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1. CAR`EER GUIDANCE SEMINAR

Career guidance plays a crucial role in helping students choose the right path for their future. Recognizing this, the Rotary Club of Baroda has taken the initiative to support students in their career journeys through a collaboration with CareerNaksha.

The session provided students with the opportunity to interact with a career counselor, discuss their concerns, and seek guidance. This marks the beginning of many such programs planned in the coming days, aimed at empowering students to make informed career choices.



2. NUTRITION KIT DISTRIBUTION TO TB PATIENTS

The Rotary Club of Baroda successfully conducted the distribution of nutrition kits to 100 tuberculosis (TB) patients at the Rotary Navidharti Health Centre. This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to support TB patients with improved nutrition, which plays a vital role in their recovery process.

The club has been consistently running this project every month since 2022, demonstrating Rotary's dedication to long-term community health and disease prevention. The nutrition kits are carefully designed to include protein-rich and energy-boosting items that help patients strengthen their immune systems and adhere better to their medication regimens.

This project aligns with the Government of India's TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, and our efforts have been recognized by the Ministry of Health at both state and national levels. Through consistent awareness drives and on-ground support, we have not only provided nutritional aid but also educated patients and families about TB prevention and treatment.

Rotary Club of Baroda remains committed to this cause and continues to partner with health officials, NGOs, and CSR contributors to expand its reach. This ongoing service reflects our motto: "Service Above Self", and strengthens our mission of building a healthier, stronger community.

We have been running this project consistently since 2022.



3. INSTALLS WATER COOLERS ACROSS VADODARA

Its continuous effort to serve the community, the Rotary Club of Baroda, in association with Chemcon Chemical Specialist Pvt. Ltd., has undertaken a significant initiative to install water coolers at various public locations across Vadodara. As of now, eight water coolers have been successfully installed at high-footfall areas including schools, hospitals, marketplaces, and public spaces.

This initiative ensures access to clean and cool drinking water for the general public, especially in peak summer months when dehydration-related health issues are common. Each water cooler serves over 100 people daily, making a substantial impact on public health and wellbeing.



The project not only addresses an essential need but also promotes awareness around health, hygiene, and hydration, particularly in underserved areas where clean drinking water is not readily available. The collaboration with Chemcon Chemical Specialist Pvt. Ltd. underlines the importance of CSR partnerships in driving sustainable community development.



The Rotary Club of Baroda plans to install more water coolers in the coming weeks as part of this ongoing program. Locations are selected based on community need, accessibility, and the potential to serve a large number of people.

This initiative aligns with Rotary's core values of "Service Above Self" and its commitment to providing long-term, practical solutions that uplift the community. By investing in infrastructure that offers daily utility, the club is not just responding to immediate needs but also building assets that will serve the public for years to come.

4. BARODA ROTARY OUTBOUND STUDENT ORIENTATION

The Rotary Club of Baroda successfully hosted the Outbound Orientation Program for Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) students, their parents, and club officers. The event saw the participation of over 100 attendees from across Rotary District 3060, making it a vibrant and impactful gathering.

The orientation aimed to equip selected outbound students with a comprehensive understanding of the RYE program as they prepare to represent India across various countries. The presence of senior Rotarians, district officers, past exchange students, and subject experts added immense value to the event. Their insights guided students on what to expect during their exchange year and how to make the most of this unique opportunity.



The program covered essential topics such as Rotary protocols, cultural sensitivity, communication with host families, safety measures, and the overall expectations from an exchange student. A special emphasis was placed on personal development, adaptability, and global citizenship, key values the program seeks to instill.

Interactive Q&A sessions and real-life stories from former exchange students further enriched the learning experience. Parents also received clear guidance on the support structure in place to ensure student safety and well-being abroad.

Through this well-curated orientation, the Rotary Club of Baroda once again demonstrated its commitment to youth empowerment and international understanding. The event was a crucial first step in preparing these young ambassadors for a transformative global journey, aligned with Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self" and world peace through cultural exchange.



5. ANNOUNCE THE PARTNERSHIP WITH QUICK HEAL

The Rotary Club of Baroda, in association with Quick Heal Foundation, has been actively conducting cyber security awareness programs for students. Today, Quick Heal Foundation featured the Rotary Club of Barodas logo on their official website, recognizing our efforts in spreading cyber security awareness. This collaboration not only strengthens our mission but also enhances the club's public image, showcasing our commitment to community development and digital safety.



Website Link - <https://www.quickhealfoundation.org/>

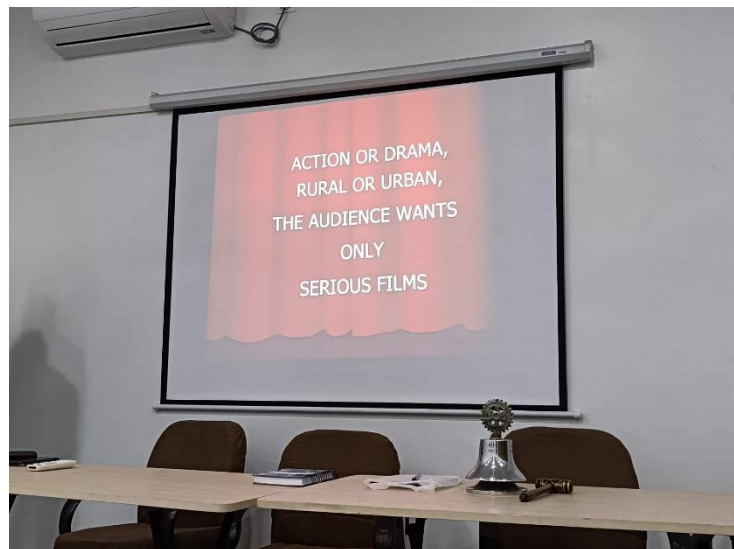
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6. 100 YEARS OF BOLLYWOOD SONGS

The Rotary Club of Baroda proudly presents a soulful journey through the melodious legacy of Indian cinema with “100 Years of Bollywood Songs” — a unique musical event celebrating a century of iconic Hindi film music.

