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**MARCH IS
WATER & SANITATION MONTH**



RCBS TEAM 2025 - 26



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From the President's Desk

Dear fellow Rotarians and friends,

As we welcome the month of March, we do so with renewed energy and optimism. A new month always brings fresh opportunities to reflect, refocus, and move forward with a strong sense of purpose. It is a time to build on our efforts, strengthen our commitment to service, and continue working together to make a meaningful difference in our community.

Each new month encourages us to stay proactive and transform our ideas into meaningful actions. Through our service projects, initiatives, and fellowship, we have the ability to touch lives and contribute to the well-being of society. With the collective strength and enthusiasm of our members, we can continue to create a positive impact and uphold the values that Rotary stands for. The true strength of our club lies in the unity, dedication, and active participation of its members. Every Rotarian plays an important role in shaping our journey. Whether through community service, collaboration, or simply supporting one another, our shared commitment to Service Above Self continues to inspire meaningful change. Even small efforts, when carried out with sincerity and teamwork, can lead to lasting results.

As we move through this month, let us also take the opportunity to strengthen our bonds of fellowship and encourage greater participation within the club. By sharing ideas, supporting initiatives, and working together with enthusiasm, we can expand our outreach and enhance the impact of our service activities.

I look forward to continuing this journey with all of you and witnessing the positive outcomes we can achieve together. Let us approach this month with determination, collaboration, and compassion, confident that our collective efforts will bring meaningful progress.

Wishing all members a wonderful and productive month of March, filled with good health, positivity, and continued success in our shared mission of service.



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

**President & First
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**Rotary Club of
Baroda Sayajinagari**

Editor's Page

As we step into the month of March, with the vibrant colors of Holi still fresh in our minds, let us channel that festive energy towards creating meaningful change. This month, we focus on sustainability, community empowerment, and celebrating the spirit of togetherness that strengthens our efforts and initiatives.

Through this edition, we aim to highlight inspiring stories of resilience, showcase impactful projects, and encourage thoughtful conversations that truly matter. It is an opportunity to reflect the dedication and remarkable work being carried out by our members, partners, and the communities we serve. Let us continue spreading the colors of joy, unity, and hope, and make this March edition a celebration of positivity and collective action.

Together, we can create a ripple effect of change and inspire many more to join in the journey of service.

Happy Reading!



Ann. Charmi Shah

Bulletin Editor

**Rotary Club of
Baroda Sayajinagari**

RCBS PROJECTS

HbA1C & Blood Pressure Camp - 03/02/26



An HbA1C Testing Assessment and Blood Pressure Camp was successfully conducted on 3rd February 2026 at Nilamber Bellissimo-1 in association with the Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari (RCBS) for the benefit of the community staff. The camp was sponsored and organised by Rtn. Dr. Ashwin Shah, with the aim of assessing HbA1C levels, which indicate the average blood glucose (blood sugar) levels over the past two to three months, along with regular blood pressure monitoring to promote preventive healthcare. A total of 17 community staff members from the campus benefited from this health initiative. Medical support was provided by Ganga Jamna Hospital, Ellora Park, Vadodara, which is always ready to support such noble healthcare activities. The camp was attended by Rtn. Milind Gogate and Rtn. Sanyogita. The Rotary Club expresses sincere gratitude to Rtn. Dr. Ashwin Shah for his valuable contribution and continued commitment towards community health and wellness.

RCBS PROJECTS

HUMF - 04/02/26



Project HUMF is a permanent initiative of the Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari (RCBS), dedicated to promoting maternal and newborn healthcare with care, dignity, and compassion. On 4th February 2026, under this meaningful initiative, 61 mothers benefited from the project. As part of the program, post-partum essentials were distributed, including sanitary napkins, panties, and maternity gowns to support new mothers during their recovery period and promote hygiene and comfort. The initiative was attended by Rtn. Seema Thakur, Rtn. Minal Shah, and Ann. Mona Patel, whose presence and encouragement added warmth to the event. The total project cost was ₹16,775, generously sponsored by Ann. Pinky Aggrawal, Rtn. Seema Thakur, Rtn. Sanyogita, and an RCBS well-wisher. The Rotary Club extends heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors and members for their support in making Project HUMF a meaningful step towards healthier mothers and happier beginnings.

RCBS PROJECTS

RCBS Extends Support to Kashiba Children's Hospital 04/02/26



The Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari (RCBS) successfully organized a fundraising initiative in support of Kashiba Children's Hospital, Vadodara, reflecting the club's continued commitment towards community service and healthcare support. Through this meaningful effort, a total amount of ₹11,10,000 was raised and proudly handed over to the hospital on 4th February 2026 at Kashiba Children's Hospital, Vadodara. The initiative stands as a testament to the collective dedication of RCBS members and the generosity of well-wishers who came forward to support this noble cause. The club takes great pride in contributing towards the wellbeing of children and strengthening healthcare support in the community.

