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About the Club

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 the President – Rotary Club of Baroda Greens | January 2025 ❁

Dear Members,

As we step into the new year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and dedication towards our club's initiatives. January has been a month of reflection, action, and planning for impactful projects ahead.

✓ Key Highlights of January:

- ✦ Continued our mission of environmental sustainability with tree plantation drives 🌳
- ✦ Organized awareness campaigns for cervical cancer and menstrual hygiene 🧑🏻
- ✦ Strengthened community engagement through support initiatives for school children and women empowerment 🤝
- ✦ Laid the groundwork for our flagship event Dhamaal Gali – "Say NO to Drugs", coming soon 🎭🎪

As we move forward, let's continue working together with the same passion and commitment to make a meaningful difference in society. Your active participation and enthusiasm are what drive our club's success!

Looking forward to an exciting February ahead! ✨

Warm Regards,

Dr. Ruchi Shrivastava

President, Rotary Club of Baroda Greens

Awareness Talk on World Wetlands Day at Shankarpura Primary School

Shankarpura, January 31, 2025 — On the occasion of World Wetlands Day, an informative awareness talk was held at Shankarpura Primary School for students of Classes 7 and 8. The session aimed to raise awareness among young minds about the crucial role wetlands play in maintaining ecological balance and biodiversity.

The talk covered various essential topics, including the significance of wetlands in water purification and climate regulation, the different types of wetlands, and their role in supporting wildlife. It also discussed the adverse effects of human activities on wetland ecosystems and emphasized the need for conservation efforts.

Students were actively engaged throughout the session, asking insightful questions and sharing their thoughts on environmental protection. The event concluded with a pledge, where students committed to protecting natural resources and spreading awareness about wetland conservation.

The session successfully instilled a sense of responsibility in the students towards safeguarding wetlands, ensuring a more sustainable future for the environment.



Rotary Club Baroda Conducts World Wetlands Day Awareness Presentation at Shankarpura Primary School

Tree Plantation Drive Commemorates World Wetlands Day at Shankarpura Primary School

Shankarpura, January 31, 2025 — In celebration of World Wetlands Day, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens (RCBG) organized a tree plantation drive at Shankarpura Primary School on January 31, 2025. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the vital role wetlands play in maintaining ecological balance and preserving biodiversity.

Students, teachers, and RCBG members participated enthusiastically by planting native and wetland-friendly trees around the school grounds. During the event, participants were educated on the importance of wetlands in conserving water and biodiversity, the connection between trees and wetland ecosystems, and how afforestation helps prevent soil erosion and supports water cycles.

A Tree Plantation Drive commemorating World Wetlands Day is a great initiative to raise awareness about the importance of wetlands and the critical role they play in preserving biodiversity, preventing floods, and maintaining the overall health of ecosystems. By planting trees, you can help restore the natural balance of these areas, as trees play an essential role in maintaining soil integrity, improving water quality, and providing shelter for wildlife.

Wetlands are home to diverse species of plants, animals, and microorganisms. Tree planting in these areas helps maintain or enhance habitat quality for these species.

The drive successfully engaged students in environmental conservation, encouraging them to take active responsibility in protecting nature. The event concluded with a pledge to protect wetlands and safeguard the environment for a sustainable future.

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Shankarpura Primary School Holds Tree Plantation Drive in Honor of World Wetlands Day

Drawing Competition Raises Awareness on Wetland Animals at Shankarpura Primary School

Shankarpura, January 31, 2025 — In honor of World Wetlands Day, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens (RCBG) organized a drawing competition at Shankarpura Primary School on January 31, 2025, to raise awareness about wetland animals and their vital role in the ecosystem.

Students from Classes 7 and 8 eagerly participated, creating drawings of various wetland creatures such as frogs, otters, crocodiles, migratory birds, and fish. Through their artwork, students illustrated the beauty of wetlands and highlighted the importance of conserving these unique habitats.

The event encouraged creativity while educating students on the crucial role wetland animals play in maintaining biodiversity. Winners of the competition were awarded certificates, and all participants were commended for their artistic contributions. The competition successfully fostered a sense of environmental responsibility among students and emphasized the urgent need to protect wetland ecosystems.



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Shankarpura Primary School Holds Art Competition to Bring Attention to Wetland Animals

Expert Talk on "Role of Social Media in Cyber Fraud" Held at Parul Institute of Engineering & Technology

Vadodara, January 29, 2025 — The Parul Institute of Engineering & Technology, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, hosted an expert talk on "Role of Social Media in Cyber Fraud" to raise awareness about the rising cyber threats associated with social media platforms and how individuals can protect themselves in the digital age.

