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ROTARY MONTH THEME



**Economic and
Community Development**

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NOTE FROM PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is with great pride and gratitude that I address you all this October, a month filled with the spirit of service, community engagement, and a shared vision for sustainable development. As we continue our journey together, it is inspiring to witness the dedication, passion, and commitment each one of you brings to Rotary's mission of making the world a better place.

Our work this month has focused deeply on community development. Whether it's through improving education for children, promoting better healthcare access, or ensuring that our environment remains clean and safe, our projects reflect the essence of Rotary's values. I am incredibly proud of the impact we are making, particularly in the recent initiatives at Shreeram Shikshan Prasarak Mandal in Kasara and Karvele Vibhag Highschool in Murbad. These efforts show how a strong partnership between Rotary and the community can make a profound difference in people's lives.

As we look ahead, I encourage each of you to continue engaging with these projects with the same enthusiasm and dedication. Let us not only contribute

with our resources but also with our time, knowledge, and compassion. Together, we can lead meaningful change, ensuring that our efforts today create a better tomorrow for generations to come.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to every Rotarian and volunteer who has been a part of these projects. Your selflessness and tireless work are the true embodiments of Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." Let us keep this spirit alive as we move forward, staying focused on our goals and strengthening our bonds with the community.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support. Let's continue to build a brighter future, one project at a time.

Yours in Rotary,

Dr Sonal Bange
President,
Rotary Club of Thane Premium



NOTE FROM EDITOR

Dear Esteemed Readers,

September was truly a month filled with gratitude, compassion, and unwavering commitment to selfless service by the dedicated Rotarians. Our primary focus was on the well-being and welfare of individuals across various age groups, evident in the consistent execution of our diverse programs.

Our esteemed doctors of RCTP and Jupiter hospital, through their life-altering surgeries, brought joy and smiles to the faces of both infants and their grateful parents. The World Heart Day program provided a platform for doctors, children who were beneficiaries, and the donors to meet. In many ways, doctors are God's emissaries, sent to alleviate the pain and suffering of mankind. Indeed, hands that serve humanity are more sacred than lips that pray. The COLS workshop is a continuous stride on our path to help people during sudden cardiac arrest.

Our compassionate hearts ached for the animals living on the streets who deserve better lives and treatment. The first step towards their well-being was initiated with the Anti-Rabies program.

RCTP staunchly believes in the boundless potential of our youth. When guided and nurtured correctly, they

can become the bedrock of a nation's prosperity. Young eyes, filled with dreams of a brighter future, need direction and encouragement. Through our Youth Enrichment Program, RCTP aims to inspire and uplift students from disadvantaged backgrounds, encouraging them to dream ambitiously. The mental health awareness programs and drug de-addiction talks were eye-opening, especially crafted to save our youth from the grips of darkness.

Additionally, we celebrated the profound depth and richness of the Hindi language during Hindi Diwas. The event was a resounding success and garnered appreciation from all quarters.

It is our sincere hope that our fellow Rotarians, family members, and friends will explore into the activities orchestrated by our club and help spread the word of our humanitarian endeavours.

Jai Hind,
Mautuli Ganguly



NOTE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR

SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITIES OF OCTOBER

October, a month dedicated to Economic and Community Development, offers a unique platform for Rotary to make a significant impact.

As we celebrate the auspicious festivals of Navratri, Durga Puja, and Dussehra, let us also embrace the spirit of service and community engagement that defines our Rotary ethos.

September has been a month of remarkable achievements for our District, with clubs demonstrating their dedication to Basic Education and Literacy, Nation Builder Awards, Mega Projects, and individual club initiatives.

I am truly impressed by the passion and momentum displayed by our clubs.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all the clubs that have entrusted me with the responsibility of leading the NIK-shay Mitra initiative, feeding the poor, and championing mental health, CPR, and COLS initiatives.

I am particularly proud of the clubs that took the lead in celebrating Hindi Diwas and participating in the TRF seminar, which were significant milestones for our District.

October promises to be a month filled with Rotary activities. While I encourage individual clubs to focus on their areas of expertise and continue their sustainable projects, I urge you to participate wholeheartedly in our District's MOU and JDS Projects.

Together, we can achieve even more through collaboration and shared efforts. I also invite you to join us for the District's Festival Programs, which celebrate the rich diversity of our motherland.

The District Onam Celebration was a delightful experience, showcasing the beauty of Kerala's culture.

