



Prakruti

A Newsletter of Rotary Club of Thane Green City

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Kindness in Action : Our Club, Our Cause

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RIP Stephanie Urchick's Message

Building Peace with Rotary Peacebuilders



A Solid Foundation

One of Rotary's greatest strength is the ability of our members to come together to create lasting change and The Rotary Foundation helps us transform dreams of change into reality.

From eradicating polio to building peace, much of the work we do around the world would not be possible without our continued support of our Foundation.

The cause of peace is especially important to me, and one of the most effective ways we build peace is our Rotary Peace Fellowship - a product of The Rotary Foundation. The program helps current and aspiring peace and development professionals around the world learn how to prevent and how to end conflict.

Thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next Rotary Peace Center, a Bahcesehir University in Istanbul.

Month, a great time to get to know your Foundation better cause that appeal to you. Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. By working together in respond to pressing community needs, clubs and districts strengthen their global partnership.

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and in communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will find with these grants.

Our Foundation can even help you support our wonderful youth programs, including Rotary

Youth Ex-change, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Interact.

Your gifts to our Foundation also make Programs of Scale possible. These are long-term projects that seek to solve otherwise intractable problems.

Opening yet another peace center is a monumental achievement that we will celebrate at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul.

The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advocates for peace. Keynote speakers, panel discussions and breakout sessions will allow us to share ideas about building peace and foster meaningful conversations about promoting peace everywhere.

Registration of the Presidential Peace Conference is open. I hope to see you there, but if you can't make it, our Foundation offers so many ways to change the world for the better. November is Rotary Foundation.

To ensure these good works continue beyond our lifetimes, it is up to us to reach our ambitious Rotary Endowment goal of \$2.025 billion by 30 June 2025.

The Magic of Rotary does not appear out of no-where. We create the magic with every new member inducted, every project completed, and every dollar donated to our Foundation.

Please join me in supporting The Rotary Foundation, and together, we will change the world for the better.

Stephanie A. Urchick
President, Rotary International



Appreciation Note

Thank you for submitting the final report of CSR India Grant CS2300168 - "Toilet Block for School" (with CSR contribution from Scorpio Marine Management). The report has been reviewed and is complete. Rotary Foundation (India) will now mark the grant as closed. Your cooperation in fulfilling this requirement is greatly appreciated.

We encourage you to share your successful CSR India Grant activities on Rotary Showcase.

Many thanks to all the Rotarians who gave their time, funds, and expertise to implement this grant. Your contributions support The Rotary Foundation's mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, protecting the environment and the alleviation of poverty.

Sincerely,

Aakanksha Kumari

Coordinator - CSR

Bhawna Verma

Lead CSR

Rotary Foundation (India)

DG Dinesh Mehta's Message

November Vibes : Let us Open Our Heart !



Dear Awesome Rotarians,

October has been a month of remarkable achievements for our District. We surprised our fundraising goals at the TRF Seminar, a testament to the collective spirit of giving within our community. Witnessing the success of heartwarming service projects like the Annapurna project and the Navi Mumbai clubs' 'All Days' Dinner project further solidified our commitment to impactful service. These innovative initiatives exemplify the very essence of Rotary, uniting to create positive change.

Beyond fundraising, your unwavering dedication shone through in various initiatives throughout October. The successful administration of 4000 plus cervical vaccines, and the vibrant Dussehra celebrations all demonstrate our commitment to comprehensive community well-being.

Additionally, the inauguration of the RPL of IFCR and the inaugural Mental Health Seminar mark significant strides in our pursuit of professional development and mental health awareness. The recent district elections further solidified our leadership structure, ensuring continued progress.

As October draws to a close, we now set our sights on a very special time - Rotary Foundation Month!

The Rotary Foundation's power lies in its inclusivity. Every contribution, regardless of size, fuels impactful projects around the world.

Your donation of just \$75 can help commemorate India's 75th Republic Day while contributing to a global movement for positive change. Together with countless others, your support can provide clean water, eradicate polio, promote peace and inspire a ripple effect of compassion around the world.

This November, consider joining the movement. **Donate to the Rotary Foundation** and empower Rotarians to tackle global challenges like poverty, disease and illiteracy. **Every penny counts.**

Visit rotary.org/donate to learn more about their life-changing initiatives. Together, with open hearts and generosity, we can create a lasting global impact.

