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Triumph
Run
2025

Flagship project of Rotary Club of Thane Hills for Special Children - 1000 Special Children participated

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**PEACE
AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/
RESOLUTION
MONTH**

"Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict -- alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence." Dorothy Thompson



TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary, Change Lives

Peace and conflict prevention/resolution.

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar because it includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, in Chicago. That day is now designated as the "World Understanding and Peace Day".

On February 23 Rotary celebrates the 109th anniversary of the first Rotary club meeting. This is an opportunity for Rotary clubs and districts to promote Rotary's public image.

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Samvidhan ka Amrit Mahotsav

It has been 75 years since the Constitution of India was formally adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India. In recognition of this momentous occasion, the Govt., of India designated November 26 as Constitution day (Samvidhan Divas)

District 3142 under the leadership of DG Dinesh Mehta celebrated the 75th Year of Samvidhan as 'Samvidhan ka Amrit Mahotsav' by setting goals for each club to do meaningful projects in 13 key areas - Blood Donation ; Constitutional Awareness; Drug Addiction Awareness; Mobile Addiction awareness; Essential Health Education; Thalassemia Combat; Youth Empowerment; ROVEX Awards; Educator Recognition; Philanthropic Excellence; Membership Growth; Annapurna Program; COLS CPR Training..

Every club in the district took the challenge by setting goals in each areas for themselves and the results were astounding.

RC Thane Hills was on the forefront when the Amrit Mahotsav Awards were distributed on 25th January, at the hands of RID Anirudh Roy Choudhary at a glittering ceremony held at Sarkar Residency. Congratulations RCTH for being Top Performer !

Triumph !

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HIGH LIGHTS

Friends, Compiling this monthly bulletin of Rotary Club of Thane Hills is a more serious business and difficult assignment than what I initially thought, when I decided to take this responsibility.

It is really a time consuming work because, this year, we are doing the entire bulletin in-house with no outside professional help.

This gives us two advantages - a) It saves a lot of money but more important - b) it gives us a lot of freedom to cover the month more holistically and in greater details and clarity of purpose.

Working on this periodical has been an eye opener for me. In spite of being in the club for countless years, I have never realised the amount of efforts that we Hillers are taking and our contribution towards the service projects that we undertake is immeasurable.

I have been benefitted by this assignment because it gives me the Birds Eye view of what is going on in the club. It gives me a pleasure of doing content creation, it gives me the opportunity to connect with every individual in the club and it also improves my understanding of various subjects.

For example, the articles being written by Madhumita on **AI and ML** and intelligent automation and data science can be a turning point in one's career as one may get a new insight about the rapid changes that are taking place in the ways the things are done now. Huge impact of AI and ML is happening on us and we should not be left wondering 'what happened?'

Me-My-Mine, painstakingly curated by Atul Bhide is another regular feature of this year's Bulletin. Atul has succeeded in bringing out those qualities and mindsets of many of us that we would have never known.

I hope you are all finding my attempt to cover each month's happenings useful and purposeful. Happy Reading! I will appreciate your feedback on rajeevtipnis@gmail.com

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INSIGHTS AND REFLECTIONS!

Harshad Divekar

Club President 24-25



CELEBRATING INCLUSION, SUSTAINABILITY, AND EXCELLENCE: A MONTH OF TRIUMPH AND RECOGNITION

"Inclusion and sustainability are the keys to a brighter future for all."

This month has been a testament to the spirit of RCTH, filled with events that embody our commitment to inclusion, sustainability, and excellence. From the joyous Triumph Run to the inspiring Saevus quiz competition, and culminating in the district mid-year awards, our journey has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Triumph Run: The 23rd edition of our flagship Triumph Run was a celebration of pure joy and inclusion. The sight of 987 mentally and physically challenged children participating with unbridled enthusiasm, alongside more than 1,000 parents, was truly heartwarming. The running races ignited their competitive spirit, while carnival games, tattoo stations, hair beading, pottery activities, and a live band created an atmosphere of unadulterated fun. Convenor PN Dr. Anagha's meticulous planning ensured every detail was perfect, making the day seamless and memorable.

The Hillers' dedication in raising over ₹14 lakhs in sponsorships was a testament to their commitment. This allowed us to donate more than ₹3 lakhs to the Autism Center

Saevus: Nurturing Young Minds

The 8th edition of Saevus brought together schools from Thane and Mumbai for an exciting quiz competition focused on the environment and wildlife. The energy in the room was palpable as 34 schools and over 68 teams of students from grades 5 to 7 competed with passion and determination. Watching these young minds answer challenging questions with ease was inspiring. The success of this event was due to the meticulous planning of PE Sameer Limaye and his dedicated team.

District Mid-Year Awards: At the glittering Amrit Mahotsav ceremony, our club was honored with four prestigious awards from RID Anirudh Roy Choudhary.

