn. Dr. P.P. Mistry examined 25 children. Our Club thank, Rtn. Dr. P.P. Mistry and Rtn. PP. Kamalbhai Gandhi for volunteering the camp at Pal Aanganwadi. These kinds of camps help to detect and prevent diseases in time.

Upcoming Programs

(Fri) Kargil Day Celebration – Speaker Captain. Meeraben Dave on 'Sacrifices of our brave soldiers during the Kargil Conflict'

(Tue) HUMF – Sponsors Rtn. Sandip Nanavati and R/P. Dipti Nanavati

28 July

29 July

1 Aug.

4 Aug.

(Sat) Healthy food distribution to kids (below 6 years) at Pal Aanganwadi sponsored by Rtn. Sandip Nanavati and R/P. Dipti Nanavati

(Fri) Kalrav Vipul Antakshari

Greetings - Happy Birthday

Rtn. Devyani Rajesh Bhatt	24/07
Rtn. Dr. Viral Mehta	25/07
Rtn. Leena Shah	27/07
Rtn. Jayana Snehal	29/07
Rtn. Sandip Nanavati	31/07
Rtn. Dr. Ajay Mahajan	31/07
Rtn. Daksha Shah	01/08
Rtn. Tejas Gandhi	02/08
R/P. Manisha Bodawala	04/08
R/P. Ila Sheth	06/08
Rtn. Dharmesh Varnamia	14/08
Rtn. Dimple Jariwala	15/08

Menstrual Hygiene Management (Sanitary Napkins distribution) at Suman High School no. 8 and 13, Surat

Sanitary pad distribution is crucial and plays a vital role in ensuring the health, hygiene, as it allows women and girls to manage their menstrual hygiene with dignity. It is an essential step towards ensuring menstrual equity and breaking the barriers surrounding menstruation.

By addressing the issue of limited access to sanitary pads, we can empower women and girls to manage their periods with ease and comfort.

Rotary Club of Surat under Health and Hygiene, on 21 July'2023 Friday, gave the packs of Sanitary Pads to 260 girls studying in 10th, 11th and 12th standard at Suman High School no. 8 and 13 at Navagam. Dindoli Road, Surat. Chocolates were also distributed amongst girls and staff of the school as token of sweetness. Pres. Sandip Nanavati gave a brief introduction of Rotary Club and its activities. Rtn. Papamile Isyagi interacted with the students. Our Club thank the principal of the school, Mr. Hitesh Tandel, school teachers and staff.



We express our sincere thanks to Rtn. Prof. Dr. Harish Chauhan for coordinating and making the arrangements.

The project was volunteered by Pres. Sandip Nanavati, Hon. Sec. Jay Mistry, First lady Dipti Nanavati, R/P. Purvi Chauhan, Rtn. Purnima Gandhi, Rtn. Papamile Isyagi

A basic health awareness informative session on personal hygiene for girls during menstruation was done by R/P. Purvi Harish Chauhan

Sanitary napkins packs were provided addressing the menstrual prophylactic hygiene and care. This will help them from missing school attendance, avoid UTIs and other infections and in better menstrual management on these difficult days every month.

People of Action - Weekly Project Nutritious Food distribution

The feeding program in Aanganwadi is plays a crucial role in addressing malnutrition among young children by providing nutritious meals, which will contribute to the physical and mental well-being of these children, setting a strong foundation for their future.

'If you can't feed a hundred people then feed just one' – Mother Teresa



15 July '2023 Saturday Project Nutritious Food distribution to 40 Children at Pal Anganwadi sponsored by Rtn. Neeta Gandhi and Rtn. Tejas Gandhi. The distribution was volunteered by Rtn. Neeta Gandhi and Jenish Kania.

22 July '2023 Saturday Project Nutritious Food distribution to 40 Children at Pal Anganwadi sponsored and volunteered by friends of Rtn. Neha Lotwala, Dr. Drasthi Desai and Dr. Neha Doshi.



Rotary Club's initiatives to uplift these children in best possible ways and give the youngest members a fighting chance for a better life. Investing in the nutrition and well-being of 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.

Media Coverage