Remember, even a small donation can spark big change. Make this November a month of meaningful giving!

With Rotarian regards,
Dinesh Mehta
District Governor (2024-25)



From the President's Desk



Greetings and here's wishing each one of you a wonderful new year ahead. As we leave the festival season behind us now, I am sure that we all had a wonderful time celebrating and ushering in the festivities. The half way mark of the Awesome year will soon be on us and therefore, we need to look back on what has been accomplished and what further needs to be done going ahead

We have involved ourselves in Annapurna & Ni-Kshay Mitra projects, created awareness about Cervical cancer & Mental Health amongst students across 5 different schools/colleges, provided medicines to the differently abled children, sponsored the fees for the girl students, hosted/co-hosted District & Club events and participated in several festival celebrations.

We have initiated & successfully executed two iconic projects too:

Rotary TechLab project in association with RC Bangalore West and RC Thane Lake City. We will continue to work closely with all stake-holders to ensure that approx. 2200 students across 8 TMC School premises leverage the benefit of computer education and technology for personal growth and to enhance their employability quotient

Rotary Centre @ TMC School 19 in collaboration with Thane Municipal Corporation, RC Thane Lake City & RC Thane North. It is a dream come true not just for us Greens but also for the whole Rotary District 3142. I personally wish to thank each one of you for whole-heartedly contributing whatever you could to ensure that we finally have a home of our own, at least for the next decade, if not more. A dedicated space like this can serve as a hub for our various initiatives, fostering growth and connection within the communities around us.

The time is ripe now to focus our attention on bigger and more impactful projects

Our 1st Global Grant project, a District Grant project and a few CSR Grants are at advanced stages of discussion/approval and the coming days will usher in good news and ensure that we have our hands full with projects that can make meaningful and sustainable impact all around us. . We need to set clear-cut timelines, plan our resources, expand our networks, attract more support thru' crowd funding measures as well as community involvement and building capacities via RCCs/partner institutions.

Let us gear up and get ready for exhilarating times ahead. Together, let us create the Magic of Rotary all around us.

Prasant Patro
Club President (2024-25)



A Dream Fulfilled



Thane Municipal Corporation, in partnership with RC Thane Green City, RC Thane Lake City and RC Thane North, have launched the 'Rotary Knowledge Enhancement and Faculty Centre' also called as Rotary Centre, at TMC School 19 in Naupada, Thane to implement the 'Student Development and Happiness Index' program.

Comprising of a 150-seater AC Convention Center, a 30-seater AC Conference Room and a 1100 sft open workshop area, this place will cater to various trainings, workshops, seminars and skill development courses of both TMC and Rotary besides becoming the home base of the 3 above named Rotary Clubs.

The Rotary Knowledge Enhancement & Faculty Centre and Virtual Studio was virtually inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Eknath Shinde on 11/10/2024.

With the launch of this Rotary Centre, a long-awaited desire of not just our Clubs but also of Rotary District 3142 has been fulfilled.

We wish to acknowledge the generous contribution of our members who have generously contributed towards making this dream come true. We also place on record our appreciation to our CSR partner, Om Divine Buildcon LLP, for their kind gesture of supporting translate our dream into a reality. We express our gratitude to DG Dinesh Mehta, PP Prasad Tendulkar, RC Thane Green City and Jagdish Chelaramani, President, RC Thane Lake City for proactively taking up this initiative with TMC and getting the MOU executed in record time. And finally, we thank all the Steering Committee & Operations Committee members for their continued involvement and support during the execution phase

From a worn down non-descript 3700 sft open hall to a vibrant state-of-the art Rotary Centre that completely is in sync with Rotary's values and ethos – the transformation has to be seen to be believed. We acknowledge and appreciate the dedicated efforts of Mrs. Maitreyie Patro, Principal Designer of MP Designs, for her attention to detail and her speed of execution in getting the place ready in a matter of 28 days.

Greens,

Our Home Beckons - Chalo Ghar Chale!!!



