



# HILL ECHOES

Installation Special

**Francesco Arezzo**  
RI President - 2025-26

**Harsh Makol**  
District Governor - 2025-26

**Samir Limaye**  
Club President - 2025-26

**Nilesh Pitale**  
Club Secretary - 2025-26



**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**

## Landmark Service Projects by RCTH

- ☐ Earthern Dam Project at Shirol
- ☐ Tribal Employment Scheme
- ☐ Self-employment Centre for Destitute Women at Prem Daan at Airoli, Navi Mumbai
- ☐ Triumph Garden at Jidd School
- ☐ Triumph Run
- ☐ Infrastructure for Vocational Training in Special School
- ☐ Upgradation of Crematorium at Thane
- ☐ Career Training Centre at Holy Cross Convent Special School at Thane
- ☐ Infrastructural Assistance to Tribal School, Utavali Village, Wada
- ☐ Triumph Blood Bank and Thalassemia Day-care Centre
- ☐ 'Right to Go' - Building Toilet Blocks for Rural India
- ☐ Check Dams at Shahpur and Murbad
- ☐ 'Virtual Eye' - a Learning Tool for Visually-impaired
- ☐ Pediatric Heart Surgeries
- ☐ 'Mission for Vision' - Eye Sight Corrective Surgeries
- ☐ Hamari Pari - Installation of Sanitary Pad Machines in Schools
- ☐ Rotarian Rakesh Wadhawan Memorial Education Complex at Shenve Village
- ☐ Check Dams at Amabadi and Umroli in Shahpur
- ☐ JV between Triumph Foundation and Seetabai Gadgil Trust Eye Care Centre
- ☐ V. Subramanian Autism Centre
- ☐ School Sanitation Program
- ☐ HPV Vaccination for School Children
- ☐ 5000 Girls vaccinated against Cervical Cancer - supported by Adity Birla Group and many more significant projects



### TRIUMPH FOUNDATION A Charitable Trust of Rotary Club of Thane Hills

#### Our Focus Areas



PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION



ENVIRONMENT



DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



WATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENE



BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY



MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH



## LETS HAVE AN IMPACT !

2	Check Dams Constructions	1	Rotary Action Group (RAG) for Dementia & Alzheimers
90	Thalassaemia Day Care Centre Beneficiaries per month	1	Rotary Action Group (RAG) for Mental Health Initiative
2	School Toilet Block Construction	200	Green Saplings Plantation Drive
12	Blood Donation Camps	100	Job Aspirants through Job Fair
1k	Special Kids Triumph Run Participants	1	Walk & Awareness Sessions on Heritage & Monuments
500	Cervical Cancer Vaccinations	200	Ayushman Card Distribution - Beneficiary Outreach
50	Special Kids Beneficiaries @Autism Center	1	Street Adoption & Citizen Participation
2	Virtual Eye Kits for School	1	Brainstorming session with Local Administration & Citizens
10k	Blind Beneficiaries @Annapoorna per year	8	New Member Induction
25	Cataract Surgeries per year	1	Initiative helping Women Self-Help Group
10	Student Scholarship Beneficiaries	15	School participants encouraging Book Reading Habit
2	Anti-Drug Awareness Talks	25	Schools participants for Plastic Waste Collection Contest
2	Mobile Addiction Talks	150	Participants for Thane Literature Festival
50	BIZquest Corporate Participants	1.5k	Learning App distribution for Board Students
50	School Participants @Saevus Quiz	1	New Infrastructure for Special Kids Skill Development Center
1.5k	Beneficiaries of School Bags & Education Kits		
4	Rovex Awards for Vocational Excellence		
4	Nation Builder Awardees - Schools		
25	Corrective Cataract Surgeries		



AND MANY MORE PROJECTS...

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## Rotary International President's Message

### Unite for Good

Dear Fellow Rotary Leaders,

As we step into a new year of service, let us also look ahead to the many years of Rotary still to come. Our collective efforts today will shape the future of our organization for generations. It is essential that we focus on establishing new clubs, exploring diverse club models, and extending Rotary's reach into untapped communities. These steps will help Rotary remain relevant, resilient, and impactful - both now and in the future.

A vibrant Rotary is one where every member feels valued and motivated to contribute. This calls for fostering an inclusive environment that welcomes fresh ideas, encourages collaboration, and mirrors the diversity of the communities we aim to serve.

