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ROTARY CLUB OF THANE PREMIUM
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ROTARY MONTH THEME



**Rotary Foundation
Month**

Club President
DR. SONAL BANGDE

Club Editor
MAUTULI GANGULY

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT

Dear Rotarians and Friends,

As we step into the month of November, let us take a moment to honor one of the greatest pillars of Rotary – The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Recognized globally as a top-rated charitable organization, TRF embodies the true essence of Rotary by transforming lives and empowering communities.

From eradicating polio to providing clean water, promoting basic education, and fostering peace, the Foundation's initiatives have impacted millions worldwide. Locally, our own projects in education, healthcare, and sustainability have been enriched by the resources and support provided through TRF.

This year, I am thrilled to share an exciting opportunity with you. For a donation of **\$350**, our District 3142 will match it with **\$650**, making your total contribution to TRF a remarkable **\$1,000**. By taking advantage of this generous support, you not only multiply the impact of your contribution but also earn the prestigious title of

Paul Harris Fellow, joining a legacy of individuals who have made a profound difference through their giving.

I urge every member of our club to embrace this opportunity. Every rupee, every dollar we donate to TRF comes back to us multifold, empowering us to serve our communities better. This is our chance to ensure that Rotary continues to be a beacon of hope, bringing sustainable change to those in need.

Let us reaffirm our commitment to Service Above Self by supporting TRF and becoming active contributors to its mission. Together, we can create ripples of positive change that extend far beyond our immediate reach.

Yours in Rotary,

Dr Sonal Bangde
President,
Rotary Club of Thane Premium



NOTE FROM EDITOR

Dear Readers,

"PRAYER IN ACTION IS LOVE, LOVE IN ACTION IS SERVICE." — MOTHER TERESA

Members of RCTP strongly believe that service to society is service to God. Throughout the month of October, multifaceted activities were targeted to serve the underprivileged.

The teachers were recognized for their persistent hard work in spreading the light of knowledge among rural students, who are the future of our nation. Providing learning materials to the students to make the learning process more interesting and understandable is a step toward ensuring the development of students in rural areas. It truly embodies the slogan, "Padhega India, toh barhega India."

A new set of check dam constructions was initiated with Bhoomi Pujan to help the community deal with water woes. These two projects bring immense development and aid in the betterment of the lives of rural people—the needy and poor for whom Rotary cares.

Making the community disease-free and educating about its prevention and coping strategies was the underlying ambition that motivated the medical professionals of our club to conduct COLs, menstrual hygiene talks, and

discussions on mental health, which is often ignored. The 'Save the Little Hearts' project, through pediatric heart surgeries, ensures healthy lives for hundreds of children.

To increase general awareness about our environment, societal problems, and the country's laws, various seminars and workshops were conducted, aligned with these ideas to make our country a better place to live and foster a sense of belonging to our great nation.

Caring for our elderly is an important social responsibility that is being wonderfully executed through the Sahwas project. They do not require pity or sympathy but demand our care, attention, and quality time.

Hearty congratulations to our awesome President, Dr. Sonal Bangde, and her team for the successful OCV. Dr. Bangde's dedication, perseverance, and commitment to the cause of Rotary have spearheaded our club in achieving excellence. Kudos to her team that dreams and works in unison to achieve greater heights.

Happy reading.

Regards,
Mautuli Ganguly



NOTE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Awesome President and Members of the Rotary Club of Thane Premium

As we are on the threshold of the sixth month of what has, indeed, been an awesome Rotary Year, thus far, we need to keep the momentum going. One way of keeping the momentum going is to have constantly greater goals.

Momentum is akin to riding a bicycle. You get to stay upright and move forward so long as you keep the momentum.

Your Club has been doing yeoman service to the community service and you have been participating in District Projects and events with great enthusiasm and it is my humble request to you, to keep the momentum going.