August Highlight

First International Club Picnic

21st - 25th Aug'24

Green City Rotary members recently embarked on their first-ever international picnic to the beautiful country of Azerbaijan. A total of 35 participants attended, including club members, Anns, and Annet's, making it a memorable and inclusive event for everyone.



This exciting adventure was meticulously planned with the assistance of Parikrama Holidays, who ensured a seamless and enjoyable experience for all attendees. Special thanks go to Admin Director Tejal Mehta and Prachi Vaidya for their exceptional efforts in organizing this incredible trip. Their dedication and attention to detail helped create a truly unforgettable experience, filled with camaraderie, cultural exploration, and cherished memories.



September Highlight

Rotary Centre@School 19 - Soft Launch

28/09/2024

TRF Trustee Chair Rtn Mark Maloney visited the site along with TRF Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya, DG Dinesh Mehta, EPNC Dr. Ashes Ganguly and other District Officials on 28th September 2024. Our Club's own Hall - School no 19 was almost ready for the inauguration.



October Highlight

Dandiya Raas

12/10/2024 - Family Nite



Awesome year's first family fellowship - Dandiya Nite was organised at Maria Banquets on 12th October 2024. All the greens were invited along with their families to bond with each other on the dandiya beats & some lip-smacking food that was served. The members were dressed to kill for, in their beautiful outfits and set the dance floor ablaze with their rocking hook steps to the DJ music. District Governor Dinesh Mehta and First Lady Jyoti Mehta graced the occasion and were very forthcoming in sharing some of their moves on the dance floor with us all. Our AG

Sachin Athawale and DGND Chandrahas Shetty also joined us. Traditional Garba and Dandiya numbers were played. A friend and an expert in this field, Mrs Pushpita Padhy, was invited to judge the performances and costumes. Prizes for best dance, best costume & all-rounder in all age categories were declared and prizes were received at the hands of DG Dinesh Mehta and FL Jyoti Mehta. Indeed, a Nite to remember.




Club Projects

02-08-2024 - Tech Lab Project

The launch ceremony was held at TMC School 23 in the presence of Deputy Commissioner- Education, Shri Sachin Pawar, DG Dinesh Mehta, Ms. Sanjana Govindan from Goldman Sachs, CSR Head of Dist. 3142, Prasad Tendulkar, CSR Head of Dist. 3192, Naveen Kolavara, Rotarians from RC Thane Green City, RC Thane Lake City and RC Bangalore West & officials from the Education Deptt of Thane Municipal Corporation. Simultaneous launch at 7 other School locations was done by our visiting Rotarians and HMs of



the respective Schools. This was witnessed by all over the zoom platform. Jointly done by RC Thane Green City

and RC Thane Lake City in association with RC Bangalore West, this project encompasses 8 TMC School locations covering 23 TMC Schools across Thane, Kalwa and Mumbra. This TechLab program is a 4-year curated course covering basic & advanced computer skills, website designing and an element of coding too. Approx. 2100 students will benefit from this program every year.



14/08/2024 - Talk : Our Charismatic Constitution- Dr Lucky Kasat at KBP College



Today's talk session "Our Charismatic Constitution - The Vision of a Republic" by Dr. Lucky Kasat at KBP College was a roaring hit. Attended by around 250 students, faculty members and a few Rotarians



from RC Thane Green City, RC Thane Premium and RC Thane Lake City - this 45-minute session was an eye-opener for not just the students but for all other attendees too. Hitherto unknown aspects, less published facts and unsung personalities who had an immense impact in the framing, drafting and finalization of our Indian Constitution formed the core of his talk.

15/08/2024 - Annapurna

Keeping the good work going, this month too our club participated in the Annapurna food distribution event.

17/08/2024 & 21/09/2024 - Medicine Distribution.



RCTGC is associated with Jagruti Palak Sanstha (JPS) since past 7 years. Jagruti Palak Sanstha is a day care centre for special adult girls and boys. We sponsor the medicines required by them on monthly basis costing around 8-10k per month.



On August 17th, essential medicines were distributed to the special children/adults at Jagruti Palak Sanstha, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Mr. Rajiv Malhan, a friend of President Prasant Patro. Rotarian Mohan Telang and Sangeeta Telang personally visited the centre to deliver the medicines and spend time with the beneficiaries. On 17/09/2024, PP Prachi Vaidya & PP Pushan Vaidya, who sponsored the medicines for September, met these special adults and distributed the medicines. Their visit exemplified the Rotary Club's commitment to community service, combining support with



compassionate interaction. This initiative highlights the power of collaboration and generosity in making a meaningful impact.



