

# लगातार

## Friendship with Fellowship

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## Rotary **Vision** Statement

**TOGETHER** WE SEE A WORLD

WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE  
AND TAKE ACTION

TO **CREATE** LASTING

**CHANGE** ACROSS THE GLOBE

IN OUR COMMUNITIES  
AND IN OURSELVES



## The Editor's Desk



### MY CHILDHOOD

**The generation of 60s and '70s.... You will relate to this...**

I grew up in Baroda when you could count the houses on your fingers and by the names of the people you knew - neighbours were often extensions of our families!

Eating out at a restaurant was a huge deal, a rarity actually. That only happened when it was a birthday or a very special occasion to celebrate.

There was no such thing as fast food on every other day, and having a bottle of soft drinks and an ice-cream from the local shop was a real treat. Pass your final exams and you might have gotten a new set of clothes, or Bata shoes.

You took your school clothes off as soon as you got home and put on your 'home' clothes. There was no taking or picking you up in the car, you either boarded the school bus or rode on public transport, or just walked home. You got home did your chores and homework before dinner.

We didn't have Apple TV, Amazon Prime or Netflix. We had only Doordarshan to watch and it was a community affair - everyone in the household and even neighbours without TVs watched TV together- same program for all, single channel for all age groups ... Jungle Book came once a week on a Sunday and Chhaya Geet on Thursdays, for which we waited all week.

We played Langdi, Kho kho, Chor police, Cricket, Gilli Danda ice-spice (actually it was "I spy") Marbles and any other game we could come up with...

Staying shut in the house was a PUNISHMENT and the only thing we knew about what "bored" was --- "You better find something to do before I find it for you!"

Life was good without instagram, facebook, twitter. Followers were the friends standing behind you. We went to the local shop for groceries and called our friends from home by shouting their names from the street.

We weren't AFRAID OF ANYTHING. We played until dark... sunset was our alarm.

Those were good old days...

## EVENTS GONE BY

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## 4 WAY TEST ESSAY COMPETITION AT KRUSHI PRIMARY SCHOOL :

RCBC conducted 4-Way Test Essay Competition at Krushi Primary school, Itola on 6th February. About 23 Students of Std. 7 & 8 participated in this competition. This encouraged students to reflect on timeless values of 4 Way Test and express their thoughts through their essays.

RCBC is Grateful to the Principal of the school Mr. Viraj Patel, Club President Rtn. Arpit Bharal, Club Secretary Rtn. Deepali Dholakia and Rtn. Vijay Vora for their support and presence.

Top 3 students from the participants will be honoured by certificates from Rotary District 3060.





## 4-WAY TEST ESSAY COMPETITION AT SHARAD KANYA SCHOOL :

RCBC successfully conducted another essay competition on Rotary's 4-Way Test core values at Sharad Kanya School. 50 enthusiastic students from Gujarati and Hindi mediums participated in the event held on February 7th.

Rtn. Hirna Shah, our Club Service Project Chair, assessed all the essays. Three winners from each medium were selected, and their essays were submitted to Rotary District 3060.

We also celebrated anniversary of the School Principal, anniversary of our Club President Rtn. Arpit Bharal and birthday of our member Rtn. Vijay Vora.

We appreciate the presence and support of Rtn. Sandeep Parikh, Rtn. Hirna Shah, Rtn. Vijay Vora, Rtn. Arpit Bharal, and Rtn. Deepali Dholakia



## RCBC RECOGNIZES YOUNG TALENT :

On February 7th, Rotary Club of Baroda Cosmopolitan (RCBC) proudly awarded certificates from the District, to the winners of the 4-Way Test Essay Competition held at Jalaram School. The competition, which took place on January 17th, saw enthusiastic participation from approximately 60 students of classes 4-10. The winners also showcased their talents in front of the District Governor and club members during the Official Club Visit (OCV) on January 19th.

Gaining new insights from our initiatives is always rewarding! Our recent 4-Way Test Essay Competition at Krushi Primary School, Itola, was a great example. A student's essay revealed the origin of the 4-Way Test in Rotary, showcasing the impact of District 3060's initiative. Kudos to the district for helping us rediscover our core values and instilling them in the next generation!