RCBS PROJECTS

Close Body- 04/02/26



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

RCBS PROJECTS

Close Body- 04/02/26

The Closed Body Meeting No. 3 of the Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari (RCBS) was held on 4th February 2026 at 7:30 pm at Vanijya Bhavan. During the meeting, several important administrative and financial matters were discussed and approved. It was decided that the TRF contribution of USD 25 will remain a part of the club fees, and all members must pay the club fees in full to the RCBS account, without making direct payments to Rotary International. The accounts for Rotary Year 2024–25, reflecting a loss of ₹8,299, were approved, considering that the permissible interest utilisation is ₹60,000 instead of ₹50,000, as previously accounted. This approval was subject to the receipt of a sponsorship amount of ₹1,10,000 before 31st March, which IPP Rtn. Hitesh Mali assured would be received within the stipulated time. The Welfare Account, showing a loss of ₹1,24,036.54, was also approved by the Closed Body.

A suggestion was proposed to appoint an external auditor for improved financial oversight. It was further decided that audit fees of ₹10,000 per annum for filing income tax returns for the past three financial years (2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023–24) through Rtn. Jay Shah's company would be paid, and Rtn. Jay Shah graciously agreed to accept the amount and donate it back to the Welfare Account of RCBS. The accounts will be reviewed and fine-tuned jointly by Rtn. Rajendra Shah, Rtn. Jay Shah, and Rtn. Malay Bhayani, and the finalized details will be circulated to members, with a deadline of 13th February 2026.

The meeting also resolved that the principal amounts of all Fixed Deposits (FDs) will remain frozen as of the current date, with no new FDs to be created. Existing FDs will be renewed only for the principal amount, while the interest generated will be fully utilized exclusively for welfare projects, effective from Rotary Year 2025–26. Under the AnandKalyan Project, the club agreed to adopt Bhadrwa village without immediate financial implications, and any future financial requirements will be undertaken only after prior approval. Regarding the Official Club Visit (OCV), it was decided that District Governor Rtn. Amardeep Singh Bunnet will first visit Kashiba Children Hospital, followed by the Board Meeting and the DG's address to the club at the venue. A fellowship gathering has also been planned after the OCV meeting in celebration of Valentine's Day. It was additionally decided that the list of Fixed Deposits will be circulated to all members along with the minutes and the final accounts of 2024–25.

During the meeting, PP Rtn. Jay Shah also shared the development of forming a new club, Rotary Club of Baroda – Aarambh (RCBA), under the mentorship of RCBS. The initiative was welcomed by all members, who congratulated PP Rtn. Jay Shah for his efforts. The new club has been formed with 20 members, and it was clarified that Rtn. Jay Shah will continue as a member of RCBS and will not be shifting to RCBA. It was also noted that RCBS will not be responsible for any Rotary International dues of RCBA.

RCBS PROJECTS

LFT Test Camp - Serving Health with Care *09/02/26*



An LFT (Liver Function Test) Camp was successfully conducted on 9th February 2026 at Ganga Jamuna Hospital, where approximately 23 patients benefited from timely testing and medical support. The initiative aimed to promote preventive healthcare by enabling early detection and monitoring of liver health. The Rotary Club extends its sincere gratitude to Rtn. Dr. Ashwin Shah for his continuous support and dedication towards community service. His commitment and efforts play a significant role in making such healthcare initiatives meaningful and impactful for the community.

RCBS PROJECTS

Hand Grip Test Camp - 09/02/26



A Hand Grip Test Camp was organized on 9th February 2026 at Ganga Jamna Hospital, Ellora Park, Vadodara, in association with the Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari (RCBS). The camp was sponsored by Rtn. Dr. Ashwin Shah. The Hand Grip Test measures the maximum isometric force of the hand and forearm muscles using a dynamometer and is considered an important indicator of overall strength, frailty, and general health. This simple and reliable assessment also helps in evaluating nutritional status and identifying potential health risks.

The initiative aimed to promote preventive healthcare and create awareness about the importance of regular health check-ups. A total of 11 beneficiaries availed the benefit of this camp. Ganga Jamna Hospital, Ellora Park, Vadodara, continues to extend its support to such meaningful community initiatives and serve society with dedication. The Rotary Club expresses sincere gratitude to Rtn. Dr. Ashwin Shah for his valuable contribution and continued commitment to community service.

