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ABOUT BCC

For 6 decades, BCC has been at the forefront of community development, driven by a simple but powerful belief: that every individual holds the potential to create a better life for themselves and those around them. Our mission is to ignite this self-belief, offering a helping hand through our comprehensive programs. Every day, our team works tirelessly to put this philosophy into action through our wide range of projects.

Think Globally, Act Locally Through Co-operation

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- Police Educational Sponsorship
- STEM Lab
- Project DREAM

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- Miyawaki Forest
- Green Anganwadi Development

Lighting the Path Ahead: New Beginnings This Month

GREEN Anganwadi

Did you know ?

Gujarat needs 16K more Anganwadis!



Green revolution for our youngest learners.

Building on our 60-year legacy of shaping brighter futures, with 87 Anganwadis already completed, we are now launching a green revolution with our new "Green Anganwadis." that are not only sustainable but also a model for the future.

These aren't just buildings; they will be living, breathing ecosystems of education. Designed to achieve Net-Zero Energy and Net-Zero Water, every new Anganwadi will be certified by the CII-Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), setting a new standard for community infrastructure and reflecting our commitment to ESG excellence. By reducing our carbon footprint with every build, we will also be helping our planet breathe a little easier.

Ultimately, we will be building more than just schools. We will be creating welcoming environments where not only young children, but also expectant and new mothers, adolescent girls, and countless others can find a place to learn, grow, and thrive in comfort and sustainability. Our "Green Anganwadis" will truly become a hub for the whole community.



Before



After



Workshop: Leveraging IGBC Certification for Green Buildings

BCC team recently completed a highly productive two-day workshop on Leveraging IGBC Certification for Green Buildings, led by expert Ms. Sarika Vohra. This initiative marks a significant step forward in our mission to build a more sustainable future.

The training provided essential insights into sustainable building practices, from strategic design elements like proper orientation and daylighting to technical concepts such as rainwater harvesting and efficient HVAC systems. The team's active participation was a testament to our collective commitment to this green revolution.



Achieving this certification will not only reduce our operational costs through energy and water savings but also enhance occupant well-being and strengthen our organization's reputation. We look forward to applying these key learnings to our future projects, reinforcing our role as leaders in creating sustainable community infrastructure.

Inaugurations this Month



Sevasi-4 Anganwadi Inauguration

Anganwadi Inauguration was done under Anganwadi Adoption Program. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Shri Sameer Khera, President – FGI, and Smt. Priyanka Verma, Deputy Secretary General – FGI, who attended as the chief guests. The event also welcomed Mrs. Ambika Jaiswal, CDPO – ICDS, along with Mrs. Mamta Sanjay Singh (Executive Director – BCC), Mrs. Surekhaben Patel (Corporator – Sevasi), local community leaders, Anganwadi children, and their parents.



Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony for Green Anganwadi- JAHAJ & SAMLAYA

For a greener, brighter future for our children. The commencement of a transformative project under the Jahaj Village Development & Voltamp village development Program—the Green Anganwadi. This visionary initiative is made possible through the generous support of Voltamp transformers limited & Nisol Manufacturing Company Private Limited and the dedicated implementation by Baroda Citizens Council (BCC).



Project ANNAPURNA

Baroda Citizens Council, in collaboration with Neogen Chemicals Limited, is proud to announce the launch of Project "Annapurna"—an initiative that turns a traditional recipe into a recipe for empowerment. This new project, themed "Ghar se Bazaar Tak!", will empower women by training them in the art of thepla making, helping them build sustainable livelihoods and achieve financial independence. Get ready to taste the difference! Soon, our authentic, homemade theplas, crafted by these talented women, will be available for delivery right to your doorstep, office, and for special events. This is more than just a culinary venture; it's a step toward creating sustainable livelihoods and fostering economic independence in our community.



Anaemia-Fighting Tip of the Month: Add a Citrus Twist!

Want to give your body a superhero boost? A simple squeeze of lemon or a side of orange with your meal can significantly help your body absorb the iron from the foods you eat.

It's a small, tasty trick that makes a big difference in helping you feel more energetic and strong! So, next time you're having an iron-rich meal, don't forget your Vitamin C sidekick. It's an easy, flavorful change that helps your body get the most out of every bite.

HEALTH FOCUS

Did you know ?

Anxiety disorders are the most common mental health condition worldwide, affecting over 30 crore people?

Yes! Anxiety disorders are the world's most common mental health challenge, affecting over 30 crore people. From constant worry to panic attacks, anxiety shows up in different ways for everyone.

The good news?

It's treatable with the right support! Counselling and communication can be incredibly effective. Talking with a counselor helps you understand and re-train your brain's alarm system, while open communication with friends and family builds a support network that makes the journey to recovery less lonely.



MHCC OFFERS FREE:

- Counselling and Therapy
- Legal Consultation
- Corporate Mental Health Workshops

BCC'S Mental Health Counselling Centre (MHCC), offers compassionate and confidential support to individuals facing emotional, psychological, and social challenges.

