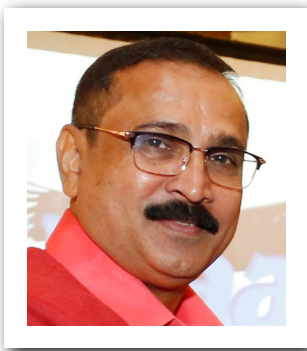




# RCTGS Bulletin

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## From President's desk



Dear Greenspanians,

It gives me great pleasure to connect with you through our official club newsletter. As I complete four months in office as Club President, I am filled with gratitude for your unwavering support, active participation, and enthusiastic cooperation in all our initiatives.

At the heart of our club's mission lies the belief that true growth happens when we involve and integrate our new members meaningfully. I'm incredibly encouraged by the enthusiastic response shown by our new members in recent initiatives—including the Installation Program, Annadan Project, Blood Donation Camp, Thalassemia Check-up and Awareness Drive, Club Picnic and Tree Plantation, distribution of the Ideal Study App to SSC students, the NCC Cadets' vocational tour to the Indian Containment Zone in Pune, and the Cervical Cancer Awareness Seminar.

Our Club Treasurer, Rtn. Shivasni Gadkari, presented the annual budget during our first Club Assembly, held in the esteemed presence of AG Sheetal Thorat. Our service journey began on Day One, with the District Thrust Area project "Annadan," organized on Annapurna Divas at Access Life Assistance Foundation's Cancer Patients' Home in Chembur, Mumbai. I'm proud to share that this impactful initiative was repeated in both August and September.

The "Drop of Hope" Blood Donation Camp at Sharad Pawar Mini Sports Complex, Kolshet, Thane saw the collection of 37 units of blood and also featured a Thalassemia Check-up and Awareness Camp. Our dedicated Secretary, Rtn. Sanjay Jadhav, generously donated a new computer and printer to

Triumph Blood Bank, further supporting this cause. To foster deeper bonds among our members and welcome new ones into our club family, we organized an overnight picnic at Wada, Palghar—a delightful and memorable experience for all. Building on last year's successful initiative, we distributed the Ideal Study App free of cost to deserving students across three schools: TMC School No. 6 in Dhokali, Vidya Prasarak Sanstha in Balkum, and TMC School No. 4 in Balkum, Thane.

A special mention must be made of our esteemed member, Dr. Snehal Kohale, who conducted two impactful sessions on Cervical Cancer Awareness and Women's Health. The first session took place during a regular club meeting, while the second was held at Sharad Pawar Mini Sports Complex and attended by around 75 residents of Thane.

Our members also actively supported District 3142 events, including the District PI Seminar (August 4), District RYLA (September 14), Onam Celebration (September 22), and the TRF Seminar (September 28). I'm proud to share that our club served as a platinum sponsor for the Onam Celebration held in Kalyan, reflecting our commitment to district-level involvement.

As the festive season approaches, we look forward to celebrating Diwali with our Adivasi friends in Vedhe village, Bhiwandi taluka, by distributing Diwali pharal, crackers, diyas, and clothing. Let's spread the light of joy and generosity together.

Wishing each of you and your families a bright, joyous, and fulfilling Diwali!

Warm regards,  
**Rtn. Uday Dabhade**  
President 2024–25

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## District Events

### DG Installation Ceremony: 7<sup>th</sup> July



RCT Greenspan was represented by five members at the District Governor Installation Ceremony held in Thane. The attendees included Dr. Nilesh Jaywant – Club Mentor and District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND), Rtn. Uday Dabhade – President, PP Rtn. Kanchan Jaywant, PP Rtn. Mahesh Painjane and Rtn. Vaishali Dabhade. Notably, DGND Dr. Nilesh Jaywant and PP Rtn. Mahesh Painjane each contributed USD 1,000 towards the Rotary Foundation for the year.

