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From the President Desk



Dear Rotarians and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the latest edition of the Rotary Club of Thane Green City's Quarterly Bulletin. As we continue our journey of service, fellowship, and community engagement, this bulletin serves as a testament to the remarkable work we have accomplished in the past three months.

Our club has always been driven by the passion for service, and the dedication of our members has been the cornerstone of our success. In these pages, you will find stories of our recent projects, events, and the

impact we have made in the local community.

One of the most rewarding aspects of being a Rotarian is the opportunity to bring about positive change in the lives of others. We have seen firsthand how our collective efforts can transform communities, and I am proud to say that our club has been at the forefront of these transformative initiatives.

In this edition, we will reflect on the incredible work we've done in the areas of education, healthcare, and environmental sustainability. Our commitment to making a difference is unwavering, and the stories within these pages are a testament to our dedication.

I would like to express my gratitude to every Rotarian, partner, and volunteer who has contributed to our ongoing projects. Your time, energy, and resources have been invaluable, and it is through your support that we can continue to create lasting, positive change in our beloved Thane Green City.

Looking ahead, let us remain focused on our mission of "Service Above Self." As we tackle new challenges and explore innovative ways to make a difference, our club will continue to be a beacon of hope and inspiration in our community.

I encourage all of you to stay engaged, passionate, and dedicated to the Rotary ideals. Together, we can achieve even greater things in the future. Let this bulletin serve as a reminder of the impact we've had and the potential for more remarkable achievements in the coming months.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Rotary Club of Thane Green City, and I look forward to working with you all as we continue to make our community and the world a better place.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Chandrashekhar Limaye



From the Editor's Desk



Friend's, Time flies so fast. We have already entered into the second quarter of the rotary year. The first quarter under the leadership of Excellent President C. S. Limaye had been very promising and fulfilling for the club. In this second edition of Rotary Club of Thane Green City's newsletter we focus on the projects done in the first quarter along with some notable other contributions. August being the new membership month and September being the "Basic Education and Literacy" months according to Rotary norms we welcomed four new vibrant members in the club and sponsored five underprivileged girls for their nursing course fees. As we enter in month of October which is "Community service month" we are now focussed on service projects that will serve the community in the best possible way. Wishing all the very best to the entire Excellent team for the remaining year.

Ending my note with a quote by **Winston Churchill** "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give". So friends keep giving back to the community we live and spread happiness around.

Neelam Kelkar
Director e-Bulletin

Additions to the Green Family

Shashank Ruiwale



An Electronics Engineer of 1986 batch by qualification, alumni of VNIT Nagpur. Currently Director @Indigo Prints Smart Private Limited.

In the business of Digital Printing Solutions and Supplies for last 33 years. Stout Jain by religion, firmly believe in being vegetarian and nonviolence.

Would love to socialize with all of you and contribute towards the cause of Rotary, to best of my abilities.

Wife - Anjali Shashank Ruiwale a homemaker, staying as much away from business activities of my husband. Simply like to travel a lot and enjoy the nature.

Son - Piyush Shashank Ruiwale, an Engineering Graduate from NM Campus Vile Parle, have been part of the family business, right after my college. I enjoy working in the business and specially keenly learning the business management, in its best form.

Daughter - Dr. Surabhi Ruiwale Padh, doing MD in Pathology, almost on the verge of completing. Married to Dr Hansaj, looking to get settled in UK soon.



Sanggita Sharma

Profession & Qualification - B.Com graduate and LLB, NUMEROLOGIST LIFE COACH AND SOUND HEALER

Spouse - Rajesh Sharma, working as partner in CA firm.

Kids - Vyomica and Vyakhya

Vyomica is working in Caratlane Brand Manager, completed her fine art as a stylist from Pearl Academy and masters in luxury brand from FRANCE.

Vyakhya is in FYJC Wilson college and crew and instructor in Shiamak Davar and in BOD of Rotaract Club of Thane Creek Side

My hobbies and interests : Travelling world spl historical and natures connected places.

As a intuitive person would love to connect at 10lakh soul and would love to see changes in their life through my NUMEROLOGY, NLP and SOUND HEALING.



Rajendra Singh Chouhan



Father's Name : Shri Shyamsundarsingh Chouhan, Mother's Name : Bhagwati Chouhan
Education : Diploma Civil Engineering, Bachelor of Computer Application & MBA
Occupation : Town Planner with state Government, worked in different capacity with State Govt for 37 years in various Departments and locations across the State.
Hobbies : Reading, Sports, Music, Traveling and social work..
Spouse : Smt Sharmila Chouhan. MSc (Home science), B.Ed.
voluntarily teaches Hindi language to class 9th to class 12th students.
She is also an established Hindi author and poet already published some work.

Son: Anantpalsingh Chouhan, B.Tech, NIT Nagpur, MBA from Duke University USA.

Presently working with premier consulting company of world at Chicago USA..

Daughter : Apoorva Chouhan. B.Tech , M.Tech from Mumbai University. Worked with Philips India. Currently Doing MBA at Wharton Business School. At University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia ,USA.

My Native is Nagpur, My Parents stays there also one brother and his Family stays with parents, One Brother Works in Indian Railways at New Delhi.

