

The DownTowner

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Club President's Desk

Rtn Shantaram Shet, Club President 2024-25



Dear Downtowners.
Awesome Pranams to All. Greetings for the festive season!!!

This month, we are celebrating the festivities of Dussehra and Diwali. In my childhood, I was told that during this festive season, the almighty showers us with blessings. I didn't know it was true for our Rotary Club as well. On this festive season our Club has been blessed with the First District Governor in its history. I am extremely pleased to share with you that, our own **PP Rtn Chandrahas Shetty** has been **elected DGND**.

They say fortune favors the brave. It is because of his hard work, dedication and focus that he has been elected the DGND with a thumping majority. On behalf of our club, I would like to **Congratulate** PP Rtn Chandrahas Shetty on this amazing victory! It is said that behind every successful man there stands a woman, who in this case is our very own **Rtn Bharti Shetty**. We wish both of you all the very best!

With great power comes, greater responsibility! Now our club will be recognized as the DG's Club ["DG KA Club"]. We will need to plan and execute projects & events that reflect the prestigious standards of a DG's Club. From now on we will need to build capacities & skills so that in the **Year 2027-28**, we are ready to take up the responsibility. I would like to call upon each one of you to come together & take our Club to greater heights!

Wishing all of you a Prosperous Dussehra & a Happy Diwali!
Rtn Shantaram Shet

PP Rtn Chandrahas Shetty
DGND

Congratulations!



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Rotary Event Calendar - October 2024 Economic & Community Development Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Gandhi Jayanti	Ghatasthapana - Navratri begins		Club Meeting at Satkar @ 7.30am. Speaker: Dr Priyank Patel, Spine Surgeon.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
DGND Election 9.00am to 2.00pm.					District Dussehra Mahotsav & Dandiya Night (5.30pm onwards)	Dussehra. Club Meeting Cancelled!
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
The Rotary Club of Thane Downtown Charitable Trust Meeting @ Pres Shantaram Shet's Residence			Kojagiri Sharad Poornima. Annapoorna Day. Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Thane West & Global Grant Partner Mr. Raj Kankeria, 7.00pm onwards @ Thirani School, Thane.			Club Assembly at Satkar @ 7.30am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
BOD Meeting [Venue/Time - TBD]						Family Night - Diwali & Dussehra Celebrations @ Satkar Residency 6.30 pm onwards
27	28	29	30	31		
		Dhanteras		Diwali/ Narak Chaturdashi		

Desh ki Siksha Project 'Diksha'

Donate Only ₹3,000*
Educate 20 Adults
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*Get 80% Tax exemption

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Rotary India Literacy Mission is committed to making 5 crore Indian Adults Literate
☎ 8550 38883 | <https://adultliteracy.rotaryteach.org/>

Rotary Zone 4

STEPHANIE A. URSCHAK, President
MARK GREGG MALONEY, Vice President
Y N (Rajni) SUDHANESAN, Director
DR BHASKAR RAMSINGH, Trustee

#Donate

Your contribution can be the difference between a child's paralysis and a child's healthy future. Donate now and be a hero in the fight against Polio.

The power to end Polio lies in your hands.

Dr Ashes Ganguly
End Polio Now Coordinator (EPNC) Zone 4

END POLIO NOW

LEARN. SHARE. DONATE.
endpolio.org
<https://www.endpolio.org/donate>

OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

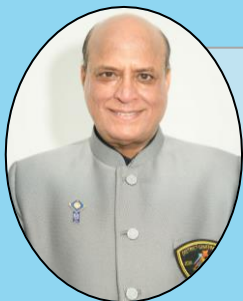
"If we can make a difference in the life of one person in a community, it is a small yet significant step to empowering a whole community."
Loshini Naidoo

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary. Get Involved

Rotary International



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Appreciation Note from District Governor Rtn Dinesh Mehta!

A Heartfelt Thanks to the Rotarians of District 3142

Dear Awesome Friends,
You have made us immensely proud!

I am thrilled to announce that our **District 3142** has achieved the prestigious **“Mark Maloney Annual Fund Early Achiever Award ”**. This remarkable accomplishment reflects the unwavering dedication and collective effort of every Rotarian in our district.

A special thank you goes out to our committed Foundation Team for their relentless support, and to all the ***Awesome Presidents*** whose leadership and enthusiasm have driven this success.

Together, we have once again demonstrated the strength of Rotary and our shared passion for making a lasting impact. Let’s continue this momentum as we strive for even greater heights.