Rotary's success depends on our ability to adapt and grow. Let us push ourselves to go beyond conventional methods, seek out new opportunities for connection and service, and equip Rotary to meet the demands of an ever-changing world. By adopting this approach, we ensure Rotary remains a dynamic and forward-thinking organization that continues to attract People of Action dedicated to creating lasting change.

You have the power to help build a Rotary that is not only resilient in the face of challenges but also ready to flourish for decades to come. Together, let us champion innovation, nurture growth and Unite for Good.

Warm regards

**Francesco Arezzo**



## Rotary International Director's Message

Dear President Samir,

*President (2025-26) RC Thane Hills - RI Dist 3142*

It gives me immense joy to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you as you step into the new Rotary year 2025-26. A new year brings new energy, fresh ideas, and renewed commitments to serve and create lasting change. The beginning of your leadership journey is a precious opportunity to inspire, empower, and uplift communities.

As Rotarians, our actions speak volumes, and it is through consistent, meaningful service that we truly embody the spirit of Rotary. Let this year be a celebration of teamwork, innovation, and compassionate service. Lead with humility, work with integrity, and stay united as a club to achieve impactful outcomes. Wishing you and your team great success as you create magic, touch lives, and contribute to a better world.

Yours in Rotary,

**K P Nagesh**

Rotary International Director 2025-27 Zones 4 & 7





## ***District Governor's Message***

Dear Rotarians of Rotary Club of Thane Hills

Greetings and Rotary Namaskar!

It fills me with great pride and happiness to connect with you through this edition of your Club Magazine - a vibrant showcase of your club's dedication, energy, and excellence in service. My heartfelt congratulations to Rtn. Varsha Likhite, the Editor, for launching this meaningful initiative. Your efforts in presenting your club's journey through thoughtful design and powerful content are truly appreciated.

As we step into the milestone TiTEN Year — celebrating 10 impactful years of District 3142 - we are guided by the powerful call of our Rotary International President: "Unite for Good." Together, let us raise the bar and create a legacy of service and leadership.

This Rotary year, I urge each club to focus on these vital goals:

- **100% TRF Giving:** Let us make District 3142 a 100% TRF Giving District by 30th October 2025. Every Rotarian, every contribution, makes a difference.
- **Membership Growth:** Invite your friends, family, and professional circles to be part of Rotary. More hands, more hearts, more help.
- **Impactful Projects:** Think big and plan bold. Design initiatives that truly uplift lives and communities.
- **Use of Grants:** Apply for District and Global Grants - our team is here to assist you in every stage of planning and execution.
- **CSR Collaborations:** Reach out to corporates and partners - together, we can scale up our projects and deepen our impact.
- **Thrust Area Commitment:** Make sure to complete at least 4 projects from the 10 District Thrust Areas - targeting key areas where change is most needed.

And remember, Public Image is Public Impact.

Plan to showcase Rotary. If you can truly see Rotary, then others will surely see it through you — through your actions, your stories, and your presence in the community. Use the power of PR and PI to highlight your work, celebrate your members, and invite the world to witness what Rotary truly stands for.

You are the leaders of this historic TiTEN year. Let your work speak, let your story inspire, and let your legacy echo for years to come.

Wishing the editorial team continued creative success, and to the Rotary Club of Thane Hills a year of strength, unity, and service that shines brightly.

With warm regards,

**Harsh Makol**



## *Message from Club's Immediate Past President*

### **A New Dawn, A Legacy Continues: Looking Ahead with Hope and Purpose**

As the Rotary year 2024-2025 gracefully concludes, a wave of profound gratitude washes over me. It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve as your President, leading the incredible Rotary Club of Thane Hills. This past year stands as a testament to what a dedicated and passionate group can achieve when united under 'Service Above Self.'

To my entire Board of Directors, my project convenors, our diligent committee chairs, and every single Hiller who contributed tirelessly, I extend my deepest 'Shukriya.' You truly were an "Awesome Team," and together, we accomplished "Awesome Work." From impactful health camps and educational drives to environmental initiatives and community development, your collective energy transformed visions into tangible realities. The smiles we brought to faces, the lives we touched, and the hope we ignited were all due to your unwavering commitment, countless hours, and selfless dedication. Each of you, in your unique way, added a vital thread to the vibrant tapestry of service that defined our year. The memories we created, the challenges we overcame, and the bonds we strengthened will forever remain etched in my heart.