Younger brother works with Qatar Government's Oil and Gas Company at Doha.

NB: Father retired from Indian Railways as Station manager from Nagpur, currently doing farming along with his one of the son out of 4 at Nagpur, Mother - Homemaker



Uday Patil

Uday Patil staying at Kolbad, Thane. Was brought up in Mulund, Mumbai

Basically studied chemical engineering field, worked for 8 years, then shifted to mechanical engineering field and ran a business, in machine shop for 8 yrs, then shifted to Civil construction business till date (25years)

In the meantime, got married to my childhood love Dr. Neeta Patil and have a lovely daughter Dr. Shruti Patil Ghate and my granddaughter Shravya.

During this journey I've met various people from various fields, and would like my experiences to be used for the good of society and it's well being through this platform of Rotary which was introduced to my family by my extended family Sangram Joshi family



Regular Meetings

Director Orientation Programme



Director Orientation Programme in Rotary Meeting held on 30th July 2023- A Recap

The insightful Director Orientation Programme that took place on July 30th, 2023, organized by the dedicated efforts of Rtn. Sangram Joshi. The event featured esteemed speakers who shared valuable insights to equip our newly onboarded Directors of RCTGC with the

necessary knowledge and skills to excel in their roles.

The event commenced with Rtn. AG Vijay Wani, whose presentation centered around the critical Thrust Areas for Rotary. His emphasis on these key areas not only provided a strategic direction for our club but also inspired our directors to focus their efforts on impactful projects aligned with Rotary's mission.



Rtn. Sudha Shankarnaraynan's session on Club BOD/Admin proved to be a significant step towards efficient club management. Her guidance on effective administration and seamless Board of Directors' functioning will undoubtedly contribute to the club's smooth operation.



Lastly, we were honored to have Rtn. Milind Ballal shed light on Public Relations (PR) and Public Image (PI). His insights into building a positive public image and effectively conveying our club's initiatives to the community were enlightening. These aspects are crucial in garnering support and driving meaningful change.

The collective wisdom shared during these sessions was invaluable. Our newly appointed Directors have gained a comprehensive understanding of their roles and responsibilities. We are confident that armed with this knowledge, they will contribute to RCTGC's growth and success with the utmost dedication.



We extend our gratitude to Rtn. Sangram Joshi for orchestrating this enlightening event and to our esteemed speakers, Rtn. AG Vijay Wani, Rtn. Sudha Shankarnaraynan, and Rtn. Milind Ballal, for their expert guidance. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact of their insights on our club's journey.

Here's to a brighter future for RCTGC, driven by knowledge, dedication, and the spirit of Rotary.

Rtn. Bhaskar Reddy

PDG Meeting



Speaker Meeting- PDG Dr Mayuresh Warke RCTGC had invited Dr Mayuresh Warke to speak about the polio Corrective Surgeries that he has been doing for years now for under privileged part of society who are unaware of facts and really need help. He and his entire JOY team has been doing these Surgeries for free. Many remote areas of rural villages mostly are the camp sites. One of them is an Sastur. Dr Mayuresh in his speech informed all about these camps and all the detailing of how these Surgeries are done and people whether Medical Professionals or non medical are always their to help them in smooth running of these camps. Our Club member Sangram Joshi has been a part of volunteering in few camps. Dr Mayuresh Warke also

urged and requested the club to help sponsor few things n logistics of the upcoming camp. We at RCTGC collectively have decided to help them in best possible way.



Regular Meeting @ Pink Martini



Rotary Club of Thane Green City had its August 19 meeting at a new location - restaurant Pink Martini. Members were in awe of the freshness of the location with lots of pink in theme and cool seating. While location did give a casual club vibe, the business part of the meeting began as usual and had important discussions



pertaining to the fund raiser musical event that was to be held on 8th September and the new education app promoted by Rotary. A financial awareness presentation on building a strong, immune portfolio was done by Rtn Kaustubh Kale.

The club welcomed two new members - Ms. Sanggita Sharma and Mr. Rajendrasingh Chouhan, both sponsored by Mr. Navin Thirani. The meeting was followed by fellowship with DJ, wonderful dinner, dance and drinks.

Rtn Kaustubh Kale



Breakfast@Satkar Residency

Lifestyle Dis-orders

Dr. Sarang Apte

MBBS, DNB (Family Medicine), A.F.F.A.
Consulting Family Physician
Industrial Medicine Consultant
WhatsApp number : 99775698321

Club Meeting held on 15th Oct 2023 at Hotel Satkar Residency @9am. President Rtn. C. S. Limaye welcomed external speaker, guests & members. President introduced speaker Dr. Sarang Apte & requested him to guide the members on subject 'Lifestyle disorder'. He provided a

brief overview of the club's upcoming events with monthly event calendar.



Dr Sarang Apte delivered a comprehensive presentation on lifestyle disorders. He highlighted the causes, consequences, and prevention strategies. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session, where members actively participated and clarified their doubts. Then President thanked Dr. Sarang Apte for the insightful session.

