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Magic of monsoon captured by
IPP Pramod Avinash

Message from District Governor Dinesh Mehta



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we prepare to usher in the second month of this Rotary Year, let us reflect on our recent achievements and look ahead to the opportunities before us. Your enthusiasm and dedication continue to inspire and drive our collective efforts toward creating a positive impact.

"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way." We did. July was a month of remarkable achievements.

1st July: ANNAPURNA Initiative

We kicked off the Rotary Year with our Annapurna Initiative, where we served meals to over 9000 people throughout our Rotary District. This act of service not only addressed immediate hunger issues but also showcased our commitment to alleviating food insecurity in our communities. Ann Veneman, Executive Director of UNICEF, says, "Few things have more impact than nutrition on a child's ability to survive, learn efficiently, and escape a life of poverty."

7th July: District Governor Installation

I am honored to have officially assumed the role of District Governor of Rotary District 3142 on the 7th of July. The Installation Ceremony was a testament to our unity and shared vision for the year ahead. I am grateful for the support and the implicit trust you have placed in me. That same evening, at an event organized at Hotel Satkar Residency, we felicitated Rotarians who pledged contributions of US\$ 1000 and more at the hands of P.R.I.D. K.R. Ravidran.

21st July: Blood Collection Drive

Our Blood Collection Drive was a tremendous success, with numerous Rotarians and community members braving the heavy rains to come together and donate blood. We collected over 1500 units. As a blood donation slogan so poignantly points out, "A mother's tears cannot save her child's life, but your blood can." This initiative significantly contributes to saving lives and meeting the urgent needs of the healthcare system.

Throughout July, I have had the honor and privilege of being invited as Chief Guest at the installation ceremonies of Rotary Clubs in all parts of the District. This has provided me with an opportunity to meet Club Members and learn about the community service projects and CSR initiatives taken up by these Clubs. It is where I see the magic of Rotary happening.

Message from District Governor Dinesh Mehta



I encourage each Club to actively engage in recruiting new members while retaining current ones. We need to emphasize the benefits of Rotary membership, including the opportunity to make a difference, build lasting friendships, and develop personal and professional skills. Let us work to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

August in Rotary is designated as Membership and New Club Development Month.

Membership is the lifeblood of our organization, and this month provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate the values of our members, showcase the global impact of Rotary, and infuse new blood by inviting deserving individuals to serve the community and enjoy the fellowship of kindred souls by joining Rotary.

In addition, consider innovative ways to establish new clubs in areas that can benefit from Rotary's presence. By expanding our reach, we can grow our outreach and extend and amplify the impact of our service. Together, we can strengthen our organization and continue to serve our communities with dedication and passion. "What really matters from the point of view of social capital and civic engagement is not merely nominal membership but active and informed membership."

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and service.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Dinesh Mehta
District Governor

Message from the Editor's Desk



***Rtn Sohini Dam – Club
President & Bulletin Editor***

Dear Readers,

The month of August has been a truly blessed one. We found it very difficult to collate all the activities/projects achieved this month in a single issue.

As a Club President and Bulletin Editor it gives me immense pleasure to inform that we have completed 9 projects this month and had a grand induction cum fellowship event and details of these events have been covered in this issue.

We also have showcased all the best photos we have received for our Monsoon Magic Capture competition from our photography lover members. You will witness some great photography skills in this issue and I am sure you all will enjoy it.

All projects, fellowship events & meetings would not have been possible without the hardwork and co-operation of our members. It is really heart touching to see their support and love everything that we plan & execute.

So a BIG 'Thank You' to all our members & their families for making August a memorable month.



Know your members Rtn Manisha Shetty



Rtn. Manisha Sachin Shetty, a devoted mother and HR Operations Manager at Accenture, serves as the Director of Vocational at the Rotary Club of Thane Royales. Despite her demanding roles, she consistently contributes her expertise and leadership to our club. Her exceptional speaking skills and commitment to excellence, even amidst her busy professional and personal life, have significantly benefited our club. We are truly fortunate to have her as a key member of our team.

Her dedication extends beyond her professional and Rotary responsibilities, as she also actively participates in various community service initiatives. Manisha's passion for uplifting others and creating positive change is evident in every project she undertakes. Her colleagues and fellow club members admire her for her ability to balance her numerous commitments with grace and efficiency. As a role model, she inspires many to strive for excellence and to give back to the community. Manisha's unwavering support and tireless efforts continue to drive our club forward, fostering a spirit of collaboration and growth.





Know your members

Rtn Karthik Radhakrishnan



Karthik Radhakrishnan, a finance professional with diverse passions and commitment to social welfare. Outside of his demanding job, he engages himself in social and welfare activities. Passionate for music, appreciating tunes in any language and finding joy in both contemporary and classical genres.

A trekker, embracing the challenges of the great outdoors and the tranquility it offers. Cooking is another of his cherished hobbies, where he finds creative expression and relaxation. Fitness as a priority with regular gym workouts, A fervent road trip enthusiast, who enjoys exploring new destinations and relishing the freedom of the open road. His empathetic nature and deep religious beliefs guide his interactions and personal values, shaping his approach to life and work. Karthik and his family share a happy marital life, with his wife and son being central to his happiness.





