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THE FOUR WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, DO

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

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Dear Cosmotarians,

It gives me immense joy and pride to step into the role of President of Rotary Club of Baroda Cosmopolitan for the year 2025 –26.



We have already begun this Rotary year on a remarkable note with our Installation Ceremony, creatively themed around Samudra Manthan. The overwhelming response from our members to the play was both inspiring and emotional for the entire Board. It reminded us of the deep connection we share—not just as Rotarians but as a family.

Our theme for the year, "Unite For Good", truly reflects the spirit of our Club. For the past 28 years, we have united in the pursuit of service, fellowship, and growth—and this year, we aim to strengthen those bonds even further.

Together, we will engage in:

Purposeful service projects that leave lasting impact, meaningful fellowships that nurture relationships, and personal development opportunities that help us grow individually and as a team.





I am truly fortunate to have a committed and enthusiastic Board to walk alongside me on this journey. With their support, and with the energy of every Cosmotarian, I am confident that we will have yet another impactful and fulfilling year.

A special note of appreciation to our Bulletin Editor, Ann Ulka Patel. I wish her the very best and look forward to a vibrant bulletin every month that captures the soul of our activities and keeps us all connected.

As we begin this new chapter, I humbly seek your continued support—whether it's through your presence at fellowships, your involvement in service projects, or simply by sharing your ideas and enthusiasm.

I assure you, I will give this Club my very best—wholeheartedly and sincerely.

Let's Unite for Good—and together, let's make 2025–26 a year to remember, filled with service, spirit, and purpose.

Warm regards,
Rtn Shital Parikh
President 2025–26





Dear Fellow Cosmotarians,

It is with great joy and a sense of purpose that I bring to you the very first edition of our club bulletin under my editorship. As we step into a new Rotary year, I'm excited to take on the role of weaving together the vibrant stories, updates, and milestones that make our club so special.



This bulletin is more than just a collection of updates — it is a reflection of our shared journey, our service, our fellowship, and the values that bind us together. My hope is that each edition will not only inform you but also inspire and connect us more deeply as a club.

I warmly welcome your ideas, stories, and feedback — after all, this bulletin is yours. Let's make it a space where every member's contribution finds a voice and every achievement is celebrated.

Looking forward to a year of impactful service and memorable moments!

Yours in Rotary,
Ann Ulka Patel





INSTALLATION CEREMONY

“ROTARY KA SAMUDRA MANTHAN”

An Installation Like Never Before!

The installation ceremony of the new board of RCBC this year was nothing short of extraordinary. Breaking away from tradition, the event came alive with a hilarious and thought-provoking Hinglish musical comedy, “Rotary Ka Samudra Manthan – Badlav Ki Churning!” – conceptualized and directed with finesse by a professional theatre director.

Instead of a conventional lineup of introductions, this nautanki-style production brought our incoming team on stage in character – blending wit, wisdom, and theatrical flair. From the Golden Hammer of the Vice President to the Selfie Stick of the PR Chair and the Donation box of the Foundation Chair, each role was portrayed with humor and heart.

The audience roared with laughter and applauded every punchline, prop, and performance. It was a celebration not just of new leadership, but of Rotary values, camaraderie, and creativity. The visual spectacle, clever dialogues, and well-timed entries made the entire presentation feel like a Broadway show, right here in Vadodara!

This unique format truly reflected the spirit of our themes – “United for Good” and “Team Achievers” – showing what happens when tradition meets talent and vision meets versatility.

Kudos to everyone involved in bringing this memorable show to life!





EVENTS THAT SHAPED US



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NANHI DRASHTI

Under our flagship initiative Nanhi Drashti, RCBC successfully conducted its first eye check-up camp at the Gorwa Anganwadi.

A total of 69 children were screened by the dedicated medical team from Manavta Hospital, who arrived in their well-equipped mobile van. The check-up aimed to identify early signs of vision-related issues among the children.

We are pleased to report that only three children were found to have minor eye infections and were promptly provided with the necessary medication. No cases requiring spectacles were found—a heartening sign of overall good eye health among the children.

The camp was graced by the presence of Rtn Shital Parikh, Rtn Ami Shah, and Rtn Vijay Vora, whose support and involvement were instrumental in the smooth execution of the event.

