

# The DownTowner

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*Wishing all our Rotary club members and their families a joyous Christmas filled with peace, love, and happiness. May the New Year bring you good health, success, and countless opportunities to serve and make a difference in our community. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



# Club Meetings



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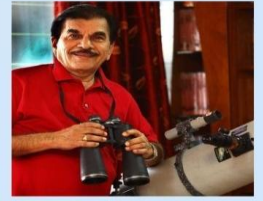
## Weekly Meeting 1 November 2025 (Saturday)

### Speaker

श्री दा.कृ.सोमण

Shri Damodar Krishnaji Soman

Almanac and astronomy scholar



### Sub Topics :

- ईश्वर म्हणजे काय?
- What does god mean ?
- नशीब असते का?
- Does luck exist ?
- आकाशातील आश्चर्ये
- Surprises in Sky
- सूर्यग्रहणे, धूमकेतू, उल्कावर्षाव, लघुग्रह, लोणार अशनी विवर,
- Solar Eclipse comets Asteroids small planets crater Lake
- परग्रहावरील जीवसृष्टी
- Life on other planets

Fellowship 7:30 Am to 8:00 Am

Meeting 8:00 Am to 9:00 Am

@ Stkar Residency Pokhran Rd 1 Thane



**1st November 2025** – As part of our ongoing effort to bring inspiring speakers to our weekly club meetings, we were privileged to host the renowned Shri D.K. Soman (popularly known as Da. Kru. Soman). He is an Engineer from VITI, Mumbai, and has had an illustrious career that includes 25 years with the Mafatlal Group of Companies, over 52 years as the creator and editor of Almanacs (Panchangs) and Calendars, 60 years of writing articles and columns for leading newspapers, and more than 9,000 lectures on Astronomy. He has also appeared on various TV and radio programs and interviews.



The session covered Astronomy, Astrophysics, and Astrology, highlighting their connection with Indian culture and how these disciplines interrelate with human behaviour and mindset.



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**Weekly Meeting 8 November 2025 (Saturday)**

**Speaker : USHA MANI**

**"She's not just leader- She is  
Changemaker"  
She's a force of transformation.**

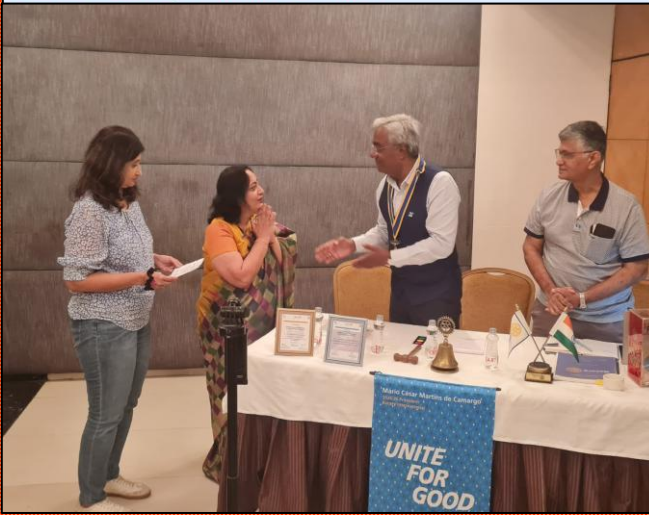


An Educational Thought Leader,  
TEDx Speaker, International  
Transformation Speaker

## **Topic :**

- Why ask Why?

Fellowship 7:30 Am to 8:00 Am Meeting 8:00 Am to 9:00 Am  
@ Stkar Residency Pokhran Rd 1 Thane



## **8th November 2025 – “Why Ask Why?” by Usha Mani**

We were privileged to host a renowned speaker in the field of education, leadership, and mentoring — Ms. Usha Mani, a constant guiding force for both parents and children through her foundation, ParenTeen Bond. She truly proved to be a force of transformation.

**An Educational Thought Leader, TEDx Speaker, International Transformation Speaker (Oxford, London), World-Class Facilitator, Inspirational Author, Certified Parent Coach, and Founder of ParenTeen Bond,** Usha embodied the spirit of service and impact.