Project director Rtn. Suresh Kalyankar briefed about projects viz. Nursing students, Aranya Habitat, Johe toilet block construction status. Member's shared feedback and ideas for improvement and collaboration Secretary Rtn. Amit Deshpande made happy announcements & briefed about upcoming events. President Elect Rtn. Prasant Patro expressed gratitude to all attendees for their active participation and contributions to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by the President, and members were



encouraged to reach out with any additional concerns or suggestions.

Divyakant Narkhede

Regular Meeting - 7th October

Regular Weekly Meeting was held at Satkar Residency where President addressed the members and updated them regarding upcoming events and projects. In know your friend series our own IPP Santosh Shinde and newly inducted member Mr Shashank Ruiwale spoke about their personal and Professional lives. We welcome our new friend Mr Shashank to our green family.

Introduction given by Rtn Shashank Ruiwale.

Respected Chair... President Limaye Ji and all distinguished Friends,

First of all, let me express my gratitude for giving me this opportunity. If I have to talk about myself, it can go on and on, but let me try and keep this short.

My name is Shashank Ruiwale, a bit odd surname. I am Marwadi Jain, whose family and forefathers settled in Maharashtra for years and years that I no longer speak Marwari, but Marathi as mother tongue. I was borne to a teacher as father, a teacher from earlier generations who had devoted his

entire life in transforming the lives of his students. I was a meritorious student in my days, having passed with flying colours in school and later went to, Visvesvaraya regional college of engineering, Nagpur where I graduated as An Electronics and telecom Engineer, way back in 1986.

I worked for couple of years as a service engineer and in year 1988, my brother Praful came up with an idea to manufacture Reinking machine for Printer Ribbons. That is how we started our business from a very humble beginning, which today has grown as a respectable brand Formujet in Digital Printing Solutions.

We offer Printer Cartridges and Inks, Printing Media, and it is well spread out brand all over the country. Subjects of my interest are yoga, trekking, music, singing, spirituality, leadership and management. About the Rotary, let me acknowledge, Neelam ji is my favourite Rotarian in our club, so devoted to the cause of service.

On a lighter note, गुस्ताखी माफ़. please I would title Sangram and Archana as Bunty and Bubbly of the club.....Always full of Energy.....

I am still learning a lot, but I see plenty of quality social work being done and would definitely like to contribute as the possibilities come up in future.

At the end.

अर्ज किया है....

मैं हू मन मौजी....यु ही चला जा रहा हु.....

अगर आप साथ आओ तो कारवा बन ही जायेगा..

Thank you.

Club Picnic



पिकनिक, सैर-सपाटा, सहल – कुछ भी कहें, लेकिन जब बात होती है अपनी बोरियत भरी ज़िंदगी में कुछ पलों का विराम लेने की तो यह एक ऐसा आइडिया होता है जो हर किसी को अच्छा लगता है और हर कोई उड़न-छू होकर उस जगह पर चला जाना चाहता है कि जब भी यादों के पिटारे को खोला जाए, वो पल, वो लम्हे फिर से ज़िंदा हो उठें। बस, यही हमारे रोटरी परिवार की खूबी है कि जब मौका मिले, लपक लो और चल पड़ो अपने इष्ट मित्रों के साथ कुछ नए अनुभव लाने, कुछ नए पलों को

तराशने। यह मौका हमें हर साल मिलता है, इस बार भी मिला, हमारे क्लब अध्यक्ष माननीय लिमये साहब और उनकी टीम के लोगों के अथक प्रयास से इगतपुरी में दो दिन मज़े के गुजारने का और ज़िंदगी को ज़िंदादिली से जी लेने का। संयोग ऐसा कि महीना था सावन का, मौसम था मस्ताना और साथ था क्लब के जोशीले लोगों का। तो तय समय पर २ सितंबर को हम निकल पड़े एक दूजे के साथ, बस में। अब जब बात हो रोटरी क्लब ऑफ ठाणे ग्रीन सिटी के सदस्यों की, तो धूम-धड़ाका, हंगामा, गाना-बजाना और लगातार चलता कहकहों का सिलसिला रुकता नहीं है। दो दिन जिस तरह का धमाल किया हमने, घूमना-फिरना, नई जगह तलाशना और डांस-गाना। जब पिकनिक पर तेजल साथ हो तो नए-नए खेल जिसमें जीतने की चाह हर किसी की होती है। रात में पत्तों की नई बाज़ियाँ और अगले दिन सुबह फिर से वही ताज़गी लिए हम वापसी की और रवाना।

Rtn Parul Deshpande



Fund Raiser - Maitra, The Musical



Serendipity is a beautiful English word. Its origin lies in the discovery of the island of "Serendip" commonly known as Sri Lanka. Serendipity simply means discovering something enchanting, beautiful, joyful that one was not searching for! The evening of September 8, 2023 was serendipitous!

Rotary Club of Thane Green City hosted its annual fundraiser on that evening. It was a musical show by famous and accomplished Shri Mahesh Khanolkar speaking and singing with his friend – the violin. He was superbly accompanied by no less famous Satyajit Prabhu on the keys and Nishad Karalgikar on the Tabla. Mr. Apte made an appearance for one song to sing the vocals and match it with the singing violin.