What if a single conversation could change everything? Book your counselling session and find out.

24*7 Helpline Number : 7383 -300 -844

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Awareness Session on Anaemia

The session focused on explaining what anaemia is, its signs and symptoms, along with prevention and treatment methods. It also highlighted the importance of healthy dietary patterns and food habits to combat the condition. The discussion aimed to create awareness and encourage proactive health management.

DID YOU KNOW?

In Gujarat nearly 2 out of every 5 adolescent girls are anaemic.



Home Visit For Need Assessment

Home visits were conducted for anaemic girls to understand their health, lifestyle, and eating habits, while collecting basic demographic details. Discussions covered menstruation awareness, identification of irregular cycles, and observation of related family traditions. These insights will help design targeted interventions to improve menstrual health and nutrition.

From the Field: Monthly Community Updates

Product Exhibition



In July 2025, the Skill Development and Livelihood team successfully participated in an exhibition organized by the Billion Lives Foundation. The exhibition was held at Dr. Sarabhai campus. The team showcased a diverse range of products crafted by our upskilled women beneficiaries, receiving a highly encouraging response from attendees. This participation provided a valuable platform for our beneficiaries to display their diversified range of handstitched products and gain exposure for their work.

Community Mobilization Program



The Director and team of Electronics Engineers Private Limited, Undera visited Divyang Centre and donated Raincoats and sweet boxes to all students of Divyang centre, bringing smiles and joy to the students.

Bhavai program



A lively Bhavai program was held at the Primary School in Narmada Vasahat, Pratapnagar Village, under the Voltamp-Village Development Program. Through this traditional folk art, artists spread powerful messages on health, education, women & youth empowerment, and agriculture. Over 100 villagers enthusiastically joined, learning about the developmental initiatives BCC will introduce this year. The Primary School Principal urged the community to extend full support. The event ended with a heartfelt pledge to educate children, keep the village clean, and stay away from addiction.

From Classrooms to Homes



This month, school visits, home visits and parents teacher meet were conducted in Vadodara & Panchmahal under community engagement vertical to strengthen engagement at the ground level. During these visits, meaningful interactions were held with principals, teachers & parents to discuss the progress and needs of the students. Parents were also engaged in open conversations, helping build stronger family-school connections. Children actively participated in the sessions, making the visits lively and impactful. Several home visits were carried out to provide personalized support and ensure continued care within the community.



Women Empowerment Training for SHGs

An empowering training session on financial literacy, SHG bank linkages, government schemes, leadership, and entrepreneurship was successfully conducted, igniting new possibilities for community growth. The workshop equipped participants with vital skills to manage finances, access resources, and lead with confidence. Sessions were highly interactive, encouraging women to envision themselves as changemakers and entrepreneurs. The program was expertly facilitated by Ms. Kinjal Mhida, NRLM Cluster Coordinator, Padra, whose insights inspired and motivated all attendees. This initiative marks another strong step towards building financially independent and self-reliant communities.

Spirit of Celebration: A Monthly Retrospective



WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY

On July 15, 2025, the Baroda Citizens Council (BCC) marked a significant milestone by celebrating World Youth Skills Day with over **150** women from its Skill Development & Livelihood Department. The program focused on providing comprehensive, hands-on training to empower these women with skills essential for both personal and professional growth. Key sessions included crucial training in Soft Skills Development, empowering them to communicate and collaborate effectively. The event also included an innovative module on AI and ChatGPT, introducing them to cutting-edge technology. Furthermore, the celebration featured Self-Help Group (SHG) Training to promote entrepreneurship and financial autonomy, as well as dedicated Mental Health Counseling to support their overall well-being. This event represents a major achievement for BCC, showcasing its dedication to creating a holistic and empowering environment for women to thrive.

GURU PURNIMA

This Guru Purnima, the Skill Development Department, Balwadi, and PASS classes celebrated learning and gratitude in their own unique ways. The day was dedicated to honoring the gurus and mentors who tirelessly guide our community's growth. In a touching tribute, skilled beneficiaries from the Skill Development Department presented beautifully handcrafted products to our Director ma'am as a token of deep appreciation for her leadership and support. Meanwhile, children in the Balwadi and PASS classes expressed their thanks with handmade cards, honoring their teachers and parents with creativity and love. This collective celebration truly highlighted the spirit of learning and the strong, respectful bonds that unite our entire community. This event was a powerful reminder that mentorship creates a ripple effect, empowering beneficiaries to become confident and skilled individuals. It was a beautiful testament to the enduring values of knowledge and respect that we all share.



Rakhi Rang – Threads of Talent

Divyang students enthusiastically made rakhis, where they showcased their creativity by designing beautiful and unique rakhis. The activity not only highlighted their artistic talents but also brought joy and a sense of accomplishment to the students.

From Joyful Rituals to Greener Goals

This month, we marked two special occasions. Gauri Vrat was celebrated with great joy, as we distributed banana chips to the children, adding a festive touch to their day. We also observed Green Day to highlight the importance of protecting our environment and the vital role of trees in our lives.



