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Celebrating 10 yrs of Friendship

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ROTARY MONTH THEME



**Water, Sanitation and
Hygiene (WASH)**

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NOTE FROM PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends, and Well-Wishers,

As we step into the vibrant month of March, I take great pride in reflecting on the incredible work we continue to do together as a club. Each passing month reinforces the power of collective goodwill and service, and this March has been especially meaningful.

One of our most significant milestones this month was the completion of the Toilet Block and Handwash Station project at Karavele Vibhag High School in the rural Murbad region. This was not just a construction project—it was a step toward dignity, health, and educational empowerment for the students, especially the young girls of the school.

Access to safe and clean sanitation facilities is a basic right, yet many rural schools continue to struggle without them. With the unwavering support of our members and partners, we were able to transform this pressing need into reality. The new toilet block and handwash station have already begun to make a difference. School authorities have reported improved attendance and a noticeable boost in student confidence, particularly among girls.

This project stands as a shining example of what Rotary stands for—service above self. It also echoes the values of Rotary's WASH initiative, focusing on clean water, sanitation, and hygiene as the foundation of public health and dignity.

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to every Rotarian who contributed their time, effort, and resources to bring this project to life. Your commitment continues to inspire me and many others.

As we look ahead, let this success energize us to take on more such meaningful initiatives. Our work at Karavele is just the beginning—we aim to touch many more lives in the months to come.

Let's continue to lead with compassion, serve with integrity, and build a legacy of impactful change.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Dr. Sonal Bangde
Club President,
Rotary Club of Thane Premium



NOTE FROM EDITOR

Dear Readers

With the Sun's gradual movement towards the Tropics, the land of India gets parched. Waterbodies dry up, forests shed their leaves to live through the scorching summers. Animals frantically search for water holes to survive. The farmers till the fields with the little soil moisture left. Wells and tanks dwindle. In drought prone areas, lives of women are hard as they have to travel for miles to fetch water for daily use. Agriculture suffers, livestock dies, quenching the thirst of humans is difficult. The wait for the rains has already started in the initial summer months.

March is the month dedicated by Rotary to deal with the water related issues - its the WASH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month. RCTP runs various programs to ensure supply of water to villagers, namely the

construction of multiple check dams, and also provision of safe drinking water to schools and old age homes that brought smiles to many people.

Warm Regards,
Mautuli Ganguly



NOTE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As the vibrant energy of February's peace initiatives flows seamlessly into March, we embark on our critical mission: "WASH WINS: Rotary's March Mission." The journey of service is never static, it evolves, building momentum with each passing month.

January's focus on health awareness through our Thalassaemia sessions and February's peace-building activities have laid the groundwork for our March WASH initiatives. From witnessing 1,600 children running for health causes to inaugurating life-saving pediatric heart surgeries, we've demonstrated our commitment to holistic community wellbeing.



The water cooler installation at Hutatma Maruti Kumar Vidyalaya wasn't simply an isolated project—it was a harbinger of our March focus. Just as our environmental initiatives,

from 500-tree plantations to hazardous material management workshops, reflect our understanding that clean water requires a healthy ecosystem.

As we transition to WASH projects, remember that each monthly theme is but a different facet of our enduring commitment to Service Above Self. Like the continuous flow of water, our service must remain constant, adapting to each season while maintaining its essential purpose.

As we embrace this vital mission, remember that WASH isn't merely a project—it's a profound gift of dignity, health, and opportunity for communities worldwide.

"Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth."

Shirley Chisholm

Dinesh Mehta
District Governor 2024-25

ROTARY THEME OF THE MONTH

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)



March is the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Month, and Rotary also celebrated World Rotaract between the 11-17TH of March. Over 2.2 billion people in the world lack access to safe drinking water and billions of people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. Water borne disease is a major killer. Access to clean water, hygienic environment and a good sanitation system is the need of the hour and fundamental right for all world citizens. Rotary through its various projects world wide ensures clean water supply and sanitary systems to the world communities. To meet its target Rotary International has invested more than \$180 million over the last decade. Various Global Grants aims to fulfill the need of this thrust area.

Rotary calls for sustainable systems that continue to work and help develop the communities of the world. The Multi dimensional projects catering to health, education, clean environment, eradication of hunger, poverty etc all culminates in the overall enhancement of the standard of living of the communities.

Rotary's dedication in provision of clean water is through installing various projects.

