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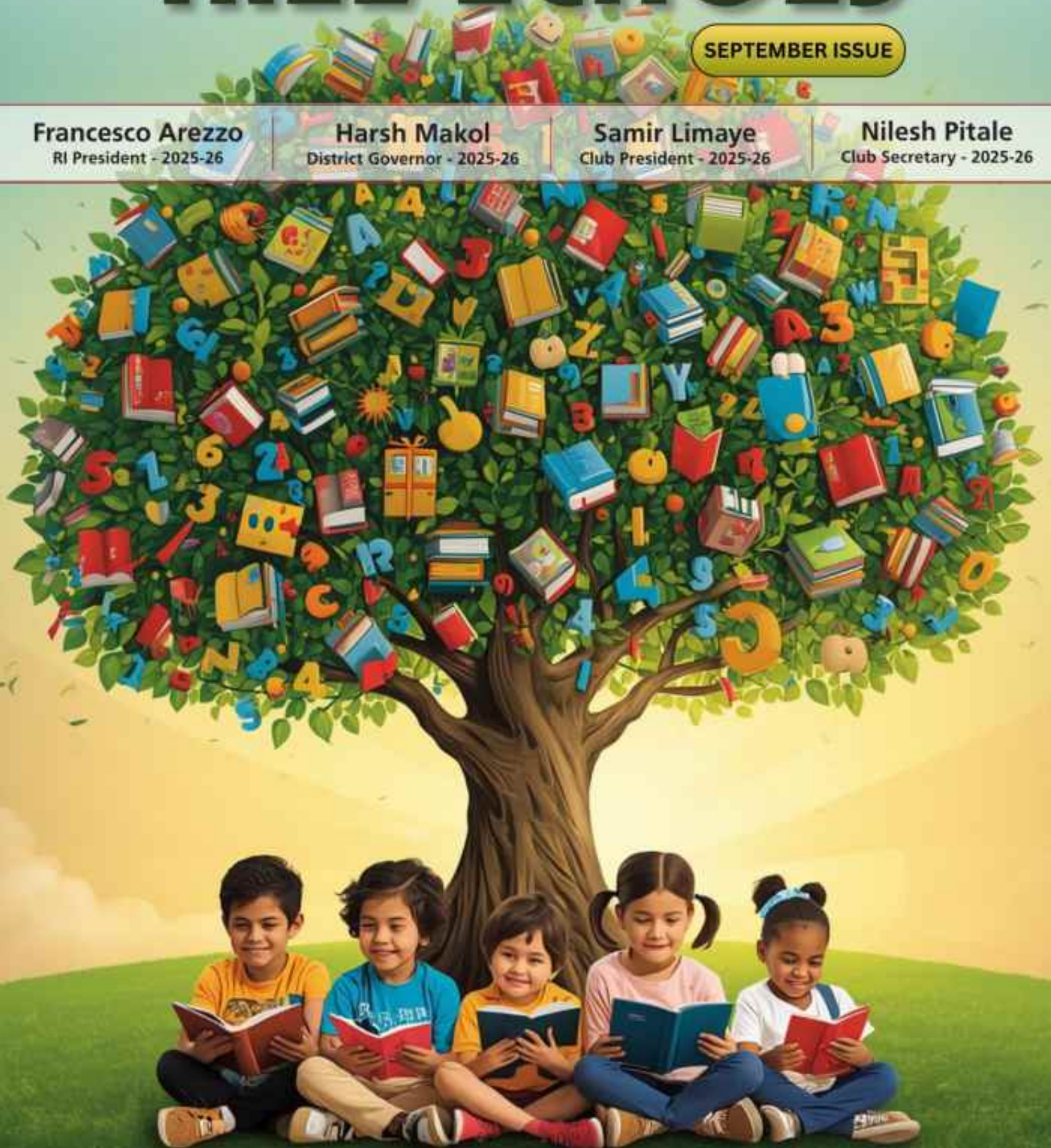
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## BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY



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**BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY  
MONTH**

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*"Educate a boy, and you educate an individual. Educate a girl, and you educate a community."*

*Adelaide Hoodless*

**Rotary**

**TAKE ACTION:** Join a Project

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## Reflections by Club President

Dear Hillers,

Amazing August. Time fly, **already two months** are over in this **TiTEN Year**. As I look back we started month on fellowship note. A day full of fun, food, and fellowship. Almost **one third of club members attended monsoon picnic** at Karjat resort. Bus journey provided good bonding and laughter.

**"Baton Baton Mein"** is picking up momentum with active participation from all groups. Thank you **P.P. Bijay Yadav (Facilitator)** and the **Achievers Group** for providing a solid start. True example of **By the Hiller, for the Hiller and with the Hillers**.

In line with **RI theme for month**, our club inducted 5 new members on into our Hillers Family– a truly diverse group that strengthens our club's spirit. Same week our club supported District **Seminar on Public Relation & Public Image**. Many Hillers attended the seminar; an evening of rich learning and new insights on **enhancing Rotary's public image**.

An exciting and **enthralling presentation on the world of media and advertising** left everyone inspired. Father and daughter team took us on a journey from yesteryears to what lies ahead in future. Truly transformative journey but core remains same.

We completed two **vibrant Interact club** installation in this month. One at **Amber International** and second at **RS Deokar English Medium School**. Extremely satisfying experience to meet students full of enthusiasm and energy. **Wish to encourage more Hillers and Ann's** to come forward and work along with Rotaractors and Interact students. **Many projects need volunteers**.

My professional engagement gave a chance to meet **Lt. General H.S. Kahlon** at **Somaiya Campus** and without losing time, I requested him for guest lecture. Hillers got very good insight from an inspiring talk. A measured and meaningful talk on Nation Building, reminding us of the crucial role of armed forces in society. Many takeaway as projects for community service and nation building. Urge members and family to take advantage of club meetings.

**August** –Month of Independence day celebration. Meaning and requirements have evolved over period of time in 8 decades. Let us all conceptualize celebration for our city in the form of **Thane Day**. A day dedicated by every citizen **to ensure civic sense, cleanliness, care, compliance and celebration of culture**. Rotarians can be change agents.

Continuing our every month amavasya seva for blind brothers and sisters. Our club provided daily needs items and provisions to **1000+** beneficiaries.

**Hillers continue their mission of empowering young minds** by providing interactive educational application to 250 students in first phase in august. Many more to come.

**Donation and devotion is true celebration**. Our continued support for education and empowerment has been a unique initiative by RC Thane Hills. Over the last few years, this effort has helped immensely – and we urge more members to come forward and join this cause. Ganapati Bappa Moraya!!

As we move ahead, let us **fasten our seat belts** – **Hillers** are gearing up for even more engaging, entertaining, and enriching experiences in the coming month September.

**Enjoy Rotary**

**Samir Limaye**  
Club President



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## Updates by Club Secretary

As we welcome the month of **September**, let us take a moment to reflect on the wonderful journey we shared in **August**—a month that truly highlighted the spirit of Rotary through fellowship, growth, and meaningful service.

