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Club of Thane Premium



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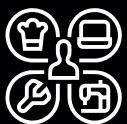
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ROTARY CLUB OF THANE PREMIUM
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ROTARY MONTH THEME



**Vocational Service
Through Rotary**

Club President
DR. SONAL BANGDE

Club Editor
MAUTULI GANGULY

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is an honor to address you today on one of the fundamental pillars of Rotary—Vocational Service. This avenue of service calls upon us to uphold the highest ethical standards in our professions, recognize the dignity of work, and use our skills to benefit society.

As Rotarians, we are uniquely positioned to make a difference through our vocations. Whether by mentoring young professionals, supporting vocational training programs, or promoting ethical business practices, our collective efforts can create meaningful and lasting change.

This year, let us embrace Vocational Service by:

- ✓ **Demonstrating integrity in all aspects of our work and business.**
- ✓ **Guiding and mentoring the next generation of professionals.**
- ✓ **Providing vocational training opportunities for those in need.**
- ✓ **Using our expertise to serve communities and advance economic development.**

By living the principles of Service Above Self, we not only strengthen our professional lives but also contribute to a more just and equitable world. Let us continue to inspire, lead, and make a difference—one profession, one person, and one community at a time.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Dr. Sonal Bangde
Club President,
Rotary Club of Thane Premium



NOTE FROM EDITOR

Dear Readers,

It has been about a year and a half since I became a member of this prestigious club, RCTP. This club is a remarkable blend of individuals from diverse professional backgrounds, all united by a common desire to bring about positive change in society through vocational and humanitarian services.

We have all come together by choice, willingly contributing to the causes we identify with and are passionate about. For our club to remain successful and continue being a leader in service, it is essential that we share a common vision, foster strong bonds, and offer support and guidance to one another.

Our club is vibrant and filled with supportive members who encourage participation and personal growth. Under the leadership of our President, Dr. Sonal Bangde, along with the unwavering commitment of past presidents and senior members, we see continuous

mentorship, expansion of membership, and an increasing impact in areas of concern. Their dedication to mentoring and guiding new members ensures that our legacy of service continues to grow.

As we reflect on the activities and achievements of the last month of 2024, it is also a moment for us—especially the newer members—to introspect and find ways to enhance our contributions. It is our collective responsibility to keep the spirit of service alive and thriving.

December was buzzing with activities, including community service initiatives, club projects, and vocational service programs. Now, with the dawn of 2025, new opportunities await us—opportunities for service, growth, and meaningful fellowship.

Warm Regards,
Mautuli Ganguly



NOTE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR

As we approach the second half of the Awesome year, it is time for some reflection. What have we done well and what could we, have done better. Some of us may have had a good first half whilst some of us may not have had that luxury.

Nevertheless, it is still a journey we have embarked upon and the year is still a work in progress.

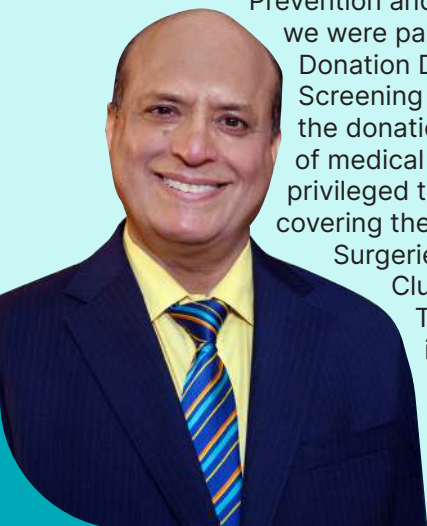
Greater things are yet to come and greater things are still to be done.

On 25th January, we celebrate the SAMVIDHAAN Ka Amrit Mahotsav, wherein Clubs who have measured up to the challenging metrics set for recognition at the beginning of the year, will duly receive Special Recognition.

The Signature Event, the District Conference, SAMANVAY : The Confluence of Excellence, is scheduled for the 1st and 2nd of March at the JIO World Convention Centre, India's foremost venue for Conventions, Meetings and Social Events. For the first time since the erstwhile District 3140 was split into Districts 3141 and 3142, the District Conference will be a collaborative effort between the two districts. It promises to be a unique and unforgettable event. The ambience, the galaxy of Speakers, the gastronomic experience and the camaraderie of long lost friends from the other district, it is an occasion not to be missed. If you have not already registered for the event, kindly do so immediately.

Both November and December have been a whirlwind of activity for Jyoti and me and it has been such a thrill to witness first hand, the wonderful community work that Clubs are doing, all over the district. November's Flagship event was ofcourse the Second TRF Seminar, wherein R.I.D.E Nagesh K.P. presided as the Chief Guest and recognised all those sterling Rotarians whose donations to the Foundation had helped the District earn laurels.

In accordance with the focus being on Disease Prevention and Treatment in December, we were part of several Blood Donation Drives and Thalassemia Screening Camps, presided over the donation of several lakhs worth of medical equipment and been privileged to hand over cheques covering the cost of pediatric Heart Surgeries, on behalf of some Clubs, to Jupiter Hospital. The efforts behind these initiatives are truly commendable and worthy of high praise.



