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The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens is a local chapter of Rotary International, which is a global service organization focusing mainly on Green Vertical. Rotary clubs work on various community service projects, Empowering Health and Wellness, Investing in Education, Women's Empowerment, Eco-Friendly Alternatives Promoting the use of sustainable, biodegradable products, the club encourages the community to adopt eco-friendly practices and Building a Greener Future promoting high ethical standards in business and professions, and advance international understanding and peace.

The "Baroda Greens" chapter is based in Baroda (also known as Vadodara), a city in Gujarat, India.

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Message from President Desk

Dear Rotary Family,

Wishing all my Rotary family members a sparkling Diwali filled with joy, love, and prosperity.

May the New Year bring renewed hope, good health, and countless opportunities to serve and uplift others.

Let the light of Diwali inspire us to brighten lives and make the world a better place.

Together, let's continue our journey of selfless service and spreading happiness.

Here's to a year of unity, harmony, and impactful projects for a greener and healthier future! ✨

Warm regards,

Dr. Ruchi Srivastava

President, Rotary Club of Baroda Greens



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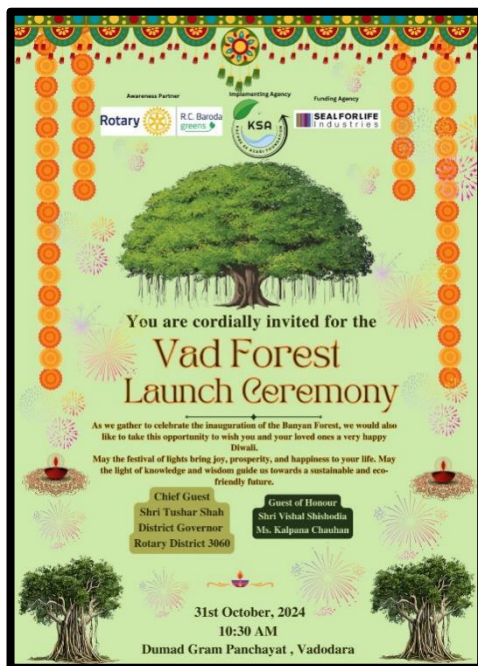
Vad Forest Launched: A Unique Opportunity To Gift A Tree To Your Child

On 31st October 2024, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in collaboration with the KSA Foundation and Seal for Life, proudly inaugurated the VAD FOREST — a groundbreaking environmental initiative that blends nature, community, and a lasting commitment to future generations.

The VAD FOREST, located in the heart of the community, is set to become a symbol of environmental stewardship and lifelong connections to nature. The initiative will see the planting of 51 majestic banyan trees, with each tree being "owned" by a child under the age of 20. This unique concept provides an opportunity for young individuals to nurture their tree, establishing a bond with nature that will last for a lifetime.

Out of the 51 trees planned, 36 trees have already been booked, signaling the strong community interest in this eco-conscious movement. The trees will be planted with the support of individuals who recognize the importance of giving future generations a direct link to the environment.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by distinguished guests, including DG Tushar Shah, Dumad Sarpanch, and members of the Seal for Life team. The event was a heartfelt celebration of environmental activism, with key community leaders lending their support to the cause. A special mention goes to Soumya Akshat, who generously sponsored three trees, along with Dr. Suneet Dabke and President Dr. Ruchi Shrivastava, who sponsored trees in the names of their children. Their contributions are a testament to the power of community action and the desire to leave a legacy for future generations.



An Exceptional Opportunity to Bestow a Tree Upon Your Child

Rotary Club of Baroda Greens: A Festive Diwali Family Fellowship Mega E-Waste Collection Drive Held Across Vadodara

On the evening of 28th October 2024, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens hosted a vibrant and festive Diwali Family Fellowship at the picturesque Blue Lagoons in Vadodara. The event brought together 40 members and their families for an evening of celebration, fun, and meaningful connections.

The atmosphere was filled with festive cheer as members of the club came together to celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights, in the company of loved ones. The evening was marked by laughter, games, and delightful exchanges, with

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everyone embracing the spirit of togetherness. Gifts were exchanged, adding an extra layer of joy to the event, and the bonds of friendship and fellowship among club members were strengthened.

