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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,

Message from the President – Celebrating the Spirit of March ♦

March was a month of purpose, passion, and planet-friendly action! From celebrating World Forest Day to World Water Day, we stood united for nature. Our Joy of Giving brought smiles, while World Sparrow Day raised awareness for our winged friends. The initiative to prepare a Botanical Garden added a green feather to our cap. Each activity reflected our Rotary commitment to serve with compassion and care. A heartfelt thank you to all members for your energy, time, and selfless spirit. Your efforts have truly made March memorable and impactful. Let's keep this momentum alive—giving more, growing more, and doing more together! Warm regards,

Dr. Ruchi Srivastava

President, Rotary Club of Baroda Greens



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R R Kabel Celebrated the Power of Women on International Women's Day

On March 8, 2025, at Waghodia – On the occasion of International Women's Day 2025, Parul University, in association with the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, celebrated the strength and spirit of women at R R Kabel, Waghodia. The event, titled Inspiring Journeys: Women Who Lead the Way, honored 170 remarkable female staff members for their dedication and contributions.

The celebration featured inspiring talks by Ms. Mayuri Jadav Shah, Ms. Laxmi Sisodia, and Ms. Shveta Brahmabhatt, who shared powerful stories of leadership, resilience, and personal success. Their words resonated deeply with the audience, motivating many with their real-life journeys.

A key highlight of the event was the felicitation of women from the Switch Department, Security Department, Housekeeping, and Canteen. Their hard work and commitment were recognized with gratitude and appreciation, bringing well-deserved smiles and a sense of pride.



On International Women's Day, R R Kabel Honored Women for Their Power

Self-Defence Workshop Conducted at Shankarpura Prathmik Shala

The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in collaboration with Parul University, successfully organized a Self-Defence Workshop at Shankarpura Prathmik Shala on March 6, 2025. The event aimed to equip participants with essential skills for self-protection and personal safety.

The workshop was led by Sensei Vishal Nizama, whose expert guidance and engaging session received enthusiastic appreciation from attendees. His practical demonstrations not only enhanced the participants' understanding of self-defence techniques but also boosted their confidence and situational awareness.

The initiative was well-received by the school community and highlighted the importance of empowering individuals with the knowledge and skills needed for self-defence.



Self-Defense Workshop Held at Shankarpura Primary School

Rotary Club of Baroda Greens Conducted Breast Cancer Awareness Talk

As part of the International Women's Day celebrations, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens (RCBG) organized a Breast Cancer Awareness Program on March 7, 2025. The session aimed to educate women about the importance of early detection and prevention of breast cancer.

Dr. Manan Shah, a renowned Consultant Oncosurgeon from Zydus, led the session and shared insightful information on risk factors, early symptoms, and effective prevention strategies. His talk emphasized the significance of timely screenings and proactive health measures.

The event was organized in collaboration with the Gujarat State Yog Board, Brahmakumari, and Umiya Foundation, underlining the importance of a holistic approach to health and wellness. Program coordinators Bhagwatiben Patel, Harsha Khemchandani, and Vilopa Raulji played a key role in the seamless execution of the event.

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from women representing various communities, who actively engaged in discussions and posed questions to the expert. The initiative successfully spread awareness, encouraged dialogue, and empowered women to prioritize their health.



The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens organized a Breast Cancer Awareness seminar

Tikka Holi Celebrated with Joy at Gugaliapura Prathmik Shala

The spirit of Holi came alive at Gugaliapura Prathmik Shala on March 12, 2025, as students celebrated Tikka Holi with great enthusiasm and joy. The event was marked by vibrant festivities, bringing smiles to the faces of the young participants.

Children joyfully applied organic colors in the traditional Tika Holi style, promoting cultural values and a sense of unity. The celebration also included lively rounds of Garba and Timbali, as students danced and sang together, creating a festive and inclusive atmosphere.

To add to the delight, packets of Khajoor (dates), Dhani (puffed rice), and Chana (gram) were distributed among the children, making the celebration even more memorable. The event served as a beautiful expression of togetherness, spreading happiness while reinforcing the importance of tradition and community bonding.