1. Res Publica Award for being the top-performing club in the Tier 3 category.
2. Preamble Award for the highest per capita Annual Fund in the Tier III category.
3. Crusader Award for collecting over 1,000 blood bags.
4. Sovereignty Award for being the top performer in the Amrit Mahotsav Award.

These accolades reflect the collective efforts of Hillers. Special shout-outs to Radhika Padmanabhan, Nilesh Pitale, Prashant Ojha, Pawan, Dr. Geeta, Dr. Anagha, and Samir for their exceptional contributions. For TRF recognition, the credit goes to TRF Director Jayram and all the benevolent donors of the club. These awards are not just trophies; they are symbols of our unwavering commitment to service and excellence.

A Bright Future Ahead

These events and recognitions have not only brought joy and learning to many but have also reinforced our club's ethos of inclusion, sustainability, and excellence. As we look forward to future events, let us continue to strive for excellence and make a positive impact on our community. Your continued support is crucial as we aim to do more good in the world and maintain our position as the numero uno club in the district.



SECRETARIAL MUSINGS!

“GIVE YOUR HANDS TO SERVE, AND YOUR HEARTS TO LOVE.” ST. MOTHER TERESA

A.S.Kumar
Club Secretary 24-25



Dear Hillers,

One of the most striking memories of our success of Triumph Run last month was two of our Annets Ishika Ghosh and Maitreeyi Likhite contributing part of their earnings for a Noble cause making our hearts swell with pride and humility. As they embark on this spiritual journey of Serving the Humanity, I wish them all the success in their endeavors and look forward to keep getting motivated by these young minds as much as we were motivated by Tagore's famous quote: "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."

In Rotary, month of February is dedicated to Peace and Conflict Resolution and so, I thought, why not share some of the thoughts, on peace and love, of great luminaries who have made a lasting impression on the world that we all dwell today:

"Imagine all the people living life in peace. You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you 'll join us, and the world will be as one.!" – John Lennon – Beatles

"The fire that warms us can also consume us. it is not the fault of Fire" – Swami Vivekananda

"The beauty of genuine brotherhood and peace is more precious than diamonds or silver or gold" Rev Martin Luther King Jr

"Anger is the enemy of non-violence and pride is a monster that swallows it up" Mahatma Gandhi

"Joy can only be real if people look upon their life as a service and have a definite object in life outside themselves and their personal happiness." – Leo Tolstoy

"Listen with ears of tolerance! See through the eyes of Compassion! Speak the Language of love! Be Grateful for your life, every detail of it and your face will come to shine like Sun, And we everyone who see it will be made glad and peaceful. " Rumi – Sufi Saint

"I intend to leave after my death a large fund for the promotion of the peace idea, but I am sceptical as to its results" Alfred Nobel – The man who created Nobel Peace foundation

On February 15th, we will be hosting another Marquee event of RCTH– Biz Quest – where 40 corporates are expected to participate. Biz Quest's objective is to not just create awareness on our Services and project but also raise funds for Autism Projects.

"The end of all knowledge should be service to others." Let knowledge be the weapon to create peace and equitable world. Lets make it happen, Again.



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THE TRIUMPH RUN! FLAGSHIP PROJECT OF RCTH

TRIUMPH RUN: A DAY TO REMEMBER



Dear President Harshad ,
It was pleasure for me to
be there and witness the
success of run and
carnival.

My
congratulations to you ,
Anagha and everyone
involved in making this
event a big success.
Everything was just
perfect and I was
delighted to know that
you made it as a fund
raising event.

I take this opportunity to
thank you for your
hospitality extended to
me and making it as an
enjoyable experience.

With Love and

Regards,

Ashok Mahajan



Youngest Special Scientist - **Manali Kulkarni** with PRID Ashook Mahajan. Manali has more than 54 awards in her career. It is an honour for RCTH to host her



Title sponsor,
Sachin Joshi of
**Planet
Hollywood.**



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THE TRIUMPH RUN! FLAGSHIP PROJECT OF RCTH

TRIUMPH RUN: A DAY TO REMEMBER

On January 5, 2025, we hosted the 23rd edition of the Triumph Run for 987 Special Children and their 955 parents/teachers from 31 schools at Holy Cross School Grounds. This event, organized by the Rotary Club of the Hills, was filled with joy, energy, and happiness that transcended words.

We were honored by the presence of numerous luminaries, including PRID Ashok Mahajan, DG Dinesh Mehta & Jyoti Bhabhi, PDG Ashes Ganguly, PDG Kailash Jethani, DGE Harsh Makhol, DGN Nilesh Jaywant, and the title sponsor, Sachin Joshi of Planet Hollywood.

A big thank you to the army of Hillers, Anns, Rotaractors, Interactors, and Volunteers who worked tirelessly in each part of the event to ensure everything ran smoothly. Your hard work and dedication were the backbone of this success.

A huge thank you to all the Hillers who secured sponsorships. This year, we achieved a record of over ₹12 lakhs in sponsorships.



