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### **Club President's Desk**

Rtn Shantaram Shet, Club President 2024-25

Dear Downtowners!!!
Awesome Pranams to All!!!

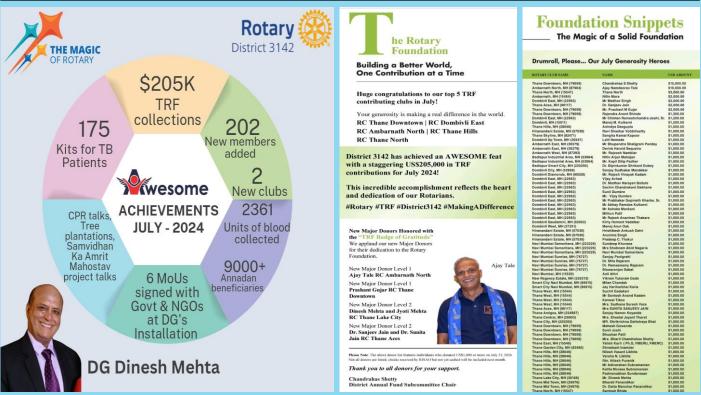
Greetings for the festive season!!! Hope everyone is well.



In the last edition of the Downtowner, I had talked about making our club vibrant and one of the top clubs in the district. A club is as good as its members. Why is India a top cricketing nation, it's because of cricketers like Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli etc. The point that I am making is that members are the key component of any Rotary club. Fellowship, Membership, TRF and PR/PI are the pillars of Rotary. Ensure that you attend all weekly meetings, Ann ke Sath Ana meetings, family nights, Project meetings etc. Introduce your friends and family to Rotary and help increase membership of the club. We are a service organisation. Ensure that you contribute towards TRF and the projects taken up by the club. You should be the brand ambassador of the club.

I would like to appeal to the BOD and members to participate wholeheartedly towards the club activities, may it be project planning and execution, events planning and execution and overall management of the club. My commitment to all is that I will keep the flag of our club flying high. KARNA HAI TOH KARNA HAI!!!! I need the support, guidance and volunteering by you all.

Cheers... Rtn Shantaram Shet











### Rotary Event Calendar - September 2024 Basic Education & Literacy Month

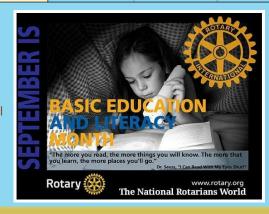
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labor Day					Ganesh Chaturthi Club Meeting Cancelled!
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Patriot Day			Pre-OCV [Official Club Visit] with AG at Satkar @ 7.30 AM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
District Onam Celebration Host RCD Suncity.	Id-e-Milad	Anatha Chaturdashi				Official Club Visit [OCV] by DG at Satkar [Timing TBD] followed by Family Night.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Annapoorna Day - Food Donation			"Membership Seminar" Meet at Satkar @ 7.30 AM. "Each One Get Two" prospective members. [E1G2]
29	30					

### September 25:

Food Donation drive Venue TBD, as a part of Annapoorna Project.

### September 28:

Membership Seminar Meet for all Club Members – Each Club Member to bring 2 prospective members for this meet. [E1G2]













### Past Presidents Reflections on Basic Education & Literacy at Rotary. PP Rtn. Shirish Khanwalkar.

In the field of Education, Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacities of communities to support the basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education and increase adult literacy. Rotary supports education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

Rotary tries to achieve this goal by taking following actions:

- # Mentoring students Rotary connects the mentors in various fields with students and guides them to choose the right career considering their aptitudes.
- # School4freedom Rotary uses this strategy to educate the students and adults to fight for their rights and get rid of modern slavery like debt bondage.
- # Coaching teachers Rotary joins hands with many NGOs to coach the teachers so that their teaching methods are improved and ultimately result in better learning experience for the students.
- # Educating refugees Rotary has taken initiative, in places like Nigeria, to rebuild schools and reconcile students in war affected areas, so that their education is continued.
- # Rotary Scholarships The Rotary Foundation supports education thru scholarships, donations and service projects around the world.
- # Adult Literacy Rotary members fight adult illiteracy by working with local advocates to offer community literacy programmes.
- # Teacher training Rotary members share their knowledge and experience with educators and other professionals who work with vulnerable populations.