22/08/2024 - Vocational Event- Rotary Club of Thane Green City, District 3142, co-hosted the "Shaurya".

A vocational tour was organized on August 22, 2024 to the Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre in Khadki and the War Memorial in Ghorpadi, Pune in celebration of the 75th year of the Constitution. RC Thane Green City along with RC Navi Mumbai Hillside, RC Dombivli Downtown, RC Thane Aces and several other Rotary Clubs co-sponsored the event. 75 NCC cadets and several Rotarians participated.

The goal was to educate our youth and deepen the appreciation on the sacrifices & absolute dedication to the country of our national heroes, instilling the value of "Nation Above Self." It was truly inspiring to witness the exceptional aftercare and rehabilitation provided to Armed Forces personnel (Army, Navy & Air Force)



04/09/2024 - Cervical Cancer and Mental Health Seminar at Vavoshi & Johe school and college



Cervical Cancer awareness session was conducted at Vovoshi and Johe schools by Dr Jinesh Sanghvi. Girls from both the school attended the sessions along with the lady teachers. Past President Pushan Vaidya spoke on Mental Health covering various aspects, its taboo and the need of hour to address



this issue at very young age. Around 400 students attended these seminars.

14/09/2024 - District RYLA

5 Rotaractors from our Rotaract Club of Anand Vishwa Gurukul School participated in the District RYLA held at Lonavala on 14th & 15th September 2024. Past President Sangram Joshi accompanied the Rotaractors. The event provided ample opportunity to develop leadership team building and problem-solving skills



18/09/2024 - Rastriya Hindi Diwas

Hosted jointly by RC Thane Premium & RC Thane Lake City, Rastriya Hindi Diwas was celebrated at Kashinath Ghanekar Auditorium. Chief guest DG Dinesh Mehta along with First Lady Jyoti Mehta graced the event. RCTGC had co-hosted the event. A Drama - Mudrika Rahasya - written by Sharad Joshi, was enacted on this occasion.



13/10/2024 - Dil Se Dimag Tak



The first and the biggest Mental Health Seminar of the District was jointly organized on 13th October 2024 by RC Thane Green City, RC Thane Lake City & RC Thane North. It was an experience of a lifetime.

First of all, a beautiful venue of the brand-new Rotary Centre created by 3 clubs, RCT Green City, Lake City and North in association with Thane Municipal Corporation was made ready by our own president Prasant and Maitreyie Patro in record time. The sparkling venue just took everyone's breath away.

The whole activity started as early as 7.30 am when the mental Health Avenue team and a few of our members reached the venue. PP Pushan had ensured that all arrangements were ready from the night before.

The 8 schools that were given the stalls reached by 8.30 and were all set for business. Slowly people started trickling in

and by 9 am the whole place was swarming with people. Only about 75 people had pre-registered but in half an hour, 150 breakfasts were served efficiently by our catering contractor. Kudos to our Club admin Tejal for menu selection and the caterers.



The program started with lamp lighting at about 9.45 am. PDG Mohan, Avenue Team and District dignitaries present did the honours.



The program began with Shubham Karoti by the Avani students. The guests were welcomed with flowers made by our own Jagruti Palak Sanstha. Avenue chair Anuj Yadav was the MOC for the day. PP Pushan, our very own Mental Health Champion was invited to present the event.

The whole program was conducted in Hindi. Even our Guests of Honor Dr Kersi Chavda and Dr Ashish Deshpande spoke beautifully highlighting the role Rotary was playing in Mental health by doing bigger and bolder Projects. But the highlight of the seminar were the mind-blowing performances by the special children. The "Taare Zameen Par" dance by Dombivli School deaf and dumb children brought tears in everyone's eyes. The dance got a standing ovation for more than 3 minutes.



The Lavani Performance and other dances by special children were truly reaching "Dil Se Dil Tak".

21 gems in the field of Mental Health were recognized and awarded for their contribution in this field. These names were nominated by various clubs from the District and a beautiful trophy for "Excellence in Mental health" was presented to each one of them.

