



Rotary
Thane Hills



HILL ECHOES

September 2024



SEPTEMBER IS

**BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY
MONTH**
The
National
Rotarians
World



"To read is to empower, to empower is to write, to write is to influence, to influence is to change, to change is to live."

Jane Evershed



TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Be a People of Action

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

Stephanie Urchick
RI President RV 24-25

Dinesh Mehta
District Governor RV24-25

Harshad Divekar
Club President RV24-25

A. S. Kumar
Club Secretary RV24-25

Monthly Bulletin of
Rotary Club of Thane Hills
District 3142
Club ID : 28046

Rajeev Tipnis
Bulletin Editor

We meet every Thursday at 7.30 PM
at
Savitri Devi Thirani School,
Vartak Nagar, Thane



Sangkoo Yun
Elected 2026-27 Rotary International president

ROTH-INSIDE



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

first

Is it the **TRUTH**?

second

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third

Will it build **GOODWILL** and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

fourth

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to
all concerned?

The Rotary Club's Four-Way Test was created by Herbert J. Taylor in 1932, when he was asked to save his Aluminum Products Company from bankruptcy

The Four-Way Test is Rotary's unique approach and process to address conflicts, solve problems and make decisions to achieve desired outcomes.

It can help us be more successful in reaching mutually beneficial, sustainable and scalable solutions.



"Club Admin Kalita making sure Club Secretary
Kumar hits right notes 🎵"

TABLE OF CONTENTS

-
- 07 *Insights and Reflections*
By Club President Harshad
-
- 08 *Secretarial Musings*
from A S Kumar - Club Secretary
-
- 09 *Rotary India*
Rotary in India today
-
- 10 *Money Matters !*
Helping Rotary do good in the world
-
- 11 *Tech Disruptions*
History of AI and its Evolution by Madhumita
-
- 12 *RCTH & Partners in Service*
Avenue Directors + Inner wheel & Rotaract
-
- 14 *Healthy Talks*
Mental Health Matters - by Dr Seetha Raju
-
- 18 *Service Projects*
Various Service Projects during July 2024
-
- 23 *RCTH Weekly Meetings*
-
- 26 *Me- My - Mine*
Let us know our Members little more
-
- 28 *Last but not the Least*
some interesting details and Calendar

ROTARY CLUB OF THANE HILLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS 24-25

Harshad Divekar	President
A.S.Kumar	Secretary
Vasant Bhat	Treasurer
BiJay Yadav	Trainer
Sujit Uchil	SAA
Govind Khetan	International Peace & Understanding
Samir Limaye	Vocational Service, Strategic Planning
Anindya Dasgupta	Vice President
Jayram Mendon	TRF
Varsha Likhite	Membership
Kalita S	Club Admin
Radhika Bhondve	CSR
Shrirang Date	PR/PI
Saket Gadkari	Youth
Sunil Gwalani	Member Engagement
Vijay Shetty	Special Project
Sujit Gawayi	Clean Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
Satish Shetty	Environment
Pawan Adnani	Education
Madhumita Ghosh	Skill development & Local Economy, DEI
Anagha Karkhanis	Disease prevention, Polio
Bulletin Editor	Rajeev Tipnis
Project Chairs	
Uday Gadgil	Eye Surgery
Alpaa Shah	Waste Management
Senthil Kumar	Autism Center
Prashant Ojha	Annapurna
Sanjiv Deshpande	Samvidhan Chetana
Nilesh Pitale	Blood Donation Camps & Thalessemia



Rajeev Tipnis Bulletin Editor

rajeevtipnis@gmail.com
+91 98201 92807

As we reflect on the past month, I feel proud. It is when one looks at the bigger picture - work done in one month - that one realises the efforts taken, contributions made and service done by so many.

Service Above Self: Our Projects

Under the inspiring leadership of President Harshad, our club has undertaken several impactful service projects. From Cervical Cancer vaccination camps to our environmental initiative where we planted over 500 trees, our efforts have truly made a difference. Not to forget the 'man with kind heart' - Chandru Sir with his never ending quest to help Rotary do good in the world.

Fellowship and Fun: Our Meetings

Our weekly meetings have been a blend of planning, learning, and enjoyment. The camaraderie among members has been palpable, with inspiring guest speakers and engaging activities. The talent show and themed dress-up night were particularly memorable, bringing us closer together as a Rotary family. Thanks to those who conceptualised these events.

Inspiration and Learning

This bulletin is packed with insightful articles and updates. Dr. Suhas Kulkarni's piece, "Screen or Green," is a real eye-opener for many parents, offering invaluable advice on balancing screen time and outdoor activities for children. Madhumita's article on how artificial intelligence is influenced by the human mind provides a fascinating perspective on technology. Atul Bhide, our dependable Club Service Chair, continues to captivate us with his "Me My Mine" series,

Spreading the Word

Rotary Club of Thane Hills is engaged in numerous worthy projects. It's our job now to spread the news about this good work. It is essential that this bulletin reaches as many people as possible within the Rotary ecosystem and beyond. I encourage everyone to use their social media handles to post and promote the activities carried out by our club. Let us showcase our dedication and inspire other clubs to follow suit. Together we can!