Rotary India, under its programme, **Rotary India Literacy Mission** (RILM), aims to impart functional literacy to non-literate adults (15+ age) across India towards increasing national literacy rate beyond 90%. RILM uses two-fold strategy for achieving this goal:

- ☐ DIKSHA each one teach one (EOTO) and
- □ VIDYA Each one teach many (EOTM).

RILM has also designed a comprehensive programme called **TEACH**.

- T Teacher support
- E E learning
- **A** Adult literacy
- **C** Child development
- **H** Happy schools

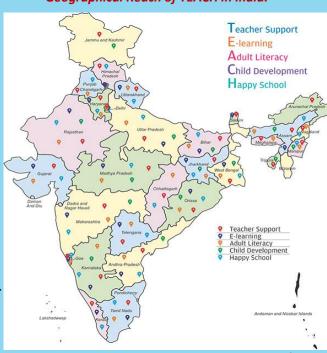


BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Each of these programmes has a specific focus and is interlinked to achieve a common goal of bringing total literacy and improving the learning outcomes of primary education.

The Rotary Club of Thane DownTown has contributed immensely, in the last few years, by constructing class rooms, dormitories for school children, providing computer infrastructure in schools and conducting teaching programmes for parents of school children, etc. Our latest CSR Grant Project of Setting up STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) based innovation hubs within schools and community center's for economically challenged children, in semirural areas of India is another such initiative to achieve this Mission.

### Geographical Reach of TEACH in India.



#Source: Rotary India Literacy Mission (rotaryteach.org)







### **Club Meetings**









**Club Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2024** – The 1<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting for the month of August was conducted on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024. Our esteemed Speaker Dr Tanvi Dingankar a Psychologist, spoke on the Topic "Forgetting To Remember". Dr Tanvi discussed about the various memory issues faced by people in general and provided tips that can be followed to help improve our memory as we age, which was very informative and helpful to all the participants/attendees.





**Board of Directors Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024** – The BOD Meeting was conducted on Sun, 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024 at Awesome Membership Director, PP Rtn Rajesh Mittal's residence.







### **Club Meetings**













The Speaker **Dr. Chandrashekhar Chawan (PhD/FSLS/FAAO)** spoke on the topic "**Glamour in eyes**". He talked about general eye conditions as well as advance Technologies. He also spoke on Gold and Diamond eye jewellery as well as shared his experiences with Bollywood films, actors, and actresses and lastly, he covered his innovative, but important services of facial aesthetics to make our life, beautiful and fulfilling.

Our Club meeting on 17th Aug 2024 featured Mrs. Shyamala Chandrahasan, Certified Pranic Healer & Trainer. Our distinguished speaker delivered an insightful talk on the topic "Spiritual Wellbeing,"

She spoke on how energy permeates around us. Also how **Pranic Healing** can enhance our overall well-being, home, relationships & productivity. She also spoke about aura's and energy chakras and their importance for leading a better & balanced life.









All the participants/attendees also experienced a blissful yet powerful Twin Heart Meditation technique guided by the speaker.







### **Club Meetings**





Club Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024
Basic Life Skills Training (BLS)
inclusive of CPR was
conducted for all our
participants / attendees by
Facilitators Dr.Manish Doshi
MD (Peds), DCH & Dr. Geeta
Bhat MD (Peds), DCH, DNB.









This meeting was graced by our beloved **DG Dinesh Mehta** & **First Lady Jyoti Mehta** [of who the COLS is a pet project]. We thank Ann Dr. Sneha Kokate for organizing this training for our club.







Club Assembly on 31st Aug 2024.



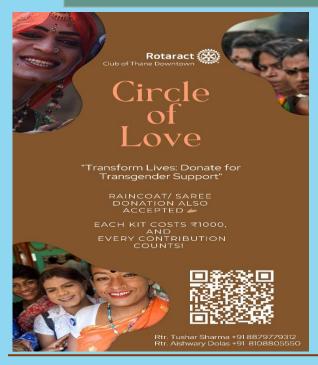








### Collaborations



Our Club has partnered with the Rotaract Club of Thane Downtown for Project Circle of Love  $\bigcirc$  6.0, Phase 1, to make a meaningful impact in the lives of transgender individuals.