Now, as one chapter closes, another exciting one begins. The mantle of leadership is gracefully passed to a remarkable individual: President-Elect Samir Limaye. Samir, as you step into this pivotal role, know that you carry the hopes and aspirations of every Hiller. Having worked closely with you, I've witnessed firsthand your meticulous planning, your ability to connect with people, and your deep-rooted passion for Rotary's ideals.

To you, Samir, and to your incoming team – your "TiTEN Team" – I extend my warmest wishes for a truly fantastic and impactful year ahead. You are embarking on a journey that will challenge, inspire, and reward you in ways you cannot yet imagine. Embrace every moment, for it is in the thick of service that the true spirit of Rotary reveals itself.

If I may offer a couple of humble words of advice as you begin your tenure:

Firstly, cherish your team. They are your greatest asset, your sounding board, and your extended family. Empower them, trust their instincts, and celebrate their victories. A united team is an unstoppable force, and their collective wisdom and diverse strengths will be your guiding star.

Secondly, never lose sight of the 'why.' In the midst of planning and execution, always remember the ultimate purpose of our endeavors: to make a tangible, positive difference in the lives of those who need it most. Let the impact of your projects be the fuel that ignites your passion. Be open to new ideas, adapt to evolving needs, and continue to innovate, just as our club has always done.

The Rotary Club of Thane Hills has a legacy of excellence, and I am confident that under your astute leadership, Samir, this legacy will not only continue but will flourish, reaching even greater heights.

I look forward to supporting you and the TiTEN Team in every way possible, as we collectively continue to live the Rotary motto: 'Service Above Self.'

Here's to a year of unparalleled success, profound impact, and inspiring fellowship!

Yours in Rotary,

**Rtn. Harshad Divekar**







## Message from Club's President

Dear Hillers . . Greetings

At the very outset extend sincere thanks for your trust and confidence.

It is really a matter of pride to lead a prestigious club like Rotary Club of Thane Hills. Me and Manjiri are humbled by this opportunity to serve alongside such dedicated individuals who embody the spirit of Rotary. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all past presidents and charter members who helped building RC Thane Hills and shaped Triumph Foundation.

Rotarians are blessed to have opportunity to serve immediate neighborhood as well as globally utilizing power of foundation and members. One of the Rotary International's most distinctive strength is its commitment to being non-political and non-religious. This stance attracts a broad spectrum of professionals and leaders who value service over sectarianism. In short it is not just policy but enabler of its global mission, Service above Self. I am more than convinced that one life time not sufficient to help needy and bring change. There are immense opportunities to serve, what matters is synergy, sustainability and scalability. We all must pool in our ideas, ensure investment, ensure implementation, involve all stakeholders and finally must institutionalize it. Let us use power of collaboration to co create & commission projects.

Rotarians from diverse background and rich experience are ready to take forward rotary movement during rotary year 2025-26 and are United for Good. Please welcome and applaud members of board and project chairperson for choosing to serve rotary during TITEN Year. An appeal to all Hiller , let us build on our past successes and embrace new opportunities with open hearts and open minds.

As we embark on this new Rotary year, we stand at the crossroads of opportunity, conflicts and responsibility. The world today presents many challenges, but it also offers us countless ways to make a difference. Let us revisit and relook what we can do, how we do and why we do. Together, we have the power to create lasting change in our community and beyond. Whether it is through our local service projects, youth programs, or global initiatives, we will continue to uphold the values that make Rotary a force for good. Continuity of existing project remains key focus for RCTH, it is equally important to conclude what was conceptualized. We remain committed to rotary international main focus areas and plan to align with district thrust areas during RY 2025-26 to make it success.

Gratitude for outgoing president, Harshad Divekar, Club Secretary AS Kumar and entire Board , for their exceptional leadership, dedication, and commitment. Under your guidance, our club has grown stronger, and your contributions will serve as an inspiration for me and for all of us. Thank you once again for this honor. I look forward to serving, learning, and growing with each of you in the year ahead. Let's make this a remarkable Rotary year !

Samir Limaye

## Message from Club's Secretary

Dear Hillers

It is with immense gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility that I step into the role of Secretary for our prestigious Rotary Club of Thane Hills for the TITEN year 2025-26. I am thankful to all the Hillers for thier support and guidance in my journey so far.