I urge you to take up projects in all the areas of focus of Rotary

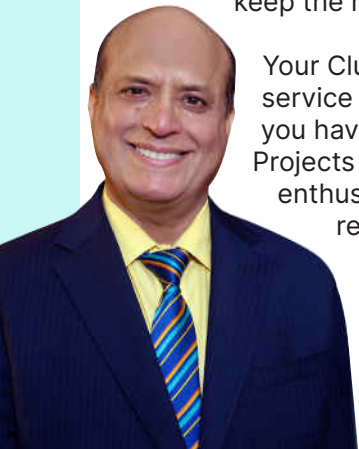
International. December is designated "Disease Prevention and Control" month. If you haven't already, do take up a project in this sphere.

I believe in encouraging Clubs to Think Big. You do not have to start by being an expert. Remember, the expert in anything was once a beginner. People with momentum can get so much done. Momentum begets momentum and the best way to start is to Make A Start.

As a wise man, once said, "Success does not come to you, you've got to go to get it".

So, Jyoti joins me in urging all you awesome Rotarians to keep up the momentum and create magic of Rotary for the community at large

Yours In Rotary Service
DG Dinesh Mehta



AWARDS: RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF CONTRIBUTION



We are thrilled to announce that our club has been recognized as the Best Club of the Year for outstanding performance across the five Avenues of Service. Our impactful projects have earned us numerous accolades, including:

- ★ Best Medical Project Award
- ★ Best Senior Citizen Project Award
- ★ Best Environment Project Award
- ★ Best Public Image and Public Relations Award
- ★ Best Unique and Innovative Project Award
- ★ Most Effective Club (Citation)
- ★ Best Balanced Programs (Citation)

Past Presidents Rtn. Durgeshji and Rtn. Ram Bhatnagar ji had the honor of accepting these awards on behalf of our club. We take immense pride in our collective achievements, which highlight the spirit of service and commitment that defines our organization.

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

The Rotary Foundation serves as the arm of Rotary that transforms our donations and contributions into service projects, bringing life-altering changes to people worldwide. Since its inception around 100 years ago, it has provided over \$4 billion for various sustainable, life-changing projects.

Mission of The Rotary Foundation:

“The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, enhancing the environment, and alleviating poverty.”

Even a small donation can significantly impact the underprivileged:



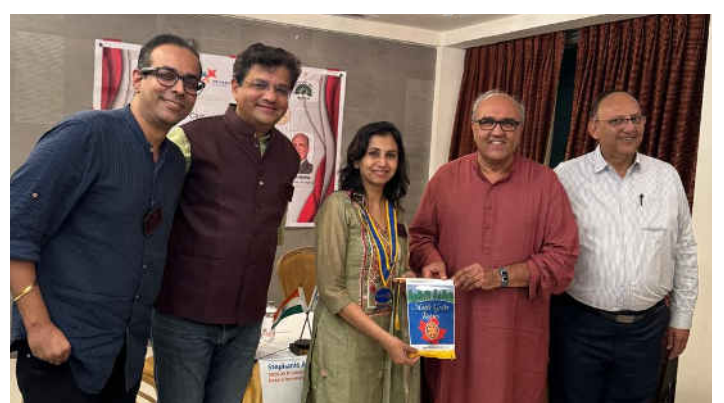
- A child's future can be protected from polio with a donation of just 60 cents.
- Clean water essential for good health can be ensured with a contribution of \$50.
- An anti-bullying campaign to protect our children can be launched for \$500.

These incredible humanitarian efforts result from countless small contributions, making the world a more humane place.



We have exciting news for RCTP! Our Global Grant application for Pediatric Heart Surgeries has been approved by Rotary International! This significant achievement comes with a record-breaking grant of \$146,000, the highest ever received by District 3142. The grant was approved in record time, showcasing our commitment and efficiency throughout the process. Our journey began last year, involving numerous meetings with our partner club in the USA and extensive paperwork. This success was only possible due to the unwavering commitment of Past President Ram Bhatnagar, District Coordinator Pallavi Sule, Dr. Srinivas, Dr. Kirti Wadekar, and Dr. Sonal Bangde for their invaluable contributions and support. Together, we have reached this milestone, and we look forward to the positive impact this grant will have on the children.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Raj Khankari, our Global Grant partner from RC Maple Grove, USA, during his visit to Jupiter Hospital.