TRIUMPH FOUNDATION

The charitable trust of Rotary Club
of Thane Hills

Board of Trustees

Rtn. Harshad Divekar
Rtn. A.S.Kumar
Rtn. Vasant Bhat
Rtn. Govind Ketan
Rtn. Samir Limaye



INSIGHTS AND REFLECTIONS!

Harshad Divekar

Club President 24-25



Attracting and Retaining Members: The Ikigai Approach

This Membership Month is an opportune time to reflect on our key membership goals. Over the past five years, we have grown steadily, we are growing steadily at CAGR of 8.5% per annum, we have made significant strides in bridging gender gap (F/M 10% to 24%). Notably, all five new members this year are women. However, 26 members (new and old) have left our family in last 3 years and about 30% have very few touch points with the club. This needs to change as membership is truly Rotary's lifeblood, fuelling everything we do—from fundraising and leveraging connections to executing community service projects and enjoying fellowship. As we celebrate Membership Month, it's a great time to reflect on what draws new members in and, more importantly, what keeps them engaged.

As I see, the Ikigai of a Rotarian depends on intersection of four key elements: Passion (what you love), Ability (what you're good at), Mission (what the world needs), and Benevolence (what you can give).

Rotary offers so many ways to explore these elements. Some of us are drawn to opportunities

that align with our passions and abilities, like participating in fellowships (IFRM, IFCR, Wordsworth) or contributing to club events. Others might be attracted by the chance to give back through impactful service projects, combining passion with mission. The desire to donate time or money often comes from a blend of mission and benevolence. Plus, sharing our skills to support others aligns our abilities with benevolence.

You may join for one, but invariably get drawn into other elements and become involved rotarian. Our club's all-around strength in fellowship, projects,

and supportive communities has been key in attracting and retaining members who grow to contribute more over time. I am sure each one of you know a Potential Rotarian who is a leader in his vocation and who likes to Sing or Play Cricket or is a bookworm or likes to do community service or regularly contributes to social causes or is a jolly good fellow who loves to make friends. Please invite him to our club as a potential member and see magic of the Rotary unfold. "Strength of the team is each individual member, The strength of each member is the team"



Ikigai (Reason to be) of Engaged Rotarians

SECRETARIAL MUSINGS!

"If my mind can conceive it, if my heart can believe it, then I can achieve it."

The Great Muhammad Ali

A.S.Kumar

Club Secretary 24-25



At RC Thane Hills, We Conceive, We Believe and We Achieve - as a Team. We, consistently, conceive unique projects that impact the society positively, we believe in our capacity to deliver, and we achieve the Goals that we set for ourself. At Hills Minds, Hearts and Commitments align as a cosmic force to serve the cause of humanity.

August had an august beginning with Dr Raju and family leading the Hillers by conducting a Ganesh Idol making workshop for the students of our Autism center and the same evening saw Dr Lucky Kasat creating Awareness among young minds on Drug Addiction and prevention at Holy Cross school. During the month Hillers were in action for 15 days of the month on 23 occasions. Running from Pillars to Post, to serve the society and spread happiness.

At Hills, We Collaborate, We Celebrate and We Donate. We Collaborated with five clubs (Thane Horizon, Thane Metro, Dombivli Regency, Bhiwandi Rural, New Kalyan) to augment our reach. Celebrated Freedom Festival in a unique way where member's Creative

energies unleashed splendid Culinary delights and enchanting Music while Donating about Rs.58000 to Triumph Foundation. Our outstanding commitment to serve with unflinching resolve is noteworthy. In August we ;

- Vaccinated 211 girl children for Cervical Cancer
- Organized HPV Awareness Campaign addressing 1128 potential beneficiaries
- Organised Drug Addiction Awareness Campaign addressing 300 students
- Collecting 77 units of Blood through Blood donation Camps
- Planted 212 Bamboo trees involving 84 children from three schools
- Organised Waste Management Awareness campaign for 271 students
- Provided Annadhan to 3130 beneficiaries
- Extended Education Scholarship to 6 College Going students
- Our member engagement team is making stupendous efforts to enhance the member participation
- and experience. Member led events of Freedom Festival

and The Great Debate has brought in fresh energy to the fellowship and camaraderie in the Clubs. Efforts are being made to organize sports based fellowship events including a Cricket tournament our IFCR Cricket team and a talent based program for Performing Arts through IFRM for Hillers family.

Hillers are fortunate to have many mentors at Rotary Leadership who inspire us to Think Big and Do Big. One such leader is PRID Shri Ashok Mahajan who believes in our body of work and been rock solid in supporting our project over last decade or so. And we have our our fellow Hiller and ever magnanimous Rotarian Chandru who contributed \$25000 towards as an endowment fund for Rotary Peace Initiative Fund. Big Salute to our leaders who keep inspiring us.

Come September, we have the unique and rare privilege of hosting Mr. Mark Maloney Global TRF Chair as the Chief Guest for TRF Seminar. Let's make our presence felt through our performance that, normally, is associated with Thane Hills.

