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**ROTARY VALSAD**

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# MILESTONE

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President  
Rtn. Rajesh Patel

Secretary  
Rtn. Dr. Shailaja Mufti

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**RTN. RAJESH PATEL**

Dear fellow Rotarians,

I am humbled by the response and enthusiasm shown by you during the difficult times created by COVID19 Pandemic. This has boosted my confidence and determination.

July is designated as "New Leadership Month". I welcome new members who joined this year into our fold. We consider you as future leaders of our club to further the cause of Rotary. I urge you to participate in club's activities as much as possible. Rotary provides a platform for you to display and develop your leadership skills.

What is considered as routine projects, were completed during the extraordinary situation prevailing in the country.



Blood Donation camp on 1<sup>st</sup> July received huge response from members and Rotaractors. 43 members took part in the camp.

Tree plantation and distribution of saplings to public was carried out at Parnera hills and common plots at Abrama and Pali hill Societies. 600 trees were planted and record 3000 saplings were distributed to other societies and institutions, thanks to the support provided by PP Hiteshbhai.

'HUMF' a district initiated project was a unique project under the banner of 'Mamta Diwas'. We gifted pregnant women and lactating mothers with a packet of nutritional and immunity enhancing foods and medicines. Lady Rotarians advised them on how to take care of theirs and baby's health. This project will be executed out every month. The Project Chair Rtn.Nirmal Desai was instrumental in carrying out the project.

A special 'kadha', an immunity booster against Corona was distributed free to citizens of Valsad for about a week. More than 2000 persons took the medicine. Project Chair Rtn.Anand Dak and Rotaractors organized the event which was highly appreciated by all.

The installation ceremony for the President and his team was carried out on a subdued note in presence of about fifty Rotarians. The usual pomp and gala was missing in keeping with the circumstances. However the enthusiasm and verve were very high! I am grateful to Installing Officer IPDG Anishbhai for doing the honors!

Thanks to Greeting Card Chair Mahesh Bhanushali and his team for reviving the long forgotten practice of visiting the homes of the individual Rotarians to wish them on their birthday and anniversary. This will go a long way in forging friendly relations amongst members.

We are experiencing a novel way of holding weekly meeting online on Zoom and other means. This will continue for some more time till the normalcy returns. Please bear with it till then. Of course there is no comparison to physical presence which we all miss right now.

Take care and stay indoors as much as possible!

# INSTALLATION CEREMONY

On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Rtn. Rajesh Patel was administered the oath as President of Rotary Club of Valsad by DG Anish Shah as the installing officer and President Dr. Mehul Solanky passed the President Collar to Incoming President Rajeshbhai. The installation function was very well organized at Coffee Culture, & Rotarians encouraged and congratulated President Rajesh for taking over as the **63rd President of Rotary Club of Valsad**. PP Rtn. Paresb Sadrani who encouraged Rajesh Patel in becoming a Rotarian, had the privilege to present him to the Club on the Installation Day. The Master of Ceremony for the occasion were Rtn. Dr. Premal Shah & Rtn. Nirali Gajjar.



# INSTALLATION CEREMONY



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Rtn. Rajesh Patel
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PDG C. B. Desai  
PDG DR. Nilax Mufti  
IPDG Anish Shah

# JOURNEY OF IPP

**RTN. DR. MEHUL SOLANKY**

My Dear Friends,

My term as Rotary president began as an exciting journey on 30th June 2019 with anticipation and trepidation, has come to an end on 30th June 2020. Well it started on a rainy day which augured well for me as Mehul means rain and as the saying goes well begun is half done. It was a pleasure to lead this 60 years young club which has members of 30 - 80 years coming from various fields. I was fortunate as we had District Governor ANISHBHAI & First lady SWATIBEN from our club. This made the task a more challenging one as we had to perform well. My team had wholehearted cooperation from all the members.