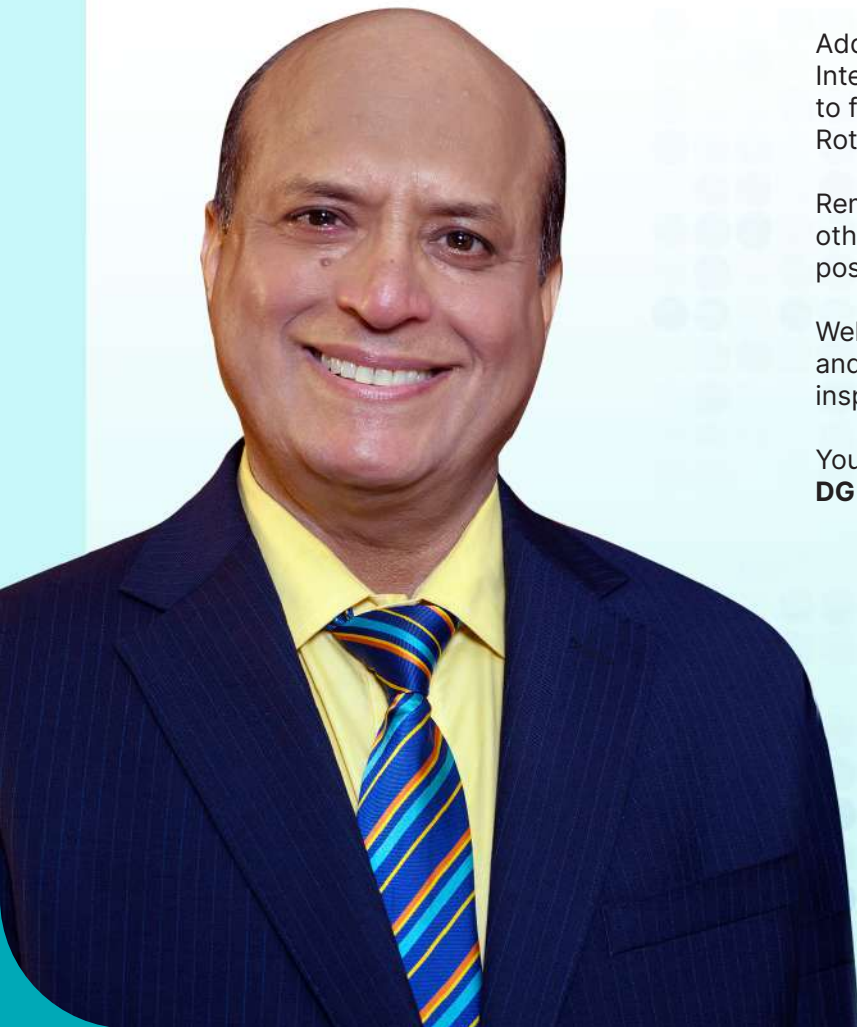
The upcoming District Navratri and Dussehra Celebration, hosted by the Rotary Club of Hiranandani Estate, promises to be another memorable event.

Additionally, I encourage you to participate in the Inter District Program "HUMSAFAR," which aims to foster fellowship and camaraderie among Rotarians through exciting car rallies.

Remember, Rotary is about connecting with others, serving our communities, and making a positive difference in the world.

Welcome the opportunities that October presents and continue to be beacons of hope and inspiration.

Yours in Rotary,
DG Dinesh Mehta



ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

October is Rotary International's Economic & Community Development Month. Rotary Clubs around the world assist communities and people in other countries through projects that aim to provide sustainable, ongoing development and help—not just immediate charity.

Every Rotarian's aim is to improve the lives of people in their community in the best way possible. Identifying areas where Rotarians can help, and finding pathways to initiate that help, brings a Rotarian into closer contact with the community. The Rotarian then becomes an agent of change. The response to societal problems is a well-thought-out plan, not a haphazard, quick-fix approach. In this process, a Rotarian learns many new ways to handle situations. A Rotarian's commitment to a certain program that benefits society is a long-term one. Rotarians do not function as individuals but believe in teamwork to bring about drastic changes in the lives of people. Organizing funds for a program is as important as meticulously planning it.

RCTP members are guided by the principle of "service beyond self." The core of our members' values centers on respect for humanity, serving the underprivileged, protecting the dignity of all, and instigating positive change in people's lives. These tenets align with Rotary's mission: "We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders."

