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CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Readers and Friends,

As we move forward on our journey of "Service Above Self," I am proud to reflect on the impact we have made through collaboration. This past month, our club took significant strides by joining hands with various organizations to bring meaningful projects to life. The spirit of partnership has allowed us to reach more people, provide better resources, and enhance the quality of our service initiatives.



Our collaborative efforts have spanned across diverse areas, showcasing the strength that comes when like-minded organizations unite for a common cause. From cybersecurity awareness programs for school students with **Quick Heal Foundation** to offering **career guidance through Carrier Naksha**, we have worked tirelessly to empower the youth.

We also extended our support to senior citizens by partnering with **Emoha** for free hearing tests and took steps to make our communities safer by conducting CPR training sessions with the **Lifeline Foundation**. The recent 'Kathastu' event in association with **Mantra Events** brought a fresh cultural experience to Vadodara, while our collaboration with **Kashiba Children's Hospital** supported by the Transrail Lighting Limited, aims to provide essential healthcare through rural medical camps.

These collaborations are not just projects; they are steppingstones to build a stronger, healthier, and more informed society. Working with dedicated partners has enabled us to leverage their expertise and resources, making our collective impact greater than what we could achieve alone.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our partners, members, and volunteers who have played a part in these initiatives. Together, we continue to shape a better future and uphold the Rotary ideals. Let us keep this momentum going as we explore new ways to serve and collaborate.

Yours in Rotary,

Krunal Joshi

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

October has been a month of remarkable achievements and milestones for our club. From impactful public health initiatives like the Rotary Transrail Medical Camp to cultural enrichment events such as "Kathastu," we have demonstrated our commitment to service, community, and cultural dialogue.



The Rotary Transrail Medical Camp on October 20th provided free healthcare to 186 patients, addressing a wide array of health concerns. Our tireless volunteers and medical professionals delivered essential services that underscore the Rotary Club's dedication to public health awareness.

On the cultural front, "Kathastu" offered a unique platform for intellectual engagement and artistic expression, featuring the captivating performance of Dr. Nimit Oza. This event not only entertained but also enhanced our visibility within the community, marking a historic first for Vadodara.

Moreover, this month our first Career guidance seminar, informed and empowered 150 students and the World Restart a Heart Day event educated hundreds of individuals on critical emergency response techniques, further solidifying our role in lifesaving community education.

As we move into the final months of the year, let's carry forward this momentum. Our collective efforts and dedication continue to inspire and make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to the Rotary spirit.

Yours in service,

Best Regards,

Dr. Ayswaria Wariar

THE ROOTS OF ROTARY'S POLIO ERADICATION EFFORTS

On 29 September 1979, volunteers administered drops of oral polio vaccine to children at a health center in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati, Philippines. The event in metropolitan Manila was arranged and attended by Rotarians and delegates from the Philippine Ministry of Health.



When James L. Bomar Jr., then RI president, put the first drops of vaccine into a child's mouth, he ceremonially launched the Philippine poliomyelitis immunization effort. Rotary's first Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant project was underway.

Bomar and Enrique M. Garcia, the country's minister of health, had earlier signed an agreement committing Rotary International and the government of the Philippines to a joint multiyear effort to immunize about 6 million children against polio, at a cost of about \$760,000.

In a 1993 interview, Bomar reminisced about the trip. He recalled how the brother of one of the children he had immunized tugged on his pant leg to get his attention and said, "Thank you, thank you, Rotary."

The project's success led Rotary to make polio eradication a top priority. Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 and was a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. Through decades of commitment and work by Rotary and our partners, more than 2.5 billion children have received the oral polio vaccine.

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



- Paul Harris
- Rotary founder

PROJECTS FOR OCTOBER 2024

1. MEDICAL CAMP FOR THE MEMBERS

On 2nd October, the Rotary Club of Baroda organized a medical camp and awareness program for club members in collaboration with Isha Hospital at their premises located at Samabhai Campus. Senior doctors Dr. Shilpi Shukla, Dr. Divyesh Shukla, and Dr. Shivang Shukla delivered insightful talks on various health topics. Following the talks, there was a general check-up and gynecological check-up for our female members.