Tikka Holi Celebrated with Joy at Gugaliapura Prathmik Shala

Global Recycling Day Celebrated at Dumad Segregation Shed

Global Recycling Day 2025 was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Dumad Segregation Shed, the No. 1 village of Vadodara district, on March 17. The theme for this year, "Recycling Heroes," recognized individuals, communities, and efforts that contribute to a greener and more environmentally stable planet through recycling.

A special program was organized to mark the occasion, emphasizing the importance of waste segregation and responsible plastic disposal. Participants were encouraged to become "Recycling Heroes" by actively taking part in advanced segregation practices and learning about different types of plastic waste and their impact.

The event saw active involvement from local residents, sanitation workers, and volunteers, who came together to promote sustainable waste management practices. Through engaging activities and demonstrations, the program highlighted how small daily actions—like proper waste segregation—can contribute to a larger global impact.



Global Recycling Day Commemorated at Dumad Segregation Facility

Composting Awareness Drive Held at Gugaliapura Prathmik Shala

The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in collaboration with PIET-DS, conducted an engaging awareness session on composting at Gugaliapura Prathmik Shala on March 18, 2025. The initiative aimed to educate young students about the importance of sustainable waste management and eco-friendly practices.

During the session, students learned how organic waste can be effectively converted into nutrient-rich compost. The program highlighted the environmental benefits of composting and encouraged students to adopt simple, green habits in their daily lives.



Composting Awareness Campaign Conducted at Gugaliapura Primary School

Composting Awareness Drive Conducted at Shankarpura Prathmik Shala

Shankarpura – On March 18, 2025, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in collaboration with PIET-DS, organized an awareness drive on composting at Shankarpura Prathmik Shala. The event aimed to educate students on the significance of converting organic waste into nutrient-rich compost.

The session focused on promoting sustainable waste management and encouraging eco-friendly practices among the students. Through interactive learning, children were introduced to the process of composting and its environmental benefits.

This initiative successfully fostered a sense of environmental responsibility in young learners, empowering them to take small but meaningful steps towards a greener future.



Composting Awareness Drive Conducted at Shankarpura Prathmik Shala

Composting Awareness Drive Held at Ankhol Prathmik Shala

The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in association with PIET-DS, conducted an informative awareness drive on composting at Ankhol Prathmik Shala on March 19, 2025. The initiative aimed to educate students on the significance of managing organic waste responsibly.

During the session, students were introduced to the process of converting everyday organic waste into nutrient-rich compost. The program highlighted the benefits of composting and its role in promoting sustainable waste management and environmental conservation.

The drive emphasized the importance of adopting eco-friendly habits early in life, inspiring young minds to take active roles in protecting the environment. The event was well-received and contributed to building awareness about green practices within the school community.



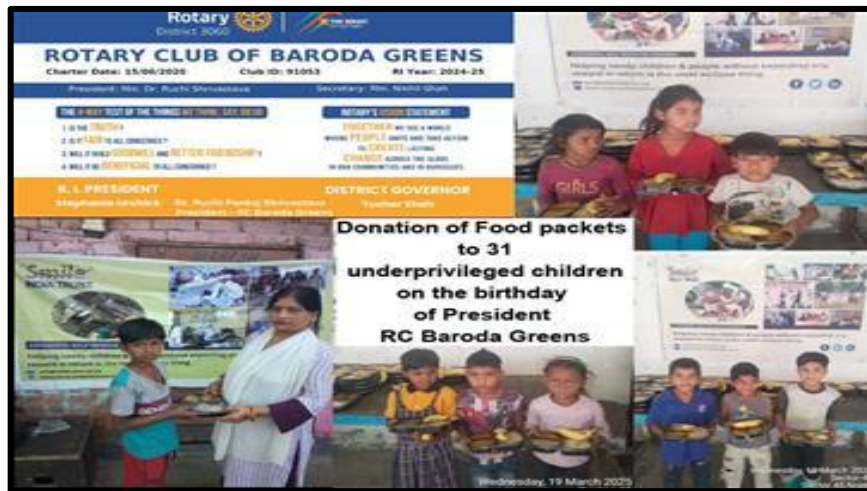
Composting Awareness Drive Held at Ankhol Prathmik Shala

RC Baroda Greens President Celebrated Birthday by Donating Food Packets to Underprivileged Children

In a heartfelt gesture, the President of Rotary Club of Baroda Greens celebrated their birthday on March 19, 2025, by spending the day with 31 underprivileged children and donating food packet meals for the entire day.

