



ROTARY SURAT RIVERSIDE

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**Richard King**  
R. I. President

**Dr. Nilax Mufti**  
Dist. Governor

**Rtn. Jugal Shinglot**  
President

**Rtn. Mukund Jariwala**  
Bulletin Editor

We meet every Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. at Dr. Bhacca Rotary Hall, Jeevan Bharti, Surat  
All our meets are Dinner meets.

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### Past Meetings

Felicitation of Governor Elect 2003-04 Rtn. Kulbandhu Sharma..

Well, where do I start from to write about this function, it's difficult what to mention first & what last? This was the function called the *Felicitation of Rtn. Kulbandhu*, and it meant in real terms, because all the speakers sang the same song with different tunes in the praise & appreciation of Rtn. Kulbandhu; and why not, Rtn. Kulbandhu is the most deserving Rotarian to be the Governor and what's important is that he has been unanimously elected as one. There was lot of cheer & gaiety in the audience, the reason being the pride in having one more Rotarian of Surat area to hold the highest post in the Rotary District 3060 as the Governor. There was also history in the making since all the 11 Rotary clubs of Surat area along with all the PGD's of Surat area met for the first time under one roof for a meeting. Rtn. Kulbandhu Sharma will be the second Governor given by Rotary Club of Surat Roundtown. PDG Rtn. Bharat Solanki is also a Roundtowner.

PRID Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee was the Chief Guest of the evening. Sharing the dais with him were Dist Gov Rtn. Nilax Mufti and Gov Elect Rtn. Jatin Bhatt. Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee presented a special citation to Rtn. Kulbandhu.

District Governor Elect Rtn. Kulbandhu, often called BANDHU, meaning friend, was flooded with emotions as he thanked everyone for supporting him & reposing confidence in him. According to him there are three aspects which are very important & which he would like to have as his theme of Rotary "*Friendship, Fellowship & love*".

President Rtn. Jugal Shinglot in a very unique manner with drums & lyrics gave the vote of thanks to end the function.

In context to already having chosen the Dist Gov for 2003-04, the Riversiders should be seriously thinking about choosing their President for the term 2003-04. Every President should be given one year's time prior to his president ship, which will help him plan his team & the goals he wants to achieve in his year.

## Joint Meeting With Rotary Club of Udhna-- Vocational Awards Presentation

This seems to be the season for joint meetings in Rotary, especially for our club, second in a row. But this does give a change to the routine. Rotarian families of Rotary Udhna & Rotary Riverside were together at the Samrudhi Hall this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 01, to present Vocational Awards jointly. The awards were presented to:

✦ Smt. Chandrabhabhen N Bhartiya for her selfless social service to women,

✦ Rtn. Shantibhai Patel for Quality Casting & Precision Machinery.

✦ Shri Parimalbhai Desai (Managing Trustee) of Sarvodaya Charitable Trust for hosting & educating the children who lost their parents during the earthquake.

Shri Gokulbhai Baxi, who is the Chairman & founder of the Prime Co-operative Bank was the Chief Guest of the function & he presented the awards. President of Udhna Club Rtn. Prakash Patel made the welcome speech, President of Riverside Rtn. Jugalkishor Shinglot introduced the Chief Guest. PP Rtn. Arvindkumar who is the Dist. Chairman, Vocational Awards was also amidst us for the presentation.

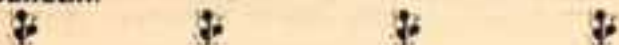
Smt. Chandrabhabhen very modestly spoke of her life, which God has given her to help the needy women. Shri Parimal Desai thanked the Rotary clubs for giving him & the Sarvodaya Trust this award in appreciation for the selfless work in adopting the children of earthquake-affected areas. Shri Gokul Baxi, appreciated the program of vocational awards which Rotary clubs present every year to distinguished people who serve the society.

IPDG Rtn. Prafull Bhatt, at the function presented a Cheque worth US\$5680/=-, received from Canada, to Rotary Club of Udhna. The club will use this amount for funding their permanent projects.