We began with a **joyful picnic**, where laughter, togetherness, and bonding created memories that will stay with us for a long time. This fellowship reminded us once again that Rotary is not only about service, but also about nurturing friendships that strengthen our collective spirit.

Another proud moment for our club was the **induction of 5 new members into our Rotary family**, out of which **4 are enthusiastic lady Rotarians**. Their presence adds new energy, perspectives, and commitment to our mission, making our Hillers family even stronger.

On the service front, we conducted a meaningful **Tree Plantation Drive**, where our Rotarians, **Rotaractors** and school children actively participated, symbolizing hope and sustainability for future generations. We also distributed an **educational app to Students**, a step that will support their academic journey and empower them with better learning opportunities.

Under our **Aanadan project**, we distributed **groceries to over 1,000 visually disabled individuals**, extending care and dignity to a community that needs our support the most. Adding to this, we also organized **Ganpati idol-making workshop at our Dr. V Subramaniam Autism Center**, a heartwarming initiative that combined creativity, inclusivity, and festive joy.

As we look ahead, **September holds a place of special significance in Rotary**, being observed as **Basic Education and Literacy Month**. Education is far more than the acquisition of knowledge—it is the very foundation upon which dreams are built, opportunities are created, and communities are transformed. By supporting students and creating opportunities to learn, we fulfill one of Rotary's most vital missions—building stronger, brighter futures.

This month also brings the auspicious celebration of **Ganesh Chaturthi**. Lord **Ganesha**, worshipped as the God of **wisdom, knowledge, and Vighnaharta** (remover of obstacles), reminds us that true education must be guided by wisdom and compassion. As we welcome Him into our hearts and homes, let us also embrace His divine message—**to overcome challenges, to spread the light of education, and to serve with humility and purpose**.

With fellowship in our hearts, wisdom as our guide, and service as our purpose, let us make September another month to remember.

GANPATI BAPPA MORYA

**Nilesh Pitale**

Club Secretary

## Our Focus Areas



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION



WATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENE



ENVIRONMENT



BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY



DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT



MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH

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## Message by Club Bulletin Editor

Dear Hillers,

Happy to present Sept edition of Hill Echoes Bulletin of RCTH in TiTen year. It will give you an idea of projects, meetings and activities done by our club in August and also an idea of what is coming in Sept. We have covered information related to Rotary International, District and our club as well as variety of topics such as Health, Finance, Charity, Freedom and Music. We have also endeavoured to give a glimpse of Ganpati festival celebration in member homes.

Rotary International Presidential Theme for 2025-26, "Unite for Good", aims to unify Rotary members and the wider community to work together for positive impact. It encourages collaboration on service projects and welcomes new members, highlighting the global impact Rotary can achieve by uniting its members. In line with the Rotary theme for August month, RCTH welcomed 5 new members (including one Ghar Wapasi) to its Hiller family!

Rotary Theme for the month of September is "Basic Education and Literacy," one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus. Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

Globally 17% of world's adult population is illiterate. According to World Health Organization, if all women completed primary education, there would be 66% fewer maternal deaths. A child born to a mother who can read is 50% more likely to survive past the age of five. If all students in low-income countries acquire basic reading skills, poverty could be cut by 12% ! At RCTH we have already begun work in Titen year with the Educational App distribution.

Friends District 1st TRF seminar is scheduled to be held on 22 September in Thane when Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair 2025-26 Holger Knack is the Chief Guest. Let us join this celebration in large numbers. Further 2<sup>nd</sup> TRF seminar being hosted by RCTH has been postponed from 8 November till further announcement.

Look forward to more inputs, content as well as feedback, comments. I am just a call, mail, sms away!

**PP Varsha Likhite**

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## Masked Booby Courtesy Rtn Anil Shiinde



This particular bird is called masked booby. It is a large pelagic bird found almost around the world in tropical regions. This individual is a juvenile one white and brown in colour with a pale yellow beak. This bird feeds on fishes primarily. It was rescued from Kanaya nagar Kopri Thane East around the noon. It was rescued and taken to Dr Thanges PetVets Clinic where it was diagnosed with respiratory infection and general weakness with mild weight loss. It is currently at our WWA Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre here at Manpada Thane 9757322901/02/03



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**RI UPDATES**

## RI Board of Directors - 2025-26



### Olayinka Hakeem Babalola,

President, 2026-27

From Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Port Harcourt, Nigeria)

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola is regional safety manager responsible for Shell Petroleum's upstream oil and gas activities in sub-Saharan Africa and chair of the board of directors of Riviera Nigeria Ltd., an oil and gas engineering consortium. Babalola has served RI as VP 2019-20, Endowment/Major Gifts Adviser, RI training leader, member of the Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, committee member, and president's representative. Babalola is a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, and the Rotary regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Precy, are Foundation Benefactors and Major Donors. They support the Foundation through a named endowment fund and as members of the Arch Klumph Society.



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**NETRUTVA PLUS**  
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## Netrutva Plus

Requesting Hillers to come forward and register for Netrutva guest lecture series. Please motivate others also. For simplicity District has advised us to pay thru single cheque with Google form data. Feel free to connect with me or Club Secretary Nilesh Pitale. Payment can be made to me thru Gpay or Cash.

Regards, YiRS Samir

## District Dandiya Invitation

**Save the date**  
**नटरात्रि**  
**DISTRICT DANDIYA**  
September 27, 2025 | 7PM

**Host Club : Rotary Club of Thane Central**  
Club President  
Dr. Manish Rajak

**Convenor**  
PP Sheetal Thorat

**Dist Coordinator - Informal Events**  
PP Sucheta Rege

**Rotary District 3142**

**Important Announcement**

**Congratulations!**

**Rtn. Nilesh Likhite**  
(RC Thane Hills),  
who not only balances books but also builds bonds,  
has been appointed as  
**District Coordinator - Membership**  
for RY 2027-28

Let's cheer him on being  
true inspiration in Service!

**Rtn. Chandrahas Shetty**  
District Governor,  
RY 2027-28, RID 3142



## District Picnic 23, 24 August at Fern Resort at Palghar





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## July & August Highlights - Inner Wheel Club of Thane Hills



The months of July and August have been full of learning, service, celebration, and fun for our members. Here's a glimpse into the impactful and joyful projects we carried out:

**Microgreens Workshop :** We began July with a hands-on workshop on microgreens, where members learnt how to grow, harvest, and incorporate these power-packed nutrients into their daily lives.

**Installation Ceremony :** A grand installation ceremony marked the start of the new tenure, and we are delighted to share that 8 new members have joined our club family so far.

**Skill Development at V. Subramanian Autistic Centre :** A motor skill development workshop was conducted by specially trained women from the Indian Women Scientists Association. Around 60 children participated enthusiastically in activities like diya making, tree plantation, rakhi making, and salad cutting & decoration.

**Grantho se Gyan – Learnings from Mythology :** A storytelling session was held at an aided school for the primary section with 350+ children, where timeless tales from mythology were used to impart values of respect, good manners, and discipline.