Dr. Ruchi Shrivastava, President of the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, warmly welcomed the gathering, setting the tone for the evening. She took the opportunity to share key highlights of upcoming club activities, encouraging members to register for the Thar Summit, an exciting initiative that promises to engage and inspire Rotarians in the coming months.

In a unique twist to the festive gathering, Dr. Suneet Dabke presented an overview of the Vad Forest project, bringing an environmental focus to the evening's celebrations. His presentation sparked a sense of pride and purpose among the members, as they learned about the initiative that combines environmental sustainability with community engagement.



Rotary Club of Baroda Greens: A Celebratory Diwali Family Gathering

Mega E-Waste Collection Drive Held Across Vadodara

Vadodara, 25 October 2024 – The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens and Kachre Se Azadi Foundation successfully launched a district-wide Mega E-Waste Collection Drive from October 15 to October 30, 2024. The initiative aimed to reduce electronic waste by collecting old, unused electronic items and ensuring their responsible recycling.

Over the past two weeks, collection points were set up at various locations throughout Vadodara, making it easy for residents to participate and contribute to the cause of reducing e-waste pollution. The drive attracted widespread participation, with numerous residents dropping off their old electronics, including mobile phones, computers, televisions, batteries, and household devices like mixers and blenders.

The drive focused on ensuring that valuable materials such as metals and plastics from discarded electronics were properly recycled, while hazardous substances like mercury and lead were safely managed. By encouraging

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responsible recycling, the event helped minimize the harmful environmental impact of e-waste and promoted sustainability in the community.

Collection bins were placed in residential areas, public spaces, and community centers, allowing convenient access for everyone who wished to participate. The drive was open daily from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, providing ample time for residents to contribute their old electronics for recycling.

The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens and Kachre Se Azadi Foundation expressed their gratitude for the active participation from the residents of Vadodara, who played a crucial role in making the drive a success. With the support of the community, the event contributed significantly to raising awareness about the importance of responsible e-waste disposal.



A comprehensive e-waste collection initiative conducted throughout Vadodara.

Diya Making Competition & Fun Activities Held for Non-Teaching Staff at Parul University

Vadodara, 24 October 2024 – In celebration of the festive season and to honor the contributions of the non-teaching staff at Parul Institute of Engineering & Technology (PIET), the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens hosted a special Diya Making Competition followed by a series of fun team-building activities and a lunch gathering.

The event, which took place on October 24, 2024, was a heartwarming celebration of creativity, camaraderie, and appreciation. Non-teaching staff members were invited to showcase their artistic skills in crafting beautiful diyas (traditional oil lamps), adding a personal touch to the Diwali festivities. The competition not only encouraged creativity but also provided a much-needed break from the daily routine.

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In addition to the diya-making contest, the event featured a variety of fun activities designed to promote team spirit and foster a sense of unity among the staff. The participants enjoyed friendly games and interactive sessions, which helped strengthen their bond while also providing an opportunity for relaxation and enjoyment.

The event concluded with a delightful lunch gathering, where staff members had the chance to connect, share experiences, and celebrate the festive spirit together. The beautifully crafted diyas illuminated the event, symbolizing the light and joy of the season.

The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens expressed their gratitude to the non-teaching staff of PIET for their hard work and dedication. The event not only celebrated their contributions but also helped create a warm, festive atmosphere, bringing together staff from different departments in a joyful, engaging way.



Competition & Fun Activities for Parul University Non-Teaching Staff

Felicitation of ASHA Workers on World Polio Day

Baroda, 24 October 2024 – On the occasion of World Polio Day, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens organized a special felicitation ceremony to honor the dedication and efforts of ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers who have played a pivotal role in India's fight against polio. These frontline health workers have been instrumental in spreading awareness about the importance of polio vaccination and ensuring that children receive the crucial "2 Boond" (two drops) of the oral polio vaccine.

The event highlighted the significance of the "Do Boond Zindagi Ke" campaign, which has been at the forefront of polio eradication efforts in India. Since its launch, the campaign has reached millions of children under five years old, safeguarding them from the poliovirus. Thanks to the tireless efforts of ASHA workers and other health professionals, India was declared polio-free in 2011.