Dear DGs and DRFCs,

We sincerely appreciate your outstanding efforts and engagement in the **‘Mark Maloney Annual Fund Early Achiever Award’**, launched by our RRFCs. It was truly encouraging to see 11 of our districts qualify for this honor. The districts that achieved this award are:

<u>Zone-4</u>	<u>Zone-5</u>	<u>Zone-6</u>	<u>Zone-7</u>
3055	3203	3240	3150
3060	3220	3250	3170
3141			3192
3142			

Congratulations to our qualifying districts!!

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Club Meetings

Club Meeting, 14th Sep 2024 – Our esteemed Speaker on 14th Sep was none other than **Rtn Mahesh Gowande** - Awesome Club Treasurer, who spoke on the Topic **“Prepare for the Financial Upgrade”**. He discussed about the strategies of investing in stock market and how we can create wealth by investing in equity market..



Prepare for the Financial Upgrade

SATURDAY,
14 Sept 2024

- 7.30 am Breakfast & Fellowship
- 8.00 am Meeting

Satkar Residency

Investing in Equity Market

Rtn. Mahesh Gowande
Financial Consultant



Club Meeting, 20th Sep 2024 – On 20th Sep Friday, our Club collaborated with RC Thane Mid Town and conducted a joint Club Meeting, at Thirani High School, Thane in the evening from 7.30 to 9 pm. This meeting was fun filled with Melodies & Movies, as it was Anchored by Rtn Sunderasan Prem kumar from RC Thane New Mumbai. The Anchor took us into a world of Nostalgia by reliving the golden era of Bollywood & all the participants thoroughly enjoyed the songs and snippets shared of the vintage Bollywood songs.

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Club Meetings

Melodies & Movies
Step into a world of nostalgia with our Vintage Bollywood Fun Show ! Relive the golden era of Bollywood

Anchored by
Rtn Sunderasan Prem kumar
RC THANE NEW MUMBAI

RC Thane Downtown
Venue: Therani high school
Friday
20 September 2024
Time 7:30pm 9:00pm



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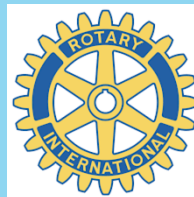
Club Meetings

BOD Meet, 29th Sep 2024 – The BOD Meeting was conducted & organized at Club Secretary, **Rtn Biju Gopalan's** office.



Connect with Other Clubs

On 2nd Sep 2024, PP Rtn Rajesh Mittal & Rtn Akash Singhal, got an opportunity to connect with President Kamal Narendra of Rotary Club of Madras Mid Town, District 3233 at the Marriot in Chennai.



They connected with many club members including the Chairman – Public Image, Rtn. Ambalavanan Muruganathan, who shared & discussed many innovative ideas, that we can adapt, like having Rotary stickers on your phone & placing names of the Club's Past Presidents on the Collar.



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DownTown Times - A Glimpse into Club Happening's

Circle of Love 6.0

- Collaborated with The Rotaract Club of Thane Downtown for this project.
- Completed this Project to donate Utility & Food Kits to Transgenders.
- Beneficiaries = 10.

Yashodhan School

- Supported to pay the fees of 16 students from Yashodhan School.
- Beneficiaries = 16.

Matoshree Old Age Home

- Provided medicines to Matoshree Old Age Home inmates at Padgha.
- Beneficiaries = 90.

Donating Medicine

- Donated medicines to school students at Igatpuri.
- Beneficiaries = 109.

Annapoorna Project - 2nd Sep Food Donation at Aasara Trust.

On the 2nd of Sep Monday, our Club Director Services, **Rtn Joy Dasan**, conducted a Food Donation drive at Aasara Trust. Aasara Trust is a shelter home for many kids of beggars, mainly girls.



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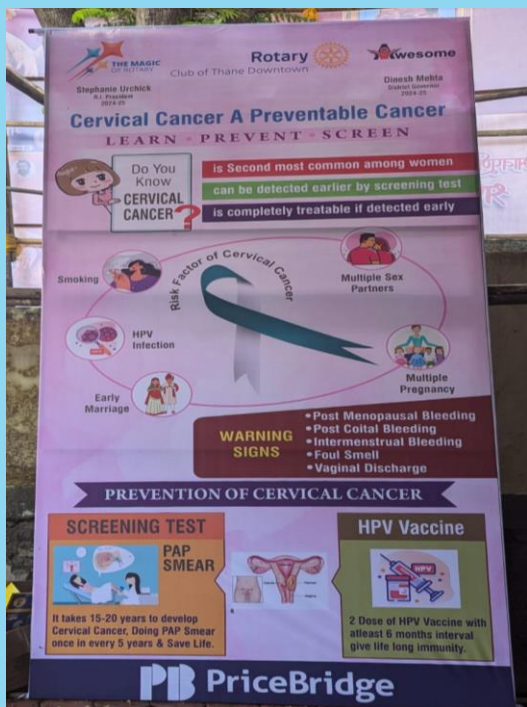
Rotary Endowment Fund - Congratulations to PP Rtn Chandrahas Shetty!



