

# The DownTowner

Month 01 | July 2024

Charter Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008



## District Governor's Address

Rtn Dinesh Mehta  
District Governor 2024-25

Dear Awesome President Rtn Shantaram Shet and members of the Rotary Club of Thane Downtown.

Greetings to all of you!!!

As we embark on another remarkable and Awesome Rotary Year, we prepare to welcome new leadership and embrace fresh opportunities to serve. Rotary's strength lies in its ability to adapt, evolve and inspire through the commitment of its members.

**July 1st, 2024** marks the advent of a new Rotary year - the **Awesome Year**.

It was legendary American President Abraham Lincoln who said " If you give me six hours to chop down a tree, I will spend the first four hours sharpening the axe " This is what Rotary Learning Facilitates for all of us. It prepares us for the Leadership role we are about to take on in the new Rotary Year.

Let's begin the year with renewed energy and dedication. We now have goals and plans in place and it is now time to execute them to perfection. Friends, Only if there is **Magic in Rotary**, will you find it awesome to be a Rotarian and only through Awesome service will there be Magic in Rotary. I urge you, therefore to develop an Awesome Mindset for yourself to create the Magic in Rotary.

The District has designed an awesome 31 Ready Made Projects , which every Club is free to chose from.

These are:

- 1.The Eight MEGA Projects
- 2.The First Lady led COLS CPR Project
- 3.TB MUKT RID 3142, An initiative of GOI
- 4.The unique 12 Amrit Mahotsav Challenges
- 5.The Mega Mental Health, unique, initiative
- 6.The Eight JDS led Events
- 7.The Annapurna Project that commences 1st July 2024.

In addition, in our drive to create **Magic in Rotary**, we should strive to ensure that every Rotarian donates at least \$75 to the Rotary Foundation and enthuses at least one new member to ask to be invited to join Rotary.

The Key is not the Will to Win, ... everybody has that. To be a Winner, you must Plan to win, prepare to win and expect to win and to remember that Success is not final, Failure is not fatal but it is the courage to continue that counts.

I truly believe that nothing of major significance is achieved by doing small acts of kindness. It is though impactful projects that make a substantial and visible difference to the life of the community that Rotary will truly gain respect.

As President, learn to embrace the journey, trust the process and believe in your abilities. Dream Big, work hard and surround yourself with good people.

Always remember that the only impossible journey is the one you never began and that what you do has far greater impact than what you say. Jyoti joins me in wishing you and the members of the Rotary Club .... a truly AWESOME Year.

Yours truly  
**Dinesh Mehta**  
District Governor, RID 3142



## Club President's Address

Rtn Shantaram Shet  
Club President 2024-25

Awesome Rotary Pranam to All,

Rotary has always been a beacon of service, fellowship, and leadership, and it is with great pride that I accept this responsibility as a President.

I am committed to upholding the values and principles that define Rotary. I will strive to foster an environment where each member feels valued, engaged, and inspired to contribute their unique talents and perspectives.

Together, we will build on the strong foundation laid by our predecessors, ensuring that our initiatives and projects are impactful, sustainable, and aligned with our core mission. I am excited to collaborate with each of you as we embark on this journey.

This year there will be renewed focus on SERVICE Projects, FELLOWSHIP, TRF, MEMBERSHIP Growth and PR/PI. We will also focus on CSR Projects. With CSR Grant we intend to set up STEM based Innovation Hubs within schools and community centers for economically challenged children in semi-rural areas.

TRF is the backbone of Rotary and there will be exponential growth in TRF contribution from our club. We will ensure that we grow our Down town family in a steady manner, following all the process laid down by our predecessors.

We will ensure that we communicate well not only with our members but also with the world at large. We will ensure that we promptly report whatever good work that we are doing and enhance the image of ROTARY.

The strength of our club lies in our collective efforts, and I am confident that, together, we can achieve remarkable things. I am eager to listen, learn, and work alongside you, leveraging our diverse strengths to address the needs of our community and create lasting positive change.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks once again for this incredible honor. I am enthusiastic about the opportunities that lie ahead and am committed to serving with integrity, passion, and a steadfast focus on our shared goals.