In addition to the Global Grants, RCTP has received grants from:



Raymond Grants: Raymond has generously sanctioned **₹50 lakhs (approximately \$60,000)** to support pediatric heart surgeries. This marks the second consecutive year they have chosen to fund our flagship project, "Save the Little Hearts." This ongoing partnership is vital to our mission, and we are grateful for their commitment to making a difference in the lives of children in need.



ADITYA BIRLA GROUP

The cumulative grants mentioned above, combined with the Birla Foundation's commitment of **₹80 lakhs**, empower us to support even more "Little Hearts" and promote healthier lives!

COMMUNITY SERVICES



HAPPY SCHOOL



Karavale School Laboratory:

"We want that education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded, and by which one can stand on one's own feet." – Swami Vivekananda. Without imparting education to rural masses, the arousal and awakening of society is not possible. Aiming to make education holistic and more comprehensible to our children, laboratory equipment worth 50,000 was gifted to the students of Karavale Vibhag High School in Murbad Taluka as part of a District Grant project.

In recognition of their dedicated services towards the spread of education, three teachers from Karavale – 1. Sankar Vishe, 2. Dilip Choudhary, and 3. Chaya Chinne – were presented with the Nation Builders Award.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

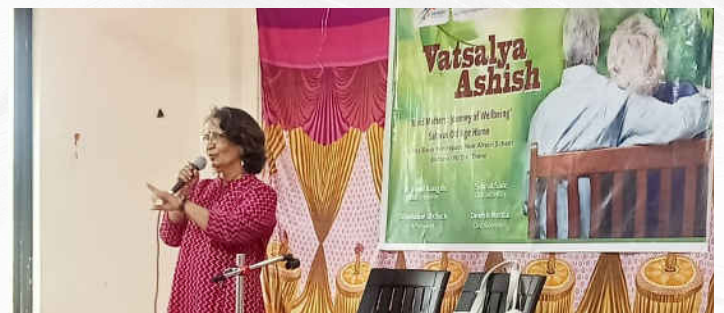


Check Dam:

Watershed development is a comprehensive term encompassing all activities aimed at conserving surface and underground water and other resources in a watershed. This provides a long-term solution to water scarcity in rural areas, tackles erosion, and ultimately culminates in the agricultural, rural, and social development of an area.

The initiation of the construction of a check dam was marked by a Bhoomi Pujan ceremony in Shidgaon village as a joint initiative with the Lions Club. The project is led by our District Coordinator (3142), Rtn. Hemant Jagtap.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



Vatsalya Ashish:

Mental health issues are common among the elderly in India, with depression, anxiety, and dementia being the most prevalent conditions. Factors contributing to mental health issues in the elderly include retirement, socio-economic conditions, personal losses, etc. To address these challenges, a Mental Wellness Program for the elderly is a unique project. We appreciate the contributions of PP Anandi Dhume to this cause. Mental awareness initiative programs were held at Sahwas Vatsalya Ashish on 24 Oct 2024 in alignment with this cause.



From 1 July to 30 Sept, a total of 9 COLS CPR workshops were organized, 7 were conducted singly as a club and 2 jointly with other clubs. A total of 448 beneficiaries were credited to RCTP, having been trained hands-on, person by person. Dr. Lucky and Dr. Supiya form a highly motivated team dedicated to training and spreading the knowledge of COLS for saving the lives of unknown persons affected by cardiac attacks when medics are not nearby.

COMPRESSION ONLY LIFE SUPPORT



In the words of Dr. Lucky, "The hands-on training is to be experienced, and once experienced, it is for a lifetime! You feel elated, as if you can now save the world!"