Rotary India

Projects Done - 2024-25 (current Rotary year till date)

13,207	1,691	1,01,35,29,329	13,513,724	7,40,023
PROJECTS	CLUB INVOLVED	VALUE (INR)	VALUE (USD)	MAN HOURS

Projects Done - 2023-24 (Projects done All India during last year)

56,106	1,858	8,01,47,90,980	106,863,879	44,08,160
PROJECTS	CLUB INVOLVED	VALUE (INR)	VALUE (USD)	MAN HOURS

INDIA LEADERS @ ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Dr Bharat S Pandya
Trustee 2022-26



Raju Subramanian
RI Director 2023-25



Anirudh Roychowdhury
RI Director 2023-25

INCOMING LEADERS



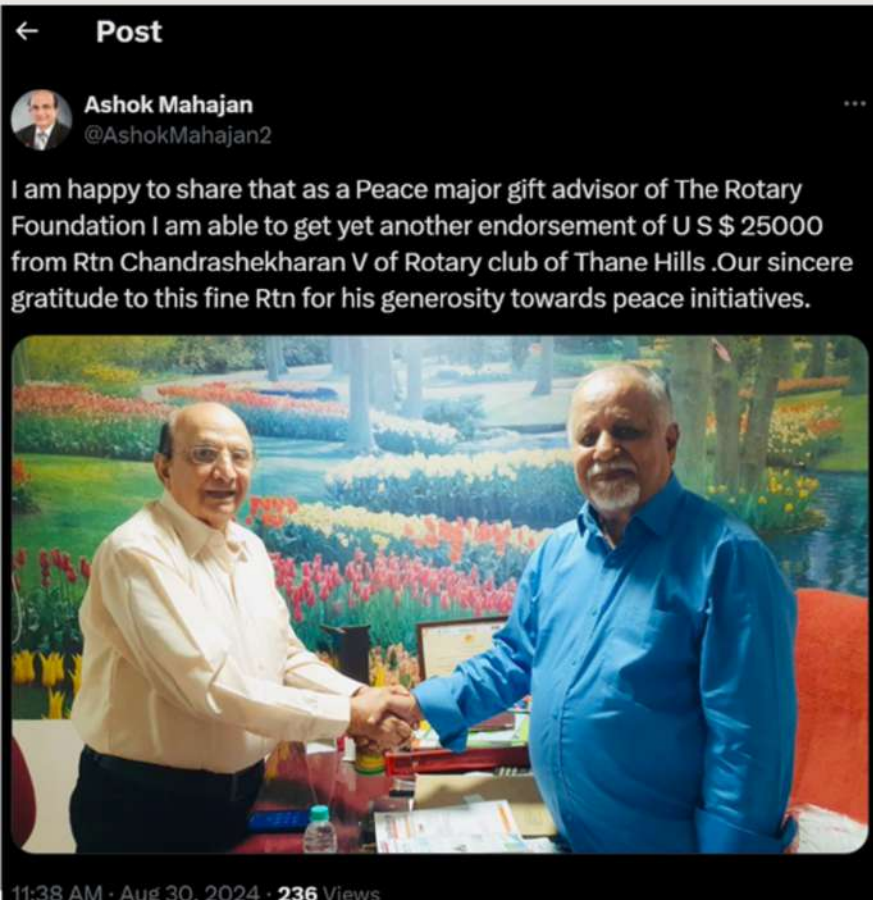
K.P.Nagesh
RI Director 2025-27



M. Muruganandam
RI Director 2025-27

Money matters!

A Heartfelt Thanks to V. Chandrashekharan for Supporting Peace



Our very own Rotarian, V. Chandrashekharan, has made a generous **donation of \$25,000** to the Rotary Endowment for Peace and Conflict Resolution. This incredible gesture highlights the importance of our efforts to promote peace and resolve conflicts around the world.

Peace and conflict resolution are core to what we do in Rotary. By tackling issues like poverty, inequality, and lack of education, we aim to create a world where peace can flourish. The Rotary Peace Centers (one is coming up in india soon) which benefit from endowments like Chandru's, are crucial in this mission. They train peace fellows who go on to make a real difference in their communities and beyond.



THANK
YOU
Paddy

TECH DISRUPTIONS! by madhumita ghosh

How AI is inspired by Human Mind

In previous article, we already discussed that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a broad field of computer science that aims to create intelligent “agents”, which are systems that can reason, learn, and act autonomously.

These agents often draw inspiration from **human cognition**. In fact they can also be designed to operate in ways that humans are incapable of.

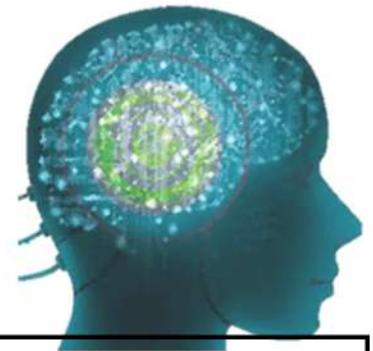
Let us understand how **Information** and **cognition** are intertwined, which is essential for understanding the process of, interacting, and decision-making.

Information can be in the form of **Data** (raw facts), **knowledge** (processed, meaningful info), and **meaning** (contextual understanding).

