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## We Welcome First Lady and DG Rtn. Dinesh Mehta

### Rotary International President's Message



Dear fellow Rotary leaders,  
As we begin a new year of service, let us not forget the importance of every one of Rotary's members. We need your leadership now more than ever if we are to make every club and district an irresistible experience.

Rotary has a chance to capture the world's attention and realize possibilities beyond our expectations. But we must build on the work that has come before us if we are to reach our goals, such as defeating polio and unlocking the power of girls and women.

Rotary offers people of action a chance to connect and find belonging, and this fellowship gives us the potential to improve our communities and the world. By following Rotary's Action Plan and helping make sure all members feel a sense of belonging in their club, you have a special opportunity to inspire members to new heights of service. Our ability to create lasting change begins with our family of Rotary. Together, it is within our power to bring healing in a divided world.

Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for those who need it most, within and beyond our membership. Let this be the year we harness *The Magic of Rotary*, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve.

It is within your power to help make Rotary a beacon of goodwill and fellowship in every community. Remember that your work can and will change the world with *The Magic of Rotary*.

Warm regards,

**Stephanie A. Urchick**

Rotary International President, 2024-2025

### District Governor's Message



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My dear Awesom Rotarians,  
The Rotary International Theme for the year 2024-25 is 'The Magic of Rotary'. I find the theme both apt and inspirational. It transforms people save lives and does the enormous amount of good in the world.

To give an example of The Pulse Polio Campaign, the India as been declared Polio Free for a decade. It is no small measure due to magic of Rotary. During the Covid Pandemic it was the networking of rotarian and the magic of Rotary that proved to be life saving intervention.

Rebuilding of dilapidated school, check-dams and borewells were made possible because of this magic.

David Schwartz says The magic of thinking big says that if you believe you can succeed.

The eight mega projects are planned around Rotary's areas of focus. Already the field work is done by the leaders.

RI president Stephanie Urchick says it is the Rotarians that create the magic with every project completed with every dollar donated and every new member added.

Let us also think Big about giving to the foundation and growing our numbers at the end of the awesome year.

**Dinesh Mehta**

Dist. Governor 2024-25



## District Governor Rtn. Dinesh Mehta's Brief Introduction



Dinesh began his professional life as a teacher and later dared to set up a trading unit in Iron & Steel. He rapidly grew into a steel magnet in Billets manufacturer.

Dinesh was invited to join the Rotary Club of Thane Lake City in 2001-02. He became President in 2007-2008 and set several Benchmarks :

- 1) Highest ever membership growth
- 2) Highest donations to Rotary Foundation
- 3) First ever matching grant for check-dam construction.

Dinesh established Diagnostic & Ophthalmic Centres in Mahavir Jain Hospital in Thane. He was also associated with Dialysis Centre in the same hospital.

Dinesh served as Asst. Governor, Dist. Secretary, Chief Co-ordinator and Avenue Chair TRF Support in his long career. He collected Rs.1.14 million for TRF.

Dinesh received RI Club Builder Award in 2015-16 and was bestowed with the Rotary District Service Award on Four occasions.

Dinesh's spouse Jyoti was a charter member of the Innerwheel Club of Thane Lake City. Elder daughter Kritika is pursuing higher study in Cardiac Surgery. Daughter Bhavik has done LL.B. and practicing law in Dubai. Son Vansh has joined family business.

### Dinesh Mehta

District Governor, RY -2024-25

## Club President Manish Patil's Message



It's my great pleasure to have been given this auspicious President's post.

My journey with Rotary started on 22nd February 2011 when I was inducted during the presidency of PP Ulhas.

Rotary gave me an opportunity to work for the distant dreams.

To focus on the current time and role as a president of RCT 24-25. I intend to work on the 6 pillars of activity.

A) Annapoorna Mitra project adopting TB affected patients and giving them nutritious diet throughout the year.

B) Women and Children Empowerment Pillar will look after and arrange the pediatric heart surgeons. Thalassemia testing building toilet blocks, drinking water supply, RYLA & MUNA Events.

C) Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation training programmes will give life saving training procedures to lay people and children.

D) Pandharpur Warkari Seva will contribute medical care and drainage department.

E) Squint & Retina Care of Eye Surgery Camp in Mauritius in Collaboration of Rotary Club of Phoenix.

With the blessing of Club Rotarians and leaders I propose to undertake many other projects.