With 43 years in education, her journey had spanned classrooms, boardrooms, and global stages. She had served as Director of Education, British Council School Ambassador, and Master Trainer – CBSE, dedicating her life to educating, mentoring, and uplifting the next generation.

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**Weekly Meeting 15 November 2025 (Saturday)**

**Speaker :**  
**Dr. Mitali Mokashi**  
M.S. (Ortho), D.N.B (Ortho),  
M.N.A.M.S. , F.I.A.S.M

**From Pain to Performance:  
The Modern Way to Save Your Knees**

**Key Points Covered**

- Saving your knees from replacement
- Knee preservation surgeries
- Maximising your performance in the setting of knee osteoarthritis

Fellowship 7:30 Am to 8:00 Am Meeting 8:00 Am to 9:00 Am  
@ Satkar Residency Pokhran Rd 1 Thane



**15<sup>th</sup> November 2025 - We were privileged to host Dr. Mitali Mokashi as our speaker for the week.** She is an accomplished Orthopaedic Surgeon with an MBBS, M.S. (Orthopedics), and D.N.B. (Orthopedics), working at Seth G.S. Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai, as well as Mokashi Nursing Home, Thane. A university topper and recipient of prestigious awards, including the Padma Bhushan Dr. K.H. Sancheti Gold Medal, she had developed strong expertise in Arthroscopy, Sports Medicine, Orthopaedic Trauma, Joint Preservation, and Joint Replacement.

She had served as a Clinical Fellow in Arthroscopy and Sports Medicine and had gained extensive residency experience at leading institutions across Mumbai. Dr. Mitali had authored multiple publications in reputed journals, presented at national conferences, and had been invited as faculty and speaker at various academic platforms. A former national-level Rhythmic Gymnast and Krida Gaurav Puraskar awardee, she carried a deep passion for sports, which continued to fuel her commitment to advancing knee and



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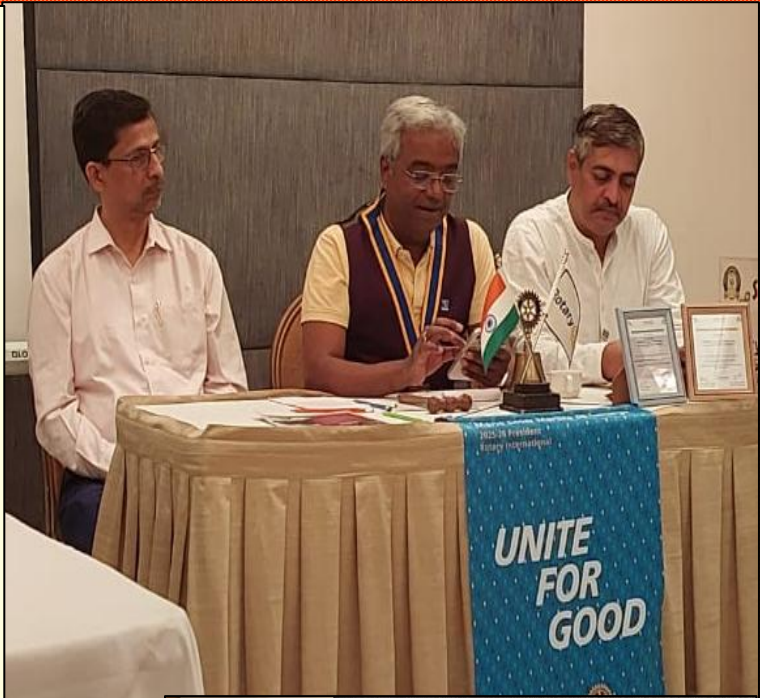
Weekly Meeting 22 November 2025 (Saturday)

## Classification Talk

**Speaker : Mr. Sandeep Guram**  
**Dy. COO TechNova imaging Systems**  
**Electrical Engineer**  
**Post Graduate Dip. in Management**  
**Professional Scrum Master**  
**Six Sigma Black Belt**  
**Certified Energy Manager**  
**Certified (Visionary leader for Manufacturing ) Module Director**



Fellowship 7:30 Am to 8:00 Am Meeting 8:00 Am to 9:00 am  
@Satkar Residency Pokhran Rd 1 Thane



**22nd November 2025 –** We had the classification talk by our own Rtn. Sandeep Guram, where we learned about his rich professional journey and explored how we could collaboratively contribute to the community as a whole.