Cognition is the process of acquiring knowledge through thoughts, experiences, and senses, involving mental processes (perception, memory, thinking)

The conscious mind handles critical thinking and short-term memory, while the unconscious mind deals with beliefs, creativity, and long-term memory. Key relationships include information processing, knowledge representation, learning, and problem-solving.

AI aims to create intelligent agents inspired by human cognition but capable of unique operations.



Cognition

Perception: AI systems can perceive their environment through sensors like cameras and microphones, like human senses. They can process this information to understand and interpret the world around them

Learning: AI algorithms allow systems to learn from data and improve their performance over time. This is akin to human learning to acquire knowledge and skills through experience.

Reasoning & Language Understanding: AI systems use logical reasoning to make decisions and solve problems by evaluating information, identifying patterns, and drawing conclusions, similar to human reasoning. They also process and understand natural language, allowing for more natural communication and interaction with humans, mimicking human language comprehension and generation.

Computation:

Data: AI require large amounts of data to learn and improve, which is used to train algorithms to perform their tasks which is captured through sensors and other digital data capture techniques.

Software: AI algorithms are implemented in software that enables these systems to learn, reason, and make decisions with techniques like machine learning, natural language processing, deep learning, computer vision, robotics, large language models etc.

Hardware: AI systems rely on powerful hardware, such as computers with specialized processors (e.g., GPUs), to perform complex calculations & process large amounts of data. The infrastructure environment can be on premises or in cloud e.g. Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure, Google , IBM etc.

conclusion. AI works to mimic human intelligence by incorporating elements of cognition and computation. While AI systems can achieve impressive results in certain areas, they do not fully replicate the complexity and richness of human intelligence.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Jayram Mendon Director - TRF



There is a proverb in Hindi that “jab ek haat se do to dusre ko pata nahi chalna chahiye” I always believed in the above lines. Saw many such individuals in life as well as in Rotary. But will it apply in Rotary. May be yes or May be not. Below is My POV:

The TRF touches so many people across the globe, even our Thane Hills extensively benefitted out of it. We have taken TRF support for our Right to Go and Autism center. People like Chandru Sir and Paddy have influenced many to give more to TRF.

I don't want to go in detail with statistics. However would like to say that millions of people across the globe are blessing us and remembering us in their prayers. I think It is only possible because we all are members of one of the kindest tribe which we call Rotary. We need to keep up the good work and we need to keep influencing others.

Art of giving is a tough skill to acquire. It will come to you when the time is right and you hear the call in your heart.

Many of us have heard it and few of us have mastered it. I believe that all of us will hear this One-Day and will come forward to make this world beautiful.

Saket Gadkari Director - Youth



Rotary Youth Service Avenue focuses on empowering young people and fostering their leadership skills. This avenue recognizes the importance of youth and young professionals in creating positive change.

Building up a strong Rotaract as well as Interact club is always my passion and this year I am very happy to say that our Rotaract club is getting stronger.

We have also successfully formed a new of Interact Club Of RS Deokar Highschool, Thane with Neel as club president



HAPPENINGS AT OUR INNERWHEEL CLUB!

We began our new Inner Wheel year on 1st July with a bang! Our first project was a seed bombing initiative on Yeoor Hills, promoting greenery and conservation. We then donated play equipment to Jeevan Asha Learning Centre, bringing joy to underprivileged children.

In observance of International Mangroves Day, we organized a walk in the Godrej Mangroves, raising awareness about the importance of conservation. Our members had a chance to connect with nature and learn about the vital role mangroves play.

We also conducted a soap-making workshop for differently-abled children at Aanchal School, fostering creativity and inclusivity.

Our ongoing projects include monthly donations of groceries and diapers to Ganesh Old Age Home in Vasai, supporting the elderly.

In collaboration with RCTH, we successfully joined hands in the Ganpati making workshop at V Subramanian Centre, the Annapurna Project and Freedom Festival. Additionally, we participated in the District Inner Wheel Rural Medical Project at Safale village and contributed to the Urban project of renovating a Vocational Centre at Kalina.

We also enjoyed a fun filled Picnic at the Golden Valley Resort on 5th August, bonding and relaxing together. We look forward to continuing our service and fellowship in the coming months!



Neena Manchanda
Club President
Innerwheel club of
Thane Hills



INSTALLATION - ROTARACT CLUB OF THANE HILLS !



INSTALLATION - INTERACT CLUB OF THANE HILLS !

Pres @Harshad Divekar , Saket , PP @Sucheta Rege ,rotaract president Omkar , PP Nupur , PiS director Neha attended the installation ceremony of Intr Neel as club president of Interact Club Of RS Deokar Highschool, Thane for RY 2024-24

The elaborate function was well organised by the interactors under the guidance of core team of Rotaract Club Of Thane Hills.

The event started with traditional welcome , lighting of Diya and formal installation function of intr Neel as president.

Wishing the young team all the very best.

Congratulations!

2026-27

Our Leader



Rtn Dr. Anagha Karkhanis has been elected as Club President Nominee for RC Thane Hills for RY 2026-27.

Dr. Anagha Karkhanis, a dedicated member of RC Thane Hills for the past 10 years, is a respected gynecologist by profession. Over the years, she has been at the forefront of various community development initiatives, including spearheading an ambitious HPV vaccination program for school girls aimed at preventing cervical cancer.