The session featured Mayuri Jadav Shah, Founder of Success Founders and Co-Founder of Strat E-learning Group, as the expert speaker. She provided valuable insights into various cyber fraud tactics, effective prevention strategies, and the importance of digital literacy in safeguarding personal and professional information.

The event successfully equipped attendees with the knowledge and tools to stay vigilant against cyber fraud and highlighted the need for increased awareness in the face of growing online threats.



"Role of Social Media in Cyber Fraud" Expert Talk at Parul Institute of Engineering & Technology

Health Checkup Camp Organized for Female Students in Waghodia Kumar Shala

Vadodara, January 29, 2025 – The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in collaboration with Parul Institute of Ayurveda, Parul University, successfully organized a Health Checkup Camp at Waghodia Kumar Shala, Waghodia, Vadodara, on January 29, 2025.

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The event aimed to provide essential health services and raise awareness about general well-being among school students. Over 150 female students participated in the camp, where a team of experienced doctors and healthcare professionals conducted thorough health assessments.

The medical checkups included general health evaluations, vision tests, dental checkups, and nutritional guidance. In addition to the health screenings, students were educated on maintaining good hygiene, following a balanced diet, and adopting preventive healthcare practices to ensure their long-term well-being.



Female Student Health Checkup Camp in Waghodia Kumar Shala

Expert Talk on "Anmol Zindagi" at PIET-DS

Vadodara, January 28, 2025 — The Department of Applied Science at PIET-DS, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, organized an insightful expert talk on "Anmol Zindagi," focused on leading a meaningful and valuable life.

Dr. Purvi Bhimani, a renowned expert in personal growth and well-being, was the guest speaker for the session. Her guidance and expertise helped attendees gain a deeper understanding of the importance of personal growth, well-being, and the pursuit of a fulfilling life.

The session proved to be enriching, offering valuable insights that inspired participants to reflect on their life choices and adopt a more meaningful approach to personal development.



Rotary Club of Baroda Greens held an interesting "Anmol Zindagi," expert discourse.

Awareness Talk on Sickle Cell Anemia Held at Waghodia Kumar Shala

Waghodia, January 28, 2025 — The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in collaboration with the Parul Institute of Ayurveda, Parul University, organized an informative Awareness Talk on Sickle Cell Anemia at Waghodia Kumar Shala. The session was attended by 200 students who gained valuable insights into the disease.

The talk focused on educating the community about the causes, symptoms, diagnosis, and management of Sickle Cell Anemia. Expert speakers from the medical field shared their knowledge on preventive measures, genetic counseling, and treatment options.

The session was interactive, with attendees—including students, parents, and local residents—actively participating in discussions, raising queries, and sharing personal experiences. The event successfully raised awareness and provided important information to the community regarding Sickle Cell Anemia.



Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Talk at Waghodia Kumar Shala

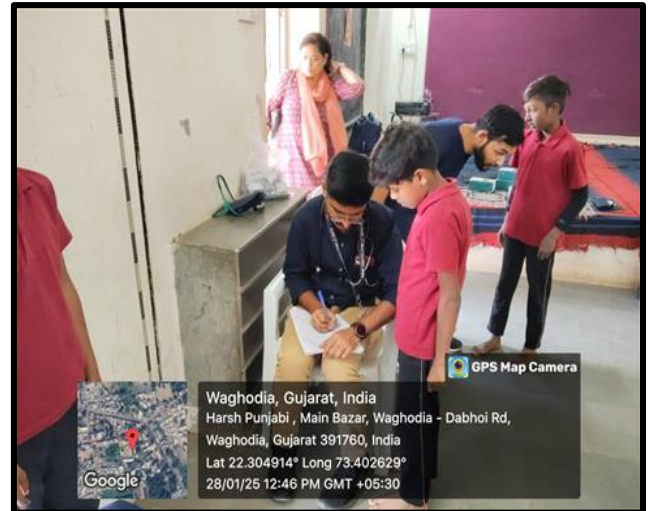
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A team of experienced doctors and healthcare professionals conducted comprehensive health checkups for over 200 students. The medical examinations included general health assessments, vision tests, dental checkups, and nutritional counseling. Students were also educated on the importance of maintaining good hygiene, eating a balanced diet, and adopting preventive healthcare measures.

The health camp proved to be a valuable initiative, benefiting the students by enhancing their understanding of how to take better care of their health.