Yours Sincerely  
**Rtn Shantaram Shet**  
Club President



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From Every Ending Comes a New Beginning!

### Thank You to Our Outgoing President Rtn. Nilesh Kadam & First Lady Ann Julie Kadam



To our Outgoing **President Rtn Nilesh Kadam**,  
Thank you for your exceptional leadership and dedication over the past year. Your vision and hard work have set a high standard for us all, and I am grateful for the path you have paved.

To our Outgoing **First Lady Ann Julie Kadam**,  
Your consistent support in organizing morning club meetings, including managing logistics such as projectors, laptops, and presentations, has been widely acknowledged and greatly valued by all members. Your steadfast commitment has been instrumental in supporting the outgoing president, and I confidently attest that "The Downtowner" has flourished under your editorship, becoming one of the top bulletins in our district.

Warm regards,  
Rtn Shantaram Shet

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## Installation Ceremony on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at Satkar Residency

The Installation Ceremony of the Awesome President with the Board of Directors for the Year 2024-25 was graced by our Chief Guest **PRID (Dr) Bharat Pandya**, TRF Trustee 2022-26.



A warm Thank You to our Chief Guest, the College of Governors, District Dignitaries, visiting Rotarians, Rotractors, Guests, Club member's, Ann's & Annette's for gracing the Installation ceremony and making it a tremendous success.



Club President 24-25  
Rtn. Shantaram Shet



IPP 23-24  
Rtn. Nilesh Kadam



VP & PE  
Rtn. Sunil S Joshi



Club Secretary  
Rtn. Biju Gopalan



Club Treasurer  
Rtn. Mahesh Gowande



Joint Secretary  
Rtn. Bhushan Patil



Director Club Admin  
Rtn. Amol Yeola



Director Membership  
PP Rtn. Rajesh Mittal



Director TRF  
PP Rtn. Sunil D Joshi



Director Public Relations  
Rtn. Bharti Shetty



Director Vocational Services  
Rtn. Ketaki Salvi



Director Services  
Rtn. Joy Dasan



Director International Services  
Rtn. Srinivas Gadwal



Director Youth Services  
Rtn. Aaruni Bansal



Sergeant At Arms  
Rtn. Pravin Patil

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## Charter President's Reflections CP Rtn. Prakash Rao

Year 2008, month March. The then District Governor, PDG Dr. Ulhas Kolhatkar requested PDG Dr. Venkat Gadwal to form a new Rotary Club in Thane. Dr. Venkat (whom we now refer as Father of the Club) approached four Samaritans namely PP Chandrahas Shetty, PP Dr, Govind Patkar, PP Dr. B K Mahavarkar and PP Ajay Durve. These four men Army contacted and convinced 21 more people to join Rotary. And that is how the Rotary Club of Thane DownTown (RCTD) entered the arena of the global and Indian Rotary world. All the necessary paper works required by the Rotary International was made ready by PP Rajat Passi and under his stewardship the Club could get the Charter from Rotary International in a record time of less than 30 days.

Having established the Club, I was elected to lead the Club for the first 15 months and thus I became the Charter President. Having formed the Club, there was no looking back. The Club progressed in leaps and bounds in the past 16 years. In the first year of the formation of the Club, RCTD could do meaningful, impactful projects for the benefit of the community. I will fail if I do not recognize all the Past Presidents of RCTD, who put in their best efforts to take the Club to newer heights year after year by completing thoughtful and impactful projects every year in their respective terms.

The Club's projects initially were to the tune of Rs. 8 to 10 lacs per year. It was during the tenure of PP Rajendra Shinde that the Club took a huge leap to complete projects worth Rs. 30 lacs by constructing the Girl's hostel for the Tribal School in village Batsai. That was Rotary Year 2016-17. Ever since then the Club came into the league of big Clubs in the Rotary District 3142. Not only in terms of the project size but also in terms of Donations to The Rotary Foundation and in terms of Membership growth. Today we are doing projects worth close to Rs. 1 Crore per year, and our Donations to The Rotary Foundation is touching US Dollar 40,000 per year, thanks to the contributions from Major Donors and all the Club members. Our Club's total donations to TRF so far has surpassed USD 200,000 which is a matter of pride for all DownTowner's.