In the current Rotary Year 2024-25, Dr. Anagha Karkhanis is the Director for Disease Prevention and Polio Eradication for RC Thane Hills.



PP Nilesh Likhite at San Diego Downtown Breakfast Rotary Club weekly meeting



As a visiting Rotarian, There he spoke about himself, his home Club and District activities. Keep our flag flying over seven seas

Rotary and India's Independence

As we celebrated our 78th Independence Day last month, I examined whether there was any effect of our independence in 1947 in the Rotary world. I contacted the History department of Rotary International. But it turned out that there was no formal event at RI HQ or no matter was mentioned during the RI Board or Trust meetings then to commemorate India's independence.

But my search in archives of 'The Rotarian' magazines since 1910 (renamed as just 'Rotary' since Sept 2020) provided many articles written about India and its independence, particularly in pre-independence era, the earliest being in March 1943 issue.

Out of all those issues, I found one particular interesting article written by the then PDG B T Thakur, RI District 88 (initially a member and Past President of RC of Karachi and then since 1943 that of RC of Calcutta, who went on to become RI Director too), published in October 1946 issue of Rotarian magazine. The article titled as 'Exciting Days in India', is almost an eight pages coverage about the then conditions of Indians and the incoming independence from British.

In another issue, immediately after India's independence, I found two mentions about Independence and the life & challenges in the December 1947 issue. (Highlighted in Yellow)

RC of Cochin celebrated India's independence where the then Club President V. N. Sunderson mentions about the opportunities and challenges as the newly independent nation.

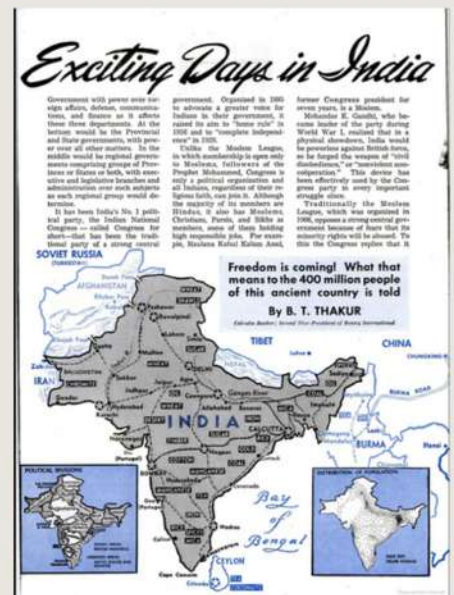
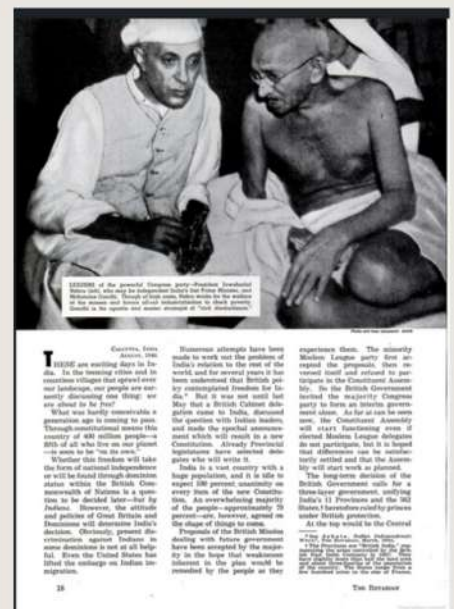
In another paragraph, the reporter reports about Rotary Club of Ahmedabad's Medical Camp distributing Free Medicines to deserving persons. It also reports about Government of Bombay accepting a suggestion of Rotary Club of Poona to expand maternity and child welfare centre in Khadakwasala. The Poona Club agreed to support Rs.2,700/- each year for the next three years towards the centre's recurring expenditures.

Sharing snippets of its first three pages of the said article for your reference: The Rotarian, October, 1946



Curated by:

Atul Bhide
Club President 2013-14
Rotary Club of Thane Hills





Healthy Talks! Screen or Green ?

PP Dr Suhas Kulkarni



In today's digital age, children are exposed to screens at a very early age. Watching a film on TV may seem an innocuous activity for the mother with a one-year-old sitting on her lap, but the consequences of repeated exposure to a moving screen can be deleterious for the young kid. It has now been established that children under two years of age should ideally not be exposed to screens of any nature!

Prolonged exposure to smartphone, tablet, TV, laptop, etc screens can lead to several negative outcomes. The effects can be on physical, mental and social development.

Physically, extended screen time is related to sedentary behaviour and obesity. How common it is to see a 4-year-old child continuously popping unhealthy snacks such as chips or wafers while watching cartoons on TV! Blue light emitted by screens disrupts sleep patterns, leading to health and development concerns. Excessive screen use can hinder cognitive development, limiting creativity, critical thinking and problem solving, so crucial for optimum brain development! Academic performance can also be affected due to attention deficit issues.

Socially, screen viewing reduces interaction with family and peers, so important for developing communication skills and emotional intelligence. Improper content viewing is another issue, impacting their well-being.