Actually, it's a surge of confidence in you, that if the need arises, this training can be used and tried to save a life. As an ordinary citizen, you feel you're more armed in an extraordinary way to save your fellow citizens. This feeling captures your mind and uplifts the meaning of life for the trainee!"

ECO-FRIENDLY LANTERN MAKING



An eco-friendly lantern-making activity promoting creativity and sustainability amongst kids was carried with Lead Club – RC Thane North and RC Thane Premium as co-hosts.

Using materials like paper, cardboard, jute, or recycled items, children learn the importance of reducing waste while crafting something beautiful. This hands-on experience nurtures their artistic skills and enhances problem-solving as they design unique patterns and shapes. The activity encourages teamwork and bonding in groups, fostering a sense of community.

Moreover, it instills eco-consciousness at a young age, teaching kids to value and protect the environment.

NI-KSHAY MITRA



The Ni-Kshay Mitra Project was conducted near the TMC campus as part of a food distribution initiative.

RCTP 's food donations drive has been a meaningful effort to support TB-affected families. As a part of the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan, Club adopts TB patients and provide supplementary nutritional support to ensure better treatment outcomes. Families of TB patients receive food baskets containing high-protein items like pulses, nuts, and other essential nutrients critical for boosting immunity and aiding recovery. This effort complements the Nikshay Poshan Yojana, addressing gaps in nutrition. The Club's involvement also encourages community participation in the fight against TB, promoting awareness and reducing stigma. Regular engagement with the families ensures they feel supported both emotionally and materially.

CLUB ACTIVITY

KOJAGIRI CELEBRATIONS AT RCTP

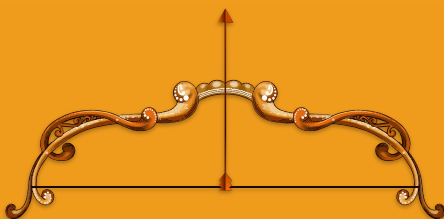


RC Thane Premium celebrated the Kojagiri festival with meditation and sound techniques demonstrated by Dalal. It was a serene and soul-soothing experience as Rotarians embarked on a journey of relaxation and tranquility, immersing themselves in

calming vibrations. The harmonious sounds rejuvenated the mind, body, and spirit, washing away stress and reinstating a state of pure serenity. After the celebrations, RCTP also celebrated the birthday of PP Sachin Bhole.

Dussehra celebrations through storytelling, enriching the event deeply rooted in Indian culture. The Rotary Club presented a festive tribute to Lord Rama through:

- || Sri Ram Katha ||
- || Sri Ram Darbar || Dussehra Utsav ||
- || Aarti || Prasad || Garba || Dandiya ||
- || Satvik Bhojan ||



Pallavi Sule and Salil won the Best Dancer (Couple) prize, bringing prestige to the club.

DISTRICT DUSSHERA CELEBRATIONS



TRUST MEETING AND BOD MEETINGS



The **Trust Meeting** and **BOD Meeting** were designed to discuss the OCV preparations and other activities.

PRE-OCV - PRE OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT



PRE OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT is a preparation meeting for the OCV presided over by the Assistant Governor (AG) assigned to the RC for the Rotary year. The AG checks all the vital paperwork that the DG will review on OCV day.

NEW INDUCTION



MR SURESH DATTATRAY DOL

Mr Suresh Dattatray Dol is one of the top most industrialist in Thane - Founder and MD of **DOL INDUSTRIES (DOL ELECTRIC, DOL MOTORS, DOL MOBILITY)**.

After working for 13 years at Siemens, he started as an SME, which has now grown leaps and bounds They have 6 factories, with 400+ factory workers and an annual turnover of almost 275 cr.

Mr Suresh is known for his skillsets and excellent work across globe. Has been awarded **UDYOG SHREE, UDYIG ANUBHAV, COVID YODDHA** and best **VENDOR** award.

His happy nest includes two daughters and a son.