Monsoon Magic - Photography competition

We had a photography competition within our club members and requested our members to capture the magical monsoon moments unveiling the beauty of monsoon season.

Sharing the top photographs received with our readers along with the names of the photographer. All of them will be felicitated during our next fellowship event.



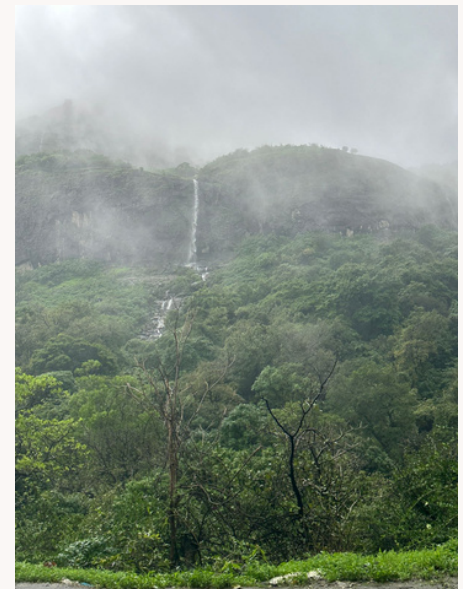
Captured by Rashmi Tamhankar



Captured by Rtn Ankur Dhanukar



Captured by Yash Avinash



Captured by Ankur Dhanuka

Monsoon being the most romantic and beautiful season in Maharashtra, we encouraged our members to share the monsoon scenery/moment that touched their hearts.

You must have already see one of the photographs in our top magazine.



Captured by Rtn Shivani Avinash

Project Highlights for the month of August

Empowering Young Lives: A Day to Remember!



"August 15th, 2024, will be etched in our hearts forever! Four Rotary Clubs (Thane Royales, Thane Orion, Thane Connoisseurs, and Thane Northend) joined forces for a remarkable day of service at Samparc Orphanage in Bhaje village, Lonavala.

We conducted these following projects:

- Annapoorna Project: 525 meals sponsored for the girls and caregivers
- Menstrual Hygiene & Good Touch-Bad Touch workshop by Dr. Supriya Lad
- Cervical Cancer Vaccination Awareness Session by Dr Supriya Lad
- Thalassemia Screening & HB Tests for 70 orphan girls and their female caregivers by Swojas Pathological Lab
- Distribution of textbooks, notebooks, stationeries, Toys, bags, clothes, and sanitary pads collected by members of Rotary club of Thane Royales through a month long donation drive.

When we identified this NGO with the help of our Director TRF & CSR Satish Kothare for Annapoorna in the month of May 2024, we never imagined it would take such a big shape and make such great impact. We are indeed thankful to the 3 partners for joining us so that we could provide 525 meals for 1 day.





Dr. Supriya Lad's interactive sessions broke taboos and empowered the girls to embrace their womanhood. We're grateful for her and her team members Senior Technical Assistant Ms Shilpa in conducting 70 tests.

All the club members and their families enjoyed lunch with the girls and had a cake cutting ceremony celebrating Independence Day and birthdays of club members and their families who sponsored all the 4 meals for the day.



All this wouldn't have been possible without the support of our Club Donors & Volunteers. Thank you IPP Pramod Avinash & Club Secretary Jaya Manoj for sponsoring the meals from our club. Thank you Club Learning Facilitator & Director TRF & CSR Satish Kothare for the donations he has collected in Cash & Kind from his friends and big round of applause to Director Non Medical Shivani Avinash & Rashmi Tamhankar for their efforts in collecting donation items from neighbours & friends that was loved and cherished by all the girls. Thank you Club Membership Chair Vinod Tamhankar and Karthik Ranghunathan & Jyoti Balasubramaniam for contributing to the donation drive through books, charts, test papers, dictionaries, bags, atlas, board games, clothes & many more goodies.



A lot of non Rotarian friends donated in cash and kind. Thank you Suvin Sugathen, Kavita Katyal, Ravtej Puri, Khwaish Vyas, Rohini & Bhakti Kumbhar, Mayuri Diwan, Mrinal Surve, Amaira Dubey, Rhea Lawrence Vaishali Morris & Mahesh Thakur are just the few names who helped us bring huge smiles on the faces of these girls.



This was a memorable day filled with love, laughter, and service. We celebrate the true spirit of Rotary and the joy of giving back to the community!

Project Highlights for the month of August



First inclusive COLS training in District 3142



First inclusive COLS training in District 3142 was successfully completed on August 18th, 2024 at Kinnar Samhita, Kalyan with 50 Transgender sisters followed by Rakshabandan ceremony. Our Transgender sisters tied Rakhis to all 20 Rotarians who participated in the training alongside with them. We are thankful to our DG Dinesh Sir for blessing us with his presence for the historic project. District First Lady Rtn Jyoti Mehta who was the Chief Guest for the event participated in both COLS training and Rakshabandhan ceremony making it memorable for all of us. We are thankful to DAFSC & District Spokesperson Chandrahas Shetty and CEO & Chief Co-ordinator Shirish Songadkar for their wholehearted participation in the Rakshabandan festivities.