**Back to School Picnic :** A full-on fun-filled picnic with the theme Back to School was organized. Members relived their childhood days with classic games like lemon-and-spoon race and ring-a-ring o' roses, making it a day of pure nostalgia and joy.

**Health Initiative – Diabetes Camp :** A free diabetes check-up camp followed by consultation was conducted for parents of students in a

secondary medium school. Most of the parents belong to low-income families, making this initiative truly impactful.



**All About Wills – Awareness Talk :** Advocate Priscilla Samuel guided our members on the importance of making a will, highlighting its legal aspects and necessity in securing one's legacy.

**OCV & Cultural Celebration :** The successful completion of our OCV was followed by a vibrant Mangala Gaur dance performance by the Maitrin Gat. Members too joined in the dancing, adding joy and festivity to the evening.

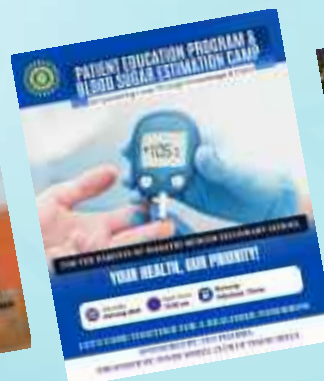
**Mission Vigyaan – A Science Quiz for Young Minds :** A landmark project of this tenure, Mission Vigyaan is being organized in association with IWSA for students from vernacular medium schools and underprivileged families. Our aim is to give them the excitement of participating in a grand quiz, much like the Bournvita Quiz Contest. The

response has been overwhelming, with 12 schools and 2000+ students participating in the first questionnaire round. The semi-final and final rounds will be conducted in quiz format, with the Grand Finale at Kashinath Ghanekar Auditorium.

With every project, we continue to live the spirit of friendship and service that defines Inner Wheel. July and August have truly set the tone for a meaningful and dynamic year ahead.

**Nayana Gala**

Club President





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## Message by Rotaract Club of Thane Hills President



August brought with it a wave of excitement and numerous impactful projects. The theme “DREAM” was beautifully reflected in each member's contribution.

We began the month on Independence Day with A Better Tomorrow 2.0: Ink Their Dreams, a stationery donation drive aimed at enhancing the learning experience of underprivileged children by providing them with essential supplies. The successful distribution of 210 stationery kits reinforced the importance of community-driven projects and set a hopeful tone for future initiatives.

Following this, we moved on to Canopy of Care: Umbrella Donation Drive, an initiative to support police and traffic police by providing them with shade and comfort during scorching heat and heavy rains. In collaboration with Yuva Udaan Foundation, we donated 70 umbrellas, along with clothes, shawls, and sweets to the officers on duty.

Our next project was an essay competition for school students, titled Tiranga Tales. The initiative created a platform for young voices to express their vision for India's future. A total of 53 participants, representing different age groups, enthusiastically took part in the contest.

August also marked a special milestone—our club's 32nd Charter Day, celebrated on 24th August at Thambi's with a delightful breakfast gathering. This monthly “Breakfast Club” tradition brings together Rotaractors, guest members, and non-Rotaractors to foster a supportive community, strengthen bonds, and welcome prospective members.

With the festival season approaching, we are preparing for Ghar Ghar Ganesh, where our members will visit Ganesh pandals and fellow Rotaractors' homes. On the eve of Ganesh Chaturthi, we will come together in devotion to worship and celebrate the festival with joy, togetherness, and lots of fun.

But the fun and energy don't stop here! September is set to be even more exciting with upcoming projects like Rock Rotaract, Pandal Hopping, and the much-loved Aaina, returning to empower and inspire us once again.

**Sayali Korgaonkar**

Club President



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## Charity



Rtn V Chandrasekharan (Chandru)

They say charity begins at home. In my opinion everyone is endowed with a heart to give. But sometimes motivation is required.

Some people always wonder sometimes what is wrong with this man. Not only is he PAGAL just because he has money, but he is showing up and putting so many around in a fix. The society compares to show they are no less philanthropic and are motivated to share.

To some extent it's true! out of shame of getting belittled, some people come forward at least to share something from their kitty. I would rather be a Pagal than thrifty. The world is for sure

full of good souls; just like Amruth Manthan nectar was churned out from the ocean of milk, it needs churning. Some poison may also come out, but that can be segregated, and the result is betterment of the society at large.

Let me share a small story.

In a small village I asked my driver to stop the car to fetch a bottle of drinking water from the roadside shop. As I was leaving the shop, I happened to see a piece of paper that was tied to the electric pole. In curiosity I wanted to read what was scribbled in bold letters.

In the local language it read as follows:

I lost my fifty rupee note, somewhere here. If somebody finds it, please hand it over to me at the following address: I am a poor old woman with poor sight. And her address was scribbled below this.

I decided to locate the woman and asked the shopkeeper about her whereabouts and proceeded to her location. I reached her abode a shanty that may not with stand even one day's rain. There I saw a thin looking old woman with very poor eyesight lying on a torn bedsheet, and she asked me in a faint voice, 'Who are you? I told her that I came this way and found this fifty rupee note lying on the road and just came to hand over the same to you.

Listening to this, the old woman started weeping. She said for the past two days at least 30-35 people have come here and handed over fifty rupee notes, saying they found this on the road. In fact, I did not post that message on the lamp post, in fact, I cannot read and write. I told her it's ok! Please take this fifty rupees! she said please tear the piece of paper on the pole and oblige.

I was just wondering who would have put up this note. Also, she must have requested whoever came there to tear up the piece of paper, and surprisingly nobody has done that. I just thanked in my heart that unknown soul which decided to put up that piece of paper on the lamp post.

If you want to do some good for the society, there are thousands of ways. As I was nearing my car, someone asked me about the location of the old woman saying he found the fifty rupee note and he wants to the handover same to her.

Yes! Humaneness is not dead! It is still alive in the form of any number of good hearts around!

So, charity lives eternally.

## 2024-25 Zone-wise TRF Contribution Update\*\*

Zone	Annual Giving			PolioPlus			Endowment Fund			Other Giving			Total Contribution		
	Jun 2025	Jun 2024	Var.	Jun 2025	Jun 2024	Var.	Jun 2025	Jun 2024	Var.	Jun 2025	Jun 2024	Var.	Jun 2025	Jun 2024	Var.
4	\$2,959,148	\$2,675,178	11%	\$263,378	\$299,162	(12%)	\$976,149	\$505,276	93%	\$11,382,827	\$6,693,660	70%	\$15,581,502	\$10,173,276	53%
5	\$2,047,639	\$1,700,371	20%	\$467,661	\$321,522	45%	\$911,351	\$354,997	157%	\$4,832,580	\$5,693,210	(15%)	\$8,259,231	\$8,070,099	2%
6	\$1,650,056	\$1,546,746	7%	\$154,076	\$149,281	3%	\$1,093,112	\$320,188	241%	\$2,489,904	\$1,731,630	44%	\$5,387,148	\$3,747,846	44%
7	\$2,714,623	\$2,611,767	4%	\$279,753	\$357,383	(22%)	\$949,644	\$1,173,915	(19%)	\$6,009,484	\$4,244,125	42%	\$9,953,505	\$8,387,190	19%
Zone 4,5,6,7 Total	\$9,371,466	\$8,534,063	10%	\$1,164,869	\$1,127,346	3%	\$3,930,257	\$2,354,376	67%	\$24,714,794	\$18,362,626	35%	\$39,181,386	\$30,378,411	29%
India Total	\$9,134,537	\$8,301,816	10%	\$1,136,559	\$2,105,350	(46%)	\$3,774,883	\$3,235,640	17%	\$24,243,213	\$18,185,538	33%	\$38,289,192	\$31,828,344	20%

For district-wise update, please [click here](#).

