

The DownTowner

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Club Presidents Desk
Rtn Shantaram Shet, RY 2024-25



Dear DownTowners,

Awesome Pranam to all!!!

This month saw a flurry of meaningful projects happening. We started the month with the **Vocational Excellence Award** and the **Nation Builder Award**. We were racing against time to complete the projects under the Amrit Mahotsav Awards. The result!!! We won **3 awards** at the **Amrit Mahotsav Awards** ceremony. This is a collective effort of a lot of members of our club.

I got the feeling that we are in the top quartile in our District and can be amongst the top 5 clubs. We executed a unique **RYLA** with students of Yashodhan School. This year there has been a focused approach to tapping CSR funds and executing CSR projects. Where we have achieved so much, we were found wanting in the Membership front.

In the next 5 months we should focus on **MEGA PROJECTS, Fellowship and Membership**. We will focus in completing the **STEM project** under **Rotary India Grant project, District grant project, Global grant projects** and **CSR Projects**.

We should all come together to increase our membership by at least 10%. New members will bring new ideas and increase fellowship thereby getting vibrancy to the club. Let's come together and MDG (**Make Downtown Great**)!

Yours in Rotary Service,
Rtn Shantaram Shet

February

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month



Rotary District 3141-3142

CONFLUENCE OF EXCELLENCE
समन्वय
DISCON 2025
DISTRICT CONFERENCE

1st & 2nd
March 2025

JIO
WORLD CONVENTION CENTRE

Host Clubs - RC Borlvi | RC Thane Lake City



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY Rotary District 3141-3142 Vibrant Awesome

समन्वय
DISCON 2025
Feel The Magic of Rotary

Become a Valued PATRON MEMBER

Join the elite group of supporters who will make Samanvay DISCON a resounding success!

Exclusive Benefits :

- Prime Seating : Special Round table sitting in front rows.
- VIP Lounge Access : Lunch and Dinner in VIP Lounge.
- Patron Dinner : Special Dinner with RIPN and RIPR Sangkoo Yun on 28th Feb 2025.
- Special Recognition : Be acknowledged with Special Gift as a valued Patron.

Invest in the Success of Samanvay DISCON
Register as a single for just ₹40,000 + GST.
Register as a couple for just ₹60,000 + GST.

Join Hands, Make a Difference
Become a Patron Member today and contribute to the triumph of Samanvay DISCON!

Contact us to register!

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Rotary Event Calendar - February 2025
Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention Month.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Club Fire Side Meeting 7.30 pm onwards. Venue - TBD						Club Meeting 7.30am @Satkar Residency. Speaker:TBD.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BOD Meeting					Annapurna Day	Club Assembly 7.30am @Satkar Residency.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Shivaji Jayanti			Club Meeting 7.30am @Satkar Residency. Speaker:TBD.
23	24	25	26	27	28	
District Peace Seminar - Shantiparv @ Rotary Centre, Thane 9.30 am to 1.00 pm			Maha Shivratri		DISCON Patron Dinner	


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Club Meetings

BOD Meeting, 14th January 2025 – The BOD for the month of January was conducted Online on the 14th Jan 8.00 pm onwards.

Club Assembly, 25th January 2025 – The Club Assembly was conducted on 25th January, Saturday at Satkar Residency from 7.30 am onwards.

CLUB ASSEMBLY



1. Read minutes of the last club assembly
2. Read minutes of the last BOD.
3. Discussion on the MOU with Badar IT.
4. Discuss District grant project.
5. Discussion on CSR projects-Ashida Electronics and Zueventus
6. Club Picnic
7. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

25th Jan 2025
7.30 AM FELLOWSHIP & BREAKFAST
8.00 AM - MEETING
AT SATKAR RESIDENCY
PLEASE COME ON TIME!



DownTown Times – A Glimpse into Club Happening's

26th Jan – Republic Day celebrations at Yashodhan School

On **26th January** 2025 Sunday, President Shantaram Shet was invited as Chief Guest for the 76th **Republic Day** celebration's at **Yashodhan School**, Thane. The flag hoisting was done at 8.00 am & this event was also attended by our Secretary Biju Gopalan.



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4th Jan – “Nation Builder Awards” at Yashodhan Marathi Vidyalaya

On the **4th January 2025** Saturday noon 12pm, the **Nation Builder Awards** event was organized & conducted at **Yashodhan Marathi Vidyalaya**, Thane. The Chief Guest for this event was **CP Rtn Prakash Rao**. Thank you to CP Rtn Prakash Rao, PP Rtn Prashant Gujar, IPP Rtn Nilesh Kadam, Secretary Biju Gopalan & Ann Julie Kadam for attending the event. The Marathi teachers who were honored with the Nation Builder Award are Ms. Gauri Shinde, Ms. Kalpana Gorde, Ms. Hema More, and Mr. Prakash Dorge.

