





# THE EASTERN TALES Rotary Club of Thane East

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### **EDITORIAL**

# **THE EDITORS DESK**



Welcome to the first edition of our Rotary monthly bulletin for the Rotary year 2024-25. In these pages, you will discover stories that exemplify the heart of Rotary—local action with a global impact. Our focus remains steadfast on addressing critical social issues, promoting education and literacy, and striving to make our community a better place for all.

Each initiative of RCTE during the year 2023-24, reflects our commitment to service above self. Whether it's supporting initiatives that enhance education, empowering individuals through literacy programs, or tackling pressing social challenges head-on, Rotary members like you are the driving force behind positive change.

As we navigate the year ahead, let us be inspired by the stories of resilience, compassion, and dedication that define Rotary's mission. Together, we continue to forge meaningful connections, amplify our impact, and leave a lasting legacy of goodwill in our community and beyond.

As the baton passes from our Excellent President **Jyoti Jadwani** to our Awesome President **Yatish Kuril** it is our belief that the values and traditions of the club remain intact and that the future draws inspiration from the past and scripts new narratives that keep the core thought and premise of rotary alive.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to service and for embodying the spirit of Rotary in all that you do.

Fabian Trevor Cowan







Stephanie A. Urchick is a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA. She has been an RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee. She has served RI in numerous capacities, including as training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and RI president's representative. In addition, Stephanie was a representative and member-at-large to three sessions of the Council on Legislation.

Stephanie A. Urchick RI President 2024-25

Stephanie has also served as chair of the Rotary Strategic Planning Committee and The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee, as well as a member of various Rotary committees, including the Election Review Committee and Operational Review Committee.

A Rotary member since 1991, Stephanie has participated in a variety of international service projects, including National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria. In Vietnam, she worked with clubs to help build a primary school and traveled to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. A student of several Slavic languages, she has mentored new Rotary members in Ukraine and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant for a mammography equipment and a biopsy unit for a hospital in Poland. In its commemorative book, the Rotary Club of Krakow, Poland, noted Stephanie as a key figure for helping the re-birth of Rotary in post-Communist Poland.

Currently, Stephanie is helping to partner clubs and districts in the U.S. with Rotary clubs in Albania, Kosovo, and Ukraine for humanitarian and educational services.

Stephanie's professional background is in the higher education, consulting, and entertainment industries. She received her doctorate degree in Leadership Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has been recognized and awarded by The Rotary Foundation and numerous community and international organizations.







Dear Fellow Rotarians of RID 3142,

As we embark to create Magic and showcase the Magic of Rotary, my thoughts also dwell on the changes that we need to bring within our clubs and our organization but most importantly in ourselves as Rotarians. The journey we have embarked upon is more than a passage of time; it is a testament to our enduring commitment to ethics, values, integrity and fairness principles that are the bedrock of Rotary.

#### Stephanie A. Urchick RI President 2024-25

Fellowship being the strength and Foundation on which we build our organization. It must be borne in mind that none of us should do or indulge in any act which in any manner may affect that Fellowship. We must have the moral strength to speak the truth at all times. Speaking ill of some one for electoral purposes or personal gain is alien to the values of our organization

Much worse is the dirty practice of spreading fake and false narratives and not having the guts and courage to put one's name to such communications. those who indulge in such activities do not deserve to wear the pin and be called a Rotarian.

Our mission, to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace, is ambitious. Yet, It is within our reach because of the unwavering dedication and ethical fortitude of many Rotarians like you. The theme for this year, "Empower to Transform; calls upon each of us to leverage our strengths, resources, and convictions to make a meaningful difference in the world.

In an era where challenges abound and the need for fairness and ethical leadership is more pronounced than ever, we, as Rotarians, are called to be beacons of hope and agents of change. Our projects, whether they focus on providing clean water, supporting education, fighting disease, or promoting peace, are reflections of our commitment to acting with integrity and fairness.

This year, as we strive to empower communities and transform lives, let our actions be guided by these principles. Let us embrace diversity and inclusivity, ensuring that fairness and ethical considerations underpin every decision we make.

I encourage each of you to engage deeply with the district's initiatives, to seek out opportunities to lead with empathy, and to support each other in your endeavors. Together, we have the power to make lasting impact, to inspire those around us, and to uphold the values that have made Rotary a worldwide force recognized for doing good..

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your continued dedication and enthusiasm. It is your commitment to our core values and your passion for service above self that propel us forward. May this directory not only serve as a guide through the year but also as a reminder of the difference we can make when we stand united in ethics, values, integrity and fairness.



#### **KNOW YOUR DG**



Mahatma Gandhi famously said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Dinesh began his professional life as a teacher and later dared to set up a trading unit in iron and steel. He rapidly grew into a major steel billets manufacturer and flat steel importer.

**Dinesh Mehta** District Governor RY 2024-25

Dinesh was invited to join the Rotary Club of Thane Lake City in 2001-2002. He became President in 2007-2008 and set several benchmarks: Highest-ever membership growth

Highest-ever donation to the Rotary Foundation

First-ever matching grant for constructing a check dam near Bhiwandi.