**\*\*these are interim unaudited figures; final figures will be available only after October board meeting.**

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## Celebrating Membership

**Rtn Dr. Suhas Kulkarni**

The strength of any organization, corporate or NGO, lies in its team. Employees in the former, and volunteers in the latter. Corporate employees have to work and show results. The motivation for NGOs like Rotary comes from within...a desire to give back to society, to share expertise and resources with the less fortunate, a burning desire to do good in the world.

Rotary has a tradition of change of guard on 1st of July. Once the new President and his team have settled, the process of strengthening the Club begins. August is aptly called Membership month, when we look to invite our friends, acquaintances and associates to join our Club.

We've already added five members, and are in the process of inducting more. A short description of our new friends follows. While for Shahaji Khot it is a Ghar Wapasi, the others are fresh faces. Each of them bring youth, enthusiasm and energy to our beloved Thane Hills! It is my earnest request to all Hillers to ensure that each and every member feels at home and wanted!



### **Rotarian Sonu Dhakan**

A dynamic young lady who has been associated with Rotary since a very young age, as her mother is a Rotarian at Rajkot. She has also been Rotaractor and Rotarian too. Has a lovable Golden Retriever, Leo.

Classification: Food Products mfg and exporting

Introduced by Sujit Gavayi

### **Rotarian Vidya Pradhan**

Another enthusiastic young lady who's not new to Rotary, she was member of RC Ghodbunder Road for a short period. Engineer in Industrial Economics, working with Romaco Group as head of Business Development. Married to Rohan Pradhan.

Classification: Marketing Packaging Machines

Introduced by Sujit Gavayi



### **Rtn Dr Simantini Patil**

A Homeopathic Consultant whose hobbies include trekking in the outdoors. A warm, friendly doc. Married to Arun, with two wonderful sons.

Classification: Homeopathic Consultancy

Introduced by \*Jayant Nagwekar.

### **Rtn Akanksha Ghotkar**

She is the youngest of the lot. She is an MBA in finance, with a Creative Writing Certificate from Xaviers a diploma from Sybiosis university in the same subject. She decided to follow her dream & started Brand Masterss, delving in Brand Marketing for 'people, places, Products and events' as she puts it.

Her Classification? Of course Brand Marketing!

Introduced by PP Rajiv Tipnis



### **Rtn Shahaji Khot**

Our own member who had taken a hiatus from Rotary, is back where he belongs. Soft spoken and ever smiling, Shahaji is always ready to give the extra mile for a worthy cause. He manufactures moulds and tools for pharma industry.

Classification : Moulds and Tools mfg.

Introduced by PP Atul Bhide

A heady mix of individuals who will enrich our club with their zest and energy!

Friends, do look out for some more worthy colleagues, neighbors and acquaintances who can add value to RCTH !!

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## Rotary's Designated Months

PP Nilesh Likhite



Rotary believes in dedicated efforts to achieve sustainable results in the Rotary's areas of focus and the pillars of Rotary ie membership, the Rotary Foundation, youth services and fellowship. To ensure that the Rotary Clubs and members worldwide channelize their efforts, Rotary has defined the designated months in each of these activities. The designated months offer a planning platform for the clubs to organize their activities and align their club and community service activities with that of Rotary International's Area of Focus as well as core values. Rotary International makes changes in designated months as per the priorities.



**July** is designated for maternal & child health. In this Area of Focus, projects such as provide critical services such as clean birth kits, mobile prenatal clinics, nutrition education for mothers and children, immunizations, training for healthcare workers, and the funding of health centres to improve maternal and infant well-being. These initiatives aim to prevent maternal and infant deaths by increasing access to skilled healthcare, educating communities, and providing essential supplies and resources to mothers and newborns.



**August** is the membership increase and new club development month. August is dedicated to increase in Rotary membership. 2<sup>nd</sup> month of the Rotary year is dedicated to strengthening the Clubs with new members so that the President and clubs get more hands to serve the communities, new members bring new ideas, creates new opportunities through bonding. The month also dedicated to forming new clubs with the same objective.



From **September** onwards the clubs are advised to get into action. September is dedicated to Rotary's area of focus dedicated to Basic Education & Literacy. The clubs are advised to undertake projects like school upgradation, providing basic amenities to the schools in backward areas, providing trainings and awareness of literacy, etc.



**October** is designated as the month of Economic and community development. Projects such as micro credit, employment creation, agricultural related training, vocational training and scholarships, women and girls empowerment, development of self help groups.



**November** is The Rotary Foundation Month. Rotary is doing most of the service projects through the Foundation. Polio eradication is the Rotary's program for which Rotary has raised billions of dollars since 1985. This dedicated effort has resulted in polio eradication across the globe except Pakistan and Afghanistan. The contributions to The Rotary Foundation are utilised for grants which are used to execute impactful projects across the world. RCTH has been always a significant contributor to TRF and have executed many projects using TRF's Global Grants eg Right to Go, Autism Centre.



**December** is Disease prevention and treatment month. Rotary clubs worldwide undertake various projects under this area of focus. It includes activities from holding medical check up camps till providing hospitalization, conducting surgeries, treating critical illness, construction of medical facilities. RCTH is running Triumph Blood Bank and Thalassemia Day Care center, providing free NAT tested blood to 95 thalassemic patients. Also, providing cervical cancer vaccination is the latest key project of RCTH.



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## Rotary's Designated Months



**January** is designated as Vocational service month. Rotary recognizes all the worthy vocations and encourages Rotary members to undertake activities that promotes service through vocations. Vocational Training Tours (VTT) is one of the Rotary programs where experts in any particular vocation undertakes international travel to provide training to professionals in the same vocation. Eg team from India travelled to other countries to provide agricultural trainings, critical surgeries, etc.



**February** is designated as Peace & conflict prevention month. 23<sup>rd</sup> February is the foundation day of Rotary and this day is also celebrated in Rotary as World Peace & Understanding Day. Under this area of focus, Rotary clubs may sponsor peace scholars or participate in various peace building activities.



**March** is water and sanitation month. For India, this is ideal period for undertaking water and sanitation related projects, as water levels starts depleting in many rural areas. RCTH has its signature projects of Right to Go, construction of check dams, boring wells, providing drinking water facilities in schools, etc. Water and sanitation is one of the key areas where RCTH is quite active right since our charter by construction of earthen dam at Shirol, in Shahapur which is still serving as huge water reservoir after over 30 years.