My dear DownTowners, let us be proud of our Club. We are in the Top 5 Clubs of the District. The District team looks upon our Club as one of the key players in Rotary District 3142. Let us all bond together in making our Club as the Top Club in the District. Let us participate in the Club activities, projects, meetings and bring more people into our fold. Let us strengthen the hands of incoming President Shantaram and all future incoming Presidents.

WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF ACTION FOR DOING GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY!



Paul Harris, Founder  
"Whatever Rotary may mean to us,  
to the world it will be known by the results  
it achieves."

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## Induction of New Club Member – Mr. Guru Shukla

Mr. Guru Shukla was inducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 as our new club member.



**Rtn Guru Shukla** is a Financial Planner by Profession. He is Currently working with Ladderup Wealth management based at BKC as a Vice President. He has done MBA from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management, Mumbai. He also holds an Engineering Degree in Electronics & Telecommunications. He believes in making connections and maintaining the relationships for a long period of time.

His mantra is "Life is too short for big things, hence jo bhi karna, aaj karna hai". He is married to Sneha Shukla who is a HR specialist and holds law & MBA degree as well.

**We Welcome Rtn Guru Shukla & Ann Sneha Shukla** to our Club, where your dedication to service and community will find a new home and endless opportunities to make a meaningful impact.

## Felicitation of Paul Harris Fellow [PHF] as on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.



Rtn Bhushan Patil



Rtn Pravin Patil

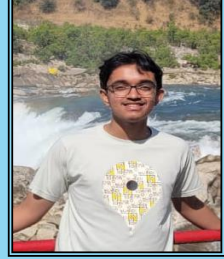


Rtn Sunil S Joshi

## Felicitation of Annet's.



Annet Radhika Mahesh Surve



Annet Soham Sunil Joshi

## Felicitation of Rtn (Col) Praveen Kumar

## Felicitation of Rtn Prakash Guha MD, Zuventus Healthcare Ltd



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## Rotary Event Calendar - July 2024

### Maternal & Child Health Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Annapurna Day</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Blood Donation with Rotractors.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Food Grains Distribution at Divyaprabha.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Food Grains Distribution at Aastha.</li> </ul>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Club Assembly with AG at Satkar @ 7.30 AM.</li> </ul>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Installation of District Governor.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> BOD Meeting @ President Rtn. Shantaram Shet's Residence.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Jagannath Rath Yatra</li> </ul>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Opening of Computer Lab at Parali, Vada</li> </ul>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Doctor's day celebration at Matoshree followed by Fellowship at Rtn. Srikrishnan Naik's Bunglow.</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Muharram</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Club Meeting at Satkar @ 7.30 AM.</li> </ul>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Blood Donation camp.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Guru Poornima</li> </ul>						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ann Ke Saath Ana @ Chembur, The Bombay Presidency Golf Club.</li> </ul>						

- July 1:**  
Blood Donation with Rotractors – 10 AM to 3PM @ Triumph Blood Bank, Orion Business Park, Ghodbunder Road, Thane.  
Food Grains Distribution at Divyaprabha – 4.pm  
Food Grains Distribution at Aastha – 4.pm
- July 7:**  
BOD Meeting – 9.30 AM to 11.30 AM @ President Rtn. Shantaram Shet's Residence, Thane.  
Installation of District Governor – 11.30 AM to 5 PM @ Dr Kashinath Ghanekar Auditorium, Thane.
- July 13:**  
Opening of Computer Lab at Parali, Vada under CSR initiative by Ashida Electronics Pvt Ltd.
- July 14:**  
Doctor's day celebration at Matoshree Old Age Home, Padgha, Khadavli @ 9 AM to 1 PM. Followed by Fellowship at PP Rtn. Srikrishnan Naik's Bungalow.
- July 21:**  
Blood Donation – 10 AM to 3PM @ Triumph Blood Bank, Orion Business Park, Ghodbunder Road, Thane.
- July 28:**  
Ann Ke Saath Ana – 10 Am to 2 PM @ Chembur , The Bombay Presidency Golf Club.