District Governor Dinesh Mehta and First Lady Jyoti Mehta reached just in time for the awards and felicitation of co-host and lead-host clubs. DG Dinesh gave a small but meaningful talk about Rotary's commitment to mental health. The program ended with a vote of thanks and tasty lunch that was enjoyed by more than 150 attendees. Everyone left with fond memories and a promise to work in this very little understood dimension of Mental Health.



FELLOWSHIP



Diwali Dinner : 28th October 2024

As Diwali is a festival of lights, our Admin Director RTN. Tejal Mehta came up with a super fantastic idea to plan a Pre -Diwali dinner. The get-together set the festive mood in full motion and pomp. The venue for the evening was Angrezi Patiyala at Korum Mall. As the restaurant was all decorated for Diwali and we all dressed in our traditional wear, the vibe of the evening was very positive. These festive driven events at RC Thane Green City keeps all the members connected with each other and also gives us an opportunity to not just associate but built a strong bonding with our co-Rotarians. We look forward to many more such events and many of our co-Rotarians being present with their family on such gatherings.



District Onam



District **Onam Festival celebration** was hosted by Dombivli Sun City at K C Gandhi Auditorium, Kalyan west. Our Club members PP Prasad Tendulkar & Poonam Tendulkar, PP Sangram & Archana Joshi attended this celebration



Kuch Yadein

Meri Rotary ki kuch yadein

Shuruat jaise ki har love story ki hoti hai... mujhe Rotary ke baare mein kuch malum nahi tha... aur achanak ek din ek phone aaya..... Rotary Club of Thane North end se... aur meri Rotary kahani shuru hui..... maine theek hi socha

Shayad Rotary mein lena ka khayal Dil mein aaya hai, isi liye club Prez ne mujhe chai pe bulaya hai

Meri Rotary se pehli mulakat ho gayi..... Kande pohe program... fireside meet.. kuch maine suna, kuch kaha... aur phir mein bas itna kahungi ki Rotary ka jaadu mujh par chal gaya..... but I had lot of commitments/ priorities which made me think...

Badi mushkil hai khoya Mera dil hai, **koi** mujhe ye batale de na... karu mein kya karu, kya Rotary join karu?

Maine Rotary join kiya, humne naya club form kiya and we had a big installation ceremony with CP Uday as the Charter President.. we were extremely happy. Mera aur meri family ka rotary sang sambandh jud gaya

Dheere Dheere hum rotary ko samajh ne lagi, gun gunane lage Dheere dheere se Meri zindagi mein aana, Dheere Dheere se dil ko churana

Jaise humara safar badhata gaya, Senior Rotarians puchne lage...

Kitabein bahutsi padhi hongii tumne, magar Club ke bylaws kya tumne padhe hai? Rotary ke bare mein hum khud ko educate karne lage, trainings attend kiya, rotary.org pe gaye, jankari haasil ki

Aur phir Rotary ki Khushboo har saal badhati gayi, Projects kiye, events kiye, Rotaract Club banaye, RCC banaye.. jaise hum sab ga rahe the

Deep se deep jalate chalo, Rotary ki ganga bahate chalo

Rotary ne bhi hume bahut kuch diya ... Self development, Leadership skills mile, Naya confidence aaya .humari soch badalne lagi

Chodo kal ki baatein, kal ki baat purani...

humne District events host karna shuru kiya, CSR projects kiye...

2020 mein mujhe Club President banane ka mauka mila: truly life changing experience...

Maine bhi wahi dhun gayi jo har Club President gaata hain

Saathi haat badhan ek akela thak jaayega

I received complete support of all club members and inspite of COVID and uncertainites our club excelled; we were amongst the top in the District

Aur ab mein PP bani hun... Past President

Ab toh Rotary jaise aadat ban gayi hai.... Har Saturday I look forward to meeting our gang

Muskuraane ki wajah tum ho, jiya jaaye na jaaye na jaaye na, O re Rotary re

Aur mujhe yakin hain ki ye safar aaj ek aur naya mod lena waala hain, kuch naaye dost milne waale hain

So I will just say

Ye dosti hum nahi chodenge, todenge dum magar, tera saath na chhodenge

Thank you and welcome to Rotary.