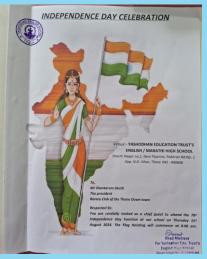
As part of this initiative, we have donated essential kits valued at ₹1,000 each, with each kit including a saree, a raincoat, and groceries.

Thanks to the generous contributions of our club members, we have been able to support 10 beneficiaries.

### **DownTown Times - A Glimpse into Club Happening's**

### 15<sup>th</sup> Aug Independence Day Celebration at Yashodhan School







On the event of Independence day flag hoisting and prize distribution for Std 10<sup>th</sup> Students was conducted at Yashodhan School. We thank PP Rtn Prakash Rao and Rtn Pranav Bhosekar for sponsoring the Prizes for these students.











### 15<sup>th</sup> Aug Annapoorna Day Project - Food Grains donated to Divyaprabha











**DivyaPrabha** is a home for destitute girls. These girls are orphans or have parents mentally 9 challenged/disabled & have nobody to take care of them. As a part of **Annapoorna Project**, **Food grains** worth ₹ **5,490** was **donated** to Divyaprabha on **15**<sup>th</sup> **Aug** & there were a total 17 Beneficiaries of this initiative.







### 18th Aug, School Kit Distribution - Katkari Children Project at Pali, district Raigad.



















Our Club has **collaborated** with the Not-for-Profit International Development Agency **CEI** [Confederation of Empowerment Initiatives] for this Project & the Beneficiaries are Children of an endangered tribe called **Katkari**. With the help of donation from our club members & other donors we were able to collect an amount of ₹1,00,000 and donate school bag's with books, stationery and umbrella to around **120 beneficiaries** on the **18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024 at Pali, district Raigad**. Heartiest Congratulations and Appreciation to all efforts taken by RCTDT members, donors, Project Committee & attendees so as to bring a Valuable Smile on the faces of the needy Katkari students/children.

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"Spotlight on our Families".

### "Congratulations to Rtn. Rajat Passi: A Champion on the Green!"



Rtn. Rajat Passi for his outstanding achievements in the recent golf tournaments. We are thrilled to celebrate his remarkable performance at the Pune Golf Club and Oxford Golf Resort, Pune. Rtn Rajat excelled as the Runner-Up at the Pune Golf Club and emerged as the Winner at the Oxford Golf Resort. Well done, Rtn Rajat!

### Celebrating Raksha Bandhan with Assam Rifles - Ann Mita Gowande











The Assam Rifles (AR) is a central paramilitary force responsible for border security, counter-insurgency, and maintaining law and order in Northeast India and in Jammu & Kashmir. Its primary duty involves guarding the Indo-Myanmar& Indo-China border.









### "Spotlight on our Families".

### Way to Go & Best Wishes to Annet Bhaumik Gowande!



The session on "Powering Change: Regulations for Electrifying Transportation" delved into strategies to tailor bus services for niche tourism segments, ensuring personalized travel experiences. Moderated by Bhaumik Gowande, Associate Researcher at ICCT, the panel featured industry leaders like Prof. Shivanand Swamy (CEPT), Ashok Agarwal (Sun Mobility), Prof. Ashish Verma (IISC), and Ravi Gadepalli (The World Bank). The discussion highlighted how effective regulations and innovative approaches can elevate customer satisfaction, promote sustainable tourism, and advance electrification in the transportation sector. The International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) India served as the Sector Knowledge Partner for this session. #Prawaas 4.0 #passengermobility #smartsustainable #bengaluru

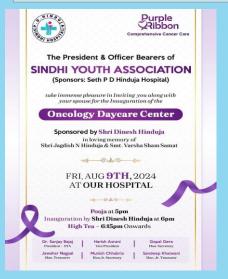
prasanna patwardhan ❷ Siddiq Gandhi ❷ Jayendra Bavaria ❷ Shrinidhi Kshetrapal ❷ Manoj Padikkal ❷



We are delighted to extend our warmest Congratulations to **Annet Bhaumik Gowande** [s/o Rtn Mahesh & Ann Mita
Gowande], who is a Research Associate at ICCT [The International Council on Clean Transportation], for Moderating one of the Panels at the Prawaas 4.0 event conducted on 29-31 Aug 2024 in Bangalore, where many renowned Industry Leaders from CEPT, IISc & World Bank, etc. were part of the discussion. We wish him the Best for all his future endeavors!