### DOP: 12 May



Four members of RCT Greenspans including President Uday Dabhade, Rtn. Vaishali Dabhade, Rtn. Vinaya Painjane and Rtn. Swapnil Deshpande attended the District Orientation Programme (DOP) held at Dogs World, Khevara Circle, Thane.

### Rubaroo: 18 May



DG Dinesh Mehta visited President Uday Dabhade's residence under the district Rubaroo programme. District dignitaries including the First Lady Jyoti Mehta, DS Nilesh Likhite, AG Sheetal Thorat, Rtn. Chandrahas Shetty and Rtn. Shirish Songadkar were also present during the visit.

## Club Events

### Installation of Awesome President and his BOD



The installation ceremony of President Rtn. Uday Dabhade and his Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2024–25 was held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at Maples Inn, Chitalshar, Manpada, Thane. The event was graced by PDG Dr. Mohan Chandavarkar as the Chief Guest, along with several district dignitaries including Assistant Governor Rtn. Sheetal Thorat and District Secretary Rtn. Nilesh Likhite.

PP Rtn. Mahesh Painjane formally introduced the incoming Board Members and Committee Chairs for the year, and also welcomed three new members who were inducted into the club during the ceremony. IPP Rtn. Vinit Gadkari presented a summary of the club's contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and highlighted key achievements and ongoing service projects. In his keynote address, Chief Guest PDG Dr. Mohan Chandavarkar delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the importance of membership development and member retention as key focus areas for the coming year.

### First Club Assembly



The first Club Assembly of the Awesome Rotary Year 2024–25 was held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024, in the esteemed presence of Assistant Governor Rtn. Sheetal Thorat. During the assembly, the Club By-laws were reviewed, discussed, and formally adopted. Club Treasurer Rtn. Shivani Gadkari presented the budget for the year, outlining key allocations and financial plans. Our Club Mentor DGN Dr. Nilesh Jaywant delivered a comprehensive presentation on project funding from the previous year. He commended members for their generous contributions and provided insights into the CSR funds received for various initiatives. He also explained the management of the newly formed trust and its significance in supporting club projects. Additionally, the club's decision—taken during the AGM held in December 2023—to contribute USD 50 per member was formally endorsed during the assembly. Assistant Governor Rtn. Sheetal Thorat appreciated the proactive and structured approach of the club and extended her best wishes for a successful and impactful Awesome year.

# Projects Update

## Annadan at Access Life Assistance Foundation: A Heartwarming Start to the Awesome Year



The Rotary Club of Thane Greenspans began the Awesome Rotary Year by actively participating in one of the District's Thrust Areas—Annadan (Food Donation). The club extended support to the Access Life Assistance Foundation, a cancer rehabilitation home located in Chembur, Mumbai.

This compassionate centre accommodates around 30 children undergoing cancer treatment, along with their caregivers, who travel from various parts of India. The foundation provides free lodging and nutritious meals for periods ranging from one to six months, depending on the intensity and duration of treatment. The children come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, and would otherwise struggle to afford the high



costs of staying and eating in a city like Mumbai.

The visit left a profound impact on our members, who were deeply moved by the resilience of these young, innocent children—many of whom are unaware of the seriousness of the journey they are on. The club not only interacted warmly with the children, bringing smiles to their faces, but also sponsored a day's meal, reinforcing the message that they are not alone and are deeply cared for. Providing well-balanced meals to those in need doesn't just satisfy hunger—it delivers essential nutrients and contributes to better physical and mental well-being. The initiative reminded us that even small acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference in someone's life.

## Distribution of "Ideal Study App" at TMC School, Thane



The Rotary Club of Thane Greenspans visited TMC School, Thane as part of its education-focused initiative to distribute the "Ideal Study App" to students preparing for their upcoming board examinations.