Some of the highlights of the year were

- 1) Under GLOBAL GRANT of \$51000 that equal to 38 lakhs for two state of the art high end ventilators from Bellavista and 1 HFNC device to Kasturba Hospital.
- 2) Under DISTRICT GRANT for Ventilators total five ventilators from Drager will be given to four different hospitals of Valsad which would amount to another 70 lakhs.
- 3) We will also be donating two dialysis machine to KVRM Worth 14 lakhs. Total of all these medical equipment equals to ₹1.22 crore serving the needs of community in and around Valsad.
- 4) For The Rotary foundation we in the club have received Donations from Four major donors that amounts to more than ₹40 lakhs setting a record for my club's 60 years history, 12 PHF sustaining members and EREY contributors apart from the major givings of district governor Anishbhai and Swatiben.
- 5) We have given thirty-two nation builders Awards to teachers of 32 different schools of Valsad.
- 6) Dhamaal Gali in January was an event to remember.
- 7) Gala Conference at GOA was a huge success, more than 80 people from our rotary family had fantabulous fellowship.

All of my planning for the year seemed achievable due to the three rock solid advisors- PDG Kikukaka, PDG Dr Nilax Mufti and District Governor Anishbhai, all the senior members of club for the guidance whenever needed, my board members who helped to move the club forward as one unit. And, of course family's support was like the Power House that gave energy to keep going & achieve whatever I wanted. My Presidency has ended but it has helped me to become a more compassionate person & Rotarian, learned many new things from the new friends I made. To sum it up, it was a fun filled and fulfilling year for me as well as TEAM ROTARY.

# વ્લસ ડોનેશન કેમ્પ

**1<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2020**  
WEDNESDAY, 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.  
AT RAKTA DAN KENDRA, VALSAD.

ORGANISED BY:

**Doctor's Day**  
*life*

**Rotary**  
VALSAD

**Rotaract**  
Rotary Club Partner  
ROTARACT CLUB OF BULSAR (CRT)

**INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, VALSAD**

**Dr. Ching Patel**  
President

**Dr. Anil Sharma**  
Secretary

**Dr. Ching Patel**  
President

**Dr. Ching Patel**  
Project Chair

# MONTHLY PROJECTS

## BLOOD DONATION CAMP 01-07-2020



A life may depend on a gesture from you.  
“Donate Blood” - RC Valsad organized Blood Donation Camp on 1st July 2020 at Valsad Rakatdan Kendra in association with Rotaract Club of Bulsar(CRT) & IMA (Valsad). A meaningful project completed with 43 units collected under the chairmanship of Rtn. Chetan Patel.

# TREE PLANTATION

**AT PARNERA HILL**  
07-07-2020

Doing their part of job in extending the green cover on our planet earth. With the fantastic ground carried out by the Project Chair PP Rtn. Hitesh Patel and dedication of Service Project Chair PP Rtn. Shantu Vasava, RC Valsad planted trees on Sunday's of three consecutive weeks at Parnera Hill, Jujwa Pathri, Manibaug Society and at Pali Hill.





# TREE PLANTATION

AT JUJWA-PATHRI & PALI HILL  
12-07-2020



On a sunny Sunday morning, under the chairmanship of PP Rtn. Hitesh Patel nearly **3000 medicinal plants** were unloaded at the common plot of Manibaug, out of which many were planted on site & many were distributed to the people in & around the society.

## MEDICINAL PLANTS DISTRIBUTION & PLANTATION

AT MANIBAUG, ABRAMA  
19-07-2020



## 'HUMF' AT VANKAL PHC

22-07-2020



**Nutritious Food distribution to Pregnant and Lactating mothers (HUMF):** With a vision for a healthy & strong India RC Valsad has come up with a yearlong project with Rtn. **Nirmal Desai** as the project Chair. Celebrating this project of Love & Care at Community Health Center, Vankal. Packets containing Energy food like Dates, Jaggery, Chana were distributed to the ladies and also delivered to the doorsteps of the needy by the help of Asha kiran Workers.



PP Rtn. Hitesh Patel sponsored Masks, Sanitizers & Thermal Gun given at the Community Health Center, Vankal.

# 'HUMF' AT VANKAL PHC

22-07-2020



# UKADA DISTRIBUTION

26-07-2020 TO 31-07-2020



## નિ:શુલ્ક આયુર્વેદિક ઉકાળાનું વિતરણ

તારીખ : ૨૬-૭-૨૦૨૦ થી તા. ૩૧-૭-૨૦૨૦ સુધી કરવામાં આવશે.