President Manish Patil

RC Thane 24-25



## शुक्रिया



सौरव्याचा दिन आज मी वर्णावा  
आपल्या साथी ने मांडला हा खेळ सारा  
उत्सव नात्याचा होई आज साजरा  
तव प्रेमाने भरला माझ्या मनीचा गाभारा  
सहयोगे तुमच्या सांभाळाला कामाचा डोलारा  
तन, मन धन, अपुनी तुम्ही उभारला हा मनोरा  
अशक्य ते शक्य कार्य, आले स्वामीं कृपे, आकारा  
उत्सव प्रेमळ नात्यांचा आज करू साजरा  
अधिक उणे झाले काही आज इथेच विसरा  
रजा घेतो आज आपुली धन्यवाद हा स्वीकारा  
कवयित्री: कल्याणी काळे



District Awards

## Club President Manish Patil's Brief Introduction



President Manish Patil is born on December 29, 1970 to parents Laxman Vishnu Patil and Sanjeevani Patil. His father was a Judge and had to move into interiors of Maharashtra in many cities. Manish got friends wherever his father was posted. Later on the family came to Thane in 1980 and settled here. He did his schooling in St. John School and further completed his diploma in Industrial Electronics from VPM's Polytechnic. Interior Designing was his favourite subject and completed many projects.

At present he is in Building Career and have completed many projects. At present he has 2-3 Tower projects and keeps him busy. His favourite charity is The Cry Foundation donations and supporting children.

First Lady Radhika Patil born on January, 30, 1976 to Minal and Kirtikumar J. Divecha. Radhika has completed education in Arts, Philosophy and Diploma in ECCE. She has worked in designing centre, newspaper as a curator training Air Hostess students. At present she is working with Asia's second largest firm - Ad Factors PR as Accounts Director.

She is looking forward to serve in Rotary projects and help people and fulfilling a year of Awesome work.

## IPP Anand Kale's Message

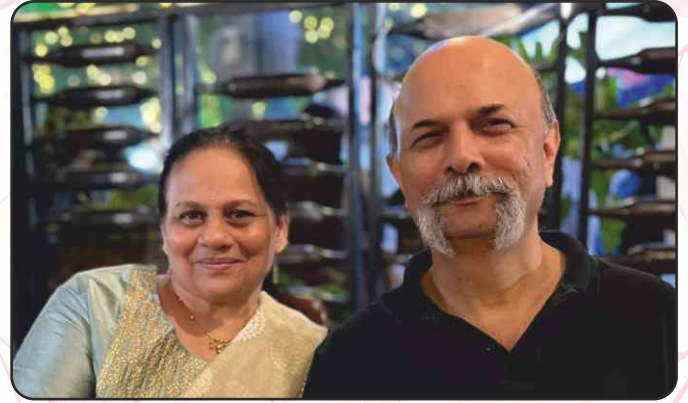


During my Rotary year, we had focussed on Education, Water & Sanitation, Girl Child upliftment & Medical.

Apart from our regular on going project like Building of School Building, toilet for girls & women, Check dam ,etc. In Rotary year 2023-24, apart from regular projects we have done

some path breaking projects. One of them was building of Maths Lab in one of Oldest School in Thane MH Highschool with help of CSR fund from Toyo Engg Pvt limited. The other was Vitreo Retinal eye disorder check up camp & operations at Subramni Bharati Eye Hospital, Moka , Mauritius with in collaboration with

## Club Secretary Girish Vartak's Brief Introduction



Rtn. Girish is born on 10th March, 1962. He is a highly learned pharmaceutical scientist. He is M.Pharm in PharmaTec. He has vast experience in Sandoz Ltd. He had independent charge of Pharma production. He has held higher posts in all the concerned departments in Searle and Novartis. He has awarded and honoured in these fields. His areas of personal interest are social service and making friends.

He is married to Rhucha Vartak. Rhucha is B.Sc. Tec and B.Sc. Physics from Bombay University and Certified Cyber Security auditor. At present she is heading cyber security department at a Chartered Accounting firm. She is also an independent consultant in her field. Her special interests include teaching and reading.

Daughter Shirin has completed medical education in USA and working in Phoenix Children Hospital USA. Son Sannit has qualification in Hotel Management. He has moved to Scotland for studying Distillaries in Edinburg University. Currently he is in Distilling Industry at Chatham in UK.

Rotary Club of Phoenix Mauritius. In total we conducted 40 procedures.

During regular meetings we had invited expert speakers on different subjects . Our Knowledge Series was very popular. As PR activity we had conducted few meetings which were kept open for public at large, which also were well received.

At Rotary on as tradition there is change of guard on 1st July. I am sure incoming President Manish Patil has own plan & definitely will take Rotary to next level. As 67 year old club it will be our responsibility to ensure we always do path breaking project that will serve the needy.

Entire BOD must be geared up to take up the challenge of upcoming year making it Awesome year.