It all started around 3 years back with a casual visit to the weekly meeting of RCTH on the insistence of my good friend Sujit, little did i know that it would be a start of a fantastic new journey called Rotary. In the months that followed, visiting the projects in rural areas and Witnessing the real-life impact of our services, the smiles on the faces of school children, and the gratitude of villagers deeply inspired me.

I am fortunate to start my rotary journey in RCTH. RCTH is an institution in itself. and it has been a wonderful learning experience till now. With strong leaders who have created a legacy for RCTH. The mammoth projects we undertake and smoothly execute the way we celebrate our festivals and our Fellowship is class apart. all in our own HILLERS STAYLE

Secretary is not just a title; it's a commitment to uphold the Rotary values to ensure the smooth functioning of our club's activities, I am honored to be a part of this journey alongside a dynamic leadership team and dedicated hillers who continue to inspire with their passion for service.

The Titen Year 2025-26 brings with it new goals, new ideas & fresh initiatives. As a Secretary I look forward to contributing in every possible way to make this year impactful and memorable. Let's start the Titen Year with enthusiasm and responsibility. Together, we will continue to be People of Action serving our communities, transforming lives, and strengthening the legacy of RCTH.



Nilesh Pitale

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## Message from Club's Bulletin Editor

Dear Hillers,

Rotary Club of Thane Hills is stepping into its 35th Year of fellowship and service. As the New Rotary Year begins, for RCTH it is a fresh beginning of a fun filled year of fellowship and Service just like the clubs world wide. The outgoing President and Board of Directors (BOD) hand over charge to the Incoming President and BOD who take over the baton to keep the Rotary wheel running smoothly. Rotarians deliver in all focus areas of Rotary ie Maternal and child health, Disease prevention and treatment, water sanitation and hygiene, Community and Economic Development, Environment and last but not the least Peace and conflict resolution.

Friends, over the years each RCTH member has given time and money to take our club to greater level of success. Each President has done excellent work in all avenues - Community service, Club service, Vocational service, Youth Service as well as International service. Our club has a special bonding amongst members which results in amazing service to the society at large.

While each President dreams big and plans to the best of his vision and capacity, he is supported by the Board of Directors and members to have better fellowship and deliver bigger projects. Very often guests from other clubs visiting our club say – *"We can either envy your club or learn from your club. With envy we don't gain but by learning we can definitely improve."* This is the RCTH legacy !.

While I joined the club in 2010, I took Presidentship only in 2021. No doubt I was a very reluctant President. But once a member sits in coveted President's Chair, he is driven by the sole thought of delivering bigger and better and ensuring that RCTH flag is flying high. By the end of the year, you can see the President as a much better leader, speaker, decision maker, multi tasker, and most importantly a finer human being. Let us congratulate President Harshad for an Awesome year that he gave RCTH. Club Secretary Kumar was a solid support to our soft spoken but firm President.

Please join me in wishing our incoming President Samir Limaye and Club Secretary Nilesh Pitale for taking the mantle of RCTH leadership. We are sure they will carry forward the legacy of our club with dedication and the support from each and every member of our club along with their families. Let us all look forward to Titen year 2025-26.

**Varsha Likhite**

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### CALENDAR FOR JULY 2025 - NEW LEADERSHIP

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 CA DAY	2 1st BOD 1st TRUST MEET	3 1st ASSEMBLY	4	5 BLOOD DONATION CAMP EDUCATION KITS DISTRIBUTION DG INSTALLATION
6 INNERWHEEL INSTALLATION	7	8	9	10 GURU POORNIMA FELICITATION PANEL DISCUSSION	11	12
13 TREE PLANTATION EDUCATION KITS DISTRIBUTION	14	15 YOUTH SKILLING DAY	16	17 WEEKLY MEETING	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 WEEKLY MEETING ANN DAAN	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 WEEKLY MEETING		
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## Message from Inner Wheel Club of Thane Hills' President

Message from Inner Wheel Club of Thane Hills President – Nayna Gala It is with great joy and warmth that I extend my heartfelt wishes to President Rtn. Samir Limaye and the entire team of Rotary Club of Thane Hills as you begin a new Rotary year. For nearly three decades, our clubs have shared a meaningful bond - a partnership built on common values, shared goals, and a deep commitment to service.

