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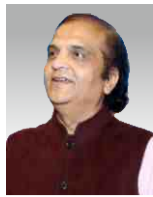
Dist. Governor  
Rtn. Tushar Shah



President  
Rtn. Umed Fifadra



Hon. Secretary  
Rtn. PP Hemang Vahia



Bulletin Editor  
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## ✦ When we met last - Monday 08 July 2024 ✦ (A Report by Ann Dr. Aditi Vahia)

Yet another year passes and the 'Service Above Self' continues. Only now, a new team of philanthropists in the form of Rotarians have come forward to fulfill their moral responsibility towards humanity.

The Joint Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar (RCBJ) and Inner Wheel Club of Jawaharnagar (IWCJ) for the Rotary Year 2024-25 was held at Crystal Room, Hotel Grand Mercure Surya Palace at 7 pm on Monday, 08 July 2024. **Rtn. Umed Fifadra** and **Ms Nikita Shah** took over the baton from their respective predecessors for RCBJ and IWCJ and once again pledged their commitment towards society.

Once **Sgt. At Arms Rtn Dipak Patel** performed his duty by calling the meeting to order, Masters of Ceremonies **Rtn. PP Jagdish Thakkar** and **IW PP Heena Udeshi** at the Chairs initiated the programme by inviting dignitaries namely **District Governor Rtn. Tushar Shah**, **District First Lady Nehal Shah**, **PDC Nisha Bhargava**, **PDG Jatin Bhatt**, **President Umed Fifadra**, **IPP Hiren Shah**, **President Nikita Shah** and **IPP Anju Shah** - to collectively wish 'Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya' – by lighting the Lamp. This was followed by **Ann Meena Thakkar** who prayed on behalf of one and all in her melodious voice. **IW PP Heena Udeshi**, too shared Inner Wheel prayer with Rotarians thereby seeking blessings for all. The guiding principles of Rotary – The 4 Way Test of things we think, say or do was recited by **Rtn. Raju Shah**.

Our club then welcomed the guests (introduced by **President Umed Fifadra**, **Rtn.PP Bharat Shah** and **Hon.Sec.PP Hemang Vahia**) who had graced the occasion.

The two outgoing presidents, **IPP Hiren Shah** and **IPP Anju Shah** shared with the audience their activities during their year as presidents. Kudos to them for successfully completing some very significant projects and doing their bit for the great Cause. The time, energy and efforts put in by **IPP Hiren Shah** and **IPP Anju Shah** is doubtlessly praiseworthy.

**Rtn. PP Dilip Shah** was then invited for the formal introduction of **Chief Guest and Installing Officer (RCBJ) DG Tushar Shah**. **Rtn. PP Dilipbhai** gave a very lively introduction with the help of an Audio Visual presentation. The journey of **DG Tusharbhai** in Rotary is a testament of his unwavering commitment to service to society. After joining Rotary Club of Surat Tapi in 2008, **DG Tusharbhai** has been super active in all the good work undertaken by Rotary International in various capacities with cent percent commitment and enthusiasm. It was evident from the presentation that our DG is a man of few words and more action.

Formal introduction of **PDC Nisha Bhargava**, Installing Officer for IWCJ was done by **IWPP Malini Shah**. Being an active Inner Wheel member herself and sharing a similar passion, **PP Malini Shah** carried out the responsibility of introducing **PDC Nishaben** effectively.

**Rtn. Hemant Udeshi** was then invited to present a Formal Introduction of **President Umed Fifadra**. **President Umedbhai** has been an active Rotarian for more than two decades. After joining RCBJ in the year 1996, **President Umedbhai** has taken the then Rotary theme "Act with Integrity/Serve with Love/Work for Peace" to heart and has served the club in various capacity.

## ✦ *From the desk of* ✦ *Yours truly* (Rtn. PP Dilip Shah)

### KNOW OUR PRESIDENT

**Rtn. President Umed Fifadra** has been a Rotarian since January 1996. He joined during presidency of **Rtn.PP Dr. Sanjay Pandit** and was sponsored by **Rtn. PP Capt. Ranjit Pradhan**.

His did his BE from Walchand College of Engineering in 1974 and went to USA to pursue the Masters in Engineering and graduated in 1977.