The evening started with usual woes of audience facing traffic issues and unable to reach in time or in numbers. As a matter of fact, the overall enthusiasm was subdued as it is about something we have a notion of but no real knowledge or experience of. A couple of people whom I had offered free passes said they preferred vocals to instrumentals! How wrong they were! No vocal singer could have matched the magic that Mr. Khanolkar unleashed that evening – slowly but surely.

Mahesh started with an abhang and went on to play various famous Marathi and Hindi songs known to the audience. His mastery over the instrument was visible and audible. But what really made the evening memorable were his innumerable stories and expressions created with the violin! He explained the various string instruments – the Violin, the Viola, the Cello, the Big Bass / double Bass using audio visual support and his accompanist Satyajit's help on the keys.

His explanation of various styles of playing the violin – the Legato, the Staccato, the Spiccato, and the Pizzicato where he demonstrated how it has been used as the only beat for one of the most beautiful songs – "Lag Ja Gale" sung by Lataji and composed by another magician Madan Mohan!

Vighnesh Joshi with his conversational style and anecdotes connected well with the audience and kept the mood like "Gappa" or chit chat instead of heavy narration.

Mahesh excelled himself in the finale with the song from the movie Bobby where his violin could not be distinguished from the high-pitched notes of the singer. It was the icing on an already rich cake!

The credit for organizing such a wonderful and magical event goes to President Mr. Limaye and his team of volunteers from the club – Bhushan, Anjali, Narkhede, Prashant, Aparna and more!

RCTGC collected some funds but the real collection of the evening was the serendipitous discovery of that a violin can talk and sing!

Rtn Anil Joshi





District Dandiya



On 21st October Rotary District 3142 had organised Dandiya at Prisha Banquets in Thane. RC Thane Hills, RC Thane Premium and RC Thane Horizon were the host clubs. Our Club was one of the co-hosts for the event. Chief Guest DG Milind Kulkarni and many other Past District Governor's and DGE Dinesh Mehta and DGND Harsh Makol graced the occasion by their presence. RCTGC showed their full support by maximum of 24 participants from the club that day. All of them well dressed as per tradition and rocked the dance floor with the Garba and Dandiya dance and enjoyed the event. Our Member Dr Jayant Gawand won the prize for best Costume.



FAMILY NIGHT

Family Nights are the occasions where all the member's come along with their families and have fun. The best time to know each other and create a wonderful bond amongst us. On 29th October one such family night was organised by the Admin Team lead by Tejal Mehta on occasion of Koja Giri Poonima and Cricket Match Finale. A different concept altogether where cricket lovers could enjoy match on the big screen and the rest can bond over few games, chitchat, food and music. The venue was Captain Prasad and Poonam Tendulkar's beautiful Bunglow at Ovala, surrounded by lush greens with a pleasant atmosphere in



the evening we

all enjoyed. Admin Team had meticulously organised all the required props for the match along with a big screen on the lawns and enthusiastic cricket lovers were happily cheering the moments where India led ahead. Few board games where also enjoyed by the ladies in the group. The next generation where busy chatting and having a gala time over food. Delicious



and quite big spread was ordered for the dinner which was enjoyed by all. Last but not the least the dance floor was open for all the passionate dancers. And the icing on the cake was India won the Match against England. Everyone left the venue with a wonderful joyous time together and with one more memory to cherish on.



Awards & Accolades



Excellent Year (2023-24)



Rotary Club of Thane Green City grabbed the Membeship Award for inducting 5 new members in the club. In the 1st District Membership Seminar held on 20th August 2023 our clubs Membership Director Rtn Navin Thirani received the award. Congratulations to the membership team lead by Navin Thirani for starting the excellent year with this super achievement.

FAB Year (2022-23)



RC Thane Green City is proud winner of many district & RI awards in recently held event "Samman" on 29th October. Event was attended by 200+ members of 104 Clubs who have been evaluated on many parameters against each category of awards.

RC Thane Green city has secured 16 Awards & Citations from District 3142 and proved to be one of the biggest club in terms of winners.

Club have received Best Environment Related Project Trophy, Best Non Medical Service Project Citation, Best Club Zone 1, Best Community Service Citation, Best Club President Zone 2, Best Club Secretary Zone 2, Best Club Performance in FAB Projects "Bachcha Party", Maximum PHF members added during the year citation.

Few of our members claimed individual awards also. District Service Award was conferred on Rtn. Capt. Prasad Tendulkar, Rtn. Capt. Suresh Kalyankar, Rtn. Pushan Vaidya. Rtn. Pushan Vaidya has made the club proud when he got "Avenues of Service" Award conferred by RI.

Citation was given for 100% Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)

Club, 100% Foundation giving club, EREY Club.

Event was organised by District 3142 IPDG Rtn. Kailash Jethani and core committee in Dr. Kashinath Ghanekar Auditorium.



