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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS

Fostering Environmental Awareness Through
Action and Learning

In celebration of World Environment Day, United Way of Baroda organised a **Nature Walk, Tree Plantation Drive, and Seed Ball Making Activity** on **5 June 2026**, bringing together staff members, interns, corporate volunteers, environmental experts, and school children for a meaningful day of environmental learning and action. The initiative aimed to strengthen participants' connection with nature while promoting collective responsibility towards environmental conservation and sustainable living.



NATURE WALK AT MIYAWAKI FOREST



The day commenced with a guided Nature Walk at the **Miyawaki Forest in Rupapura, Kanjari, Halol**, a thriving green space developed by United Way of Baroda with the support of **Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.** under its CSR initiative. The forest stands as a successful example of ecological restoration and community-driven sustainability.

Participants explored the dense plantation and witnessed firsthand the remarkable growth achieved through the Miyawaki afforestation method, an innovative technique known for creating self-sustaining forests within a relatively short period. The walk was led by renowned environmentalist **Dr. Jitendra Gavali**, who shared valuable insights on biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, native plant species, and the critical role forests play in maintaining ecological balance.

To make the experience more engaging, a **Nature Bingo Challenge** was organised, encouraging participants to observe their surroundings closely, identify various elements of biodiversity, and actively interact with the natural environment.



TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

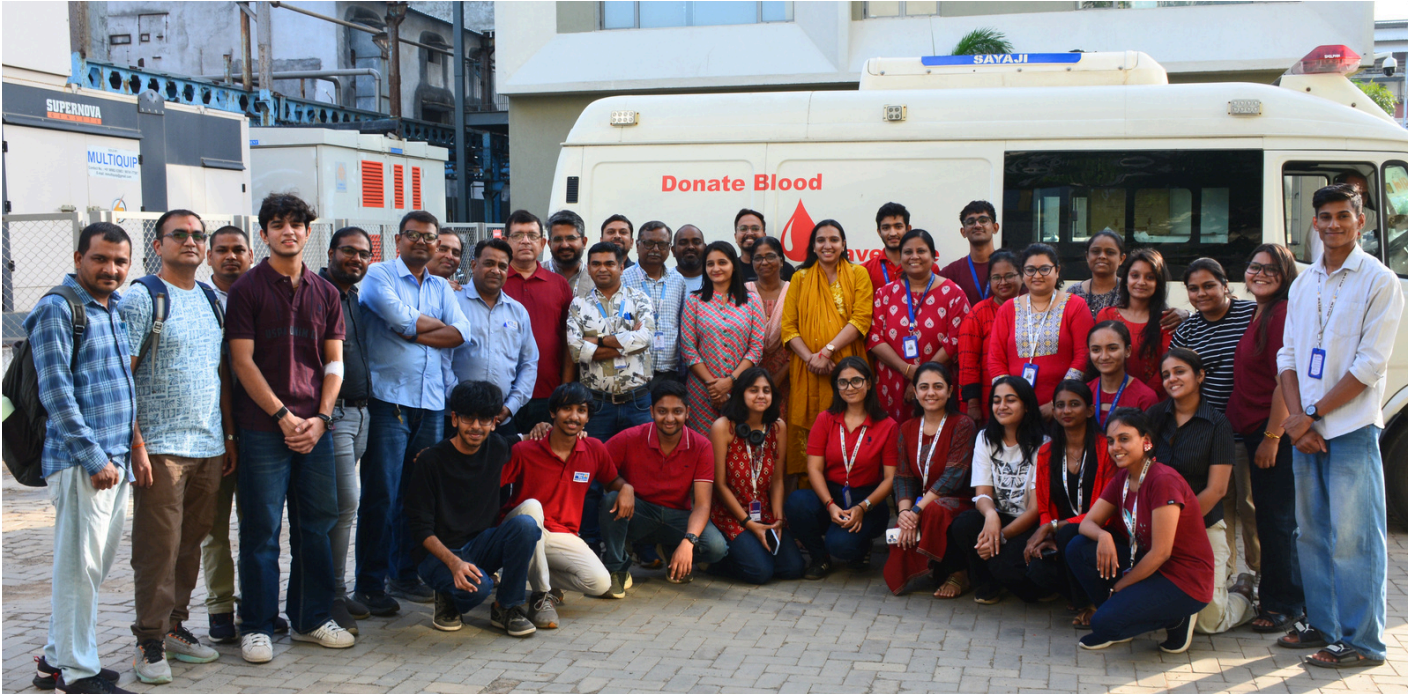
Following the nature walk, the celebration continued with a Tree Plantation Drive at Gayatri Nagar, Kanjari. The activity witnessed enthusiastic participation from volunteers and **35 students of Kanjari Kumar Prathmik Shala**, who came together to plant more than **100 saplings**.



