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ENVIRONMENT CONCLAVE 2023

United Way of Baroda, in collaboration with CEE (Centre for Environment Education), hosted the Environment Conclave 2023 at the Lukshmi Vilas Palace on June 24, 2023. The Conclave addressed a variety of critical environmental concerns, including **Rural to Urban Transition, Best ESG Practices, and Decentralized Waste Management**. The event brought together well-known speakers, experts, environmental enthusiasts, and organizations dedicated to tackling environmental issues. Participants obtained insights into best practices and creative ways from seasoned professionals and environmental specialists.



Renowned Environmentalist and **Padmashree. Mr. Kartikeya Vikram Sarabhai**, spoke about environmental awareness and conservation in his lecture, advocating for role of youth to take lead role in bringing out sustainable environment change.



Mr. Tushar Jani, Senior Programme Director at CEE, spoke on Decentralized Waste Management.

Mr. Naveen Babu Israpu of the Foundation for Ecological Securities delivered insights on Rural-to-Urban Transition, while

Mr. Sameer Khara provided vital information on optimal ESG practices and case studies of enterprises on the same.

There were various NGOs, Corporate Associates and students who were present during the conclave comprising of **140 Attendees**.

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WINNERS

Mr. Dilip Rana, VMC Commissioner, attended the ceremony and thanked all participants and winners. He praised UWB's efforts to bring together citizens, youth, NGOs, and corporations on a single platform to discuss the environment and sustainable practices. In Conclave, UWB acknowledged excellent efforts by housing societies within VMC borders by prizes in the areas of Environment Intervention, ESG Practices, and Decentralized Waste Management.



Acharan Welfare Foundation in Environment Intervention



Parul Univerty in ESG Practices



Vadaavarani Collective in Decentralized Waste Management

Mr. Kunjal Patel, Chairperson, Mrs. Pritty Patel, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Minesh Patel, Treasurer, Mrs. Nilam Acharya, Deputy Director, Mr. Ram Mahavadiya, CSR Head UWB, and other UWB trustees attended the conclave. Mrs. Pritty spoke about the combined role of individuals, NGOs, governments, and corporations in adopting activities that are sustainable and environmentally benign. Everyone in attendance committed to taking individual and communal activities to safeguard the environment.

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SHIKHAR SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP PORGRAM



This summer vacation, UWB took very first initiative to help student to improve language abilities and provide with opportunity to learn to express themselves in the English language. UWB conducted 15 day spoken English workshop from 18 May'23 to 5 June'23 for children of UWB education projects. The objective of the workshop was to provide students with the opportunity and expose them to learn effective English communication skills. 22 beneficiaries enrolled for

workshop and were provided with certificates. **Dr. Nishita Chaudhry** taught students and make sure that students build confidence to learn and express in new language.

This **Mentoring Session** for students of **Mission Shikhar** to help them to improve academic performance and career guidance. In session, there was interaction between students and **Mrs. Tinoo Chawla, UWB Trustee**. She talked on topics like stress management and career guidance. In session students shared there concerns related to studies, personal issues they are facing with their family and peers.



Mentoring session is platform for students where they receive the professional guidance to improve their academic performance and overall confidence to cope with day to day issues.

MISSION SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Start up Kit & Certificate Distribution" event organised by UWB for women third batch of **Mission Skill Development Project**. Start up kit is given to women to become financially independent and start of their own after successful completion of 3months Skill Training. Seventeen women from Batch- 3 received completion certificates and Starter Kit, in which 6 women received customized Beauty Parlour kit and, 11 women received sewing machine.

Mrs. Nilam Acharya, Deputy Director of UWB was present on the day of distribution along with UWB staff.



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MISSION SHISKHA- a programme to support bereaved children



Under Mission Shiksha, **20 students from 5th to 8th std received Therapeutic Counselling** to help to improve their academic performance and to cope with the difficulties they face after losing their parents due to covid-19. This session aimed to **strengthen their emotional intelligence, build their confidence and sense of independence in decision-making.**

Deval Joshi counselled the children and conducted various activities as a part of counselling such as peer learning, audio act, games, environment exploration, colours of their mind, etc.

CSR SNIPPETS

Digital Smart Classroom at Faculty of Management Studies, MSU



In support with CSR partner **Ami Lifesciences Pvt. Ltd.** inaugurated a **Digital Smart Classroom** at Faculty of Management Studies, MS University. A Digital classroom was inaugurated which enables the students to learn with innovative techniques including visual and audio approaches. The Smart classroom inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Srivastava- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor - MS

University, Shri Girish Chovtia, CMD - Ami Lifesciences, Mr. Minesh Patel, Treasurer & PEC chair-UWB, Mr. Birju Mistry, Head HR- Ami Lifesciences, Dr. Sunita Sharma- Dean I/C, FMS, Mr. Ram Mahavadiya, Head CSR-UWB along with Team members of Management Studies, UWB & Students.

Seed Ball Making and Throwing - Employee Volunteering



For the celebration of **World Environment Month**, UWB and **MRI Software** under CSR and Employee Volunteering, organized one week campaign of **Seed Ball Making from 26 June to 1st July**. Eighty Employees of MRI Software participated in campaign and made total 800 Seeds Balls of Neem, Drum Stick, Gulmohar and Custard Apple Seeds. On last day of campaign i.e, 1st July 2023, Seed Balls throw event was organised where

company's 15 employees and their family volunteered and threw the seed balls at Sadhi Village of Padra Taluka. This campaign is the successful association of UWB and MRI Software to make the world better for the coming generations.

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Medical Skill Development Program



United Way of Baroda with CSR partner **SABIC**, distributed completion certificate to the 30 Nursing students of The Bankers Heart & Allied Institute under Medical Skill development Program. The education of these 30 students was sponsored under CSR with objective to facilitate income generation capabilities of these students. Education kits were also given to students who are pursuing

Medical Course at the Bankers Heart & Allied Institute. Mr. Ramanujalu Janardhanan (JR)- Vice President, South Asia, Mr Chetan soni Senior Manager Manufacturing, other sabic dignitaries, Mr Ram Mahavadiya UWB CSR Head & UWB team graced the event.

Education through Eye Care- Spectacles Distribution



United Way of Baroda in support with CSR Partner **SABIC** organized Spectacle Distribution Event Under the **Education Through Eye Care** program at Kavi Dula Kag Primary School. 1,072 students of Government schools of Vadodara received free spectacles to correct their vision. The whole process of the Eye Care Program from Year 2018 through the video presentation was presented by the UWB CSR Team.

The Event was Graced by Mr. Ramanujalu Janardhanan (JR)- Vice President, South Asia, Mr Chetan soni Senior Manager Manufacturing, other sabic dignitaries, Mr Ram Mahavadiya UWB CSR Head & UWB team.



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