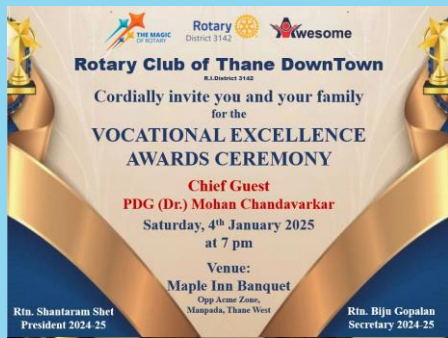


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4th Jan – “Vocational Awards” at Maple Inn, Thane

On the **4th January** Saturday, the **Vocational Awards** event was conducted at **Maple Inn**, Thane 7pm onwards. This event was graced by Chief Guest **PDG (Dr) Mohan Chandavarkar**. We also thank the District Dignitaries **DS Rtn Nilesh Likhite & AG Rtn Nilesh Puranik** for your gracious presence. The nominees who were honored with the Vocational Excellence Award are **Smt Suhas Joshi – Actor, Rtn Dilip Kand – Businessman, Mr Ravi Dixit – Yoga Teacher & Mr Ravindra Apte – Teacher.**



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DownTown Times – A Glimpse into Club Happening's

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17th Jan - Project Inauguration & Vocational Excellence Awards at ITI Mahila, Dadar.

On the **17th Jan** Friday 3pm onwards, our Club attended the **Inauguration of Infrastructure based Project at Dadar ITI** under the **CSR Project** from Donor **Spectrum Ethers PVT LTD** followed by **Vocational Excellence Award** to the Director - Technical Education - Govt of Maharashtra, Dy Director and Two Principals of ITIs. A big thank you to **PP Rtn Shrikrishna Naik** who was the **Chief Guest** for the event and **CP Rtn Prakash Rao** for participating whole heartedly in this event. A BIG shout out to **Ann Harshada Joshi** for organizing the event and supporting to make this event successful.



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18th Jan - RYLA for students from Yashodhan School, Thane

On **18th January** Saturday, our Club organized the **Rotary Youth Leadership Award - RYLA** at the **BNHS CEC, Goregaon** from **8am to 4pm**. Apart from the Team Building & Leadership Training conducted for these students, a **Forest Walk/Trek** was conducted by an **Expert Naturalist** at the **BNHS Nature Reserve** for these participating students. This RYLA event witnessed **40 students** and 3 Teachers from Yashodhan School. We thank the 6 Rotractors for their assistance & support for this event. Special thanks to all the Club members who donated & contributed towards making this event happen. We also thank PP Rtn Rajendra Shinde for initial brainstorming ideas, Club Treasurer Rtn Mahesh Gowande for Logistics support, Rtn Amol Yeola, Ann Reshma Biju & Annet Sourysh Biju for Volunteering. A big thanks to our Club Secretary Biju Gopalan for planning & executing this event flawlessly & for making it informative & memorable for the students.



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6th Jan Annapoorna Project - Adivasi Kids at Vikramgad, Palghar



As part of **Annapoorna Project** food materials was donated to the **adivasi kids at Vikramgad, Palghar**. We thank all the members who contributed to this noble cause & the total amount donated was ₹ **51,000**.

Thanks to PP Rtn Sunil D Joshi and PP Rajesh Mittal who helped in procuring the food grains & our Club Sargent at Arms Rtn Pravin Patil for visiting the kids at the Ashram shala on **6th Jan**. A big shout out for Rtn Dilip Kand for being instrumental in getting this project.



8th January - Distributed Sanitary Pads for Jail Inmates



On the **8th Jan 2025**, PP Rtn **Rajesh Mittal** handed over the Sanitary Pads to the Sister from Divyaprabha, which was then handed over to be distributed to the Thane jail inmates. This is a very impactful project.

