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FROM THE EDITORS DESK



Welcome to the September edition of our Rotary monthly bulletin for the Rotary year 2024-25. September, the ninth month of the year with nine letters, is a month marked by various significant days. It is observed as Teachers' Day, International Literacy Day, World First Aid Day, Hindi Diwas, Engineer's Day (India), International Day of Democracy, and World Ozone Day, among others.

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We at Rotary club of Thane East too did our bit for the community this month and engaged with students, teachers and achievers maintain our commitment to improved literacy through better surrounding, facilities and assistance to seekers of wisdom and knowledge.

Among the pages inside you will witness our very own celebrities who have a passion for various interests from bird watching to photography and even writing. We hope you enjoy browsing through the pages as much as we enjoyed preparing this bulletin. Happy reading.

-Fabian Trevor Cowan

STUDENT FELICITATION

On 27th September 2024 at Meghdoot Society Hall ,RCTE and Virangula Jeshth Nagrik Sanghtana awarded students of 10th and 12th of 5 schools of Thane East, not just their academic achievements but also for their contributions to our community and their potential for the future. We believe these students are leaders in the making, who will inspire others as they move forward in their educational journey. This award is not just a reflection of academic success; it represents the countless hours of effort, and resilience in the face of challenges, and an unwavering commitment to personal growth. Our recipients were not only excelled in their studies but has also contributed positively to our school community through their involvement in various extracurricular activities & volunteer work.

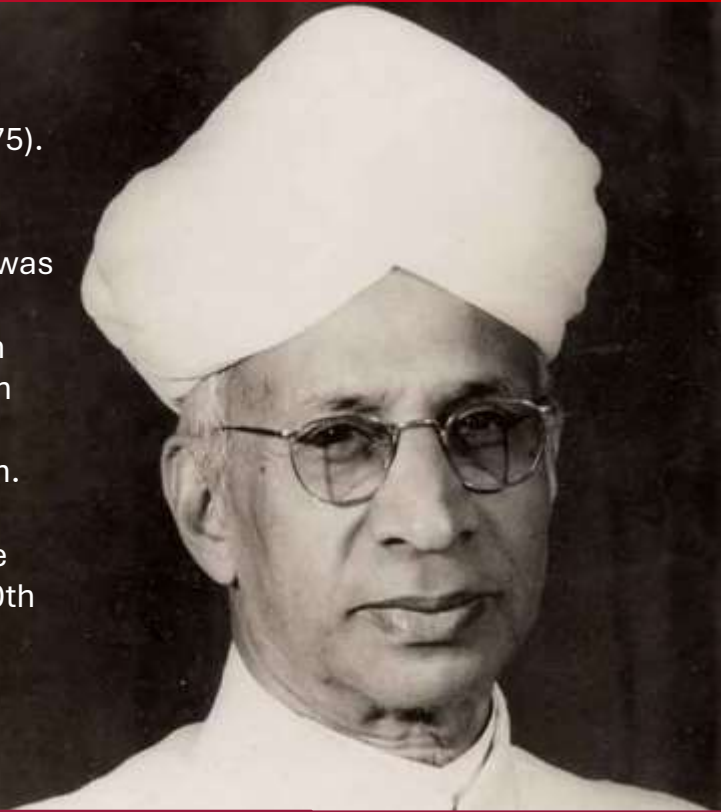


TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

India celebrates Teachers' Day annually on September 5, the birth anniversary of former President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (1888-1975).

One of India's most recognized and influential thinkers of the 20th century, His life and work was dedicated to defining, defending, and disseminating the Hindu religion. He is seen in philosophy circles as a bridge-builder between India and the West and credited for his role in shaping the West's understanding of Hinduism.

He was among the foremost proponents of the non-dualist Advaita Vedanta tradition in the 20th century, and re-interpreted Adi Shankara's philosophy for modern times. In doing so, he defended Hinduism against what he said was "uninformed Western criticism".