સ્થળ : તુલસી કુલ્સ, શોપ નં. ૧૯, સનરાઈઝ હાઈવે, ગુજરાતી સ્કુલ સામે, મોગરાવાડી, વલસાડ.

સમય :  
સવારે ૭ થી ૯

:: આયોજક સંસ્થાઓ ::

- તુલસી બેઠકી - રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ વલસાડ
- સાર્વજનિક વિજય મંડળ મોગરાવાડી

**BOOST YOUR IMMUNITY:** Project Chair Rtn. Anand Dak worked delicately in the making and distribution of “UKADA” which increases the immunity of the human body and helps in fighting infections and very beneficial in this pandemic conditions. UKADA distribution was held at Mograwadi. Members of RC Valsad and Innerwheel Club of Bulsar took UKADA for the senior citizens at Atar Vrudhashram. Members of Rotaract Club of Bulsar (CRT) arranged distribution at Tithal Road.

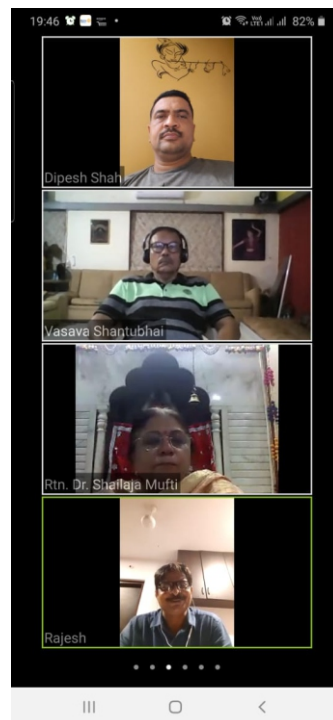
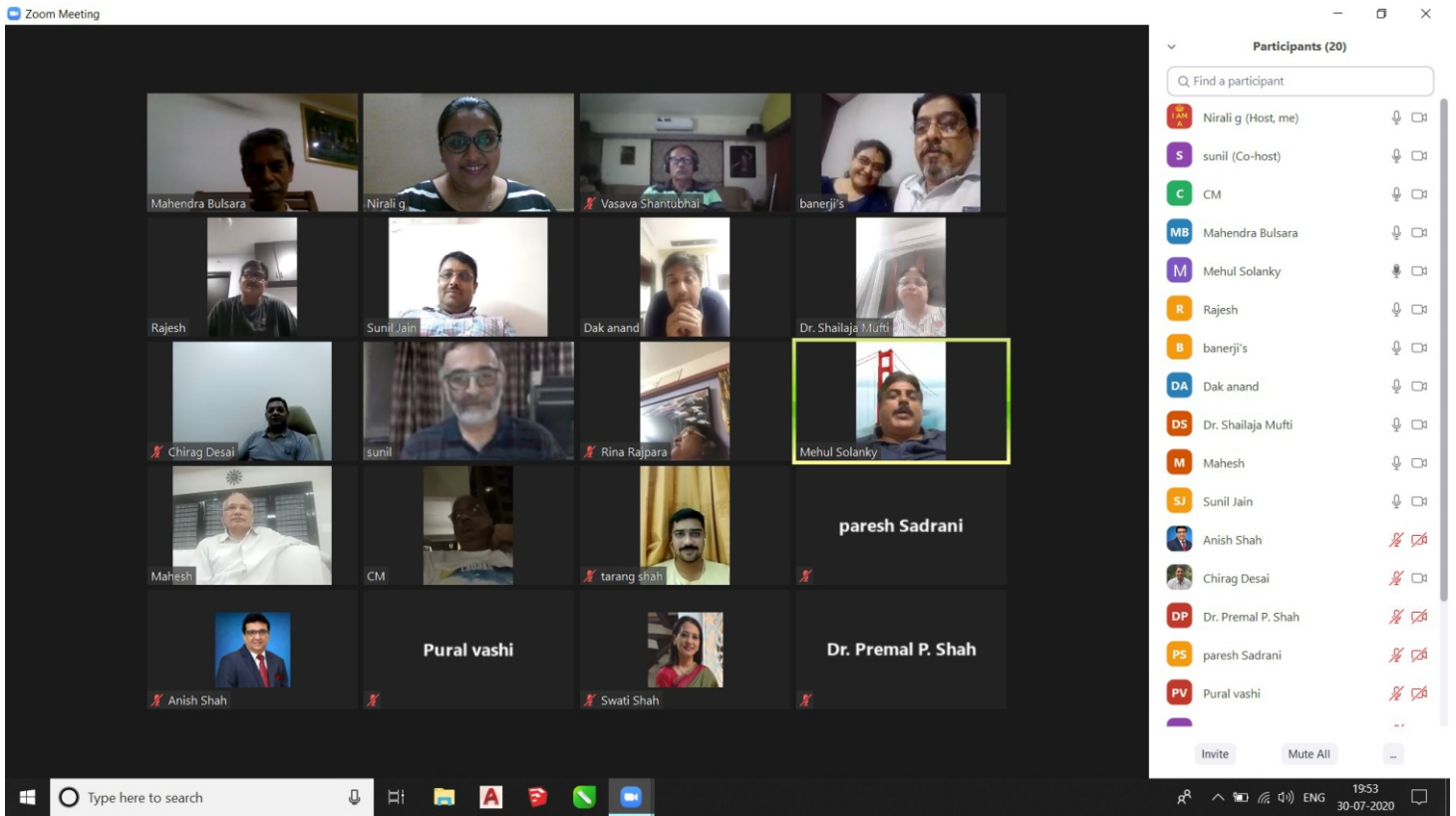