A special thanks to the staff of Isha Hospital for the warm hospitality extended to us during the hospital tour. The session was highly informative, and the care provided during the check-up was exceptional. Your commitment to health and well-being has made a lasting impact on all of us.





2. GENERAL MEDICAL & EYE CHECK-UP CAMP

On October 6th, the Rotary Club of Baroda organized a successful general medical and eye checkup camp at Anandnagar, Karelibaug, Vadodara, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

A dedicated team of doctors provided comprehensive examinations for over 215 patients, ensuring they received the necessary medications. In addition to general health check-ups, eye screenings were conducted for all attendees, with personalized guidance and recommendations for further investigations and care.

The camp exemplified our commitment to community health, and we are grateful to all the volunteers and medical professionals who made this event a success. Thank you to the residents of Anandnagar for participating and prioritizing their health.





3. CPR TRAINING ON WORLD RESTART A HEART DAY

On October 16th, the Rotary Club of Baroda celebrated World Restart a Heart Day in collaboration with Tricolour Hospital and the Lifeline Foundation. The event aimed to educate Barodians about the importance of immediate response during emergency situations and how to effectively manage such conditions. More than 230 people were trained in different batches. The training was conducted by professional trainers who adhered to international standards, providing hands-on CPR experience using prototypes. This program significantly enhanced the Rotary's outreach and impact within the community.









4. GARBA NIGHT WITH ROTARY & ROTARACT MEMBERS & FAMILY

On 16th October, the Rotary Hall came alive with the members of the Rotary and Rotaractors & their families gathered to celebrate a joyful Garba Night. The event was filled with vibrant music, energetic dance, and a strong sense of community.

Everyone enjoyed participating in the traditional Garba, showcasing their enthusiasm and spirit. The atmosphere was electric, bringing together friends and family in a celebration of culture and camaraderie.

A heartfelt thank you to all who joined us for this memorable night! Your participation made the event a resounding success. We look forward to more wonderful gatherings in the future!



5. KATHASTU," A PUBLIC IMAGE PROJECT HELD IN ASSOCIATION WITH MANTRA EVENTS

On October 20th, 2024, the Rotary Club of Baroda partnered with Mantra Events to host "Kathastu," an open mic event featuring Sahitya by Dr. Nimit Oza at Sir Sayajinagar Gruh, Vadodara. This marked the first time such an event was held in Vadodara, and it was a great success. The program attracted a significant audience of over 500 attendees, providing a remarkable showcase of the Rotary Club of Baroda's presence before and during the event.

The event brought substantial public exposure for the Rotary Club, including a large promotional poster on Old Padra Road, advertisements in various newspapers over two days, standees at the venue, and multiple announcements acknowledging the club throughout the program. Dr. Nimit Oza's captivating two-hour solo presentation kept the audience thoroughly engaged, highlighting his exceptional talent and ability to connect with an intellectual crowd.





6. ROTARY TRANSRAIL MEDICAL CAMP

On Sunday, October 20th, 2024, the Rotary Club of Baroda organized the “Rotary Transrail Medical Camp” at Jalaram Nagar, VIP Road, Vadodara. The camp was held from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, during which a total of 186 patients were treated. Various health problems were examined during the camp:

- Eye examination: 78 patients
- Cold, cough, and fever: 48 patients
- Diabetes: 9 patients
- Blood pressure: 11 patients
- Skin problems: 9 patients
- Gynecological problems: 6 patients
- Diarrhea: 4 patients
- Other diseases: 21 patients

This medical camp is part of the Rotary Club's public health awareness efforts, providing free health care to the community.





7. T.B. ERADICATION PROJECT

On October 21st, the Rotary Club of Baroda successfully distributed food nutrition kits to 100 TB patients as part of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness about tuberculosis and promote the health and well-being of affected individuals.

This impactful initiative was supported by the Vadodara Municipal Corporation and has been recognized by the Ministry of Health, Government of India. The Ministry featured the project on its official platforms such as the 'X', further highlighting the importance of community-driven efforts to combat TB.