From the golden melodies of the 1940s to the foot-tapping beats of the 2020s, this program will highlight the evolution of Bollywood music across decades. The event will feature:



- 🎤 Live performances by talented singers ,
- 🎵 Thematic segments representing each era of Hindi cinema,
- 💃 Dance tributes and retro costume moments,
- 🎬 Visual presentations showing cinematic milestones,
- 🏆 Recognition of senior artists and contributors to local culture

This project is more than entertainment — it's a tribute to India's musical heritage, a platform for budding artists, and an initiative to promote cultural awareness and intergenerational

bonding. It aligns with Rotary's vision of service through community engagement, culture, and fellowship.

7. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND ITS USAGE IN DAILY

The Rotary Club of Baroda hosted its regular club meeting on 25th April with a fascinating and highly relevant topic: Artificial Intelligence and Its Usage in Daily Life.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Ayush Makwana, an active member of the GDG (Google Developer Group) Vadodara Chapter. Ayush shared insightful perspectives on how AI is gradually becoming an integral part of our everyday activities — from personal assistants and smart home devices to healthcare, finance, and education.



He broke down complex concepts into simple, relatable examples and kept the session highly engaging. The members were deeply intrigued by the discussion and appreciated the opportunity to understand this cutting-edge technology better.

We thank Ayush for taking the time to enlighten us and look forward to more such informative sessions in the future.



8. NUTRITION KIT DISTRIBUTION TO TB PATIENTS

On 21st May 2025, the Rotary Club of Baroda successfully conducted its monthly Food Nutrition Kit Distribution for 100 TB patients at our health centre. This initiative has been ongoing since 2022 and continues to support patients with essential nutritional aid as part of our commitment to community health.



We were privileged to have iPDG Rtn. Ni hir Dave and his spouse grace the occasion with their presence, along with Ex-Speaker Shri Rajendra Trivedi. During their visit, we presented an overview of the project, its consistent impact, and various ongoing Rotary initiatives. Their encouragement and appreciation further motivate us to continue serving the community with dedication and compassion.



9. WORLD EDUCATION EXPO

Rotary Club of Baroda, in association with Global Colliance, successfully organized the World Education Expo at Grand Mercure Surya Palace, bringing together over 100 leading universities from more than 10 countries under one roof.

The event aimed to provide aspiring students and parents with expert guidance on international education opportunities, offering over 2,500 global courses across various fields. The expo witnessed enthusiastic participation from hundreds of students, parents, and educators across Vadodara.



Rotary Club of Baroda took this opportunity to strengthen its public image, as the event was graced by prominent personalities and dignitaries from the city. A special highlight of the event was the exclusive benefit for students referred through Rotary, who will be exempted from processing fees for their applications—a gesture that received an overwhelmingly positive response.



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE 2024-25

Kamakshi Bhagat – “How Rotary is Shaping My Leadership Journey”

On 26th August 2024, Kamakshi Jayeshkumar Bhagat, daughter of Rtn. PHF Jayeshkumar Bhagat and Sneha Bhagat, began her 10-month Rotary Youth Exchange journey to Cahors, France, sponsored by Rotary Club of Baroda (Dist. 3060) and hosted by Rotary Club of Cahors (Dist. 1700).

She was warmly welcomed by her host family and club members. In her first week, Kamakshi attended a district orientation at Revel, exchanged flags, and performed Ganesh Vandana in Bharatanatyam. She later featured in *La Depeche*, highlighting service projects of District 3060 and RC Baroda.



Throughout the year, she presented Indian culture and the Rotary movement at her school, multiple club meetings, and international events. She took part in awareness programs like the Cahors Marathon for breast cancer, community supply collection drives, and the operation 30,000 Pommies initiative to support guide dogs for the blind.

Kamakshi also participated in the "Repas Internationale", showcasing Indian culture through classical dance and cuisine, and engaged in fundraisers for cancer treatment and other causes.



Her musical talent flourished as she joined the Symphony Orchestra of Cahors, performing solos in March and May at the Grand Cahors Auditorium. In April, she joined exchange students from other districts on a memorable Euro Tour across France, Germany, Austria, Monaco, and Italy.

Kamakshi's journey reflects the essence of Rotary Youth Exchange—leadership, cultural exchange, and service. She represented District 3060 and India with pride, passion, and purpose.

“It all started with Rotary Youth Exchange... and now it's shaping my life forever.” – Kamakshi Bhagat



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The background of the entire image features two hands, one above the other, reaching upwards towards a bright, glowing sun. The hands are silhouetted against the warm, orange and yellow light of the sun, which is positioned in the upper right quadrant. The overall tone is inspirational and hopeful.

**Whatever Rotary may mean to us,
to the world it will be known by
the results it achieves.**

-Paul Harris, Rotary founder

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