Some examples of Installation of WASH

In schools for the children by providing them with basic sanitation and hygiene services

Developing water supply and Sanitation systems in society

Hygiene education

Rainwater harvesting schemes

Community water projects

Water conservation projects

Undertaking collaboration with Government And International Organizations

COMMUNITY SERVICES

GOOD TOUCH AND BAD TOUCH



Teaching our students the difference between Good and Bad touch is important. Dr. Supriya Lad through her talk flawlessly conveyed the sensitive topics to the students of Smt. Sulochana Devi Singhania School. Through various examples and role play she made the topic easy to understand for the girls. The talk was basically to make girls aware and judge the society and people surrounding them, their approach towards them and, how to distinguish between a virtuous embrace or a inappropriate touch. To sensitize them on issues like reporting about any undue advances made by people towards them to teachers, parents or whoever they feel they could trust and ask for help.

OUR CHARISMATIC CONSTITUTION



A YouTube live session on The Constitution and its importance was delivered by Dr Lucky Kasat for students and parents of CP Goenka School. Dr Lucky Kasat also gave a talk on the Constitution for students of GSS School.

RYPEN AT GSS SCHOOL, MAJIWADA



Kudos to Rtn DILIP SINGH, who was instrumental in handling the RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment for 12-18 years old). The program was well planned and executed, ensuring a well synchronized function. The technical aspects were well worked on and ensured an unhitched session by Dr. Lucky. His efforts in coaching the young minds as to how to run the Interact Club is highly appreciated.

MEGA HEALTH CHECK UP CAMP



- ✓ Comprehensive Health Check-Up with Physician Consultation
- ✓ Eye Check-Up for Clear Vision
- ✓ Dental Check-Up for a Healthy Smile
- ✓ The camp was held at Rotary Center in Thane.

PEACE SEMINAR

Spectrum of Peace talks. By

Dr Ulka Natsu- Exploring The Inner Peace,

Dr Rahul Joshi- Harmony in peace, Milind Patre-

Peace thro Academics, Ajay Vaidya -Peace in Governance, Col. Manas Dixit- War, Anti War & Peace

NI-KSHAY MITRA PROJECT

Tuberculosis, or TB, is a highly contagious disease caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. This airborne illness spreads when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. Under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP), patients receive free diagnostics and medications.

Rotary wholeheartedly participates in the End TB project, which is the United Nations Priority project world wide. Under the Nikshay Mitra project, we as rotarians, adopt TB patients by providing them with food baskets during the difficult times of treatment. A nominal sum of 2500 Rs as donation by an individual, is necessary to provide them with a food basket for 3 months.

PAEDIATRIC HEART SURGERIES



38 heart surgeries conducted successfully at Jupiter Hospital. Spreading smiles on faces of small wonders, the Dr operated these children to give them a healthy and long life. It's true that the doctors through these philanthropic activities have made possible many children to live a happy life.

CLUB SERVICES

BOD MEETING

BOD Meeting of RCTP Awesome year was held on 9th February 2025. For the smooth conduct of all the programs, monthly BOD meetings are important. Vital decisions regarding months activities, action plans were discussed.

BLACK TIE DINNER

The first ever black tie dinner was hosted by Rotary club of Thane Green City in which various industrial tycoons and rotary achievers came under the same roof and shared their commitment on community services. CSR leaders, major donors and philanthropists discussed potential areas of impact and services.

"We weren't just hosting a dinner, we are creating a space where the spirit of giving could be celebrated and amplified" were the words of Captain Prasad Tendulkar-the event's convener.

The traditional lamp lighting ceremony was followed by a talk by DG Dinesh Mehta on real life stories of Rotary and CSR partnership that transformed lives. Other speakers included Captain Tendulkar and Smt. Rajashree Birla.

Remarkable speech was given by Shrimati Rajashree Birla who quoted the words of wisdom of Swami Vivekananda to motivate the audience, **"Take only one Idea and work on it sincerely with commitment"**. She highlighted her company's policy on compassionate capitalism for the betterment of the society.

AKS donor Rotarian DP Tripathi was appreciated for his substantial contribution to the Polio fund and the TRF. The Black Tie Dinner paved the way for many collaborations and fruitful discussions.



SHIVAJI JAYANTI



RCTP participated in Shivaji Jayanti celebrations and was the co-host of the event.

TRF CONTRIBUTION BY CLUB MEMBERS

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