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**Celebrating 10 yrs of Friendship**

ROTARY CLUB OF THANE PREMIUM  
CHARTER NO. 86092

ROTARY MONTH THEME



**Basic Education  
and Literacy**

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# NOTE FROM PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we progress through this Rotary year, I'd like to focus on a critical issue: Basic Education and Literacy in Urban Slums. Despite advances, many slums in our cities remain under-resourced, with children lacking access to quality education due to poverty, overcrowded schools, and limited resources.

Education is a powerful tool for breaking the cycle of poverty. Without it, children are trapped in low-paying jobs, unable to rise above their circumstances. Beyond academics, literacy impacts health, social inclusion, and economic stability. We must continue our efforts to ensure that even the most vulnerable have access to this vital resource.

## Our Role as Rotarians

**We are in a unique position to make a real difference. Here's how we can contribute:**

**Adopt Slum Schools: Provide resources, infrastructure, and technology to improve learning environments.**

**Scholarship Programs: Support children with scholarships, ensuring they have the financial means to stay in school.**

**Teacher Training: Organize workshops to enhance the skills of teachers working in slum schools.**

**Adult Literacy Programs: Create opportunities for adult learners, improving their job prospects and daily living.**

**Leverage Technology: Set up digital learning centers or provide e-learning devices to expand educational access.**

## A Call to Action

I urge each of you to take part in this noble mission. Through our collective efforts, we can transform lives, uplift communities, and create a brighter future for all. Let's make education and literacy our priority, ensuring every child in every slum has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

Yours in Rotary Service,

**Dr Sonal Bangde**

President,  
Rotary Club of Thane Premium





# NOTE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Awesome President Dr. Sonal Bangde and Members of the Rotary Club of Thane Premium,

First of all, warm greetings from First Lady Jyoti and myself.

September in the Rotary world is designated as "Basic Education and Literacy" Month. Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. Education is not about filling a pail but lighting a fire that desires to know and experience. As Mahatma Gandhi so eloquently put it, "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

September is also the month when we welcome Lord Ganesha. It is a festival celebrated with great fervor and devotion within homes and community pandals. Jyoti joins me in invoking the blessings of the Lord for our extended Rotary family. This time of year is also marked by the visit of the beloved King Mahabali during Onam, celebrated with the traditional Onam Sadya feast. We hope you enjoy this sumptuous meal at the District Onam Celebration.

August proved to be a month of remarkable progress. Two new clubs received their charter,

and we were able to grow our membership by nearly 400 members who are committed to putting service above self. Kudos to the Membership Team and DMC Ravi Iyer. The TRF Team also achieved the Mark Maloney Challenge, with 100% of clubs in the district contributing \$100 each.

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**We have made significant strides in our Mega Projects. The Cervical Cancer Vaccination Project is well underway, with plans to donate over 2,500 vaccines by the end of September. The "Samvidhan Ka Amrit Mahotsav" project has also been enthusiastically embraced by many clubs in the district.**

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In the first two months of this Rotary year, we have distributed nearly 9,000 Ideal Study Apps. Our endeavor is that community service goes beyond providing kits and apps by involving the children, for as a famous man once said, "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." With this in mind, we have set up the Tech Lab Project, establishing computer labs in eight TMC schools with the help of a CSR grant from Goldman Sachs, Bangalore. The focus will be on learning through involvement, avoiding spoon-feeding, because in the long run, all that spoon-feeding teaches you is the shape of the spoon.

**September promises to be another month of awesome community service, and I urge each and every one of you to bring the magic of Rotary into the lives of our community. May Lord Ganpati Bappa and King Mahabali shower us all with their blessings.**

With warm regards  
Yours in Rotary Service  
**DG Dinesh Mehta**



# NOTE FROM EDITOR

Dear August readers,

The month of August was buzzing with multifaceted activities, showcasing a 360-degree performance by the club and its members in upholding the true spirit of being a Rotarian. It included community development projects, with a key focus on raising awareness among the general public about various undercurrents in our society—issues we often overlook and brush under the carpet until they assume venomous proportions that are difficult to tackle.

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**A major issue addressed was drug addiction, which is gnawing away at our youth, destroying their future, and, in the long run, our country's future. Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, thinkers, innovators, and change-makers. To raise awareness about this menace, eminent Rotary speakers, psychologists, and counselors explored the root causes of drug abuse among the youth and emphasized the various factors that lead them into this dark world. Increased vigilance and timely interventions can help steer many young people away from the path of drugs.**

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The COLS workshops were unique in teaching the general public the life-saving technique of CPR. Through the Sutah Pranada initiative and pediatric heart surgeries, RCTP continues its journey with children, always striving to give them a beautiful childhood and secure their future through life-altering surgeries. God bless all these children as they move back into the mainstream of normal life.

Women's wellness was the underlying principle guiding our Rotarians to conduct workshops on women's mental health and addressing issues that women often hesitate to speak about. The workshop on cervical cancer was an eye-opener for many women, debunking myths and emphasizing vaccinations and how they work. A Thalassemia screening workshop for women in the community was also crucial in reducing the prevalence of this inherited blood disorder.

**Love for our country was rekindled by a talk on the Constitution and its development, along with the distribution of clothes, footwear, books, and toys to the children of Talasari for a brighter future.**

Amidst all the community services, the Rotarians didn't forget to enjoy themselves at the Charter Day celebration. The event highlighted the camaraderie that Thane Premium members enjoy and share. Everyone participated in the event, making it a tremendous success.

The true spirit of RCTP lies in the synergy of thoughts, efforts, and contributions toward building a better nation and society.

Happy Reading,  
**Mautuli Ganguly**





## EDUCATION AND LITERACY



**“Education may be described as the development of faculty, not an accumulation of words, or as a training of individuals to will rightly and efficiently.”**

**- Vivekananda**

Little Shiuli held her father's hand as she walked through the streets of her village and came across a statue at the crossroads. She asked her father who the statue was. Her father replied, "Matongini Hazra—lovingly, we call her our community Grandma or Buri Gandhi." The little girl, slightly perplexed, asked her father, "If I'm ever in trouble, will Grandma help me?" Her father replied, "Do you know who she was? A courageous woman who led protests against the British Government. She was brave and fearless, marching undaunted toward the British residency at Tamluk to lay siege to it. She fell to the ground after being gunned down by the British, still holding the flag in her hand. Her last words were golden: to rescue the 'Golden Bird, 'our motherland Vande Mataram."

Her father continued, "You belong to the land of such fearless women, who looked tyrants in the eye. You were born strong, ready to fight for yourself." These were the golden teachings from father to daughter, which helped her navigate the tumultuous ocean of life.

So what is education? Sadly, for many, the final step is merely to attain a high-paying job to make life

happy and enjoyable. However, education is a journey that starts in a mother's lap and ends in the tomb. It is a lifelong process of learning that makes us wise, empathetic, and socially responsible. Education cannot be separated from literacy, as it is the magic that transforms humans from ignorance to knowledge. Books help us understand the world around us, awakening society from its deep slumber in ignorance, encouraging it to fight for survival and change. Education aims for the holistic development of human beings.

Children are the future of our Nation and the World. A sound childhood with the right education and imbibing the right principles, ethics, and understanding creates statesman and good world class citizens. Skill and education when imbibed into a child broadens his horizon of thoughts, helps in development of invention and innovation, helps the child to judge between correct and incorrect, and creates a strong nation building force. We, the members of RCTP, firmly confirm and believe in the social, economic and developmental goals that can be reached by educating our children. In view of this, we conduct a long term program named as **HAPPY SCHOOL INITIATIVE**. The initiative includes provision of essentials to students of underprivileged backgrounds that encompasses educational, infrastructural development and basic necessities of life. Every child is special and unique. We try to make their childhood Happy memorable and special by ensuring them a better life and future.

**-Mautuli Ganguly**



# COMMUNITY SERVICES

## COLS WORKSHOPS



Save a life in a situation of medical crisis was the motive to conduct various **COLS workshops** by Dr Lucky Kasat & Dr Supriya. Techniques of CPR and how to save a life were illustrated and explained by Dr Lucky and Dr Supriya.

Various Seminars were conducted relating to increasing the consciousness of the society regarding menace of drugs, mental health problems and also over usage of mobiles by children.

The aim is to build a healthy community life. RCTP members contributed to the following projects - **Drug De addiction, Mental Health Awareness, and mobile De addiction, under Amrit Mahotsav** at TMC school. This was facilitated by Counsellor speaker Rtn. Bhagyashri Harrle Consulting Psychologist Avenue Chair RY 24-25 - Dist. 3142 Women in modern day society face many challenges at home and workplaces. Many times they are unable to express them leading to **various mental disorders** that plague their lives. A unique workshop was conducted by Dr Supriya Lad addressing their problems regarding mental health which stressed upon the means by which they can cope up with these and the importance of addressing these issues openly.

## RCTP



## CERVICAL CANCER



Cervical cancer is a major cause of concern for women's health . It is the second most common cause of cancer among women and is a major cancer to cause deaths among women. Screening rates of **cervical cancer** are low in India due to cultural stigma and limited resources. The seminar on cervical cancer emphasized to debunk the myths looming on cervical cancer and popularize the importance of vaccination, to fortify our girl child against this demon.



Our constitution is the law of the Land. In order to increase our awareness of the constitution, an informative talk was given by Dr Lucky. S. Kasat. It portrayed the historical events that led to its drafting and later developments



PEDIATRIC HEART SURGERIES



SUTAH PRANADA



RCTP continues its journey with children, always striving to give them a beautiful childhood through **Paediatric Heart Surgeries and Suta Pranada (Saving Child's Life)** and making their future secure through life altering surgeries. God bless all these children as they again move into the mainstream of normal life.

NI-KSHAY MITRA PROJECT FOR TB MUKT BHARAT



THE CLOTHES DONATION DRIVE



Clothes, school bags, footwear, toys and books were collected from homes of Rotarians, friends and Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania school and donated to tribal school in Talasari. Heartfelt thankfulness to the **Principal Dr. Revathi Srinivasan of Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School** for allowing students to participate in this Donation Drive. Kudos to Rtn. **Ashmita Agarwal** for the success of this project, whose relentless hard work and unwavering focus led to a huge collection of donations that could be distributed among various schools.



## THALASSEMIA SCREENING

### Thalassemia screening

In the community is crucial for reducing the prevalence of this inherited blood disorder, enabling individuals to make informed reproductive choices, thereby preventing the birth of children with severe forms of the disease, raises awareness about the disorder, encourages genetic counseling, and helps reducing the incidence of thalassemia-related complications in future generations.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Financial support to one patient for Cataract surgery at Mahaveer Jain Hospital.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS A SALUTE TO OUR MIGHTY COUNTRY



The flag hoisting ceremony at Zari **Dhangarpada** School was a memorable event that filled our hearts with pride, joy, and a sense of commitment to love, honour and serve our nation. We were overwhelmed by the warm welcome given by the students, Principal and staff of the school. The vibrant cultural programme by students showcased their talents.

## GURU-SHISHYA PARAMPARA

The Rotary Club of Thane Premium, embracing the timeless tradition of the **Guru-Shishya parampara**, continues to uphold the esteemed role of educators in our society. Recognizing the profound impact teachers have in shaping minds and building the nation, the RCTP, in accordance with the directives of the Rotary India Literacy Mission, honoured exceptional educators with the **Nation Builder Award**. This accolade acknowledges their unwavering commitment, perseverance, and dedication to spreading education. NBA was given to two teachers Mr Anil Malji Muda and Mrs Mina Santosh Meghawale





# CLUB SERVICES

A major topic of discussion among policy makers is the falling level water table and future security of water supplies. The club in its efforts to raise the awareness of rainwater harvesting and making it a possible solution for our water woes, invited Mr Arun Sapkale for a talk on **rainwater harvesting**. **The talk increased our knowledge on rainwater harvesting and various new technologies associated with it.** Mr. Arun Sapkale was felicitated with the prestigious ROVEX award during the meeting.

## RAINWATER HARVESTING TALK

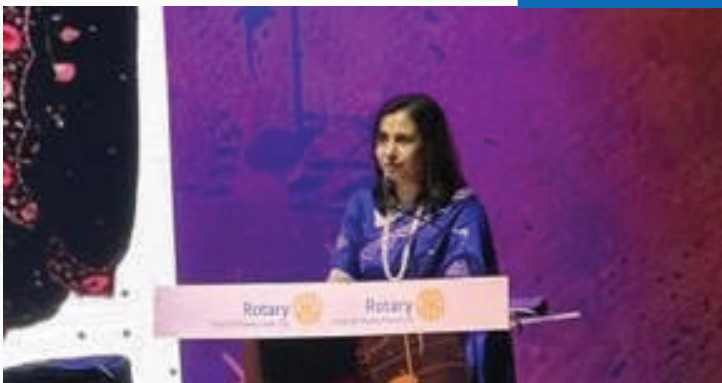


## LIFE AND BUSINESS LESSON FROM SHOLAY



Lessons on **business, life and spirituality** were delivered through the story of Sholay by. TEDx Speaker Dr Lucky S Kasat. A very interesting talk that gave him a standing ovation.

## LOVE THROUGH THE AGES A GRATITUDE TO THE DONORS



A grand musical event was organised as a gesture to appreciate the Rotarians who have continued to donate graciously for Ni-Kshay Mitra - TB eradication project, spearheaded by President Dr Sonal Bangde of RC Thane Premium.

**The musical night highlighted Rotary's noble cause to help the community eradicate the disease, and provide financial support to affected individuals.**

**Music is the language of the Gods, a medium to communicate with Gods. Music binds people into oneness of thought and action. A tool that stirred many revolutions.** A common way of expressing our hearts desire to others, a source of joy during celebrations and also a way of fondly remembering people and times lost

from life. Jashaan 's melodious voice transported the audience into a realm of serenity. A remarkable classical singer, his voice mesmerized the audience with the beautiful rendition of songs interwoven with shayari. Jashaan, is an extremely talented young singer, very different from the contemporary artists and is accompanied by a talented team of musicians. His initial gazal was rare and enthralled the audience. He continued with medleys of popular film songs, on different ragas, consolidated with sargam pieces. A true entertainer, Jashaan left no room for solitude, as the entire performance was immersive. The vibrant backdrop further enhanced the atmosphere, making the evening unforgettable.



## CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATIONS: HONOURING A DECADE OF LEGACY



The Rotary Club of Thane Premium was chartered on July 25, 2014, under the leadership of its first President, Ms. Neena Deshpande. Starting with just 21 members, the club's strength grew to 67 by 2024. Charter Night celebrated the significant achievements of Past Presidents, whose contributions have raised the club's profile and paved the way for future leaders.



It was an evening filled with camaraderie and positive energy, as members actively participated in the celebration, ensuring its success. Dr. Sonal Bangde, with her eloquent speech, highlighted the monumental efforts of all Past Presidents. Meanwhile, Past President Dr. Supriya Lad masterfully wove the event together with her interesting poems and introductions. The fashion show, which saw spirited participation from many members, was a testament to the vibrant spirit of the club. The evening concluded with a delightful dinner, leaving everyone with cherished memories.



# NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO THE LEAGUE OF ROTARY CLUB OF THANE PREMIUM



## RTN. MAHENDRAPAL SINGH

Engineer  
Managing Director  
Falwings Services Pvt Ltd.

Objective to Join rotary "I aim to use my professional skills in Supply Chain and Logistics, coupled with my dedication to community service, to significantly support the Rotary Club's mission of promoting positive change both locally and globally."



## RTN. SALIL PADWAL

Engineer

He has worked for Nortel Networks , California and is now the Proprietor of Perfect Electricals & Electricals Corporation. His hobbies include playing badminton, singing , listening to music, and trekking .