



# GREATER

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23rd Jan	Rtn. Prashant Parsana & Ann. Jigna Parsana	9824299499	9879222887
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## Impact Snapshot

### A Landmark Step in Cancer Care

Inauguration of Advanced Surgical Facilities

The Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater, in association with the Rajkot Cancer Society, proudly marked a significant milestone in community healthcare with the inauguration of Advanced Surgical Facilities for Cancer Care at Rajkot Cancer Hospital, in the presence of an enthusiastic and packed gathering.

#### Inauguration of the Facility

The event commenced with the formal inauguration of the advanced surgical machine, symbolizing a powerful step forward in strengthening cancer treatment infrastructure.

#### Ceremonial Lamp Lighting & Program Commencement

Following the inauguration, the ceremonial lamp lighting was performed, after which the formal program began, setting a dignified and auspicious tone for the proceedings.

#### A significant highlight

The corporate donation of USD 50,000 made by GN Altech, the company of Rtn. Gaurang Patel, whose magnanimous support played a pivotal role in making this life-saving facility a reality.

#### Ceremonial Proceedings

The program began with the Rotary Prayer led by President-Elect 2026–27, Rtn. Ravi Chottai, followed by the Four-Way Test recited by Club Secretary Rtn. Anup Joshi, reaffirming Rotary's guiding principles.

The proceedings were gracefully anchored by Ann. Deval Mehta (Editor), who led the event as the Master of Ceremonies with warmth and elegance.



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**Insightful Addresses**

**President Rtn. Jaydev Shah** delivered the **welcome address**, highlighting Rotary's commitment to impactful healthcare initiatives.

**Rtn. Sarju Patel** shared valuable insights on **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** and the importance of contributing towards Rotary International funds for sustainable global impact.

**Guests of Honour**

\* Shri Mauleshbhai Ukani (BAN Labs) – Philanthropist

\* Dr. Bhanjibhai Kundaria (USA) – Philanthropist (Kundaria Cancer Prevention Foundation)

**Esteemed Dignitaries Present**

Shri Shambhubhai Parsana, Shri Gaurang Sanghvi,

Dr. J. J. Kalaria, Shri Vinesh Patel (Orbit Bearings),

Rtn. Vikram Sanghani, AG Rtn. Sandeep Gandhi, along with many respected members of the Rotary family, graced the occasion.

**Guest of Honour Shri Mauleshbhai Ukani** delivered a thoughtful and inspiring address, emphasizing philanthropy, social responsibility, and collective efforts in strengthening healthcare systems.

**Guest of Honour Dr. Bhanjibhai Kundaria** shared a deeply meaningful speech, stressing the importance of cancer prevention, early care, and sustained support for healthcare initiatives.



**Dr. Gaurang Sanghvi** delivered an enlightening and motivational talk on "Care Before Cure", urging society to focus on the root causes of cancer and to build immunity through exercise, healthy lifestyle practices, and awareness.

**Moment of Pride**

A special and heart-touching moment was the felicitation of **Rtn. Gaurang Patel as Major Donor – Level 3**, honouring his visionary generosity and deep commitment to community

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healthcare. Despite such a significant contribution, his humble and emotionally touching speech reflected his grounded nature and deep sense of service.

### Creating Lasting Impact

This landmark initiative stands as a shining example of Rotary's dedication to advancing healthcare, promoting prevention, and serving society with compassion and purpose. The newly inaugurated facilities will significantly strengthen cancer care and bring hope to countless patients.



The Vote of Thanks was delivered by IPP Rtn. Jaydeep Vadher, who warmly thanked all dignitaries, members, and invitees for their valued presence and wholehearted participation



### Stories That Sparked Smiles

The Education with Storytelling session organised at K T Smarak Primary School on 9th January brought laughter, curiosity, and learning together. Through simple yet powerful stories, students stayed fully engaged and absorbed lessons naturally — without even realizing they were learning.

- Beneficiaries** : 200+ happy and attentive students
- Storyteller** : Rajakbhai Unadpotra
- Recognition with Gratitude** : Rtn. Vipul Kotak & Rtn. Nilesh Bhojani
- Present** : Rtn. Vipul Kotak, Rtn. Anup Joshi, Ann. Dyana Joshi



### Bringing Smiles This Uttarayan

To share the joy of Uttarayan with young hearts, the Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater organized a Kite & Manja Distribution Program for students of RMC School No. 92 on 13th January. The initiative aimed to ensure that every child could enjoy the festival with excitement, color, and cheer.

The initiative delighted 100 students, filling the campus with smiles and Uttarayan spirit.