This journey of collaboration has not only brought change to countless lives but also nurtured a spirit of friendship and mutual respect that we deeply cherish. As we both step into a new year of service, I see exciting possibilities ahead. Whether it's uplifting schools and students, empowering service providers, or building skills for a stronger future - our paths beautifully converge. Your 5S vision resonates deeply with our focus areas, and I look forward to building new synergies that create lasting impact. Let us continue to walk together — in service, in celebration, and in camaraderie — as we strive to bring smiles and strength to our communities. Wishing the Rotary Club of Thane Hills a year filled with purpose, partnerships, and positivity!

- Nayna Gala

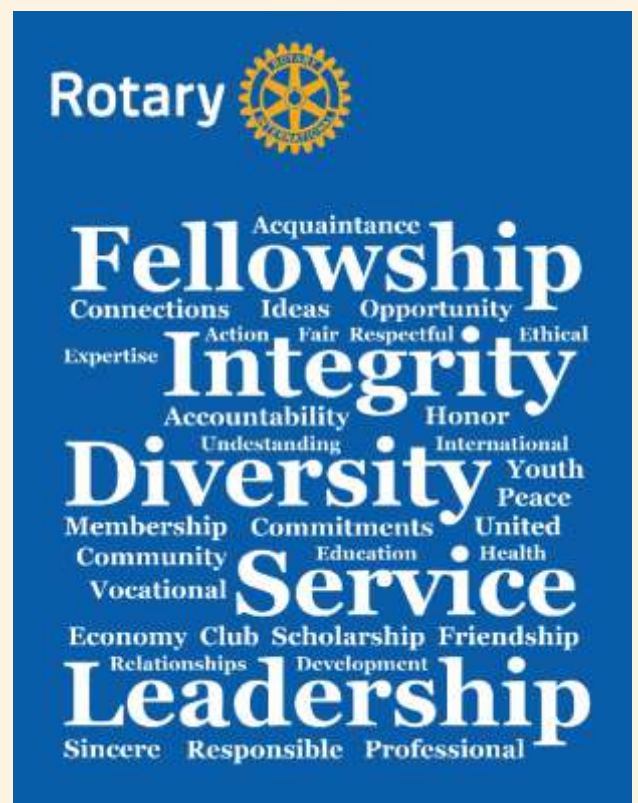
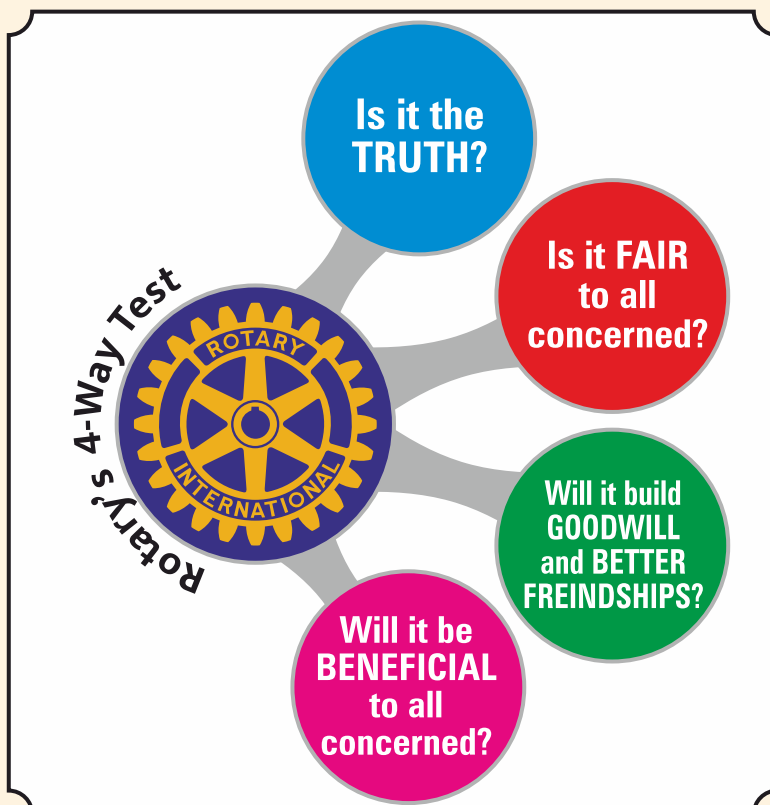
## Message from Rotaract Club of Thane Hills' President

As I prepare to take on the responsibility of leading the Rotaract Club of Thane Hills for the Rotary Year 2025–26, I do so with immense gratitude and a strong sense of purpose. This club has long stood as a space where service, leadership, and fellowship intersect, and it is my sincere honour to contribute to its continued growth. This year, our focus will be on strengthening the fundamentals of our club, building meaningful community impact, encouraging leadership at every level, and nurturing a culture where each member feels empowered to bring their ideas to life. Backed by a dynamic and dedicated team, I am confident that the year ahead will be marked by thoughtful action, collaboration, and steady progress.