A classification talk is an opportunity for a Rotarian to share their professional journey, personal values, and the expertise they bring to the club. It helps members understand each other's backgrounds, build stronger bonds, and explore how individual skills can collectively strengthen Rotary's service initiatives. Through these talks, the club discovers new ways to collaborate, leverage members' strengths, and enhance community impact.



# Club Meetings



Rotaract Clubs were formed to empower young adults with opportunities for leadership, community service, and professional development under the guidance of Rotary. Created as a platform for youth to come together, Rotaract encourages social responsibility, skill-building, and innovative service projects. Through collaboration with Rotary Clubs, Rotaractors gain mentorship, broaden their global perspective, and actively contribute to meaningful change in their communities.

**29th November 2025** – A joint meeting was conducted with Rotaract Club of Thane DownTown at Thirani School, Rotary Hall, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.



**Weekly Meeting 29 November 2025 (Saturday)**  
**Joint meeting with our Rotaract Club**



*Partners in Service*

**Agenda:**  
1) General Updates  
2) Joint Projects  
3) Leveraging Digital Media  
4) Exploring Possible Synergies in Ongoing Projects and Overall Execution  
5) Any additional topic with the permission of the Chair

**Meeting Time: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM (Evening)**  
**@Smt. Savitridevi Thirani High School Pokharan Road No. 1, near Mane & Vartak Gas Godown, Thane**

## Induction of a new member

A new member, Rtn. Sandeep Guram, was pinned by DGN Chandrahas Shetty on 22nd November 2025 during the club meeting. An official induction program with his family will be conducted during an upcoming family night.



Induction of new members is a significant event in a Rotary club, marking the formal welcome of individuals into the club's community of service. During this process, new members are introduced, their commitment to Rotary's values and service projects is acknowledged, and they are officially welcomed by existing members. This ceremony not only celebrates the new member but also reinforces the club's spirit of fellowship, collaboration, and dedication to community service.

**"BE BOLD, BE BRAVE, AND BE INTENTIONAL"**

"Meaningful Service Projects" are a top reason for club growth, showing that increasing impact drives membership.



# Project - Ayushman Bharat Card Campaign

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## आयुष्मान भारत एवं वय वंदन योजना (जेष्ठ नागरिक) कार्ड पंजीकरण शिविर

Led by Zone 8 supported by all Rotary Clubs of Thane

- Rotary Club of Thane Downtown
- Rotary Club of Thane Hiranandani Legends
- Rotary Club of Thane Aces
- Rotary Club of Thane Urbania
- Rotary Club of Thane Passion
- Rotary Club of Thane East
- Rotary Club of Thane
- Rotary Club of Thane Angels
- Rotary Club of Thane Creekside
- Rotary Club of Thane Royales

दिनांक: २३ नवंबर २०२५, सुबह ९:३० से ५:०० बजे तक  
जगह: श्री विभूति प्रकाश नंदजी विद्यालय इंदिरा नगर, रुपादेवी पाडा नं.२ ठाणे (ए) ४००६०४

❖ सुविधा और लाभ ❖

**निःशुल्क उपचार** - पात्र परिवारों को प्रति वर्ष ₹५ लाख तक का कैशलेस इलाज सरकारी और सूचीबद्ध निजी अस्पतालों में मिलता है।  
**आर्थिक सुरक्षा** - महंगे इलाज का खर्च सरकार उठाती है, जिससे गरीब और कमजोर वर्ग चिकित्सा खर्च के बोझ से बचते हैं।  
**व्यापक कवरेज** - पूरी तरह पारिवारिक योजना है, उम्र, परिवार के सदस्य या रोग की जटिलता पर कोई प्रतिबंध नहीं है, जिससे लाखों लोग लाभान्वित होते हैं। वय वंदन योजना (वर्द्ध नागरिक कार्ड) आयु ५० वर्ष और उससे अधिक

पंजीकरण के लिए आते समय अपना आधार कार्ड और आधार से जुड़ा मोबाइल फोन और महाराष्ट्र का अधिकृत राशन कार्ड साथ लाएं।



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## आयुष्मान भारत कार्ड पंजीकरण शिविर

