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October is Economic and Community Development Month

*"For our own success to be
real, it must contribute to the
success of others."*



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From the President's Desk

Dear fellow Rotarians and friends,

As we welcome October, we step into a month filled with the vibrant spirit of Dussehra and the anticipation of Diwali — festivals that celebrate the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, and devotion over challenges. Dussehra reminds us of courage, righteousness, and the power of perseverance, while Diwali inspires joy, unity, and the hope of new beginnings.

This month encourages us to carry these values into our service — approaching every initiative with dedication, positivity, and the spirit of togetherness. As we engage in community projects, celebrations, and meaningful fellowships, let us reflect the essence of these festivals by spreading light, happiness, and empowerment to those around us.

In today's ever-evolving world, our collective efforts in community service, awareness campaigns, and social initiatives are more important than ever. October gives us the perfect opportunity to combine festive enthusiasm with purposeful action, ensuring that our service continues to create lasting impact.

Let us celebrate October with joy, unity, and a renewed commitment to Service Above Self, bringing light and hope into the lives of our communities.

Wishing you and your families a happy, prosperous, and fulfilling October ahead.

Thank you.

Rtn. Kashyap Shah



**Rtn. Kashyap Shah &
Rtn. Moksha Shah**

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Editor's Page

As we celebrate the joyous festivals of Sharad Poonam and Diwali, let's take a moment to reflect on the significance of these special days.

Sharad Poonam marks the beginning of the harvest season, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil and the victory of light over darkness. It's a time to appreciate the beauty of nature and the bounty of the earth.

Diwali, the festival of lights, is a celebration of the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil. It's a time to come together with family and friends, share in the joy of festivities, and spread love and positivity.

As we light lamps, exchange gifts, and share festive meals, let's remember the true essence of these festivals. Let's strive to spread love, kindness, and compassion, and work towards creating a brighter, more harmonious world.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very happy Sharad Poonam and Diwali!

Happy Reading!



Ann. Charmi Shah

Bulletin Editor

**Rotary Club of
Baroda Sayajinagar**

RCBS PROJECTS

Safe-Unsafe Touch Awareness - 02/09/25



The Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagar, in collaboration with Young India, conducted an impactful awareness session on Safe–Unsafe Touch and Adolescent Guidance at M.K. School. The session, facilitated by Mayuri Gohil and Prachi, guided students in recognizing safe vs. unsafe touch, understanding personal boundaries, and knowing when and how to seek help. To ensure effective engagement, the program was thoughtfully divided into two age-appropriate groups — Standards 5 & 6 and Standards 7 & 8 — where Prachi also led a special segment on Cybercrime Awareness and introduced the Cyber Helpline 1930. Students were further sensitized about CHILDLINE 1098, a 24x7 helpline for children in distress, reinforcing the importance of speaking up and seeking timely support. Attended by Rtn. Seema Thakur and Rtn. Sanyogita Pradhan, the session successfully reached 120 students, equipping them with crucial knowledge for their safety and well-being. Such initiatives play a vital role in empowering children to recognize unsafe situations, protect themselves, and confidently seek help. Through its Personal Safety Education programs, RCBS continues its commitment to child safety, striving towards a safer and more informed future for every child.

Rtn. Kashyap Shah | President - Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagar

RCBS PROJECTS

HUMF - 03/09/25



"Because every mother deserves health, care, and dignity."

Project HUMF is a permanent initiative by RCBS dedicated to maternal and newborn health care. This month, 66 mothers benefitted from the project through the thoughtful distribution of nutritious foods like gud chikki and roasted chana, as well as postpartum essentials including sanitary pads, panties, and maternity gowns. These items, rich in nutrition and practicality, are crucial for a mother's recovery, strength, and overall well-being.

This impactful effort was made possible through the generous support of Ann Tejal Shreyansh Mehta, Rtn. Dharmendra Amin, Ann Pinky Agrawal, and Rtn. Sanyogita Pradhan. The session was graced by Rtn. Vaishali Shah, Ann Seema Thakur, Rtn. Moksha Shah, Ann Mamta Shah, Rtn. Sanyogita Pradhan, Ann Pinky Agrawal, and Vibhuti, who stood in solidarity with this noble cause.