DINESH MEHTA



MESSAGE FROM OUR DG

A Heartfelt Salute to Triumph Run 2025

The 23rd edition of the Triumph Run, was a truly remarkable event, showcasing the power of love, inclusivity, and service. Organizing an event for special children consistently for 23 years is an extraordinary achievement, and it reflects the deep commitment of the Rotary Club of Thane Hills to this noble cause.



THE TRIUMPH RUN! FLAGSHIP PROJECT OF RCTH

TRIUMPH RUN: A DAY TO REMEMBER



C'est la vie

By Sarita Bahl

It is the month of love

“Love only grows by sharing. You can only have more for yourself by giving it away to others.”

– Brian Tracy



February, often celebrated as the month of love, is a reminder that love transcends fleeting gestures. True love manifests in acts of kindness, generosity, and a commitment to making the world a better place—values that lie at the very heart of Rotary’s mission.

At Rotary, love is not confined to words but is brought to life through actions. It is the love for humanity that inspires Rotarians to eradicate polio, provide clean water, improve education, and empower communities. Every project, every initiative, is a testament to love in action—love that heals, builds, and sustains.

The Rotary ideal of “Service Above Self” is perhaps the most profound expression of love. It is the belief that by giving back, we create ripples of positive change that touch countless lives. Whether it’s mentoring a child, planting trees, or aiding disaster-hit regions, Rotarians work tirelessly to uplift others, embodying the principle that love grows when shared.

TECH DISRUPTIONS! by madhumita ghosh

Information and Cognition: The Information processing



In previous issue we saw, Data processing, data fetching from different sources and different formats. By effectively **Extracting, Transforming, & Loading (ETL)** data from diverse sources, businesses can gain valuable insights into their operations and make informed decisions.

Today, we would dive deeper into a specific aspect of the data transformation & loading, search and query processing in AI

Data Transformation is a critical step in the ETL process converting raw data from various sources into a consistent, clean, and usable format for analysis and decision making into a centralised location, such as a data warehouse or data lake. This creates a single source of truth for analysis & reporting.

Salient features of ETL process:

Data Movement & Integration: This involves Connects to Various Sources and Data Consolidation, Data Transformation & Cleansing by handling missing values, deduplication, standardization, aggregation, normalisation etc.

Data Loading & Delivery:

Loading Data into Target Systems: ETL processes load the transformed data into target system, such as data warehouse, data mart, or data lake

Data Delivery: Some ETL tools can deliver data directly to analytical tools, such as BI platforms or machine learning models.

Automation & Orchestration: ETL processes can be automated, allowing for scheduled data extraction, transformation, and loading tasks,

Data Quality & Governance:

Data Quality Checks: Built-in data quality checks help ensure data accuracy and consistency

Data Lineage: Tracking the origin and transformations of data throughout the ETL pipeline is crucial for data governance and compliance.

Scalability and Performance: ETL tools must be able to handle large volumes of data efficiently and effectively with minimum processing time.

Integration with Other Tools: ETL tools should integrate seamlessly with other data management tools, such as data warehouses, data lakes, and data visualization platforms.

By effectively leveraging these features, ETL processes play a critical role in enabling data-driven decision making. In the realm of AI, search and query processing are fundamental tasks. They involve efficiently retrieving relevant information from vast amounts of data, majority unstructured, in response to user requests. Here's a breakdown of key concepts and techniques:

Information Retrieval

Core Challenge: Given a user's query, the goal is to identify and retrieve the most relevant documents, information, or data points from a collection.

Key Techniques are Text Indexing, - an index of keywords and their locations within documents to speed up search.

Boolean retrieval, vector space model and probabilistic models are widely used as information retrieval models. Various Natural Language Processing (NLP) Techniques, Query Processing and ranking results are commonly used.

Techniques in Search & Query Processing

Deep Learning:

- Neural Networks: Used for tasks like document embedding, query understanding, and ranking.
- Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs): Effective for handling sequential data like text.
- Transformers: Powerful models for various NLP tasks, including search and question answering.

Knowledge Graphs: Representing information as a network of interconnected entities and relationships, enabling more sophisticated search and reasoning.

Personalization: Using AI to personalize search results based on individual user preferences, browsing history, and other factors. Various Applications are Search Engines (Google, Bing, etc), E-commerce Search, Enterprise Search, Chatbots and Conversational AI, etc.

summary: search and query processing in AI involve a combination of information retrieval techniques, natural language processing, and machine learning to effectively understand user needs and retrieve relevant information from vast datasets.

Next issue, we will discuss further we would discuss further deeper into a specific aspect of the search and query processing in Artificial Intelligence.

SERVICE PROJECTS DURING THE MONTH BY RCTH

Date : 18 January 2025

Saevus Eco Achievers Quiz - 8th Edition Flagship project of RC Thane Hills

It is a environment and wildlife quiz for children of 5th, 6th, 7th grades

Number of Participating Schools : 34 Nos. From Mumbai & Thane

Each School was represented by 2 teams of 3 members each

Organized by: RC Thane Hills

in collaboration with: The Saevus Foundation,

Convener : Rtn Samir Limaye

Purpose of the Quiz :

this quiz is not just a competition; it is a celebration of our commitment to environmental education and wildlife conservation. It is heartening to see so many young minds eager to learn and make a difference, ensuring our future is in more aware and responsible hands.

Guests / Luminaries Present:

- **DG Dinesh Mehta** (Chief Guest) and **Jyoti Bhabhi**
- **Rotarian Sree Nandi** : Saevus CEO
- **Quiz master:** Rajeev D'Silva (He kept the participants engaged with tricky questions designed to test their knowledge and pique their curiosity.)

Winner : AK Joshi English Medium School

Runner up : Smt RSB Arya Vidya Mandir, Juhu

Third : VCW Arya Vidya Mandir, Bandra

#SaevusEcoAchieversQuiz

#EnvironmentalEducation

#WildlifeConservation

#RCCThaneHills

#YoungMinds

#FutureLeaders



PE Samir Limaye -
Man of the moment



Team RCTH



WINNING TEAM

SERVICE PROJECTS DURING THE MONTH BY RCTH

Date : 18 January 2025

Saevus Eco Achievers Quiz - 8th Edition Flagship project of RC Thane Hills



MY TRIP TO SOGAV

By Vidyadhar Naik

Boredom and stagnation can sometimes lead to pleasant experiences. This happened on Sunday, 8th Dec., when I decided to join fellow Rotarians on the Sogav visit.

Nearly 10 years ago, RCTH undertook its first project in Sogav under then Club President Atul Bhide. The 211 toilet blocks provided have benefitted over 1,000 villagers, making Sogav open defecation free.

Atul selected Sogav after touring nearly 100 villages due to the inclusion of women in their Panchayat Samiti, led by a woman Sarpanch, and the availability of water.

On Sunday morning, Rotarians Nilesh Pitale, PE Samir Limaye, President Harshad, PP Nilesh Puranik, IPP Govind Khetan, PP Atul Bhide, and I started from Thane at 7:30 am. The journey, though long, was enjoyable with lively conversation.

After a break at 'Shree Dutt' snacks, we reached Sogav in 3.5 hours. We were welcomed by girl students with "Tilak" and roses and escorted by the school band. The school will celebrate 150 years next year.

The visit's purpose was to inaugurate the school upgradation work, including new toilet blocks managed by Rtn. PP Nilesh Puranik. President Harshad Divekar, IPP Govind Khetan, and PP Atul Bhide inaugurated the playground and new play equipment.

RCTH also upgraded the school's 'Kala-Manch' stage, unveiled a new Rotary plaque, and received financial support from Luna Technologies Pvt Ltd, thanks to PE Samir.

The school principal and students expressed gratitude to RCTH for rebuilding the toilet block and donating cycles to students last year. During the meeting, they requested help in enclosing a space on the first floor for a hall.

After spending a few hours, Rotarians returned with a sense of satisfaction and pleasant memories. I resolved to actively participate in such projects in the future.



NEW VISTAS:

By Radhika Padmanabhan

Friends - This is a story of our Ann Radhika Padmanabhan, who is now also a Rotarian of RC Thane Horizon. For all these years, she was busy with her teaching career. But then she decided that she needs to refresh her life with new Vistas. She has found great fulfilment in Serving the community as Rotarian. Today she is acknowledged by the district as the most dedicated Rotarian of 3142. Her story will surely inspire many of us !



After a decade of a hectic teaching career in a reputed school, my health started falling apart . I had to quit my job , although it wasn't a very happy decision.

I was biding my time trying to figure out how I could utilise my time in a constructive manner. Little did I know that sometimes good things fall apart so that better things could fall together.

It was the FAB year and Rtn.Jayaram Mendon had assumed the leadership of RCTH. I must credit PP Jayaram for bringing me into the fold of Rotary by involving me in RCTH projects, in the role of Ann. His successors Rtn.Govind and Rtn.Harshad, too, provided me with opportunities to get involved in community service activities. A big salute to these Presidents!

I have had the opportunity to work in service projects like interschool plastic waste collection contest, organising blood donation camps for thalassemia patients, fund raising camps, distribution of free educational apps to students in underprivileged schools, organising awareness lectures in schools and colleges etc.

Hillars are always at it, when it comes to service projects and my heart swells with pride to think that I was / am a part of these activities.

Each project solicits a humungous amount of dedication, commitment and resilience. Verbal and written communication is of utmost importance and continuous follow up is mandatory, without making the beneficiary feel exasperated or irritated.

A personal touch makes the beneficiaries comfortable and builds a bond of trust and credibility. Staying positive and leaving no stone unturned will ensure the smooth execution and completion of the projects. The end result is utmost satisfaction and a sense of fulfilment that is unparalleled.

I am now a member of RC Thane Horizon but my association with RC Thane Hills continues as an Ann. Collaborating with many Rotary Clubs is the way to expand horizons and meet seemingly difficult targets.

My stint in Rotary has cemented my belief that “ small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises”. It is important to seize the opportunity that comes our way and march ahead!

Ann Radhika Padmanabhan

ROTARACT CLUB OF THANE HILLS!

January 2025: A Month of Growth, Learning & Creativity

The new year began on a high note for the **Rotaract Club of Thane Hills**, as January was filled with insightful discussions, skill-building, and creative expression.

We kicked off the month with **Next Think Tank 2025**, career development project with two expert speaker sessions and a leadership workshop - focused on **corporate sustainability**.

Our first speaker, **Mr. Dharmesh Sachade**, CFO of Prima Plastics Limited, gave us a deep dive into **CSR and ESG initiatives**. With his expertise in **international financial reporting**, he shed light on how sustainability and profitability can go hand in hand.

Guiding us through **leadership, emotional intelligence, and team effectiveness** was our esteemed facilitator, **Rtn. Sunil Gwalani**. With over 24 years of experience as a Leadership and Executive Coach, he helped us explore the skills necessary to lead with purpose and build a sustainable future.

We wrapped up our speaker sessions with **Mr. Kumar Mulemane**, founder of IMMCK Chemtech Pvt. Ltd., who brought in his vast **45+ years of industry experience**. His session focused on how **green initiatives are shaping investment trends**, giving us a fresh perspective on sustainability in industries like **Oil & Gas, Petrochemicals, and Power Plants**.

Midway through the month, we took a deep dive into professional networking with **LinkedIn: Your Career Catalyst**. Led by **Rtr. Sayali Korgaonkar**, the session covered everything from **optimizing LinkedIn profiles to making meaningful connections** that open doors to new career opportunities.

Creativity took the spotlight with **Chasing Shadows – Phase 2**, the next leg of our Instagram campaign. Every day, participants were challenged with **unique photography prompts**, capturing moments that told compelling stories through their lenses.

We ended the month on a sweet note by participating in **Scoop of Joy**, a **RID 3142 initiative in collaboration with Apsara Ice Creams**. Through this heartwarming project, we distributed **free ice creams to nearly 180 children**, spreading smiles and joy in the simplest yet most meaningful way.



With January setting the tone for a promising year ahead, we're excited to keep the momentum going. Here's to more learning, networking, and innovation in the months to come!

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HAPPENINGS AT INNERWHEEL CLUB OF THANE HILLS!

What a fantastic start to the year! Our club has been buzzing with exciting projects,

Triumph Run: Empowering Hearts

We kicked off the new year with Triumph Run, This heartwarming event was an inspiration to us all! Thank you, RCTH, for inviting us to be a part of it.

Spreading Love at Krishnarpan

We donated an automatic washing machine to Krishnarpan, a home for seniors in Yeoor. But that's not all! Our talented Nightingales sang golden melodies for the residents, and we even danced with them!

Patriotic Fervor at BSSS School

On Republic Day, We conducted an inter-class patriotic songs competition at BSSS School, Manpada - a huge hit!

Motivating Talk and Celebration

The motivating talk by our members Sunita Jain, a clinical psychologist, for parents of special kids at Jagruti Palak Sanstha, followed by a Haldi Kumkum ceremony for the ladies.

Inner Wheel Car Rally: Winning Trophy!

We participated in the Inner Wheel Car Rally in Thane and won a trophy for the best message on our car!

Hosting with Pride: Inner Wheel District Conference

We were the host club for the Inner Wheel District Conference at Taj Lands End! Our team efficiently managed the registrations, ensuring a seamless experience for all attendees.

GBM Celebrations: Lohri and Kite Decoration

At our General Body Meeting, we celebrated the festival of Lohri with great enthusiasm and a kite decoration competition for our members.

Spreading
Love, Joy, and
Inspiration!*



Neena Manchanda
Club President
Innerwheel club of
Thane Hills



February Forecast: Exciting Projects Ahead!

February promises to be just as exciting, with our Fundraiser Project featuring an inspiring workshop by Lata Gwalani, "Living the Full Life."

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SERVICE PROJECTS DURING THE MONTH BY RCTH

EDUCATION

Date : 2 January 2025

Project: Happy Schol Project

Project by RC Thane Uptown - at the Shenve School, Shahapur

***Participants from RC Thane Hills :** PP Nilesh Likhite - District Secretary - as Chief Guest and Ann Anuja Tipnis

***Benevolent Donors:** Rotarians of RC Thane Uptown.

RC Thane Hills had earlier carried out a major project at Shenve School by constructing Atal Lab for the School children as you would remember.



HEALTH AND DISEASE PREVENTION

Date : 08 January 2025

Project: Workshop-Menstrual Hygiene and Safe Touch

Location : Sheth NKT English Medium School, Thane

Project : Workshop conducted by our new Rotarian Dr Geeta Vaidya, covered essential topics on menstrual hygiene and the concept of safe and unsafe touch.

No. of Beneficiaries :

- 48 girl students of Grade 6 and 7 on menstrual hygiene
- 48 girls and 44 boys from Grades 6 and 7 on safe and unsafe touch

Participating Rotarians : Prachi Divekar, Sucheta, Shubha Mendon, Dr Deena

School Coordination by: Rtn Radhika Padmanabhan from RC Thane Horizon



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Date : 15 January 2025

Project: Annapurna - food distribution for the kids of Andha Vidyalaya & residents of Old age home

Location : Pragati Andh Vidyalay, Badlapur & residents of Swami Shanti Prakash Old Age Home

Beneficiaries : 200

Participants : Pawan Advani and Prashant



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SERVICE PROJECTS DURING THE MONTH BY RCTH

HEALTH & DISEASE PREVENTION

Date : 15 January 2025

Project: Workshop on 'Say NO to Drugs'

Venue : Dnyan Ganga Junior College of Commerce

enlightening workshop on 'Say NO to Drugs,' addressing symptoms, ill effects of drug addiction, and effective remedies.

Lead Rtn: Radhika Padmanabhan

Joint Project by RC Thane Hills, RC Thane Horizon, RC Thane Skyline

Participating Rotarians : Harshad, Sucheta, Sarita, Prachi,

No of Beneficiaries: 160 students of Grade 11



EDUCATION

Date : 15 January 2025

Project: Workshop on Mobile Addiction

Venue : R.S. Deokar English Medium School, Thane

insightful workshop on 'Mobile Addiction,' addressing symptoms, ill effects of excessive cellphone use, hazardous impacts on human life, and effective remedies to combat mobile addiction.

Lead Rtn & speaker : Rtn. Murli Sundrani,* President of RC Thane Skyline.

Joint Project: by RC Thane Hills, RC Thane Horizon, RC Thane Skyline

School Coordination by: Rt. Satish Shetty from RCTH.

Participating Rotarians : Anitha Shetty, Radhika Padmanabhan

No of Beneficiaries: 128 students of Grade 8 & 9



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SERVICE PROJECTS DURING THE MONTH BY RCTH

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Date : 16 January 2025

Project: Workshop on the Indian Constitution

Venue : New Horizons International School, Thane

Insightful workshop on the Indian Constitution

Lead Rtn & speaker : Rtn. Dr Lucky Kasat from RC Thane Premium .

Joint Project: by RC Thane Hills, RC Thane Horizon,

School Coordination by: Rt. Radhika Padmanabhan from RC Thane Horizon

Participating Rotarians : Aniket Kanade, Nilesh Pitale, Parshuram Shivankar and Abhishek Sinha from Thane Horizon

No of Beneficiaries: 48 students of Grade 8 & 9



HEALTH / EDUCATION

Date : 16 January 2025

Project: Workshop on 'Menstrual Hygiene and Safe and Unsafe Touch

Venue : New Horizons Scholars School, Airoli

important workshop on 'Menstrual Hygiene and Safe and Unsafe Touch.

speaker : Dr. Rajalaxmi Walawalkar,* an eminent Gynaecologist and Obstetrician .

Joint Project: by RC Thane Hills, RC Thane Horizon,

School Coordination by: Rt. Radhika Padmanabhan from RC Thane Horizon

Participating Rotarians : Sucheta Rege, Manjiri Limaye, Radhika Padmanabhan

No of Beneficiaries: 130 Girl students of Grade 6

The workshop provided knowledge and awareness about menstrual hygiene and the concept of safe and unsafe touch



February 2025



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SERVICE PROJECTS DURING THE MONTH BY RCTH

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Date : 17 January 2025

Project: Blood donation camp

Venue : Pawar Public School, Dombivali

Organised by: RC Thane Horizon and RC Thane Hills

Partner: Triumph Blood Bank (supported by RC Thane Hills)

School Coordination and Volunteering by* Rtn. Radhika Padmanabhan from RC Thane Horizon

No. Of Units of Blood collected : 63 units
Additionally, thalassemia screening will be conducted for 81 blood samples.



HEALTH/DISASTER MANAGEMENT HEALTH/DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Date : 20 January 2025

Project: Workshop on COLS & CPR training

Venue : Federation House - Lab India Auditorium

Partner: in Association with Indian Society of Anesthesiologists

Beneficiaries : About 40 employees of Fortress was benefited.

Project supported by Dr Anagha kharkanis



February 2025

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SERVICE PROJECTS DURING THE MONTH BY RCTH

MEDICAL

Date : 17 January 2025

Project: Blood Donation Camp for
Thalasemia Patients

Location : Pawar Public School, Dombivali
Joint Project with Rotary Club of Thane
Horizon

No of Blood Units collected : 63+
Thalasemia screening will be conducted
for 81 blood samples.