On the occasion of Teachers' Day, RCTE organized an appreciation ceremony for teachers who have done remarkable work in education sector 2024

THE TRF SEMINAR

CO-HOSTED BY RCTE ON 28TH SEPTEMBER



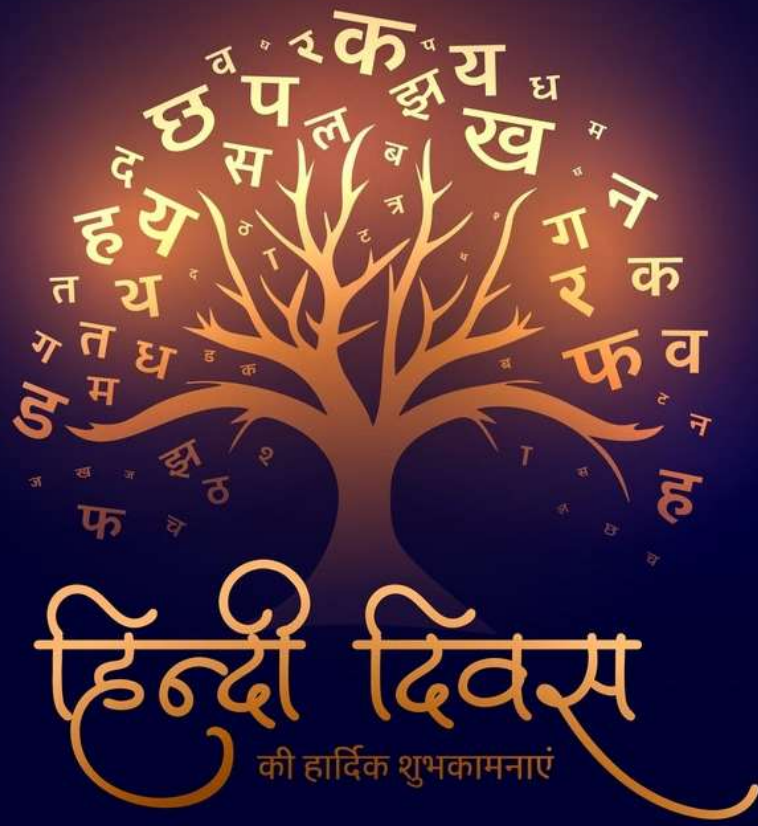
RCTE President Yatish Kuril receiving the appreciation certificate in recognition of his support for the Rotary Foundation. Presented by Trustee Chair PRIP Mark Maloney in the presence of Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya on 28th Sept. 2024 at Hotel Satkar Residency, Thane West



Appreciation received by President Rtn. Yatish Kuril



Appreciation received by PDG Rtn. Kailash Jethani



हिंदी दिवस का इतिहास

Hindī divas, is celebrated in India to commemorate the date 14 September 1949 on which a compromise was reached—during the drafting of the Constitution of India—on the languages that were to have official status in the Republic of India. The compromise, usually called the Munshi-Ayyangar formula, after drafting committee members K. M. Munshi and N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, was voted by the Constituent Assembly of India after three years of debate between two opposing camps. The Hindi protagonists wanted Modern Standard Hindi register of the Hindustani language in Devanagari script to be the sole "national language" of India (replacing the British era Hindustani of Perso-Arabic script); the delegates from South India preferred English to have a place in the Constitution. The Munshi-Ayyangar formula declared (i) Hindi to be the "official language" of India's federal government; (ii) English to be an associate official language for 15 years during which Hindi's formal lexicon would be developed; and (iii) the international form of the Hindu–Arabic numerals to be the official numerals. The compromise resolution became articles 343–351 of India's constitution, which came into effect on 26 January 1950. In 1965, when the 15 years were up, the Government of India announced that English would continue to be the "de facto formal language of India."

