

## **Gopal Rai Mandhania - District Governor 2016-17**

### **Rotary Club of Versova**

- Born in Kuchaman city in Rajasthan, a historical place with a beautiful Salt lake
- A silver medalist in M.Sc (Organic chemistry), from University of Jodhpur.
- A self-made entrepreneur with a well-established marketing company specializing in Alloy Steel & Bright Steel Bars.
- Treasurer & Executive Committee member of Kuchaman Vikas Samiti, one of the top 10 NGO's in Rajasthan. He has worked hard to make his dream of making Kuchaman his birthplace an educational hub and a tourist place come true.
- A charter member of Rotary club of Mumbai Versova (May, 1990), Presidents in 1992- 93. Received trophy for an Unusual Rotary Activity for a Painting & Photography Exhibition wherein over 40,000 school children participated. This event was inaugurated at the hands of the then RI President Cliff Dochterman.
- An integral part of every governor's team. He has discharged his duties with distinction be it as District Secretary, Assistant Governor, heading TRF or other avenues or as a member of the DG Nominating committee (twice). Helpful to others Rotarians, he has helped organize 101 RYLAs & RYPENs. He was instrumental in collecting US\$ 6,35,000 from the district for polio plus and TRF.
- Published 13 books on important Rotary topics.
- Addressed over 500 Rotary & other meetings on Rotary & other topics in India and abroad.

Gopal is a Paul Harris society member. Gopal and Seema are major donors of TRF.

His pious and articulate wife Seema is a tarot card reader and a science graduate from SNDT University. The couple is blessed with daughters Dr. Priya an ophthalmologist married to Vijay specialized in finance residing in Singapore & Shilpa CA, C.P.A married to Sandeep a marketing wizard settled in USA.

The name Gopal Mandhania has become synonymous with sher-o-shayari in our district. He is also known to convey the points, he makes in his

speeches, with wit & jokes. But, not many would know that behind this jovialness is a sensitive and compassionate workaholic who is a sure go-getter.

His passion to bring smiles on the faces of people has induced him to do yeomen service for the less fortunate through Rotary & other organizations. The Rotary values he imbibed through his association with Rotary leaders and connect with grass root Rotarians has made him a much sought after Rotarian, speaker and friend. His voracious reading and efforts by undergoing training programs like NLP, Landmark Forum & Art of Living have honed and refined his leadership skills.

An avid health enthusiastic, he regularly visits to the gym keep himself fit for his multifarious activities and has addressed a number of organisations stressing on the importance of being healthy.

His efforts have seen his Rotary club undertake mega activities and also put the club on the district map by hosting the PETs during his Presidential year. He has the rare distinction of organizing numerous important successful District events including international RYLA, District Picnics, A to Z of Rotary, TRF and various other Seminars. His initiative extended beyond the district when he was instrumental in bringing the batch of DGs of his year (from India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan & Sri Lanka) together for a memorable meet in Goa in August 2014 which happened for the first time ever in RI Zone 4, 5 and 6A.

With these qualities and his positive attitude Gopal Rai Mandhanian is sure to be 'PRATHAM' among District Governors in 2016-17 as he leads the Rotarians of RI District 3141 to show the world that 'Rotary Serves Humanity'.

The Go-Getter that he is, Gopal is always on the move keeping a clear focus on the targets as it is appropriately said,

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

- Robert Frost