PP Rtn Chandrahas Shetty has generously agreed to contribute **\$25,000** to the **Rotary Endowment Fund**.

This has been appreciated by our Past Rotary International Director, **Ashok Mahajan** who is currently a Peace Major Gift Adviser of The Rotary Foundation.

Project Parvati, Cervical Cancer Awareness - Rtn Mahesh Gowande



As a part of District 3142 **Project Parvati** initiative, our Club Treasurer **Rtn Mahesh Gowande** helped promote & drive **Cervical Cancer Awareness** at Shreerang School, Thane.



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"Spotlight on our Families".

Annet Neeraj's Joyful Birthday Celebration!



Rtn Dilip and **Ann Kashmira Kand** celebrated their son **Annet Neeraj's birthday** on Sep 20th at the beautiful Ebiness Lake near Stuttgart, Germany, creating cherished memories together!



Rtn Dr Rajesh & Ann Bandana Butala Wedding Anniversary Celebration!

Rtn Dr Rajesh Butala & Ann Dr Bandala Butala celebrated their Wedding Anniversary at the **Virupaaksha Temple**, located at Hampi in the Vijayanagara district of Karnataka, India, which is situated on the banks of the river Tungabhadra & this is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Wishing you both many more years of love, laughter & endless adventures!



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Happy Announcements - Birthdays

1st October	Rtn Mahesh Gowande
2nd October	Ann Varsha w/o PP Rtn Shirish Khanwalkar
4th October	Annet Araohat s/o Rtn Dr Milind & Ann Dr Sneha Kokate
5th October	Annet Maitreyi d/o Rtn Pranav & Ann Manjiri Bhosekar
7th October	Annet Dhruv s/o PP Rtn Chandrahas & Rtn Bharti Shetty
13th October	PP Rtn Rajat Passi and IPP Rtn Nilesh-Kadam
14th October	Rtn Sachin Salvi
18th October	Annet Pooja d/o Rtn Prashant & Ann Pavana Karkhanis
19th October	Rtn Saurabh Joshi
20th October	Rtn Joy Dasan
23rd October	Annet Shaivi d/o Rtn Akash & Ann Tripti Singhal
24th October	Ann Jyoti w/o CP Rtn Prakash Rao
25th October	Annet Riya d/o Rtn Manish & Ann Nalini Basle
26th October	Rtn Dilip Kand
29th October	Ann Nandini w/o PP Rtn Rajat Passi

Happy Announcements - Anniversary

2nd October	Rtn Dr Rajesh & Ann Bandana Butala
8th October	Rtn Joy Dasan & Ann Rita Joy

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



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Participation in District Events

18th Sep – RI District 3142 Rashtriya Hindi Diwas [Co-Hosted]

On **18th September 2024**, The District 3142 **Hindi Diwas** was celebrated & conducted at Dr Kashinath Ghanekar mini hall, Thane & jointly Hosted by Rotary Club of Thane Premium & Thane Lake City. Our President Rtn Shantaram Shet, Rtn Chandrahas Shetty DAFSC & Spokesperson for Dist. 3142, Rtn Bharti Shetty - PR/PI Director, Rtn Sunil D Joshi - Director TRF along with Ann Sandhya Joshi and Ann Aparna Shet attended this event.

INVITE

DG Dinesh Mehta, Awesome District Team,
RC Thane Premium & RC Thane Lake City presents

“हिन्दी दिवस”

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Dr. Kashinath Ghanekar Mini Auditorium, Thane
Request Your Gracious Presence

Dr. Sonal Bangde **Jagdish Chelaramani**
RC Thane Premium RC Thane Lake City




Our Club received an **Appreciation Certificate** for **Co-Hosting** this event.