The Fellowship "SANGAM" organised at Lonavala wherein Rotary Fellowship Groups, came together, was another unique initiative that was well crafted, well planned and well executed. Rotarians from The Music and Cricket Fellowships had a wonderful outing in the serene and verdant hillsides of Lonavala.

The HAMSAFAR Car Rally was not just a road trip but a movement to spread awareness about Skin, Eye and Organ Donation. An integral part of the drive was carrying the inspiring message of PRID and Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya about adopting a Healthy Lifestyle "1 Chamach Kam, 4 Kadam Aagey". Six Rotary Districts 3030, 3131, 3132, 3141, 3142 and 3170 were joint partners in this rally and it was wonderful to be witness to the enthusiasm generated, through Skits and Roadside Street performances, along the various pit stops on the Rally route.

Our Membership and Foundation Metrics, thus far, are highlighted elsewhere in this issue. You will indeed be delighted to know that at the Rotary Institute at Kochi, our District was bestowed with Three Awards. To my mind our single most spectacular achievement, amongst the Three Awards, was the Second Highest Contribution to the Annual Fund across Zones 4,5,6 and 7. This achievement reflects the spirit of giving in every Rotarian in our District.

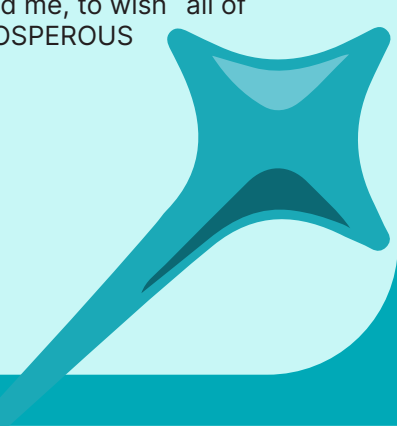
January in the Rotary Calendar is Vocational Service Month. Rotary is unique amongst Social Organisations, the world over, in that you are invited to join on the basis of your Vocation. The Classification Principle has been a sacrosanct part of the Rotary Story.

This is because people from different vocations bring different skill sets to the table. During Vocational Service Month, Clubs are encouraged to make a List of Unfulfilled Classifications and search for New Members from this category. The intrinsic belief is that this helps you fill a gap in the range of services, you can provide to the community.

My earnest request to you is to strive even harder, to walk that extra mile, to serve the community. Perhaps you can do this, better, if you think a little "outside the box" because "If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you have always got".

As Nelson Mandela famously said "It always seems impossible, till it is done". Let me take this opportunity, on behalf of Jyoti and me, to wish all of you a VERY HAPPY, BRIGHT, PROSPEROUS and AWESOME NEW YEAR.

Dinesh Mehta
District Governor
2024-25



ROTARY THEME OF THE MONTH

Vocational Service Through Rotary

Vocational service through Rotary means using our skills and areas of expertise to help others develop professionally and to support members of society in acquiring skills that enhance their professional growth. Skill development is the need of the hour, and our diverse base of Rotarians, representing various professions, facilitates this growth. The cumulative professional experience of Rotarians serves as a powerhouse of resources, shaping the future of young individuals and professionals from various fields.

As Rotarians, we can use our vocational services and experiences to support others in their professional journeys while also acting as catalysts for change.

Ways a Rotarian Can Participate:

Join an action group with expertise in a specific field.

Become a member of a Rotary fellowship group related to their profession.

Volunteer in a service-based project.

Share professional experiences through the District Resource Network.

Join TRF's Cadre of Technical Advisors.



Our Club's Vocational Services Include:

Service & Support at Zari Tribal School and other institutions, including providing bicycles, shoes, bags, and solar lights to promote healthy learning.

ROVEX Award (Ongoing) – Over 43 individuals have been recognized to date.

Career Guidance through RYLA.

Skill Development Project – Mentored and financed by Rtn. Pradeep Talpade at HBMVK, Kotwalwadi Trust, Neral. This initiative has sponsored 14 nurses, providing bedside training worth ₹1 lakh annually for the past five years.

Service Week – Co-hosting awareness talks.

Vocational Tours to inspire and educate.

Recognizing Excellence in Vocational Service
January, being Vocational Service Month, was an excellent time to honor individuals from diverse professions for their outstanding contributions to humanity through their dedicated work. In recognition of their exceptional vocational services to society, RCTP awarded the ROVEX Award and the National Builders Award to distinguished individuals.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAMVIDHAN TALK



NI KSHAY MITRA AND POLIO NID



Some dream of a world without disparity, a world where everyone has equal opportunities to live, survive, work, and lead a fulfilling life. Sadly, however, this remains a distant dream, with the chasm between the haves and the have-nots deepening, creating an unbalanced society. In this world, a few enjoy all the luxuries, benefits, education, healthcare, and other privileges, while a large portion of our society struggles with insecurities. Instances of the poor succumbing to diseases due to lack of medical assistance are all too common. The vicious circle of poverty is stifling humanity.