Kids always observe and learn. Caregivers must therefore model healthy screen habits, if they want their children to balance screen time with other activities. Encourage reading, outdoor physical play & face to face interactions. There's a beautiful world beyond the screen, & appreciating nature's beauty is sometimes completely missed by today's digital generation!

The next time you stuff food in your tiny tot's mouth while he watches a cartoon, stop and think. It's worth investing some extra time to engage the child in eye contact, maybe by relating a story or reading a book!



September 2024



18

SERVICE PROJECTS BY RCTH

EDUCATION

Date : 1st August

Project: Donation of Lap Tops to Autism Center

(Project Director - Autism Centre Chair, Senthil Kumar, generously donated two laptops to the Autism Centre.

These laptops will significantly enhance their operations and empower them in their noble mission.



SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Date : 1st August

Project: Ganpati Idol Making Workshop at V SUBRAMANIAM Autism Centre

(Project Director - Dr. Raju and his son Karthik conducted a Ganpati idol making workshop for 50 autistic children. With the support of teachers, Hillers, and Inner Wheel members (including representatives from the Inner Wheel Club of Thane Hills), the kids created beautiful Ganpati Bappa idols.

🎨 Creativity Unleashed:
50 children participated



DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Date : 1st August

Project: Drug Addiction Awareness Campaign at Holy Cross Junior Collage

Joint initiative of RC Thane Hills and RC Thane Horizon.

(Dr Lucky Kasat addressed the Students of Holy Cross Junior College on Awareness of Drug Addiction . It was a The session was articulated by Dr Kasat and well recieved by the students and Teachers.

Gratitude is to Dr. Kasat



SERVICE PROJECTS BY RCTH

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Date: 4th August

Project: Annapurna
(Annadan)

Annadan at Yeoor Hills for blinds
It is a regular monthly event now
for RCTH and there are over
1000 Blind Beneficiaries from
nearby villages

Project Director - Prashan Ojha

Project initiated by : Pawan
Adnani



ENVIRONMENT

Date: 4th August

Project: Tree Plantation in
Thane City

Annadan at Yeoor Hills for blinds
It is a regular monthly event now
for RCTH and there are over
1000 Blind Beneficiaries from
nearby villages

Project Director - Prashan Ojha

Project initiated by : Pawan
Adnani



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Date: 7th August

Project: HPV Cervical Cancer
Awareness Camp

Project Director - Dr Anagha
Karkhanis



September 2024



20

SERVICE PROJECTS BY RCTH

MEDICAL

Date: 7th August

Project: Drug Addiction Awareness Campaign at Pawar Public School, Dombivali

Project Director - Dr Anagha
Project initiated by : Ann Radhika Padmanabhan Kasat



ENVIRONMENT

Date: 9th August

Project: Waste Management Seminar Highlights at Amber International School

- *Participants:* 260 students and 11 teachers

- *Hillars Attending:* Alpa, Samir, Manjiri, Sucheta, Saket, Radhika Paddy, Sudipa. Initial connect with school was initiated by Alpa and Samir



MEDICAL

Date: 9th August

Project: HPV Cervical Cancer Awareness Camp

Project Director - Dr Anagha Karkhanis
Over 40 parents attended the session.



September 2024

21

SERVICE PROJECTS BY RCTH

MEDICAL

Date: 12th August
Project: Blood Donation Camp for Thalassemia Patients

Project Director - Nilesh Pitale
Project initiated by : Ann Radhika Padmanabhan Kasat



EDUCATION

Date: 13th August
Project: Education Scholarship to College Students-

Date: 14th August
Project: Blood Donation Camp at Luna Technology Campus, @ Kopar Khairane

Luna Technologies is our regular doner

We collected 34 units of Blood Today

Nilesh Pitale Samir Limaye & Govind Khetan participated in this Blood Donation Drive



SERVICE PROJECTS BY RCTH

MEDICAL

Date : 23rd August

**Project: HPV cervical
Vaccination Camp Spearhead
Dr. Anagha**

***Key Highlights*:**

- *158 girls* received the cervical cancer vaccine.
- DG Dinesh Mehta inaugurated the function
- *Rotarian SUCHETA REGE*, district Counsellor for this project, played a pivotal role in coordination.



Date : 26th August

**Project: HPV cervical
Vaccination Camp -**

at New Lord English High School, Dombivli

- *53 girls* empowered with protection against cervical cancer.
- Dedicated Rotarians Vidyadhar and Sucheta from RC Thane Hills along with the volunteers of RC Dombivli Regency, made this event possible,



Date : 31st August

Project: Triumph Blood Bank & Thalassemia Care Center



RCTH WEEKLY MEETINGS

01.08.2024 - Weekly meeting

Learn the strategies of gracefully exiting completed cycles and opening ourselves to the happiness in life's forthcoming cycles!

Join us for an interesting talk

Full Circle

Embracing Completion in Life's Journey



Siji Varghese
Leadership facilitator
and Coach



08.08.2024 - Weekly meeting

Olympics ki Kahaani, Ek Hiller ki Zubaani!



