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## CIRCULAR 27

### Meeting 30

Programme : Rotary Swadutsav.  
Date : 25th February, Thursday, 2021.  
Time : 8:00 PM  
Venue : D.P. Doshi Rotary Greater Auditorium.  
Invitee : Rotarians, Anns and Annets.

### Birthday Wishes

1-Mar	Ann. Vishakha K. Karia	94274 38006	4-Mar	Kunal Ashok Mehta	98244 77779
3-Mar	Ann. Jigna A. Savaliya	98250 82458	5-Mar	Rtn. Mukesh Panchasara	98242 10794
3-Mar	Rtn. Maulik Kothari	98242 13761	7-Mar	Rtn. Niraj Mehta	99246 11077

### Wedding Anniversary

			RTN.	ANN.
2-Mar	Siba	& Vaishali Rout	90990 58461	96245 02720
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3-Mar	Madhuri	& Savan Kotecha	70433 35551	81538 18888
4-Mar	Dipen	& Komal Patel	98240 42401	98793 15222
7-Mar	Mihir	& Devangi Modi	80007 88999	70487 88999
7-Mar	Bhavik	& Veera Shah	98795 10062	98241 68385

## Meeting: Rotary Swadutsav -

### “The only thing I like better than talking about food is eating.”

This goes exactly for our 2 dear Rotarians Rtn. Yash Rathod and Rtn. Priyank Bharad. Both are foodies and excellent cooks themselves. The difference this time is that they are going to be behind the tables and serve our parivar members with some very delicious food along with support of all our dear Rotarians. So join in in large numbers for all the fun on 25th February 2021

## Meeting Review :

Close Business Meeting: Close Business Meeting was held on 18th February at D.P.Doshi Rotary Greater Auditorium. Opening remarks were given by President Rtn. Mehul Nathvani and Secretarial announcements were done by Secretary Rtn. Nilesh Bhojani. It was a healthy meeting where active participation of members was there. Many suggestions and ideas were exchanged which can take image of RCRG to newer heights and also benefit the society. Secretary Rtn. Nilesh Bhojani did vote of thanks in his own literary way.



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## Project Update:

- There is a special celebration on 27th February, part of Woman's day celebration which is on 8th March. Panel discussion on skin, nail and hair care by stalwart of the field Dr. K B Pandya, Rima Rao and Dr. Priyanka Sutaria. Registration is free but compulsory, as it is a joint program with Rajkot Menopause society and Club 35 Plus- Rajkot.

For Registrations please contact Ann. Vidhi Nathvani- 94277 24836 and Ann. Shilpa Bhojani- 99798 81923.

- Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater and Kundaria Cancer Prevention Foundation, Division of Rajkot Cancer Society had arranged a Vaccination Camp at Shri D.P Doshi Rotary Greater Auditorium on 23rd October 2020. Total 37 girls were vaccinated, 17 girls were vaccinated for the 1st doze, 16 girls were vaccinated for 2nd doze and 4 girls were vaccinated for 3rd doze by Dr. Krupali Bhalara and team.



## Club News

**Happy news** : Rtn. Kushal Mehta and Ann. Deval Mehta are blessed with a Baby Girl. Best wishes to them from RCRG Family.

## Did you know?

37th District Assembly was organized at Hemu Gadhvi Hall during the Presidential year of Rtn. Manhar Kargathara in 2005-2006.



## In conversation with Rtn. Mihir Modi, District Co-ordinator - Club Extension (Saurashtra) - The man behind the formation of new Rotary Club "Prime" along with District Public Image Chair Rtn. Bhavesh Vegda.

### Q. When did this all start?

**Mihir** : Rajkot has population of more than 18 Lacs and total number of Rotarians is merely touching 450 in 4 clubs. Since most of the clubs have reached their maximum capacity of

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**Chairman- District(3060)**  
Rtn. Bhavesh Vegda

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**Coordinator- Saurashtra**  
Rtn. Darshan Lakhani

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**Coordinator- Saurashtra**

Rtn. Manish Patel

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Rtn. Sarju Patel

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**Coordinator- Saurashtra**

Rtn. Yash Rathod

### Club Extension

**Coordinator- Saurashtra**  
Rtn. Mihir Modi

### Avoidable Blindness

**Chairman - District(3060)**  
Rtn. Dr. Ketan Bavishi

managing members, it was necessary to start a new club for last 7-8 years. Rajkot being hub of social work and known in RI for its exceptional projects, it was needed that we can connect more and more people to Rotary and its ideology.

In first week of July, I got a call from District Membership Chair Rtn. Amardeepsingh Bunet in con-call with DG Prashant Jani, They said I have to take the responsibility of District Co-ordinator - Club Extension for Saurashtra region and gave me a target to form a club at different locations including Rajkot.

The first thing that I thought was that I am a Rotarian from RCRG which has a legacy of envisioning and executing landmarks and exceptional projects. This needs to be another such legacy.

### Q. What is so special about this club?

**Mihir :** When I started working on RCRP, I did some research how the clubs are formed previously in Rajkot and in our District. Upon that I decided that my first agenda for this club will be a Greenfield club with no Split-Rotarians or ex-Rotarians or a ready-made group of people. Everyone will be handpicked purely based on the merit and reputation. I am lucky that I was able to find 52 such Charter Members from diverse fields but with same agenda of doing something for the society.