This camp marks a significant step in our ongoing commitment to children's health and well-being through Nanhi Drashti.





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INSTALLATION OF RCBC INTERACT CLUB

On Sunday morning, 20th July '25, the Interact Club of Baroda Cosmopolitan celebrated a momentous occasion—their Installation Ceremony for the new Rotary year. A dynamic new board was formally installed, and nearly 20 enthusiastic new members were inducted, taking the club's total strength to an impressive 80 members.

The event was graced by Chief Guest Major Mayank Mathur (Retd.), who delivered an inspiring and thought-provoking address to the Interactors, motivating them to lead with courage, commitment, and compassion.

A strong show of support came from Rotary Club dignitaries, including President Rtn. Shital Parikh, Rtn. Shubhra Mehta, Rtn. Dr. Arjun Singh Mehta, Rtn. Jignesha Ray, Rtn. Vipul Ray, Rtn. Kalpa Rachh, and Rtn. Pranav Rachh, who all joined in celebrating the spirit of youth leadership and service.

The newly installed board for the year is as follows:

- Aaria Singh Mehta – President
- Prisha Patel – Secretary
- Aarin Karia – Joint Secretary
- Kavya Patel – Treasurer





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- Kayaan Patel – Project Manager
- Maya Vora – Project Manager
- Zea Shah – Project Manager
- Yashvi Trivedi – Project Manager
- Yazdan Talati – Head of Club Services
- Rianna Patel – Head of Social Media
- Samarth Tannk – Head of Design

With renewed energy and a shared passion for community service, the Interact Club is all set to make a meaningful impact under the leadership of its new board. Here's to a year of learning, leading, and giving back!





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INSTALLATION OF SHANNEN SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB

President Rtn. Shital Parikh & Director (Youth Services) Rtn. Shubhra Mehta attended the Installation Ceremony of the Interact Club at Shannen School.

Rtn. Shubhra Mehta led the oath-taking ceremony with enthusiasm and eloquently conveyed the significance of Rotary's guiding principles, particularly the Four-Way Test, inspiring the newly inducted Interactors to uphold integrity, service, and leadership. The club is excited to mentor and support these bright young leaders as they embark on their journey of service, learning, and meaningful community engagement.





HUMF

On 21st July RCBC carried out a meaningful service activity under the HUMF (Health, Upliftment, and Maternal Focus) initiative by distributing nutritional kits to 30 pregnant women at the Urban Primary Health Centre, Gorwa.

This initiative aims to support maternal health and well-being by ensuring that expectant mothers receive essential nourishment during a critical phase of their journey.

The event was graciously attended by Rtn. Ami Shah, Rtn. Priti Shah, and President Rtn. Shital Parikh, whose presence and encouragement added warmth and purpose to the occasion.

Together, we move forward—nurturing communities and empowering lives.





EVENTS THAT SHAPED US





SUDAMA NI JHOLI

Under our flagship project 'Sudama Ni Jholi', the Rotary Club of Baroda Cosmopolitan (RCBC) distributed 25 foodgrain kits to deserving parents of students from Arpan Centre.

This monthly initiative is rooted in compassion and aims to provide consistent nutritional support to families in need, ensuring that no one is left behind. The July 2025 kits were generously sponsored by Rtn. Vishal Parikh and President Rtn. Shital Parikh, whose continued commitment to service is deeply appreciated. Together, we fill hearts—and stomachs—with care and dignity.





CLOSED BODY MEET

A Closed Body Meeting was held on Sunday, 27th July 2025, at the residence of President Rtn. Shital Parikh.

The meeting focused on discussing key upcoming agendas and planning for the months ahead. It served as a productive platform for collaborative dialogue, strategy sharing, and aligning club goals for impactful service.

The meeting was attended by the following Rotarians: President Rtn. Shital, Rtn. Heena, Rtn. Himanshu, Rtn. Priti, Rtn. Arjun, Rtn. Shubhra, Rtn. Vijay, Rtn. Parag, Rtn. Vishal, Rtn. Maulesh, Rtn. Deepali, Rtn. Sandeep.

Such meetings strengthen the foundation of the club and pave the way for efficient execution of service initiatives. Here's to teamwork, vision, and shared purpose.