He led the highly impactful Global Grant Project at Mahavir Jain Hospital in Thane, in collaboration with TMC and JITO, to establish a Diagnostics and Ophthalmic Centre. He provided operation theatre equipment and assisted the Rotary Club of Thane in setting up a Dialysis Centre in the same hospital. Dinesh was instrumental in establishing the PICU at Mahavir Jain Hospital with the assistance of PRID Ashok Mahajan.

Dinesh has served as Assistant Governor (2012-13), District Secretary (2015-16), Chief Coordinator 17-18, and Avenue Chair TRF Support, when he raised the bar and collected 1.14 million donations to The Rotary Foundation. With this donation, RID 3142 ranked 29th among the 540 Districts in the Rotary World.

In the same year, Dinesh's Parent Club, the Rotary Club of Thane Lake City, contributed more than 4 Lac\$ to The Rotary Foundation and was ranked No. 3 in India and No.11 in the Rotary World.

Dinesh also served as a Convenor for DTA, Pre PETS, OTTS, CSR Conclave, and numerous TRF Seminars. Dinesh was the District Coordinator for 5 years for the Rotary Leadership Institute.

Dinesh received the RI Club Builder Award in 2015-16 and was bestowed with the Rotary District Service Award on **FOUR** occasions. He is the recipient of the Rotary Foundation's 2nd highest award-- Citation for Meritorious Service from the Rotary Foundation







My Dear Awesome Rotarians,

The Rotary International Theme for 2024-2025 is "The Magic of Rotary". I find the theme both apt and inspirational. I have witnessed how the Magic of Rotary works on a personal and community basis. It transforms people, saves lives and does an enormous amount of good in the world.

#### **Dinesh Mehta** District Governor RY 2024-25

I have seen how Rotarians have bonded together during the early days of the Pulse Polio campaign to ensure that the Oral Polio vaccine was duly administered in every designated locality in the district. If today, India has been declared Polio Free for a decade it is in no small measure due to the Magic of Rotary. During the Covid pandemic, when hospital beds and oxygen cylinders were at a premium, it was the networking of Rotarians and the magic of rotary that proved to be a life saving intervention.

I have been witness to dilapidated schools being repaired, restored and transformed to an institution, students take pride in, villages being lit up with Solar Power and an environment rendered green through a Check Dam and a Borewell. All this was made possible through the magic that is Rotary,

I believe that the time has come for Rotary Clubs in our District to Think Big and that is why we plan to execute "8 Mega Projects" during the Rotary Year 24-25. David J. Schwartz in his book. The Magic of Thinking Big" says that "If you believe you can succeed, you will" and that thinking big helps to build confidence and destroy fear. By thinking big you motivate yourself and get more happiness and fulfillment out of life.

The Eight Mega projects are planned around Rotary's Areas of Focus and the Project Leaders have already done the preliminary survey work and determined estimated project costs. It is my earnest entreaty to every Rotary Club in the District to participate wholeheartedly in these mega projects, so that we can make a substantial difference to the lives of the community and showcase, the awesome magic of Rotary.

As R.I. President 24-25, Stephanie Urchick, has said it is Rotarians that create the magic, "with every project completed, with every dollar donated and every new member added". The Rotary Foundation and Membership Growth remain the key areas in which the success of a Rotary Year is measured. Let us Think Big about Giving to the Foundation and Growing our Numbers and ensure an Awesome Year

We owe it to our selves, our families and our organization to leave a lasting impact to the community at large and an awesome legacy.







With 30 years of experience in providing coaching, advisory, mentoring, and consulting services to Fortune 50 companies and a diverse range of businesses worldwide, has established himself as a seasoned Organizational Alignment Specialist, Top Rank CEO Coach, Educationist, Global Board Member, and Advisor to Family Businesses.

Yatish is a BCom, MBA, Ph.D., FMERU, FMERC and his Hobbies include, Reading, Travelling, Writing Research papers at world top Journals

**Yatish Kuril** Club President RCTE RY 2024-25

His multifaceted roles as an Angel Investor, Lead Researcher, Open Networker, Mentor, Author, Influencer, and Philanthropist have contributed to a comprehensive understanding of various industries and global business practices.

Yatish is a Fellow member of Harvard Business School, Fellow of Eudoxia University USA, Lead Researcher and Member of World Economic Forum, Advisor The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Advisor in MAARG Platform under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in India., Advisor NITI AAYOG





#### His expertise, includes:

A comprehensive understanding of the dynamic forces shaping the global business climate.

A holistic view of general management, encompassing business operations, organizational structures, and competitive strategies. Pragmatic knowledge and adept decision-making abilities to address day-to-day business challenges. A proven track record of fostering creativity, making sound decisions, and devising result- oriented solutions. A visionary approach to identifying unprecedented business opportunities and steering organizations toward a future of growth and success.

#### Founder and Directors of Given Below Organization

- Kuril Founders B-School
- Proponent Consulting
- Secretfuss Pvt Ltd
- Thane Angels Network
- World Family Business Forum
- My Popular Private Live Show in Social Media : Yatish ManageMentor





#### **KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT**



Unparalleled management proficiency in implementing corporate missions, coupled with best practice strategies to ensure global competitiveness and sustainable success.

