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### **'KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS' CELEBRATION WITH CAPTAIN MEERA DAVE**

On the evening of 28th July 2023, at 7:30 PM, the Rotary Club of Surat convened its weekly meeting at the Dr. Sarosh Bhacca Memorial Rotary Hall, located at Jivan Bhar School Annexe, Timaliyawad, Surat-395001. The members enjoyed a delicious dinner with guests from the Senior Citizen Assembly and Inner Wheel Club. President Rtn. Sandip Nanavati called the meeting to order. The attendees stood up and sang the National Anthem together, followed by Four Way Test was presented by Rtn. Prakash Golwala.

President Rtn. Sandip Nanavati greeted all members and guests warmly, and invited PP Rtn. Bhishma Jariwala and Rtn. Mrunal Kothari to felicitate the Chief Guest, Captain Meera Dave, and her husband, Mr. Siddharth Dave.











The club also appreciated the Rotarians and speakers who contributed to the success of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) event. They were PP Rtn. Nikhil Madrasi, Niket Shashtri, Rtn. Rtn. Patvardhan, Abhay Ms. Forum Marfatia, Ms. Snehal Vakilana, Dr. Rinkal Jariwala, Ms. Shraddha Shah, Dr. Purvi Kothari, Ms. Roshni Trivedi, CA Supal Talati.

Rtn. Jilpa Sheth introduced the Chief Guest, Captain Meera Dave. Rtn. Jilpa Sheth introduced Captain Meera Dave, who gave an inspirational speech about her journey in the Indian Forces.

She explained the basics of joining Indian Armed Forces followed by her own experiences with the selection process, the training program, and the various postings she had. She emphasized the importance of commitment, physical and mental strength, team spirit etc. in the armed forces. She also shared some of her memorable moments and experiences.

President Rtn. Sandip Nanavati encouraged all members to promptly submit RFE 2023-24 forms. The Secretarial Announcement was made by Jt. Secretary Rtn. Rupesh Jariwala, providing important updates and details of upcoming events organized by the club. First Lady Rtn. Dipti Nanavati announced the birthdays and anniversaries of Rotarians and Rotary Partners and wished them well. The meeting ended with Hon. Secretary Rtn. Jai Mistry thanked everyone for their participation and support.

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#### The Team 2023-24

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. Jilpa 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 Madrasi

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







# Create Hope in the World.....

By R/P. Purvi Harish Chauhan

In a world filled with chaos, uncertainty, and despair, it is easy to lose sight of hope. Hope is a trust that keeps us going—it is the light that guides us through the dark moments and path. Hope is believing that everything will turn out for the best, despite the challenges we face. Hope is not just a feeling or an emotion; it is a mind-set, to keep ourselves ongoing throughout the way of life.

The world needs hope now more than ever before. With the ongoing pandemic, economic uncertainty, political upheaval, and social unrest, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless. Hope is the one thing that can help us overcome these challenges. It is the fuel that drives us to take action, to be positive, and to persevere.



Hope can be found in the kindness of strangers, in the beauty of nature or in the innovative solutions that people come up with to tackle complex problems or in any unexpected ways one may not think of. Hope is an active—it inspires us to reach out to others, to work towards a better future, and to never give up, even when things seem impossible. Hope becomes the ability to withstand adversities and bounce back from difficult life events.

#### Hope can be created in by -

**Spread Positivity:** Instead of focusing on the negative, make a conscious effort to spread positivity. Share inspiring stories, uplifting messages, and words of encouragement. This will not only lift your spirits but also the spirits of those around you.

**Be the Change:** Be the change yourself that you wish or want to see around. Small actions can make a big difference.

**Connect with Others:** Connect with the society - community, help and build relationships. Social connections can lead to feelings of hope and assertiveness, so it is important to stay connected.

**Believe in Yourself:** The first step towards creating hope in the world is to believe in Oneself. Be affirmative of being capable of making a difference by your own actions.



The world around may seem overwhelming at times, but we must remember that a Ray of Hope is always present. We need to recognize it, follow it, walk on it with all mind and heart aligned and small footsteps a day will surely create a better world. A world filled with hope, love, warmth and compassion, integrity.







## Welcoming Rotary International Youth Exchange Student from Germany





Finn Hupeden from Germany, Rotary International District 1800, Rotary Club of Goslar-Nordharz landed at Mumbai Airport and was warmly received by Rtn. Prof. Dr. Harish Chauhan and R/P. Purvi Chauhan on 29 July Saturday.



On 30 July Sunday, He was greeted by Chauhan family in our traditional way alongwith our club Pres. Sandip Nanavati, first lady Dipti Nanavati, Hon. Secretary Rtn. Jai Mistry, Hon. Treasurer & IYE – Club Counsellor Rtn. Manoj Gautam, Rtn. Ketan Patel and R/P Jigna Patel. Khush Chauhan (Outbound student to USA) and Harsh Patel (Rebound student from Brazil) also joined in welcoming Finn.

Finn is born in Vienna, belongs to a village in Lower Saxony in Germany. He likes hiking and climbing. His favorite subject is chemistry. In his free time, he has been part of the local youth fire brigade since he was 11 years old, where he is learning to work in a team and will have the opportunity to become a firefighter. Finn is part of Fridays for Future Goslar too wherein they are discussing with the city council, has learned a lot about organizing events, diplomacy and of course politics and political movements.

Through this exchange, he feels it is a good opportunity to make new friends, improve English or even learn new languages, culture, tradition, food habits etc. Finn thinks an exchange is a once in a lifetime chance and an extraordinary experience.

Rotary Club of Surat wishes Finn a fun-filled learning journey ahead packed with new experiences, and long-lasting friendships!!

## Cancer Screening & Diagnosis Camp





Our Rotary Community Corpse (RCC) Lajpore - Sachin, organized a life-saving Cancer Check-up Camp for women on Sunday, 23rd July 2023, wherein more than 80 women were screened, taking a proactive step towards their health. They were given preventive information on cancer at its earliest stage.









## **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





29 July '2023 Saturday Project Nutritious Food distribution to 40 Children at Pal Anganwadi sponsored and volunteered by Rtn. Sandip Nanavati and Dipti Nanavati.

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.

# **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**



Rtn. Daksha Shah	01/08
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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