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Happy Announcements - Birthdays

3 rd February	Ann Kashmiria w/o Rtn Dilip Kand
4 th February	Rtn Dr Rajesh Butala
7 th February	Annet Nachiket s/o PP Rtn Shirish & Ann Varsha Khanwalkar
8 th February	Annet Shivaansh s/o Rtn Akash & Ann Tripti Singhal
9 th February	Ann Tripti w/o Rtn Akash Singhal
10 th February	Ann Aparna w/o Rtn Shantaram Shet
13 th February	Ann Pavana w/o Rtn Prashant Karkhanis
14 th February	Rtn Ratul Lahiri
16 th February	Annet Dyananda d/o Rtn Sunil S. & Ann Harshada Joshi
19 th February	Annet Disha d/o DGND PP Rtn Chandrahas & Rtn Bharti Shetty
21 st February	Annet Chinmay s/o PP Rtn Govind & Ann Mangala Patkar
24 th February	Annet Arjya s/o PP Rtn Jayanta & Ann Bansari Dey

Happy Announcements - Anniversary

2 nd February	Rtn Vishwas & Ann Vaidehi Sathe
5 th February	Rtn Manish & Ann Nalini Basle
8 th February	Pres Rtn Shantaram & Ann Aparna Shet
21 st February	PP Rtn Imshu & Rtn Aaruni Bansal
24 th February	Rtn Sunil S. & Ann Harshada Joshi
28 th February	Rtn Dilip & Ann Kashmiria Kand

Best Wishes from Rotary Club of Thane
DownTown.
Many Happy Returns of the day!



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Participation in District Events

5th Jan - District 3142 "Patrakar Diwas"

On **5th January 2025 Sunday**, the **District Patrakar Diwas Event** was conducted at & the lead host was **RC of Dombivli**.

Our **DGND Rtn Chandrahas Shetty** graced this occasion as a Chief Guest. This news was also covered & published in **ABP Maza**.

He also attended the Patrakar Diwas event held by RC of **Ambernath** & this event was covered in **Thane Vaibhav** news.

EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM
District Governor (2024-25)

पत्रकार दिवस
5th January 2025
Rotary School for (D&A), Dhoot Hall, Dombivli

Keynote Speakers & Topic

1. Ashwin Bapat - पत्रकारितेचे बदलते स्वरूप
2. Mrs. Nikhila Mhatre - पत्रकारिते समोरील आव्हाने

Chief Guest
DGND Rtn Chandrahas Shetty

Rotary District 3142
Rotary Club of Dombivli

Rotary Club of Thane
Rotary Club of Ambernath

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रोटरी क्लबतर्फे अंबरनाथच्या पत्रकारांचा सन्मान

अंबरनाथ: रोटरी क्लब ऑफ अंबरनाथच्या वतीने पत्रकार दिनाचे औचित्य साधून शहरातील पत्रकारांचा सन्मान करण्यात आला.

वडवली येथील रोटरीच्या सभागृहात झालेल्या कार्यक्रमात रोटरीचे प्रांतपाल दिनेश मेहता आणि क्लब अध्यक्ष पराग पाटील यांच्या हस्ते प्रशस्तीपत्र देऊन शहरातील पत्रकारांचा सन्मान करण्यात आला. शहराच्या जडणघडणीत माध्यमांचे योगदान महत्वाचे आहे, रोटरी क्लबतर्फे राबवण्यात येणाऱ्या उपक्रमांची देखील माध्यमांनी दखल घेण्याचे आवाहन प्रांतपाल

मेहता यांनी केले.

या निमित्ताने पत्रकारिता काल, आज आणि उद्या या विषयावर आयोजित माध्यम संवादात गिरीष त्रिवेदी, प्रशांत मोरे आणि निनाद करमरकर या पत्रकारांशी निवेदक अमेय रानडे यांनी संवाद साधला. पत्रकारितेतील विविध पैलूंचे चर्चा झाली.

क्लब सेक्रेटरी श्रीकांत जोशी, विक्रम तावडे, डॉ.लीना धांडे, मुकेश विसपुते तसेच प्रकल्प प्रमुख जयवंत कुलकर्णी आदी पदाधिकारी आणि नागरिक उपस्थित होते.

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11th - 12th Jan - DTLS [TiTEN]

On **11th - 12th January 2025**, the **District Team Learning Seminar (DTLS)** was conducted at **Novotel Imagicaa, Khopoli**, for the upcoming **TiTEN** Rotary Year. Our **DGND Rtn Chandrahas Shetty** addressed this event. This event was also attended by **PP Rtn Jayanta Dey**.



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Participation in District Events

25th Jan – Samvidhan Ka Amrit Mahotsav Diwas & Awards

On **25th January 2025**, The District **Samvidhan Ka Amrit Mahotsav Award Ceremony** was conducted at Satkar Residency, Thane. This event was graced by Chief Guest **RID Anirudha Roy Chowdhury**.