PP Dr Aparna Walanj
Rotary Club of Thane Green City



Rotary Friendship Exchange to Uganda

When I became the President of my club, I had spent barely 3 years in Rotary. My curiosity was similar to a child's. I was keen to explore various aspects of Rotary. Each time I received a mail, I would go through it carefully and try to participate. Anything new I hear, and I would dig into it. Once we invited Avenue Chair - International, as a speaker. She very well explained about her topic and additionally left some food for thought - giving information about "Rotary friendship exchange".



And one day I received a mail stating about a friendship exchange. Oh, something new has come

up! Let's apply. With the least idea of what it could be. It was a request from Uganda. I applied and got selected as well. And then started a stream of advice - "don't go, that's a weird place", "humans don't go there", "we don't want to lose you to man-eaters", "they eat only non-veg, what will you do?" - everything was amusing but I was firm.

We were a team of six couples from different parts of Mumbai. Our leader was Centennial DG Rahul Timbadia. The team met on a couple of occasions. We planned everything. The Rotarians from Uganda were to arrive first. We received them welcoming in traditional Indian manner and a phase of happiness began. They stayed for 10 days. And they were so curious about India. We took them to Ajanta and Ellora. We helped them buy sarees and dress materials at Yeola. They were interested in Indian food. We enjoyed the outing. We also took them around to see the flavours of Mumbai, starting from the golden pagoda and ending at the sadar pavbhaji. It was such fun. The 10 days were over. We got so friendly and were already looking forward to our Uganda visit.

A visit to African countries needs yellow fever vaccine to be taken. Oh, that was such a circus. We successfully completed it. Our flight was through Ethiopia, so polio dose was required too. Visa was on arrival - so no issues.

And we set off. The first encounter with African weather was when we were about to land at Adis Ababa. Just before the landing, the weather turned bad. Thunder and lightning was followed by heavy rains which soon turned into a hailstorm. Oh God! Horrible scene. We had a layover of three and a half hours but couldn't get out of the plane. The pilot barely managed to land safely but couldn't navigate to the terminal. It poured, poured and poured. Three hours gone - only half an hour left. Passengers on the onward flight were losing patience. But the entire airport had come to a standstill. The airport services pressed into action and we were helped to disembark and taken straight to the next aircraft. We were told that our luggage may arrive later. It was an experience in itself. Hailstorm outside, anxiety inside. A bit delayed, but we reached Entebe airport. To our surprise, our luggage had arrived too.



The immigration line was long. We could get the visa stamped faster as the officer was a Rotarian. We had a grand welcome. Happy to meet our new and old Ugandan friends. It was six in the evening and we had traveled for more than 12 hours. We were all hoping to rush home and relax. But instead of taking us home, they took us to a restaurant. Oh! What's this? Our hosts included some government officers - one person working for the President of Uganda, another one a senior industrialist, one PDG, and so on. Then



why not take us home? They explained - morning and evening times are very slow traffic times. We will relax and go after that.

My host was a senior Parliament officer. Always followed by an armed guard. His house was also under strict security vigil. He joined whenever possible but his wife was with us everywhere. His children were curious to see us. People with a different colour and straight hair.

Uganda is a landlocked country, origin to the river Nile. Rich with forests, birds, wildlife - a boon for nature lovers like me. We visited a very big medical camp, organised by various Rotary clubs together, in a remote area. People

have many health issues there due to poverty and ignorance. Rotary is helping them a lot. A huge hospital was coming up with the joint efforts of all the Rotary clubs.

Population explosion is another problem. Its youth is facing issues due to various addictions and lack of education. Rotary has started various programs to help the youth. Skill development is a big program taken up.

Their district was spread in 2 countries, Uganda and Tanzania. So thinking about the attendees, they organised a five-day program covering District Conference, Learning Assembly, GMS, Membership Seminar & PETS. The program ended with the incoming District Governor's installation. It was a very big gathering. There were many stalls to showcase Rotary work. All the skill development program beneficiaries were given a selling outlet. All the days had dress themes which we were informed of in advance so that we could follow. Every evening was fun filled. I noticed that they all knew their traditional dance and music very well. It was five days of lots of learning and enjoyment.

