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ROTARY MONTH THEME



**Peace and
Understanding**

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NOTE FROM PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we step into Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we are reminded of one of Rotary's core missions—to promote peace. In a world facing increasing division, our role as Rotarians has never been more crucial.

Conflict, whether global or local, stems from misunderstandings, inequalities, and lack of opportunities. Through our collective efforts, we can address these root causes by fostering dialogue, education, and community development. Rotary's peacebuilding initiatives—such as scholarships, humanitarian projects, and strategic partnerships—are powerful tools that help prevent conflicts and create sustainable peace.

This month, let us renew our commitment to:

- ✔ **Strengthening peace efforts in our communities**
- ✔ **Supporting education and economic development to reduce conflict**
- ✔ **Engaging in meaningful dialogue to bridge differences**
- ✔ **Empowering youth and future leaders to champion peace**

Every Rotary project—whether it provides clean water, improves literacy, or supports economic development—contributes to a more peaceful world. Peace is not just the absence of conflict; it is the presence of justice, equality, and opportunity.

Let us work together to be the change-makers, the bridge-builders, and the champions of peace that the world needs.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Dr. Sonal Bangde
Club President



NOTE FROM EDITOR

Dear Readers,

The early vibes of summer have set in, bringing a turn in the seasonal calendar. It is a time of transition from the cool breeze of winter to the hot summer middays—a time to celebrate the onset of spring that instills new life in nature. For us Rotarians, February is a month of celebration too as we celebrate Rotary's birthday on 23rd February. Since its beginning as a small gathering of four members in 1905, Rotary today is a worldwide entity with around 1.2 million members spanning over 200 countries.

We are proud to be members of our club, RCTP, and unanimously follow the principles laid down by RI. Our humanitarian programs help serve the world, and fellowships create a deep bond to bind us together for a cause. This month, we paid tribute to the richness of our culture by hosting Sukoon-e-Shaam to remember the great all-time Urdu poets. The COLS workshop, talk

on the constitution, new members' orientation, talk on insurance schemes, and tree plantation ceremony are multifaceted programs curated to serve the community and build fellowship amongst people. Congratulations to all our Rotary members who were recognized for their work in the district and received awards for selfless work and dedication.

Warm Regards,
Mautuli Ganguly



NOTE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR

As we approach the second half of the Awesome year, it is time for some reflection. What have we done well and what could we, have done better. Some of us may have had a good first half whilst some of us may not have had that luxury.

Nevertheless, it is still a journey we have embarked upon and the year is still a work in progress.

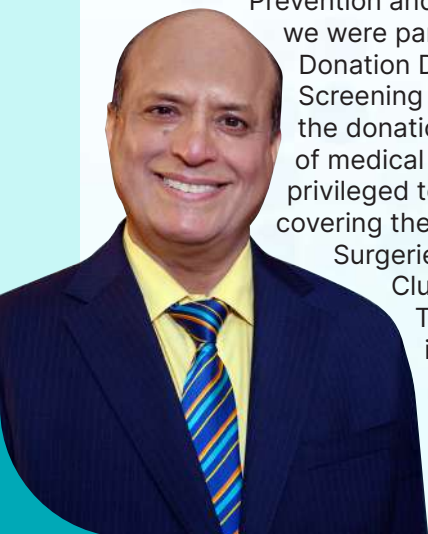
Greater things are yet to come and greater things are still to be done.

On 25th January, we celebrate the SAMVIDHAAN Ka Amrit Mahotsav, wherein Clubs who have measured up to the challenging metrics set for recognition at the beginning of the year, will duly receive Special Recognition.

The Signature Event, the District Conference, SAMANVAY : The Confluence of Excellence, is scheduled for the 1st and 2nd of March at the JIO World Convention Centre, India's foremost venue for Conventions, Meetings and Social Events For the first time since the erstwhile District 3140 was split into Districts 3141 and 3142, the District Conference will be a collaborative effort between the two districts. It promises to be a unique and unforgettable event. The ambience, the galaxy of Speakers, the gastronomic experience and the camaraderie of long lost friends from the other district, it is an occasion not to be missed If you have not already registered for the event, kindly do so immediately.

Both November and December have been a whirlwind of activity for Jyoti and me and it has been such a thrill to witness first hand, the wonderful community work that Clubs are doing, all over the district. Novembers Flagship event was ofcourse the Second TRF Seminar, wherein R.I.D.E Nagesh K.P. presided as the Chief Guest and recognised all those sterling Rotarians whose donations to the Foundation had helped the District earn laurels.

In accordance with the focus being on Disease Prevention and Treatment in December, we were part of several Blood Donation Drives and Thalassemia Screening Camps, presided over the donation of several lakhs worth of medical equipment and been privileged to hand over cheques covering the cost of pediatric Heart Surgeries, on behalf of some Clubs, to Jupiter Hospital The efforts behind these initiatives are truly commendable and worthy of high praise.