Project Director : Radhika Padmanabhan

Participating Rotarians : Sucheta,
Vidyadhar, Govind, Paddy, Ruby, Harshad
and Saket , President Vineesh and Radhika
Padmanabhan from Thane Horizon



Date : 29 January 2025

Project: Anna Poorna

Location : Yogi Hills , Near Swapna
Nagari, Mulund (west)

With support from :

No. of Beneficiaries : 900 Blind
persons

Participating Rotarians : President
Harshad, Project Director Prashant Ojha,
various other Rotarians / donors



Hillarsat Annapurna in Mouni Amavasya



Annapurna project would have not been a success without the participation of so many Rotarians and their families

So this award is for each and every Rotarian who participated in annapurna project every month .

special thanks to Prez Harshad , project Director Prashant Ojha donors and our volunteers who participate every month in the project

This would have not be possible without you all 🙏

RCTH WEEKLY MEETINGS

02 January 2025 - Weekly meeting



It was a weekly meeting with a difference!

The Air was filled with excitement and tension.

Excitement for the upcoming flag ship event of our club "Triumph Run". Tension because a lot of planning was underway and responsibilities were allocated. Large number of volunteers were needed to manage such a mega event with over 1000 special children and their parents and teachers were expected and it was a very big responsibility to ensure that all goes well and the children have fun!

But then, every body chipped in exactly where required!



RCTH WEEKLY MEETINGS

09 January - Member led meeting

Rotary Club of Thane Hills presents
The second edition of
THE GREAT DEBATE
India should adopt
'One Nation, One Election' policy.
On Thursday, 9 January 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at Thirani High School
Moderated by: Aneetha Satish

Speaking In Favour are:

Speaking Against are:

Be there in large numbers to cheer the debaters and enjoy an engaging and enlightening discussion.



16 January 2025 - weekly meeting



Induction of Sonali Bendre - New Rotarian

Pets are the New Babies!

Our guest speaker
Sagar Gwalani
(A PetTech Startup Founder) will tell us why.
@ the upcoming weekly meeting on Thursday





RCTH WEEKLY MEETINGS

23 January 2025 - weekly meeting

Do you want to know how to

- Identify your own emotions and needs and how to express them
- Express needs and feelings without judgement and blame

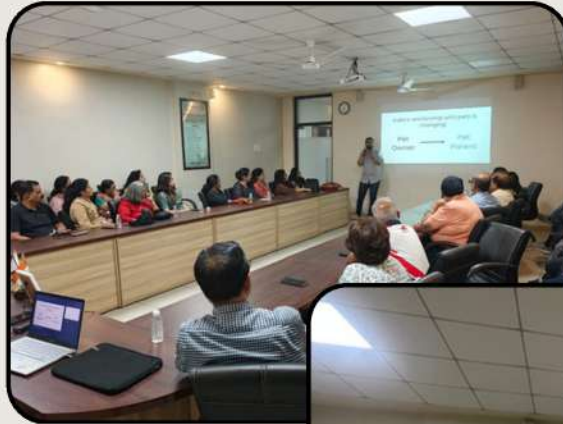
Join on coming Thursday to listen to an interesting talk on

From Conflict to Connections:

**Transforming Relationships with
Non-Violent Communications**

Guest Speaker:

Rajiv Thanawala



29 January 2025 weekly meeting

Rotary Club of Thane Hills
brings to you second episode of

MERI PEHCHAAN

On Thursday, **January 30, 2025** at 7:30 p.m. at Thirani School

Be there for yet another engaging panel discussion,
where we will listen to and learn a lot about four
interesting journeys of fellow Hillers.

Our Panellists



Ashutosh



Suresh K R

In conversation with...



A S Kumar



Shashikant



Virendra





Conceived and curated by:
Atul Bhide
Club President 2013-14

ME-MY-MINE

Vocation plays important role in Rotary membership. Through this column, we get to know our fellow Hillers beyond his/her profession. It's all about personal likes, dislikes and core aspects that shape our character. Let us rediscover our friends