SEED BALL MAKING ACTIVITY

As part of the World Environment Day celebration, **United Way of Baroda staff members and interns** participated in a Seed Ball Making Activity, where they learned how simple and cost-effective techniques can contribute to large-scale ecological restoration. Participants prepared seed balls using a mixture of soil, compost, and native seeds, which can later be dispersed in suitable areas to support natural regeneration and enhance local biodiversity.

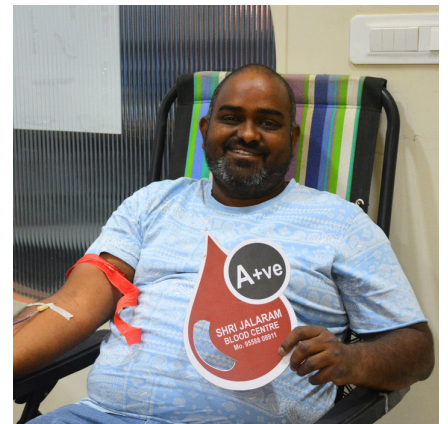




BLOOD DONATION CAMP

Saving Lives Through Community Participation

United Way of Baroda, in collaboration with Shri Jalaram Blood Bank, organized a **Blood Donation Camp on 2nd June 2026** at its office in Alembic City, Vadodara. The initiative brought together employees from neighboring offices, corporate representatives, volunteers, and community members who came forward with a shared commitment to support a life-saving cause. The camp served as a platform to encourage voluntary blood donation while fostering a spirit of social responsibility and community participation.



The event witnessed enthusiastic participation throughout the day, with trained medical professionals from **Shri Jalaram Blood Bank** conducting health screenings and overseeing the donation process in accordance with established safety protocols. Informative sessions were also conducted to raise awareness about the importance of regular blood donation and its critical role in supporting healthcare services. The drive resulted in the successful collection of more than **50 units of blood**, which will help meet the needs of accident victims, patients undergoing surgeries, individuals battling chronic illnesses, and those requiring emergency transfusions.



Beyond its immediate healthcare impact, the initiative reinforced the values of compassion, volunteerism, and collective action. By bringing together organizations and individuals for a common humanitarian cause, the camp demonstrated how small acts of generosity can create a significant and lasting impact. The overwhelming response reflected the community's commitment to supporting one another and underscored United Way of Baroda's continued efforts to promote health, well-being, and meaningful civic engagement.



STUDENT FELICITATION CEREMONY

Celebrating Academic Excellence and Achievement

United Way of Baroda organized a special felicitation ceremony to recognize the outstanding achievements of students supported through Mission Shiksha, Shikhar Science Scholarship Program, and Umang Scholarship Project. A total of **128 students scoring above 80% in their board examinations** were honoured for their academic excellence, perseverance, and commitment to education. Students received certificates, school bags, educational supplies, and other learning materials as a mark of recognition and encouragement. The event brought together students, parents, mentors, and supporters, celebrating the transformative power of education and inspiring young learners to continue pursuing their dreams.



WOMEN'S SKILL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Building Financial Independence through Vocational Education



With support from United Way of Baroda, **Disha's Women Empowerment Project** equips women from low-income families and families of persons with disabilities with market-relevant vocational skills, enabling them to build sustainable sources of income with minimal investment. During the reporting period, **37 women** completed training in **Tailoring, Beautician, and Nail Art courses**. To support their transition into self-employment, participants received starter kits upon successful completion of the programme.