### All the very best for the New Endeavor - Rtn Ratul Lahiri!





We are delighted to extend our warmest congratulations to **Rtn Ratul Lahiri** from **PurpleRibbon** on the opening of a dedicated chemotherapy daycare unit at P. D. Hinduja Sindhi Hospital in Bengaluru, a distinguished branch of Hinduja Hospital Mumbai. The inaugural ceremony along with puja, took place on August 9th 2024 at the Hinduja Hospital, Bengaluru.



2<sup>nd</sup> September

13th September





### The Down Towner

### **Happy Announcements - Birthdays**

3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Annet Riya d/o Rtn Joy & Ann Rita Dasan
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Rtn Pravin Patil
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Ann Trisha w/o Rtn Ratul Lahiri
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Annet Prathmesh s7o PP Dr B K & Ann Gayatri Mahavarkar

Annet Disha d/o PP Rtn Rajesh & Ann Anita Mittal

9 <sup>th</sup> September	Rtn Dr Milind Kokate		

PP Rth Shirish Khanwalkar

is september	Ann Mangala w/o PP Rtn Govind Patkar	
and har in the	Ann Vaidehi w/o Rtn Vishwas Sathe	_
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Annet Neeraj s/o Rtn Dilip & Ann Kashmira Ka	nd

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23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Annet Jalpa d/o PF	Rtn Arun &	Ann Aarti Doshi	

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25 <sup>th</sup> September	Rtn Akash Singhal

30th September Ann	Gayatri w/o PP Dr B.K. Mahavarkar
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Best Wishes from Rotary Club of Thane DownTown. Many Happy Returns of the day!









### **Participation in District Events**

4th Aug - RI District 3142 Public Image Seminar







On 4th August 2024, The District 3142 Public Image [PI] Seminar was conducted at Dombivli & Hosted by Rotary Club of Dombivli East. Rtn Chandrahas Shetty **DAFSC & Spokesperson** for Dist. 3142 and Rtn Bharti Shetty PR/PI Director of our Club attended this event.

### 22nd Aug - Vocational Tour in Collaboration with other Clubs





With Col. Dr Ratan Mukherji

Our Club has collaborated & co-hosted this Vocational Tour called "Shaurya" to the **Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre** [PRC], Khadki, Pune along with the other Clubs of District 3142 on the 22nd of Aug 2024, for celebrating the 75th year of Samvidhan [Constitution] with 75 of the NCC Cadets. The Lead Host Club was RC of Dombivli Downtown. 14







### Participation in District Events .....contd









### 30<sup>th</sup> Aug – District 3142 Mangalagaur event [Co-Hosted]







On **August 30**, 2024, the **District 3142 Mangalagaur Event** took place at Sahayog Mandir in Thane. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Thane, our **Club** had the honor of **Co-Hosting** this grand occasion. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of our District Governor, Dinesh Mehta, and First Lady, Jyoti Mehta.







### Participation in District Events contd...

Rotarians and Ann's who registered & participated in this event are Rtn Bharti Shetty PR/PI Director, Ann Sonali Gujar, Ann Julie Kadam, Ann Minal Shah, Ann Sandhya Joshi, Ann Sayali Joshi, Ann Dr Sneha Kokate, Ann Aparna Shet and Rtn Chandrahas Shetty DAFSC & Spokesperson for Dist. 3142.









### **Participation in District Events**

The Awesome District Picnic was organized on August 10th and 11th, 2024, at Treat Resort, Silvassa. The host club was RC Ulhasnagar Sapna Garden. From our Club Rtn Bharti Shetty PR/PI Director, and Rtn Chandrahas Shetty DAFSC & Spokesperson for Dist. 3142 participated in this event. Please find some memorable glimpses of the event below:























