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हास्य के रंग, रोटरी के संग



## President's Pen

Dear Rotarians,

As we observe September as Literacy Month, I am reminded of the profound impact that education and literacy have on both individuals and societies. It is through literacy that we empower people, uplift communities, and pave the way for sustainable growth and development. This past month has been especially significant for our club as we took active steps to foster education, honor our educators, and promote a culture of reading within our community.

One of our flagship events, the Nation Builder Awards 2024, was a heartwarming celebration of 80 remarkable teachers who have dedicated their lives to nurturing and shaping the leaders of tomorrow. These educators play a pivotal role in transforming the lives of their students, instilling in them not only knowledge but values, curiosity, and the drive to succeed. By recognizing and honoring their tireless efforts, we reaffirmed our club's commitment to supporting education at its very core.

In line with this commitment, we also took the initiative to donate a Portable Library, a humble but powerful tool in encouraging the habit of reading among young students. Reading is not just a fundamental skill, it is a gateway to a world of imagination, knowledge, and opportunity. By making books more accessible, we hope to inspire young minds to explore the wonders of literature, expand their horizons, and cultivate a lifelong love for learning. After all, an informed, well-read community is an empowered community.



But literacy isn't just about academics. It also extends to cultural literacy and engagement. In the spirit of celebration and community, we organized the Garba Competition for Teachers. This lively and colorful event not only provided our beloved educators with a much-deserved break but also allowed them to celebrate the vibrant culture of Navratri. The joy and energy displayed during the event was a testament to how the bonds between educators, students, and the community can be strengthened through shared traditions and fun.

As we reflect on the importance of literacy in the September month, let us remember that it is not just about reading and writing – it's about unlocking the full potential within every individual. Whether through formal education, fostering a love for reading, or celebrating the people who make it all possible, our efforts have a lasting impact on the future of our society.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the members of the Rotary Club of Bharuch for their unwavering support, dedication, and enthusiasm. Together, we are making a real difference, so let's continue this incredible work as we move forward, keeping literacy, education, and empowerment at the forefront of our efforts.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our cause.

**- Rtn Rachana Poddar**

*President - 24-25*

*RC Bharuch*

## Project at a Glance



### Press Conference with 'हास्य के रंग रोटरी के संग' - an evening of fun and laughter :

Press conference was held in anticipation of the event 'हास्य के रंग रोटरी के संग' featuring popular comedians VIP, Gaurav Sharma, Uday Dahiya, and D. Mahesh. During the press conference, the artists expressed their excitement and commitment to supporting the noble causes undertaken by the Rotary Club. They highlighted the importance of community service and the impactful work Rotary Club has been doing in the region. The conference provided an excellent platform to showcase the Rotary Club's contributions, including social welfare initiatives, and support for underprivileged communities. We are incredibly grateful to our distinguished guests, including Shri Tushar Sumera, IAS, - District Magistrate and Collector- Bharuch, DG Tushar Shah and Nehal Shah, MLA Rameshbhai Mistry, Rtn Dushyant Bhai Patel, Prabhari- Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, DGE Amardeep Singh Bunet and Rtn Kamaljit Bunet, AG Vijaysinh Rana, Shri Dharmesh bhai Mistry, and other senior officials from various corporates.

A special thank you to our Event Chair, Bhavik Modi, for his dedication in organizing such a fantastic event.



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**Oral Hygiene and Awareness Camp :** Rotary Club of Bharuch conducted dental check up camp at Limdi Chowk Mishr Shala (Kr.17) on 5th Sept. 2024. The session, led by Rtn. Dr. Parth Barot, aimed to educate students on the importance of dental hygiene. The event included demonstrations of proper brushing techniques and discussions on oral health. The camp successfully raised awareness among around 50 students, contributing to better dental health practices in the community.



**Dental check-up camp continues :** On 6th Sept. 2024, RC Bharuch successfully organized a Oral Hygiene and Awareness Session at Kasak Society Mishr Shala (Kr.38). The session aimed to educate students about the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene and preventing dental issues. Led by Ann. Dr. Anju Hariyani, the session provided valuable insights into proper brushing techniques, the impact of diet on oral health, and preventive measures against common dental problems.