SPOKEN ENGLISH SESSIONS

Building Confidence Beyond Academics

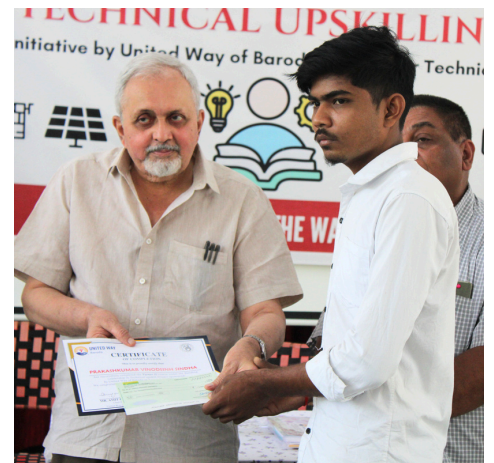
United Way of Baroda is supporting **50 students** through structured Spoken English training sessions conducted by a professional trainer. The initiative is designed to strengthen students' communication skills, enhance their confidence, and prepare them for the academic and professional opportunities that lie ahead. Through interactive lessons focusing on spoken English, vocabulary development, and effective communication, students are gaining the skills necessary to navigate college life and future careers with greater confidence. The programme not only improves language proficiency but also empowers students to express themselves effectively in academic, social, and professional settings.



SKILL DEVELOPMENT AT XAVIER TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Transforming Learning into Livelihood

United Way of Baroda continued its support to **Xavier Technical Institute**, creating educational opportunities for underprivileged and school-dropout youth through scholarships and vocational skill training. To strengthen practical learning, advanced training equipment including lathe machines and technical training tools were provided, enabling students to gain industry-relevant, hands-on experience. The initiative combines educational support with skill development, equipping youth with the confidence and competencies required for sustainable employment and economic independence.



VEHICLE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN HOME FOR GIRLS

Enhancing Mobility, Safety, and Access to Essential Services

Under the Community Impact Committee (CIC) Project, **House of Humanity** donated a **Bolero** vehicle to the Children Home for Girls to support the transportation needs of its residents. Inaugurated on **24th April 2026** by the **Commissioner of Police, Vadodara City**, the vehicle will benefit **20 girls** by improving their access to education, healthcare, recreational activities, and other essential services. The initiative reinforces a shared commitment to ensuring a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment for children in need of care and protection



COMMUNITY MEAL DISTRIBUTION

Extending Compassion to Families at SSG Hospital

In partnership with the House of Humanity Charitable Trust, United Way of Baroda organized a community meal distribution drive at **SSG Hospital, Vadodara**. Held on 24 April 2026, the initiative provided freshly prepared meals to more than **200 family members** and attendants of patients undergoing treatment. Through this effort, the organization helped ease the burden on families facing challenging circumstances while reinforcing the values of compassion, dignity, and community support. The initiative complemented the Trust's ongoing efforts to provide free daily meals to patient attendants, ensuring that caregivers receive essential nourishment during difficult times.





INTERNS DRIVING CHANGE

A journey of learning, collaboration, and social impact through hands-on community engagement.

Over the last few months, United Way of Baroda was supported by a dedicated group of interns from various colleges and universities across Gujarat, who played an active role in several key initiatives and events. Their contributions were instrumental in the successful execution of programmes such as the Blood Donation Camp, World Environment Day celebrations, and other community engagement activities. From event coordination and volunteer support to content creation, documentation, and participant engagement, the interns brought enthusiasm, creativity, and a strong sense of responsibility to every task.