Over a decade of perseverance and service, we have strived to embody Rotary's vision: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." United in purpose, the members of the Rotary Club of Thane Premium (RCTP) are dedicated to making a significant impact in the community through various initiatives.

Our social service programs encompass medical and non-medical purposes, vocational training, and youth projects. RCTP was fortunate to receive grants from various institutions for their pediatric heart surgery initiative—Save the Little Hearts.

The medical professionals in our club, through their steadfast commitment, have led numerous successful medical projects. Noteworthy initiatives include Pediatric Heart Surgeries, Sutaha Pranada ("Saving the Child's Life" in Sanskrit), Nikshay Mitra, Free Vaccination Camps, the "End Thalassemia Now" project, Blood Donation Camps, and more.



Our Non-Medical Project aims to improve the standard of living for people across all communities and age groups. Key areas of development include education, water supply, food, sanitation, and environmental improvement, creating lasting changes across all demographics—from young children and adolescents to senior citizens. Water security for farmers and villages was achieved through the construction of check dams. A focus on children's sanitation and healthcare was emphasized by conducting awareness seminars on substance abuse and de-addiction.

The Senior Citizen Care and Welfare Project – Vatsalya Ashish, is a long-term commitment to ensuring comfortable and fulfilling lives for the elderly.

Vocational Services include the HAPPY SCHOOL INITIATIVE, which provides essentials to underprivileged students from the Karvela Vibhag High School and others. This initiative focuses on educational and infrastructural development, ensuring that every child enjoys a memorable and special childhood with a brighter future.

Extraordinary individuals are recognized with the ROVEX award for their significant contributions to education and healthcare.

Together, our dream is to improve lives in our community through our services.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

HAPPY SCHOOL PROJECT – KARVELA SCHOOL



To enhance students' understanding of science principles, lab equipment was provided to the students of **Karvela Vibhag High School under the Happy School Initiative**. Rtn. Hemant, Rtn. Yojana and Rtn. Chetan were present for the event.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TALK



Youth today stand at the crossroads of choices between right and wrong, often facing health issues—both physical and mental. With the aim of providing proper guidance, Rtn. Anuj Yadav's talk on mental health and mobile addiction was an eye-opener and serves as a beacon of awareness for the youth.

NI-KSHAY MITRA TB MUKTA BHARAT PROJECT



As part of the Ni-Kshay Mitra project, a food distribution drive was held at the TMC office in Thane to help TB patients supplement their diets.

SAMVIDHAN TALK – SEPT 2024



To enhance knowledge about our constitution, Dr. Lucky Kasat delivered a **Samvidhan** talk at Swami Hansmuni Degree College, Ulhasnagar.

COLS



With public safety in mind, multiple COLS (**Compression-Only Life Support**) workshops were conducted by Dr. Lucky Kasat and Dr. Supriya Lad. COLS is a CPR technique that involves chest compressions only and is used by laypersons to manage cardiopulmonary arrest in adults outside of a hospital. The workshops emphasized early recognition of cardiac arrest, early chest compressions, and early transfer to a medical facility.

WORLD RABIES DAY – VACCINATION DRIVE



World Rabies Day was observed on 29th September 2024. RCTP member Dr. Shashank Kamble organized a free vaccination camp at Planet Animal Hospital, with more than 150 pets benefiting. RC Thane Horizon partnered with RC Thane Premium as the lead club.

WORLD HEART DAY

World Heart Day is celebrated on 29th September every year to raise awareness about heart disease, particularly among children. On this occasion, a special program was organized by the Jupiter Hospital Foundation and RCTP to recognize the relentless hard work and dedication of the “heart warriors”—the doctors and their teams who perform intricate surgeries, the generous donors who contribute to the cause, and the brave children who have fought to survive and experience the wonders of the world.

The “Save the Little Hearts” program was initiated in 2013 to treat children with congenital heart disease. This robust program has benefited thousands of children. RCTP joined forces with Jupiter Hospital to support the cause. With the help of donations from the Birla Foundation, JSW Foundation, Jupiter Foundation, Raymond Limited, and other contributors, RTCP has provided financial support for more than 535 heart surgeries at Jupiter Hospital over the past 10 years, specifically for children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds who cannot afford expensive treatments.