The initiative aimed to spread joy and compassion, turning a personal celebration into an act of community service. The children were provided with nutritious meals, creating a warm and memorable experience for everyone involved.

This thoughtful act reflected the true spirit of Rotary – service above self – and left a lasting impact on the children, making the day special not just for the celebrant, but for all who were part of it.



The President of RC Baroda Greens commemorated their birthday by distributing food packets to underprivileged children.

Nests Distributed on World Sparrow Day to Promote Conservation

In celebration of World Sparrow Day on March 20, 2025, a special initiative titled "Bringing Sparrows Back: Nurture Nature, Preserve Life" was carried out to raise awareness about the importance of sparrow conservation. As part of the effort, nests were distributed to encourage the protection and well-being of these small yet vital birds.

Recognizing the crucial role sparrows play in maintaining ecological balance, the initiative aimed to provide them with safe nesting spaces amid increasing urbanization. The distributed nests served as a simple but impactful step toward restoring natural habitats and supporting biodiversity.

Organizers emphasized the need for collective responsibility in preserving wildlife and fostering coexistence with nature. The initiative inspired community members to contribute actively to the protection of sparrows, helping to ensure that their cheerful presence and melodious chirping continue to grace our neighborhoods.



Nests Distributed on World Sparrow Day to Promote Conservation

Expert Talk on Water Sustainability Marks World Water Day Celebration

In celebration of World Water Day, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens and Parul University organized an Expert Talk on March 20, 2025, focused on the theme of water sustainability. The event was hosted by the Civil Engineering Department of PIET (DS) in collaboration with the IWWA Vadodara Chapter.

The session featured key insights from distinguished experts in the field. Er. Chandresh Makhija highlighted the importance of the RRR principle – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle – as a foundation for sustainable water management practices. His talk shed light on practical ways to minimize water wastage and optimize its use.

Prof. U.D. Patel introduced UDMSR, a cost-effective sewage treatment solution designed specifically for rural areas, emphasizing the need for accessible and scalable solutions in water infrastructure.

Prof. (Retd.) H.V. Bhavnani delivered an inspiring address on the value of water conservation, urging participants to become conscious custodians of this vital resource.

The event successfully raised awareness about sustainable water practices and encouraged students, faculty, and attendees to take active roles in water conservation efforts.



Expert Discussion on Water Sustainability Commemorates World Water Day

Expert Talk on 'Food Planet Earth' Highlights Power of Plant-Based Living

On March 21, 2025, the Computer Engineering Department of PIET-DS, in collaboration with Vegan Outreach and the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, hosted an insightful expert talk titled "Food Planet Earth." The session was led by Nija Dhillon, who shed light on the transformative power of plant-based living.

The talk focused on the significant impact that food choices have on personal health, environmental sustainability, and ethical responsibility. Dhillon passionately spoke about how adopting a plant-based lifestyle can contribute to a healthier body, a cleaner planet, and a more compassionate world.

Attendees found the session both engaging and thought-provoking, as it challenged conventional consumption habits and encouraged a mindful approach to eating. The event left a lasting impression, inspiring many to reconsider their dietary practices in favor of more sustainable and humane alternatives.

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Expert Talk on 'Food Planet Earth' Highlights Power of Plant-Based Living

World Water Day Celebrated with Enthusiasm at Dumad Village Primary School

The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in collaboration with the Kachare Se Azadi Foundation, celebrated World Water Day on March 21, 2025, at Dumad Village Primary School. The event aimed to instill the importance of water conservation among children while encouraging their creativity and awareness.