HINDI DIWAS ON 18TH SEPTEMBER

CO-HOSTED BY RCTE AT KASHINATH GHANEKAR AUDITORIUM



PLATINUM HOST OF RYLA HELD AT LONAVALA

14th September

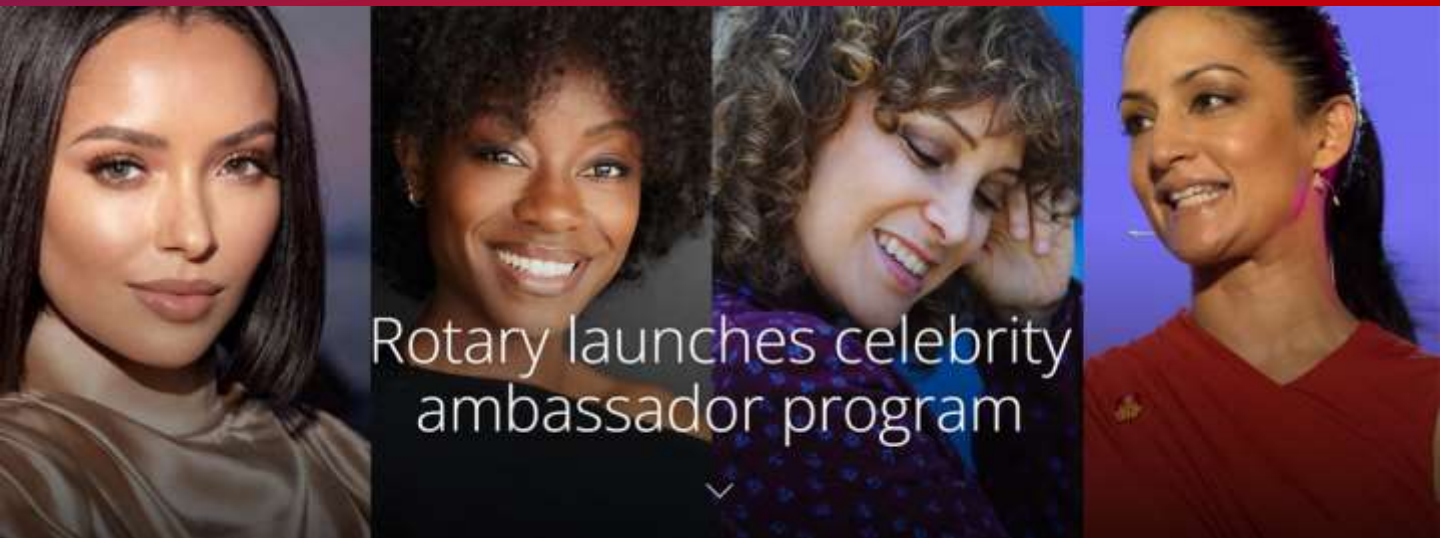


Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership program for young people ages 14-30. Organized by clubs, districts, or multi-districts, RYLA allows participants to learn new skills through civic engagement and personal and professional development opportunities.

Through RYLA events, clubs, districts, and multi-districts equip young leaders with the knowledge and skills they need to make real change locally and globally. In turn, clubs and districts benefit from the fresh perspectives of RYLA participants and alumni.



ROTARY LAUNCHES CELEBRITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



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CELEBRITY AMBASSADORS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Kat Graham- (Actress, singer, producer, humanitarian)

“I have been fortunate enough to have a long history with Rotary, from promoting women’s health and safety around the world to gathering with Rotary members in California to promote peace. Rotary empowers regular people to become extraordinary changemakers by launching unique initiatives using their unique skills and passions. By doing so, they improve the lives of others far beyond their communities. I’ve seen firsthand the profound difference Rotary members make, and I’m honored to serve as a Rotary ambassador.”



Sibongile Mlambo (Actress, producer, philanthropist)

“I had the incredible opportunity to travel to Uganda with Rotary and see their work firsthand. Witnessing their dedication to helping refugees and their unwavering commitment to peace left a lasting impact on me. Rotary members show respect for those displaced, empowering them through education, job training, and more, helping to create the conditions for stable, sustainable, and peaceful communities. As a Rotary ambassador, I will enthusiastically help to amplify their message of hope and resilience.”



