

The DownTowner

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Club President's Desk

Rtn Shantaram Shet, Club President 2024-25



Dear Downtowners!!!
Awesome Pranams to All!!!

When I got installed on 23rd June, I was a bit apprehensive but confident since I knew our club members and that I had a strong BOD. We started our year with a bang on the service front with \$25,000 towards TRF, \$30,000 towards CSR India grant, donation of ₹3,00,000 towards CSR, 2 blood donation camps, 2 Annapurna projects, 1 tree plantation and hand over of a computer lab under CSR. On the fellowship front, we have had record breaking attendance especially in the 1st Ann Ke Sath Ana meeting and fellowship @ PP Rtn Shirish & Ann Varsha Khanwalkar's lawns. What all this shows is that when people come together "**Magic of Rotary Happens**". For me as the president of our club the most important pillar is "**Fellowship**". Let's come together and strive to be the top club in our District.

My earnest appeal to all Downtowners, by downtowners I mean Rotarians, Anns and Annets, is that please attend our weekly meetings, project meetings, Ann Ke Sath Ana meetings and family nights. At least make it a point to attend the "Ann Ke Sath Ana" meeting without fail. Soon we will be coming up with "**The Downtowner Ratna Award**" which will felicitate Downtowners for doing all round good work. As our fellowship deepens, our club will thrive with renewed energy and enthusiasm, making our experience within the Rotary family even more rewarding and enjoyable. The dream is to make the club so vibrant and lively that people should yearn to join our club.

"खुदी को कर बुलंद इतना, कि हर तक्रदीर से पहले, खुदा बंदे से खुद पूछे, बता तेरी रज़ा क्या है"

I invite each one of you to make our club vibrant and strong!!!

Cheers...
Rtn Shantaram Shet

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District Governor's Installation Ceremony on 7th July 2024

The Installation Ceremony of the Awesome District Governor for 3142 **Rtn Dinesh Mehta** for the Year 2024-25 was held on 7th July 2024 & was graced by Chief Guest **PRIP K R Ravindran**.



Rotary International District 3142 has appointed **Rotarian Dinesh Mehta** as the **District Governor**. Various social welfare programs are being initiated in collaboration between Rotary clubs and Thane Municipal Corporation. The program aims to promote holistic development in society.

PRIP K R Ravindran ji is happy with the contribution/commitment of USD \$ 2,51,000 for the July month.

Highlights of the event were the presence of State Secretary Mrs. Sujata Sainik [She is an IAS Officer & the first woman Chief Secretary of the Govt of Maharashtra] at the program & Shri. Naresh Mhaske [former Mayor of Thane Municipal Corporation & currently a Shiv Sena politician.]

Key Insights of the event:

- ❑ Rotary District 3142 is actively engaging in social welfare activities by appointing Dinesh Mehta as the District Governor. The collaboration between Rotary clubs and Thane Municipal Corporation signifies a strong partnership for community development.
- ❑ The presence of State Secretary Mrs. Sujata Sainik at the program highlights the government's support and recognition of Rotary's efforts in promoting holistic development.
- ❑ The focus on developing all components of society, including education, health, and environment, reflects Rotary's commitment to creating a healthy and sustainable community.
- ❑ The launch of various projects in Thane demonstrates Rotary's dedication to social development and improving the quality of life for residents.
- ❑ By emphasizing human values and promoting social welfare through Rotary clubs, the organization is contributing to building a more compassionate and inclusive society.
- ❑ The diverse projects initiated in Thane, spanning education, health, and environment sectors, showcase Rotary's comprehensive approach to addressing community needs and fostering sustainable development.
- ❑ The collaboration between Rotary clubs and Thane Municipal Corporation signifies a collective effort towards social welfare and underscores the importance of partnerships in driving positive change in society
- ❑ News of signing of MOU between Rotary District 3142 and Thane Municipal Corporation, on the date of DG Dinesh's installation, published in Navbharat paper. this is great Public Image building for RI Dist.3142.
- ❑ Focus on developing all components of society for a healthy community
- ❑ Launch of various projects in Thane for social development
- ❑ Emphasis on promoting human values through Rotary clubs
- ❑ Diverse projects initiated for education, health, and environment sectors.



PRIP K R Ravindran recognized the Clubs who contributed/committed USD \$ 50,000 or more for the Year 2024-25.



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TRF Celebration with PRIP K R Ravindran - 7th July 2024



The TRF Celebration was held on 7th July 2024 at Satkar Residency & was graced by Chief Guest **PRIP K R Ravindran**.