**Umed** Married to **Usha** on 26 June 1977 at Mumbai and went back to USA to pursue his dream. **Usha** joined him in Oct 1977. **Chirag**, their son was born on 4 July 1980 and Daughter, **Roshni** on 24 October 1983.

During those years in USA, he worked with multinational companies as Instrumentation Engineer. Finally, he joined Occidental Petroleum in 1982 as Staff Measurement Engineer to monitor and measure the total production of Oil and Gas their Oil Field in Libya. He worked 24 days and on and 24 days off. During his off days he started to visit India to explore the business opportunity in Oil and Gas Measurement Field. Finally, moved to India in 1987 with family and since then settled in Vadodara.

After moving to Vadodara, he formed Joint Venture company with **Spectra Tek UK Ltd.** with **Mukesh Kapadia** as co-promoter. The company **Advanced Spectra Tek Pvt. Ltd.** Started manufacturing Flow Measuring Computers in India (Import Substitute). In short span of two years, captured the 90% of Oil and Gas Measurement market in India. Also first time introduced Petroleum Product Truck loading automation system to stop pilferage of petroleum products while filling of tank truck which delivers to petrol Pump.

**Chirag** and **Roshni** moved to USA for further studies. **Chirag** graduated in BS n MS from Cornell University and MBA from North Carolina University. **Roshni** completed her BS in Business and MBA from University of Houston. Both are married and settled in USA. **Chirag** has Two sons, **Amar** (12) and **Akash** (7).

In 2012, **Umed** and **Mukesh** sold majority stake in their company to GE. And bought back the stake from GE in Dec. 2017. Since then the company is progressing well and now run by a team of professionals.

**Umed** loves to travel and enjoys watching movies. He is actively involved as **Trustee in Alkapuri Sthanakwasi Jain Sangh** and **Pawandham Sangh**.

In RCBJ he would like to promote support to Girls education, tribal school and drinking water projects in rural area.



- This is a special bulletin which goes into length, covering most of the details about Installation Ceremony, held on Monday, 8th July 2024.
- Every fortnight after the club meeting, we will publish the Bulletin.
- I thank the President & the Board for giving me an opportunity to become the Bulletin Editor for the second time (Previous 2003-2004 and now 2024-2025).
- We will send Bulletin in our special Vishwachakra group thro' Whatsapp and also will send to your email. I would request all the Anns to send me your email IDs.

Formal Introduction of **President Nikita Shah** was done by **Ms Neha Sanghani** who made the audience aware of the passion of **President Nikita Shah** towards service and her untiring efforts for the same.

After introducing the Board of Directors of RCBJ and IWCJ, the MoCs **PP Rtn. Jagdish Thakkar** and **PP Heena Udeshi** invited the **DG Tushar Shah** and **PDC Nisha Bhargava** to formally install the two teams respectively. As a mark of completion of the Installation, Presidential Collars were exchanged by **IPP Hiren Shah** and **IPP Anju Shah**.

Thereafter, four new members were inducted in the RCBJ fold and five new members were inducted in the IWCJ fold. The induction ceremony was performed by **DG Tushar Shah (RCBJ) & PDC Nisha Bhargava (IWCJ)** respectively.

In his Acceptance Speech, **President Umed Fifadra** reiterated his promise to Rotary and gave a general idea of his Plan of Action during his tenure. The engineer in him was evident when he laid out the thrust areas with clarity in which he intends to work and that speaks volumes of **President Umedbhai's** meticulousness and planning. Already associated with numerous Non Government/charitable Organizations, social work is a matter of routine for him. Those present in the audience, sharing a similar passion would naturally be inclined to join hands with him. Thus we all are looking at a very eventful and productive rotary year ahead with **President Umed** at the steering wheel.

Not to lag behind, **President Nikita Shah**, too in her Acceptance Speech promised a very happening year and also expressed her wish to be with Rotarians over and above their own commitments.

**MoC Heena Udeshi** summed up in a very apt manner by stating, "Life is like playing chess with God. You make your moves and God makes His. Your moves are the choices you make and God's moves are the challenges that He puts in your path".

Well our Presidents are all geared up to play this game and it is we, the club members who have to help them meet the challenges in their paths. Not difficult – with seniors like **PDG Jatin Bhatt** who then shared his 'Words of Wisdom' pledging his support to the new team.