RCBS PROJECTS

Healing Little Lives - 14/02/26



The Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari (RCBS) successfully organized a fundraising initiative in support of Kashiba Children's Hospital, Vadodara, raising an impressive amount of ₹11.10 lakh for the cause. This impactful project was carried out in association with the Interact Club of Baroda Sayajinagari and supported by the Baroda Rotary Humanitarian Foundation, along with the generous contributions of Mrs. Meena Shah, Mr. Kishore Shah, and Rtn. Kamal Agarwal.

On 14th February 2026, the project was formally inaugurated by District Governor Rtn. Amarjeet Singh Buneet. During the ceremony, the Suit Therapy Room and the MHC-VMC Room were officially inaugurated, marking an important step towards strengthening specialized care and medical support for children at the hospital. The Rotary Club takes immense pride in contributing to this meaningful initiative and expresses sincere gratitude to all supporters and members whose efforts made this noble project possible.

RCBS PROJECTS

HUMF - 19/02/26



Project HUMF is a permanent initiative of the Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari (RCBS) dedicated to promoting maternal and newborn healthcare. Under this initiative, a distribution program was conducted on 19th February 2026 at GMERS Gotri Hospital, Vadodara, where 75 mothers benefited from the project. As part of the initiative, essential postpartum care kits containing sanitary napkins, panties, and maternity gowns were distributed to support new mothers during their recovery period, ensuring hygiene, comfort, and dignity.

The event was attended by Rtn. Seema Thakur, Rtn. Minal Shah, Ann Mona Patel, Rtn. Nisha Amin, Rtn. Rachana Parekh, and Ann Manjoo Shah, along with new members Hetal Majithia and Akshita Shah, whose presence and participation added warmth to the initiative. The total project cost was ₹20,625, generously sponsored by Ann Pinky Aggrawal, Rtn. Seema Thakur, Rtn. Sanyogita, and Rtn. Moksha Shah. Through such initiatives, RCBS continues its commitment to supporting mothers and safeguarding newborn health in the community.

RCBS PROJECTS

Kashiba Children Hospital Toy Bank - 19/02/26



As part of the spirit of giving, the Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari (RCBS) in association with the Interact Club of Baroda Sayajinagari organized a Toy Bank initiative on 19th February 2026 at 4:00 PM at Kashiba Children's Hospital, Karelibaug, Vadodara. Through this initiative, pre-loved educational items such as colouring books, storytelling books, and educational toys were distributed to children from the Disability Rehabilitation Center and the Playroom Ward. The activity aimed to bring joy, comfort, and encouragement to young patients during their healing journey.

The project was supported by Rtn. Moksha Shah, Rtn. Nisha Amin, Rtn. Sanyogita, Rtn. Rachana Parekh, Rtn. Vrunda Desai, and Ann Bhavana Patel, along with members of the ICBS team including Anika Menon. New members Hetal Majithia and Prerak Shah also participated in the initiative. The project reflected the club's commitment to spreading kindness and creating meaningful moments for children undergoing treatment.

RCBS PROJECTS

Clothes Donation Drive - 21/02/26



On 21st February 2025, members of the Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari (RCBS) carried out a clothes donation initiative to support the needy. The collected clothes generously contributed by club members were handed over at Maa Astha Samajik Vikas Seva Sanstha, located near the water tank opposite the lakeside, near Swaminarayan Mandir, Atladra.

The organization manages around 10 old age shelter homes across Vadodara, and the donated clothes will be distributed among residents of these homes. Through this meaningful initiative, more than 500 needy individuals are expected to benefit. The club expresses heartfelt gratitude to all Rotarians who contributed generously and helped make this service project impactful and successful.

RCBS PROJECTS

Sugar Board - Eat Smart, Live Well - 21/02/26



The Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari (RCBS) organized an interactive and educational session titled “Eat Smart, Live Well” on 21st February 2026 at Maa Saraswati High School, Vadodara, in association with noted health expert Dr. Aarti Rathi. The session aimed to create awareness among students about healthy eating habits and the importance of making informed food choices. More than 150 school children and staff participated in the program along with Rtn. Minal Shah, Rtn. Sanyogita, and Ann Anu Srivastava.

During the session, Dr. Aarti Rathi highlighted the importance of home-cooked meals, identifying healthy food options, understanding the risks associated with packaged foods, and learning how to read food labels, including ingredients and expiry dates. The students actively engaged in the discussion and enthusiastically shared summaries of the key learnings.

As part of the Sugar Board Initiative, RCBS donated two Sugar Boards to the school, which will be displayed on the premises as a visual reminder of the sugar content present in common beverages and snacks. The club extends heartfelt thanks to Rtn. Chandrajit and Rtn. Hetal Shah for creating and generously donating the Sugar Boards, helping reinforce the message of healthy living among young minds.