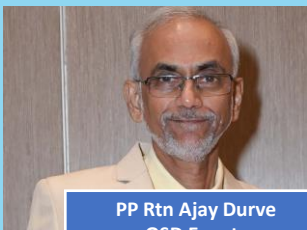
All the individual Club Member's of the respective club's who donated **1,000 usd** to TRF were recognized by the Chief Guest at the event.



District Representatives from our Club for Year 2024-2025



PP Rtn Chandrahas Shetty
DAFSC & Spokeperson



PP Rtn Ajay Durve
OSD Events



CP Rtn Prakash Rao
District Treasurer



PP Rtn Sunil D Joshi
Jt. District Treasurer



PP Rtn Rajesh Mittal
Asst. Learn. Facilitator



PP Rtn Jayanta Dey
Assistant Governor



PP Rtn Imshu Bansal
TRF Program AV Chair Zone II



IPP Rtn Nilesh Kadam
IMP Vasundhara & Annapoorna
AV Co Chair Zone I



Rtn Bharti Shetty
CPR OLS Member



PP Rtn Prashant Gujar
Literacy AV Chair Zone I

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Rotary Event Calendar - August 2024 Membership & New Club Development Month

Rotary Event Calendar - AUGUST 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
28	29	30	31			3
						Club Meeting at Satkar @ 7.30 AM. Speaker: Psychologist Dr.Tanvi Dingankar, Topic: "Forgetting to Remember"
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. BOD Meeting 11am @ Rtn Rajesh Mittal's residence. 2. District Public Image Seminar 9.15 am @ Dombivli.						1. Club Meeting at Satkar @ 7.30 AM, Speaker TBD [Rotarian / Ann]. 2. District Picnic Day1 @ Treat Resort, Silvassa.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
District Picnic Day2 @ Treat Resort, Silvassa.				1. Annapurna Day - Food Donation. 2. Independence Day celebration at Yashodhan School @ 8.30 am. 3. Parsi New Year.		Club Meeting at Satkar @ 7.30 AM. Topic: Basic Life Skills [BLS] Training for all attendees by Certified Doctor.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Rakhi Poornima					Club Picnic Day1 [Alibaug or Woodstock Resort Kasarwadavli]
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Club Picnic Day2. [Alibaug or Woodstock Resort Kasarwadavli]	Krishna Janmashtami	Dahi Handi				Club Meeting at Satkar @ 7.30 AM. Speaker: Mrs. Shyamala Chandrahasan, Certified Pranic Healer & Trainer. Topic: Spiritual Wellbeing.

August 4:
BOD Meeting – 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM @ Director Membership Rtn. Rajesh Mittal's Residence, Thane.
District Public Image Seminar - 9.15 AM @ Dombivli.

August 15:
Food Donation drive Venue TBD, as a part of Annapoorna Project.
Independence Day celebration at Yashodhan School, Thane @ 8.30 am onwards.

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Membership & New Club Development.
PP Rtn. Rajesh Mittal
Awesome Director Membership 2024-25
Awesome Assistant Learning Facilitator 2024-25

"Impact starts with our members — people like you who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

In any service organisation, **membership strength is key to the success.** The growth of membership reflects the quantum of impact you can create in the community. It is always said more the merrier because more the members, resulting in more resources, more funds, more ideas, more community services.

Rotary is 1.2 million passionate individuals in 35,000+ clubs worldwide, but unfortunately we are hearing these figures now for more than a decade. We are stuck to 1.2 million, it's the truth that we are adding new members to our Rotary family but we are failing to retain the newly added members. Retention of members was earlier neglected, but fortunately now even Rotary International and our Rotary District 3142 has started focusing on retention of members. Recently while attending an Installation function of one of the Club in Thane, I was amazed to know that the Club since its inception in 2017 they were able to retain all the members, 100% retention for last 7 years isn't it great. And icing on the cake was 42% members were female members. Let us get inspired by such examples. We should also focus on adding female members in our Club.

Involving in the Rotary activities will surely help you evolving yourself as better human being. So get involved, share your ideas, tap your resources and enjoy Rotary and help grow Rotary. Quality versus quantity has always been a healthy debate in terms of increasing membership in Rotary. Our focus should be increasing our membership strength. I urge to all our members to help in adding new members. If you all are enjoying Rotary, why are you depriving your close friends, business associates to enjoy Rotary. Discuss about the great work Rotary is doing in the community, you will surely attract more people to join this wonderful service organisation.

Let us all take sincere efforts to add members to the Rotary family.

Let us all strive hard and bring one member.