Recognizing that today's children are the future stewards of the planet, the session focused on educating them about the value of saving water through fun, engaging activities. A blend of educational videos, interactive games, and lively discussions helped simplify the message and make the experience memorable.

A total of 190 students actively participated in the one-hour session. Rashmika Prajapati from Kachare Se Azadi Foundation, along with Prachi Patni and Kaustubh Gokhale from the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, led the session. Their combined efforts ensured that the program was well-organized, impactful, and enjoyable for the children.



World Water Day Celebrated with Enthusiasm at Dumad Village Primary School

Poster Making Competition Held at Kanya Shala to Mark World Water Day

On the occasion of World Water Day, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens (RCBG) organized a Poster Making Competition at Kanya Shala, Waghodia, on March 22, 2025. Themed "Save Water, Save Life," the event aimed to raise awareness about water conservation through creative expression.

Students participated with great enthusiasm, using colors and creativity to convey powerful messages on the importance of preserving water. Their posters showcased thoughtful visuals and slogans, emphasizing the need for responsible water usage and sustainable practices.

The competition not only encouraged artistic talent but also deepened the students' understanding of water as a precious resource. Through this initiative, RCBG successfully combined education and creativity to inspire young minds to become advocates for environmental conservation.

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Poster Making Competition Held at Kanya Shala to Mark World Water Day

'Life Drive with Digitalisation' Session Organized in Vadodara

The Srijan Education Trust, in collaboration with Rotary District 3060 and the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, successfully hosted an engaging session titled "Life Drive with Digitalisation" on March 22, 2025, at Trisha Square, Alkapuri. Supported by Parul University, the event focused on the transformative role of digitalization in shaping various facets of modern life.

Dr. Hetal Bhaidasana, Head of the Computer Department at PIET-DS, Parul University, served as the keynote speaker. She shared valuable insights into how digital technology is revolutionizing industries, education systems, and everyday experiences. Her talk highlighted the importance of embracing digital innovation for personal and professional growth.



'Life Drive with Digitalisation' Session

RC Baroda Greens and Parul University Host Session on Optometry Awareness

The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in collaboration with Parul University, organized an informative session titled "The Science of Sight: Understanding Optometry" on March 24, 2025. The event aimed to promote awareness about eye health and the critical role of optometry in vision care.

The session shed light on the importance of regular eye check-ups, advances in optometric science, and preventive measures to maintain good vision. Experts spoke on common vision issues and emphasized the role of optometrists in early diagnosis and effective treatment of eye-related conditions.

Attendees benefited from expert insights into how lifestyle choices can impact eye health, and learned practical tips to preserve vision. The session successfully highlighted the significance of prioritizing eye care and recognized optometry as an essential pillar in achieving and maintaining clear, healthy sight for all.

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RC Baroda Greens and Parul University Conduct Session on Optometry Awareness

'Aatm Gaurav Mela' Celebrated with Compassion and Sustainability

In honor of International Zero Waste Day, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in collaboration with the Kachare Se Azadi Foundation, organized the Aatm Gaurav Mela on March 29, 2025. The event was a heartwarming celebration of joy, dignity, and sustainability, aimed at supporting underprivileged communities, including ragpickers and children.

The mela served as a meaningful platform for people to donate gently used clothes, toys, and shoes, reinforcing the core principles of reuse, recycle, and reduce. The initiative not only contributed to waste reduction but also promoted a culture of giving and social responsibility.

The event witnessed touching moments of gratitude and happiness as beneficiaries received essentials with smiles and dignity. The Aatm Gaurav Mela stood as a powerful example of how community-driven efforts can make a lasting difference, spreading both joy and environmental awareness through thoughtful action.