We also visited various parks and wild game drives. Enjoyed the sighting of many bird species. We spotted many migratory birds and it was fun finding out more about them. The visit to the Murchison falls game park was so thrilling. We spotted all the big five, but the most interesting feature was it was the season of the young. Almost all animals were spotted with their young ones. Right from the lioness with her 3 cute cubs, we were welcomed by new borns of hippos, crocodiles, giraffes, turtles, rhinos, zebras, and many more. We experienced the insecurity faced by a mother when we came across a herd of elephants. She attacked our jeep and the guard had a tough time navigating.

The country is famous for its handicrafts too. We visited many colourful markets. The shop owners were mainly women. We enjoyed our bargaining skills with them.

One day we were told that we are going to visit the richest national of Uganda. He is a supporter of Rotary. He was the founder owner of the Crane Bank Forex Bureau. With several businesses to his credit, he is the biggest employment generator. His house was one lac thirty thousand square meters. The wine cellar, housing the finest wines from across the world, was thirty thousand square meters. Everything was huge. He welcomed us with his family. And to our surprise they were all Indian Gujaratis - Shri Sudhir Ruparelia and Mrs Jyotsna Ruparelia. Speaking hindi, having a big puja room, very humble and following all Indian customs. The family was vegetarian and didn't consume alcohol. We had a very nice interaction with them. We were all over the press the next day!

I cherish the memories of our visit. Our host Nigel and Berna visited us in Diwali of the following year too. They were thrilled to see the festivities, food and colourful dresses.

We are still in touch with the friends we made there. It's a lifetime bond that Rotary helped us create otherwise why would I ever think of visiting Uganda?

Rtn Kirty H Vadalkar
Chief Coordinator



Regular Meeting Conducted

03/08/2024 (Regular Speaker Meeting)

Regular weekly meeting was conducted at Thirani School at 7:30 pm. President Prasant welcomed the members and gave an update of projects & events so far. Our Speaker, Dr Monisha Rawat gave a talk on Stress and Pain Management and suggested a few tips for pain relief. She also shared the programmes and activities they conduct for Drugless Therapy- Sujok Therapy. CP Uday Bhagwat shared a few Rotary moments followed by a small quiz about members & their families. International Friendship Day celebration was done by distributing chocolates and tying friendship bands to one another.



10/08/2024 (Regular Meeting)



Regular weekly meeting was conducted at Thirani school at 7:30 pm. In absence of our Awesome Prez Prasant Patro the meeting was presided by Past Josh President Dr Aparna Walanj. Dr Aparna welcomed all and updated the members about the upcoming projects and events. PP Prachi Vaidya, on behalf of Bulletin Editor Natasha Reddy and Branding Director Anil



Joshi officially declared the release of the snapshot of our newsletter 'Prakruti ". This was the first snapshot of the Awesome year. In "Know Your Rotary Friend" series, our newest member, Rtn Pitambar Patro introduced himself to the members. Admin Director Tejal Mehta and Sumir Sahni conducted an interesting quiz for the members which was enjoyed by all present. Free passes for the musical program organised by RC Thane Premium on 17th August were given to members. The meeting concluded with secretarial announcements and vote of thanks.

17/08/2024 (Love through the ages- Live Music concert)

RCT Lake City and RCT Premium organised a music concert for expressing gratitude to the gracious Nikshay Mitra donors of the TB Mukta Thane initiative. Our Club members had donated for this project and were invited to attend the musical event. Free passes were given and RC Thane Green City members enjoyed the musical evening at Kashinath Ghanekar. Artist Jasan performed a combination of popular and off-beat melodious numbers spanning various genres of Indian Music - semi-classical, ghazals, and film songs - expressing different facets of the timeless and universal emotion - Love.

31/08/2024 (BOD Meeting / Trust Meeting / Regular Meeting)

2nd BOD meeting of the Awesome year was held at 6 pm in Thirani School. Trust meeting was conducted by the Trustees immediately thereafter to discuss the trust finances and forthcoming projects. Finally, regular meeting was conducted. President Prasant Patro addressed the members and updated about the events and meetings held in the month of August. Club Treasurer Uday Bhagwat updated on the income and expenses of Club and Trust accounts till date. President Patro also updated on the work status of school no-19 hall. New Member orientation meeting



was discussed and decided to be scheduled for 21st Sept where Membership Director Sharad Varaskar would co-ordinate the event. Vocational Director Archana



Joshi gave a brief about Nation Builder Award and a discussion was done on the same to chart the way forward.

