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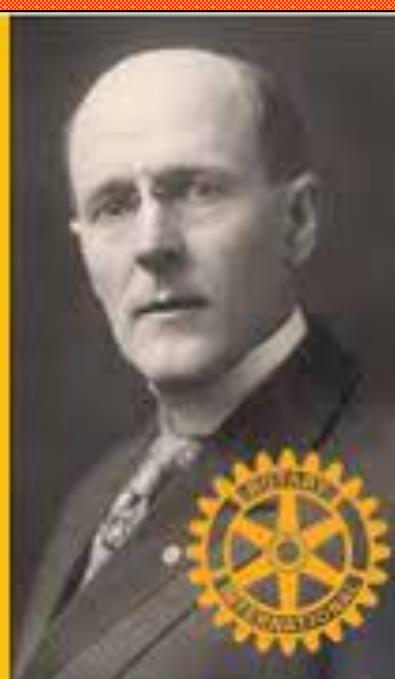
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*Rotary changes us
and those we serve.*

*I believe we can change the
world one life at a time.*

Paul Harris



Club Meetings



4th October 2025 – The club meeting held at Prime Rose, Satkar Residency, Thane West featured our very own Dr. Dhiraj Agrawal, who delivered his classification talk on Dentistry.

He conducted an engaging and interactive session titled “From Stone Tools to Laser Cool!”, sharing fascinating insights into the evolution and latest advancements in dental care that kept the audience thoroughly engaged.

The session began with a warm introduction of the speaker by President Rtn. Sunil S. Joshi, followed by a heartfelt vote of thanks presented by Rtn. Guru Shukla. A key highlight of the program was Dr. Dhiraj’s discussion on essential questions surrounding dental health, such as:

- How do smoking and alcohol affect oral health?
- Is sugar the only cause of cavities?

Dr. Dhiraj Agrawal, MDS, has been practicing since 2014, is attached to over 50 clinics, serves as a visiting consultant at Lilavati Hospital, Mumbai, and has been running his own private clinic since 2018.

Through his informative and thought-provoking presentation, Dr. Dhiraj guided members to better understand often-overlooked aspects of dentistry, leaving them with a deeper appreciation of oral health and its importance in overall well-being.

Club Meetings



11th October 2025 – The weekly club meeting was held at *Satkar Residency, Thane*, serving as a **Pre-OCV (Official Club Visit)** session.

Agenda for the Club Assembly:

1. Reading of minutes from the previous Assembly held on 5th July.
2. Reading of minutes from the current BOD meeting dated 6th September 2025.
3. Discussion on *Navratri Celebration – Dandiya Night*.
4. Planning for the *Club Picnic*.
5. Updates on ongoing and upcoming *Projects*.
6. Review of *District Events*.
7. *Account Status* report.
8. Discussion on *Club Membership*.
9. Preparations for *Pre-OCV* scheduled around 5th October (Saturday).
10. *OCV* scheduled for 25th October.
11. Any other topic raised by the Chair.

Official Club Visit



25th October 2025 – The Official Visit of District Governor Rtn. Harsh Makol was held at Maples Inn Banquet, Thane.

A closed-door meeting was conducted by DG Rtn. Harsh Makol with the President, Club Secretary, and Treasurer, in the presence of Assistant Governor Rtn. Randhir Rathod, District Secretary Rtn. Madhavi Kharote, and the District Treasurer.

Additionally, DG Harsh Makol also held a closed-door interaction with the President, Club Secretary, Treasurer, and Rotaractors, accompanied by AG Rtn. Randhir Rathod, DS Rtn. Madhavi Kharote, and the District Treasurer.

Official Club Visit

25th October 2025 – Following the closed-door meeting, the **Official Visit of District Governor Rtn. Harsh Makol** was celebrated in a festive **Diwali-themed welcome**. The venue was beautifully adorned with a vibrant **rangoli**, showcasing traditional designs that added color and cultural charm to the occasion. The warm and creative decor reflected the club's spirit of hospitality and festivity, making the Governor's visit truly memorable.



Official Club Visit

25th October 2025 – During the **Official Club Visit (OCV)**, the club was privileged to witness an **insightful and inspiring address by District Governor Rtn. Harsh Makol**. His **interactive speech**, filled with warmth and a **personal touch for each member**, created a deep sense of connection and motivation among all present.

DG Harsh Makol appreciated the club's projects, teamwork, and enthusiasm, while sharing valuable guidance on strengthening Rotary's impact and fostering greater fellowship. The session truly reflected the spirit of Rotary and left members feeling inspired and energized for the year ahead.



Official Club Visit

25th October 2025 – The meeting began with a soulful invocation song rendered by **Sarla Joshi and Rtn. Veena Joshi, the President's mother and aunt**. The ceremony was graced with a traditional lamp lighting by the dignitaries, followed by a warm floral welcome extended to all guests



Official Club Visit

25th October 2025 – The meeting featured an inspiring address by President Rtn. Sunil S. Joshi. A highlight of the evening was the induction of new member Dr. Dhiraj Agrawal by District Governor Rtn. Harsh Makol. The introduction of the new member was delivered by Rtn. Pranav Bhowekar, followed by the induction oath administered by Past President Rtn. Shirish Khanwalkar.



