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## President Manish's Message



Dear Fellow Rotarians,  
The Rotary Club of Thane began the month of April with a series of power-packed projects that truly reflect our spirit of service and community engagement. Our first initiative was a Free Medical Checkup Camp, led by Rtn. Amey Paranjape in association with Horizon Group of Hospitals. Held on 9th April from 10 AM to 2 PM, the camp benefitted over 75 individuals from diverse walks of life, ensuring access to essential health services. The second impactful project was a lecture by Dr. Jagannath Dixit, on lifestyle change for weight loss & Diabetes reversal, arranged by Rtn. Mandar Joshi. This enlightening session was attended by more than 125 participants and received an overwhelmingly positive response. The third project,

which is very close to my heart, was held on 18th April—a premiere screening of the Marathi movie *Susheela Sujeet* at Cinopolis, Viviana Mall. The star cast, including Swapnil Joshi and Sonali Kulkarni, graced the event. It was a houseful show, and through this unique and creative initiative, we were able to raise funds for two paediatric heart surgeries—truly, a project by the people, for the people. We also hosted two enriching lectures:

- On Jagatik Vasundhara Din by Vidyadhar Walawalkar, and
- Today's insightful session on Thorle Bajirao Peshwa by our very own Rtn. Mandar Joshi. Friends, I feel immensely blessed and proud to witness the kind of meaningful project, diverse projects our club undertakes—with enthusiastic participation from all members. It is truly an honour to serve as the President of such a dynamic and dedicated club.

## ADHYAYAN

District Learning Assembly 2025 (Rotary District 3142) was held on 20 April 2025 at CIDCO Convention Centre, Vashi, Navi Mumbai.

The Event was hosted by RC New Kalyan.

Six Rotarians Girish Vartak, Vishwanath Kane, Kedar Patwardhan, Sadashiv Yadav, Tushar Mahajan and Neha Soni from Our club attended the event.

Formal inauguration of the Event was done by lighting of auspicious lamp by the dignitaries on the dias.

Various speakers including DLF Kailas Jethani, DG Dinesh Mehta, DGN Dr. Nilesh Jaywant, DGND Chandrashekar Shetty, IWC Lakshmi Singh, DRR Jitesh Bhatia, DGE Harsh Makol, Chief Guest RID Raju Subramanian addressed the gathering. DGE Harsha Makol and DGN Dr. Nilesh Jaywant made the announcements for the launch of DISCON 2026 and DLA 2026 (KSHITIJ) respectively.

Later separate breakaway sessions were conducted for the Groups of Community Service Directors, Avenue Directors, Membership / TRF / PI / CSR / Action Plan Directors, New Members, Directors, Club Presidents / DS / AGs and Secretaries / Treasurers / Sergeant-At-Arms for sharing knowledge mainly about the different project areas, duties and responsibilities of different officials etc.

The last session of the day was Valedictory session. The meetings were adjourned after Vote of Thanks.

The event was followed by Happy Hours, Musical Night and Dinner.



आज क्लब मध्ये मंदार जोशी "थोरले बाजीराव पेशवे" यांच्याबद्दल बोलणार आहे. तर या कार्यक्रमासाठी तसेच त्यानंतर जेवणाचा आस्वाद घेण्यासाठी आम्ही तीन जोड्या म्हणजे नितीन-स्वाती, विलास-स्मिता आणि प्रकाश-सीमा तुम्हाला आमंत्रित करीत आहोत.  
अवश्य येण्याचे करावे.



## Previous Meetings Report

### 8th April

President Manish and Amey were on the dias. Manish informed the members about the Mega Medical Camp on 9th April. The preparations are being done and thanked the members for their involvement.

Today's speaker was Mrs. Medha Soman. She is double MA with deep interest in Sanskrit and religious literature. She has published Sanskrit Subhashit books for the students. She was introduced by Vishwanath Kane. Today she spoke on the relevance of the Ramayan in today's world.

The speech started with short song of Shri Ram. Ram belonged to Ishwaku generation of Raghuvir. Ram was 69th king in the generation. He got the education in Vishwamitra Ashram in theory and practical in war such as Archery. When he was about to be crowned as a king in Ayodhya he was sent to Vanvas by Kaikeyee's curse. Bharat took care of Ram's Paduka on the throne. The vanvas was for 14 years. Ram, Laxman and Sita moved out of Ayodhya in the Dandakaranya Jungle and moved upto



Shrilanka to get back Sita from the Ravan. In between he befriended Sugreev King in wanar empire. Veer Hanuman joined the Sena upto Shri Lanka. Mrs. Soman said all the actions and wars were relevant to get the victory over demons.

Kalyani Kale proposed the vote of thanks. She said Medha has enlightened incidents about the route of Shri Ram and details about the Lanka war. Secretary Amey proposed the future projects and programmes.

Attendance : 25

### 15th April

President Manish and Secretary Sachin were on the dias. Manish welcomed Bhise's grandson Ved on the dias and pinned him with PHF pin. Members welcomed the gesture of Ved with clapping. Bhise family with daughter-in-law were present in the audience.

Today's speaker Mr. Kiran Sonawane was introduced by Ashwini Vaidya. He is MSc in education and career in Journalism for 38 years. CNN, IBN, Hindu Times and Navakal are few institutions where he has contributed. He has earned more than 400 awards and rewards in Social service. He is also a motivational speaker.



Today he spoke on Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Babasaheb has 32 degrees and 4 PhDs and research in Columbia University. He was the main architect of Indian Constitution, a great national work. He had introduced new rules and laws for downtrodden people and women in the society. He had 34000 books in Delhi residence and 24000 books in Rajghar, Dadar.

Kalyani gave the vote of thanks. Secretary Sachin proposed the future programmes.

Attendance : 20

### 22nd April

President Manish and Secretary Girish were on the stage. Manish requested the members to join the Charity Show of Marathi Cinema.

Mahajan introduced today's speaker Mr. Walavalkar. He is an ecologist and expert in prevention of pollution of air, water and eatables.

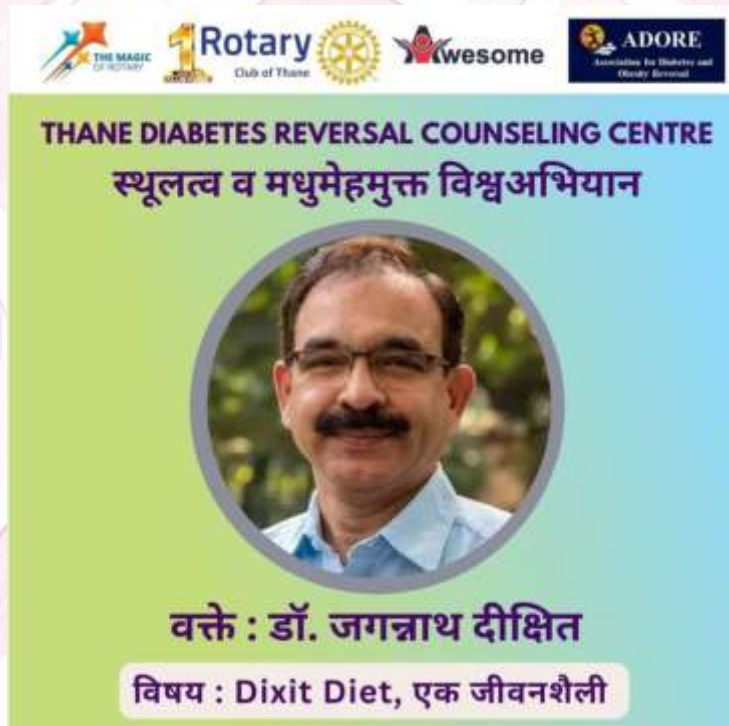
He is MSc in Chemistry and has taught in college. He gives lectures on the awareness of pollution and environment damages. He is ABVP speaker and activist. On this Vasudha (Earth) day president chose an appropriate speaker and subject to enlighten the members. He said ecology should be a subject in schools. He advised not to feed birds, fish and animals any food. They can not digest it. Population control will reduce the Earth Damage. At the end he said plastics should not be used for drinks and tea, coffee. The plastic has created havoc in ocean pollution. There are islands of plastic articles moving in the oceans.

Vote of thanks were given by Kalyani. Secretary Girish gave future programmes & birthdays announcements.

Attendance : 32







Speaker, Dr. Jagannath Dixit on Lifestyle modification for Weight-Loss and Diabetes reversal.

The lecture was open for general public. The programme was honoured with 150+ attendance. Dr. Dixit was introduced by Mr. Sachin Deokar.

The meeting was a mega project planned by Mandar,

Ameya Paranjape, Seema, Manik, Priti and Prakash.

The meeting was planned with snacks between 6.30 pm to 7 pm. Q & A session was planned after the lecture.

The audio visual presentation enlightened every one. His topic mainly was diet and diabetes. He said eating the large meal at 12 hours' interval helps in controlling sugar levels. It may be difficult proposition initially, but later on a person can get used to it. He also gave the list of light eatables, one can eat in between.

The lecture was houseful and pin-drop silence was seen. Later on questions and answer session was equally enlightening and many doubts about the diabetes & the diet were cleared by Dr. Dixit.

Mandar Joshi gave vote of thanks.



### 3rd TRF Seminar Report

The seminar was held in Vihang's Auditorium, Thane. It was a district event, attended by Presidents, TRF Donors and members from the clubs. The attendance was 120+.

The seminar was addressed by PRID Ashok Mahajan and compered by Chandrahas Shetty. The host club was RC Thane Downtown. DG Dinesh, PDC Ashok Ganguly and Mohan Chandavarkar and Shrikant Indani addressed the Rotarians. Ashok said "even 50\$ will help the African child waiting for the bread". He said now even 250\$ will honour your with PHF.

Ashok regretted that out of 4000 district Rotary Members only 900+ have contributed to TRF. That is a sad status. Many members came forward to become large donor with 10000\$ donations. Host club president gave the vote of thanks.



Nitin Jadhav receiving CSR Award from PRID Ashok Mahajan



## A Heart Warming Evening for a Noble Cause

Rotary Club of Thane proudly organised a special screening of the Marathi film *Susheela Sujeet* at Viviana Mall on 18th April 2025. The event was a houseful success aimed at raising funds for two pediatric heart surgeries.

We were honored by the presence of renowned film stars Swapnil Joshi and Sonali Kulkarni, who added a special sparkle to the evening with their gracious support.

A heartfelt thank you to every one who joined hands with us to make this event successful.



## Free Medical Camp organised by our Club

Rotary Club of Thane, in association with Horizon Hospital, successfully conducted a Free Medical Camp on the 2nd Floor of Sahyog Mandir, Naupada, Thane (West). It gives me immense pleasure to share that over 125 people availed the free medical services offered during the camp. The initiative was aimed at promoting health awareness and providing accessible healthcare to the community. A big thank you to the dedicated team of doctors, Rotary volunteers, and organizers Amey Paranjape who made this camp a grand success. Your efforts truly embody the spirit of Service Above Self. Let's continue to care, connect, and contribute to a healthier tomorrow. Manish Patil



Our Club Member Ameya Paranjape is joining Susquehanna India as Head of Compliance.  
**Congratulations and Best Wishes !**



Our Club Member Vilas Bhandarkar honoured by Sourabh Ganguli.  
**Congratulations !**