**April** is designated as Rotary Environment Month. Environment was introduced as 7<sup>th</sup> Area of Focus in 2020. Rotary clubs world wide undertake huge projects for protecting environment such as maintaining and protecting mangroves, development of green belts, mass tree plantations, and nurturing the new trees till they are grown. Projects such as waste minimization through Re-use, reduce, recycle do form major initiative in environment conservation. Avoidance of materials such as asbestos, plastic and creating awareness, beach cleaning, are undertaken by the Clubs across District.



**May** is designated as youth service month. Youth development is one of the important Rotary programs. Under youth service various programs are undertaken such as Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), Model Indian Parliamentary System (MIPS), various Rotary projects where youths are involved, Rotary's Youth exchange program encourages students to stay in foreign country for a year, and the actual experience is amazing. RCTH has undertaken several projects over the years.



**June** is the last month of Rotary year. During this month, preparatory work for leadership changes take place. Most of times, International Conventions are held in June, which the biggest official as well as fellowship event for Rotary. Many clubs organize the formal installation programs to install their next leader. Other fellowship events such as Shukriya, projects closures and handovers happen during June. It's a month of satisfaction for the outgoing leader by cherishing the accomplishments as well as enthusiasm of incoming leader to put his/her plan into action.

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## Motion is Life, Life is Motion

Dr. Abhay Kulkarni



***Motion is Life, life is motion – this is the punchline of Orthopaedic education !***

The importance of simple daily activity of getting up from your bed to the bathroom on your own which we have been doing mechanically for many years becomes a real challenge due to injury, pain, weakness.

Most of these conditions are 'preventable' only we are less proactive about them.

Let us start with "knee pain" which is the most common complaint of 'young, active, vibrant' Rotarians !

Knee is the most used weight bearing joint, most stressed, most dynamic joint which has a complex arrangement of bones, ligaments, cartilage etc. Commonest cause of knee pain is "Osteoarthritis" or 'wear and tear' issue.

**Complaints :** Pain front or back, sometimes of calf & thigh noticed while getting up, climbing stairs up & down, sometimes swelling, clicking noises on movements.

**Precautions for prevention :**

1. Do not neglect early signs of pain.
2. Weight control of paramount importance.
3. Regular appropriate exercise.
4. Avoid unaccustomed, overenthusiastic exercises
5. Balanced diet rich in calcium



Early diagnosis is important which needs less medications and results are favourable. One can return to active lifestyle. Now a days there is a fear amongst patients regarding need for surgery of joint replacements. Remember very few patients need surgery; those who are aware and committed will never need any surgery.



## A Day of Music and Hope at Kalyan Jail

Rtn. Jayant Nagavkar



This Independence Day, I had the privilege of visiting Kalyan Jail as a member of the NGO Sevadham, IFRM Naad. Our mission was to bring music and joy to 150 lady inmates, and what we found was an experience that touched our hearts in ways we never expected.

The moment our musical group began, the energy was incredible. The inmates and police officers welcomed us with a truly moving enthusiasm. We sang our hearts out, and in return, we were treated to a beautiful surprise. Some of the inmates and even the policewomen joined in, singing classic Bollywood songs with such grace and soul that it was simply mesmerizing. The head jailer also shared a heartfelt devotional song.

What struck me most was the inmates themselves. Their discipline, impeccable attire, and genuine enthusiasm made it hard to believe they were serving sentences. It was a powerful reminder that behind every uniform and every story, there is a person with hopes and feelings.

This event was a testament to the power of music and compassion. A huge thanks to the members of IFRM Naad. Our own Hiller Sucheta Rege was the heart of the operation, orchestrating everything with her wit and charm while making sure we were all well-fed. Hiller Sunanda Ghosh was a true Florence Nightingale, inspiring hope and energy in the inmates with her heartwarming message. The renowned keyboard player Anand Palwankar and our own Hiller Aasawari as well as Dhanashree Sabnis from Inner wheel added immense value to the event. Hiller Sujit was our tech wizard, handling all the musical arrangements with his array of gadgets. And last but not least, our fellow IFRM Naadkars, who sang their hearts out while also cheering on the inmates.

On our journey back, a quiet and emotional feeling settled over us. On a day when we celebrate our freedom, it was a profound privilege to be in a world where we can enjoy that liberty. Seeing the inmates and their children, we couldn't help but feel a deep sense of sympathy for their situation. Freedom is a gift that should never be taken for granted. Through our Rotary activities, we must strive for a civil society where the very concept of crime becomes obsolete and a day comes when our jails are empty.

**Please note:** For security and confidentiality reasons, we were not permitted to take photos, videos, or publish any names during our visit.





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## Honouring Freedom, Inspiring the Future - A Rotary Reflection

Rtn. Sarita Bahl



As India celebrates its 79th year of independence, we are reminded that freedom was neither inevitable nor accidental. It was earned—through the vision, resilience, and sacrifice of countless men and women who dared to believe in a different tomorrow.

The theme this year—“Honouring Freedom, Inspiring the Future”—is not just a national sentiment; it is a leadership principle.

It invites us to look at what our freedom fighters stood for and ask: *How can we, as Rotarians, carry that spirit into our service?*

From them, we learn purpose. Freedom fighters had clarity of cause—whether it was Mahatma Gandhi's unwavering commitment to non-violence or Bhagat Singh's call for courage in the face of injustice. For Rotarians, purpose is our compass. Every service project, every initiative, is anchored in a clear “why.” We learn perseverance. Our independence was not won in a single campaign. It was the sum of countless, persistent efforts—marches, dialogues, movements—often in the face of setbacks.

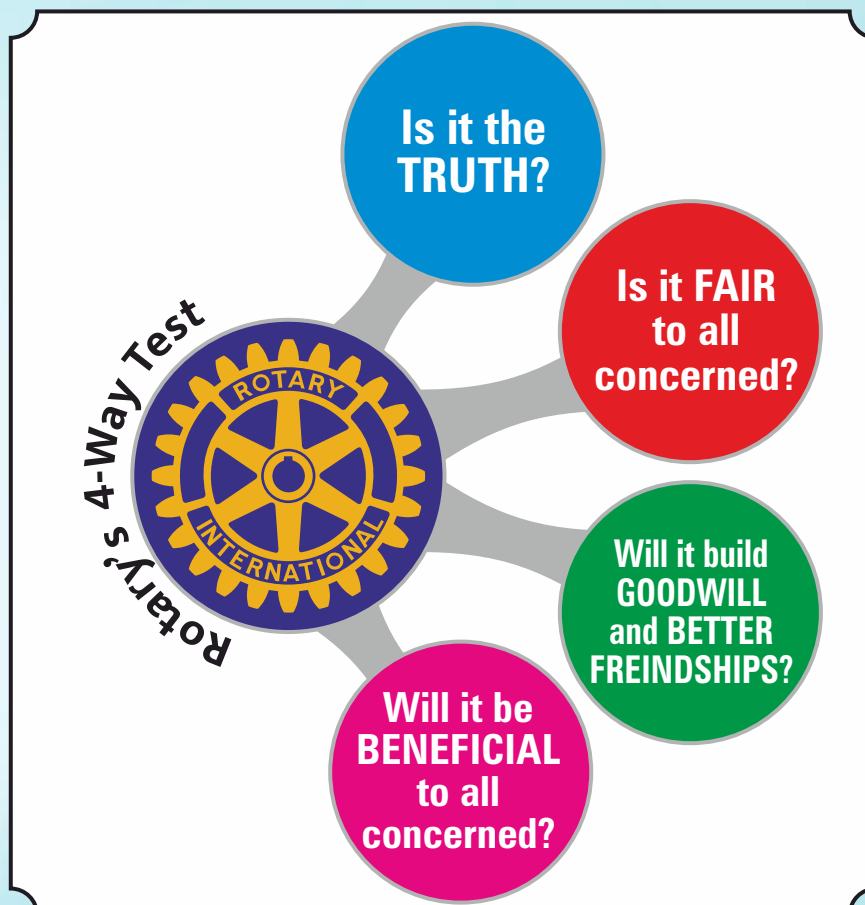
In Rotary service, lasting change demands the same tenacity—staying with a cause until it truly transforms lives.