Rotary Opens Opportunities



# WEEKLY CLUB MEETINGS

## IN A CHANGED ENVIRONMENT



The physical meetings at Rotary Hall are always delightful, but considering the current situation we also shifted to digital platform. It is indeed a very new & exciting experience to have online Club meetings. It is the **“New Normal”** of today.

# MILESTONES OF ROTARY

## DEFINITION OF ROTARY:

### DID YOU KNOW!?

#### How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"?

There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians. There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more descriptive qualities. In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relation Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

**"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."**

These 31 words should be remembered when someone asks you, "What is a Rotary club?"

# MY ROTARY EXPERIENCE

## RTN. NIRMAL DESAI

Great teacher Grand Master Choa Kok Sui said that **"If one does Service & as one help, one is entitled to receive more"**. His teachings have always inspired me in my life & therefore even at personal level, I use to do small things and service as per my capacity. However, I realised that when several people having similar thoughts come together, the result gets multiple. Therefore, I decided to join a NGO which serves humanity at large.

Rotary whose tag line says **"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"** was my choice. This is indeed a strong line which says everything about this organisation. It's been now more than a year of my joining Rotary Club of Valsad and I have started getting the feel of Rotary. I can understand the several areas where Rotary is working for uplifting of the community by providing Healthcare & Hygiene, Education, Proper nutrition, clean drinking water, Nurturing the new generation & several other great programs. Another important aspect that Rotary touches is of environment that we live in. This is very important, as a good green Earth will not only help us to breathe fresh air but also make a better place to live for the future generations.

Every organisation has some good and some challenges, but important is that we appreciate the accomplishments and work to overcome the challenges. That's called evolution. I feel Rotary is and has evolved with time and stands strong as 115 years young. I am confident with experience of great names of our society who are part of Rotary Club of Valsad and some of the dynamic leaders of our Club will take the Club to new heights and make it a mark in the hearts and minds of people of Valsad.

Thank you for accepting me as a **"Rotarian."**



# इतिहास के पन्नों से

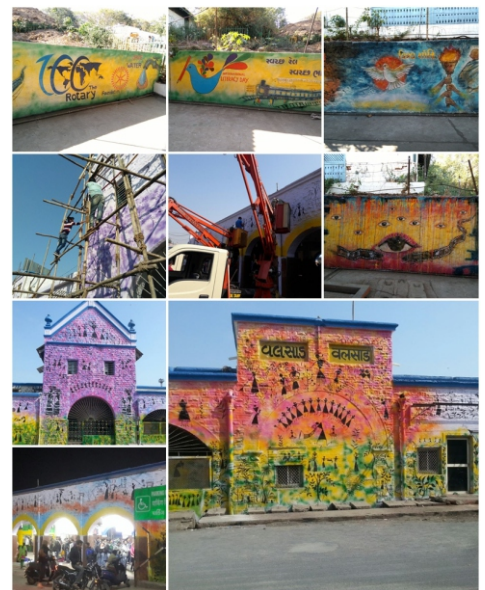
**PP RTN. BHAVIN SHAH**

Rotary Greetings !!!