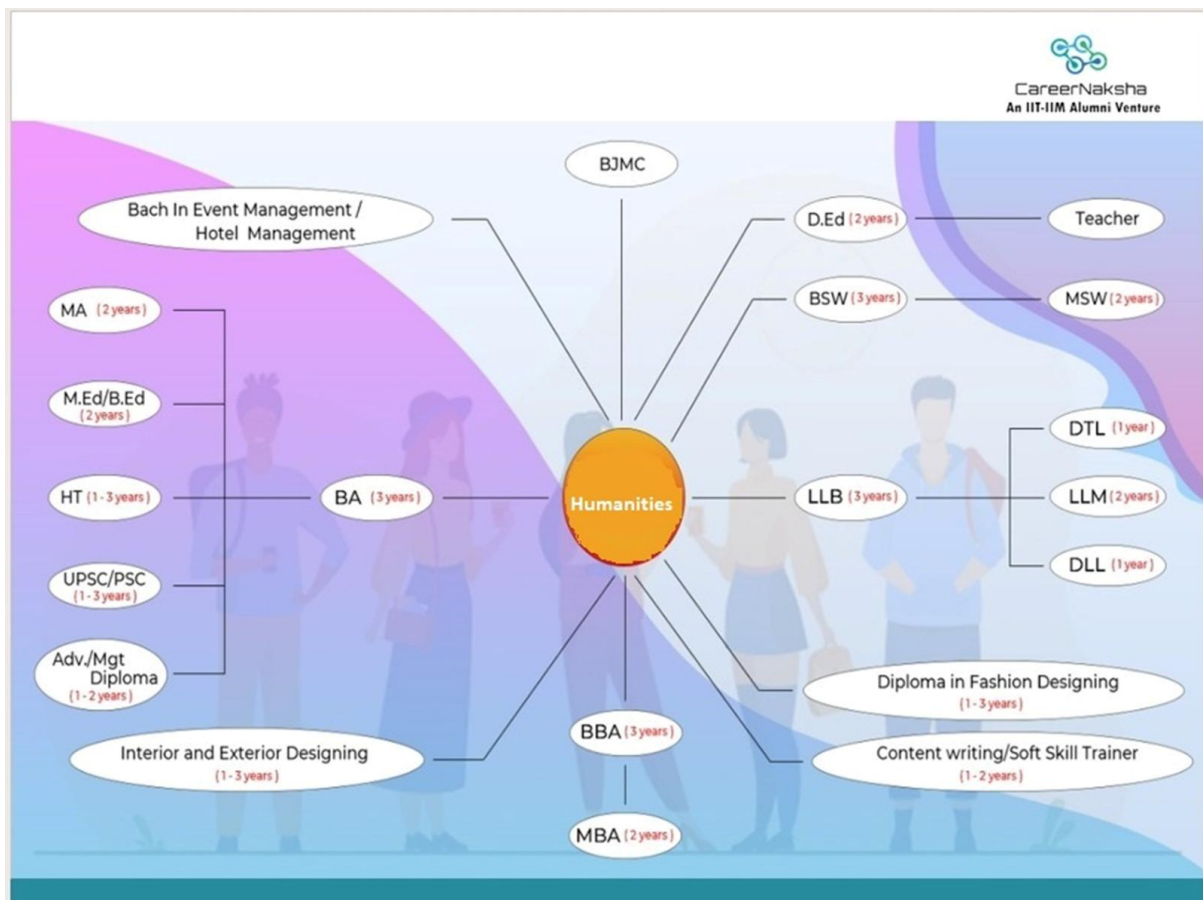