We have been hearing **"Each One Bring One"** a number of times, but now let us try and implement the same.



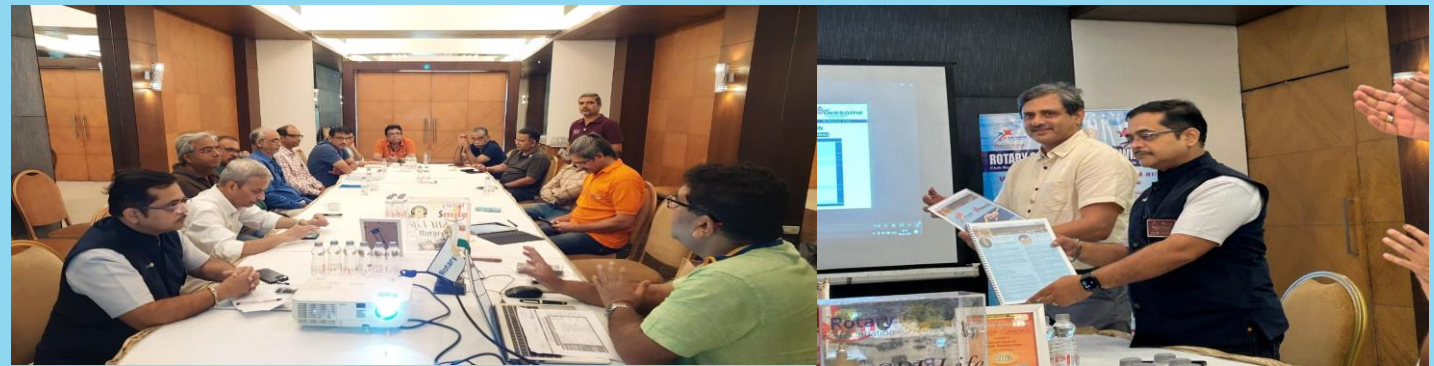
District 3142 Honors: A Proud Moment & Milestone achieved by Our Club!



District 3142 team was felicitated on 30th July 2024 for 2 **CSR India Grant Projects** worth **\$50,000/-** which was from the **Rotary Club of Thane DownTown** and the Rotary Club of Thane Lake City.

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Club Meetings



Club Assembly with AG, 6th July 2024 – The inaugural Club Assembly for the Yr 2024-25 took place on Saturday, July 6th, 2024, with an impressive turnout of club members. AG Rtn Nilesh Puranik presided this meeting & also unveiled the first edition of The DownTowner for the Yr 2024-2025.



Board of Directors Meeting, 7th July 2024 – The 1st BOD Meeting for the new year 24-25 was conducted on Sun, 7th July 2024 at President Shantaram Shet's residence.



Our **club meeting on July 20th** featured **Dr. Pradnya Aptikar, Ayurvedacharya**, as our distinguished speaker. Dr. Pradnya delivered an insightful talk on the topic "**Preventing Diabetes,**" emphasizing the critical importance of health maintenance in today's world. Her session underscored the significance of adopting a healthy lifestyle to prevent diabetes and achieve overall well-being. Club Members found her insights invaluable in guiding us towards a balanced and healthy life.

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Gallery - Ann Ke Saath Ana

On Sunday, July 28, 2024, we held the inaugural meeting of the President's special initiative, "Ann Ke Saath Ana," at the Bombay Presidency Golf Club, Chembur. We were thrilled to welcome over 47 participants, including Ann's, Annet's, and club members, making the event a resounding success. A heartfelt thank you to Treasurer Rtn Mahesh Gowande and Ann Mita Gowande for generously hosting the venue and their exceptional hospitality. The day was filled with joy, laughter, and memorable moments for everyone involved. We extend our deepest gratitude to all who attended and made this event a memorable one. A special round of applause is due to our dedicated events team: PR/PI Director Rtn Bharti Shetty, Ann Sonali Gujar, Ann Julie Kadam, and First Lady Aparna, as well as our Secretary Rtn Biju Gopalan for their outstanding support and seamless execution. We also thank Annet Dnyanada (d/o PE Rtn Sunil S & Ann Harshada Joshi) for her support in conducting the fun activity & games. Thank you all for your participation and for making the day truly special!



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CSR - Inauguration of Computer Lab at Ashram Shala, Parli Village

Rotary Club of Thane DownTown
R.I. District 3142

Invite

Inauguration of Computer Lab
at
Secondary and Higher Secondary Ashram School
Parli, Wada, District Palgharom
on
Saturday, 13th July 2024, 11.00 am
by
Rtn Shrikrishna Naik & Ms. Ashalata Kulkarni
of
Ashida Electronics Pvt. Ltd.

