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Incoming President, Rotaractor turned Rotarian Rtn. Aayush Gandhi gives us an insight into the upcoming RI year 2025-2026 and his plans with RCB.

“Dear Rotarians and Anns,

As we embark on a brand new Rotary year, I'm filled with a sense of gratitude and excitement. With this year's theme, “Rotary: Unite for Good”, we are reminded that our strength lies in unity — in coming together with compassion, purpose, and service. Each one of us brings something unique to the table, and together, we have the power to create meaningful change, both within and beyond our club.



The month of July was all about building the foundation — reconnecting with one another, strengthening our bond, and aligning ourselves with the values that define our club. I'm proud to share that we began the year with a vibrant Joint Installation Ceremony, where we celebrated the successful year gone by and embraced the energy and enthusiasm of the new leadership team. We thank everyone who graced the occasion with their presence and blessings.

We hosted our Club Assembly in the presence of AG Rtn. Dr. Maulesh Dholakia, where outgoing and incoming board members came together for thoughtful discussions and smooth transitions. The evening was a perfect blend of learning, sharing, and camaraderie, ending with a delicious fellowship dinner.

Adding to the spirit of fellowship and fun, our Housie Night brought members and Anns together for an evening full of laughter, lucky wins, and shared joy. These moments of connection are vital — they remind us that while Rotary is about service, it is also about community.

On the project front, we launched multiple impactful initiatives. Our flagship Swastha Suraksha Project kicked off with free daily yoga sessions at Rotary Hall. With the guidance of Mr. Shailesh Talati, these sessions are gaining popularity among senior

citizens and promoting wellness in the community. We also continued our monthly TB Nutrition Kit Distribution Drive at Navi Dharti, where we supported 100 TB patients — part of our long-term commitment to health and recovery under the Prime Minister TB Eradication Programme.

Another heartfelt initiative was our Book Distribution Drive, where we reached over 300 children across 38 different anganwadis and street schools. The joy on their faces reminded us why we do what we do — to light a spark, to make a difference.

As we move into August, our focus shifts towards membership growth. A strong, diverse, and committed membership base is essential for sustaining our projects and expanding our impact. We have lined up several engaging events and service initiatives with the goal of attracting new members and strengthening our club's reach. I urge each of you to be ambassadors of Rotary — share our stories, invite friends and colleagues, and help them experience the magic of Rotary fellowship and service.

Let us continue to lead with empathy, serve with passion, and unite for good. I look forward to a month of renewed energy, new connections, and shared purpose."

Warm regards,
Aayush Gandhi
President 2025–26
Rotary Club of Baroda

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

On 27th June 2025, Rotary Club of Baroda successfully organized Samapan 2025 – a grand celebration marking the conclusion of the Rotary Year 2024–25 – along with the Joint Installation Ceremony of the incoming leadership teams for the Rotary Year 2025–26.



The event took place in a vibrant and heartwarming atmosphere, graced by the presence of Rotarians, Innerwheel members,

dignitaries, CSR partners, and esteemed guests. It was a perfect blend of reflection, gratitude, and celebration.

Outgoing President Rtn. Krunal Joshi presented an inspiring overview of the impactful service projects and initiatives carried out during the year. Under his leadership, the club successfully completed over 100+ projects. He also recognized and felicitated individuals who made significant contributions to the club's success, presenting them with awards of appreciation.



The new leadership was then officially installed, with Rtn. Aayush Gandhi took over as President of the Rotary Club of Baroda, and Mrs. Bina Shah continued her term as President of the Innerwheel Club of Baroda.

Both clubs reaffirmed their commitment to Rotary's core values and pledged to carry forward their legacy through meaningful initiatives focused on healthcare, education, environment, youth development, and community empowerment in the year ahead.

THE ROTARY YEAR 2025 BEGINS WITH MOTIVATION AND PURPOSE!

The Rotary year took off on an inspiring note with a special visit from Assistant Governor Rtn. Maulesh Dholkia during our first weekly meeting. His gracious presence and thoughtful words set the tone for a year focused on purpose, progress, and



impactful service. He highlighted the significance of actively engaging new members and fostering leadership, encouraging us to remain a shining example of service and inspiration in

our community. "When people see the good work you're doing, they're encouraged to be part of our cause." These motivating words truly resonated with all present.