We learn unity. The freedom struggle brought together people from every background, belief, and profession. This spirit of inclusivity mirrors Rotary's own ethos—uniting diverse minds and hearts in the pursuit of the common good.

We learn sacrifice. Many gave up comfort, careers, even their lives for the larger cause. In our work, sacrifice is in the time given freely, resources shared generously, and expertise applied selflessly.

Honouring freedom, then, is not simply about remembering the past. It is about living its values in the present—through integrity in action, empathy in engagement, and vision in leadership.

By serving with courage, purpose, and unity, Rotarians can do more than remember history. We can inspire the future—and in doing so, keep the spirit of freedom alive in every community we touch.



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## Youth Services : Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders

**Rtn. Deeba Khan**

Youth Services Director



The last few weeks have been a celebration of youth, energy, and the Rotary spirit.

On 26th July, the air was filled with excitement as the Rotaract Club of Thane Hills marked its installation ceremony. The presence of Rotarians added warmth to the occasion, while the Rotaractors' high spirit and enthusiasm reminded us that the future of service is in capable hands.

Barely a week later, on 2nd August, the spotlight shifted to the young Interactors of Amber International School, who took their first steps into the world of service during their installation ceremony. With Chief Guest Rtn. Samir Limaye and Guest of Honour Rotaractor Sayali Korgaonkar leading the occasion, the students pledged to uphold the values of Rotary with pride.

On 18th August 2025, the Interact Club of RS Deokar School had its installation ceremony at 8am, graced by Chief Guest Rtn. Samir Limaye. The young Interactors took their oath with



determination to serve, and their zeal was heartwarming.

Festivities also carried a deeper meaning this Rakshabandhan. A special stall was set up by our very own Rotaractor of Thane Hills Club, selling handmade Rakhis by tribal entrepreneur women. The initiative celebrated tradition while

supporting women's empowerment and sustainable livelihoods.

In addition, we promoted our Rotaractors from RCTH and students from Pawar Public School to join the Tree Plantation ensuring that the younger generation remains connected to the cause of sustainability. The Drive Led by Rtn. Jayant Navgaonkar, Director of Environment, taking tangible steps toward a greener tomorrow.



As the Youth Services

Director, my vision is to keep building on this momentum. The months ahead will see impactful initiatives such as RYLA programs to shape leadership, mental health awareness sessions, nature walks to strengthen the bond with the environment, and vocational development programs like interview skills and personality development workshops. Each initiative reflects a single purpose to empower the youth, channel their potential, and prepare them to be compassionate, confident leaders of tomorrow.





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## Life Through Her Lens

### Shubha Jayram Mendon

1. Describe yourself in two words

Ans : creatively minimal

2. What's a life lesson you have learned the hard way

Ans: "Don't let good opportunities pass you by."

3. What creative activity makes you lose track of time

Ans : Drawing, sketching Painting

4. What's your comfort food—and the story behind it

Ans: Manglore Ganji - Easy to prepare and easy to digest

5. If your life were a book, what would be its name

Ans: "Artfully Alive"

6. Rotary project closest to your heart, and why

Ans: Mission for Vision and Virtual eye are closest to my heart. After getting the vision for kid, We all Felt like we have given them colourful life. I was overwhelmed by the smile on their face.

Virtual Eye : After handover of the virtual eye kit, Entire school was happy.

It gave us a feeling that we have done some worthwhile work in life. Their hugs , hand shake and a beautiful smile I will never forget



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Instead of waiting for the "right time," I now believe in cherishing every moment and spreading joy while we can.

3. What creative activity makes you lose track of time?

Ans: Singing is the creative activity that makes me lose track of time. Music has always been my safe space—it's where I find myself, whether I'm happy, sad, or simply in need of comfort. It allows me to express emotions beyond words and stay deeply connected to my inner self.

4. What is your comfort food and the story behind it?

Ans: My comfort food is macher jhol with bhat (fish curry and rice). Being Bengali, it is more than just a meal—it connects me to my roots and childhood. I have grown up relishing it, and it continues to remind me of home, warmth, and heritage. It's one dish I can enjoy any time of the day, and it never fails to bring me comfort.

5. If your life were a book, what would be its name?

Ans: If my life were a book, it would be titled Romanchak Upanyas—a thrilling novel. I imagine it directed by Satyajit Ray, as my life feels like one of his timeless stories: filled with unexpected twists, vibrant characters, and yet a clear sense of purpose. Every chapter would carry its own surprise, but together they would weave a meaningful, captivating journey.

6. Rotary project that is closest to your heart and why?

Ans: The Rotary project closest to my heart is the Triumph Run, a special sports day we hosted for differently-abled children. It wasn't just about games, but about creating moments of joy, confidence, and belonging for them. Watching their radiant smiles and the pure happiness in their eyes was incredibly moving. It reminded me how even the simplest efforts can make a lasting difference, and that is what made this project truly unforgettable for me.

### Archana Bhatia

1. Describe yourself in two words

Ans: Zindadil woman

2. What's a life lesson you have learned the hard way

Ans: life goes on

3. What creative activity makes you lose track of time

Ans: Dancing, Singing, Antakshari

4. What's your comfort food—and the story behind it

Ans: Bhajiya - the rain

5. If your life were a book, what would be its name

Ans: let the music play

6. Rotary project is closest to your heart, and why

Ans: Triumph run and Thalassemia blood bank



### Tania Banik

1. Describe yourself in two words.

Ans: If I were to describe myself in two words, they would be Caring and Selective. I genuinely believe in spreading warmth and happiness to the people around me, but at the same time, I choose my circle thoughtfully. To me, relationships hold value when they are built on trust and mutual respect, so I give my best to those I hold close.

2. What's a life lesson you have learned the harder way?

Ans: A life lesson I learned the harder way is to live each day to the fullest, as if there's no tomorrow. Watching my mother suffer taught me that life is fragile and uncertain, and no one knows what lies ahead.