CLUB PROJECTS

Murbad - Avani

Our Excellent year's first visit to school AVANI at Murbad was done on 16th July 2023. The purpose

of the visit was to understand the requirements of the residential school. On a wonderful rainy day, we started our journey from thane with many new member's joining us for the first time. Past President Neelam Kelkar, Rtn Mohan Telang, Rtn Amit Deshpande & Rtn Parul Deshpande along with their kids Atharva Deshpande & Padmaja Deshpande, Rtn Anjali Pai, Rtn Nitin Sharma. Rtn Vaibhav Narkar along with his daughter Vedanti Narkar visited AVANI. The boys where busy preparing various products for Diwali like Colourful Diya's and few where also having their regular class work at school.

Atharva, Padmaja

and Vedanti had a nice chat with the boys and were helping them in their work. We had a detailed discussion with Hrishikesh about their requirements that they need so that the special one's will be able to make products and earn a living for themselves. Assuring our best possible support, we returned back. It was a day well spent.



Jagruti Palak Sanstha



Saturday 7 Oct 23 – Visited Jagruti Palak Sanstha along with Club Secretary Rtn Amit Deshpande and Mrs. Nanda Kalyankar. Met Mr.Praveen Deshpande, one of the volunteer of JPS, on site. He explained us the functioning of Jagruti Palak Sanstha.

Jagruti Palak Sanstha (JPS) Thane is a parent organization for people with intellectual challenges and disabilities. JPS Thane was founded in 2002. Over the past 20 years, it has grown into a vibrant institution and self-help group. The members are largely drawn from the lower income segments of society. JPS Thane has

brought under one roof all parents of intellectually challenged persons with incomplete development of mind with sub normality of intelligence to secure their future and to empower them to face Mental Retardation, Autism, Cerebral Palsy & other Multiple Disabilities. Currently JPS Thane is operating from four temporary rented rooms made available by Thane Municipal Corporation.

Medicines were procured and delivered on site by Rtn Neelam Kelkar. These medicines were distributed by Myself, Rtn Amit Deshpande and Mrs Nanda Kalyankar to the students. The joy on the face of each student was amazing.

Feels proud to say our members like Navin Thirani, Jitendra Kulkarni have been generously donating for this cause. Thanks to all the club members who contribute to the happiness of these special ones with their special ways.



Rtn Suresh Kalyankar

Girl Child Education & Skill Development – 05th September



On the occasion of Teacher's Day our club was fortunate enough to bring a ray of light to five under privileged girl's life by sponsoring their Nursing course fees and help them stand on their own feet by taking a step forward in this field. President Chandrashekhar Limaye and first Lady Kanchan, Rtn Neelam Kelkar and Rtn Suchita Bhirud were present to do the formalities of the admission for the "Auxiliary Nursing Course" at Shilp Bharat Institute, Thane. All five girls Harshada Pawar, Sakshi Mhatre, Shweta Gawand, Swaranjali Patil, Tanvi Naik come from Vavoshi, Pen Taluka. The course comprises of total 18 months in which four months is theory and fourteen months is internship at various hospitals. Along with the course fees we also sponsored their basic English speaking course fee and basic computer education course fee at the institute. We are also committed to help these girls with their basic requirements of groceries for the entire

course period. On the admission day itself Rtn Sucheta Bhirud donated groceries to the girls.

Big Thank you to all our members President C S Limaye, Jyoti Kalantri, Glen Crasta and Rtn Lakshman for sponsoring the fees of these five girls. Likewise thank you to all the members who have been generously donating groceries to our senior batch five girls of the nursing course who are now about to complete their course soon.

Clubs Project Director Suresh Kalyankar had a visit to Shilp Bharat Institute on 07th October along with Mrs Nanda Kalyankar. Met the sales officer of the institute. He gave us a brief summary of functioning of Institute and the details of courses conducted and the fees associated. Rotary Club of Thane Green City has sponsored five girls who are coming from lower income segment of society for the nursing course. The institute focuses of training students post class 12th in taking up supporting roles in hospitals (Nursing, Lab tests, X-Ray Operators etc). Courses are of duration 18month and 24 month. Post completion of course the students are given 100% placement with hospitals. The institute has inbuilt residential facility for students including free electricity, free cooking gas. It was also observed that institute has strict discipline and students are not allowed to step out without permission. We met the five girls that are sponsored by RCTGC. Understood their requirement of grocery. Asked them to make their grocery list. Same was procured and delivered to them.



Braille Project

Completion of District Grant DG2340580 for the Program Year 2022-23.

During the FAB Year 2022-23 under the Presidentship of Rtn. Santosh Shinde, we had applied for 2 District Grants. First one was for Braille Equipment's and Laptops for the Visually challenged Students' Organisation called "**Snehankit Helpline**".



The Actual Grant was confirmed to us 10th May 2023 by the District TRF Program Director. The amount of Grant sanctioned was USD 1891 or approximate Indian Rupees 1.55 Lakhs. Our Club through various donations and through our Trust **Nature Green Foundation** matched the Grant with like amount. Thus, this entire Project was of the Cost of approximately Rs. 3.10 Lakhs.

We have donated 5 Laptops (3 Laptops were newly purchased from a Vendor and 2 were donated by our Members PP Devendra Shah and PP Uday Bhagwat). We had also donated 3 Equipment's called "**Orbit Reader 40 with SD card** and **2 nos. of Orbit Reader 20** which are useful for the Organisation to read various **e-Books** and then translate them into Braille Language. It can also be used as Braille display as it has 28 dot refreshable cells.

