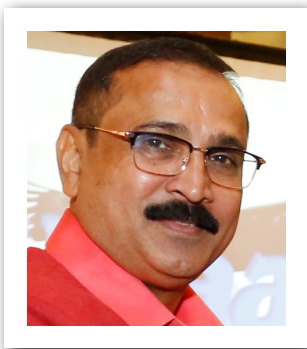




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From President's desk



As we welcome the new year, we are reminded of the promise and potential that each new beginning brings. January is not only a time for reflection, but also an opportunity to set fresh intentions—for ourselves and as part of this remarkable global Rotary family.

Reaching the halfway mark of the Rotary year allows us to pause and assess the work we've done, the lives we've touched, and the goals we've set in motion. It is also the perfect moment to reignite our enthusiasm, revisit our club's vision, and realign ourselves with Rotary's core values: fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership.

The past few months have been vibrant and eventful. We ushered in the festive season with warmth and celebration, starting with the District Onam festivities and continuing through Diwali and New Year. Our club was actively involved in several district events, including the first TRF Seminar on 28th September, the second TRF Seminar on 23rd November, and the Membership Seminar held on 29th November.

We celebrated our Club Charter Night on 10th November with renewed energy and camaraderie. Our Partner in Service, the Rotaract Club, marked a key milestone as well, with the installation of their third President on 1st September.

Among the highlights of our service initiatives was the successful completion of a major District Grant project at Mahuli Vibhag Secondary High School in Shahapur, Maharashtra. Having built the school building during the Smile Year, we further supported the institution by equipping it with a projector and screen, computer and printer with scanner, sports equipment, a 50L/hour capacity water filter, science lab

tools, and other educational materials. On 29th November, we visited the Zilla Parishad Tribal Primary School in Ambepani Village, Mokhada, District Palghar, where we donated a Smart TV to support e-learning and digital education.

Our commitment to sustained impact continued through the Annadan Project, now in its fourth consecutive month. We visited Kshamta Shelter—a refuge for girls and women in distress—to provide their monthly supply. Our esteemed member, Dr. Snehal Kohale, also led her second impactful session on Cervical Cancer Awareness and Women's Health at the Sharad Pawar Mini Stadium in Dhakoli, Thane West.

We celebrated Diwali with the tribal families of Vedhe Village Grampanchayat in Bhiwandi Taluka, distributing festive Pharal, crackers, soaps, diyas, and sarees. Our Rotaractors made a commendable effort, gifting 120 sets of clothing—one for each family. We also lit up the season with a spirited Deepotsav celebration at the Sharad Pawar Mini Stadium.

We ended 2024 on a powerful note by participating in the State-level Blind Cricket Tournament on 30th December—championing inclusivity and sportsmanship.

As we move into the remaining months of this Rotary year, let us carry forward the momentum. Let us continue to serve with compassion and commitment, remembering that even the smallest act of service has the power to create meaningful change.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful, healthy, and purpose-driven 2025.

In Rotary Service,

Rtn. Uday Dabhade
President 2024–25

In-house Newsletter of

District Events

Onam Festival: 22 Sept



Thirteen members from our club enthusiastically participated in the District ONAM Festival held in Kalyan. We were proud to be a Platinum Sponsor for the event, reaffirming our commitment to supporting cultural and community celebrations. The event was a vibrant showcase of traditional music and dance, thoroughly enjoyed by all attending members. One of the highlights of the celebration was the Onam Sadhya—a traditional multi-course vegetarian feast served on a banana leaf. Featuring an impressive spread of over 30 dishes, the Sadhya beautifully reflected the richness and diversity of Kerala's culinary heritage.

Spandan-TRF Seminar II: 23 Nov



Our Club Participated in TRF Seminar II - "Spandan" at Hotel Ramada, Navi Mumbai. The Club members including Vaishali, Vinit & Jaideep Limaye donated \$350 and Mayura contributed \$500 totalling \$1550 for the annual fund.

Membership Seminar: 29 Nov



Our club members Shirin, Pooja, and Vaishali actively participated in Manthan — the District Seminar on Membership Retention, held at Sahayog Mandir, Thane.

Club Events

Charter Night Celebration



The Charter Night Celebration of the Rotary Club of Thane Greenspan was held on 10th November 2024 at Maples Inn, marking the occasion with great enthusiasm and fellowship.

The evening embraced a traditional attire theme, with members arriving in vibrant ethnic wear and making lively, scripted entries that added a touch of fun and theatrical flair to the celebration. The atmosphere was further energized with Couple dance performances and karaoke singing, creating moments of joy and camaraderie. The evening concluded with a delightful spread of sumptuous cocktails and dinner, making it a truly memorable event for all in attendance.