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During the ceremony, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens recognized the commitment and hard work of ASHA workers, acknowledging their role in the success of the national immunization program. The event also served as a reminder of the continued importance of vaccination in safeguarding public health.

The felicitation was attended by community leaders, health officials, and members of the Rotary Club, all of whom expressed their gratitude towards the ASHA workers for their unwavering service in ensuring a polio-free future for India's children.



ASHA Workers on World Polio Day

CPR Training for Diploma Students by Rotary Club of Baroda Greens

Baroda, 23 October 2024 – The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in collaboration with Sterling Hospital, successfully conducted a CPR training session for diploma students of PIET DS at Parul University. The session aimed to equip students with critical lifesaving skills, empowering them to respond effectively during emergencies.

Certified professionals from Sterling Hospital led the hands-on training, which included practical demonstrations of CPR techniques, safety protocols, and emergency response practices. The training provided students with the knowledge and confidence to act swiftly in situations where immediate medical intervention could save lives.

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This initiative is part of Rotary Club of Baroda Greens' ongoing efforts to promote community health and safety. By providing these students with vital skills, the program not only prepared them to handle emergencies but also encouraged them to contribute positively to their communities by being equipped to save lives in critical situations.



CPR Training by Rotary Club of Baroda Greens

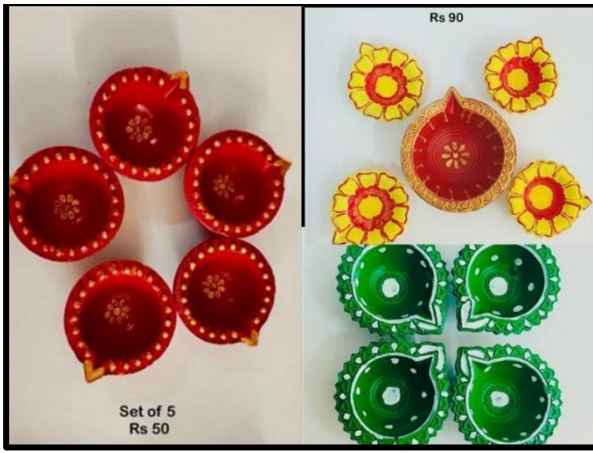
Empowering Abilities: A Joint Event with Rotary Club of Baroda Greens

Baroda, 22 October 2024 – In a heartwarming display of inclusion and support, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens partnered with the MOH Center for Special Needs to host an inspiring event dedicated to empowering students with disabilities. The event, aptly titled Empowering Abilities, celebrated the talents and potential of MOH students, creating an atmosphere of encouragement and motivation.

The event featured a variety of activities, including an impressive display of student-crafted diyas (lamps) that showcased the students' creativity and craftsmanship. In addition to these displays, attendees participated in interactive activities and motivational sessions designed to uplift and inspire both the students and the broader community.

Through this collaborative effort, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens and the MOH Center not only highlighted the unique abilities of students but also raised crucial funds to support the continued growth and success of the center's programs. The event underscored the importance of fostering an inclusive environment where all individuals, regardless of ability, are celebrated and given the opportunity to thrive.

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Empowering Abilities: A Collaborative Event with the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens

Sustainable Scents: Promoting Artisan-Crafted Dhup and Agarbatti

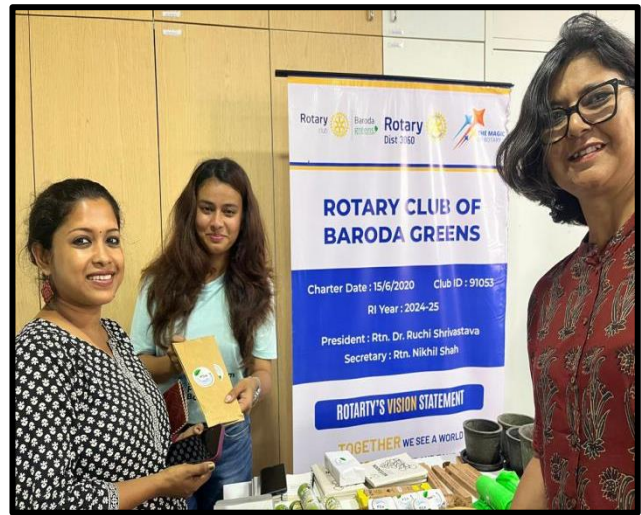
19 October 2024 – The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in partnership with the Kachre Se Azadi Foundation, successfully organized an artisan activity at Tesco to promote eco-friendly products, including handmade dhup (incense), agarbatti (incense sticks), and other recycled items. The initiative aimed to support sustainable living by encouraging the use of natural, handcrafted products made by local artisans.