Members also applauded the success of the first International Club Picnic to Baku, Azerbaijan



14/09/2024 (Regular Meeting)



President Prasant gave updates on the events and projects that were executed till date. He also updated on the status of renovation work of school 19 Hall. In "Know Your Rotary Friend" series, Rtn Nandakishor spoke about his personal and professional life. Vocational Service Avenue Director Archana Joshi informed members about the plans of Nation Builders Awards, and discussed its selection criteria. It was decided to do Nation Builders Awards functions on the 19th of Oct during a Speaker Meeting. The criteria for selection of awardees would be circulated to enable members to send their recommendations to the panel for consideration. Past President Pushan Vaidya informed the members about the upcoming Mental Health Seminar that is scheduled

for 13th October to be hosted by RCTGC. It was decided to form different to plan and execute the event successfully.

05/10/2024 - New member orientation meeting

New Member Orientation session was conducted during the weekly meeting held on 05/10/2024 at Thirani School. Three prospective members - Mr Manoj Jain, Dr Alkesh Patil and Grp. Capt. Trilok Gupta - attended the session. The Meeting started with President's welcome and updates on events till date. Then the Master of Ceremonies, Membership Director Sharad

Varaskar took forward the proceedings of the meeting. All the three prospective members where asked to introduce themselves which was followed by talks on various topics by our won club stalwarts. PP



Sangram Joshi talked about Purpose of Rotary. CP Uday Bhagwat spoke about Growth in RC Thane Green City. PP Prachi Vaidya stressed on women power in Rotary as well as in our Club. PP Dr Aparna Walanj had penned "Kuch Yaadein" - her memories of the Club - which in her absence were read by

Rtn. Parul Deshpande. Finally, PP Pushan Vaidya spoke on the expectations from Rotary. Overall, the sessions where informative and interactive to give the new prospective members a glimpse of Rotary. The meeting was followed by dinner.



05/10/2024 - Rotaract Club of Anand Vishwa Gurukul – Installation of President and BOD team

Rotaract Club of Anand Vishwa Gurukul had its 13th Installation Function on 5th October 2024 in the School premises where Rotaract President Kanak Yadav and her BOD Team had



a formal induction. President Prasant Patro, Rtn. Mohan Telang, Rtn. Sangeeta Telang, School Principal, Mrs Seema Hardikar, Rotaract School Co-ordinator, Mrs. Leena Raskar, Rotaract co coordinators from the District and members of the Rotaract Club attended the ceremony where DRR Nisha Raju was the Chief Guest.

DRR Nisha made an appeal to all Rotaractors to take benefit of Learning Leadership, Community Services & Management of Stress via Rotary.

President Prasant in his address extorted the Rotaractors to come forward and participate in meaningful projects that would help them develop themselves and in the process also leave an impact on Society. He thanked the Rotaractors for actively participating as Partners-in-Service in RCTGC organized projects such as tree plantation, medical camp,



Blood donation Camps, etc.



19th October 2024



RC Thane Green City was privileged to have Mr. Mahesh Shetty, founder of Mahesh Tutorials, as a speaker at our regular meeting. Mr. Shetty had aced the field of coaching and is now spreading his wings to avenues of online interface with the common people. In this world that is so competitive, a common person is unable to make time for spirituality and prayers which is an important quotient in life, despite his desire to do so. Hence, trying to bridge this gap, Mr. Mahesh Shetty and his son Mr. Prithvi Shetty have worked on an innovative and ground



breaking concept of a visual Bhagavad Gita. They have built an app that attempts to bring the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita to life in an entirely new way. The app features lifelike representation of Lord Krishna

who acts as a spiritual coach guiding users on how to apply the profound teachings of the Holy book to their everyday lives across personal, professional and social facets.



PE Suresh Kalyankar's birthday was celebrated at the end of the meeting with a cake cutting ceremony.



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