**Project Dental Awareness :** On 10th Sept. 2024, the Rotary Club of Bharuch successfully organized an Oral Hygiene and Awareness Camp at Navi Vasahat Lahori Godown Prathmik Mishra Shala (Kr.41). The session was led by Ann. Dr. Vandana Sethi, who delivered an engaging and informative session on dental hygiene and oral care practices. By the end of the session, students were equipped with essential knowledge to take care of their oral hygiene, and each received a complimentary dental care kit as part of the initiative.



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**Speaker Meet :** Rotary Club of Bharuch organized a Speaker Meeting on 11th Sept. 2024, featuring Rtn Dr. Suketu Dave as the guest speaker. Dr. Dave delivered an insightful session on the topic, "Osteoporosis – A Fight for Weakening Bones." The discussion focused on the prevention, management, and overall impact of osteoporosis, a prevalent yet silent disease that affects bone health. Dr. Dave emphasized the importance of early diagnosis, dietary changes, and lifestyle modifications that can help combat



osteoporosis.

He also highlighted the need for increased awareness and proper medical intervention to prevent long-term complications and encouraged to take proactive steps in maintaining their bone health.



**Project Dental Awareness :** Oral Hygiene Awareness Camp held on 11th Sept. 2024 was a great success, thanks to the incredible efforts of Ann. Dr. Anju Hariyani who led the sessions at Munda Faria Kumar Shala (Kr.19) and Tadia Prathmik Shala (Kr.43) respectively. The commitment to promote dental health among young students was evident in the engaging and informative session conducted. Through interactive discussions and demonstrations, it helped to raise awareness on the importance of dental hygiene and preventive care.

**Project Dental Awareness :** RC Bharuch successfully conducted another Oral Hygiene and Awareness Session on 12th Sept. 2024 at Kasak Society Mukhya Mishra Shala. Rtr. Dr. Divya Gandhi led the session, providing crucial dental health education to the students. The session focused on the importance of oral hygiene, preventive care, and healthy dental practices.



**Eye Check-up Camp :** Following the recent eye check-up conducted at Gayatri School, Mulad in month of August, a follow-up session and further check up of first batch of 12 girls was organised at Sevashram Hospital and spectacles shall be providing to the needy students who were identified during the examination, ensuring that each child receives the necessary support for better vision. Rotary club of bharuch is highly grateful to Rtn Dr Amit Sethi , Rtn Virag Thakore and Sevashram Hospital authorities for their continued cooperation and dedication to the well-being of the students.



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**Thalassemia Check up Camp :** A highly successful Thalassemia Check-Up Camp was conducted at Shri Jayendrapuri Arts and Commerce College, where a total of 718 students were tested. The camp aimed to spread awareness about Thalassemia and to identify potential carriers among students.

RC Bharuch highly appreciate the efforts of Ann Chintal Tolat for effectively coordinating with the college authorities to ensure the smooth execution of the camp. Club is highly grateful to PP Chirag Tambda for liaising with our sponsor, Shri Sankat Mochan Hanuman Charitable Trust for their invaluable contributions toward the success of this health initiative as their generous support made this camp possible.



**Gujarat State Chess Tournament For Blind :** Rotary Club of Bharuch in collaboration with Bharuch District Chess Association, National Association for Blind, and Gujarat Chess Association for Visually Challenged successfully conducted Gujarat State Chess Tournament for the Blind on 15th September 2024, at MIPRYC, Bharuch. The event was organized under the chairmanship of PP Rtn. Mukund Rao and Co Chair Ann Sujata Rao.

The participants, who were visually challenged, competed with great enthusiasm, showcasing remarkable skill and sportsmanship throughout the event. The matches were intense, and participants demonstrated their

exceptional strategic thinking, proving that chess truly knows no barriers. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony,

where the top performers were honored with prizes and participation certificates. Participants expressed their gratitude for being given the opportunity to compete in such a prestigious tournament.

This tournament was a landmark event for the Rotary Club of Bharuch and the visually challenged community in Gujarat. The tournament not only provided a platform for blind chess players to showcase their talent but also set a precedent for similar future initiatives in the region.



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**Nation Builder Awards 2024 :** RC Bharuch successfully organized the prestigious Nation Builder Awards 2024 on 18th September 2024. The event celebrated Teachers' Day by recognizing \*80\* outstanding educators for their remarkable contributions to shaping the future of education. These teachers were acknowledged for their dedication to molding young minds and creating a lasting impact on the community.