This project has been successfully completed with CSR funding from Ashida Electronics Pvt.Ltd.

Rtn. Nilesh Kadam
Excellent President 23-24

Rtn. Sunil S.Joshi
Excellent Secretary 23-24



This Project of Inaugurating a Computer Lab with equipment's has been completed successfully with the CSR Funding from Ashida Electronics Pvt Ltd, which has more than 1000+ Ashram Shala Students beneficiaries who come from financially underprivileged background. This project was completed under the leadership of Excellent IPP Nilesh Kadam and Secretary Sunil S Joshi, as this was a spillover project from last year. We thank PP Rtn Shrikrishna Naik and Smt Ashalata Kulkarni from Ashida Electronics Pvt Ltd for their invaluable support and CSR donation for this initiative.

TRF Contributions Received as on 31 July 2024 - An Achievement!



PP Rtn Chandrahas Shetty
\$ 15,000



PP Rtn Prashant Gujar
\$ 2,000



PP Rtn Rajendra Shinde
\$ 1,300



Rtn Sunil S Joshi
\$ 1,000



Rtn Bharti Shetty
\$ 1,000



Pres Rtn Shantaram Shet
\$ 1,000



PP Rtn Govind Patkar
\$ 1,000



Rtn Mahesh Gowande
\$ 1,000



Rtn Bhushan Patil
\$ 1,000



Rtn Srinivas Gadwal
\$ 500



CP Rtn Prakash Rao
\$ 200

Great News DownTowners!!!! 🙌 Congratulations. We have achieved 25K as planned. The **Total TRF contribution received as on 31st July 2024 is USD \$25000.** Many thanks to the Benevolent Donors!

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DownTown Times – A Glimpse into Club Happening's

1st July Annapoorna Day Project – Food Grains donated to Divyaprabha



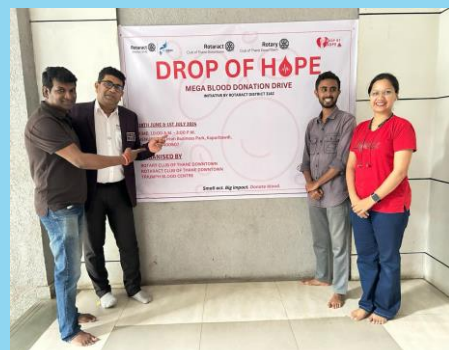
DivyaPrabha is a home for destitute girls. These girls are orphans or have parents mentally challenged/disabled & have nobody to take care of them. As a part of Annapoorna Project, Food grains worth ₹ 3,896 was donated to Divyaprabha on 1st July & there were a total 17 Beneficiaries of this initiative.

1st July Annapoorna Day Project – Food Grains donated to Aasara Trust.



Aasara Trust is a shelter home for kids of beggars, mainly girls. As a part of Annapoorna Project, Food grains worth ₹ 15,000 was donated to Aasara Trust on 2nd July & there were a total 23 Beneficiaries of this initiative. 22 members of Club, Ann's & Annet's directly donated for this initiative to make it a success.

“Drop of Hope” Blood Donation Camp 29 June-1 July at Triumph Blood Bank



On the event of Doctors Day, “Drop of Hope” Blood Donation Camp was organized from 29 June to 1 July 2024 by Rotaract Club of Thane Downtown & our Club collaborated for this initiative. Over 40 bottles of blood was collected during this initiative.

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14th July Tree Plantation & Fellowship



On 14th July Tree Plantation event was conducted at PP Rtn Shirish & Ann Varsha Khanwalkar's Bungalow at Thane, which was followed by Fellowship. We thank PP Rtn Shrikrishna Naik [from Ashida Electronics Pvt Ltd] for donating ₹ 3,00,000 towards CSR during this event.

"Drop of Hope" Blood Donation Camp 21st July at Triumph Blood Bank



"Drop of Hope" Blood Donation Camp was organized on 21st July 2024 by our Club & we collaborated with Rotaract Club of Thane Downtown for this initiative.

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"Spotlight on our Families".

Congratulations to Rtn Biju Gopalan for a Remarkable Achievement!



We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt congratulations to **Rtn Biju** for receiving a prestigious **Certificate of Appreciation** for his outstanding contributions to training GST officials.