### Ayushman Bharat Card Registration Camp

Organised & Led by ZONE 8

Rotary Club of Thane Downtown Rotary Club of Thane Hiranandani Legends  
Rotary Club of Thane Aces Rotary Club of Thane Urbania  
Rotary Club of Thane Passion Rotary Club of Thane East  
Rotary Club of Thane Rotary Club of Thane Angels  
Rotary Club of Thane Creekside Rotary Club of Thane Royales

दिनांक : 23 नवंबर 2025, सुबह 9:30 से दोपहर 5:00 बजे तक  
जगह : श्री विभूती प्रकाश नंदजी विद्यालय  
हनुमान नगर, वागले औद्योगिक एस्टेट, ठाणे पश्चिम, 400604

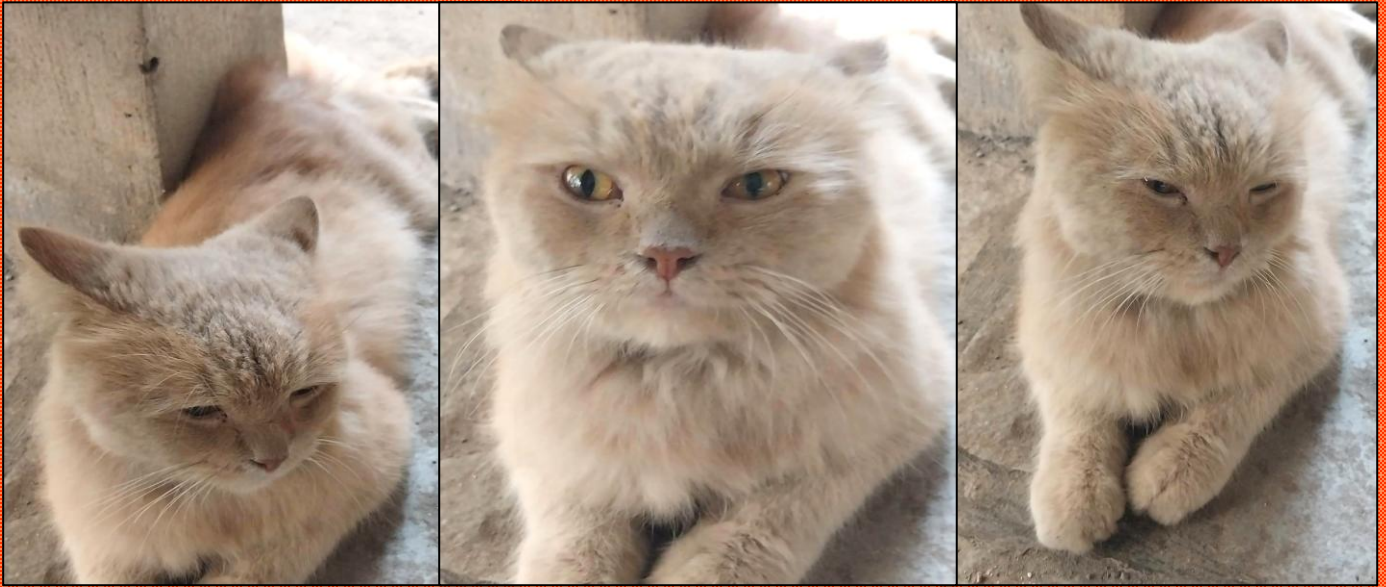
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निम्नलिखित दस्तावेज़ लेकर आएं:  
अगर आप महाराष्ट्र के निवासी हैं तो आधार कार्ड और उसके साथ जुड़ा हुआ मोबाइल नंबर और महाराष्ट्र सरकार द्वारा जारी राशन कार्ड लेकर आएं।

**22nd November 2025** – As November was observed as Service Month in our Rotary District 3142, our club, part of Zone 8 with 10 clubs, collaborated with fellow clubs to organize a special service initiative. On this day, we collectively conducted a camp to assist individuals in enrolling for the Ayushman Bharat medical scheme at Shri Vibhuti Prakashanandji Vidyalay, Hanuman Nagar, Wagale Estate, Thane, from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The response was heartening, with people of all age groups turning up and queuing enthusiastically for enrolment.