Gaby Moreno (Artist, producer)

“Returning to my home country of Guatemala with Rotary exposed me to the life-changing impact its members have had on early education and literacy in the country. I met children who now are inspired to dream big, and who have been given the tools necessary to make their dreams a reality. As a Rotary ambassador with deep personal connections to its members, I want to help spread the word about this remarkable organization that’s giving hope to so many children around the globe.”



Archie Panjabi (Actor, producer)

“My first visit to India at the age of 10 opened my eyes to the heartbreaking reality of children suffering from polio. Years later, I returned to administer the polio vaccine and witnessed the dedication of health workers, inspiring my commitment to this cause. For over a decade, I’ve proudly served as a Rotary Polio Ambassador and continued the fight to eradicate polio while shining a light on the full scope of the vital work Rotary members undertake to create a brighter future for all, from safeguarding our environment and improving maternal health, to providing clean water and promoting peace.”

A GUINNESS RECORD ATTEMPT

By Ann.Smt Shaila Apte



Mahila Manovikas an organization from Vizag, organized this unique initiative. It was maximum number of crocheted granny squares displayed at one place. 58,112 squares were displayed. Whoever has done more than 100 squares will get Guinness certificate in their individual name. Happy to share that our very own Smt. Shaila Apte was part of this initiative and is due to receive a Guinness certification. And the squares will be donated to make quilts, blankets, bags to the needy people. Myself n Madhu Lalla were in the group.



टाण्याच्या १७ महिलांनी केला गिनीज बुक रेकॉर्ड !

५८,११२ कोशाच्या विणकामाचे चौकोन

गिनीज बुक रेकॉर्डसाठी, महिलांमध्ये ५८,११२ कोशाच्या विणकामाचे चौकोन तयार केले. हे चौकोन २२ सप्टेंबर २०२४ रोजी विणकामाचे चौकोन तयार केले. हे चौकोन २२ सप्टेंबर २०२४ रोजी विणकामाचे चौकोन तयार केले. हे चौकोन २२ सप्टेंबर २०२४ रोजी विणकामाचे चौकोन तयार केले.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

A SHOWCASE BY Ann SMT. SHAILA APTE & RTN. SUHAS APTE

“A bird sitting on a tree is never afraid of the branch breaking, because her trust is not on the branch but on her own wings.” — Anonymous



Northern Lapwing

The Fabulous camera shots courtesy our very own bird enthusiasts Smt. Shaila Apte and Rtn. Shri Suhas Apte



Coppersmith Barbet

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A SHOWCASE BY SMT. SHAILA APTE & RTN. SUHAS APTE

Red crested Pochard pair



“Every bird, every tree, every flower reminds me what a blessing and privilege it is just to be alive.” — Marty Rubin



Storkbilled Kingfisher

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Woodpecker



“Wherever there are birds, there is hope.”

— Mehmet Murat Ildan bird



Brahmini duck or Rudy Shelduck

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A SHOWCASE BY SMT. SHAILA APTE & RTN. SUHAS APTE

Greater Flamingos taking off



“In order to see birds, it is necessary to become a part of the silence”

- Robert Lynd



Starling on Indian Coral Tree

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Orange headed Groundthrush

"Until you spread your wings; you'll have no idea how far you can fly."-
Napoleon Bonaparte.