The Fellowship "SANGAM" organised at Lonavala wherein Rotary Fellowship Groups, came together, was another unique initiative that was well crafted, well planned and well executed. Rotarians from The Music and Cricket Fellowships had a wonderful outing in the serene and verdant hillsides of Lonavala.

The HAMSAFAR Car Rally was not just a road trip but a movement to spread awareness about Skin, Eye and Organ Donation. An integral part of the drive was carrying the inspiring message of PRID and Trustee Dr.Bharat Pandya about adopting a Healthy Lifestyle " 1 Chamach Kam, 4 Kadam Aagey". Six Rotary Districts 3030, 3131, 3132, 3141, 3142 and 3170 were joint partners in this rally and it was wonderful to be witness to the enthusiasm generated, through Skits and Roadside Street performances, along the various pit stops on the Rally route.

Our Membership and Foundation Metrics, thus far, are highlighted elsewhere in this issue. You will indeed be delighted to know that at the Rotary Institute at Kochi, our District was bestowed with Three Awards. To my mind our single most spectacular achievement, amongst the Three Awards, was the Second Highest Contribution to the Annual Fund across Zones 4,5,6 and 7. This achievement reflects the spirit of giving in every Rotarian in our District.

January in the Rotary Calendar is Vocational Service Month. Rotary is unique amongst Social Organisations, the world over, in that you are invited to join on the basis of your Vocation. The Classification Principle has a been a sacrosanct part of the Rotary Story.

This is because people from different vocations bring different skill sets to the table. During Vocational Service Month, Clubs are encouraged to make a List of Unfulfilled Classifications and search for New Members from this category. The intrinsic belief is that this helps you fill a gap in the range of services, you can provide to the community.

My earnest request to you is to strive even harder, to walk that extra mile, to serve the community. Perhaps you can do this, better, if you think a little " outside the box" because " If you always do what you have always done , you will always get what you have always got".

As Nelson Mandela famously said " It always seems impossible, till it is done "Let me take this opportunity, on behalf of Jyoti and me, to wish all of you a VERY HAPPY, BRIGHT, PROSPEROUS and AWESOME NEW YEAR.

Dinesh Mehta
District Governor
2024-25



ROTARY THEME OF THE MONTH

Peace and Understanding

In Rotary International (RI), the month of February is dedicated to the theme of "Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution," making it the designated "Peace Month" for Rotary clubs worldwide.

Key points about Rotary's Peace Month:

FOCUS ON PEACEBUILDING:

During February, Rotary clubs focus on activities and projects aimed at promoting peace and resolving conflicts within their communities.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DATE:

February 23rd, the anniversary of the first Rotary meeting, is celebrated as "World Understanding and Peace Day."

To bring PEACE in this world, there needs a constant endeavor and partnership to achieve the goal. Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick addressed the Peace Conference, held on 20-22 February, focused on "Healing in a Divided World." In her opening

address, President Urchick emphasized the dedication required for true healing to take place. "Our time together here is a testament to our shared belief in the power of peacebuilding," she said. "But let's acknowledge something essential: The act of 'Healing in a Divided World' is not something we can achieve quickly or easily. It takes an intentional commitment over time." Participants from multiple backgrounds -all explained how the commitment for bringing peace could take shape. The session focused on technology and media as a keyplayer in installing the Peace, and speakers explained how technology can help in bringing both peace and ending conflicts in the world. The role that AI can further help in fostering Peace in the world was emphasized.



Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick addresses a general session at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul, 20-22 February 2025.

CLUB SERVICES

SUKOON-E-SHAAM



Sukoon-e-Shaam - The shayaris brought to us by PP Sachin Bhole were an unforgettable ode to poetry and a dip into the richness and enormity of it. The shayaris had profound depth in terms of emotional appeal and understanding. Creating ripples in our hearts and unforgettable memories, his meticulous and captivating presentation proved his bountiful command over the language. The explanations were apt and made us understand the meaning of the shayaris. The event was mesmerizing, and the shayaris will ring in our hearts for a long time.

तेरे जाने से तो कुछ बदला नहीं
रात भी आई और चाँद भी था
मगर नींद नहीं...

शेर-ओ- शायरी का था मैखाना,
Awesome सोनल थीं साकी, प्रीमियर थे उनके सारे पैमाने,
खुशनुमा वो समौं था जिसमे,
याद आ गए वो सुनहरे, गुज़रे ज़माने।

ग़ज़ब की थी, वो ढक्कन खुली, सचीन Brand की बोतल,
छलकते जामों का चलता ही जा रहा था बेशुमार सिलसिला,
बहकी फ़िज़ा में फिर भी, भोले, कौन सुकून में न था बता तो भला?????