RCBS PROJECTS

Plastic Collection- 21/02/26



At the Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari (RCBS), members continue to remain vigilant and responsible towards the environment. As part of the club's ongoing sustainability efforts, plastic bottles were systematically collected and handed over for recycling, ensuring proper disposal and responsible waste management.

This small yet meaningful initiative reflects the club's commitment to protecting the environment and promoting eco-conscious habits within the community. By preventing plastic waste from ending up in landfills, RCBS continues to contribute towards a cleaner and greener future. Through consistent efforts and responsible actions, the club aims to lead by example and inspire others to reduce, reuse, and recycle for a more sustainable tomorrow.

ROTARY DISTRICT NEWS

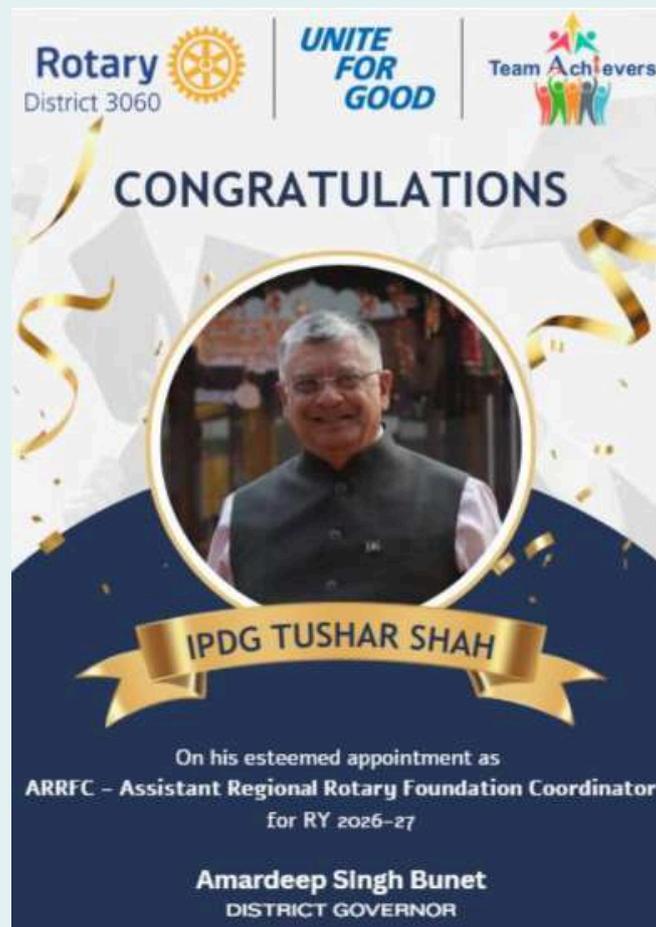
Heartiest Congratulations to IPDG Tushar Shah on his prestigious appointment as ARRFC – Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Rotary Year 2026–27.

This remarkable recognition reflects his unwavering dedication, visionary leadership, and immense contribution to the ideals of Rotary International. His commitment to service above self continues to inspire Rotarians across Rotary District 3060 and beyond.

We are confident that in this important role he will further strengthen the impact of The Rotary Foundation, guiding clubs and leaders to create lasting change in communities.

Wishing him great success in this new responsibility and many more milestones in his Rotary journey.

**Congratulations once again and best wishes for an impactful
Rotary Year 2026–27!**



RCBS HAPPENINGS

OCV - DG Visit, Induction & PHF Pinning - 14/02/26



The Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari conducted the Official Club Visit (OCV) of the District Governor on 14th February 2026 at Picasso – 2nd Floor, Vadodara. The evening also marked the induction of a new member, Ms. Swati Tejas Patel, into the Rotary family, signifying a new addition to the club's journey of service and fellowship.

A proud and memorable highlight of the event was the Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Pinning Ceremony, where Rtn. Sanyogita Pradhan was honored in recognition of her valuable contribution and unwavering commitment to Rotary ideals. The evening reflected the spirit of leadership, recognition, and new beginnings, truly embodying the Rotary motto of Service Above Self.

RCBS HAPPENINGS

Valentine's Day Fellowship - 14/02/26



The Valentine's Day celebration was held at Picasso – 2nd Floor, Vadodara, beginning with a special cake-cutting ceremony led by District Governor Rtn. Amardeep Singh Bunet, setting the tone for a joyful and warm evening. This was followed by a unique fellowship activity where each couple cut their individual cake, creating memorable moments together and strengthening the spirit of togetherness within the club.