## FELLOWSHIP MEET :

Rotary Club of Baroda Cosmopolitan (RCBC) hosted a fantastic fun fellowship event on February 9th at Regenta Fairlark, which was attended by approximately 45 enthusiastic Cosmotarians. The fellowship was masterfully anchored by Rtn. Nimesh Gosalia, whose exceptional skills as the Master of Ceremony ensured a seamless and enjoyable experience for all. The meeting was called to order by Rtn. Vijay Vora, followed by the recitation of the 4-Way Test by Rtn. Keyur Shah and a heartfelt prayer by Rtn. Priti Shah.

A major highlight of the meeting was the inspiring talk by Annet Zea Shah, an IYE student, who shared her fascinating experiences and insights gained during her stay in Brazil. The event also welcomed new members, including Rtn. Deval Dave & her daughter Stuti Dave, Rtn. Ashokbhai and his wife, and Executive Secretary Ms. Himansi Chauhan, who were warmly introduced to the club members.

Inbound IYE student, Timoleone also introduced himself at the event. 6 members - Rtn. Hiral Matalia, Rtn. Hiral Shah, Rtn. Poorva Nimkar, Rtn. Nirav Patel, Rtn. Arjun Singh Mehta, and Rtn. Mansi Rana - were honored with Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) certificates by Club President Rtn. Arpit Bharal and Club Secretary Rtn. Deepali Dholakia, in recognition of their outstanding contributions. The event concluded with sumptuous lunch, during which members mingled and interacted with each other.





## HUMF :

Rotary Club of Baroda Cosmopolitan (RCBC) organized its nutritious food distribution program, "Healthy Uterus Mother Foetus" (HUMF), on 12th February, benefiting 50 pregnant and lactating mothers at Padra. The club provided protein-rich food packets comprising of Khajur-Chana to support the health and well-being of these mothers and their babies. This initiative reflects RCBC's support for maternal and child health, empowering mothers to nurture healthy families.

We are grateful to Rtn. Twinkle Shah-Rtn. Keyur Shah for their generous donation for the same. We are also thankful to Rtn. Vijay Vora, Club President Rtn. Arpit Bharal, Rtn. Twinkle Shah and her mother for their presence and support.



## SUDAMA NI JHOLI :

On February 12th, Rotary Club of Baroda Cosmopolitan (RCBC) conducted its monthly service project, "Sudama ni Jholi," bringing smiles to 27 widows of Sindhrot village.

Generous donors Rtn. Poorva Nimkar and Ann Rajesh Nimkar provided one month's worth of groceries to these deserving individuals.

RCBC extends heartfelt gratitude to Rtn. Vijay Vora and Rtn. Arpit Bharal for their presence and support, alongside the donors, in making this project a success.



## 4-WAY TEST ESSAY COMPETITION INSPIRES YOUNG MINDS :

Maa Bharati Primary School, Akota, recently hosted a 4-Way Test Essay Competition in Gujarati, organized by Rotary Club of Baroda Cosmopolitan, on 20th February. The event saw enthusiastic participation from 70 students of Grades 7, 8, and 9.

The competition aimed to instill the values of the 4-Way Test - Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? - amongst the young students. The event was made possible thanks to the support of Principal Mr. Dhaval Patel and the school teachers. Rotary Club of Baroda Cosmopolitan is grateful for the presence of President Rtn. Arpit Bharal, Rtn. Vijay Vora, and Club Secretary Rtn. Deepali Dholakia.

The essays will be judged by Ann Shweta Dipak Shah, and winners will receive certificates from Rotary District 3060. Congratulations to all participants, and we look forward to announcing the winners soon!



## ROTARY DAY CELEBRATIONS IN VADODARA :

February 23, 2025, marked a special day for Rotary Clubs in Vadodara, as they came together to celebrate Rotary Day with a vibrant Zumba session at Kamatibaug Garden Amphitheater.

Approximately 80-85 Rotarians and non-Rotarians participated in this high-energy event, showcasing the spirit of community service, volunteerism, and fellowship that defines Rotary International.