### Madhavi Naik Kanade

1. Describe yourself in two words

Ans: Compassionate dreamer.

2. What's a life lesson you have learned the hard way

Ans: I've realized that not everyone values honesty and effort the same way, but I've also learned that staying true to myself is always worth it.

3. What creative activity makes you lose track of time

Ans: Writing poetry—once I start, I completely lose track of time.

4. What's your comfort food—and the story behind it

Ans: For me, it's a simple bowl of Varan Bhat ani Tup (Dal-Chawal with ghee). It reminds me of childhood evenings and the warmth of home—it's comfort in its purest form.

5. If your life were a book, what would be its name

Ans: "Between Dreams and Realities."

6. Rotary project closest to your heart, and why

Ans: All our projects are amazing, and each makes a difference—so I honestly can't pick just one. I feel happy to be part of a family that enjoys togetherness, but even more strongly believes in its responsibility towards society.



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## GST on Housing Society - A Flawed Step by the Government

CA Vasant K. Bhat



Many of us residing in housing societies are now paying Goods and Services Tax (GST) on our monthly maintenance bills, specifically, when the amount exceeds ₹7,500. This levy has raised eyebrows, especially in light of the well-established legal doctrine of **mutuality**, consistently upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

### Doctrine of Mutuality and Its Relevance

Housing societies are formed **by the members and for the benefit of those very members**.

As per the principle of mutuality, a person cannot transact with themselves, and thus, any contributions made by members to their own society are not considered a 'supply' in the eyes of the law.

This principle was strongly reaffirmed by the Supreme Court in the **landmark Calcutta Club Ltd. case (2019)**, where the Apex Court struck down the levy of **Service Tax** on member contributions, reinforcing that such transactions do not involve two separate persons, and hence, cannot be taxed.

### Government's Response: Retrospective Amendments

Despite the Supreme Court's ruling, the Government introduced **retrospective amendments** in the GST law to bypass the mutuality principle. These amendments essentially **artificially separated the society and its members**, thereby treating their transactions as taxable "supplies" under GST.

This move has sparked widespread criticism for undermining a well-entrenched constitutional principle.

### IMA Case – A Turning Point?

The **Indian Medical Association (IMA) Kerala**, challenged these amendments before the Kerala High Court, after being asked to pay GST on contributions made by its members.

The **Kerala High Court** delivered a landmark verdict, offering significant relief to IMA. Some of its key observations included:

- **Doctrine of Mutuality Still Applies:** The Court ruled that even after the 101st Constitutional Amendment introducing GST, the principle of mutuality remains intact.
- **No Duality = No Supply:** Since the members collectively constitute the association, there is **no duality of persons**, and hence, **no taxable supply**.
- **Legislative Overreach:** The retrospective amendment was viewed as exceeding the legislative competence of Parliament, which cannot override the Constitution.

### Implications for Housing Societies and Similar Associations

This judgment has far-reaching consequences and directly applies to housing societies, members' clubs, and similar associations. However, until the Government amends the GST law to align with the court's findings or the Supreme Court rules otherwise, the tax remains **technically enforceable**.

### Current Status and What Lies Ahead

The Government has **challenged the Kerala High Court's verdict in the Supreme Court**, and until a final judgment is delivered, the levy of GST on contributions to housing society, clubs and such association will continue.

**Fingers crossed:** the final word from the Apex court will determine whether lakhs of housing society members, members of clubs can finally be relieved from what many see as an **unjust and unconstitutional tax**.



## TRIUMPH FOUNDATION

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## The Secret of the Prayer "Ghalin Lotangan"



Shared from archives by Rtn Sonali Bijur

After the aarti of any deity, this prayer is always sung in one rhythm and fast tempo. Because it is extremely melodious and pleasant to hear, it has become very popular. It is sung everywhere, and devotees get completely absorbed in it. Let us look at the special features of this prayer and understand its meaning. This prayer has four verses, and the fifth is a mantra

### Features:

1. The four verses are written by different poets
2. These verses were written in different time periods
3. The first verse is in Marathi, while the remaining verses are in Sanskrit
4. Many people think this is a prayer to Lord Ganesha, but in fact it is recited after the aarti of any deity
5. Not a single verse in it is addressed specifically to Ganesha
6. By combining verses from different poets and eras, this unique prayer was formed

### Verse 1

घालीन लोटांगण वंदीन चरण | डोळ्यांनी पाहिन रूप तुझे | प्रेमे आलिंगन आनंदे पूजीन | भावे ओवाळीन म्हणे नामा ||

This beautiful composition was written by Saint Namdev in the 13th century

Meaning : Addressing Lord Vitthal, Saint Namdev says: I will bow down to you and worship your feet. I will behold your form with my eyes. Not only that, I will embrace you with love and with utmost devotion I will perform your worship.

### Verse 2

त्वमेव माता च पिता त्वमेव | त्वमेव बंधुश्च सखा त्वमेव | त्वमेव विद्या द्रविणं त्वमेव | त्वमेव सर्वं मम देव देव ||

This verse is from the Guru Stotra written by Adi Shankaracharya in the 8th century

Meaning : You alone are my mother and father. You alone are my brother and friend. You alone are my knowledge and wealth. You are everything to me, O divine Lord.

### Verse 3

कायेन वाचा मनसेन्द्रियैर्वा | बुद्ध्यात्मना वा प्रकृती स्वभावात् | करोमि यद्येत सकल परस्मै | नारायणायि समर्पयामि ||

This verse is from the Shrimad Bhagavat Purana, written by Sage Vyasa

Meaning : O Lord Narayana, whatever actions I perform through my body, speech, mind, senses, intellect, nature, and tendencies—everything I do, I dedicate to you.

### Verse 4

अच्युतं केशवं रामनारायणं | कृष्णदामोदरं वासुदेवं हरिं | श्रीधरं माधवं गोपिकावल्लभं | जानकीनायकं रामचंद्र भजे ||

This verse is from Achyutāshtakam by Adi Shankaracharya (8th century)

Meaning : I worship that Achyuta, that Keshava, that Rama-Narayana, that Damodara, that Krishna, that Vasudeva, that Hari, that Sridhara, that Madhava, that beloved of the Gopis, and that Lord Rama, husband of Janaki.

### Verse 5 – The Mantra

हरे राम हरे राम | राम राम हरे हरे | हरे कृष्ण हरे कृष्ण | कृष्ण कृष्ण हरे हरे ||

This sixteen-syllable mantra is from the Kali-Santarana Upanishad. In Kali Yuga, chanting the holy name of Hari is considered the only true path of righteousness. This mantra is dedicated to Lord Rama and Krishna.

Thus, this prayer is a combination of verses from different poets, written in different languages and eras. Its melody, rhythm, and flow are divine. Regardless of its varied authorship, when sung, devotees get deeply absorbed, and their devotion surely reaches the Lord!!