RCTH WEEKLY MEETINGS

15.08.2024 - Weekly meeting

RCTH CELEBRATES

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

On August 15, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
at Federation House, Wagle Estate

Chief Guest
PRID and Past Trustee Shri Ashok Mahajan



*A few
Comments
by our Rotarians*

Jayant Nagavkar

Dear Prez Harshad and team,
A huge round of applause and heartfelt thanks for organizing an unforgettable Freedom Festival. The theme and arrangements were absolutely flawless, creating a mesmerizing atmosphere that filled our hearts with pride and joy. The food stalls for a cause served an incredible variety of savory dishes that delighted our taste buds, while the patriotic songs by our talented hillers evoked goosebumps, reminding us of our brave freedom fighters and armed forces. Thank you for an amazing evening that will be etched in our memories forever. Let's continue to celebrate our freedom with such fervor

12:16 am

👍🙏 5

Sandeep Bhatia

Today was quite a unique event. Unadulterated fun, celebrating the nation's birthday. As usual it was very classily conducted. Amazing team work. Loved every moment.

1:32 am

👍🙏 2

September 2024



25

RCTH WEEKLY MEETINGS

22.08.2024 - Weekly meeting



THE GREAT DEBATE

Hindi should be made the national language of India.

On Thursday, 22 August 2024 at 7:30 p.m., at Thirani High School

Moderated by: Aniket Kanade

Speaking In Favour are: **Samir, Madhumita, Sandy, Dr Raju**

Speaking Against are: **Gururaj, Vasant, Aubrey, Vivaan**



Very well attended meeting

All the participants were brilliant and articulated their thoughts beautifully.

The jury must have had a tough time.

Participants - 'In favour' team : Dr Raju, Samir, Sandy and Madhumita

Not in favour Team : Aubrey, Gururaj, Vasant and Vivaan

Jury members Sonali Korde, Hemant Kulkarni and Srijit Poothen
our new-found moderator Aniket Kanade.

29.08.2024 - Weekly meeting

Did you know that Mangroves act as natural barriers that protect coastal areas from storms, tsunamis, hurricanes, cyclones and tidal surges.

Join us our weekly meeting to know this and much more

Importance of Mangroves

Our planet saviours

Sheetal Pachpande

An expert in
Mangrove Ecology



Sheetal has been working for Mangroves in Maharashtra for last several years. She gave some astonishing insights to the audience - meeting was well attended Her Passion for the subject made all the difference to us. Rotary is also focusing on Environment and mangroves play a major role in the eco system balance.

ME-MY-MINE



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

Welcome to a journey to re-discover a friend.

Conceived and curated by:

Atul Bhide

Club President 2013-14



Name : **Manisha Kulkarni**

RCTH Member since

22nd March 2012

Invited to RCTH by

Rtn: **Shirish Songadkar**

1. **A family activity I enjoy the most:** Family Lunch/dinner which has authentic traditional food.
2. **My favourite book:** Yugandhar, by Shivaji Sawant
3. **Movie that I can see again and again:** Sholay
4. **My fav actor M & F:** Amitabh Bachchan, Madhubala
5. **Sport that I love to play:** Badminton
6. **My fav sports star(s):** Sachin Tendulkar
7. **My first stage appearance:** Dance at School annual day
8. **My favourite way of relaxing:** Sound sleep and Hindi old classical songs.
9. **Best Gift I have ever received:** my kids - Gift by God
10. **Fav subject during school & fav teacher:** Maths and Science, teacher Mrs. Deodhar.
11. **Professionally, I would have loved to be:** Musician.
12. **One quality I wish to imbibe in me:** Consistency
13. **I am inspired by:** Hindu philosophy.
14. **Two things that I like about myself:** sincerity and positive attitude
15. **My greatest high-five moment:** Successful interview on statistical processes implementation -projects for CMMI
16. **The craziest thing I have ever done:** rappelling on the wall of a dam.
17. **If given a chance, I would love to make a call & speak with (dead or living person):** my mother and father.
18. **I joined RCTH because:** Doing good for society.
19. **This year as a Rotarian I plan to:** Attend all meetings
20. **When was the last time you did something for the first time and what was it:** Around 5 years back I did rappelling and kayaking.
21. **My Qualification & Vocation:** BCom and Software engineer.



Name: **Shweta Sawant.**

RCTH Membersince:

23 Nov 2023

Invited to RCTH by

Rtn: **Shailesh Mulye**

1. **A family activity I enjoy the most:** Cooking fish meals for family
2. **My favourite book:** Swami
3. **Movie that I can see again and again:** Aain Dil Hai Mushkil
4. **My fav movie actor M & F:** Amir Khan / Rekha
5. **Sport that I love to play:** Power lifting
6. **My fav sports star(s):** Sachin Tendulkar
7. **My first stage appearance:** 1989-1990 School days
8. **My favourite way of relaxing:** Watching OTT
9. **Best Gift I have ever received:** Rio my pet
10. **Fav subject during school & fav teacher:** Sanskrit / Gokhale Sir
11. **Professionally, I would have loved to be:** Police Commissioner
12. **One quality I wish to imbibe in me:** Not to react immediately
13. **I am inspired by:** Asha Bhosle and Shreya Ghosal
14. **Two things that I like about myself:** Discipline and caring
15. **My greatest high-five moment:** Winning national power lifting competition in 2021
16. **The craziest thing I have ever done:** Paragliding
17. **If given a chance, I would love to make a call & speak with (dead or living person):** Father
18. **I joined RCTH because:** Networking
19. **This year as a Rotarian I plan to:**
20. **When was the last time you did something for the first time and what was it:** Power lift in 2019
21. **My Qualification & Vocation:** B com