Rotarian Tasneem Doctor was the master of ceremony (MOC). She did a marvelous job at short notice. But what is not understood is, why is there short notice for such an important person masterminding the ceremony. Is the planning not proper, which I don't think our President would have overlooked, or is there something else, which didn't open up till the last moment?

There will be no meeting this Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 01, since the meeting was preponed to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October which was a joint meeting with the Udhna Club.

The Bulletin is published late this week, nevertheless our heartiest wishes to Rotarians who have already celebrated their Birthday. *Sincere apologies for the delay in wishing you & for the bulletin.*



Rtn. Vaishali Chauhan Celebrated her Birthday on 18<sup>th</sup> October

PP Rtn. Sunil Dsouza & Rtn. Phiroze Madan Celebrated their Birthday on 19<sup>th</sup> October



### Rotary Foundation Facts

Paul Harris Fellows:	7,63,607
Benefactors:	53,538
Bequest Society	
Member:	1,986
Major Donors:	3,444
Sustaining Members:	4,095

### Rotary Exchange Rate

US \$ 1= Indian Rs. 47/=

4033

### BY THE NUMBERS

The Membership Development Executive Steering Committee reports a "tremendous Growth" in membership during the first two weeks of Rotary's Global Quest. During this time, the top 25 districts recruited a total of 4052 new Rotarians

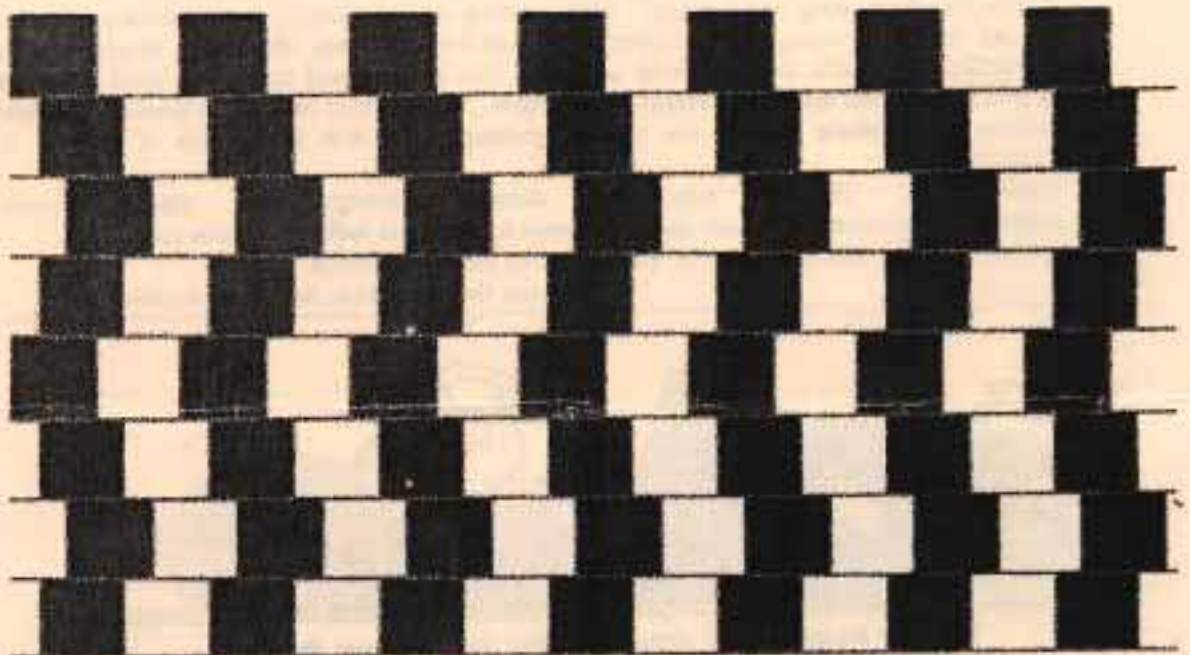
District	Country	Nos.	District	Country	Nos.
3260	India	400	3160	India	146
2980	India	300	3330	Thailand	130
3130	India	300	<b>3060</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>115</b>
3140	India	300	3040	India	100
3010	India	275	3080	India	100
3030	India	250	3250	India	100
3290	India	225	9300	South Africa	060
3150	India	225	3120	India	055
3050	India	175	3070	India	050
3020	India	172	4750	Brazil	048
3000	India	150	3240	India	040
3210	India	150	3270	Pakistan	040
3350	Thailand	146		<b>Total</b>	<b>4052</b>

### POOR LALOO!

Laloo wanted a special postage stamp issued with his picture on it. So he instructed his people, stressing that it should be of international quality. The stamps were duly released and Laloo was pleased.

