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## The Magic Of Rotary

### The Four - Way Test of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH** ?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all Concerned ?
3. Will it build **GOOD-WILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS** ?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned ?

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When the Ringing Bell for Service in the World Echoes, Rotary Answers the Call true to its motto, Service Above Self, Rotary is always there to serve society. This was proven once again during a pivotal moment in January 2001, when an earthquake devastated Gujarat, particularly the Kutch region.

When the western part of India vibrated for a few seconds, leading to massive destruction. At the same time, the souls of a few Rotarian friends across the globe resonated with the need to help, embodying the Rotary spirit. Thus began a remarkable 38-month-long journey of service Above Self.

The Rotary Club of Bhavnagar immediately responded and rush to the affected areas with relief materials for villages around Morbi. For weeks, the club provided essential aid, but as the situation evolved, the need for a sustainable solution became clear.

The idea to rehabilitate the poorest of the poor took root, focusing on constructing durable, earthquake-resistant housing. The first response from overseas came from the Rotary Club of Luton North in England, which supplied shelter boxes. Soon after, Rt. Leslie Robertson visited the site and championed the cause back in the UK.

This advocacy led to an incredible wave of support, with numerous clubs from Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) pledging their help. Eventually, this became the first



### Unprecedented Achievements

- Largest rehabilitation project undertaken by a single club.
- Single club received support 66 overseas Rotary clubs from single country it is itself a history
- Direct support from RIBI (Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland).
- Special mention of this project by then RI President Frank Devlin at the RI Convention.
- Recognized as the Best Service Project by Rotary International (RI).
- Recipient of the Best Public Image Award by RI.
- Honored with the Four Avenues of Service Award by RI.
- A Book of Honour published by RIBI, kept at their headquarters in Alcester, England.
- A replica of the house constructed at Bhaktinagar displayed at the RIBI Office.

### Recognition for Project Leadership

The Project Chair received:

- Paul Harris Fellowship, awarded by RIBI.
- The prestigious Service Above Self Award, bestowed by RI.

ever mega project undertaken by the Rotary Club of Bhavnagar.

### Highlights of the Rehabilitation Efforts

With an unwavering commitment to rebuilding lives, the rehabilitation efforts focused on several areas, including:

- Over 160 earthquake-resistant houses were constructed and handed over to beneficiaries.
- Bhaktinagar, Laxminagar, Nava Sadulka, Rotarynagar, Rotarygram and Villages surrounding Morbi
- The development of Rotarynagar, a complete community featuring:
  - A Children's Play Area with slides and swings
  - A Community Hall
  - A Bus Stand
  - A Common Garden
- The project was recognized as a humanitarian milestone and

continues to thrive today.

### The Legacy Lives On

This project is a living proof of Rotary's profound impact. They stand as monuments to the unwavering dedication of Rotarians who embody the spirit of Service Above Self. Together, they have not just rebuilt houses but redefined hope, resilience, and the power of global collaboration.

After 23 years of project Rotary name is there to witnessed service above self of Rotarian group to showcase The Rotary Magic.

**Ray of Hope Child Educare Project (1998)**

**Rotary Permanent Vaccination Center (1999)**

**AMRUTTAM - Water Harvesting Project (2012)**

**Dr. Ramniklal J. Mehta Rotary E-Library (2015)**

**Rotary Parekh Diagnostic Center (2020)**

**Rotary KARUNALAY - A project of Rehabilitation (2022)**

**Rotary AMRUTALAY - A project of Mother's Milk Bank (2024)**

**Mark Your Diary**

22 / 11 / 2024  
Speaker Meeting  
PI A.R.Vala (Crime branch)  
Cyber Awareness

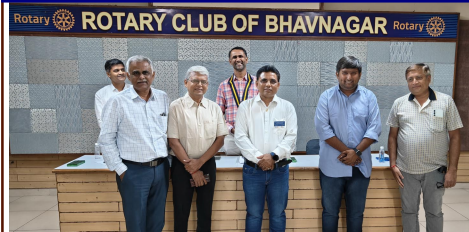
29/11/2024  
DG Tushar Shah on  
Official Club Visit

**Our Representation in  
Rotary District 3060 for  
R.Y.2025-26**

P.P. Jiten Shah has been appointed as Cluster Learning Facilitator - Cluster 2 for the R.Y. 2025-26. Rotary Rhythm congratulates him.

**Coming soon...**

If you are going to donate blood voluntary wait.....