Healthcare Camp at Waghodia Kumar Shala

Anemia Mukh Bharat Abhiyan Program Held at Waghodia Kanya Shala

Waghodia, January 28, 2025 — In support of the Anemia Mukh Bharat Abhiyan (AMBA), a special program was organized jointly by the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens and the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast, with the generous support of IDBI Bank's CSR initiative. The event took place at Waghodia Kanya Shala, where 100 girl students actively participated in hemoglobin testing and health awareness sessions focused on nutrition and anemia prevention.

The program was graced by Mr. Yogesh Chhabile, Branch Manager of IDBI Bank, who highlighted the bank's commitment to supporting impactful community initiatives. The event also saw the presence of Dr. Ruchi Shrivastava, President of the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, along with other esteemed Rotary members.

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The primary objective of the initiative was to raise awareness about the importance of proper nutrition and health among students while taking proactive measures to address anemia. The event successfully achieved its goal of educating the participants on anemia prevention and encouraging healthier lifestyle choices.



Anemia Mukt Bharat Abhiyan at Waghodia Kanya Shala

Eye Checkup Camp Organized by Rotary Club of Baroda Greens in Dindayal Nagar

Vadodara, January 26, 2025 — The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in collaboration with the Parul Institute of Ayurveda, Parul University, successfully organized an Eye Checkup Camp on January 26, 2025, at Shree Sarveshwar Mahadev and Ambe Mata Mandir, Dindayal Nagar, Vadodara. The initiative aimed to promote eye health and provide professional eye checkups to the local community.

An Eye Checkup Camp is a fantastic way to promote eye health in a community and provide accessible vision care to those who may not have regular access to optometrists or eye doctors. These camps can offer free or low-cost eye exams, raise awareness about common eye problems, and distribute glasses or other necessary treatments for those in need.

Regular eye checkups can help identify conditions like myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), astigmatism, glaucoma, cataracts, and diabetic retinopathy early on, preventing more severe vision issues later in life.

Identifying problems early can help reduce the risk of conditions that could lead to blindness, such as cataracts or glaucoma.

With enthusiastic participation from residents, over 170 individuals benefited from the camp. The attendees expressed their appreciation for the dedicated efforts of the experts and volunteers, who provided free and professional eye care services. The event successfully raised awareness about the importance of eye health and contributed to the well-being of the community.



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Camp for Eye Exams at Dindayal Nagar Hosted by the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens

"Cyber Smart Kids" Workshop on Online Safety Held at PIET-DS

Vadodara, January 24, 2025 — The Department of Computer Engineering at PIET-DS, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens (RCBG), successfully organized a workshop titled "Cyber Smart Kids: A Cybersecurity Awareness Workshop for Kids" on January 24, 2025. The workshop aimed to educate children on the importance of online safety and equip them with essential skills to navigate the digital world securely.

Through engaging sessions and interactive activities, participants learned about various cyber threats, the importance of password safety, how to recognize phishing scams, and the principles of responsible online behavior. The workshop was well-received by the attendees, providing them with valuable knowledge to stay safe in the digital age.



Workshop on Online Safety "Cyber Smart Kids" Hosted by PIET-DS

Swachhata Abhiyan and Awareness Rally Held at Gugaliyapura Village

Vadodara, January 23, 2025 — The Mechanical and Electrical Engineering departments at PIET-DS, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens (RCBG), successfully organized a Swachhata Abhiyan (Cleanliness Campaign) and an Awareness Rally for Cleanliness on January 23, 2025, starting at 10:00 AM in Gugaliyapura village.

The event aimed to promote the importance of cleanliness and raise awareness about maintaining a hygienic environment. Participants took part in a cleanliness drive and an awareness rally to spread the message of "Clean India, Green India" among the villagers.

The initiative received an enthusiastic response from the community, highlighting the collective commitment to promoting community well-being and sustainable living. The event was a successful collaboration that demonstrated the power of teamwork in achieving societal goals.



Awareness Rally and Swachhata Abhiyan at Gugaliyapura Village

Inter-College Elocution Competition on Green Technology Held

Vadodara, January 21, 2025 — The first round of the Inter-College Elocution Competition on Green Technology was successfully conducted, attracting enthusiastic students from both Diploma and Degree programs across various colleges. Participants delivered insightful presentations on topics such as Smart Cities, IoT, and Green Buildings, showcasing their knowledge and innovative ideas.

The event was organized in collaboration with the Society of Power Engineers, the Institution of Engineers, Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, and Parul University. The competition aimed to foster awareness and inspire sustainable solutions for a greener future, contributing to the ongoing efforts to promote environmental responsibility and innovation.