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## Nurturing Futures: The Importance of Maternal & Child Health.

### Ann Dr Sneha Kokate

MBBS, DCH, DNB (Paediatrics)

PGPN (Boston University)

EQ Consultant



The month of July is observed as Maternal & Child Health month in Rotary. Maternal and child health (MCH) refers to a package of comprehensive health care services which are developed to meet promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative needs of pregnant women before, during and after delivery and of infants and pre-school children from birth to five years.

Objectives of MCH are as follows -

- Reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.
- Reduce per natal and neonatal mortality and morbidity.
- Regulate fertility so as to have wanted and healthy children when desired.
- Provide basic maternal and child health care to all mother and children.
- Promote and protect health of mothers.
- Promote and protect physical growth and psycho-social development of children.

Components of MCH Care -

❑ Maternal Health - Maternal healthcare components include:

- Antenatal care
- Natal care
- Postnatal care

❑ Child Health - Child health care refers to care of children from conception to birth till the age of five. Objectives of Child Health Care being:

- Every child receives adequate care and proper nourishment.
- Every child is immunized and protected from diseases.
- To monitor growth and development.
- To identify ailments and treated without delay.
- To educate the mother and family members to give proper care to their children

❑ Family planning.

### The initiatives driven at Rotary to support Maternal & Child Health (MCH) are as follows:

- ✓ Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. We at Rotary support various immunization drives, focusing primarily on eradicating polio through the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).
- ✓ We promote education and awareness of maternal and child health by organizing seminars and sessions in collaboration with doctors from local clinics and hospitals
- ✓ We distribute prenatal supplements to economically disadvantaged expecting mothers through partnerships with local clinics and hospitals.



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## Inauguration of Valivhare Girls Hostel - a CSR initiative by Zuventus Healthcare Limited.

The inauguration of a new girls' hostel at Valivhare Village marks a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to enhance educational opportunities for the local community. Constructed by the Rotary Club of Thane Downtown with generous CSR support from **Zuventus Healthcare Ltd.**, and inaugurated by **Sudeep Raj, Vice President HR**. This facility represents a crucial step towards providing safe and secure accommodation for female students. In addition to the hostel, the project included the replacement of the old, broken asbestos roof with new thermal and sound-insulated roof sheets, ensuring a more comfortable and conducive learning environment. The combined cost of these developments amounted to approximately Rs 80.00 Lakhs. The school currently hosts over 400 students, benefiting significantly from these improvements. Further contributing to the school's infrastructure, we also donated benches for the newly built classroom, thanks to a donation from **M/s Skytech Systems India Pvt. Ltd**. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Rtn Prakash Guha** and **PP Rtn Chandrahas Shetty** for their invaluable donations. In total, we have invested Rs 1.03 crores in this school, creating a profound impact on the lives of the tribal students. A special thanks goes out to all the Rotarians who volunteered their time and made countless visits to ensure the successful execution of this project. Your dedication and hard work have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life.



A **Tree Plantation** initiative was also conducted at Girls Hostel, Valivhare which was sponsored by **PP Rtn Rajendra Shinde**. A total of **16 saplings/trees** were planted for the number of years completed by our Club [16 years].





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## Club Meetings



**Club Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2024 -** We conducted a Club Fellowship meeting. Wherein Club members along with their families were asked to join, in discovering more about Rotary and our club's activities. Additionally, we encouraged participation in sharing their visions and aspirations for the club.



**Club Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 -** In the Club meeting we discussed about our club's initiatives. PP Rtn Chandrahas Shetty also shared his experience at the Rotary International Convention @ Singapore with the members.



**Club Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 -** We welcomed Ms. Kimaya Nerurkar from Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal (PDM) as our speaker. PDM is an NGO committed to environmental education, research, and raising awareness in Maharashtra and Goa, with 25 years of grassroots-level work. Ms. Nerurkar discussed environmental issues and the initiatives her organization undertakes to address them.



**Club Assembly 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 -** We conducted a Club Assembly meeting. to discuss more about Rotary and our club's activities.