This project would not have been possible without the support of ADLF Dr. Lucky & AG Dr. Supriya who trained all of us with so much of passion. Dr. Lucky, in spite of his extremely busy schedule for the day, made out time for this training. The commitment of both Dr. Lucky and Dr. Supriya towards health & wellness of people is an inspiration for all of us. Both of them navigated so well through all the initial hesitations from the transgender sisters and made them feel not only comfortable but also accepted in true sense.



A huge shout out to all the partner clubs, my co-President and the members who showed so much of willing in joining this cause and participated wholeheartedly with their families. It all started with a small idea that came from our club member Rtn Rajib Sensharma and together by voluntarily joining hands together we have made it a movement. Thanks you President Sanjeev Kumar (RC of Thane Orion), President Hrishikesh Patil (RC of Bhiwandi BKC), President Medha Joshi (RC of Thane North), President Arunima Singh (RC of Thane Hiranandani Estate) & President Dr. Sonal Bangde (RC of Thane Premium) for all the hardwork & love you all have shown towards this cause.



RCTR welcomed new members in a traditional way

The club hosted a Shraavan special evening and invited a guest speaker to enlighten our members about 'Mind & Aura'



Rotary Royals Thane hosted a vibrant ceremony that began with the traditional Haldi-Kumkum ritual, performed by the club's esteemed ladies.



A ceremonial lamp was lit by President Sohini Dam, Treasurer Rajib Sensharma, Director CSR & TRF Satish Kothare, and guest speaker Sannjyot Gore, accompanied by an invocation song by Rtn Shivani Avinash. President Sohini Dam then delivered a welcoming speech, introducing Ms. Gore, who provided insightful knowledge on the mind and aura showcasing her skills in handwriting and signature analysis.

The evening saw the induction of five new members into the Rotary Royals family, along with a celebration of achievements by Gen Z and Gen Alpha members. Ms. Gore also selected the best-dressed Rotarian, honoring the ethnic wear theme.



An announcement was made about the upcoming district Mangalagaur event, which promises to be a fun and culturally rich experience. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks from President Sohini Dam, followed by a traditional maharashtrian Shraavan Special dinner and karaoke session, marking the start of a new chapter for the club.

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The fabulous women of the Thane Royales Rotary Club!

Mangalagaur Event

Rotary club of Thane Royales Co sponsored District Mangalagaur event held on August 30th 2024 and actively participated in all the activities. Our Club President Sohini Dam and Rashmi Tamhankar participated and received the Co-sponsorship appreciation certificate from District Firsy Lady Rtn Jyoti Mehta





Inclusive Ecofriendly Ganapati Idol making workshop with special needs children and youngsters from 12 different schools at Saraswati Mandir Trust Primary School, Thane

Ganapati festival is one of the most popular festivals in Maharashtra and loved by all youngsters. So this year 4 Rotary Clubs planned an unique project to make Ganapati festival memorable for all the 54 participants from various schools. Eco-Friendly Ganapati workshops are very popular in schools and societies but ours was 'Truly Special' in many ways. We planned an inclusive Ganapati idol making workshop from Shalu mati where Autistic youngsters participated in creating magical looking idols side-by-side with normal children. This project falls under Rotary International's DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion) thrust area. The Autistic youngsters are all student of Rajhans Foundation Vocational centre and we had normal kids from schools like Smt. Sulochana Devi Singhanian, St Joseph school, Saraswati mandir primary school, New Horizon (Hiranandani Estate), Hiranandani Foundation School, Yashodhan English High school just to name a few.

We surpassed our expected number of participants from 40 to 54 making this event a great success. Hard work and commitment of all 4 organizing clubs – Rotary club of Thane Royales, Rotary Club of Than Orion, Rotary Club of Thane North and Rotary Club of Bhiwandi BKC was were appreciated by all the parents and guests.





Meetings & Gupshup



Our club had an amazing joint meeting today along with RC of Lake City and RC of Thane Orion at Thirani School, Vartak Nagar on 4th August, 2024
 The topic was the latest union budget and its implications on citizens of India. The speaker Amit Sharma also shared a lot of great ideas on long term investments that will fetch us better returns so that we can have a relaxed retired life. He suggested about the do's and don't's when it comes to investment and the important factors to keep in mind while investing.
 Total 27 members from 3 clubs were present.
 From our club, Club President Sohini Dam was joined by Club Treasurer Rajib Sensharma and new member CA Mayur Manudhane



Regular Club meeting on August 7th, 2024



Regular Club meeting on August 21st, 2024





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अनाथालयातील ५२५ मुली व त्यांची काळजी घेणाऱ्या कर्मचाऱ्यांसाठी अन्नदानाचे आयोजन केले होते. यावेळी डॉ. सुप्रिया लाड यांनी मासिक पाळीत घ्यावयाची काळजी तसेच चांगला व चुकीचा

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