The ceremony was graced by the presence of several dignitaries, local educators, and notable personalities from the field of education. The honored teachers were applauded for their unwavering commitment to excellence in teaching, inspiring students, and fostering a brighter future for generations to come. RC Bharuch appreciate the efforts of Event Chair Rtn Kamaljit Bunet for her untiring efforts to make this ceremony a resounding success.



**KVIC's Upskill Training for Shoe Artisans :**

The Rotary Club of Bharuch, in partnership with KVIC's Upskill Scheme, conducted a 25-day training for shoe artisans at FDDI Ankleshwar during RY 2023-24. Upon completion, kits worth ₹50,000 were distributed to participants by dignitaries, including Mr. Jigar Dave (Deputy Commissioner of Industry) and Rotary Club members like IPP Rizwana Zamindar and Treasurer Rtn Pravin Purohit. This initiative, supported by Rotary and FDDI, trained

artisans in shoe repair and crafting, empowering them to pursue it as a dignified livelihood. A batch of 10 individuals from Bharuch, Ankleshwar, and Patan successfully completed the program.

**Appreciation to Doctors :** In an effort to promote better oral hygiene practices among school children, a series of oral hygiene awareness sessions were conducted across 26 Nagarpalika schools in Bharuch. These sessions were aimed at educating students about the importance of oral health, preventive measures, and good hygiene practices to prevent dental issues.

The dental professionals who played a vital role in conducting the awareness sessions were - Dr Parth Barot, Dr Anju Hariyani, Dr Vihang Sukhadia, Dr Pinchai Chen, Dr Amit Sethi, Dr Vandana Sethi, Dr Piyush Pandey, Dr Divya Gandhi.

These doctors volunteered their time and expertise, patiently interacting with the children, and were instrumental in ensuring that every student was educated about proper oral hygiene. Over 2200 students participated in the awareness sessions. The interactive nature of the sessions ensured that the students remained engaged and took an active interest in learning about oral health.



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**Appreciation to Sponsors :** In an effort to promote better oral hygiene practices among school children, a series of oral hygiene awareness sessions were conducted across 26 Nagarpalika schools in Bharuch. The sessions also included distribution of dental and drawing kits to the children. The initiative was supported by generous sponsors Shri Maheshkumar Jain, Shri Rameshbhai Patel who provided both dental kits and drawing kits to encourage healthy habits and creativity. RC Bharuch is highly grateful to the sponsors for their kind generosity.



**Odyssey of Service – A Rotary Celebration :** On 26th Sept. 2024 members of the RC Bharuch attended the prestigious event Odyssey of Service – A Rotary Celebration at Surat. The event, organized by Rotary District 3060, featured Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo the Rotary International President for 2025-26, as the guest of the evening.

The evening began with a fellowship session followed by session by DGE Amardeep Singh Bunet introducing the team of 2025-26, the general meeting where everyone participated in a vibrant and insightful gathering, celebrating the spirit of service. The event was a remarkable opportunity for RC Bharuch members to connect with Rotarians from across the

district, exchange ideas, and further commit to their journey of service under the leadership of DGE Amardeep Singh Bunet and upcoming RI President.

**Ramjhat - Garba Competition for Teachers :** Ramjhat Garba Competition for Teachers, organized by the Rotary Club of Bharuch in collaboration with Rotaract Bharuch, took place on the 28th of September 2024. The event was a grand success, celebrating the spirit of Navratri while providing a joyful platform for teachers from 20 schools competing in groups to showcase their talents in traditional Garba dance.

The event not only highlighted their dancing skills but also emphasized the importance of cultural expression by the Garba performances, where each school presented their unique dance routine. The performances were judged based on various criteria, including choreography, coordination, costumes, and overall performances.

The competition was a wonderful celebration of dance and culture and all participants thoroughly enjoyed the event, and it was evident in their energetic performances. We highly appreciate the efforts of Event Chair Rtn Gunjan Mehta and Co Chair Rtn Kamaljit Bunet whose meticulous planning ensured the smooth execution of the event.





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**Ganesh Aarti Pujan :** Members of RC Bharuch were invited by Aarnav Charitable Trust and Juna Bazar to join for the Ganapati Arti to celebrate and seek blessings from Lord Ganesh!