This innovative app is designed to support students in studying more efficiently and maximizing their academic performance. During the distribution, Mr. Kamat—who has successfully implemented this app in over 368 schools across Maharashtra—conducted an interactive session. He guided the students on how to install and use the app, and his motivational words inspired enthusiasm and curiosity among the students.



The Ideal Study App offers comprehensive study material that covers every chapter in the curriculum. It includes expected questions along with answers and presents topics through engaging visuals such as diagrams and illustrations, making learning more interactive and enjoyable.

Educational tools like this app can significantly enhance the learning process by helping students grasp new concepts more quickly, retain information longer, and develop effective study habits. With the right guidance and resources, students are empowered to perform confidently and excel in their board examinations.

# Projects Update

## Seminar on Cervical Cancer Awareness by Dr. Snehal Kohale



The Rotary Club of Thane Greenspans had the privilege of hosting an insightful seminar on Cervical Cancer Awareness and Women’s Health, conducted by our esteemed member, Dr. Snehal Kohale, at the club’s regular meeting venue.

Dr. Snehal Dhobale Kohale is a highly respected Gynecologist and Infertility Specialist based in Thane. With years of experience and a deep commitment to women’s health, Dr. Kohale has been passionately involved in raising awareness about cervical cancer, a cause very close to her heart. She has conducted numerous seminars and awareness sessions across various platforms, working tirelessly to educate and empower communities.

The seminar witnessed the participation of 38 attendees, including club members, their families, and Rotaractors. Dr. Kohale highlighted the critical importance of early detection, preventive care, and regular screenings, particularly in underserved and economically disadvantaged communities.

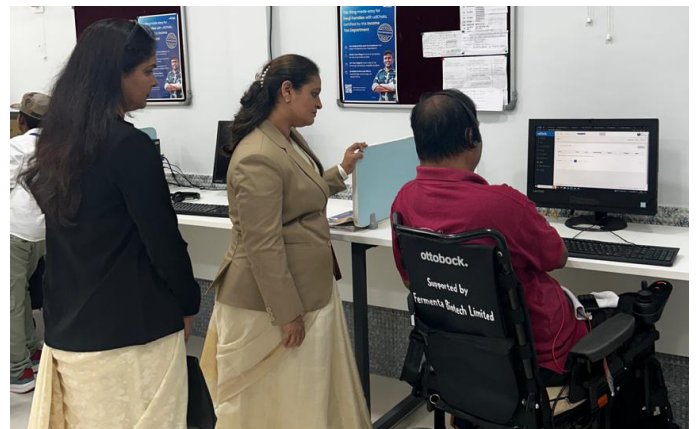
Her presentation underscored how raising awareness can help bridge health gaps, empower individuals to recognize warning signs, and encourage timely medical consultation. Early detection of cervical cancer significantly improves treatment outcomes and increases survival rates. We are proud to support such impactful initiatives that enhance community health and well-being.

## Vocational Visit to “Shourya” – Indian Army Cantonment Zone



The Rotary Club of Thane Greenspans, in collaboration with 20 other Rotary clubs from the district, participated in a special vocational visit to “Shourya” – the Indian Army Cantonment Zone on 22nd August 2024, to mark the 75th year of the Indian Constitution.

As part of this initiative, the clubs organized a motivational tour for 75 NCC cadets, who were transported in three buses to the cantonment. The purpose of the visit was to inspire the next generation by providing them an opportunity to witness firsthand the discipline, dedication, and sacrifices made by our armed forces.



The tour served as a powerful reminder of the immense courage and valor displayed by our soldiers in securing and preserving the nation’s freedom. Interacting with the military personnel offered the cadets valuable insights into the life and ethos of the Indian Army, fostering a sense of patriotism, discipline, and gratitude.

This memorable visit was both educational and emotionally impactful, leaving a lasting impression on the young cadets. The Rotary Club of Thane Greenspans is proud to have been part of this inspiring event that paid tribute to our brave soldiers and helped instill their values in the youth of tomorrow.