Inter-College Elocution Competition on Green Technology Held

Sweater Distribution Drive at Shankarpura Village

Shankarpura, January 20, 2025 — The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens recently organized a Sweater Distribution Drive for the students of Shankarpura Village, bringing warmth and joy to the young hearts as winter temperatures set in.

The event aimed to provide comfort to the students during the chilly season, and the smiles on their faces reflected the positive impact of this small but meaningful gesture. The drive successfully brought the community together, reminding everyone of the difference that can be made through kindness and support for those in need.



The Shankarpura Village Sweater Distribution Drive

Clothes Distribution Drive Organized by Rotary Club of Baroda Greens

Vadodara, January 19, 2025 — The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens embraced the true spirit of giving by organizing a Clothes Distribution Drive for those in need. The event aimed to bring comfort and happiness to families, offering a variety of clothes, including sarees, dresses, shirts, trousers, and kids' wear.

The gratitude and smiles from the recipients highlighted the profound impact of this initiative. The drive was a heartwarming success, and the Rotary Club extended a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed and supported the cause. The event served as a reminder of the power of kindness and the importance of spreading love, warmth, and hope within the community.

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Helping Hands Clothing Drive Hosted by the Rotary Club of Baroda

Seminar on Nutraceuticals: A Key Player in Modern Lifestyle

Vadodara, January 11, 2025 — The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens (RCBG), in collaboration with the Mechanical Department of PIET DS, organized a seminar titled "Nutraceuticals: A Key Player in Modern Lifestyle." The event focused on the growing importance of nutraceuticals in promoting health and preventing lifestyle-related diseases.

Experts at the seminar discussed the benefits of incorporating nutraceuticals into daily routines, highlighting their role in enhancing overall well-being amidst the challenges of modern life. The program was well-received, fostering awareness among the participants and encouraging a healthier approach to managing lifestyle and wellness.



Seminar on Nutraceuticals: A Key Player in Modern Lifestyle

Kite Making Workshop Held at Shankarpura Primary School

Shankarpura, January 10, 2025 — The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens (RCBG) organized a kite-making workshop at Shankarpura Primary School to encourage creativity and preserve the traditional art of kite-making. The event aimed to engage students in hands-on learning while promoting the use of eco-friendly materials.

During the workshop, students were introduced to the cultural significance of kite flying and were guided step-by-step in crafting their own kites. The activity fostered teamwork, creativity, and enthusiasm among the participants. The workshop was well-received, leaving students excited to celebrate the upcoming kite festival with their handmade creations.



Kite Making Workshop Held at Shankarpura Primary School

Kite and Chikki Distribution at Shankarpura Primary School

Shankarpura, January 10, 2025 — The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens (RCBG) organized a kite and chikki distribution event at Shankarpura Primary School to celebrate the festive spirit of Makar Sankranti. In a joyous celebration of the traditional festival, students were gifted kites to enjoy the traditional activity of kite flying, along with chikkis, a nutritious treat that symbolizes the festive customs.

The event aimed to bring joy and cultural awareness to the students while fostering a sense of community. The distribution was met with great enthusiasm, creating a memorable and festive atmosphere that was appreciated by all participants.

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Kites and Chikkis at Shankarpura Primary School

Career Counseling Session Held at Sadhu Vaswani School

Harni, January 9, 2025 — The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens organized a Career Counseling Session for school students at Sadhu Vaswani School on January 9, 2025. The session was a well-received initiative that provided students with an opportunity to explore various career options and gain clarity about their future aspirations.

Esteemed experts engaged with the students, offering valuable guidance and insights into different career paths. This initiative demonstrated the commitment of the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens to empowering students through education and mentorship, helping them make informed decisions about their future.



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Career Counseling Session Held at Sadhu Vaswani School

Braille Writing and Comprehension Competition Held on Louis Braille's Birth Anniversary

Vadodara, January 4, 2025 — In celebration of the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the Society for Environment Protection, Deepak Foundation, and Rotary Club of Baroda Greens (RCBG) organized a Braille writing and comprehension competition as part of the Braille literacy initiative. A total of 46 participants took part in this unique event.

The competition focused on promoting Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality). The event was graced by IPDG Shri Nihir Dave, who offered his support and encouragement. Special thanks were extended to Suraksha Sankool for their support, and to Yahya Sapatwala and Bharat Sir, the principal of Suraksha Sankool, for judging and assisting with the event.

The competition was a great success, and plans were made to organize a state-level competition next year to further promote Braille literacy.



The Louis Braille Birth Anniversary Writing and Comprehension Competition