As a token of appreciation, elegant white and red stoles were presented to all members, including the District Governor and First Lady Kamaljeet Bunet. The evening turned out to be vibrant and graceful, filled with warmth, fellowship, and celebration, further strengthening the bonds among members of the Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari.

RCBS HAPPENINGS

Congratulations!!!!



Heartiest congratulations to PP Rtn. CA Jay Shah and the Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari (RCBS) for sponsoring the formation of a new club in Vadodara. PP Rtn. Jay Shah shared the formation of a new club named Rotary Club of Baroda – Aarambh, sponsored under the Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagari. The announcement was warmly accepted by the members, and everyone congratulated PP Rtn. Jay Shah for his dedicated efforts in making this possible.

It was also informed that the Rotary Club of Baroda – Aarambh (RCBA) has been formed with 20 members. PP Rtn. Jay Shah clarified that he does not plan to leave RCBS to join the new club. It was further noted that RCBS will not be responsible for any Rotary International dues of RCBA. This initiative marks another proud milestone for RCBS in expanding the reach of Rotary service in the city.

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

OUR PARTNERS IN SERVICE

Interact Club of Baroda Sayajinagari
The Interact Premier League (IPL) - 14/02/26



The Interact Premier League (IPL) — Interact’s very own Premier League, it was a fundraising initiative that took place in January. The event brought everyone together through an exciting pickleball league while supporting a meaningful cause. With the energy and participation of players, volunteers, and supporters, the event successfully raised ₹2.75 lakhs.

The funds raised from the league were partly given to our parent club and they used to build a new ward at Kashiben Children’s Hospital along with other major funds added by parents club. Thanks to this effort, the ward was completed and officially became accessible on 14th February. It is now fully operational and already in use, helping provide better care and facilities for children at the hospital.

OUR PARTNERS IN SERVICE

Interact Club of Billabong High International School

E-Waste Collection Drive

21st February to 8th March 2026



Billabong High International School, Vadodara, in association with the BHIS Interact Club, is organizing an E-Waste Collection Drive from 21st February to 8th March 2026. The initiative encourages students, teachers, and staff members to bring unused or damaged electronic items from home for responsible recycling. The drive aims to create awareness about the growing issue of electronic waste and promote environmentally responsible disposal practices. Through this initiative, the school community is taking a meaningful step towards reducing e-waste and contributing to a cleaner and greener future. Every small action plays an important role in protecting the environment and building a more sustainable world.

OUR PARTNERS IN SERVICE

Interact Club of Billabong High International School

Valentine's Day Celebration at Kadji Care

14th March 2026



“Valentine’s Day reminds us that the truest form of love lies not in grand gestures, but in the quiet sacrifices of our parents and the unconditional affection of our grandparents.”

On 14th February, the Interact Club of BHIS celebrated Valentine’s Day with the residents of Kadji Care, transforming the occasion into a heartwarming celebration of compassion, connection, and shared joy.

The visit began with the presentation of roses, simple yet heartfelt tokens of love that brought radiant smiles and touched many hearts. The atmosphere soon filled with music and laughter during an energetic game of Antakshari, where songs beautifully bridged the gap between generations. This was followed by a creative fingerprinting activity, encouraging self-expression and meaningful interaction while adding vibrant colors of happiness to the afternoon. The celebration concluded on a sweet note as everyone came together to enjoy ice cream, cherishing moments of warmth and togetherness.

Heartfelt appreciation goes to the dedicated volunteers whose empathy, punctuality, and enthusiastic spirit made the event truly special. Their sincere efforts reflected the true essence of service—spreading love, kindness, and joy where it matters most.

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

SPECIAL DAYS OF RCBS 25-26

BIRTHDAYS

- 01/03/26 – Ann Dr. Parul Shah
- 02/03/26 – Rtn. Niketu Shah
- 06/03/26 – Rtn. Brijesh Parikh
- 11/03/26 – Rtn. Inder Matai
- 20/03/26 – Rtn. Nisha Amin
- 23/03/26 – Rtn. Ajay Purandare
- 26/03/26 – Ann. Archana Mishra
- 29/03/26 – Rtn. Chirayu Kothari
- 30/03/26 – Rtn. Birju Dixit

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9th March 2026 – Women’s Day Celebration
- 13th March 2026 – Session on Liver Health with well-known doctors
- 18 th March 2026- HUMF

ANNIVERSARIES

- 14/03/26 – Rtn. Jay Shah & Ann. Prital Shah
- 15/03/26 – Rtn. Dr. Jayesh Shah & Ann. Mira Shah





Rtn. Kashyap Shah

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