I would like to congratulate editor Rtn. Nirali Gajjar for coming up with this wonderful idea of "Itihas ke panno se" in the monthly magazine "Milestone". Going back to the memories of the "Era" when I was the President of the club, I can see the work done during the whole year 2016-17 move in front of my eyes like a movie. This article is making me relive my year of presidency.

Number of fantastic milestones were achieved during the year; the most cherished was the selection of Rtn. Anish Shah as the DGND during my year. For me, my year started from April rather than July, as RC Bulsar co-hosted Multi District PETS- SETS (RID 3060, RID 3152 & RID 3153) in Ahmedabad in the month of April, where RI President Elect John Germ interacted with the Rotarians. During the year for the 1st time in history of RC Bulsar we experimented by changing weekly meeting day from Thursday to Saturday to increase the attendance in the club meetings. RC Bulsar took on its shoulders a unique project for Beautification of Valsad Railway Station. Rotary Open Chess Tournament was organized for the first time during the year. Students of our adopted school Atak Pardi Prathmik Shala were taken for a visit to Science Centre at Dharampur and Picnic to Faladhara. We hosted RFE Team from Argentina RID 4920.

Thank you for this opportunity to rewind through my happening year as the President of Rotary Club of Bulsar.





# ROTARACT ACTIVITES

## Greeting!!! from Rotractors.

Rotract Club of Bulsar(CRT) stepped into the new Rotract year with the new theme **“Shaping the digital future.”** We started with our first project with our parent Club Rotary Club of Valsad “Blood Donation Camp”, we also participated for Tree Plantation and Ukada Distribution with them. We celebrated Charter day of our club at Rotary Hall, Exchanged letter head with Rotract Club of Kadi and MCM DAV. We are organizing our club meetings on line in these pandemic circumstances and taking full precautions to stay safe and healthy.





# CELEBRATIONS OF JULY



BIRTHDAY OF  
PDG DR. NILAX MUFTI (1st July)



ANNIVERSARY OF  
RTN. CHETAN & ALPA MODI (6th July)



ANNIVERSARY OF  
PP RTN. HITESH & ZANKHANA PATEL (10th July)



BIRTHDAY OF  
PP RTN. SANJIV DESAI (11th July)



BIRTHDAY OF  
PP RTN. SHANTU VASAVA (14th July)



ANNIVERSARY OF  
RTN. AMIT & MUGDHA MEHTA  
(15th July)



ANNIVERSARY OF  
RTN. TUSHAR & TEJAL DESAI (23rd July)



BIRTHDAY OF  
RTN. DR. RINA RAJPARA (21st July)



BIRTHDAY OF  
PP RTN. VIJAY DESAI (21st July)



# SECRETARIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OF JULY 2020

Dear Rotarian Friends,

We would like to thank all the Rotarians, whose birthdays & anniversaries have been in the month of July, for their generous contribution to the club. This contribution will be utilized for Service projects. The name and amount of the contributors is as follow:

1. PDG Dr. Nilax Mufti - Rs.5001/-
2. Rtn. Chetan Modi - Rs.2500/-
3. Rtn. Hitesh Patel - Rs.3000/-
4. Rtn. Sanjiv Desai - Rs.1000/-
5. Rtn. Shantu Vasava - Rs.2000/-
6. Rtn. Rina Rajpara - Rs.1000/-
7. Rtn. Vijay Desai - Rs.1000/-
8. Rtn. Tushar Desai - Rs.1000/-