Ashutosh Agrawal

Invited to RCTH by Dr. Anagha Karkhanis

RCTH Member since: 18/08/2023



1. **A family activity I enjoy the most:** Playing Monopoly Deal
2. **My favourite book:** Bhagwat Geeta
3. **Movie that I can see again and again:** DDLJ
4. **My fav movie actor M & F:** Female Late Divya Bharati and Male Myself and still you need one from the celebrity its Akshay Kumar (But never ask me anything more about him please)
5. **Sport that I love to play:** Football & Chess
6. **My fav sports star(s):** Vishwanath Anand
7. **My first stage appearance:** School Drama of Mahabharat Skit
8. **My favourite way of relaxing:** Listening Trance Music or Sit ALONE at Beach
9. **Best Gift I have ever received:** My Kids Kaveesh and Twisha
10. **Fav subject during school & fav teacher:** Business Commerce & Law Fav Teacher Mrs. Nair
11. **Professionally, I would have loved to be:** An athlete / A marine archaeologist
12. **One quality I wish to imbibe in me:** Trust others
13. **I am inspired by:** My cousin Fin Tycoon Sanjay Agarwal & Microsoft Owner Bill Gates
14. **Two things that I like about myself:** Inherited Power to Analysis any Business Risk & Market any product to clients
15. **My greatest high-five moment:** Restart from Failure of any Deal
16. **The craziest thing I have ever done:** Had a challenge for highest drinking capacity & Won by drinking 23 of them each 300 ml but the secret is from 7 pm to 6 am
17. **If given a chance, I would love to make a call & speak with (dead or living person):** My Late Grandfather
18. **I joined RCTH because:** To help society and RCTH Fellowship
19. **This year as a Rotarian I plan to:** Still Observing Rotary how it works
20. **When was the last time you did something for the first time and what was it:** Proposed my Wife in 2008
21. **My Qualification & Vocation:** MBA Finance (Distant) & Diploma in Security & eCommerce from Concourse (2000) – Vocation - Investment Banker

ME-MY-MINE

21. My Qualification & Vocation: BE, MMS, MCA Certified Independent Director.



ME-MY-MINE



Sonali Bijur

RCTH Member since: 01/01/2025

Invited to RCTH by Rtn: Harshad Diwekar

1. **A family activity I enjoy the most:** Road trips and vacations
2. **My favourite book:** Kane and Able
3. **Movie that I can see again and again:** Pretty Woman and When Harry met Sally
4. **My fav movie actor M & F:** Tabu and Pankaj Tripathi
5. **Sport that I love to play:** Badminton and TT
6. **My fav sports star(s):** Roger Federer
7. **My first stage appearance:** Jr Kg
8. **My favourite way of relaxing:** Watching movies or speaking to friends
9. **Best Gift I have ever received:** My phone and earphones
10. **Fav subject during school & fav teacher:** Maths – Science and Biti Biswas Maam in Pune
11. **Professionally, I would have loved to be:** Psychiatrist or fashion designer
12. **One quality I wish to imbibe in me:** To forgive
13. **I am inspired by:** Ordinary people doing Extra ordinary things
14. **Two things that I like about myself:** I can speak to anyone and I like to help people
15. **My greatest high-five moment:** When Somil cleared his CA
16. **The craziest thing I have ever done:** Handed over cash meant to be deposited in PPF Account to the person standing ahead of me in line and gone to pick Somil from school
17. **If given a chance, I would love to make a call & speak with (dead or living person):** Modiji
18. **I joined RCTH because:** holistic environment that encourages growth in various aspects of life.
19. **This year as a Rotarian I plan to:** attend all meetings and talks
20. **When was the last time you did something for the first time and what was it:** I did snorkelling in May
21. **My Qualification & Vocation:** 1. Bsc and Computer diploma from NIIT and my vocation is running a Food industry

ME-MY-MINE

Vidyadhar Naik



RCTH Member since: 22/12/2020

Invited to RCTH by Rtn: Saket Gadkari

1. **A family activity I enjoy the most:** Watching TV
2. **My favourite book:** If Tomorrow Comes by Sidney Sheldon
3. **Movie that I can see again and again:** Invictus / Swades / Gandhi
4. **My fav movie actor M & F:** Morgan Freeman / Aamir Khan & Female : Julia Roberts
5. **Sport that I love to play:** I don't like to play any sport
6. **My fav sports star(s):** No one in particular
7. **My first stage appearance:** At my society's Ganapati festival
8. **My favourite way of relaxing:** Watching Police based dramas / thriller movies
9. **Best Gift I have ever received:** Being born to my mother
10. **Fav subject during school & fav teacher:** No subject in particular , though my fav teacher was Mrs. Mary Joseph
11. **Professionally, I would have loved to be:** A Doctor
12. **One quality I wish to imbibe in me:** Patience
13. **I am inspired by:** My mother
14. **Two things that I like about myself:** Adherence to work ethics and honesty
15. **My greatest high-five moment:** When I got admitted to engineering
16. **The craziest thing I have ever done:** So many things which cannot be mentioned here.
17. **If given a chance, I would love to make a call & speak with (dead or living person):** Bhagat Singh
18. **I joined RCTH because:** I was convinced if at all I can contribute to society, Rotary was the right medium to do so.
19. **This year as a Rotarian I plan to:** Dedicate more time towards projects / camps
20. **When was the last time you did something for the first time and what was it:** Was when PP Govind made me sing during the club picnic.
21. **My Qualification & Vocation:** Elec. & Telecom Engineer from Univ. of Mumbai and currently looking after Procurement and Commercial function.