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COSMOPOLITAN

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AN INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH RTN.SHALINI BHALLA

Rtn. Shailini Bhalla is a very well-known Education consultant and a member of BJP intellectual cell. She is Woman Chair Person of Central Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Here is a Question Answer session with her to know her and her achievements better.

Q: How did you begin your career in education?

A: My career began as a preschool teacher, where I simultaneously pursued my B.Ed. and Child Development. This dual focus helped me build a strong foundation in early childhood education and ignited my interest in innovative teaching methods.

Q: What notable contributions have you made in curriculum design?

A: At Navrachana International, I was the first to design the IB curriculum, a pioneering effort that sparked my passion for education reform. This experience paved the way for my role as an educational consultant, helping institutions develop impactful curriculum and strategies for improved learning outcomes.

Q: Can you tell us about your work with the Central Gujarat Chamber of Commerce?

A: I designed an entrepreneurship course, developed a tool for testing business skills and served as the Chairperson of the Women Entrepreneur Cell. Through this role, I aimed to empower women and promote entrepreneurial skills.

Q: What has been your role with Rotary?

A: I have designed literacy and numeracy workbooks for District 3060, which were distributed to over 10,000 schools. Currently, I am working on the Edu Skills project, focusing on equipping engineering students with employability skills.

Q: What awards have recognized your contributions?

A: I have been honoured with several awards, including:

- Best Entrepreneur of the Year 2019 in Surat
- The Sushma Swaraj Award for my contributions to training on the New Education Policy
- The Dr. Abdul Kalam Award for Innovation in Education in Bangalore



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EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS: GOOD TOUCH-BAD TOUCH :

On December 30th, Rotary Club Baroda Cosmopolitan hosted a vital session on "Good Touch Bad Touch" at Jalaram Vidyalaya, Manjalpur, for students of Std. 1-7.

Professional soft skills trainer and an Image Consultant at ICBI, Ann Nimisha Milap Parekh, conducted the session with engaging ease, making the topic accessible and interesting for the young audience. With over 45,000 students trained by her till now, Nimisha's expertise shone through, empowering the children with essential knowledge and confidence.

We extend our gratitude to Principal Mr. Dhaval and the teachers of Jalaram School for their invaluable support in facilitating this impactful program.



PRE-OCV MEETING WITH AG RTN. KALPESH SHETH :

On January 16, Club President Rtn. Arpit Bharal and Club Secretary Rtn. Deepali Dholakia met with Assistant Governor Rtn. Kalpesh Sheth at a café in Gotri. The meeting focused on the upcoming Official Club Visit (OCV) by District Governor Rtn. Tushar Shah on January 19. AG Rtn. Kalpesh Sheth reviewed our club's file and provided valuable insights and guidance to ensure a successful OCV.



4 WAY TEST COMPETITION (SINDHROT PRIMARY SCHOOL) :

We organized a 4-Way Test competition at Sindhrot Primary School on 16th January. Four talented students from grades 7 and 8 presented on the topics based on Rotary's 4-Way Test in Gujarati. We appreciate the presence of Our Club President Rtn. Arpit Bharal, Club Secretary Rtn. Deepali Dholakia, Prospective member Mrs. Deval Dave, School Principal Mr. Prakash Mehta and the School staff. This event fostered critical thinking, public speaking, and ethical awareness among the student.



4-WAY TEST COMPETITION (JALARAM VIDYALAYA) :

On January 17, RCBC organized a 4-Way Test competition at Jalaram Vidyalaya, with participation of approximately 60 enthusiastic students from Grades 4-10. The event was a heartwarming experience, as students recited the 4-Way Test with enthusiasm, showcasing their understanding of Rotary's core values. Presentations included recitations in Gujarati and English, elaborate explanations, and skits.

Our club members were impressed by the students' hard work and creativity, as well as the dedication of the teachers. Special thanks to our Judges - Rtn. Jignesha Ray and Rtn. Ami Shah and to our attendees - Rtn. Vijay Vora, Rtn. Maulesh Dholakia, Rtn. Arpit Bharal, Rtn. Deepali Dholakia, and the school teachers. Their presence and support made this event a successful one.



INSTALLATION OF WATER COOLER :

We are thrilled to announce installation of a new Water Cooler at Jalaram School. The Principal had reached out to us, highlighting the urgent requirement of a water cooler for their students during hotter days. We are proud to have responded to this need. It was inaugurated by our DG Rtn. Tushar Shah on 19th January during his OCV visit.

The cooler was donated by Rtn. Manish Shah- Rtn. Ami Shah and its installation was facilitated by Rtn. Sandeep Parikh. Thank you for the generous donation.



SUDAMA NI JHOLI :

Our monthly flagship project Sudama Ni Jholi was organised at Sindhrot Village on 19th January, in the presence of our District Governor. We distributed monthly grocery to 27 widows in the village.

We are Grateful to our donors Rtn. Shital and Rtn. Vishal Parikh for their generous contribution. We appreciate the presence of our DG Rtn.Tushar Shah, President Arpit Bharal, Rtn Deepali and Maulesh Dholakia ,Rtn.Shital Parikh ,Rtn.Pratiksha Shah and Rtn. Vijay Bhai Vora. We are thankful to them for their presence and support.



OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT (OCV) :

Our club hosted a well-organized and successful OCV on 19th January with a packed agenda that included-

- Inauguration of water cooler at Jalaram School
- Review of club progress and projects with members and board
- Visit to Sindhrot Village for 'Sudama Ni Jholi' project
- Induction of new members and awarding PHF certificates

The evening program was a memorable affair, masterfully conducted by Rtn. Maulesh Dholakia as the Master of Ceremony. The event began with a prayer, followed by inspiring performances of 4-Way Test Contest Winners. Rtn. Deepali Dholakia presented a comprehensive mid-year review of the club's activities conducted so far, highlighting our achievements and impact. President Rtn. Arpit Bharal warmly addressed the dignitaries and guests, expressing gratitude for their presence. The Presidents-Secretaries of Interact Clubs of RCBC, Shannen, and AVV, as well as the Rotaract Club of Parul University, shared their updates and achievements. The highlight of the evening was the District Governor's address, which motivated and encouraged members to strive for excellence. The evening concluded with the induction of new members, presentation of PHF certificates, and a vote of thanks by Rtn. Heena Masand.



EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH EDUCATION :

RCBC is proud to have distributed 400 workbooks (200 numerical and 200 alphabetical) to Simple Deeds Foundation on 22nd January, for benefiting non-affording Balvatika students. This initiative is part of a larger project, where BRHF arranged to purchase 1000 sets of these workbooks from the District project.

By implementing this project, we aim to achieve three key focus areas of Rotary:

1. Service in Education: Enhancing educational opportunities for underprivileged students.
2. Public Image: Showcasing Rotary's commitment to education and community development.
3. Fundraising: Leveraging individual donors, private industries, and CSR initiatives to support our cause.

We are Grateful to Rtn. Kalpa Rachh and Mrs. Preya Yagnik from Simple Deeds Foundation, Rtn. Narendra Sharma for facilitating this initiative and Rtn. Deepali Dholakia for her presence.



HEALTHY UTERUS MOTHER FOETUS (HUMF) :

On January 23rd, RCBC conducted this month's HUMF program at Govindpura Anganwadi, Padra.

We distributed nutritious packets of Khajur and Chana to 50 pregnant and lactating mothers, promoting their health and wellbeing.

Special thanks to our generous donor, Rtn. Vijay Vora, who supported this initiative in loving memory of his wife, Late Ann Usha Vora.

We are grateful for the presence and support of Rtn. Hirna Shah, Rtn. Vijay Vora, his sister, Rtn. Maulesh Dholakia, and Rtn. Deepali Dholakia. Together, let's continue empowering mothers and promoting healthy families.



GOLF TOURNAMENT :

On 26 th January, we successfully executed our flagship event, RCBC Golf Tournament 2025! With the participation of 56 golfers, the event was conducted seamlessly, blending the spirit of competition with fellowship. We are thrilled to announce that we donated ₹4.5 Lacs to Disha Charitable Trust as part of our fundraising initiative. The success of the Golf Tournament was amplified by a fun-filled fellowship session. Our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors: UNISON, Prakash Chemicals, NEXA, Grand Polycoats, Shiva Pharma, WeCare and Yokemate. The event was held at Gaekwad Baroda Golf Club. A big shout out to our hardworking Golf Committee, who went above and beyond to ensure this event was a success: Vishal Parikh, Sandeep Bhalla, Arjun Singh Mehta, Manish Shah and Niraj Patel. Despite the time constraints, their tireless efforts made this event truly memorable. A big Thank you to everyone for their unwavering support and contributions to making RCBC Golf Tournament a grand success.



UPCOMING EVENTS

4-WAY TEST ESSAY COMPETITION AT ITOLA - 6TH FEB

4- WAY TEST ESSAY COMPETITION AT SHARAD KANYA GUJARATI MEDIUM SCHOOL - 8TH FEB

4- WAY TEST ESSAY COMPETITION AT SHARAD KANYA HINDI MEDIUM SCHOOL - 8TH FEB

FELLOWSHIP MEET - 9TH FEB

TREASURE HUNT-16TH FEB

SUDAMA NI JHOLI -12TH FEB

HUMF- TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER

SALVATION ARMY - TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER



The FOUR Way Test

- 1 Is it **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Birthdays

03rd February	Annet Darsh Thakkar
07th February	Rtn. Vijay Vora
08th February	Rtn. Shalini Bhalla
09th February	Annet Riya Shah
09th February	Annet Saara Vin
16th February	Rtn. Yogesh Nimkar
18th February	Rtn. Dr. Arjun Singh Mehta
20th February	Rtn. Prakash Masand
20th February	Annet Anokhi Thakkar
21st February	Ann. Shruti Bharal
23rd February	Rtn. Dr. Parul Shah
25th February	Annet Aayushi Dholakia
25th February	Annet Harshvardhan Pande
25th February	Annet Shikha Dholakia
26th February	Annet Naisargi Buch
26th February	Annet Zea Shah
27th February	Rtn. Priti Shah
28th February	Annet Utkarsh Sharma

Anniversary

5th February	Rtn Samir & Shilpa Parikh
7th February	Rtn. Hiral & Milan Shah
7th February	Rtn. Arpit & Shruti Bharal
11th February	Rtn. Sandeep & Meghna Parikh
15th February	Rtn. Dipak & Sweta Shah
17th February	Rtn.Dr. Arjun Singh & Shubhra Singh Mehta
25th February	Rt. Sandeep & Shalini Bhalla
28th February	Rtn. Jeetmanyu & Meera Vin