बस मजा ही आ गया, कल शाम!!!!

Respond to the event – by Rtn. Kirti Bhatnagar



TALK ON BUSINESS INSURANCE & FRAUDS IN THE INSURANCE SECTOR

**By Speaker Rtn. Chetan ShewalePatil
(Our Young & Dynamic Member)**

The talk offered great insights into the insurance industry and highlighted key facts that are often overlooked by laymen when purchasing insurance. The session helped us in identifying and choosing the correct insurance products depending upon one's risk profile/ need.



NEVEREST



Celebrating youth of today

Swami Vivekananda is less known amongst the youth today. They learn a few lines about him in history books. The NEVEREST Event "Beyond The Ropes" was a wonderful concept of amalgamation of Swamiji's vision of youth power and present generations. The three children won our hearts as Dr. Lucky displayed their achievements on screen. Congratulations to Bhumika Nemade and her Guru Aman Verma for their stupendous achievements. They stand as a shining example of Vivekananda Ji's clarion call—"Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached"—as they have essentially pursued their goals with unwavering determination, never stopping until their goal was reached.

Dr. Lucky is par excellence, his knowledge profound, his presentation skills captivating. His fountain of energy and enthusiasm knows no boundaries that overflows and touches many lives. He is truly a youth icon and please continue to motivate the youth for years to come.

ROTARY ORIENTATION

In the lap of nature, the new members' orientation took place at Audumbar Hills, Khopoli. Sitting in the greens, surrounded by mountains and forests, the new members were coached by esteemed Past Presidents on various aspects of Rotary. The meeting is very important for new Rotarians as it gives them a deeper understanding of RI and its functioning.

Dr. Lucky spoke on the essence of Rotary and our role as members Dr. Supriya took us through the Rotary clubs and club structure PP Sachin Bhole targeted the need for building membership for a stronger club PP Pallavi emphasized Rotary meetings (compulsory and non-compulsory) and gave an overview of the 5 Avenues of Service In conclusion, Dr. Lucky explained the working of The Rotary Foundation. This was followed by a

question-and-answer session in which the new members cleared their doubts.

The session unfurled the tenets of the colossal organization called Rotary, its immense depth, and functioning. The session was highly informative and made new members realize a new dimension of Rotary that many were unaware of. Every topic was clearly explained and doubts cleared. The session proved once again that our RCTP mentors are a powerhouse of knowledge and talent. The inclusivity, love, and encouragement from all seniors makes new members feel at home and builds an urge to contribute to the cause our club stands for: "service towards humanity. The formal program progressed into a fun-filled evening overflowing with the melodious singing by the members



COMMUNITY SERVICES

COLS

COLS and CPR Handson training was held at Satkar Residency Friday 10th Jan 2025. Dr Lucky Kasat and Dr Supriya demonstrated the CPR techniques and encouraged members to train and participate in these life saving activities.



BLOOD DONATION CAMP

Blood donation camp in association with RC Thane Lake City was organised and a total 110 blood bags were collected.



HEARTWARMING MUSICAL EVENING AT SAHAWAS



Wonderful musical evening event was held on 26 Th January evening, organized by RC Thane Premium and IFRM (courtesy PP Durgesh Buxi).

The event was scrupulously planned, and it was heartwarming to see all the residents of Sahawas thoroughly enjoying the performances. The members sang and danced to the melodious tunes.

RC Thane Premium presented a check of Rs 50,000 to Shahwas Foundation, supporting their ongoing efforts. Thanks to the IFRM team for making this event a memorable one.

TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

To develop the ecology, ecosystem and economics of the region, we started with the plantation of fruit bearing trees at Wada. Under the care of the local farmers who have agreed to nurture the fruit bearing trees. The output of the trees will help to develop the economy of the rural.



ROVEX

Rovex awarded to Dr Prasad Patil at the hands of DG Dinesh Mehta in the presence of Commissioner of Thane Saurabh Rao



RECOGNITION AT TRF SEMINAR – 26TH JANUARY 2025



Thane Premium recognised with position no. 2 for overall TRF giving in RID 3142 during Amrit Mahotsav Awards.



Rtn Sachin Bhole felicitated for Ni- Kshaya Mitra Project.



Rtn Supriya Lad felicitated for Maximum talks on GTBT, Menstrual hygiene & COLS CPR



President Dr. Sonal received The Sovereignty Awards for outstanding performance of Rotary Club of Thane Premium. Award was given to 5 Best Performing Clubs.



Dr. Lucky awarded with Style of India award with standing ovation



Rtn. Sudhir Bhandare

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WELCOME – NEW MEMBER