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Participation in District Events

27th Sep - RI District 3142 Project TB MukT Thane [Nikshay Mitra]

On **27th September 2024**, the District 3142 Project **TB MukT Thane - Nikshay Mitra** was organized, which included Nutrition Food Kit Distribution at 11.15 a.m, TMC HQ - Thane. Rtn Pranav Bhosekar and Rtn Chandrahas Shetty donated to this noble cause. Nikshay Mitra Certificates was distributed by TMC at the event to respective donors (Nikshay Mitras).



Our Club received an **Appreciation Certificate** for the club's **contributions!**



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Participation in District Eventscontd

28th Sep – District 3142, First TRF Seminar [Co-Hosted]

Opportunity to do good and get felicitated at the hands of TRF Trustee Chair Mark Maloney starting

FIRST TRF SEMINAR

on Saturday, 28th September 2024

Eligibility Criteria for Felicitation

- Any individual Rotarian who has contributed US\$ 1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation between July 1, 2024, and September 27, 2024.
- Any individual Rotarian who commits to contribute US\$ 5,000 or more during Rotary Year (RY) 2024-25.
- Any club with fewer than 25 members that commits to contribute US\$ 10,000 during RY 2024-25.
- Any club with 25 to 50 members that commits to contribute US\$ 15,000 during RY 2024-25.
- Any club with more than 51 members that commits to contribute US\$ 25,000 during RY 2024-25.
- Special recognition for clubs commits to contribute US\$ 50,000 or more during RY 2024-25.
- Clubs that have achieved Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) or Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Club status.

To contribute, please call Av. Chair- TRF Support

Varsha Likhite (M: 98202 28310)
Ramesh Pallavoor (M: 98206 52828)

Kaushik Kashikar (M: 99209 51511)
Dr. Sushant Vaidya (M: 97696 48909)

DG Dinesh Mehta, along with District & TRF Team and Rotary Club of Thane Hills organizing the event.

FIRST TRF SEMINAR

In presence of **TRF Trustee Chair Mark Maloney** as Chief Guest along with other RI Luminaries

Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 6 pm onwards, At Hotel Satkar Residency, Thane (W)

The Registration Charges will be Rs. 1500 per person

Rtn. Nilesh Likhite, Convener, 1st TRF Seminar, M: 9092028311
Rtn. Harshad Divekar, Host Club President, RC Thane Hills, M: 9930314912
Rtn. A.S. Kumar, Host Club Secretary, RC Thane Hills, M: 9372808304

On 28th September 2024, the **District 3142 First TRF Seminar was organized** at Satkar Residency in Thane. This was hosted by the Rotary Club of Thane Hills. Our Club was a **Platinum Co-Host** for this event. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of TRF Trustee Chair PRIP Mark Maloney, along with other RI Luminaries including Trustee Dr Bharat Pandya & our Awesome DG Dinesh Mehta.

Please find some glimpses of the event below.....

Our Club received an Award in recognition of our **Club's contribution** of more than **US \$50,000** to **The Rotary Foundation** in RY 2024-25.



The Rotary Foundation

This Award is proudly presented to **Rtn. Shantaram Shet** Club President Rotary Club of Thane DownTown

in recognition of your Club's contribution of more than **US\$ 50,000** to The Rotary Foundation in RY 2024-25.

Presented by Trustee Chair PRIP Mark Maloney in presence of Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya

on 28th Sept. 2024 at Hotel Satkar Residency, Thane (W).

Your continued support makes a lasting difference in the lives of countless individuals.

Awesome
DG Dinesh Mehta and TRF Team



The following Rotarians from our Club also received recognition/award for their respective contributions:

PP Rtn Chandrahas Shetty
PP Rtn Rajendra Shinde
Rtn Bhushan Patil
Rtn Mahesh Gowande
PP Rtn Prashant Gujar

Rtn Bharti Shetty
Pres Rtn Shantaram Shet
PP Rtn Dr Govind Patkar
Rtn Sunil S Joshi

Our **CSR Partner/Donor** for the STEM Project, **CSR Head - Ms. Beena Panicker**, from **System's Plus Pvt. Ltd** was also felicitated at the event.

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Ann Ke Saath Aana - Gallery!

This month **Ann Ke Saath Aana** was a Musical **Karaoke Nite** with Twinning Dress code, was organized on **27th Sep, Fri** at **Kuvega**. A special shout out for our Club Secretary Biju Gopalan for organizing it well. Annet Manva was simply exceptional with her multilingual singing talent. To all the singers and Rotarians who wholeheartedly entertained us. Our partners from The Rotaract Club of thane Downtown were equally participative. Our Anns who are the backbone of our club. Thank you for your wholehearted support and participation. *Please find some memorable glimpses of the event below:*