THE DEVAS, ASURAS & CURIOUS SPECTATORS AT THE SAMUDRA MANTHAN



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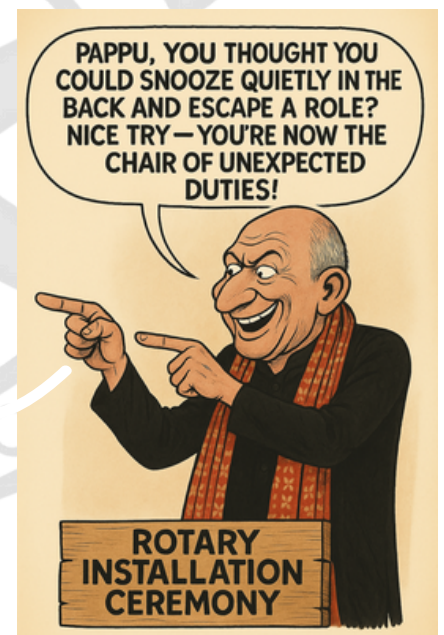


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FELLOWSHIP SPOTLIGHT





MEET ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2025-26: FRANCESCO AREZZO

From Sicily to the World Stage

Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Sicily, is the first president of Rotary International from Southern Italy. His journey to the top began with a surprise Zoom call during a district conference — news that soon had 400 Rotarians lining up to congratulate him!



A Rotary Journey of Growth

A practicing orthodontist for 46 years, Francesco joined Rotary over three decades ago. Initially hesitant to lead due to a stutter, he credits Rotary with transforming him into a confident and engaged leader. His motto: “You don’t go to Rotary — you do Rotary.”

Focus on Connection

Francesco aims to strengthen club-level communication and empower local leaders. He believes real change in Rotary happens through long-term planning, and hopes to work closely with President-elect SangKoo Yun to build a strong two-year roadmap.





A Memorable Moment

One of his proudest Rotary memories was organizing a youth leadership program for countries around the Mediterranean. Despite initial tensions, the group bonded deeply — ending with a joint performance of “Imagine” and a heartfelt celebration of unity.

Passions Beyond Rotary

Arezzo is a lover of opera (especially Bellini) and hails from a family that’s been producing olive oil for over a century. He jokes that olive oil producers are harder to unite than Rotarians! He and his wife, Anna Maria, are proud grandparents to two — both adorably named after them.





UPCOMING EVENTS

We have an exciting and meaningful month ahead, filled with impactful service activities and fellowship. We encourage all members to mark their calendars and make every effort to participate.

Here's a quick look at what's coming up:

- **6th August** Nanhi Drashti - Our ongoing initiative for children's eye health continues with another check-up camp.
- **7th August** Tree Plantation Drive - Join us in making our city greener and cleaner. Let's plant the seeds of a better tomorrow!
- **10th August** Sudama Ni Jholi - A noble initiative to support the underprivileged—more details will follow soon.
- **15th August** Independence Day Celebrations- Flag hoisting ceremony followed by the distribution of uniforms to children. Let's come together to celebrate and serve.
- **31st August** Fellowship Meet - A time to connect, reflect, and strengthen the bond of Rotary friendship.

Let's all come together and make this month truly memorable with our presence and participation.

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR





BIRTHDAYS

1 August	Rajvi Makol
5 August	Prathit Harsh Rana
5 August	Smit Matalia
7 August	Mita Patel
14 August	Akshit Vishal Parikh
15 August	Ashmit Arpit Bharal
20 August	Heena Masand
24 August	Shripal Jeetmanyu Vin
25 August	Yashvi Geetika Patel
27 August	Neerav Goswamy
27 August	Jignasha Ray
27 August	Bhavika Beneet Tanna
27 August	Rishi Twinkle Shah
28 August	Dhruv Neerav Goswamy
28 August	Aarav Chaitali Doshi
29 August	Twinkle Shah
30 August	Ashok Patel
30 August	Manaal Sandeep Parikh
31 August	Aalokaa Jaideep Verma

ANNIVERSARIES

21 August	Dr Ranjan & Dr Revathi Aiyer
24 August	Pranav & Kalpa Rachh