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## Ganapati Festival Celebration at Our Members' Residence

गणपती बाप्पा मोरया

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PP K. S. Ranganathan



Rtn. Vaishnavi Kathale



Rtn. Gautam Banik

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## CLUB PROJECTS

### Project - 12 Annapoorna

**Saturday, 23rd August 2025 , Yogi Hills, Mulund**

A heartwarming initiative dedicated to helping poor and needy blind brothers and sisters. Credit goes to Sardar Pappu Singh ji , who identified this need and began the journey almost a decade ago. As they say, “Log judte gaye, karavan banta gaya” . Thanks Rtn Pawan Adnani for introducing this initiative to Hillers. Almost one third of RCTH contributes directly or indirectly. Today, this noble effort has grown into a strong community — with 250+ volunteers extending support to 1,000+ blind citizens of India.



### Project-13 Ideal Educational App Distribution

**23rd August 2025**

Venue: Sheth Babanrao Maruti , Padwal School, Padwal Nagar, Wagle, Thane.

Hillers continue their mission of empowering young minds by providing an opportunity to learn using smart and interactive educational applications. Over 250 students of 10th Standard (both English and Marathi Medium) received access to these applications, enhancing their preparation for academic success.

### CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 - BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2 CA DAY	3	4 Teacher Recognition and Guest Speaker	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 DEBATE	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Engineers' Recognition and Speaker Meeting	19	20 Marathi Abhang and Devotional Songs Program
21	22	23	24	25 Dandiya	26	27
28	29	30				
RI THEME	RCTH OFFICIAL MEET	FELLOWSHIP & FESTIVALS	PROJECTS	EVENTS	DIST. EVENT & PROJECT	

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## Weekly Meetings

### Fellowship-01 Club Monsoon Picnic on Friendship Day

Picnic on 3rd August, Vasant Srushti Farms, Karjat attended by 40 enthusiastic Hillers and 1 annet was a true celebration of Friendship Day – Hillers way! full of fellowship, bonding. The fun began right in the bus with light-hearted chit-chat, laughter, and some mimicry. At the venue, dance floor was on fire with energy and moves and good food was served making every bite delicious. The swimming pool was a splash hit and added to the monsoon magic.



### Weekly Meetings

Note: Our August Month Team of Hillers helped club curate celebration, cheers, and camaraderie. Special thanks to the organizing team for excellent logistics and a delicious spread that made the fellowship even more memorable. We urge members, families, and friends to take full advantage of our weekly meetings. These sessions are open for all, and such inspiring interactions should not be missed.

### Weekly Meeting - 06 | Thursday, 7th August, 2025

Venue: Federation House | Attendance: 80+ Hillers, Anns & Esteemed District Guests



We welcomed New Members Vidya Pradhan, Sonu Dhakan, Dr. Simantini Patil, Akanksha Ghotkar and our Ex Hiller Shahaji Khot. We also honoured the generous who have contributed to The Rotary Foundation. Rtn. V. Chandrasekaran brought alive the Indian philosophy of donation, tracing its roots through scriptures, culture, and tradition. “Dana (Giving) is not about what you give, but what you cultivate within.”

### Weekly Meeting-07 | Date: Thursday, 14th August 2025

Venue: Thirani School | Theme: Advertising Kal, Aaj aur Kal



Brilliant presentation by Soumitra Sen and daughter Sagorika Sen — an excellent example of how not just jobs but entire careers and industries can be transformed.



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Yet again, emphasis was placed on human connection and creativity rather than relying solely on technology. AI is democratizing skills and shortening process — but human intelligence and creativity can never be compromised.

## Weekly Meeting-08

Thursday, 21st August | Thirani School | Attendance: 38 members.

Theme: Role of Armed Forces in Nation Building



Our guest speaker Lt Gen HS Kahlon delivered an eloquent and insightful address, highlighting the multifaceted role of the armed forces beyond defending borders ie Infrastructure Building, Medical Assistance, Disaster Management & Relief, Waterways & Connectivity, Peacekeeping Operations, International Evacuation Support. He suggested that as responsible citizens we should observe a day dedicated to Civic Discipline as a reminder that nation-building begins with civic responsibility. He requested citizens to discourage false narratives on whatsapp.



A team will be formed every month to follow RI Monthly Theme. Accordingly we formed our first team for August and prepared a standee to promote the theme.

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## Information and Updates

### Rotaract Club Installation Ceremony

Rotaract President Sayali and Club Secretary Gargi

Date: 26th July , Venue: Club House, Raheja Garden

The event radiated amazing youthful energy, Unparalleled expression, Command over language, Cool & chill-out demeanour, Stylish dressing sense. The spirit of Rotaract is alive and kicking!

Here's to a vibrant year ahead.



### Interact club Installation Ceremony – Amber International School



A vibrant and inspiring installation ceremony was held at Amber International School to induct the new Interact Club office bearers. The event marked the beginning of the new Rotary year for the Interact Club under the guidance of dynamic Youth Service Director Rtn. Deeba. Interact President Akshay Iyer and his enthusiastic team took oath to lead with purpose and commitment. An encouraging turnout of Rotarians, Rotaractors and 32 Interactors reflected the strong engagement of Rotary in youth service.

### Plastic Waste Collection Contest– Certificate Presentation Ceremony

5th August, Sulochanadevi Singhania School, Thane

A heartwarming initiative culminated on 5th August as we gathered at the prestigious Sulochanadevi Singhania School, Thane, for the Certificate Presentation Ceremony of the Plastic Waste Collection Contest conducted during Awesome Year under leadership of President Harshad driven by Rtn Radhika . We acknowledged the outstanding efforts of the school's administration and students in collecting an incredible 700 kilograms of plastic waste!



### Clay Ganapati Murti Making Workshop

Visit to Dr. V. Subramanian Autism Center,

Date: Thursday, 07th August

A heartwarming visit to Dr. V. Subramanian Autism Center unfolded with an engaging Ganapati murti-making activity using clay. Special thanks to Dr. Raju, Dr. Seetha , Karthik and Shweta whose commitment continues to guide and uplift.

### Mobilizing Funds Appeal for Education Support

As the sacred festival of Ganesh Chaturthi approached, RCTH members combined devotion with donation. Members placed a donation boxes at home in front of Ganapati idol during the festivities and encouraged visiting devotees and family to contribute. All proceeds will go towards educational needs of deserving students.





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## Thane Literature Festival



A unique initiative for citizens of Thane being curated by our club.

Excited to launch Thane Literature Festival for the first time in Thane.

Convenor PP Atul Bhide and Team TiTEN is working diligently to make this inaugural edition a grand success.

It is our privilege to partner with highly respectable institution NCPA.

In line with Rotary's mission to help our community thru meaningful projects.

Every civilized society need to nurture fine arts, classical dance, music and literature. Our efforts and outreach program of NCPA provides wonderful opportunity to many citizens and society.

A formal request is being made for sponsorship or financial support for Thane Literature Festival

Requesting members to help us connect with retail brands, banks, insurance, hospitality or any other consumer facing sector.

A suitable brand visibility package can be worked out. Multiple options available for brand visibility at venue, on social media or outdoor.

Feel free to connect with PP Atul Bhide-9821099145 or President Samir Limaye-9820063775