**K4Knowledge: Qinghai Tibetan Plateau**

**"BAREFOOT FESTIVAL"**

The Barefoot Festival started in 2006 through a word of mouth & recommendations. Barefoot Festival is all about going back to basics, feeling the grass between your toes and taking a break from the pressures of modern life. You can try something new, spend quality time with your loved ones and meet new friends. You can also enjoy, the stars overhead, fresh air and a communal campfire. There are a wide variety of activities like Fantastic music, Bollywood dance, Yoga, Sound baths, Festival food & so on. The event is intimate yet bursting with energy & life. This year the Barefoot Festival was celebrated from 26th to 29th July.



**100% Attendance**

Rtn Akshar Mehta	Rtn Bhavesh Hariyani
Rtn Bijal Toprani	Rtn Amit Sethi
Rtn Pratiksha Mahida	Rtn Vanrajsinh Mahida
Rtn Gunjan Mehta	Rtn. Jeet Toprani
Rtn. Manish Poddar	Rtn. Mukund Rao
Rtn. Sarosh Ginwala	Zubin Jambusarwala

**Rotary Weekly Bonanza Winner**

# CLUBS DONATE SUPPLIES, RAISE FUNDS, AND VOLUNTEER...

By *Arnold R. Grahl and Etelka Lehoczky*

Ed Hallock thought he knew what a hurricane could do. Then Helene hit the Gulf Coast of Florida.

"I have been here 35 years, and this is the worst storm I have ever seen," says Hallock, a member of the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake, Florida, USA. "We had a couple of Rotary members who really got hammered."

Donate to Rotary's Disaster Response Fund

A Category 4 hurricane, Helene battered areas in and around the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico, and parts of the United States' Eastern Seaboard during the last week of September. Storm surges and heavy rains produced extreme flooding throughout the region. More than 200 people have died in the U.S. states of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Other countries and areas that experienced severe flooding include the Cayman Islands, Cuba, Honduras, and Mexico.

Sandra Lilo, another member of the Seminole Lake club, says she's lucky that her house wasn't destroyed.

"Of the 80 houses on my street, probably 78 took water. I and my next-door neighbor did not," she says. "Some of my neighbors took 4 feet of water. There are 2 or 3 feet of muck in most people's houses."

Even if they and their fellow club members weren't directly affected, Rotary members all over the southeastern U.S. immediately offered funds, supplies, and their own labor. Many members are helping to remove sodden drywall and flooring from flood-damaged houses.

"You have to get the wet stuff out as fast as you can to prevent mold," Hallock says.

"Otherwise, it destroys the whole living space."

The Rotary Club of Dunedin North, Florida, USA, rented a 26-foot moving truck to collect donations. It's full of shovels and rakes, cases of water, garbage bags, and

utility knives to cut up and remove wet carpet. The club has set up four distribution centers where people can get supplies.

"This is why you are a Rotarian," says Mark Middleton, a member of the Dunedin North club and a district governor-nominee. Dunedin North has five members whose homes were destroyed.

"We have multiple clubs going to homes, mucking out and gutting these houses. Dry wall has to be cut out as high as the water line, and all flooring has to be cut out," Middleton says. "What a blessing it is that we can help and be there for them. You become close to your Rotary family. When we can support and help each other, it becomes impactful."

Many Rotary clubs are collecting and distributing supplies, raising funds, and assisting those affected by Hurricane Helene. Here is information about some of the efforts:

- The Florida Rotary districts' disaster relief page is posting information about various initiatives.
- Rotary Zones 33 and 34 are collecting donations for disaster relief.
- Rotary District 6950 in Florida is providing Instagram updates on relief efforts.
- The Rotary Club of Babcock Ranch, Florida, USA, is collecting supplies.
- The Rotary Club of Empowering Our Girls is donating menstrual hygiene supplies.
- The Rotary Club of Pinehurst, North Carolina, USA, is sharing disaster relief information.
- The Rotary Club of Pisgah Forest, North Carolina, USA, is assisting neighbors.
- The Rotary Club of Zebulon, North Carolina, USA, is seeking volunteers and supplying toiletries.