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## DownTown Times – A Glimpse into Club Happening's

### PP Rtn Chandrahas Shetty



PP Rtn Chandrahas Shetty was awarded a Memento for his contributions of \$1000 towards "End Polio Now" Fund program by PDG Dr. Ashes Ganguly.

### Rotractor Annet Sourysh Biju

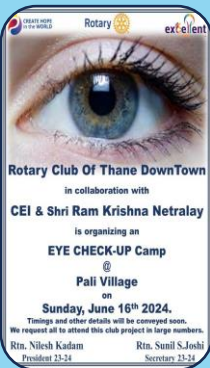


For AARA 23-24 [Academy for Awarding Rotract Achievements], Rtr. **Sourysh Biju**, from Rotract Club of Thane Downtown received the ACER Award for Outstanding Newcomer. In his debut year 23-24, Sourysh contributed to and participated in multiple events



organized by the District, Zone 2 and RCTD club. He represented Zone 2 as an ACL in the District event - RED, performed as a lead singer in two events in RED, won two awards for Solo singing at ROTAL and was a PCP for RCTD's Rakshapatra project. Sourysh was recognized for contributing to these events in his very first year of Rotract and bagged the ACER award from a nominee pool of around 9 Rotractores. Congrats & We wish him all the Best!

### Eye Check Up Camp – Pali Village



Our Club collaborated with CEI & Shri Ram Krishna Netralay in organizing an Eye Check Up Camp at Pali Village on Sunday, the 16<sup>th</sup> Jun 2024.

### Rtn Rajesh Bhutala



Thanks to Rtn Dr Rajesh Bhutala, towards donating new dress's worth 14,200 Rs for all the girls of Divya Prabha on Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### Participation in Installation Ceremonies of Co-Presidents.



**Thane Central**  
President Rtn Swati Yeri



**Thane Hills**  
President Rtn Harshad Diwekar



**Thane Creekside**  
President Rtn Yuvraj Shidhaye



**Thane Garden City**  
President Rtn Swapnesh Burad

The Club President attended the installation ceremonies of the co-presidents, emphasizing the event's importance for our club and setting the stage for future collaboration in our upcoming projects.

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## Micromaster's Green Revolution: Leading the Way in Sustainable Practices.

**PP Rtn Rajendra Shinde, CEO Micromaster Lab. Pvt. Ltd.**

Micromaster is proud to be a leading manufacturer of microbiological products, serving a diverse range of industries

including industrial, pharmaceutical, biotech, cosmetic, food and life sciences. For over two decades, we have forged partnerships with major players in India and abroad, including Pharma companies, Diagnostic Facilities, Government Institutions, and Major Hospitals. Our commitment to quality, innovation, and fostering an agile working culture has been the cornerstone of our success.



**Recognition by TMC:  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in TMC by Commissioner  
Shree. Saurabh Rao**

At Micromaster, we adhere to the ethos of "Go Green" in all facets of our operations. We believe in minimizing waste generation, promoting recycling and reuse initiatives, and optimizing energy consumption to reduce our carbon footprint. In line with our environmental stewardship, here are some of the initiatives we have implemented within our organization to conserve energy:

- Utilization of Recyclable Packaging Materials:** We have transitioned to using recyclable packaging materials throughout our operations to reduce waste generation and promote sustainability.
- Phasing Out Thermocol:** In alignment with our eco-conscious approach, we are progressively phasing out the use of thermocol to eliminate non-biodegradable materials from our processes, thus reducing our environmental footprint.
- Implementation of Solar Energy Solutions:** We have invested in solar energy solutions, including solar water heating systems and solar electricity generation, to reduce our reliance on conventional energy sources. These initiatives not only minimize greenhouse gas emissions but also demonstrate our commitment to renewable energy adoption.
- Adoption of Water Recirculation Technologies:** To optimize water usage efficiency and minimize wastage, we have adopted advanced water recirculation technologies across our facilities. This allows us to conserve water resources while maintaining operational efficiency.
- Micromaster will be providing daily natural food sourced directly from our farm to all employees.** This initiative not only underscores our dedication to promoting a healthy lifestyle among our workforce but also reinforces our commitment to sustainable agriculture and local sourcing. By offering fresh, nutritious produce straight from our farm, we aim to support our employees in making healthier dietary choices while reducing the carbon footprint associated with food transportation and packaging. We believe that by nurturing the well-being of our employees and prioritizing environmentally responsible practices, we can create a more resilient and harmonious future for all. These initiatives underscore our unwavering commitment to environmental sustainability while aligning with global efforts to mitigate climate change and preserve our planet for future generations. We remain dedicated to continuously exploring new ways to integrate environmentally friendly practices into our operations and contribute positively to the communities we serve. Thank you for your continued support as we strive to make a positive impact on both our community and the planet.