Installing Officer (IWCJ) **PDC Nisha Bhargava** delivered her speech with an intensity befitting a leader which must have definitely worked like a shot in the arm for Inner Wheel members.

Thereafter came the time of the Chief Guest **DG Tushar Shah's** address. The practical District Governor stressed upon the fact that Rotary has evolved with time and so it is very necessary to develop the correct perspective towards service. He insisted on designing your own Rotary perspective which should be need based rather than goal completion. He also shared his views about retention of membership rather than simply addition.

He ended his address by extending a warm formal invitation to the forthcoming 55th District Conference to be held on 20,21 & 22 December 2024 at Jodhpur.

The two Secretarial Announcements by **Hon. Secretaries Lata Jadhav** and **PP Hemang Vahia** respectively covered a lot more than just the birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries of the month. They gave a clear idea as to how the club presidents have already started on their projects even before the formal collar exchange ceremonies.

As a token of our appreciation, **Pres. Umedbhai** offered the DG a shawl to remember us by.

**MOC Rtn. PP Jagdish Thakkar** thanked profusely **Annet Pranati Vahia** for the preparation of the Power Point Presentation covering the event.

Formal Vote of Thanks was offered by **PE Rtn. Mitesh Vadhia** – of course in his distinct style where he took pains to appreciate the efforts put in by each and every member/non member who had worked in front of the scenes and behind the scenes for the grand success of the Installation Ceremony.

To mark the conclusion of the programme, we paid our respects to our Motherland by singing the National Anthem with the help of the Audio Visual presentation before dispersing for dinner.

### Secretarial Announcements : Hon. Sec. Rtn. PP Hemang Vahia

1. The 2nd Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar was held on Monday 2nd July 2024.
2. At the initiation of **Rtn. President Umed Fifadara**, a Meeting was held at the Office of **Rtn. PP Bhupendra Juneja** with the Officials of Achhali Primary School for the Projects planned during the forthcoming months.
3. Our Club Learning Facilitator **Rtn. PP Bhupendra Juneja** will be organizing on Sunday 28th July 2024 at 06:00 pm a Full Club Training Seminar. All are requested to attend for this knowledge dissemination.
4. The Noble Gesture of **Rtn. Raju Shah** for having sponsored at the request of **Rtn. PP Dr. Jayant Sastry** all 40 Taxis for the Distribution of Oral Polio Vaccinations on the National Immunization Day was acknowledged and applauded by all the members. Thanks a Ton to **Rtn. Raju Shah** for this Noble & humanitarian gesture.

### + Birthday Greetings +

5th July : Aditi Tiwary  
7th July : Parul Pradhan  
9th July : Putli Jikar  
18th July : Aditi Vahia  
19th July : PP Purshottam Bagri  
21st July : Sweta Chatterjee



### + Anniversary Greetings +

3rd July : Ann Sneh & PP Krishnavatar Gupta  
5th July : Ann Parul & Capt. PP Ranjit Pradhan  
6th July : Ann Sujata & Uutkarsh Mehta  
7th July : Ann Jyoti & Som Derashri  
21st July : Ann Swati & Rajubhai Shah



### + Looking forward to see you for the Next Meeting +

Our next meeting scheduled on Tuesday 23rd July, 2023 will be a Speaker Meeting.

**Senior Advocate (Criminal Law) Shri Hitesh Gupta** will speak on the New Criminal Laws effective 1st July 2024 repealing the age old 3 criminal laws of the British Era. He will highlight on the important changes concerning common men and in particular ladies. He will be accompanied by **Advocate Snehal Gupta**.

**Dinner** : 8:00 pm to 08:45 pm

**Meeting** : 09:00 pm onwards.

**Venue** : Hotel Grand Mercure Surya Palace

## + Our President Rtn. Umed Fifadra's Acceptance Speech +

Respected **DG Tusharbhai Shah, FL Nehaben, Our own PDG Jatinbhai, PDC Nisha Bhargva, AG Kaplpesh Sheth, my fellow Rotarians & Anns and friends.**



I stand before you today deeply honored and humbled to accept the role of President of our esteemed RCBJ. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for placing your trust in me to lead this wonderful organization.