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable Community Assets at Kotambi and Machlipura



In partnership with **GE Vernova**, United Way of Baroda strengthened rural infrastructure in **Kotambi and Machlipura villages** through the construction of a new Anganwadi Centre, renovation of an existing centre, and development of a **modern child-friendly Anganwadi**. All centres were equipped with smart classroom facilities, teaching-learning materials, and self-cleaning solar panels, creating sustainable and technology-enabled learning spaces. The project also established a **Solar-Powered Water ATM in Kotambi**, providing purified and chilled drinking water through advanced purification technology and a community-managed model. The initiative brought together GE Vernova leaders, ICDS representatives, village leaders, and community members, highlighting a collaborative approach to rural development.



ACLS AMBULANCE HANDOVER

Strengthening Emergency Healthcare Infrastructure

In collaboration with Hitachi Energy, United Way of Baroda handed over an **Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Ambulance** to **Jamnabai General Hospital, Vadodara**. Equipped with advanced emergency response and life-saving medical equipment, the ambulance enhances the hospital's capability to provide critical care during emergencies. The initiative strengthens emergency healthcare infrastructure and improves access to timely medical interventions for patients across the region.



SCHOLARSHIP CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION AND STUDENT INTERACTION

Inspiring Aspirations Through Educational Support



In collaboration with **Best Value Chem Pvt. Ltd.**, United Way of Baroda organized a scholarship certificate distribution and interaction programme for **35 scholarship beneficiaries**. The event provided students with an opportunity to interact directly with donor representatives, share their educational journeys, discuss aspirations, and gain motivation for their future academic pursuits. The initiative highlighted the importance of educational support, mentorship, and encouragement in helping young individuals achieve their full potential.

SMART ANGANWADI - CHOKARI VILLAGE

Strengthening Early Childhood Care and Learning

United Way of Baroda, in partnership with **Ami Lifesciences Pvt. Ltd.**, successfully completed and inaugurated a **modern Smart Anganwadi Centre at Fatepura Faliya, Chokari Village, Padra Taluka on 29 May 2026**. The newly developed facility provides a safe, child-friendly, and engaging environment designed to support early childhood education, health, and nutrition. Equipped with improved infrastructure and learning resources, the centre contributes to strengthening foundational learning outcomes for young children. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Hon'ble MLA Shri Chaitanyasinh Pratapsinh Zala, Mr. Harsh Patel (HR Manager, Ami Lifesciences), Mrs. Nilam Acharya (Executive Director, United Way of Baroda), Ms. Rita (ICDS Department), community leaders, Anganwadi workers, and village residents.



SOLAR WATER ATM - SANGMA VILLAGE

Delivering Sustainable Access to Safe Drinking Water



In collaboration with **Kemtron Technologies**, United Way of Baroda inaugurated a **750-litre Solar Powered RO Water ATM** at **Sangma Village, Padra**, benefiting more than **3,500 community members**. Powered entirely through solar energy, the facility ensures consistent access to purified drinking water while reducing environmental impact. The project also promotes sustainability through the reuse of wastewater generated during purification processes for watering plants and maintaining greenery. The initiative represents a meaningful step toward improving public health, environmental stewardship, and sustainable rural development through innovative and eco-friendly solutions.

ANGANWADI RENOVATION - MANJUSAR

Creating Safe and Nurturing Spaces for Early Childhood Development

With CSR support from **Netafim Irrigation India**, United Way of Baroda renovated the Anganwadi Centre at Manjusar, transforming it into a safe, vibrant, and child-friendly learning space. The upgrades included waterproofing, anti-skid flooring, improved sanitation facilities, and educational murals, benefiting around **160 children**. The initiative strengthens early childhood infrastructure and fosters a nurturing environment for children's learning, health, and overall development.



EMPOWERING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Enhancing Mobility, Accessibility and Livelihood Opportunities

Under the CSR initiative of **Voltamp Transformers Limited**, United Way of Baroda supported 51 persons with disabilities through customized assistive devices and livelihood enhancement assets, identified through a needs assessment conducted with five partner NGOs. A total of **46 devices, including CP Chairs, Wheelchairs, Walkers, Hand Carts with Cabins, and Educational Kits**, were distributed to improve mobility, education, livelihood opportunities, and independence. The initiative enhanced beneficiaries' quality of life while promoting dignity, inclusion, self-reliance, and social participation.





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