Partners in Service

Interact Club of Bharuch

**1st to 7th September :** Interactors along with Past President Itr. Sheral christian and Dr. Vikram Premkumar made 7 days 7 videos to mark the national nutrition week by spreading awareness about the importance of nutrition through videos.

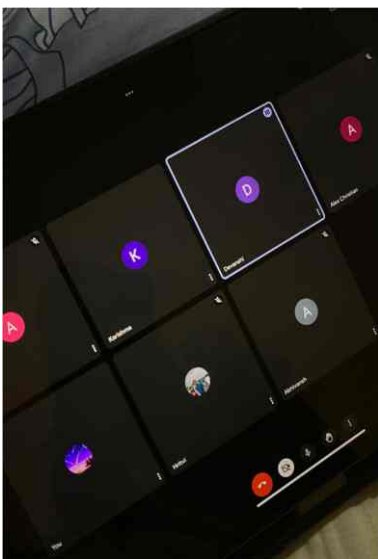


**8th September :** interact club had participated in Rotaract Club's teacher day program.

**10th September :** Interactors helped interact club of Pragma Kantaoui from Tunisia to make an awareness video on international suicide day.



**11th September :** interactors along with Rotaract Club visited Bharuch Cha Chintamani for Aarti on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi.



**23rd September :** Interactors held an online meeting for further project discussions.

**24th 25th and 26th September:** Itr. Karishma suthar Interactors joined in Rotaract Club's 3 Day Garba Workshop.

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Competition of Chess Tournament



Maha Aarti at Sanskrit Pathshala



Honour of Senior citizen lady teachers on Teacher's day



Lord Ganeshaji Aarti at RCC Secretary Kamal Shah home



Lord GaneshMaha Aarti at Junabazar by RCC Members



Lunch offered to Patients relative at Civil Hospital



Competition of Aarti decoration and Modak



Distribution of school bags to the students of Suthiapura Anganwadi



Clothes distribution to needy people at Mahavir Nagar



Pustak Talk on book "Ayodhya Kah Rahi" by Speaker Mrs. Prabhaben Parik at Aao Pustak Maliye project



# Birthday Greetings



02 Oct.	Rtn. Kishore Shadadpuri	9898040685	21 Oct.	Rtn. Kripa Ronak shah	9574043111
03 Oct.	Rtn. Sachin Patel	8460438176	21 Oct.	Ann. Chandani Patel	9979937000
05 Oct.	Rtn. Shahbuddin Contractor	9638423930	22 Oct.	Rtn. Himanshu Shah	9824175799
05 Oct.	Ann. Dr Trupti Shah	9825571325	23 Oct.	Rtn. Parveen Goyal	9824150571
06 Oct.	Rtn. Prashant Ruia	9898052308	24 Oct.	Ann. Ishani Patel	9227571710
06 Oct.	Rtn. Rajeev Goel	8469826305	25 Oct.	Ann. Sujata Rao	9377536001
06 Oct.	Ann. Archana Milap Shah	7227833441	26 Oct.	Rtn. Ghanshyam Bhatt	9824112770
09 Oct.	Rtn. Dr.Wasim Raj	9925802555	27 Oct.	Ann. Tarannum Contractor	9998436729
10 Oct.	Rtn. Dr. Milap Shah	9924102797	28 Oct.	Rtn. Navendu Ajit Goyal	9824327129
12 Oct.	Ann. Damyanti Patel	9033618104	28 Oct.	Ann. Nidhi Sachin Patel	7359999272
14 Oct.	Ann. Rina Kishan Patel	9638266083	28 Oct.	Rtn. Nitisha Shah	7622009972
16 Oct.	Rtn. Umesh Moria	9898047825	28 Oct.	Ann. Nisha Hariyani	9924011221
16 Oct.	Ann. Hetal Parikh	9998014007	31 Oct.	Rtn. Devang Thakore	9824183994
18 Oct.	Rtn. Ronak Shah	9898496222			



## ROTARY BHARUCH PERMANENT PROJECTS



M. I. Patel Rotary Youth Center



Shantivan Crematorium



Project Adhar



P.D. Shroff Rotary Diagnostic Center



Pay & Use Toilet Blocks



Ambulance & Morgue Vehicle



Women Empowerment Project



Mobile Toy Library - Ramakdu



Hum Honge Kamyab - Literacy



Clean Drinking Water