We look forward to officially commencing the year with our Club Installation Ceremony on Friday, 26th July 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. It will be a moment of reflection and renewal, and we are eager to begin this new chapter in the presence of our mentors, well-wishers, and peers. On behalf of our entire club, I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Rtn. Samir Limaye on his appointment as President of the Rotary Club of Thane Hills for RY 2025–26. We are truly looking forward to working under your guidance and fostering even stronger ties between our Rotary and Rotaract families in the year to come. To all those who have supported us through the years, thank you. As we step forward into this new term, we do so with deep respect for the journey behind us and unwavering enthusiasm for the possibilities ahead.

- Rtr. Sayali Korgaonkar





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rotary Year 2025-26



**Samir Limaye**  
Club President



**Nilesh Pitale**  
Club Secretary



**CA Vasant Bhat**  
Club Treasurer



**Harshad Divekar**  
Immediate Past President



**Dr. Anagha Karkhanis**  
President Elect



**Jayram Mendon**  
Vice President



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Club Learning Facilitator



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Director - Membership



**Jayant Nagavkar**  
Director - Environment



**Madhumita Ghosh**  
Director - Basic Education



**Nilesh Puranik**  
Director -  
Water, Sanitation, Hygiene



**Pawan Adnani**  
Director -  
Community Service



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Director - Medical



**Sunil Gwalani**  
Director -  
Vocational Service



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Director - Club Service



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Director - PR-PI



**Yashpal Mewati**  
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## PROJECT CHAIR

Rotary Year 2025-26



**Shailesh Mulye**  
Water Sanitation



**Sunil Sharma**  
Blood Bank &  
End Thal Thrust Area



**Sunanda Wadhawan**  
Partners in Service



**Deeba Khan**  
Youth



**Senthil Kumar**  
Pediatric Heart Surgery



**Anil Kumar**  
Annapoorna



**Vidyadhar Naik**  
Disease Prevention - HPV



**Gautam Banik**  
Mental Health Youth

## CONVENERS

Rotary Year 2025-26



**Dayal Dodeja**  
Fellowships



**Sameer Korde**  
Service Week



**Anuradha Sukhathankar**  
Health & Fitness



**Dr. Abhay Kulkarni**  
Health



**Asawari Palwankar**  
Fellowship



**Yamini Kundetkar**  
Camps, Carnival & Contents  
for Youth - Thurst Area



**Vaishnavi Kathaley**  
Self Help Group,  
Women Thrust Area



## *Learning is an Ongoing Process !*

Rotary International organizes various seminars to equip its members with the necessary skills and knowledge for effective management of Rotary year. It all started with PE meet, Pre PEL , PEL and SEL , DLA, Goal setting session and finally Grant management and membership seminar.

### **Pre PEL at Lagoon Lonavla**



### **PEL and SEL Training at Ramada Mhape**



### **Goal Setting**

One of the important training cum facilitation session was held in Thane. All clubs from Thane city attended the 3 hours engaging session. District team successfully covered all aspects of goal settings for Avenues of Service, Rotary International focus area, District thrust areas and Service month initiatives.



### **Grant Management and Membership Seminar at Globe Banquets, Dombivli**

Rotary clubs intending to apply for District or Global Grants are required to attend the seminar and submit a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to qualify for grants. PE Samir attended with PP Varsha, PP Rajeev Tipnis while PDG Dr Ashes and PP Nilesh were faculty. District Grants support short-term projects with local impact while

Global Grants fund large-scale international activities with sustainable outcomes in Rotary focus areas. Financial Stewardship and Project Planning are key to successful Grant management. Membership focus was on strategies to attract, engage, and retain members within Rotary clubs. It explained Membership Assessment, Engagement Strategies, Diversity and Inclusion, New Member Orientation and Leadership Development.

### **District Learning Assembly and Director Orientation Program**