Adding further value, President Rtn. Kashyap Shah, along with Dr. Rtn. Aswin Shah and fellow Rotarians, held a meaningful meeting with GMERS Dean Dr. Vishala Pandya and her team of doctors to explore how RCBS can associate with GMERS in more fruitful and impactful ways.

Together, we bring hope, health, and dignity to mothers, creating a stronger and healthier tomorrow.

RCBS PROJECTS

Intercity Meet - Cluster 2 - 07/09/25



The Intercity Meet – Cluster 2, hosted by Rotary Club of Vadodara ONE, brought together Rotarians from across the cluster for a day filled with learning, discussions, and fellowship. Attended by RCBS members Rtn. Sanyogita Pradhan, Rtn. Brijesh Shah, Rtn. Moksha Shah, and Rtn. Deval Shastri, the event highlighted three key focus areas – Membership, Service Projects, and Public Image.

Distinguished speakers and facilitators shared valuable insights on membership growth strategies, innovative service initiatives, and effective tools to enhance Rotary's public image. The meet also served as a vibrant platform for networking, exchanging ideas, and reinforcing the true spirit of Rotary.

Our members found the sessions highly enriching and returned inspired to implement the learnings, further strengthening both club activities and impactful community service initiatives.

RCBS PROJECTS

Workbook Distribution - 11/09/25



Education, being one of Rotary's seven focus areas, continues to inspire impactful initiatives by the Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari (RCBS). As part of this commitment, RCBS organized meaningful projects to support early childhood learning through the distribution of workbooks.

At Dongreji Maharaj School, Bakrawadi, 260 workbooks were distributed, benefitting 130 children of Junior and Senior KG. The children's joy and excitement on receiving their new books reflected the true success of the initiative. The programme was thoughtfully conducted by Rtn. Neeta Shah and Rtn. Sanyogita Pradhan, who brought smiles and encouragement to the young learners.

Continuing this effort, another workbook distribution was held on 15th September 2025 at Kavi Dayaram Balwadi, Vadodara. Here, 60 workbooks were distributed, benefitting 30 children of Junior and Senior KG.

Through such initiatives, RCBS reaffirms its commitment to strengthening the educational foundation of children and empowering the next generation to learn, grow, and thrive.

RCBS PROJECTS

Nation Builder Award Ceremony - 13/09/25



The Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagar (RCBS) proudly hosted its annual Outstanding Educator Award ceremony at Hotel Regenta, Bhayli, to honor the dedication and invaluable contributions of exceptional teachers and educators. Previously known as the Nation Builder Award, this recognition was rechristened as the Outstanding Educator Award this year by RID 3060.

As part of the selection process, teachers were nominated by their schools through a comprehensive 360-degree evaluation involving management, peer teachers, and students—ensuring transparency, fairness, and credibility. RCBS reached out to 30 schools across Vadodara city and rural areas, of which 23 schools responded with nominations. The chosen awardees were invited to the ceremony along with their families, making the event truly special.

The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Shri Nishidh Desai, Chairman, नगर प्राथमिक शिक्षण समिति, who felicitated the awardees. Each educator was honored with a Certificate of Recognition endorsed by the DG RID 3060 and RCBS President, along with a diary and pen set as a token of appreciation. The event also served as a warm platform for educators to connect, share experiences, and celebrate their passion for teaching.

Representing RCBS at the event were Rtn. Kashyap Shah, Rtn. Sanyogita Pradhan, Rtn. Minal Shah, Rtn. Neeta Shah, Ann. Anu Shrivastava, Rtn. Sneha Ramani, Rtn. Moksha Shah, Rtn. Nisha Amin, Rtn. Vrunda Desai, Rtn. Bhargav Bhatt, and Rtn. Milind Gogate.

By recognizing educators who inspire, guide, and empower students, RCBS reaffirms its commitment to strengthening the foundation of education and celebrating those who shape the future.

RCBS PROJECTS

Safe-Unsafe Touch Awareness Session (MASOOM) - 13/09/25



The Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagar (RCBS), in collaboration with Young India, organized an impactful awareness program on Safe-Unsafe Touch and Adolescent Guidance at Mahapura Prathmik Shala. Facilitators Mayuri Gohil and Prachi from Young India guided students on the vital concepts of recognizing safe vs. unsafe touch, understanding personal boundaries, and seeking timely help when needed.