But within a few days of release of the stamp, he began hearing complaints that the stamp was not sticking properly, and he became furious. He called the people responsible and ordered them to investigate the matter. They checked the matter out at several post offices, and then reported the problem to Laloo.

The report said: "There is nothing wrong with the quality of the stamps. The problem is that people are spitting on the wrong side".



Are the horizontal lines parallel or do they slope?

## THE HIGHWAY CODE of INDIA.....

**Article I:** The assumption of immortality is required of all road users.

**Article II:** Indian traffic, like Indian society, is structured on a strict caste system. The following precedence must be accorded at all times. In descending order, give way to: Cows, elephants, heavy trucks, buses, official cars, camels, light trucks, buffalo, Jeeps, ox-carts, private cars, motorcycles, scooters, auto-rickshaws, pigs, pedal-rickshaws, goats, bicycles (goods carrying), handcarts, bicycles (passenger carrying), dogs, pedestrians.

**Article III:** All wheeled vehicles shall be driven in accordance with the maxim "To slow is to falter, to brake is to fail, to stop is defeat." This is the Indian driver's mantra.

**Article IV:** Use of horn (also known as the sonic fender, or aural amulet) (IV, a-c) Cars: Short blasts (urgent) indicate supremacy, i.e. in clearing dogs, rickshaws and Pedestrians from path. Long blasts (desperate) denote supplication, i.e. to oncoming truck "I am going too fast to stop, so unless you slow down we shall both die". In extreme cases this may be accompanied by flashing of headlights (frantic). Single blasts (casual) means "I have seen someone out of India's 970 million whom I recognize", "There is a bird in the road ahead (which at this speed could go through my windscreen)", or "I have not blown my horn for several minutes" (IV, 2.a); Trucks and buses All horn signals have the same meaning, viz, "I have an all-up weight of approximately 12 tons and have no intention of stopping, even if I could". This signal may be emphasized by the use of headlamps (insouciant). Article IV is subject at all times to the provisions of Order of Precedence in Article II, above.

**Article V:** All maneuvers, use of horn and evasive action shall be left until the last possible moment.

**Article VI:** In the absence of seatbelts (which there is), car occupants shall wear garlands of marigolds. These should be kept fastened at all times.

**Article VII:** Rights of way: Traffic entering a road from the left has priority. So does traffic from the right, and also traffic in the middle. *Lane discipline (VII.I):* All Indian traffic at all times, and irrespective of the direction of travel, shall occupy the center of the road.

**Article VIII:** Roundabouts: India has no roundabouts. Apparent traffic islands in the middle of crossroads have no traffic management function. Any other impression should be ignored.

**Article IX:** Overtaking is mandatory. Every moving vehicle is required to overtake every other moving vehicle, irrespective of whether it has just overtaken you. Overtaking should only be undertaken in suitable locations, such as in the face of oncoming traffic, on blind bends, at junctions and in the middle of villages / city centers. No more than two inches should be allowed between your vehicle and the one you are passing - one inch in the case of bicycles or pedestrians.

**Article X:** Nirvana may be obtained through the head-on crash.

**Article XI:** Reversing: no longer applicable, since no vehicle in India has reverse gear.

**Article XII:** The 10th incarnation of God was as an articulated tanker.

---By Asst Governor Rtn. *Leslie Robertson*---



**"Dear Mom and Dad...How have you been?  
I am fine. I miss you. If my hard drive  
ever crashes, I will come downstairs to visit  
you sometime. PS: Please e-mail me some food."**