Annual Meeting: 14 Dec



The audited accounts and balance sheet for the RY2023–24 were presented during the Annual Meeting of the club by Rtn. Shivani Gadkari. The motion for acceptance and approval was proposed by PP Dr. Kanchan Jaywant and seconded by Club Trainer & Charter President Rtn. Sandeep Sawant. With unanimous consent, the accounts were formally accepted by the members. The Club President presented a detailed overview of the various activities and projects undertaken during the AWESOME Year, along with the associated expenditures. The President then invited Club Trainer Rtn. Sandeep Sawant to introduce the Returning Officer, IPP Rtn. Vinit Gadkari, for the nomination of the Board of Directors for the year 2025–26 and the President Nominee for 2026–27. IPP Rtn. Vinit Gadkari introduced the Board of Directors for 2025–26. He also announced that the name of Rtn. Sanjay Jadhav had been proposed for the position of President Nominee for the year 2026–27. As only one nomination was received, his name was unanimously approved by the members.

Projects Update

Happy School - District Grant project at Mahuli School in Shahpur Taluka



Rotary Club of Thane Greenspans proudly completed its flagship project under the District Grant at Mahuli School, Shahpur Taluka. The foundation for this initiative was laid in the Smile Year, during which we constructed the school building at a cost of Rs17 lakh.

Building on this effort, this year we enhanced the school's infrastructure by providing a projector and screen, a computer with printer and scanner, sports equipment, a 50-liter/hour water filter, science lab apparatus and additional educational materials.

The total investment for this phase was Rs 1,60,000 (approx USD 2,000). The project was led by our Immediate Past President Rtn. Vinit Gadkari, with Rtn. Sanjay Jadhav, our

dedicated Club Secretary, serving as the project facilitator.

The project was inaugurated by our Club Mentor and District Governor Nominee Rtn. Nilesh Jaywant, in the auspicious presence of Saraswati and Ganpati Bappa. Additionally, this marks the third school where we have distributed 62 units of the Ideal Study App to 10th-grade students, empowering them to learn more effectively and achieve academic excellence.

This initiative stands as a testament to our Club's unwavering commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility. We continue to serve society selflessly, striving to create a brighter and more equitable future—especially for those who need it the most.

Continuing One of the District's Key Thrust Area Projects — Annadan (Food Donation)



Our Club proudly carried forward the Annadan initiative for the fourth consecutive month. This time, we visited Kshamata Shelter, a safe haven for girls and women in distress that works to reintegrate them into mainstream society, to deliver their monthly food supply.

Previously, the Club had successfully conducted Annadan at:

- Access Life Assistance Foundation, a cancer rehabilitation home in Chembur, Mumbai
- Bharari Asthivyangya Vikalanga Sanstha, Dombivli (twice)

During our recent visit to Kshamata, Club members engaged in meaningful conversations with the residents and shared not just food grains, but also school bags and other daily essentials.

It was a heartwarming experience, filled with connection, joy, and compassion. We aimed not only to support their needs but also to remind them that they are seen, valued, and cared for. The smiles on their faces were our biggest reward — a true moment of fulfillment for everyone involved.

Projects Update

Spreading Diwali Joy with RCT Greenspans and Our Rotaractors



This Diwali, Rotary Club of Thane Greenspans, along with our enthusiastic Rotaractors, visited Vedhe Grampanchayat in Bhiwandi Taluka to celebrate the festival of lights with 65 Adivasi families. We distributed Diwali Pharal, crackers, soaps, diyas, and sarees, extending our heartfelt festive wishes to each family.

The Rotaractors also brought along 120 sets of clothes, ensuring every family received something special. This meaningful activity was made possible through the coordination and support of Mr. Pundalik Patil, Sarpanch Vanjari.

We extend our sincere thanks to all our members for their generous contributions, helping us raise Rs75,000 for this



project. Celebrating festivals with those who often struggle to make ends meet brings us immense joy and fulfillment.

In addition, our Club celebrated Diwali at the Basketball Ground of Sharad Pawar Mini Stadium, Dhakoli (Thane West). The celebration was held with the parents of 100+ young students currently receiving basketball training. The Club distributed sweets, light snacks, and tea/coffee, fostering a warm sense of community and togetherness.

This celebration not only spread happiness but also helped enhance Rotary's public image, highlighting our ongoing efforts to serve and uplift society.

Thane Hosts State-Level Cricket Tournament for the Visually Impaired



Thane proudly hosted a state-level cricket tournament for the blind, a remarkable event organized by the Rotary Club of Thane Central in collaboration with the Blind Welfare Association on 30 Dec 2024. The tournament featured a short-format game played with underarm bowling, specially designed for visually challenged athletes to display their exceptional cricketing talent.

Rotary Club of Thane Greenspans was honored to sponsor the Raigad blind cricket team, supporting their journey and celebrating their spirit. The event was graced by our esteemed club mentor and District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) Dr. Nilesh Jaywant, who served as the Chief Guest.



The day witnessed extraordinary performances by determined athletes, whose skill, resilience, and passion were nothing short of inspiring. More than just a competition, the tournament served as a powerful platform to promote inclusion and awareness, highlighting the capabilities of differently-abled individuals.

It was a day of joy, applause, and unforgettable moments—one that truly celebrated the human spirit. Initiatives like these remind us of the importance of building a more inclusive society, where everyone has the chance to shine—both on and off the field.