*Thank you*

**So the total contribution is Rs.16,500/-**

**Thank you friends once again.**

**Rtn. Dr. Shailaja Mufti,  
Club Secretary.**

## EDITOR'S NOTE

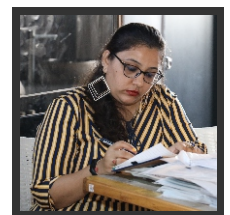
We started planning for this year's Milestone with corona virus on our radar. In current circumstances technology plays a vital role in dissemination of information. With the freshness, vigor & ideas for the new Rotary year, we have started with a bang. It will be the virtual platform that will dominate our lives in the time to come. Integrating with newer technical tools will be the need of the day. No matter what? Milestone in its endeavor to keep you up dated with the club activities will be there for you every month. 'A picture says thousand words' -we will be very happy to publish landmark moments during your journey in Rotary, do send them to us.



PP RTN. SUNIL JAIN



PP RTN. BHAVIN SHAH



RTN. NIRALI GAJJAR

# ROTARY SWAMMAN STORE

## Why Swaman Store?

This will be link between those people who want to dispose their stuff which they are not using any more and giving it to needy people with dignity and respect.

## Project Need

Some people don't take stuff, if it is given free, because their dignity don't allow them. We can give a message to society, 'To Live With Respect' through Swamman store.

## Example

If anyone wants to dispose old pressure cooker as they have purchased new then Swamman Store will collect the old pressure Cooker from them and if repair needed then will repair after that it will be ready for selling at a very nominal price like Rs.50/- .

## What Rotary Club can do?

Each Rotary club is expected to establish Rotary Swamman Store. Swamman Store will collect all the item like old pressure cooker, cloths, TV, Mixer, Newspapers, Magazines, Books like any unwanted house hold goods after getting repaired, washing, cleaning and repacking such goods will be sold by Swamman Store with very nominal charge occurred in repairing and refurbishing.

## Material Need

### *Place for collection Center*

- *Salaried Staff (1)*
- *Vehicle*
- *Contact Number*
- *Billing & Accounts System*
- *Store Payment Apps (for financial Transaction ID)*

## Impact & Sustainability:

Needy people will live with respect even though, taking advantage from Swamman Store. This will be a self sustainable & permanent project.

*For more information, contact  
District Swamman Store Chair:  
Rtn. Mahendra Bulsara  
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# MUTUAL BENEFIT SCHEME

The aim and objective of this scheme is to provide immediate financial assistance to the family of the member of this Scheme in the event of his/her death. Rotary member and spouse of any Rotary Club of RID 3060 shall be eligible to become a member of this Scheme. Every eligible member of RID 3060 willing to become a member of this scheme can do so on payment of **Rs.1000/- (One Thousand only) as Admission fees**, which will be credited to the corpus account and interest/ income of this fund shall be utilized for the objects of the Scheme. At the time of giving the admission fees, the member shall also execute guarantee letter / nomination form. The members shall specify the names of two nominees in the said nomination form, who shall be entitled to receive the amount, in accordance with the scheme, on the death of member of the scheme. A member shall be entitled to change the name of the nominees at any time. Every member will give Rs.1000/- by way of interest free deposit at the time of joining. In the event of member's resign, his name will be deleted automatically at the time of removal of his name from the website of Rotary International. And after that he may apply for refund of his deposit of Rs. 1000/- within 60 days. And if there is no claim from the member within 60 days it will be credited to reserve fund.

**The Executive Committee, on behalf of the contributing members, shall hand over the contribution so received to the first nominee of deceased member.** If the first nominee is not available, the contribution will be paid to the second nominee. The Executive Committee comprising of IPDG,DG,DGE, DGN,DGND, Representative of Saurashtra Region, Representative of Central Region Representative of South Region, Representative of Maharashtra Region, Vice Chairmen (Appointed) J. Secretary (Appointed) K. Treasurer (Appointed) shall be authorized and shall be responsible for proper maintenance of the accounts of the scheme. The same shall be audited by Chartered Accountant. The audited accounts of the Scheme shall be placed at the time of Annual General Meeting of RID 3060 CHARITABLE SOCIETY. **The amount that will be given in case of unfortunate death of the member will be decided on the number of participants in this scheme.**

*For more information, contact District Mutual Benefit Scheme Chair:  
Rtn. Dr. Sunil Deshpande  
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# RI UPDATES