So the question arises: Are the goodness of life, security, and healthcare privileges only for the rich? Or can these downtrodden, vulnerable children of God—those known as the marginalized section of society—find a messiah to adopt them, someone who can wave a magical wand to eliminate their helplessness and restore hope?

Providing a few drops of elixir in this ocean of disparity was the initiative of **Ni Kshay Mitra** and **Polio NID**. Ni Kshay Mitra began with the donation of food packets to TB-affected families, in the presence of Hon. MP Naresh Mhaske. The initiative also included providing food packets (generously donated by Rtn. Suresh Dol) to 330 healthcare workers across three health posts/vaccination booths in Thane. A total of 2,734 babies received polio vaccines at these booths to secure their future.



WHY POLIO SUBNID IS STILL NEEDED IN INDIA WHEN THERE IS NO POLIO CASE SINCE 2011?

"India continues to hold 1 NID and 2 Sub National Immunization Days (NID) for polio every year to maintain population immunity against wild poliovirus and to sustain its polio free status AND also to prevent re-importation of polio from polio infected countries Pakistan and Afghanistan, which are not polio free and 8 countries where polio virus is in circulation.

As long as one child remains infected, children in all countries remain at risk of contracting polio.

SINCE 1 MAY 2024, IT IS MANDATORY for polio vaccination requirement for all travelers entering India. This includes individuals TRAVELING FROM polio-infected countries (Pak and Afghanistan) and also travelers from countries with circulating poliovirus (Cameroon, Nigeria, Malawi, Mozambique, Madagascar, Congo, Somalia, and Syria).

To provide additional protection, Gol has introduced injectable Inactivated Polio Vaccine in routine immunization program in India".- By Dr Lucky Kasat

We need to continue our fight against this deadly disease because-

TOTAL GLOBAL CASES:

12 in 2023
78 in 2024

AS ON December 2024:
PAKISTAN ^{PK}
55 cases in 2024
6 Cases in 2023

AFGHANISTAN ^{AF}
23 cases in 2024
6 Cases in 2023
So the fight continues as we see a rise in cases in 2024.



KARVELE VIBHAG HIGH SCHOOL



The Rotary Premium year concluded on a positive note on Monday, 30th December 2024, with Rotarians participating in the Annual Gathering of our adopted Karvele Vibhag High School in Murbad Taluka. The office bearers and school principal expressed their gratitude for Rotary's efforts in school upgrades and educational projects. The organizers felicitated us, and we thoroughly enjoyed the energetic dance performances by the students. We reaffirmed our continued support to provide better educational facilities to the students.

HAPPY SCHOOL PROJECT - JIDD SCHOOL



30 kinesiology tapes valued at Rs 21,000 were gifted and goodies distributed to all the specially abled children at Jiddshala.

ANNAPURNA DIVAS

**"If you can't feed a hundred people,
then just feed one."**

-Mother Theresa.

**Annapurna Divas celebrated at Iscon
Thane Mandir**

CHECK DAM CONSTRUCTION

Check Dam was completed at Lakhivili village, a joint effort by RC Thane Premium along with RC Thane Lake City and Lions Club.



INTERACT CLUBS



Another significant step of RCTP toward shaping future leaders!

We proudly established two more Interact Clubs, introducing students to the essence of leadership, systematic planning, and effective execution of projects. It's inspiring to see young minds embrace these values and take their first steps in organized teamwork and impactful community work.

A heartfelt thanks to Dr. Sonal and PP Anandi for providing this wonderful opportunity to the students of GSS English High School, many of whom come from underprivileged backgrounds. Your support is invaluable in empowering these children to dream big and build a brighter future.

Together, we are nurturing leaders of tomorrow



CLUB SERVICES

REMEMBRANCE MEETING – LATE RTN HARISHBHAI GOHIL



A remembrance meeting for our beloved member, Late Rtn Harishbhai Gohil, was held at Rotary Bhavan in Thane. Harishbhai was a cornerstone of Rotary in Thane, and his contributions to TRF and other Rotary initiatives will be remembered forever.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS Q&A WITH ADV. SHAILESH SHAH



The "Know Your Rights" session with Advocate Shailesh Shah was an incredibly enriching and insightful experience. His expertise in Civil Rights, Property-related laws, Wills, and Heirship provided the audience with a comprehensive understanding of these complex legal topics. The interactive Q&A session was particularly engaging, as members had the opportunity to seek guidance on their specific concerns. His responses were practical and reflected his vast knowledge and experience. The session left everyone feeling empowered and better informed about their rights and responsibilities. It was a unique opportunity to learn directly from a legal expert.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING(AGM) OF RC THANE PREMIUM



The AGM of RC Thane Premium was held on 20th December 2024 at Satkar Residency Thane

BOD MEETING AND TRUST MEETING



BOD Meeting of RCTP and Trust Meeting of RC Thane Premium was held on 29