'Aatm Gaurav Mela' Commemorated with Empathy and Sustainability

RC Baroda Greens Supports Energetic Zumba Event Promoting Health and Fitness

The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens (RCBG) proudly supported a lively and energetic Zumba event held on March 9, 2025. The session, designed to promote health, fitness, and an active lifestyle, was led by renowned dancer, choreographer, and Zumba instructor Vrajesh Parmar. His infectious energy and engaging moves got participants moving with enthusiasm and joy.

The event was anchored by the dynamic Gaurangi Patel – a celebrated producer, director, writer, poet, and theatre artist – whose spirited hosting kept the audience entertained and energized throughout.

With free entry, the event attracted fitness enthusiasts from all walks of life and emphasized the importance of staying active. Media coverage was provided by Spark Today News, while the event was thoughtfully planned and executed by S Creation.

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Adding to the occasion, Dr. Prasang Bansal graced the event as a special guest, sharing inspiring words that encouraged participants to make wellness a daily priority. The event successfully blended fitness with fun, creating a memorable experience for all.



RC Baroda Greens Supports Energetic Zumba Event Promoting Health and Fitness

Women's Cricket League Finale Marks Grand Conclusion of Women's Day Celebrations

In a spirited culmination of the International Women's Day month-long celebrations, the Srijan Trust and Rotary Club of Baroda Greens successfully hosted the grand finale of the Women's Cricket League on March 29, 2025. The highlight event took place alongside the recognition of the "Woman of the Month", honoring exceptional contributions of women from various walks of life.

Throughout March, a series of engaging events – including Zumba Fitness, Life Drive with Digitalization, and the cricket league – were organized to celebrate, empower, and uplift women. The finale match was played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, drawing encouragement and support from the Baroda Cricket Officials' Team.

Adding further motivation to the event was the presence of the SHE TEAM Vadodara, whose participation inspired the players and attendees alike. The cricket league served not only as a sporting competition but also as a platform for fostering unity, confidence, and empowerment among women.

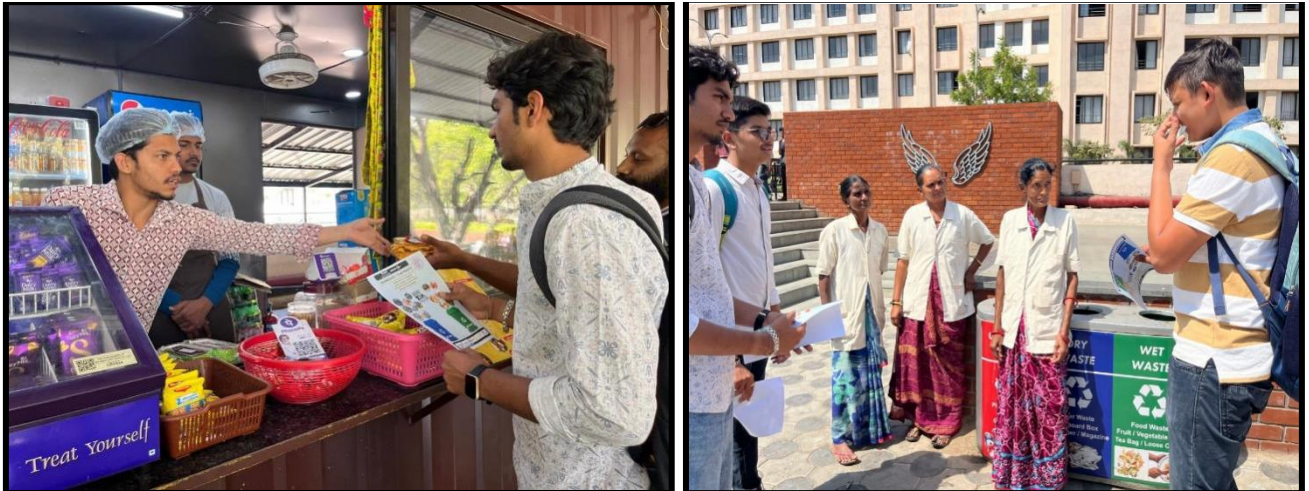
This celebration of women's achievements concluded on a high note, reinforcing the message that with determination and support, women can excel in every field while gracefully managing diverse roles.