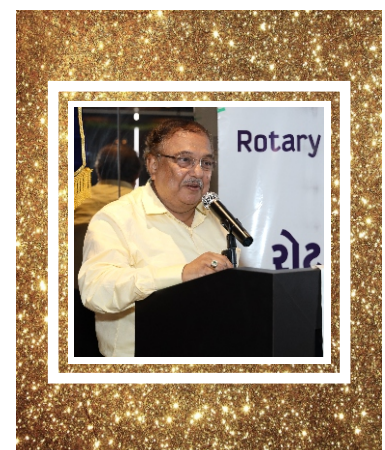
***Rotary Club Of Valsad stands with  
PRIP Kalyanda in this moment of grief.  
We condole the sad demise of  
Smt. Binota Banerjee.***



***Jennifer Jones  
Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland,  
Ontario, Canada.  
The Rotary International President  
for RIY 2022-23.***

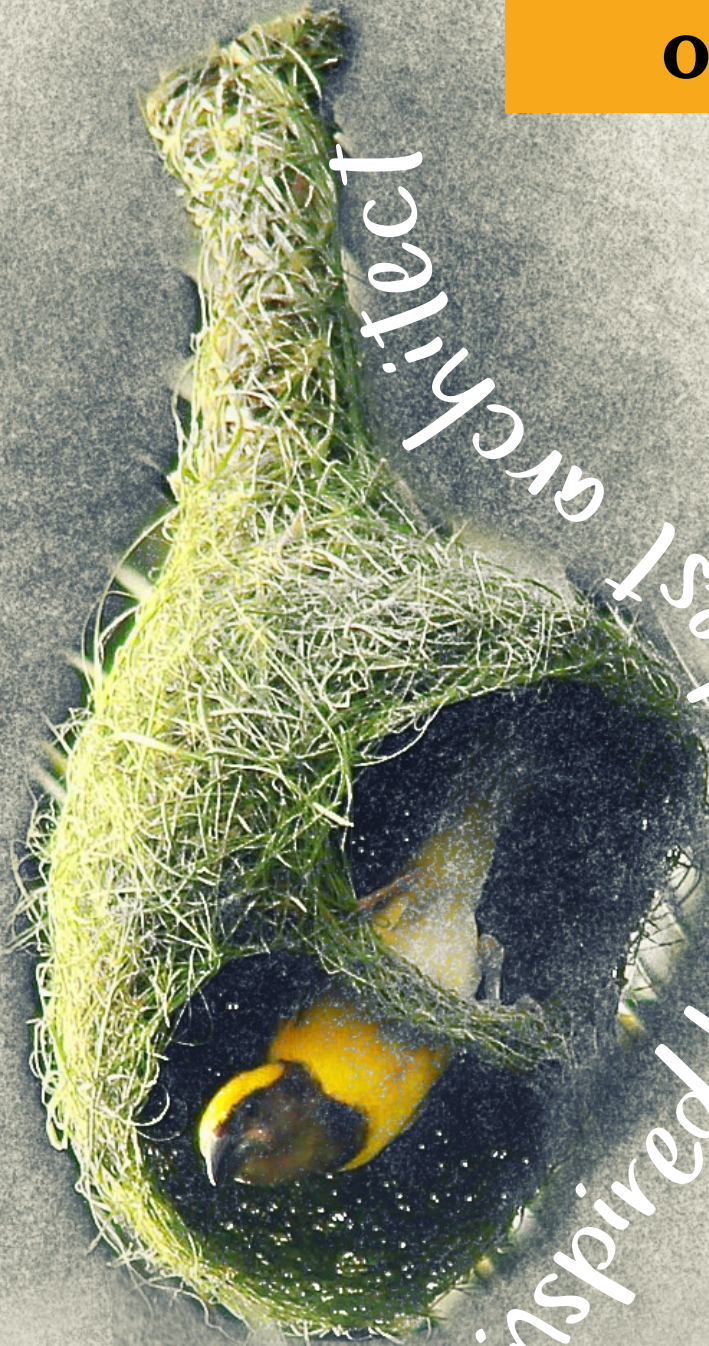


***DG Prashant Jani  
Treasurer  
Rotary News Trust, RY 2020-21***



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