He further applauded our commitment to strategic planning and goal-setting, aligned with Rotary International's vision. He reminded us that: "Growth isn't just about size—it's about impact, strength, and sustainability."

With this encouraging guidance, our club looks forward to a year filled with action, inclusion, and lasting impact.

SWASTHA SURAKSHA YOGA SESSIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

PROMOTING HEALTH, FITNESS, AND FELLOWSHIP

In a thoughtful initiative that blends wellness with community spirit, the Rotary Club of Baroda has launched Free Yoga Sessions this year, open to all senior members and the broader community. These sessions are conducted every Monday to Friday, offering a consistent and supportive environment for individuals to embrace healthier lifestyles. The idea behind these yoga classes is

simple yet impactful — to foster physical fitness, mental well-being, and a stronger sense of fellowship among participants. The sessions are designed to suit senior citizens age groups and fitness levels, ensuring comfort for everyone who joins. This

initiative is taken by Rtn. Suresh Shah.



Led by trained instructor Shailesh Ji, the classes focus on breathing techniques, flexibility, and mindfulness — all essential components for a balanced and stress-free life. Beyond the physical benefits, these sessions have become a great opportunity for members to connect, interact, and support one another, further strengthening the spirit of Rotary camaraderie. Through this

initiative, the Rotary Club continues to demonstrate its commitment not just to community service, but also to building a healthier and more connected society. Whether you're a seasoned yoga practitioner or just beginning your wellness journey,

you're warmly invited to join and experience the positive change that comes from starting your day with purpose, movement, and community.

TB CARE AND NUTRITION DRIVE

On 21st July 2025, the Rotary Club of Baroda successfully carried out its monthly Food Nutrition Kit

Distribution at the Navidharti Health Centre, supporting 100 TB patients with essential nutritional aid. This ongoing project, initiated in 2022, continues to reflect our steadfast commitment to

enhancing community health and well-being. This impactful initiative is proudly supported by the Vadodara Municipal Corporation and has been recognised by the Ministry of Health, Government of India for its contribution to TB care and patient

recovery. Through consistent efforts, this project continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of TB patients, reflecting the Rotary's unwavering commitment to service and care.



BOOK DISTRIBUTION DRIVE FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN

The book distribution held on 24th July 2025 was a truly heart-warming experience, carried out at Anganwadis across Mujmahuda, Gotri, and Somatalav. The Rotary Club of Baroda, in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club, came together to support underprivileged and street school children with educational materials

they deeply need. It was inspiring to see the ambition in the eyes of the children — even as they study in extremely difficult conditions, surrounded by filth, flies, and



chaos. Their determination to learn despite such hardships reminds us why these initiatives are so important. The books distributed will prove to be immensely helpful, not just as tools for education, but as symbols of hope and encouragement. The smiles on the children's faces reflected the true spirit of giving and the commitment of both clubs toward empowering young minds and building a brighter future through education.



IT'S HOUSIE TIME

On 25th July,2025, We hosted our weekly fellowship meeting with a lively Housie Night. It was a night full of fun, numbers, members, laughter, and lucky wins. The room was buzzing with energy and excitement, as the spirit of the evening made it truly unforgettable — with lucky winners walking away with exciting prizes!



UPCOMING PROJECTS

Tree plantation

Bird adoption

Blood donation

Independence Day celebration

Swastha Suraksha - TB kits distribution and Yoga Sessions

BLAST FROM THE PAST!

Tapping into the RCB past, we bring back our familiar favourites! If you wish to share a story, some informative piece, brainteasers, comedies or cartoons, then feel free to share them with us at drayanmerchant@gmail.com.

| Word | Hint | Answer |
|-----------|---------------------------------|--------|
| LIDHE | Capital city | _____ |
| RKHANSI | Hindu deity with a flute | _____ |
| SMASOA | Fried snack with potato filling | _____ |
| AARG | Taj Mahal city | _____ |
| BLODOYWOL | Indian film industry | _____ |
| HREEK | Sweet dish with rice and milk | _____ |
| UBALADHAM | *Mughal-e-Azam* actress | _____ |

Answers: DELHI, KRISHNA, SAMOSA, AGRA, BOLLYWOOD, KHEER, MADHUBALA