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## "Spotlight on our Families".



We are thrilled to announce that **Annet Adi Kadam** S/O PP Rtn Nilesh Kadam & PFL Ann Julie Kadam has been selected for the Football Team DSO under 15. This is a fantastic achievement, reflecting Adi's hard work, dedication, and talent in football. Way to go, Adi! Keep up the great work and continue to aim for the stars!

**Congratulations, Annet Adi Kadam!**

## Happy Announcements.

### Birthdays

- 6th July** Annet Saanvi D/o Rtn Pravin Patil
- 7th July** PDG Venkat Gadwal f/o of Rtn Srinivas Gadwal [Founding Father of Club]
- 8th July** PP Rtn Manish Shah
- 9th July** Rtn Shivram Krishna Shetty  
Annet Soumitra s/o Rtn Vishwas Sathe
- 16th July** Rtn Manish Basle  
Ann Nalini w/o Rtn Manish Basle
- 17th July** Ann Aarti w/o PP Rtn Arun Doshi  
Ann Rita Joy w/o Rtn Joy Dasan
- 19th July** Annet Kairav s/o PP Arun Doshi
- 21st July** PR Rtn Arun M Doshi
- 23rd July** PP Rtn Chandahas Shetty
- 28th July** Ann Prachi w/o Rtn Pravin Patil  
Annet Shaurya s/o Rtn Shantaram Shet
- 31st July** Annet Sourysh Biju s/o Rtn Biju Gopalan

### Anniversaries

- 7th July** Rtn Amol & Ann Pradnya Yeola  
PP Rtn Shirish & Ann Varsha Khanwalkar
- 12th July** PP Rtn Rajat & Ann Nandini Passi
- 16th July** PP Rtn Rajesh & Ann Anita Mittal



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

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## Gallery - Installation Ceremony



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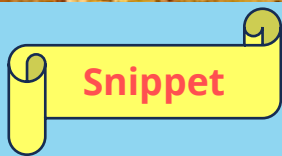
## Gallery



Inauguration of Valivhare Girls Hostel



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## Snippet

### Why the Rotary Year begins on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Ever wonder why 1 July is the beginning of the Rotary year?

Initially, our conventions played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

The next August, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with Volume 5, No. 1, in July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them

occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia. The term "**Rotary year**" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913.

An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.



Attendees at Rotary's first convention in Chicago in 1910. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the convention ended.



### Club Bulletin Editor's Desk.

Dear Downtown Family,

As we embark on this Awesome Rotary year, it is with great pleasure and excitement that we present to you the inaugural edition of our club bulletin for the Year 2024-2025. Our bulletin aims to keep you informed, engaged, and connected with the latest happenings within our club. From reporting all the good work we are doing as a club, our noteworthy achievements, monthly upcoming events to inspiring stories and important announcements, we strive to make this newsletter a valuable resource for everyone. This first edition sets the tone for the year ahead, celebrating our collective efforts and the wonderful community we have built together. As we move forward, your contributions and feedback will be essential in shaping the content and ensuring it reflects the diverse interests and activities of our club members and families.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported this initiative and contributed to making our club bulletin a reality. Together, let's make this year "**Awesome**" and bring the **Magic of Rotary** by continuing to do good and making it memorable, impactful, and filled with success.



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**Congratulations & Best Wishes  
for an "Awesome" Rotary Year  
2024-2025!**