First and foremost, I must acknowledge the incredible leadership of my predecessor, **Rtn. Hiren Shah**, whose dedication and vision have steered us through the past year with grace and purpose. Under his guidance, we have achieved remarkable milestones and made a lasting impact on our community. I am committed to building upon his legacy and continuing to uphold the values that define Rotary.

Rotary is not just an organization; it is a force for good in our world. Through our service projects, humanitarian efforts, and commitment to fostering goodwill, we embody the principle of "Service Above Self." As we embark on this new Rotary year, let us renew our dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of under privilege.

### We would like to pursue the following Projects :

- All District projects as outlined by District.
- Ongoing project at Muniseva Ashram and Bosch Vocational Training Program at Nalanda School. Replicate the same Vocational Training Program for Vadodara community.
- Work with Local school to implement Smart Girl Project in association with BJS and Inner wheel club Of Jawaharnagar
- Promote Rain water harvesting.
- Continue support to Achali School ( Tribal area).

Request members to come up with various avenue of projects to further the cause of Rotary.

Our club's success is a testament to the passion and dedication of our members. I am inspired by your unwavering commitment to service and your willingness to go above and beyond to serve others. Together, we have the power to create meaningful change and leave a lasting impact on our community.

Looking ahead, I envision a year filled with growth, collaboration, and innovation. I am eager to work under **DG Tusharbhai's** leadership alongside each of you to explore new opportunities, expand our reach, and deepen our impact in the community. Together, we can leverage our collective talents and resources to address the pressing challenges facing our community and society today.

I invite each of you to join me on this journey of service and Fellowship. Let us continue to uphold the ideals of Rotary as we strive to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most. Together, we can build a brighter future and leave a legacy of service that will inspire generations to come.

Let me not forget the great fellowship we foster and enjoy. I invite you to come up with innovative fellowship ideas.

Thank you once again for the privilege to serve as your President. I look forward to the year ahead and the incredible opportunities that await us.

Thank you,  
**President - Rtn. Umed Fifadra**

# ✦ Glimpses of the Installation Ceremony - 8th July 2024 ✦



## ✦ Public Image ✦

रोटरी क्लब ओझ जवाहरनगरला नवा पदाधिकारीमोनी वरधी



ताजेतरमां रोटरी क्लब ओझ अरोझ द्वारा क्लबना नवा प्रेसिडेन्ट रोटेरियन उमेदभाई डीकाडरा, रोटेरियन हेमांग वधीया अने वर्ष २०२४-२५ माटे नवा वरायेवा बोर्ड डीरेक्टरसंना सान्यो माटे ईन्स्टोवेशन सेरेमनीनु आयोजन करवाया आयुं हुत. आ प्रसंगे चौक गेस्ट अने डीस्ट्रीक्ट गवर्नर रोटेरियन तुषारभाई शाह उपस्थित रखा छता. अने नवा वरायेवा पदाधिकारीमोनी पढबडछ समारोह संघत करायो हुत.

लोकसत्ता ज्ञानसत्ता

**रोटरी क्लबना नवा होदेदारोनी वरधी**

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Print Media Coverage

Electronic Media Coverage

## ✦ A Note to Highlight the Performance of RCBJ during the RY 2023-2024 ✦

(Inputs from Rtn. PP Dr.Jayant Sastry)

### Recognitions at the District Award Function

- Major Doner - PDG Jatin Bhatt
- Major Doner - PP Rtn Dillip Shah
- Rtn Ashok Shah - Cluster Co-ordinator ( Anand Gram)
- Rtn Chandresh Makhija - Cluster TRF Co-ordinator
- Certificate - RCBJ - District Citation
- Certificate - RCBJ - Supply of Equipment for 2nd Phaze Expansion of VTC at Muni Seva Ashram
- Certificat - RCBJ- Executing Cancer Detetion CampCertificate - RCBJ - Bhumita Shah- Active Spouse
- Award- RCBJ- Participation in Shakti Ride- Cervical Cancer Awarenss
- Certificate -PP Rtn Jayant Sastry - Regional Polio Award ( Need to know exact details)
- Certificate - PP Rtn Vivek Patel
- Certificate - RCBJ- Global Grant

## ✦ Forthcoming District Events ✦

From The Desk Of Rtn. PP Vivek Patel

- Intercity Forum : Hosted by the Rotary Club of Jamnagar Scheduled on 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at Rajwadu The Village Hotel, Dwarka Highway, Opp.Airport, Jamnagar.