ME-MY-MINE

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



Name: Sunil Sharma
RCTH Member since: 9th
July 2015
Invited to RCTH by
Rtn: Atul Bhide



Name: Susshil Kanghya
Member since: 30th March 2023
Invited to RCTH by
Rtn: ND JOSEPH

1. **A family activity I enjoy the most:** An outing with my family and watching a weekend late night movie at home
2. **My favourite book:** "Reminiscences of a stock operator" by Edwin Lefevre.
3. **Movie that I can see again and again:** Golmaal
4. **My fav movie actor M & F:** Amol Palekar, Sridevi.
5. **Sport that I love to play:** Badminton
6. **My fav sports star(s):** Major Dhyanand
7. **My first stage appearance:** In School Annual Day
8. **My favourite way of relaxing:** A quiet stroll in the woods amongst raw nature with my better half.
9. **Best Gift I have ever received:** My Kids.
10. **Fav subject during school & fav teacher:** English & Sanskrit. Sanskrit Teacher: Jagadish Parashtekar
11. **Professionally, I would have loved to be:** A professional sports person
12. **One quality I wish to imbibe in me:** To say 'NO'
13. **I am inspired by:** Anyone standing against all odds
14. **Two things that I like about myself:** Entrepreneurial skills and Organisational abilities.
15. **My greatest high-five moment:** Seeing the cute face of my new born daughter and son, for the first time.
16. **The craziest thing I have ever done:** Finished a half marathon with an injured knee and limping leg, in rains
17. **If given a chance, I would love to make a call & speak with (dead or living person):** My father-in-law
18. **I joined RCTH because:** Doing good to society
19. **This year as a Rotarian I plan to:** Increase participation in club activities.
20. **When was the last time you did something for the first time and what was it:** Learnt Mushroom farming during COVID-Lockdown.
21. **My Qualification & Vocation:** B.com, MBA. Presently managing my own business.

1. **A family activity I enjoy the most:** animal friendly restaurants with my pets and eating
2. **My favourite book:** The Secret
3. **Movie that I can see again and again:** Indiana Jones
4. **My fav movie actor M & F:** Sridevi & Sharukh
5. **Sport that I love to play:** Badminton
6. **My fav sports star(s):** Prakash Padukone
7. **My first stage appearance:** 20 years ago - Theatre
8. **My favourite way of relaxing:** Five Star SPA
9. **Best Gift I have ever received:** Diamond & Car from my sister
10. **Fav subject during school & fav teacher:** Geography & Physics.- Ms, Trishya Kutti (Physics)
11. **Professionally, I would have loved to be:** psychiatrist
12. **One quality I wish to imbibe in me:** Become Avid Reader
13. **I am inspired by:** My Mom & Sister
14. **Two things that I like about myself:** I care for others and don't hurt anyone.
15. **My greatest high-five moment:** When I achieve my goals
16. **The craziest thing I have ever done:** Putting stones in sweet box n giving to my neighbour in childhood
17. **If given a chance, I would love to make a call & speak with (dead or living person):** My Dad in Heaven
18. **I joined RCTH because:** To do something good n be with like minded people
19. **This year as a Rotarian I plan to:** Do something for a cause
20. **When was the last time you did something for the first time and what was it:** I became Vegetarian
21. **My Qualification & Vocation:** MBA from state university Illinois. Vocation way of life work is if u enjoy your work u never work

September 2024



28

LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST !

2023-24 Top 5 Giving Countries (interim June update):

Rank	Country	Annual Fund	PolioPlus Fund	Other Funds	Endowment Fund	Total Contributions	Annual Fund Per Capita	Average Giving Per Member
1	United States	\$45,221,531	\$114,115,200	\$5,606,696	\$25,026,598	\$189,970,025	\$166.16	\$698.02
2	India	\$8,210,471	\$2,129,395	\$18,115,128	\$3,245,917	\$31,700,911	\$50.03	\$193.18
3	Taiwan	\$8,767,079	\$1,561,582	\$4,055,453	\$6,870,308	\$21,254,422	\$259.75	\$629.72
4	Korea, Republic of	\$16,142,065	\$692,450	\$1,433,517	\$2,876,146	\$21,144,178	\$257.26	\$336.99
5	Japan	\$11,122,744	\$2,607,522	\$374,031	\$2,486,334	\$16,590,631	\$135.48	\$202.09

Magic of Hillers



Club Calendar for August 2024

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 MLM – Cross Gen. PD on Teaching + NB Award	6	7 Ganesh Chaturthi
8	9	10	11	12 Speaker Meeting (AI)	13	14 BOD
15 District Onam	16	17 Anant Chaturdashi	18	19 Club Assembly	20	21
22 Club Picnic	23	24	25 Annapoorna Day	26 Vocational Prog.	27	28 TRF Seminar
29	30					