Official Club Visit

25th October 2025 – DG Rtn. Harsh Makol honoured and pinned the TRF donors: PP Rtn. Rajesh Mittal, PP Rtn. Nilesh Kadam, President Rtn. Sunil Joshi, Rtn. Bharti Shetty, and PE Rtn. Biju Gopalan.



Official Club Visit

On October 25, 2025, DG Harsh Makol had the honor of formally felicitating **District Governor Nominee (DGN) Chandrahas Shetty** and **Major Donor PP Prashant Gujar** in recognition of their exemplary service/contributions.



"You must be the change you want to see in the world."

Official Club Visit

DG Harsh Makol delivered a **highly engaging address** that was a delight to attend.



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Project: Yashodhan School Financial Aid



On **October 15, 2025**, our members visited Yashodhan School, an esteemed institution dedicated to educating **underserved students** who face social and economic hurdles. We were proud to announce the **sponsorship of 16 students** and presented the school with our annual financial contribution, which helps maintain their affordable fee structure. This partnership is deeply rooted; over the years, our club has significantly contributed to the school's infrastructure, most notably by **building and modernizing their computer laboratory**.

Project: Polio Campaign

On **October 12, 2025**, a special **Pulse Polio campaign** was successfully held at the Lokmanya Tilak Hospital (near Kores Hospital). This local effort was part of the ongoing global initiative to protect children from the devastating Poliovirus, an infectious disease that can cause paralysis and, in severe cases, death.

The Importance of Eradication

Polio, though nearly eradicated worldwide thanks to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), remains a constant threat. The virus primarily affects children under five and is often spread through contaminated water. While most infections are asymptomatic, about one in 200 cases leads to irreversible paralysis, usually of the legs. Campaigns like this one are vital to ensure that every child receives the oral vaccine (OPV) and that the dream of a completely polio-free world is realized.



"Serve to change lives."

Project: Matoshree Medicines

The **regular monthly delivery of medicinal supplies** to Matoshree Vrudhashram was successfully executed by **PP Rajesh Mittal**. This delivery ensures that the facility maintains an **adequate inventory** to meet the ongoing healthcare requirements of its residents.



**"Do what you can,
with what you have,
where you are."**

Inauguration of District Grant project

1st October 2025 – The inauguration of the District Grant Project, initiated during the *Awesome Year*, was carried out at the hands of **IPDG Rtn. Dinesh Mehta**. The event was graced by **DGN Rtn. Chandrashas Shetty**, **President Rtn. Sunil S. Joshi**, and **Rtn. Saurabh Joshi**. This initiative, a **Happy School Project**, took place at the **Gotsai Zilla Parishad School**, bringing joy and improved facilities to the students.



"What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for others?" George Eliot

District Elections

Dear Rotary Family,

Warm Rotary Greetings. It gives me immense pleasure to share with you the results of the District 3142 elections for the positions of District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) and Council on Legislation (COL) Representative, held on 12th October 2025. A total of 150 votes were cast in the elections, and the results are as follows:  DGND Election Results Rtn. Srijit Poothen – 105 votes  Rtn. Prasad Tendulkar – 44 votes 1 vote was disqualified  COL Election Results PDG Kailash Jethani – 102 votes  PDG Dr. Mayuresh Warke – 47 votes. It gives me immense pleasure to officially announce that:  Rtn. Srijit Poothen has been elected as District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) for Rotary International District 3142.  PDG Kailash Jethani has been elected as the Council on Legislation (COL) Representative. Heartiest congratulations to the winners, and sincere appreciation to all candidates for their participation. In Rotary, there are no losers – only dedicated leaders committed to serving humanity. Let us continue to cherish this spirit of friendship, fellowship, and service as we move forward together.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Rtn. Harsh Makol
District Governor 2025-26
Rotary International District 3142

"Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." - . Martin Luther King

Happy Announcements

Birthday's & Anniversary's

02-Nov Rtn Prashant Karkhanis

03-Nov Ann Sneha W/o Rtn Sujit Deshpande

05-Nov Manva D/o of Amol & Ann Pradnya Yeola

08-Nov PP Imshu Bansal

08-Nov Rtn. Vishwas Sathe

09-Nov Rtn. PP Jayanta Dey

10-Nov Mandar s/o PP Shrikrishna D & Ann Vrushali Naik

12-Nov PP Dr. B K Mahavarkar

12-Nov Kaushik s/o Rtn Kalyan & Ann Durga Karmakar

13-Nov Shilpa w/o Rtn Ashutosh Bhalerao

13-Nov Sushrut s/o PP Rtn.Sunil D & Ann Sandhya Joshi

17-Nov Rtn Dr Milind & Ann Dr Sneha Kokate

19-Nov Ann Reshma Biju w/o Rtn Biju Gopalan

21-Nov Rtn Sandeep & Ann Seema Bachhuka

24-Nov Abhijeet s/o Rtn Ajay & Ann Supriya Durve

24-Nov Rujul d/o Rtn Sujit & Ann Sneha Deshpande

25-Nov Rtn Ratul and Ann Trisha Lahiri

26-Nov Leena d/o PP Prakash & Ann Jyoti Rao

28-Nov Karan Joy s/o Rtn Joy Dasan & Ann Rita Joy

29-Nov PP Shrikrishna D & Ann Vrushali Naik

Best wishes from

Rotary Club of Thane DownTown