## Project – Pet Adoption



**Pet Project:** The project was led by Rtn. Mahesh Gowande and guided by PP Rajat Passi. The adoption process for the stray dog Pablo was successfully completed with CPCA. The total cost incurred was approximately Rs. 2,450.



Animals are an essential part of our planet's ecosystem, providing balance, companionship, and inspiration. From the tiniest insects to the largest mammals, each species plays a unique role in maintaining biodiversity. Beyond their ecological importance, animals offer emotional support, joy, and learning opportunities for humans. Protecting and caring for animals is not only an act of compassion but also a responsibility to ensure a sustainable and harmonious environment for all living beings.



# Rotary Club Spotlight

DGN Chandrahas Shetty with RI President Francesco Arezzo.

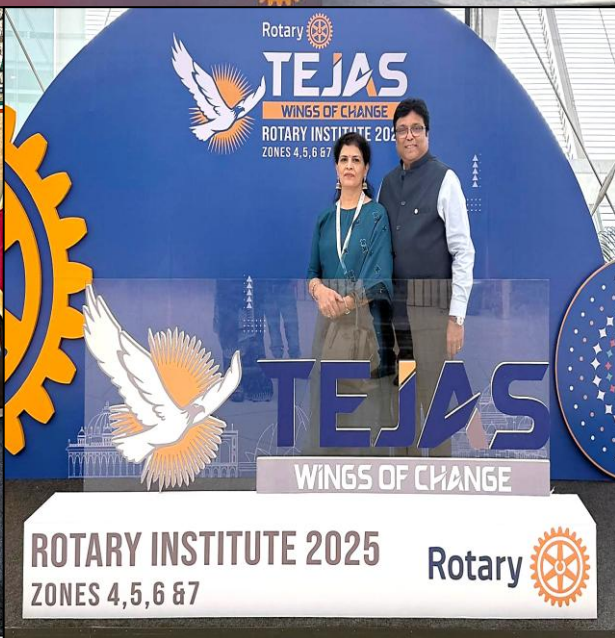
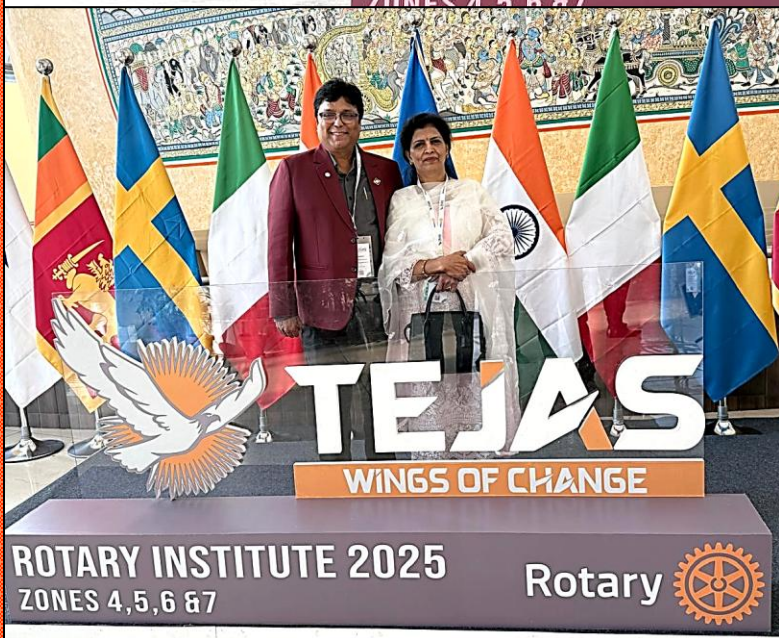


District Governor (DGN) along with fellow DGs



# Rotary Club Spotlight

**DGN Rtn Chandrahas & DNFL Rtn Bharti Shetty.**



The **District Governor (DG)** in Rotary serves as the chief representative and leader of a Rotary district for a one-year term. The DG provides guidance, support, and inspiration to clubs within the district, helping them achieve their goals, implement service projects, and uphold Rotary's values. Acting as a bridge between Rotary International and local clubs, the DG encourages fellowship, membership growth, and community impact, ensuring that the district thrives in service, leadership, and collaboration.