Additionally, as a member of the Rotary Club of Thane East (Dist-3142), Yatish is deeply involved in community initiatives and social development projects.

Yatish Kuril Club President RCTE RY 2024-25

As part of the few who attended the magical meet with RI President Stephanie A. Urchick

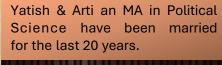




Yatish received rave reviews and accolades for his outstanding role as a priest at the annual pre-pet skit

## A Family Man to the core

Their Daughter Kashish is a student at DAV public school studying in the 8<sup>th</sup> Standard











### **MESSAGE FROM PDG**



#### Dear President Yatish,

At the outset let me congratulate you as you take over the mantle of the Club President of our wonderful club RC Thane East in this Awesome Year i.e. 2024-25

Kailash Jethani Past President (RY 2013-14), RC Thane East Past Governor (RY 2022-23), Dist 3242

As a past president of this great club of Thane East and in my capacity as PDG allow me to suggest that following these 2 things will be most beneficial for your success as President-

#### The first is the 4-way Test

Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all concerned? Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

Followed by the **5 Core Values** of Rotary which are, Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership.

Please always ensure that you govern this prestigious club by conforming to these, never failing guidelines. I am sure that like your predecessors you will have an enjoyable and successful stint as the President of RCTE.

Assuring my support and wishing you and your team all the very best of RY 2024-25

Yours in Rotary, Rtn. Kailash Jethani

## **REINFORCING OUR 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.













































#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 24-25**



Yatish Kuril Club President



**Jyoti Jadwani** IPP/ Intl/ Amrit M'sava



**Jigisha Hinduja** Club Secretary



**PP- Jinesh Shah** Vice President



PP- Vashdev Dodeja Treasurer



Fabian Cowan PE/PI/PR & Edit.



Sharene Cowan Club Administration



Sachin Ghag Membership



PP- Ramesh Patel TRF



Santosh Jadhav Youth (New Gen.)



Umesh Saxena Sargent @ Arms



Babulgaonkar Medical- Service Proj



Satish Thange Community Dir.



**PP- Shashikant Kolekar** Vocational

### CHAIRS OF RY 2024-25



PP-Sumanth Mature MEGA PROJECTS



PP- Meenal Savashe STRATEGIC PLN / DEI



Asha Shah LEGAL & LITERACY



PP-Devdas Bhat CSR



Tejas Sheth POLIO



### **OUR ESTEEMED MEMBERS**



PP-Ramesh Jadwani Charter Member



PP- Satish Mane



PDG- Kailash Jethani



Darshana Jethani



PP- Meghdoot Arvindekar



PP-Resham Thanekar



Dinanath Thanekar



PP- Sudha Shankarnarayan



PP- Suhas Apte



**Mercy Emmanuel** 



Prem Thakur



Shivani Thakur



Sudhir Zadkar



PP- Shreerang Ketkar



Aruna Jagiasi

## WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS



Lalit Hinduja



Biharilal B Nagpal



Veena B Nagpal



Yogesh Savashe





**CLUB AND BEYOND** 

### PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY MEMBERS





The Paul Harris Society recognises Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute @1,000 or more each year to any combination of the following: Annual Fund Share, Annual Fund-World Fund.







### MAJOR DONORS OF OUR CLUB







When a members cumulative donations reach \$10,000 they are recognized as Major Donors and can choose to receive a crystal recognition piece and a Major Donor lapel pin or pendant.

### **DISTRICT DIGNITARIES FROM RCTE**



ASSISTANT GOVERNOR



COUNSELLOR VOCATIONAL



JOINT DISTRICT SECRETARY



AVENUE CO CHAITRTRF SUPPORT



COUNSELLOR PEACE CONFLICT



CHAIR

HOSPITAL

**UPGRADATION** 

& DISCEASE

PREVENTION



AVENUE CO-CHAIR PEDIATRUIC HEART SURGERY AND WOMAN EMPOWERMENT







Locals in Okada fetch water from the hand pump water borehole system donated through the Rotary International-USAID Partnership projects. Okada, Ghana.





A health worker participates in a doorto-door polio immunization campaign at the Gubio Road Internally Displaced Persons camp in Maiduguri, Borno State, Nigeria. 27 April 2019.

People get safe drinking water from a filtration facility in Karachi, Pakistan. The facilities were installed through a decades-long partnership between Rotary clubs and Coca Cola Pakistan.





Harriet Nassiwa (second from left) and her schoolmates at Ndoddo Church of Uganda Primary School. They are among those who received training on Menstrual Hygiene Management supported by RI-USAID







### **ROTARY CLUB THANE EAST, MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Rotary members and program participants are improving lives in communities around our district and even the world every day through thousands of service projects. Explore the good work that we're doing locally in Thane and Maharashtra and share these projects through social media and within your networks as we resolve to make a difference in the lives of people around us.



As the future looks towards the present to make a difference to their lives, we Rotarian have a once in a lifetime opportunity to making change possible. Come join us, play your part and be part of a global community of change makers.

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