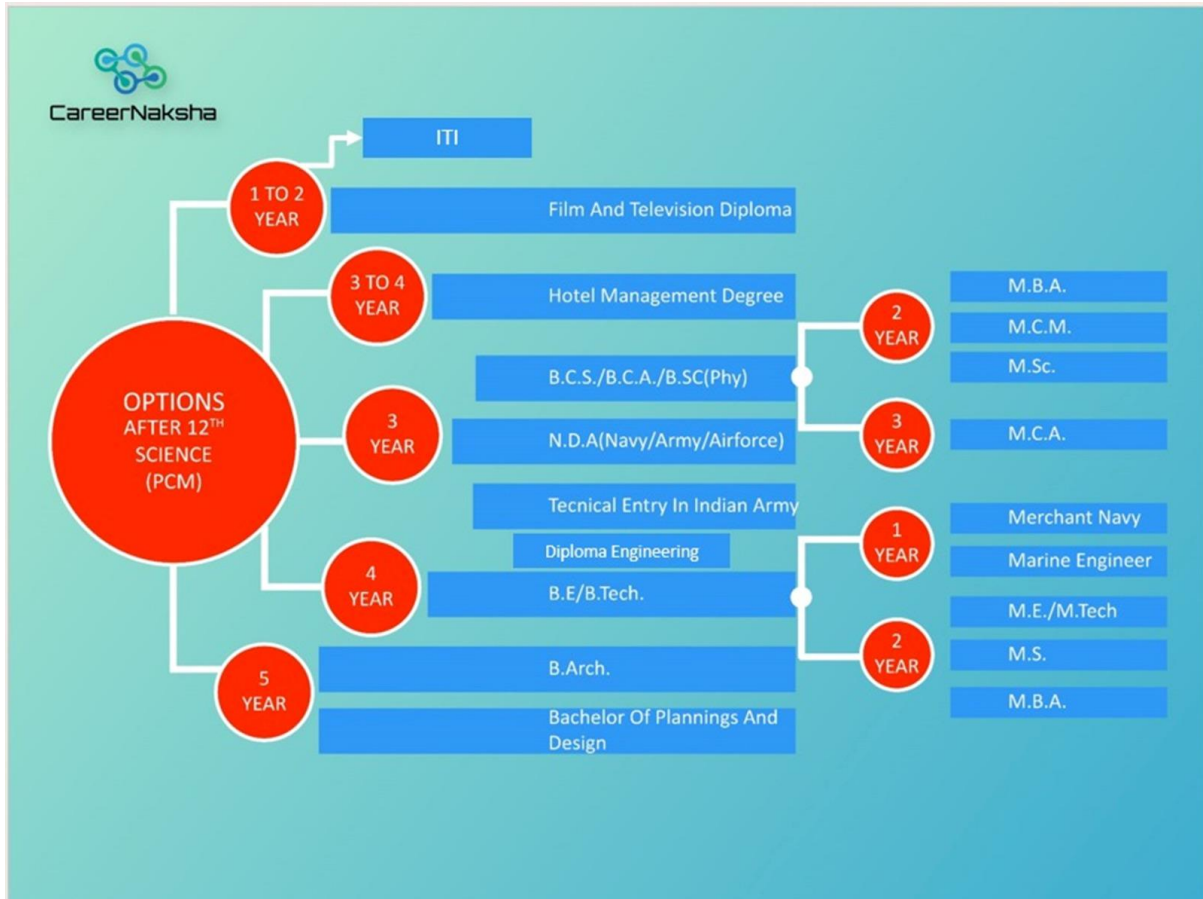