## Awards and Recognitions

TRF Awards were received by IPDG Dinesh, along with IPFL Jyoti and our DGN Chandrahas, on behalf of the District and its clubs, in recognition of their performance during 2024-25.



The **Rotary Foundation (TRF)** is the charitable arm of Rotary International, dedicated to advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace through humanitarian service. It supports projects in areas such as education, health, water and sanitation, disease prevention, and disaster relief. Through TRF, Rotary members contribute funds and expertise to make a meaningful impact in local communities and across the globe, promoting sustainable change



# ✦ Celebrating Success ✦

## Heartiest Congratulations to Annet Shaurya !!



Annet Shaurya Shet, son of IPP Shantaram and Rtn. Aparna Shet, won the Bronze Medal in the under-7 category at the 8th State Level Karate Budokan Competition held on 16th November 2025 in Thane.

## Heartiest Congratulations to Ann Dr.Sneha!!



The Thane Academy of Paediatrics organized a Sports Day at Bedekar College, where paediatricians, their spouses, and children participated in various games. Her team emerged victorious 🏆 in the penalty shootout.



# Flagship Project - Sadichchha

November 16, 2025,

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ROTARY CLUB OF THANE DOWNTOWN  
CHARITABLE TRUST

## DONATION OF SOLAR PLANT

Under CSR Project by



Club President  
Rtn Shantaram Shet  
Rotary Year 2024-25

Project Lead  
Rtn Prashant P. Karkhanis

Club President  
Rtn Sunil S. Joshi  
Rotary Year 2025-26

Project Support  
Rtn Sunil D. Joshi

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CHARITABLE TRUST

## DONATION OF OCCUPATIONAL & PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT

Under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by



Club President  
Rtn Shantaram Shet  
Rotary Year 2024-25

Project Lead  
Rtn Prashant P. Karkhanis

Club President  
Rtn Sunil S. Joshi  
Rotary Year 2025-26

Project Support  
Rtn Sunil D. Joshi

ROTARY CLUB OF THANE DOWNTOWN CHARITABLE TRUST

Donation of  
Occupational & Physiotherapy Equipment and Solar Plant to  
Sadichchha's Ginde Manovikas Vidyalay Kalyan

Special Thanks to  
Shri. Prakash Guha  
for his support to the project

Project Lead  
Rtn Prashant P. Karkhanis  
Club President  
Rtn Shantaram Shet  
Rotary Year 2024-25  
Project Support  
Rtn Sunil S. Joshi  
Rotary Year 2025-26  
Date: 16th November 2025

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**Inauguration of our club project on 16 November 2025 (Sunday)**  
Dear Club Members

We are happy to inform that inauguration of our flagship project of donation of **Occupational & Physiotherapy equipment and Solar power plant** is on **16 November 2025 (Sunday)** at **Sadichchha's Ginde Manovikas Vidyalay Kalyan**. The invitation for same is circulated.

The program scheduled as follows.  
11:00 am to 12:30pm Inauguration of facility  
Followed by Lunch

You are cordially invited with your family for this inauguration. Please confirm your names to enable us to inform to Sadichchha for making necessary arrangements. Also same will help to make car pooling arrangements. We can start from Thane by 9:00 am  
Requesting you to participate in large numbers.

**President Shantaram Shet**  
(Year 2024- 2024)

**President Sunil S Joshi**  
(Year 2025-2026)

OUR DONORS		
 Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	 Occupational Therapy Equipment and Solar System	 Lift, Fire system, Water Tanks
 Rehabilitation Center	 Road and Children Play area	 Teachers Common Room
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Social worker room		
Management Committee room		
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Consulting room		
Vocational Training Center		
Gate & Security cabin		
Rainwater harvesting		



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## Flagship Project – Sadichchha...contd