**Present** : Rtn. Jaydev Shah, Rtn. Anup Joshi, Ann. Hirav Jatin Panchasara



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## Rotary Reflections

### Rotary Retreat – A Refreshing Day of Wellness

In today's fast-paced life, taking a pause to reconnect with our body and mind feels like a blessing—and that is exactly what the **Rotary Retreat on Naturopathy** offered.

The **Rotary Club of Rajkot Greater** successfully organized a unique and enriching meeting at **Meadows Naturopathy Wellness Center**, Kuwadva Road, where members came together to experience the power of natural living and mindful wellness.

The day began with **mitti ki patti**, followed by a **nourishing healthy breakfast**. Members then gained insights into the beautiful connection between the human body and the five natural elements—Jal (Water), Vayu (Air), Agni (Fire), Prithvi (Earth), and Akash (Sky).

The experience deepened with **Tratak and Yagna**, creating a calm and positive atmosphere. A detailed and **practical session on Naturopathy and Meditation by the Chief Doctor** helped everyone understand how small daily changes can lead to long-term wellness. The visit to various departments of the wellness centre gave members a close look at natural healing therapies in action. The day concluded with a **wholesome lunch**, shared in true Rotary fellowship.

This retreat was not just a meeting—it was a gentle reminder to slow down, breathe deeply, and take better care of ourselves.



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## A Tradition of Tunes | Our Annual Antakshari Evening

Some evenings are simply anticipated all year long — and our annual Antakshari Night by Ann Roopa Nagrecha is certainly one of them!

True to tradition, the evening at Rotary Greater Bhavan, Rajkot was vibrant, melodious, and filled with contagious enthusiasm.

### A Harmonious Beginning

The program commenced with the Rotary Prayer led gracefully by Rtn Madhuri Kotecha, followed by the recitation of the 4-Way Test by Rtn Mihir Modi, setting the perfect Rotary tone before the musical celebration unfolded.

### Five Teams, Endless Energy

Five spirited teams — A, B, C, D, and E — competed with zeal, quick wit, and powerful vocals, turning the hall into a concert of classics and crowd favourites.

The contest was judged with fairness and cheerful spirit by PP Rtn Pravin Patel and Ann Shilpa Bavishi.

Winner : Team D

Runner-Up : Team C

### A Note of Gratitude

A heartfelt appreciation to Ann Roopa Nagrecha for her dedication, creativity, and fresh ideas that make this annual evening more exciting year after year.



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## Rotary Knowledge Night: Branding – The New Essential for Profit

The Speaker Meeting on Branding – The New Essential for Profit turned into a truly enriching and high-impact session led by Kruti Modi, a Brand Identity Designer, TEDx Speaker, and proud alumna of Nirma University. With her confident stage presence and practical industry experience, she brought clarity and depth to the concept of branding as a powerful profit driver.

Through real-world insights and strategic perspectives, Kruti explained how branding is no longer optional but essential for sustainable growth. Her structured approach and engaging delivery encouraged members to rethink how perception, positioning, and consistency directly influence profitability.

The meeting began with the Rotary Prayer by Rtn. Rakesh Shah, followed by the Four-Way Test led by Rtn. Chinmay Patel. The speaker was warmly introduced by Rtn. Annet Karvi Lodhiya, setting a dynamic tone for the evening.

It was a well-curated and thought-provoking session, appreciated by all present.

Special thanks to the Dhurandhars of Entertainment for organizing this impactful and meaningful meeting.



### Greater Good News

#### A Pink Bundle of Joy

A darling daughter joined Nidhi & Bandish on 19th January, filling their home with happiness and love

Warm congratulations to the proud parents and the Jhala & Patel families on welcoming their little princess. May her life be blessed with love, laughter, and endless happiness.

### Whispers from the Heart

#### The Power of Gratitude in Everyday Living

So I always wondered, could there be a single list, following which life could truly be made worth living? And yes, such a list can exist – super easy to write and think about, but equally hard to implement – a list that can make life a real diamond.

First on that list, I feel, is gratitude. Basically, it is not just thanking someone. It is a feeling of abundance, a feeling of wholesomeness. It is choosing to see the glass half-filled.

When we start seeing the glass half-filled with water, only then can we find ways to use it better. That shift in vision makes all the difference. It is about being thankful to the Creator for every small thing – things which, if taken away, may have

huge repercussions. A healthy body, a house, family and its support, food on the table, and every single new day – and most importantly, making the best use of it.

Just pause and consider – if any of these are withdrawn, how difficult life can become.

When gratitude becomes our daily habit, life may not become perfect – but it surely becomes precious.



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