Women's Cricket League Finale Marks Grand Conclusion of Women's Day Celebrations

RC Baroda Greens Promotes Waste Segregation at Parul University

The Rotary Club of Baroda Greens (RCBG), in collaboration with the Kachre Se Azadi Foundation, conducted a meaningful "Segregate Your Waste" awareness activity on March 20, 2025, across various food courts at Parul University. The initiative was part of a broader campaign held throughout the month to promote responsible waste management practices. The primary goal of the activity was to educate students, faculty members, and food vendors about the importance of segregating waste at the source into biodegradable, non-biodegradable, and recyclable categories. Volunteers actively interacted with the university community, demonstrating proper disposal techniques and sharing insights into the environmental consequences of poor waste management. The campaign received enthusiastic participation and succeeded in spreading awareness about sustainable waste practices, reinforcing the message that small actions—like segregating waste—can lead to a cleaner and greener future.



RC Baroda Greens Advocates Waste Segregation at Parul University

RC Baroda Greens Celebrates World Forest Day with Medicinal Plant Garden at Shankarpura School

Marking World Forest Day, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens (RCBG) took a meaningful step towards environmental conservation by establishing a botanical garden at Shankarpura Prathmik Shala on March 21, 2025. The initiative aimed to promote ecological awareness and the importance of medicinal plants among young students. Club members planted a variety of beneficial plants, including Tulsi, Giloy, Gajarghas (Parthenium), Neem, and Iron Plant. As part of the event, students were educated on the health benefits and ecological significance of each species. The session emphasized how these plants contribute to both personal wellness and the broader environmental balance. World Forest Day, observed every year on March 21, celebrates the importance of forests and raises awareness about the need to protect them. Forests are essential to life on Earth, and this day reminds us of their value. Forests clean the air, filter water, and regulate the climate. They play a major role in fighting climate change. Millions of people around the world depend on forests for food, shelter, medicine, and jobs. Forests hold spiritual and cultural meaning for many indigenous communities and traditions. Through this engaging activity, RCBG not only enhanced the school's green cover but also instilled a sense of environmental responsibility in the students, encouraging them to care for nature and understand the value of biodiversity.



RC Baroda Greens Commemorates World Forest Day with a Medicinal Plant Garden at Shankarpura School

Dumad Hosts International Zero Waste Day Celebration with Focus on Sustainable Waste Management

In honor of International Zero Waste Day, Dumad Gram Panchayat, in collaboration with the Kachare Se Azadi Foundation and Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, organized a significant awareness event on March 30, 2025. The program was marked by the presence of a special team from Gandhinagar as part of the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) training initiative.

The event brought together village sarpanchs and talatis from the region to discuss and learn about effective waste management techniques aimed at achieving a zero-waste lifestyle. Through interactive sessions and collaborative dialogue, the gathering emphasized the urgent need for sustainable practices and community-led environmental action.

This initiative not only highlighted the importance of waste segregation and reduction but also aimed to empower local leaders to drive change within their communities. The celebration served as a platform for fostering long-term commitment toward a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future.



Dumad Hosts International Zero Waste Day Celebration with Focus on Sustainable Waste Management

Webinar on "Green & Healthy Menstruation"

Webinar on "Green & Healthy Menstruation" Organized by RC Baroda Greens & Parul University On March 8, 2025, the Rotary Club of Baroda Greens, in association with Parul University, successfully conducted a webinar on "Green & Healthy Menstruation." The session aimed to raise awareness about sustainable menstrual practices and the importance of menstrual health for a healthier future. The webinar featured Ms. Somya Akshat, Founder of Samkhya Foundation and a Sustainability Influencer, who shared valuable insights on eco-friendly menstrual products, hygiene practices, and breaking social taboos. The event was convened by Dr. Ruchi Shrivastava, with coordination from Asst. Prof. Sonal D. Pujara and Ms. Rima Ganchi. Attendees actively participated, engaging in discussions and gaining practical knowledge on sustainable menstruation alternatives.