All the best Manish.



This year the RI theme of Rotary is "The magic of Rotary".

Rotary as an organisation has been playing a pivotal role all over the world either in emergencies or in a planned manner for the comfortable future of the society.

Rotary believes in the saying that our greatest good for the humanity is in helping others to help themselves.

Charrrity is another name for the love not influenced by selfish motives, that which seeks the good in others which will pour out from the gifts of good things upon all.

To be worthy of its name charity must be from the heart. Whoever would be truly happy and feel the real charms of goodness must cultivate this affection. Then it won't take much efforts to see the Magic of Rotary at every level of our organisation.

I thank President Manish for giving me editor's responsibility. I also thank him for appointing Prakash on the committee. Mrs. Swati remains the Tec-help without official responsibility.

PP Dr. Suhas Purohit

### Previous Meeting Reports

2nd June 2024

#### Charter Day Celebration

President Anand and Secretary Manish welcomed the members for this special day meeting and



celebrations. There were no formal meeting formalities.

The stage arrangements were unique and creatively done under the guidance of PP Ashish and shreyas. The stage had a set of middle class domestic family home with a small and refrigerator and old style black & white television, with a window for the announcer Manik Kelkar. The age old magic of TV, serials and advertisements was played to entertain the audience. It was very thrilling. The ace announcer Manik announced various programmes, songs and dances including the Marathi news. The programme started with Gundyabhau, Chimanrao

and the family, enacted by President Anand and Kedar. The song and dance programmes were unique enacted by Ashwini , Rajlaxmi Paranjape couple. Jr. Milind enthralled the audience with his whistle song. Lavni 4 in 1 was dazzling by Aparna Bedekar. Marathi news were announced by Ameeta and Kridangan news were presented by Achyut with humorous touch.



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## Previous Meeting Reports

**11th June 2024**

This meeting is the last speaker meeting of this year. President Anand and Secretary Manish were on the stage. Anand welcomed the members. Maithili was felicitated for her 10th standard exam success.

Anand informed that on 20-6-24 we are inaugurating the unique mathematics lab in M.H. High School, Thane (W) at 4 pm. He also said the teams are ready for the retinal surgery & check-up in Moka Hospital, Mauritius in association with RC Phoenix and Govt. departments.

Today's speaker was Mr. Gabale, introduced by Mr. Aniruddh. Mr. Gabale was in Paper Product Company

and Reserve Bank for many years and later on joined Central Ministry.

Mr. Gabale is a meteorological expert in labelling of products packaged in any material. He said the label should indicate everything about the product inside otherwise you can complain and is illegal cement and fertilisers are labelled above 50k people avoid complaining about the labelling and package saying why bother for small things. The topic was interesting though we ignore it. Mr. Kane proposed the vote of thanks.

Attendance : Rtn. 24 | Guests 5 | Total 29

## Mauritius Camps

Vitreous Retinal disorders can lead to loss of complete vision. Most common reason for this is Diabetes. Prolong Diabetes affects blood vessel in Retina leading the loss of vision. If not treated in time can result into loss of vision.

Rotary Club of Thane in association with Rotary Club of Phoenix Mauritius has taken lead in this regard. Mauritius being tiny island country in Indian Ocean with population less than 1.5 million.



Govt of Mauritius has build advance infrastructure @ Subramani Bharati Eye Hospital Moka Mauritius. Local govt with help of other countries have developed good latest infrastructure. However they have limitations in

availability of skill in certain profession.

In consultation with Health Dept, Mauritius the need for having Vitreous Retinal expert was identified by Rotary Club of Phoenix Mauritius. They approached us requesting for help.

We promptly stepped in initiated the process & approached Dr Shweta & Dr Karan. Both Drs Promptly accepted our request & decided to join us for the camp.

During our visit on day one our Drs checked &



screened 90 patients with retinal disorders. Some of cases were bad. From Tuesday till Friday 40 procedures were successfully done.

During the camp our Doctors got full support & cooperation from local team.

One of other objective was also to upskill the local team so they can perform the same alone. Local team could learn many things from our Drs.

Also they had formal training session/lecture for entire hospital doctors.



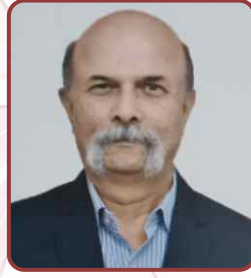
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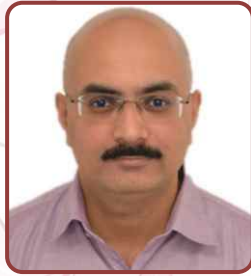
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