Second agenda was that to have atleast 10% female Rotarians and to that we have 6 female Rotarians out of 52 which is roughly 12% and we have 3 female Rotarians in Charter Committee which is a history in itself.

This was all because of the support of DPIC **Rtn. Bhavesh Vegda and Rtn. Kalpit Sanghavi** who supported me when I was surrounded with negativity and brought the hope by standing by my side without ego, without vested interest and helped me during the process. I remember how funnily Amardeephbai used to say “**Modi hai to Mumkin Hai**” to motivate me.

This fifth club sponsored by **Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater** will act as a thumb to complete the Fist of Power to serve the humanity in Rajkot along with 4 other clubs.

### Q. What difficulties did you face?

**Mihir :** I was wondering why my previous fellow Rotarians did not start the New Club and why there was no success in starting the New Club in Rajkot for the last 5-6 years. When I took the responsibility I came to know why. I came across lot of pressure, lot of negative motivation and lot of warnings. I was once even told that I will never be successful if I don't take help of a ready-made group but I was firm that if there will be a new club in Rajkot it will be a Greenfield club and I wanted new set of Rotarians who will be young, enthusiastic, and dynamic.



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The most difficult part was to explain why one needs to join Rotary. I literally have to speak about the history of Rotary, its working methodology, club's culture, projects, fun & fellowship activities, and Rotarian's roles & responsibilities almost 5-6 times a day for at least one and half month. Sometimes I had to literally ask for the help of senior Rotarians regarding the questions that I was asked by the new members. I must say this new lot is very intelligent, straight forward, resourceful and of high emotional quotient.

### Q. Where do you see this club in next 5 years?

**Mihir :** Seeing the enthusiasm and dynamism of members, I think in 2-3 years' time they will be able to have their own permanent project and one mega project. I wish they incorporate all the best qualities of all the clubs in Rajkot and have their own USP at District. I think this club has potential to give a DG in future.

### Q. Do you have any special mentions?

**Mihir :** This process would not be possible without the help of our very own **Bhaveshbhai Vegda**. He stood by me as a rock, always there for any silly or serious issues that I faced and encouraged me that I can do this. Biggest thanks to him for accepting to become GSR for this new club. I owe him a lot. I know he will mentor this club to become another Greater or we should say the PRIME as the name suggests.

Thanks to **President Mehulbhai & Secretary Nileshbhai** for sponsoring and assuring to support the new club in its formative years.

At this juncture I miss my Guru my Bhaiji **Late Rajenbhai Modi** the charter member of RCRG. If he would have been alive today, he would be very proud of me. Though my father Upen Modi who was President of Rotract Club in his days, I was introduced to Rotary by Bhaiji. I miss you Bhaiji, I dedicate this one to you.

Special thanks to **DMC Amardeep Singh Bunet** and **DG Prashant Jani** for believing in me and giving this opportunity.

At last I wish all the 4 Rotary clubs support and nurture RCRP to become a tree of social initiatives.

## PRAVAS - सफर शिक्षा का with Annet Riddhi Nilesh Bhojani

Organizing a car rally as a project of Rotary is something that District Governor Rtn. Prashant Jani had wanted to do for a long time. This car rally was organized to increase the awareness of literacy. It was also organized so that Rotarians of a particular club could see the projects of other clubs and be aware and inspired.

This car rally started from Somnath and ended at Dhule. The car rally members arrived at Rajkot on 7th February, 2021 and took a visit to the projects like the



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Happy School and the Panchnath Hospital Operation Theater project. There was also a joint club meeting.

We joined the car rally on 8th February and arrived at Surendranagar just in time for lunch and a club meeting. After that we visited the Rotary garden there. We also visited the C.U. Shah Hospital where Rotary has done projects like Rotary Cardiac Operation Theater Equipment Project, Rotary Cardiac Diagnostic and Treatment Equipment Project and Rotary Cathlab, Operation Theater and ICCU Equipment Project. From there we went to Nadiad.

We visited the 'Shri S.G. Brahmbhatt Badhir Vidhyavihar' which is a project started by Rotary Club Nadiad Samaj Seva and Sanshodhan Trust. This is a school for deaf and dumb kids and offers an education till class 10. It has been going on for about 40 years. We went to Anand after that and attended a joint club meeting. We heard about the projects being held there which were very impressive and after the conclusion of the meeting we had dinner. We stayed for night in Anand and drove to Vadodara the next morning. We had a meeting there with members of the 10 clubs of Vadodara and then had breakfast. We also received hats from Rotary Club of Vadodara Green which didn't sound very useful but were very, very useful when we were at the Statue of Unity which brings me to our next stop, spoiler alert; the Statue of Unity.

There were a lot of spots to see there and we couldn't go to all of them. Touring the whole place require a lot of time which we had lacked. We had our lunch there and we ended our journey there while the rest of the car rally members went to the next stop of which I don't remember the name. The car rally was really informative and all the clubs gave us a really warm welcome and we were even welcomed by fireworks and Dhol Nagara in Anand which we, in particular, missed due to GPS issues but that's beside the point.



### Fun facts:

Rotary Club of Rajpipla, which only comprises of 20 members, planted 115000 trees in the months July and August.

We also got really cool T-shirts which were really comfortable (I know that's not a fun fact but the T-shirts were lovely).

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