વર્લ્ડ યુથ સ્કિલ્સ ડે ૨૦૨૫ નિમિત્તે ૧૦૦ જેટલી મહિલાઓ માટે વિશિષ્ટ તાલીમ કાર્યક્રમ યોજાયો



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ઉમ્મીદને પાંખો હોય છે, તે આત્મામાં રહે છે
ક્યારેય અટકતી નથી. ઉમ્મીદ આપણને ન

એનજીઓ, મહિલાઓ અને દિવ્યાંગોને આવક મળે તે માટે બિલિયન લાઈઝ ફાઉન્ડેશનનું આયોજન
મહિલા ઉત્કર્ષ માટે પ્રયાસ, હાથ બનાવટની વસ્તુઓનું
22 સ્ટોલ સાથે પ્રદર્શન, એક દિવસમાં 2 લાખની કમાણી
સારાભાઈ કેમ્પસના 50 બિલ્ડિંગની કોર્પોરેટ ઓફિસને ખરીદી માટે આમંત્રણ આપવામાં આવ્યું છે.

સિટી ફિલ્ટર વડાશ્રી

શહેરના ઓલ્ડ પાટરા રોડ પર કાર્યરત સામાજિક સંસ્થા બિલીયન લાઈઝ ફાઉન્ડેશન દ્વારા મહિલાઓના ઉત્કર્ષ માટે એક્ટિવિશન રાખવામાં આવ્યું હતું. એનજીઓ, વિદ્યાર્થીનીઓ અને દિવ્યાંગોના 22 સ્ટોલ દ્વારા એક જ દિવસમાં 2 લાખ રૂપિયાનો વ્યવસાય કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો. સારાભાઈ કેમ્પસ ગેઝ સર્કલ ખાતે આવેલા નોટ્સ આઉટ પાર્કમાં આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું.

હાથ બનાવટની વસ્તુઓ જીવન જરૂરિયાતની વસ્તુઓ જે જે તમામ મહિલાઓને કમમાં લાગી શકે અને તેમના દ્વારા તૈયાર કરી શકે તેવી વસ્તુના સ્ટોલ સમાવવામાં આવ્યા હતા. બિલિયન લાઈઝ ફાઉન્ડેશનના કિન્નરી હરિયાણીએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે, તહેવારોની સિઝન શરૂ થઈ છે, એનજીઓ પાસે પોતાની દુકાનો છોતી નથી તેથી તેમને પેટદોષ મળી રહે અને બીજી તરફ કોર્પોરેટ ઓફિસમાં જોડા કરના લોકોને ખરીદી કરવા જવાનો સમય હોતો નથી. પ્રતિ રાખડીની લઈ જન્મલંકી સુધીની વસ્તુ સમાવવા છે. પ્રતિભા પ્રાગટ્ય પ્રોજેક્ટ અંતર્ગત આ કાર્યક્રમ યોજાયો છે.

સુગંધિત વસ્તુઓ, પુષ્પ, સુવાંદી-ચાંદીના હિંડોળા યોજાશે
ગાયત્રી પરિવાર દ્વારા યુવાન સારું ભણતર, નિમિત્તે 36
વેલીઓ-મંદિરોમાં આજથી શરૂ પૂણિમા ભોપાલ ખ

અભ્યાસની સાથે આવક ઊભી રાખી શકે
મારી ઉમર વધે છે એમ યુનિવર્સિટી માંથી બીજા બેઠક નો અભ્યાસ ચોક્કસ કરે બનાવે મને વાર્ષિક મારો ખર્ચ રહેશે. જીણા પાંચ 150 દિવ્યાંગ બાળકો પ્રોડક્ટ તૈયાર કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા. એક દિવસમાં 2 લાખની કમાણી થઈ શકે છે. જેના દ્વારા વ્યવસાય શરૂ કરી શકાય છે. આવક થાય છે તેમજ મળી રહે છે. આયોજન માટે

વિવિધ ક્ષેત્રની 9 મહિલાને શિક્ષણ, હાઉસ કીપિંગ, બ્યૂટિશિયન જેવાં વિવિધ ક્ષેત્રોમાં સમાનિત કરાઈ પ્રતિભા પ્રાગટ્ય મહિલા સશક્તિકરણ એક્ટિવિશનનું આયોજન કરાયું હતું. જેમાં વિવિધ ક્ષેત્રમાં સેવા આપતા 9 મહિલાઓને સમાનિત કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા. ડૉ. કાલિન્દી પરમાર, નર્સ રીકલ પટેલ શિક્ષણ પલક પટેલ, પ્રોફેસર હિરલ પરમાર હાઉસ કીપિંગમાં સિવાત પરમાર, બ્યૂટિશિયન મમતા મજબૂદાર, રસોઈ માટે પૂતિ શાહ, સમાજ માટે સક્રિય નીલમ આચાર્ય, બાળકો માટે કામ કરનાર વ્યવસાય શ્રેણે કિન્નલ દેસાઈને સમાનિત કરાયું હતું.