The session saw active participation from 170 students across Standards 1 to 8. To ensure better age-appropriate understanding, the program was thoughtfully structured into three groups — Std. 1st-4th, Std. 5th-6th, and Std. 7th-8th. Students were also sensitized about CHILDLINE 1098, the 24x7 emergency helpline for children in distress, emphasizing the importance of speaking up and reaching out for support.

The program was attended and supported by Rtn. Sanyogita Pradhan, whose encouragement added further value to the initiative.

Through such Personal Safety Education programs, RCBS reaffirms its strong commitment to child safety, awareness, and welfare, working towards a safer and more informed future for every child.

RCBS PROJECTS

Hygiene and Menstruation Awareness Session - 18/09/25



The Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagar organized an impactful Hygiene and Menstruation Awareness Session at M.K. High School, led by the expert guidance of Dr. Vijaya Mehta. The session witnessed the active participation of around 130 girls, who engaged enthusiastically in the interactive discussion.

The program focused on essential aspects of hygiene and menstruation, equipping young girls with practical knowledge and confidence to care for their health. A noteworthy highlight was the students' awareness and curiosity regarding the importance of HPV vaccination, reflecting their eagerness to learn and take proactive steps towards safeguarding their well-being.

The session was further enriched by the presence of Rtn. Minal Shah, Rtn. Sanyogita, Ann. Anu Shrivastava, and Ann. Nisha Gogate, whose encouragement and support contributed to the program's success.

This initiative stands as a testament to RC Baroda Sayajinagar's continued commitment to health awareness, education, and the empowerment of young girls, paving the way for a healthier and more informed future generation.

RCBS HAPPENINGS

Ratri before Navratri- 20/09/25



🎵 Raas Rotary Na Sang Ma, Raatri Rotary Na Rang Ma 🎵

The festive spirit of Navratri came alive at Shakti Greens, Vasna-Bhayli Road, Baroda, where more than 50 Rotarians joined hands with BNI members to celebrate an evening filled with joy, energy, and togetherness. The electrifying beats of Singer Group Aarohi – led by Gautam Dabir – set the stage on fire, creating an unforgettable night of Raas, Garba, celebration, and cherished connections.

The fellowship beautifully reflected the essence of Rotary – unity, bonding, and shared happiness. Every smile, every rhythmic step of Garba, and every moment of togetherness highlighted the strength of RCBS fellowship and the warmth of companionship.

Special gratitude goes to Rtn. Kalpesh Shah and Rtn. Vaishali Shah for their meticulous planning, wonderful arrangements, and for providing RCBS members the opportunity to be part of this delightful BNI Garba.

The evening was not just a celebration, but also a reminder of the devotion, energy, and joy that Navratri brings into our lives. The memories created will remain etched in the hearts of the RCBS family.

As token of appreciation and grace , the winners of Rotary catagory are :

1. Best dressed couple : Rtn Sandip and Moona Patel
2. Best dressed male : Rtn Kashyap Shah
3. Best dressed female : Ann Aarti Shah
4. Best male dancer: Rtn Birju Dixit
5. Best female dancer: Ann Anu Srivastav

Congratulations to all of them !

Heartfelt thanks to all who participated and contributed to making the event a glowing success. May this Navratri bring divine blessings, happiness, and prosperity to every member of our RCBS family.



Rtn. Kashyap Shah | President - Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagar

OUR PARTNERS IN SERVICE

Interact Club of Billabong High International School District Project Ecobrick Competition



Billabong High International School's Interact Club proudly participated in the District Project Ecobrick Competition, held from 15th August to 15th September. Ecobricks are plastic bottles tightly packed with clean, dry, non-recyclable plastic waste, offering an innovative solution to plastic management. These ecobricks can be transformed into useful items such as furniture, garden structures, school benches, and even temporary walls, turning harmful waste into constructive resources.

Through this initiative, our Interactors not only gained hands-on experience in creating ecobricks but also developed a deeper understanding of environmental stewardship and sustainability. The project underscores how mindful practices can convert everyday waste into tools for community development and ecological preservation.

We wholeheartedly commend our Interactors for their dedication and collective effort in promoting a cleaner, greener future for all.

OUR PARTNERS IN SERVICE

The Cygnus Interact Club

CPR Session - 01/09/25



On Monday, 1st September 2025, Zydus Hospital conducted an insightful CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training session for the Interact Club. The session was led by Dr. Gitanjali Gupta, Emergency Medicine Specialist at Zydus, who guided students through the critical steps to take when someone is in a life-threatening situation and how to assess whether CPR is required.