**Congratulations to PP Nilesh Kadam on reaching the semi-finals!**

**“Music is the divine way to tell beautiful, poetic things to the heart.”  
— Pablo Casals**

**“Where words fail, music speaks.”  
— Hans Christian Andersen**

### **What a spectacular ROTAL Grand Finale!**

**Message** “Yesterday’s event at Sahyog Hall, Ghantali was truly a celebration of talent, teamwork, and Rotary fellowship. A big thank you to our wonderful host clubs, Rotary Club of Thane and Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Industrial Area for putting together such a memorable finale. Conveners Rtn. Mandar Joshi and Rtn. Satish Shanbhag, Presidents Girish Vartak and Rahesh Donny along with their dedicated teams, worked tirelessly to ensure everything ran smoothly. Hats off to each one of you! This year was exceptional, 50 entries from Navi Mumbai alone and 300+ total entries! Performances were outstanding, and some of the kids left the entire hall spellbound. A special appreciation to DG Harsh Makol for giving complete freedom in execution, making the team even more motivated. His energetic singing on both the elimination day and the grand finale added magic to the event. And sponsoring 21 prizes, truly commendable! We were truly honoured to have DGE Nilesh Jaywant, DGN Chandrahas, and Global Chair IFRM Rtn. Padmanabhan S. with us. Their presence enhanced the beauty and stature of the grand finale. And what a delightful surprise when DGN Chandrahas came forward in true Rotary spirit and sang a song of his choice so beautifully that many of us joked, “Kya DG banne ke liye gaana aana zaroori hai kya?” It was a moment of pure joy that added warmth and charm to the evening. From the eliminations starting on 8th November to the grand finale on 23rd November, ROTAL has been a journey of excitement, talent, and sheer joy. ROTAL continues to scale new heights year after year, and yesterday proved once again that it is the biggest fellowship event in the Rotary fold. We all witnessed the true spirit of camaraderie shining bright. Heartfelt thanks to the Conveners, Presidents and the entire working team for making ROTAL 2025 a grand success!

**Rtn. Sucheta Rege Dist. Coordinator - Informal Events**



## Project: Matoshree Medicines

PP Nilesh Kadam successfully carried out the regular monthly delivery of medical supplies to Matoshree Vrudhashram, ensuring the facility remains well-stocked to meet the ongoing healthcare needs of its residents.



Old age homes provide a safe and supportive environment for senior citizens, offering care, companionship, and essential services to enhance their quality of life. These facilities not only address the physical and medical needs of the elderly but also focus on their emotional well-being, helping them stay engaged, active, and socially connected. By fostering a sense of community and security, old age homes play a vital role in ensuring that seniors live with dignity, respect, and comfort.



# Happy Announcements

## Birthday's & Anniversary's

- 01-Dec Ann Julie w/o Rtn Nilesh Kadam
- 01-Dec Rtn Pranav & Ann Manjiri Bhosekar
- 01-Dec PP Prashant & Ann Sonali Gujar
- 01-Dec Annet Sammiya d/o Rtn Prakash & Ann Dolon Guha
- 01-Dec Annet Shivani d/o Col Praveen & Ann Jayshree Kumar
- 03-Dec PP Dr B K & Ann Gayatri Mahavarkar
- 03-Dec Annet Sushmit s/o PP Prashant & Sonali Gujar
- 04-Dec Rtn Ashutosh & Ann Shilpa Bhalerao
- 05-Dec Rtn Sujit Deshpande
- 06-Dec Rtn Col Praveen Kumar
- 10-Dec CP Prakash Rao
- 10-Dec Rtn Prashant & Ann Pavana Karkhanis
- 10-Dec PP Jayanta & Ann Bansari Dey
- 12-Dec Rtn Sandeep Bachhuka
- 12-Dec Rtn Saurabh & Ann Sayali Joshi
- 14-Sep Annet Dhaval s/o PP Arun bhai & Ann Aarti Doshi
- 15-Dec Annet Anvit S/o PP Imshu & Rtn Aaruni Bansal
- 17-Dec Annet Shrutika D/o Rtn Sujit & Ann Sneha Deshpande
- 20-Dec Ann Anita w/o PP Rtn Rajesh Mittal
- 21-Dec PP Chandrahas and Rtn Bharti Shetty
- 21-Dec Annet Dr.Rohit s/o PP Dr. B K & Ann Gayatri Mahavarkar
- 24-Dec Annet Martand s/o Rtn Mahesh & Ann Mita Gowande
- 28-Dec Rtn Sujit & Ann Sneha Deshpande
- 29-Dec Rtn Mahesh & Ann Mita Gowande
- 30-Dec Annet Suhana d/o Rtn Prakash & Ann Dolon Guha

Best wishes from

# Rotary Club of Thane DownTown