MENSTRUAL HYGIENE & GOOD TOUCH/BAD TOUCH



To create awareness about “**Good and Bad Touch**” among the youth, Dr. Supriya Lad conducted a session that engaged students and helped them understand the topic. Through enacting various situations and giving live demonstrations, the session was highly interactive. Students were encouraged to report any untoward incidents to teachers or parents, and the session also covered awareness about menstrual hygiene and dispelled myths surrounding it.

HINDI DIWAS CELEBRATIONS



On National Hindi Day, the Rotary Club of Thane Premium, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Thane Lake City, hosted a memorable event at Kashinath Ghanekar Theater. The evening featured a theatrical performance based on the humorous writings of Padma Shri Sharad Joshi. A reading from Kalidasa’s Shakuntalam, titled “Mudrika Rahasya,” added cultural richness to the occasion. The event received an overwhelming response, with Governor Dinesh Mehta emphasizing the importance of rekindling pride in the Hindi language.

Dr. Sonal Bangde, President of the Rotary Club of Thane Premium, and Jagdish Chellaramani, President of the Rotary Club of Thane Lake City, graced the dais. Governor Dinesh Mehta also felicitated Richa Joshi, daughter of Sharad Joshi, in recognition of her father’s literary contributions.

The drama, directed by Preeta Mathur Thakur, featured talented performances by Atul Mathur, Ramesh Kumar, Aman Gupta, Durgesh Bakshi, and Lata Sanjay, captivating the audience. The event received an overwhelming response from attendees.

CLUB SERVICES

The Trust and Board of Directors meetings were held for the smooth functioning of the club. Various decisions were taken and can be referred to in the minutes of the meetings.

TRUST MEETING AND BOD MEETINGS



SPEAKER MEETING THE LOST NATURE



A thought-provoking session titled “The Lost Future: Vanishing Beauties of the World” was conducted by Mautuli Ganguly, rediscovering various Himalayan paradises and exploring the causes behind the disappearance of nature’s most beautiful creations.

First District TRF Seminar was conducted on 28th September at Satkar Residency, Thane. Rotary Club of Thane Premium was recognized for commitment of USD 25,000\$ in the Rotary Year 2024-25. The Club President Dr. Sonal Bangde was also facilitated for a contribution of USD 1000\$ on an individual basis. Mr. Mark Maloney, Trustee Chair of The Rotary Foundation was the Chief Guest at the event. Mr. Pokrana of Raymond Ltd. along with IPP Ram Bhatnagar were also facilitated for their CSR Commitment.

TRF SEMINAR



HAPPY MEMORIES AND LEARNING-RYLA



Atharva and Anand Vadnere, sons of Rtn. Amit Vadnere, have shared their remarkable experience as participants of RYLA Event. Both brought energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to their roles, making the most of the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute.

In their own words –

“Had a great time during the RYLA held at Lonavala. First – the destination they choose was a fantastic one. Lonavala is a place, I have not visited for a while.

The activities we played were interesting and were based upon Leadership and Teamwork. The volunteers were lovely, and they helped us throughout the event. The quizzes were intriguing and we learned many new things. The talent hunt had my heart lifted.

Thank you everyone for this superb RYLA in this Awesome year”.

Both Atharva and Anand have clearly inherited the spirit of service and leadership from their father, Rtn. Amit Vadnere. Their participation was a testament to their personal growth and their desire to make a difference in the community.

Festivals bring people together. We pray in unison to the Gods to continue to shower their blessings on his creations.

This year on the occasion of Ganpati, members of our esteemed club visited various members' houses to have a darshan of Ganpati Bappa and seek his blessings .

It was a time of togetherness and happiness. The members dressed in finery looked dazzling and all enthusiastic to visit member's house .

Each house was unique and stood out in its presentation of the puja idol. Dr Shrugal had artistically represented his village rail project.

The welcome given by Secretary Sukrut and his family all adorning traditional attire was overwhelming. Newly inducted Rotarian Chetan Shewale patil and family took effort to decorate their home by themselves which was amazing to watch. Rotarian Pramod Marathe's family treated the members with the tasty and much known modaks for which they are famous.

Overall, the visit will be remembered for its bonding it created .New member Dr. Neha Deo was amazed to see the strong bonding amongst the members that keeps this club vibrant.

GANAPATI FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS



THE 1ST FIRESIDE MEETING OF 2024



The first Fireside meeting of 2024 was held at PP Sachin Bhole's residence, where DLF Dr. Lucky gave an introduction to the history of Rotary to newly inducted RCTP members, sharing four unique and inspiring Rotary stories.