We had handed over these Equipment's and Laptops to the Staff members of Snehankit Helpline. A grand Function was held at Hotel Satkar Residency, Thane during our regular Meeting held on 5th August 2023.

In absence of the President C. S. Limaye, **Immediate Past President Santosh Shinde** presided over the meeting. **Immediate Past District Governor of Dist. 3142 Rtn. Kailash Jethani** was the **Chief Guest** of the Function. The Meeting was also attended by District TRF Programs Director Rtn. Santosh Bhide and District Chief General Secretary Rtn. Vijay Shetty.

Smt. Parimala Bhat, Chairperson of M/s. Snehankit Helpline and Trustee and **Rtn. PP Sadhana Vaze**, Trustee of M/s. Snehankit Helpline, Mrs. Sampada Palnitkar, a Teacher from Snehankit Helpline, were present



along with a Few Visually Impaired Students and their respective Parents/ Guardians.

RCTGC members were also present in large numbers and were able to witness this unique Function. The Visually Impaired students were very much excited by the receipt of these new Equipment's as it would be making their life better as more and more new Books can now be translated into Braille Language which would open new Frontiers for them.

As a Gratitude,

2/3 Impaired students sung a Few Hindi Movie Songs and one of the students played Hindi Movie Song on the Keyboard which he had brought with him for this special occasion. We also celebrated Friendship day by tying bands and ribbons to all members and had a memorable evening.

Club Secretary Rtn. Amit Deshpande then offered formal Vote of Thanks to all present and after few Happy Announcement and briefing about next Meeting of RCTGC the Meeting Concluded.



Rtn Uday Bhagwat



Aranya Tree Plantation Visit on 15th August 2023:



In the Excellent Year under the guidance from Club President Chandrashekhar Limaye and BOD team, we celebrated Independence Day in a unique way at our Aranya Habitat site. We assembled at the site at 9 am and began our project by singing the National Anthem to celebrate our Independence Day. This was followed by plantation of 30 saplings. Enthusiastic green champions from our club, spouses, children and team of Rotaractors were present in large numbers for the plantation. Forest officials graced the occasion with their presence. The site preparation for the plantation had been done with supervision from Non-medical Project Director Rtn Suresh Kalyankar, PP Sangram Joshi and PP Dr Aparna who visited the site on Sunday. All

members present enjoyed the pleasant morning amidst nature. Our members also got the opportunity to see our existing trees at the site, which are being taken care of since last 2 years. We enjoyed yummy breakfast at the site arranged by Club Secretary Rtn Amit Deshpande. Our special gratitude to all the Donors President Rtn Chandrashekhar Limaye, First Lady Rtn Kanchan Limaye, Rtn Shashank Ruiwale, Rtn Uday Patil and PP Rtn Sangram-Rtn Archana Joshi, who have each adopted a tree at our site by donating Rs 5000 towards the cause. This project would not have been possible without the continued guidance and dedicated efforts from Rtn Suresh Kalyankar and the complete support of our enthusiastic club members.



Dr Aparna Walanj

CSR Project - Johe

Sunday 8 Oct 23 - Visited Junior College of Johe to review the progress of CSR project - Making of Toilet blocks. I was accompanied by Rtn Devendra Shah, Mrs Ramila Shah and Mrs Nanda Kalyankar.



A brief recap of the Project -

Johe is a village at outskirts of city of Pen. To be exact Pen to Johe is 8.5KM. The village Johe has a school cum junior college. The educational institute caters to about 1600 students in a year. This institute lacked in the rest room facility for its students and staff. This cause was actively followed up by ex-President Rtn

Santosh Shinde. Scorpio Marine Management India Pvt Ltd, this entity agreed to consider this project and finance same. With resources in place RCTGC commenced this project and it is nearing the completion. There are two rest rooms for girls/ladies and two for boys/men. Met the Principal of the school and took the update on progress.



Suresh Kalyankar



Visit to Vavoshi School



Rotary Club of Thane Green City team of Past Presidents Capt. Prasad, IPP Santosh, PP Devendrabhai and Rtn Mohan Telang have visited Chatrapati Vidyalaya and Chatrapati Vidyalaya Jr. College at Vavoshi to Donate School Uniform to Girls. Handed Two Cheques to Principal of Vavoshi for School fees

and other School Material required by them. Thanks to our Club President C S Limaye and Club Secretary Amit for Completing the Projects under their guidance and special thanks to Past President Prasad Tendulkar for donating generously for the cause.



Rtn Mohan Telang



District Grant - Toilet Block Project at Chikli



School Toilet block project under district grant during FAB Year 2022-23.

Sarkhel Kanhoji Angre high school is sister school of Vavoshi school where 139 students are studying. All students are from poor farmers and adivashi families of small village Chikhali and surrounding villages of Alibaug, Raigad area. School is 60 year's old. Student who can not afford travelling and fees are studying in this school. Boys and girls had to make use of common toilets which was very hazardous whereas hygiene is concerned.