At this event, our Club has achieved a remarkable milestone and bagged 3 awards:

- ❖ **RES PUBLICA Amrit Award 2024-25 – for being among the Top 2 Group Performer.**
- ❖ **RES PUBLICA Amrit Award 2024-25 – 2nd Highest TRF Per Capita giving in AF in RI District 3142.**
- ❖ **PREAMBLE Amrit Award 2024-25 – 2nd Highest TRF Per Capita giving in AF in Tier II Category Clubs.**

This event was attended by DGND Chandrahas Shetty, Rtn Bharti Shetty, President Shantaram Shet, Secretary Biju Gopalan, CP Rtn Prakash Rao, Rtn Ajay Durve, PP Rtn Jayanta Dey & Pp Rtn Sunil D Joshi.



Congratulations to **DGND Chandrahas Shetty** on receiving the prestigious **Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service**, the second-highest honor awarded by The Rotary Foundation. This recognition celebrates Rotarians and Rotaractors who demonstrate exceptional dedication and outstanding service to the Foundation, whether through their involvement in grants, programs, Foundation committees, or by championing initiatives like Rotary Peace Fellowships.



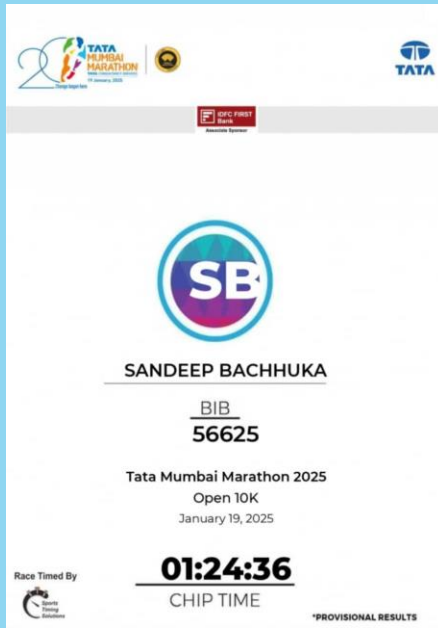
By DG Rtn Dinesh Mehta Dist 3142 - DGND Rtn Chandrahas Shetty's unwavering passion, commitment, and enthusiasm for Rotary's ideals have transformed lives and advanced our mission of "Doing Good in the World." His efforts exemplify the very spirit of service and sustainability that this award represents. Heartfelt congratulations to Rtn Chandrahas Shetty for this well-deserved honor. You inspire us all!



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"Spotlight on our Families".

Congratulations to Rtn Sandeep Bachhuka!



Congratulations to **Rtn Sandeep Bachhuka** for successfully completing the **Open 10K Race** at the **Tata Mumbai Marathon 2025** held on **19th January, Sunday**. Here's to many more milestones ahead & for inspiring others to start their journey of Marathon!

Rtn Rajat Passi - New Year, New Adventures: Kicking Off 2025 with a 12K Challenge!"

Rtn Rajat Passi along with his Golf Partners, kicked off the first day of 2025 with an exciting walking adventure at Kharghar Valley! They covered a total of 12 kilometers, walking nonstop for almost 5 hours – a true test of endurance. To top it off, they celebrated the accomplishment with some delicious cheese and wine. What a fantastic way to start the year!"



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"Spotlight on our Families".

Rtn Mahesh Gowande Shares Insights on 'Sensible Investing' in Bombay Times!

Rtn Mahesh Gowande has authored an insightful article in **Bombay Times**, **TOI** (page 10), discussing how **'Sensible investing is key to navigating the stock markets.'**

A must-read for anyone looking to make smarter financial decisions!"



Celebrations for triumphing in the Golf Tournament!

Congratulations to **Rtn Rajat Passi** for his victory in the **Aamby Valley Open Golf Championship** Tournament. This win is particularly noteworthy as he triumphed over several elite golfers from Pune and Mumbai.



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Connect with Other Clubs

18-19 Jan - Advait, the Architects RYLA by Rotary Club of Thane Northend

Our **DGND Rtn Chandrahas Shetty** presided over the awards ceremony and shared his wisdom at Advait, the Architects **RYLA** organized by **RC of Thane Northend** at Balasaheb Thakarey Smarak, Thane on **19th January 2025 Sunday**.



RYLA by Rotary Club of Ambernath

Our **DGND Rtn Chandrahas Shetty** attended the **RYLA** event as a guest speaker organized by the **Rotary Club of Ambernath**.