Dr. Gupta explained the six-step process, abbreviated as DRS CAB:

- D – Danger: Check for scene safety
- R – Responsiveness: Assess if the patient is responding by calling their name and checking for pulse and breath
- S – Send for help: Call for an ambulance and arrange for an AED machine
- C – Chest compressions: Performed 5 cm deep into the sternum
- A – Airway
- B – Breaths

She further explained that post-COVID, opening the airway and giving breaths has been discontinued in standard CPR practice. Beyond theory, the session offered valuable hands-on experience as students practiced chest compressions on a dummy, allowing them to understand and apply the technique in real life.

This training proved to be a highly enriching experience, equipping students with a vital skill that could one day help save a life. It not only enhanced awareness about cardiac emergencies but also reinforced the importance of being prepared to support and protect the community in times of need.

OUR PARTNERS IN SERVICE

The Cygnus Interact Club

Navratri Water Stall : Fund Raising Event - 19/09/25 & 20/09/25



On Friday, 19th September, and Saturday, 20th September 2025, the Interact Club of Cygnus World School successfully organized and managed a water stall during the Navratri celebrations. Over the two days, more than 1100 bottles of water were sold, ensuring timely service to visitors while raising funds for community initiatives.

The stall was managed in four well-planned slots, with students working in shifts from daytime into the late evening and night. This arrangement not only helped manage the heavy flow of visitors but also gave students valuable experience in handling real-time challenges during peak hours.

To ensure accountability, all sales were recorded on Google Sheets, maintaining transparency and accuracy in accounts. The activity also provided an excellent platform for team bonding, with every member contributing responsibly and working together to run the stall smoothly. Minor operational challenges, such as managing cash flow, were handled efficiently through cooperation and adaptability.

Overall, the Navratri Water Stall proved to be much more than a fundraising initiative. It was an enriching learning experience that strengthened organizational skills, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities, while reflecting the spirit of service and collaboration.

OUR PARTNERS IN SERVICE

The Cygnus Interact Club *Cyber Security Session - 22/09/25*



On Monday, 22nd September 2025, the students of Cygnus World School attended an informative Cyber Security awareness session conducted by Indusface Industry. Separate sessions were organized for Grades 8 and 9 to ensure that the discussions were tailored to the students' age and level of understanding.

The session was led by guest speakers Mr. Prashant Khairnar, Lead of Pre-Sales, and Mr. Kush Vyas, HR Manager. Mr. Prashant explained how bullying occurs in digital spaces and highlighted practical steps to protect oneself from cyberbullying and hacking attempts. His insights emphasized the importance of vigilance and safe digital practices for students navigating online environments.

Mr. Kush elaborated on the concept of cyberspace, breaking it down in a clear and relatable manner for the students. He also introduced them to the wide range of career opportunities available in cybersecurity and related digital fields, inspiring them to explore this growing and critical domain.

The sessions were highly interactive, providing students with valuable knowledge on safe internet practices and the potential of cybersecurity as a career. Overall, the initiative empowered students with awareness, confidence, and practical understanding to navigate the digital world responsibly.

SPECIAL DAYS OF RCBS 25-26

BIRTHDAYS

- **06/10/25** – Rtn. Amit Srivastava
- **10/10/25** – Ann. Nitu Shah
- **15/10/25** – Ann. Hetal Vyas
- **15/10/25** – Mr. Pantul Kothari
- **16/10/25** – Ann. Mira Shah
- **19/10/25** – Rtn. Kokila Kothari
- **22/10/25** – Ann. Rupal Kothari
- **23/10/25** – Mr. Stanley Coelho
- **27/10/25** – Rtn. Dr. Bharat Desai
- **27/10/25** – Mr. Nihir Mankad
- **31/10/25** – Rtn. Ambrish Shah

ANNIVERSARIES

- **01/10/25** – Rtn. Ajay Purandare & Ann. Suvarna Purandare
- **26/10/25** – Rtn. Malay Bhayani & Ann. Vaishali Bhayani

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **05/10/25** – Public Image
- **08/10/25** – HUMF
- **09/10/25** – Swaman Store
- **15/10/25** – Diwali Celebration
- **29/10/25** – HUMF



**Rtn. Kashyap Shah
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