This support under FAB district grant project 2022-23, of toilet block to school girls will give self-respect to girls and help to reduce drop out ratio.



We are proud that we have

completed the construction of these toilet blocks.

School was built on land donated by farmer whose family member was then employed in school as Peon name Lalit - such a great gesture by farmer family for education.

These girls and boys are brought to school from various padas by bus donated by someone. School Peon drives the bus for free. School is in need of help for diesel and maintenance of this bus. Also School has 60 year old brick shed which is in very poor condition and there is lot of scope to help them. Out of all the odds it's a nice feeling when we see so many kids coming to school and are

taking education. We at RCTGC are committed to help them in best possible way ahead.



Rtn Santosh Shinde



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मित्रांनो सध्या इजरायल या देशाचे नाव युद्धामुळे खूप चर्चेत आहे. याच देशातील एका भल्या माणसाची मी खूप पूर्वी वाचलेली गोष्ट तुम्हाला सांगणार आहे.

मित्रांनो, आपल्यासारखी सामान्य माणसे जेव्हा संकट समयी किंवा एखाद्या कठीण समयी वेगळ्या पद्धतीने वागतात ना तेव्हा ते वागणे त्यांना असामान्य व्यक्ती बनवून जाते. अशाच एका व्यक्तीचे नाव आहे नादाव बेन येहुदा. नादाव हा एक गिर्यारोहक. 2012 साली एव्हरेस्ट शिखर सर करायला जात होता.

एव्हरेस्ट पासून फक्त तीनशे मीटर दूर असताना त्याला दुसरा एक गिर्यारोहक बेशुद्ध अवस्थेत आणि अत्यंत जखमी अवस्थेत बर्फात पडलेला दिसला. इतर गिर्यारोहक त्याच्याकडे बघत व एक मोठा उसाचा टाकून तसेच पुढे जात. मात्र नादावने एक क्षणभर त्याच्याकडे पाहिले व मनोमन ठरवले की आपण याला वाचवायचे. एव्हरेस्ट अथवा त्यासारख्या दुसऱ्या बर्फाच्छादित शिखरावर एखाद्याला वाचवायचे तर प्रचंड कष्ट पडतात. सहसा मिलिटरी, डॉक्टर, हेलिकॉप्टर, ऑक्सिजन सिलेंडर यासारखी प्रचंड सामग्री आणि अनेक माणसांचे पथक यांची गरज पडते. याचे मुख्य कारण म्हणजे बेभरवशाचा पाऊस, बर्फाचा वर्षाव, सोसाट्याचा आणि अति थंड बोचरा वारा यामुळे मदत पथकाला अगदी एका माणसाला वाचवण्यासाठी सुद्धा अपार कष्ट पडतात. तेथे नादावने एकट्याने त्याला मदत करावयाचे ठरवले.

त्यासाठी त्या व्यक्तीला दोरखंडाने बांधून खेचत ठेचकाळात खाली आणावे लागते आणि त्यावर आणखी कहर म्हणजे ती व्यक्ती बेशुद्धच असल्याने तिचे वजन दुपटीपेक्षा जास्त वाढलेले असते. स्वतःला जास्त परिश्रम झाल्यामुळे जास्त कृत्रिम प्राणवायूची गरज पडते. दोरी खेचून हात सुन्न होतात व कधीकधी हात व बोटे निकामी होण्याची पण शक्यता असते. या सगळ्या संकटांना तोंड देताना कधी कधी त्या वाचवणाऱ्या व्यक्तीचे स्वतःचे मानसिक संतुलन बिघडू शकते व वेडाचा अथवा नैराश्याचा झटका येऊ शकतो व कधीकधी त्या व्यक्तीचे प्राण पण जाऊ शकतात. इतक्या भयानक परिस्थितीची कल्पना असूनसुद्धा सुद्धा नादावने हा निर्णय घेतला आणि स्वतःच्या जीवावर

खेळून त्या दुसऱ्या गिर्यारोहकाला वाचवण्याचे अफाट कार्य केले. यातील, स्वतःचे प्राणावर बेतने यापेक्षा दुसरा महत्त्वाचा भाग म्हणजे त्याला स्वतःला मिळणारे वैयक्तिक यश. यावर त्याने पाणी सोडले. कारण एकदा तुम्ही एव्हरेस्ट वरून खाली उतरलात ना की तुम्हाला पुन्हा चढाई करण्यासाठी निदान तीन ते चार वर्षे वाट पाहावी लागते आणि नादाव तर फक्त तीनशे मीटर दूर होता एव्हरेस्ट पासून. म्हणजे साडेआठ हजार मीटर तो यशस्वीरित्या चढून आला होता.

तिसरा आणि अत्यंत महत्त्वाचा मुद्दा म्हणजे पैसे. एका एव्हरेस्ट मोहिमेसाठी एका व्यक्तीला कमीत कमी जो खर्च करावा लागतो तो 60 ते 90 लाख रुपयांच्या आसपास असतो म्हणजे एवढ्या लाख रुपयांवर नादावने त्या व्यक्तीचा जीव वाचवण्यासाठी चक्क पाणी सोडले. आहे की नाही नादाव बेन येहुदा एक असामान्य व्यक्ती. ज्या व्यक्तीचे प्राण नादावने वाचवले त्या व्यक्तीचे नाव आहे आयदीन इरमाक. तो होता तुर्कस्तानचा. इजरायल व तुर्कस्तानच्या सरकारांनी या घटनेनंतर नादावचा यथोचित असा सत्कार केला.