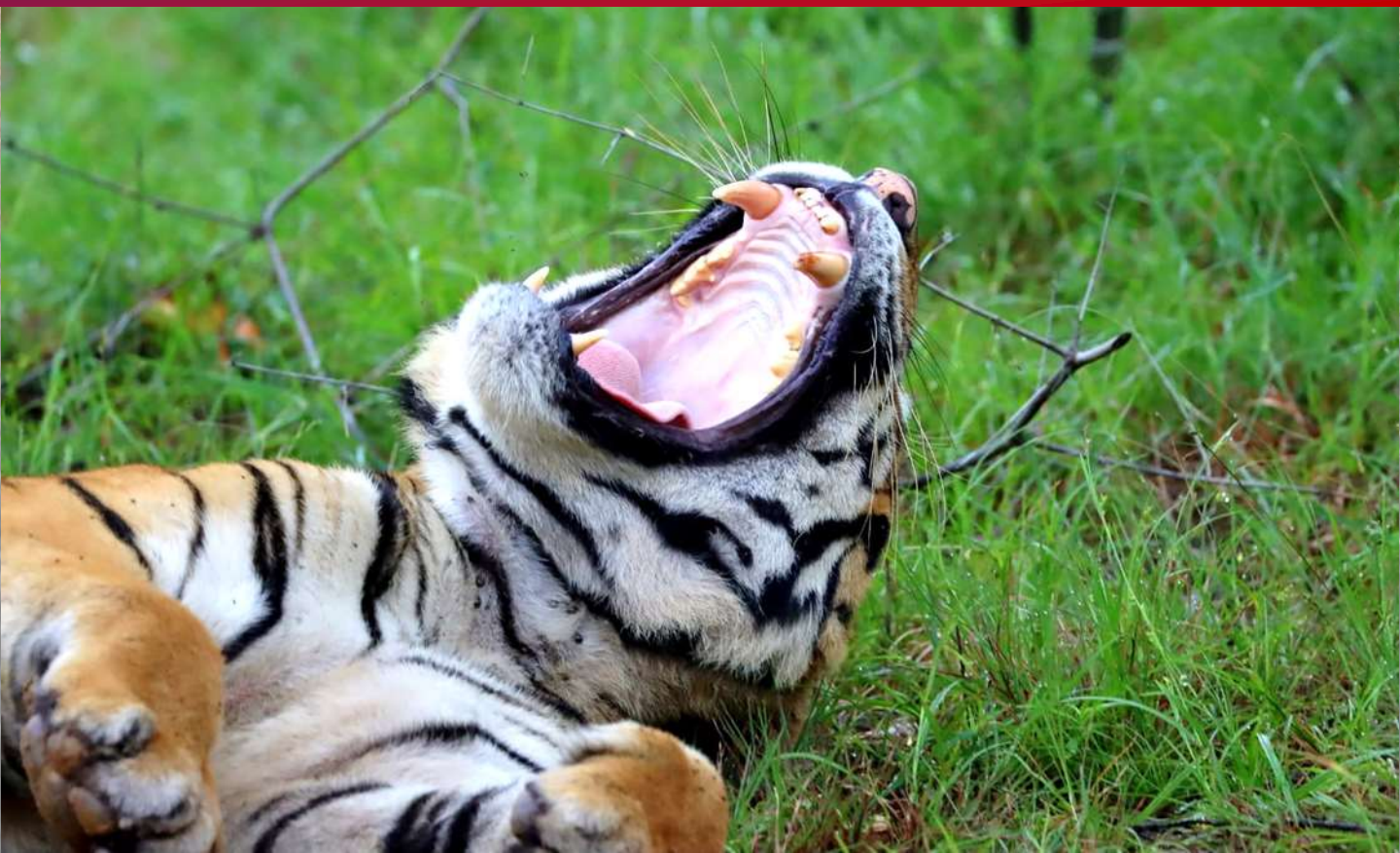
Brahmini duck or Rudy Shelduck

TADOBA SIGHTINGS

FROM THE LENS OF RTN. SUHAS APTE



“A tiger never loses sleep over the opinion of sheep” - Ziad K. Abdelnour



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I must say that the first 4 months of the rotary year have been a great experience for me as a President. I had said at the start that I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the opportunity to serve as your president. And I am happy to share that you all have been there with me through these months.

Our club has a rich history of service and fellowship, and we have seen this come true with your continued guidance. October is a month that allows us the privilege to bond like never before through the festivities that start with Durga Puja and Dussehera.

I look forward to engaging with you all this month through the planned initiatives. Your dedication and enthusiasm are the heart of our club, and with your support, I am confident that we will achieve great things in the coming months.

Thank you for your blessings and good wishes, see you at the meetings this month and happy to hear from you.

Yours in Rotary,
Yatish Kuril - President, RCTE