- 'The Thar Summit' – the 55<sup>th</sup> District Conference of RI District 3060 is scheduled at Jodhpur on 20-21-22 December 2024.

Those desirous of attending the above District Events, may kindly contact **Rtn.PP Vivek Patel (District Event Chair)**.

## ✦ Club Projects ✦

Rtn. PP Anita Jandial (Service Projects Chair)

Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar participated in the Bird Adoption Project on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 wherein all 11 Rotary Clubs of Baroda successfully hosted a "Bird Adoption Ceremony" at Sayaji Garden, Vadodara. This event was a remarkable public image activity, showcasing our commitment to nature and community service.



✦ **Scratch your brain** ✦

1) Define how to make the below answer without changing the order of Digit and adding Plus (+) or Minus (-) signs.

**123456789 = 100**

2) Spelled forward.... what you do every day & spelled backward.... something you hate. What am I ?

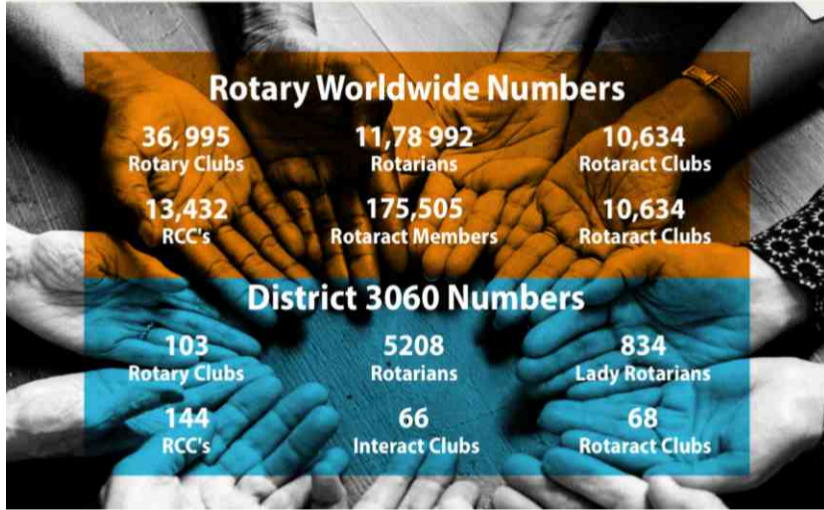


A Special prize for those who give correct answer on first come first serve basis.

✦ **The Proud Rose** ✦

In the desert existed a rose and a cactus. The beautiful rose would take every opportunity to insult the cactus. The other plants tried to defend the cactus, but the rose was too obsessed with its own looks. There was no water during a particularly hot summer. The rose started to wither away. But the cactus had become a source of water for sparrows. The rose asked the cactus for water, and the nice cactus readily agreed.

**Moral: Never judge someone according to how they look.**



**ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT**

**TOGETHER** WE SEE A WORLD  
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION  
TO **CREATE** LASTING  
**CHANGE** ACROSS THE GLOBE  
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

**Highlights**

Membership figures as of 01 July 2024 **				
Country	Rotary Clubs	Rotarians	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaractors
Bangladesh	429	8,678	429	3,042
Bhutan	1	29	0	0
India	4,577	1,65,838	2,581	52,428
Maldives	1	43	0	0
Nepal	157	5,305	185	5,037
Pakistan	191	2,473	293	3,226
Sri Lanka	68	1,886	98	4,167
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,424</b>	<b>184,252</b>	<b>3,586</b>	<b>67,900</b>
<b>Worldwide</b>	<b>36,549</b>	<b>1,137,993</b>	<b>10,613</b>	<b>157,759</b>

\*\* These are as of date figures and not official starting figures which is likely to be available in August 2024.

July 2024		
RI Exchange Rate for US \$1		
Country	Local Currency	Rate of Exchange
Bangladesh	BDT	118
India	INR	83
Nepal	NPR	133
Pakistan	PKR	278
Sri Lanka	LKR	306

Changes from last month are shown in **blue**. Current & previous RI Exchange Rates can be accessed through <https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-rates>

*“A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold more just”*