8. CAREER GUIDANCE SEMINAR AT SATYANARAYAN VIDHYALAYA :

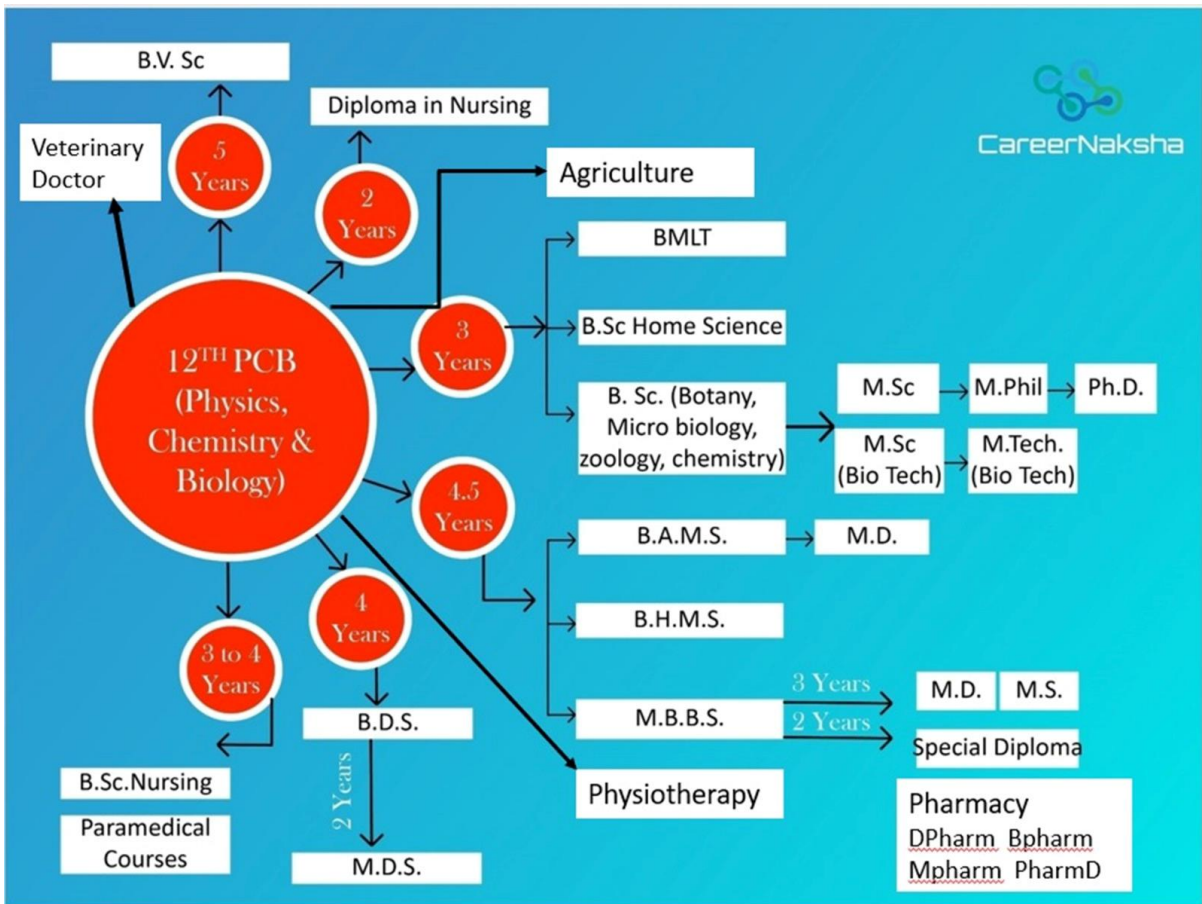
Career guidance plays a crucial role in helping students choose the right path for their future. Recognizing this, the Rotary Club of Baroda has taken the initiative to support students in their career journeys through a collaboration with Career Naksha.

On 24th October, the Rotary Club of Baroda conducted the first seminar at Satyanarayan Vidhyalaya, where over 150 students participated. The session provided students with the opportunity to interact with a career counsellor, 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.









EXCITING COLLABORATION ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are thrilled to announce a collaboration for the betterment of society. This collaboration aims to the purpose or goal of the partnership, e.g., enhance community engagement, develop innovative programs, etc.

Together, we will leverage our strengths to our initiatives or projects that will result from the collaboration.

Stay tuned for more updates on upcoming events and initiatives that will benefit our communities. We look forward to working together and making a positive impact!



PRIDE OF VADODARA ROTARIANS

Aayushi Dholakia, was crowned Femina Miss India 2024 2nd Runner's-Up on 16th October'24 at Mumbai. Aayushi Dholakia, a vibrant and ambitious youngster from the cultural heart of Vadodara, Gujarat, is daughter of Rtn. Maulesh Dholakia and Rtn. Deepali Dholakia from Rotary Club Baroda Cosmopolitan, Vadodara.

She embodies a unique blend of dedication, enthusiasm, and optimism. A Media and Communications graduate, Aayushi seamlessly juggles the roles of actress, model, and content creator. In 2019, she made history by becoming the first Asian to win the Miss Teen International title.

With a strong foundation in Kathak and a past as a national-level handball player, Aayushi's talents span a broad spectrum. Guided by the principles of Patience, Persistence, and Perseverance, she actively engages with organisations focused on women's health, child welfare, and environmental conservation. What began as a childhood dream has evolved into a driving passion, with Miss India now representing a significant role in her life. Aayushi eagerly

anticipates the opportunity to pursue this passion and continue making an impact.