Rtn Biju was felicitated by esteemed GST dignitaries from the Raigad Division, including the Additional Commissioners and the ACP of Crime. His exceptional skills in delivering a soft skills training and motivational session left a lasting impact on all GST Raigad Division staff, regardless of rank. This recognition highlights Rtn Biju's dedication and excellence in fostering professional development and motivation within the community. Let's all celebrate this well-deserved honor and extend our warmest congratulations to Rtn Biju for this impressive achievement!

Dr Milind Kokate's Felicitations.

On the occasion of Doctors' Day, we are delighted to celebrate the remarkable achievements of **Dr. Milind Kokate**, who was honored with a special felicitation by Shiv Sena officials from Thane and also at Vedant Hospital.



This recognition acknowledges Dr. Kokate's unwavering commitment to excellence in medical care and his profound impact on the community. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Milind Kokate for this well-deserved honor and commend him for his exemplary service in the medical field. Join us in celebrating Dr. Kokate's dedication and the positive difference he continues to make in the lives of many!



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"Spotlight on our Families".



We are thrilled to share the exciting news that **Annet Soham Sunil Joshi**, son of PP Rtn Sunil D Joshi and Ann Sandhya Joshi, has been awarded the **Certificate of Proficiency** for securing **First Place** at the District Level School Chess Tournament for the Age Group Under 19 for the year 2023-2024!

This prestigious tournament, organized by the Directorate of Sports & Youth Services, Maharashtra, and the District Sports Council Thane, was conducted by the Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC).

Annet's impressive victory in this competitive event showcases not only his exceptional chess skills but also his dedication and hard work. Please join us in celebrating Annet Soham's remarkable achievement and wishing him continued success in his future endeavors!

Congratulations to Annet Soham Joshi!



We are excited to share this fantastic news that **Annet Sourysh Biju**, son of Rtn Biju and Ann Reshma Biju, has been inducted as the Digital Communications Director for the Year 2024-25 in the 11th Installation of Rotaract Club of Thane Downtown on 28th July 2024. Please join us in wishing Annet Sourysh all the very best for his achievement and all the success ahead for the year. All the very best to President Rtr. Swakeet Pashankar & the BOD for the Year 2024-25.

This event was attended by Youth Director Rtn Aaruni Bansal, Rtn Imshu Bansal & Ann Reshma Biju from our club.

Congratulations to Annet Sourysh Biju!



We want to congratulate **Rtn Mahesh Gowande**, Co-Founder of his Company PriceBridge, for achieving 275 Crores in the last 19 months, with 40% return (Last 1 Year).

Kudos to this feat! And wish you even greater success ahead!

Congratulations on Achieving a Career Milestone to Rtn Mahesh Gowande!

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IFRM 3142 BOD for Year 2024-25 Installation on 19th July



Our Club Members attended the IFRM 3142 BOD Installation event for the Year 2024-25 on 19th July at Kuvega, Thane. Rtn Sujit Gawayi was inducted as the Chairman of IFRM Yr 2024-2025. This event also witnessed the IFRM Board of Directors for the year 2024-25 also being inducted, in which our Club Secretary Rtn Biju Gopalan was inducted as one of the BOD member by DG Rtn Dinesh Mehta.



IFRM 3142 Board of Directors Year 2024-25.



Rtn Biju Gopalan inducted as Board Member.



Also find glimpses of our Thane Downtown members singing and participating in the installation.



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Happy Announcements - Birthdays

5th August

Annet Shashank S/o Rtn Praveen & Ann Jayashree Kumar
Ann Vrushali W/o PP Rtn Shrikrishna Naik

6th August

PP Rtn Sunil D Joshi

7th August

Annet Abhirup S/o PP Rtn Jayanta & Ann Bansari Dey

8th August

PP Rtn Ajay Durve

9th August

PP Rtn Prashant Gujar

19th August

Annet Adi S/o IPP Rtn Nilesh & Ann Julie Kadam

20th August

Rtn Aaruni W/o PP Rtn Imshu Bansal
Ann Bansari W/o PP Rtn Jayanta Dey

25th August

Annet Subhankar S/o Rtn Sachin & Rtn Ketaki Salvi

26th August

PP Rtn Shrikrishna Naik

27th August

Ann Mita W/o Rtn Mahesh Gowande

30th August

Annet Sanaya S/o Rtn Shivram & Ann Pramoda Shetty

**Best Wishes from Rotary Club of Thane
DownTown.
Many Happy Returns of the day!**



Participation in Installation Ceremonies of Co-Presidents.

6th July
New Bombay Seaside
Pres Rtn Sunil Shah



20th July →
Thane Greenspans
Pres Rtn Uday Dabhade



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Gallery - CSR Project. Inauguration of Computer Lab at Ashram Shala, Parli Village