The event highlighted the importance of recycling and waste reduction, showcasing the artisans' skills while raising awareness about the environmental benefits of eco-conscious choices. Visitors had the opportunity to explore a variety of handcrafted goods, all made using recycled materials, and learn about the sustainable practices behind their creation.

In addition to promoting eco-friendly products, the event served as a fundraiser to support the talented artisans involved in the initiative. By providing them with a platform to display and sell their work, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens and the Kachre Se Azadi Foundation helped generate vital funds that will further empower local artisans and promote sustainability in the community.



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Sustainable Fragrances: Advocating for Artisan-Made Dhup and Agarbatti

Drop Box for Expired or Unused Medicines Installed at Bitra Ground

At 03 October 2024, In a collaborative effort, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in association with the KSA Foundation, installed a drop box for expired or unused medicines at Bitra Ground. This initiative was designed to encourage the safe and responsible disposal of medications, helping to prevent environmental contamination and the potential misuse of pharmaceuticals.

The newly set-up drop box aimed to provide the community with an accessible and convenient way to dispose of their unwanted medicines, reducing health risks associated with improper disposal. Through this initiative, the organizers sought to raise awareness about the importance of proper medication disposal, promoting a healthier and safer environment for all.

The installation of the drop box is seen as a commendable step in fostering responsible medication disposal practices within the community.



Drop Box for Expired or Unused Medications Installed at Bitra Ground

Promotion of Composting and Recycled Chairs at Bitra Ground

At 03 October 2024, The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in collaboration with the Kachare Se Azadi (KSA) Foundation, promoted composting and the use of recycled chairs during the 9-day event held at Bitra Ground. As part of this initiative, the KSA Foundation also collected water bottles for the creation of eco-bricks and other upcycling purposes.

The primary goal of the project was to reduce waste, encourage sustainability, and foster eco-friendly practices within the community. By incorporating composting and recycling into the event, the organizers aimed to inspire participants to adopt environmentally responsible habits.

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This initiative was a reflection of the shared commitment between the Rotary Club and the KSA Foundation towards environmental conservation and responsible resource management. It served as an impactful step in promoting sustainable living and raising awareness about waste reduction.



Advocacy for Composting and Recycled Chairs at Bitra Ground

Clean Garba, Green Future: Plastic Bottle Collection at Sara Foundation Garba Ground

At 03 October 2024, The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in collaboration with the Kachare Se Azadi (KSA) Foundation, successfully ensured that no plastic bottles were left behind at the Sara Foundation Garba Ground during the festive celebrations. Under the leadership of Prachi Patni, around 60 kg of plastic bottles were collected from the venue.

These bottles are set to be either sent for recycling or upcycled for eco-friendly purposes, further supporting the cause of sustainable waste management. The initiative highlighted a strong commitment to environmental cleanliness and responsible waste disposal, especially during the festive season.



Sustainable Future: Plastic Bottle Collection at Sara Foundation Garba Ground

Rally on "Swachhata Hi Sewa" Held at Shankarpura Prathmik School

At 01 October 2024, The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens organized a rally on "Swachhata Hi Sewa" at Shankarpura Prathmik School to promote cleanliness and hygiene within the community. The event saw active participation from students, teachers, and Rotary members, all of whom took to the streets to raise awareness about the importance of maintaining a clean environment.

Carrying banners and chanting slogans, the rally participants encouraged proper waste disposal, sanitation practices, and the need for a clean and healthy living space. The event aimed to instill a sense of responsibility in students and the wider community, reinforcing the national mission of creating a cleaner, healthier India.

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Rally on "Swachhata Hi Sewa" Conducted at Shankarpura Primary School