Seven Rotary Clubs in Vadodara collaborated to make this event a success:

1. Rotary Club of Baroda Sayajinagri
2. Rotary Club of Baroda Cosmopolitan
3. Rotary Club of Baroda Kalanagari
4. Rotary Club of Baroda Jawaharnagar
5. Rotary Club of Baroda
6. Rotary Club of Vadodara Heritage
7. Rotary Club of Vadodara Banyan City



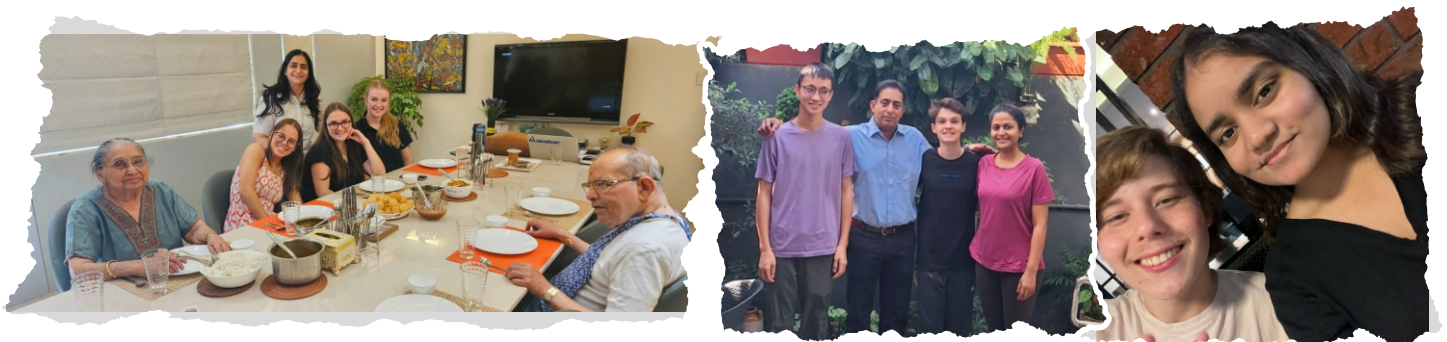
This joint initiative not only promoted physical fitness and fun but also highlighted the collective commitment of Rotary Clubs in Vadodara to promoting peace, understanding, and goodwill in the community. The event received extensive coverage from prominent media partners in Baroda, further amplifying the public image of Rotary International.

As we celebrate Rotary Day, we honor the founding principles of Rotary International, which emphasize the importance of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

Happy Rotary Day!



RCBC Is Grateful to Rtn. Poorva Nimkar-Ann Rajesh Nimkar, Rtn. Deval Dave-Ann Niral Dave and Rtn. Twinkle Shah-Rtn. Keyur Shah for hosting 5 exchange students, who were on their way for a trip in the North. We appreciate their kind gesture on behalf of RCBC.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ROTARY WASH (WATER SANITATION HYGIENE) SESSION AT SINDHROT & CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION	
WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION - 8TH MARCH	
CLOSED BODY MEETING	SUDAMA NI JHOLI- 9TH MARCH
ROTARY WASH SESSION AT JALARAM VIDYALAYA - 10TH MARCH	
CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION AT SHARAD KANYA VIDYALAYA - 10TH MARCH	
HUMF	ROTARY WASH SESSION AT JASPUR SCHOOL
ROTARY WASH SESSION AT ITOLA SCHOOL & CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY	

### 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

2nd March	Rtn. Hardik Shah
3rd March	Rtn. Deepali Dholakia
5th March	Annet Manan shah
9th March	Rtn. Jeetmanyu Vin
14th March	Annet Krish Thakkur
14th March	Ann. Dr. Jagruti Shah
19th March	Annet Jatan Baviskar
23rd March	Ann. Smita Goswamy
26th March	Rtn. Dr. Parag Buch
27th March	Annet Dhruv Talati
28th March	Annet Richa Sharma
30th March	Annet Tanay Patel

### Anniversary

3rd March	Rtn. Govind and Ann Renu Pande
15th March	Rtn. Viral and Ann Meeta Shah