आता नादावने आपले आयुष्य गिर्यारोहकांना आपत्कालीन मदत पुरवठा करणे या गोष्टीसाठी वाहून घेतले आहे. तसेच देश विदेशात आपल्या या विशेष अशा कर्तृत्वाच्या कहाण्या लोकांना सांगत तो फिरतो आणि प्रोत्साहन देतो.

जाता जाता अजून एक गोष्ट सांगू का या घटनेनंतर नादावला अद्याप पर्यंत एव्हरेस्ट शिखर पादाक्रांत करता आलेले नाही. नादाव बेन येहुदाच्या मधील या असामान्य अशा शक्तीला आपण सर्व सलाम करूया व प्रयत्न करूया की आपत्कालीन परिस्थितीत कोणाची तरी आपल्याकडून मदत घडू दे.

ही गोष्ट जर तुम्हाला प्रेरणादायी वाटली तर मला जरूर कळवा.

लवकरच येणारया दिपावली साठी तुम्हा सर्वाना खूप खूप शुभेच्छा.

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 बड़ा हसीन है, ये कर्ज,
 मुझे कर्जदार रहने दो !
 वो आँखें जो छलकती हैं,
 ग़म में, खुशी में, मेरे लिए |
 उन सभी आँखों में सदा,
 प्यार बेशुमार रहने दो !

मौसम लाख बदलते रहें,
 आएँ भले बसंत-पतझड़ |
 मेरे मित्रो को जीवन भर,
 यूँ ही सदाबहार रहने दो !
 महज दोस्ती नहीं ये,
 बगिया है विश्वास की |
 प्यार, स्नेह के फूलों से,
 इसे गुलज़ार रहने दो !

वो मस्ती, वो शरारतें,
 न तुम भूलो, न हम भूलें |
 उम्र बढ़ती है..खूब बढ़े,
 जवाँ ये किरदार रहने दो।

Rtn Lakshman




Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd Oct	Sakshi Thirani	Wife of Navin Thirani	12th Nov	Dr Bhushan Sonawane	Dr. Bhushan Sonawane
5th Oct	Supriya	Daughter of Dadasaheb Satre	12th Nov	Uday Patil & Dr. Neeta Patil	Anniversary
5th Oct	Anjali Pai	Anjali Pai	14th Nov	Sayali	Daughter of Dr. C H Kale
6th Oct	Dadasaheb Satre	Dadasaheb Satre	16th Nov	Monika Sahni	Wife of Sumir Sahni
6th Oct	Vedangi Mehta	Tejal Mehta	19th Nov	Pushan Vaidya	Pushan Vaidya
7th Oct	Sapan Shah	Son of Devendra & Ramila Shah	20th Nov	Dr. Raju & Dr. Anjali	Anniversay
10th Oct	Uday & Manasi Bhagwat	Uday Bhagwat	22nd Nov	Amit Satre	Son of Dadasaheb Satre
11th Oct	Anjali Ruiwale	Wife of Shashank Ruiwale	22nd Nov	Divisha Thirani	Daughter of Navin Thirani
13th Oct	Chintan Shah	Son of Devendra & Ramila Shah	23rd Nov	Dr. Raju Bodas	Dr. Raju Bodas
17th Oct	Sangeeta Telang	Sangeeta Telang	25th Nov	Yogesh & Swati Sovani	Anniversary
18th Oct	Nandkishore	Nandkishore	25th Nov	DN Narkhede and Shital	Anniversary
19th Oct	Suresh Kalyankar	Suresh Kalyankar	26th Nov	Uday Patil	Uday Patil
21st Oct	Amruta	Daughter of Milind Paranjpe	29th Nov	Chandrasekhar Limaye	Chandrasekhar Limaye
22nd Oct	Padmaja Deshpande	Parul & Amit Deshpande	30th Nov	Sharad & Anupama	Anniversary
23rd Oct	Dr. Kale	Dr. C H Kale	30th Nov	Nitin Sharma	Nitin Sharma
26th Oct	Amit Deshpande	Amit Deshpande	30th Nov	Vaibhav Narkar	Vaibhav Narkar
31st Oct	Dr. Sanjiv Walanj	Dr. Sanjiv Walanj			
31st Oct	Dr. Jayant Gawand	Dr. Jayant Gawand			
1st Nov	Sharad Varaskar	Sharad Varaskar			
2nd Nov	Anupama	Spouseof Sharad Varaskar			
2nd Nov	Dr. Anjali	Spouseof Dr.Raju Bodas			
5th Nov	Tejal	Tejal Mehta			
6th Nov	Sagarika	Daughter of Suresh Kalyankar			
8th Nov	Sangram Joshi	Sangram Joshi			
11th Nov	Spandan Patil	Son of Dr. Rajendra Patil			

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