**New Initiative**

Attendance committee chair Rtn. Piyush shah took initiative to encourage members to attend meeting.

He did homework and shared attendance analysis and identify three Rotarians who always remain present in the meeting throughout the year.

Recognized members are P.P. Rtn. Anish Vora, Rtn. Manish Vakil and Rtn. Parth Dave. Congratulations to Rtn.Piyush Shah for such initiative.

**New Year Fellowship 09-11-2024**

Fellowship meeting to welcome Vikram Samvat 2081 held on 09.11.2024 at Rotary Service Center , Ghogha Circle. Members joined with family members and enjoyed mouth watering food. The menu selected by Fellowship chair Rtn. Samir Vora and Rtn. Parag Shah.

**Anniversary  
Greetings**

- 16 Nov P.P. Rtn. Anish Vora  
☎ 94282 75349
- 16 Nov Rtn. Parshwad Vora  
☎ 98251 54002
- 17 Nov Rtn. Sudhir Chadha  
☎ 99251 53073
- 17 Nov Rtn. Harsiddh Shah  
☎ 98793 45243
- 17 Nov P.P. Rtn. Mitul Shah  
☎ 98242 32323
- 19 Nov Rtn. Mansukh Nakrani  
☎ 90999 41252
- 19 Nov Rtn. Chintan Shah  
☎ 97238 88333
- 21 Nov P.P. Rtn. Jignesh Savani  
☎ 94269 16212
- 23 Nov Rtn. Keyur Parekh  
☎ 98252 05273
- 24 Nov Rtn. Narendra Gupta  
☎ 98252 06226
- 24 Nov P.P. Rtn. Dr. Rajesh Kothari  
☎ 98254 91654
- 25 Nov Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Savani  
☎ 98250 52364
- 25 Nov Rtn. Anand Shah  
☎ 93771 20012
- 26 Nov Rtn. Rajiv Parekh  
☎ 98242 24998
- 27 Nov Rtn. Bhayani Anand  
☎ 98252 05336
- 27 Nov Rtn. Dipesh Patel  
☎ 94280 52600
- 28 Nov Rtn. Kaushal Champaneri  
☎ 98240 14880
- 28 Nov P.P. Rtn. Jiten Shah  
☎ 94272 48050

**Birthday  
Greetings**

- 17 Nov Rtn. Devang Parekh  
☎ 94269 17385
- 18 Nov Rtn. Shabbir Zaveri  
☎ 98242 47552
- 21 Nov Rtn. Manoj Ganatra  
☎ 98250 66110
- 21 Nov Rtn. Tejas Sheth  
☎ 98252 06838
- 22 Nov Rtn. Dharmendra Shah  
☎ 98252 05851
- 26 Nov P.P. Rtn. Kiran Oza  
☎ 93746 10364
- 26 Nov Rtn. Keyur Parekh  
☎ 98252 05273
- 26 Nov P.P. Rtn. Girish Shah  
☎ 98252 06156
- 26 Nov Rtn. Mitesh Soni  
☎ 94262 07719
- 27 Nov Rtn. Dr. Tejas Thakkar  
☎ 98795 14646
- 29 Nov Rtn. Nilesh Bagadiya  
☎ 98244 97766
- 29 Nov Rtn. Apurva Shah  
☎ 98245 89000

**15th November – Regular Weekly  
Meeting – Club Assembly**

On November 15, 2024, Rotary Club Bhavnagar conducted a Club Assembly during regular weekly meeting with the purpose to share information regarding all avenues with Club members, identify issues, discuss future plans and invite suggestions.

Asst. Governor Rtn. Ambrish Rajayguru remained present during club assembly and shared District Governor's goals and vision for the year. He emphasized on TRF funding, Membership growth and Monthly Service Projects. He also appreciated the projects carried out so far by RC Bhavnagar and invited members to join coming Rotary District Conference also.

All Chairpersons gave overview about the projects and activities done and discussed future plans respective to their assigned avenues. All committee chair reported in detail their action plans and proposals for the next half year. PP Dr. Umang Desai summarized the status of all significant permanent projects of RC Bhavnagar in detail. Rtn. Ketan Parekh, Club President, appealed that every member in the Club should serve in a leadership capacity on at least one of the Club's project, programs or events.

The Club Assembly was concluded with a positive note that the most important is to increase participation by Rotarians in all of the Clubs activities, programs, service projects and social events.