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## DISCON 2026



### Speakers for Discon :

1. Mahesh Manjerakar
2. Rajat Sharma
3. Deepak Vora (Former Ambassador)
4. Devdutta Parnaik
5. Bharat Dabholkar
6. Amrita Rao
7. Rtd. Major Gen. Yash Mor
8. Amol Gupte & Deepa Bhatia
9. Deepak Rao
10. Adv. Prashant Mali
11. Sachin Teke & Sankalp Kelshikar
12. Ridhima Pandey
13. Raul John Aju



RYE candidates gave a performance at Discon. The RYE Chair acknowledged all the RYE Team Members. Currently I am the RYE Inbound candidates - hence I was on stage being acknowledged for my role in RYE Team.

*Contributor*  
RYE Chairman Parag Pejavar



DISCON Attendees



President @ Marchpass



Major Gavand, Purohits &  
Dr. Rekha Pradhan

## Previous Meeting Reports

### 3rd February 2026

President Girish and Secretary Kedar were on the stage. Today we had a unique young boy as a speaker Vivaan Soni (S/o of Neha & Swapnil Soni). He was introduced by Neha.

He is our youngest speaker so far. He is in Std. 6 and 12 years of age. His subjects of interest are Maths & Physics. He is a voracious reader and thinker. In addition he takes keen interest in sports and



music. Swapna Pradhan introduced him to the members. He spoke on the World War II. The audio visual presentation and his fluent speech was unique. He chronologically presented the development of



actual war, enumerated the history of Germany from World War I and the humiliations that nation suffered. This led to the emergency of the dynamic leader Adolf Hitler when the people believed will make the German Nation powerful and ..... as before. Hitler believed in propoganda to impress the common man. There were many (40) attempts made on Hitler's life. Vivaan's speech was very impressive leading to the standing ovation, response to their young Vivaan.

Q and A session was equally interesting and informative. Madhavi Patwardhan proposed the vote of thanks. Secretary Kedar gave the secretorial information and further projects plan.

Attendance : Rtn : 28 | RAnn : 14 | Guests : 7 | Total : 49

### 10th February 2026

President Girish and Jt. Secretary Parag were on the stage. Today's speaker gave the interviews and described their activities social and educational to the audience.



First lady Rucha interviewed them and introduced them. These 3 speakers were near and dear ones to Rucha since long.

Mrs. Anjali Hadwale is a medico social worker and counsels their families and all the strata of the society and guides them for the proper

thinking and solves their problem.

She said even the high strata society members well educated need my advice to behave and solve their problems. Police station visits even in midnight are common with family friends. They have to be explained their duties rights and behaviour regarding family or work place relationships. Second young lady who is blind has



worked and got educated in different subjects. She is Gayatri Dhamdhere who has given many exams and successful in all of

them. She is in the government service. Her husband helps her in her career and vocation.

The third speaker is Ram Tambe. He has encouraged his wife to get the education and succeed in life. He is an ambulance driver who carried dead bodies to long distance to the residences of the violent deaths. He is attached to 15 police stations and is on the call day and night. He is NCC National level cade. The interviews impressed our minds that simple working people have a very responsible and dedicated jobs and service the nation and the society.

Sachin gave the vote of thanks. Jt. Secretary Parag gave the Rotary information.

Attendance : Rtn : 25 | Guests : 5 | Total : 30

### 17th February 2026

President Girish and Secretary Kedar were on the dias. Today our speaker was our own Mrs. Kalyani Kale who spoke on Patanjali Yog Sutra. She was introduced by Ashwini. She said Patanjali Yoga Sutra provide timeless framework for managing the modern and distracted mind and enhancing the calm in the modern life thro' ethical living mental discipline self awareness by applying the principles such as Yamas and Niyamas.

Individual can cultivate emotional balance reduce anxiety and improve the relationship with people in general. Kalyani was introduced by Ameeta. She said Kalyani is dedicated and yoga expert in theory and practice.

The vote of thanks were given by Aparna. Secretary Kedar gave the Rotary information.

Attendance : Rtn : 14 | RAnn : 12 | Guests : 3 | Total : 29

## Previous Meeting Reports

### 24th February 2026

President Girish and Secretary Kedar were on the dias. Today's speaker was Ayurved Expert Dr. Manasi Mehendale from Thane. Mehendale's own an Ayur Pharmacy with clinics in Thane. She was introduced by Ameeta.

Dr. Manasi gave an elaborate explanation and details of Ayurved principles. She said balanced Vaat, Pitta and Cough which are basic Tridosha in human body and taking care of 7 main chakras in our body is the foundation of a healthy mind and body.



She correlated this science with the various mantras if properly chanted in particular rhythm positively affect our health. These can be in the form of Stotras, Shlokas or various prayers. These need guidance for the proper effects on various organs.

Vote of thanks were given by Kalyani.

Attendance : Rtn. - 12 • Ramms - 18 • Total - 30



## GHARKUL VISIT

We visited "Gharkul" an abode for special children. It is run by a charitable trust "amey palak sanghatana" and is situated at khoni, Badlapur.



Gharkul really opened their doors and hearts for us.

We spent quality time with about 35 children there. We played games.

For girls, we did group activities like arranging plastic rangoli pieces n decorating it with petals, making garlands, making teddy by folding napkins and clay work.

Boys helped us prepare delicious limbu sarbat.

We even made mini "Gudi".

Children enjoyed dabeli and laddoo which we had arranged for them.

All of them wholeheartedly and joyfully participated in all the games and activities.



We were happy seeing them happy. It was indeed a "Rotary moment" for all of us as we left Khoni with a fulfilling and memorable experience.

Our special thanks to shri avinash sir, kulkarni sir and joshi sir and Gharkul's selfless staff members who helped us during this event.

Special thanks to all the Rotarians and Anns witjout whom this event would not have been possible and to all who could not join us but wished us in making this event happen.

Special thanks to Rotary Club of Thane and Trust for a donation of rs. 15000/- to Amey Palak Sanghatana.



## DONATION TO SAMARTH BHARAT



I handed over our donation cheque to Sh. Bhatu Sawant who is the CEO of Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth.

I thank our Trustees and Members for their cooperation which made this possible.

- Girish Vartak

## • Team RCT @ Signal School •



Team RCT visited the Signal School at Teen Hath Naka Thane. I am sharing with you pictures from the site.

These include their Classroom, Students, Teachers, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Robotics labs, their workshop with Lathe machine, Electrical work station, plumbing workstation, scooter for repair



and maintenance training, playground, their achievers and last but not the least...the large number of medals and trophies won by their students.

The school has been well maintained by Aditi Date and Team.

Signal school has their waste management plant.

Our heartfelt gratitude to Kalyani, Ashwini, Anita, Swapnil, Vivaan and Pranay for sparing their time to visit the school.

*Bales ready for further processing*

## • CSR Funding •



Dear all,

Membrane System has transferred Rs.3.55 L to our Trust account for our CSR Project : Replacement of roof and repair of classroom at Balivli School. Hearty congratulations to dear Prakash, Seema and our CSR team for all their efforts in getting this CSR funding. The school is managed by Mr. Ashok Deshmane. Around 70 children whose farmer parents (mainly father) have committed suicide due to financial debts or other reasons and there is

no one to take care of them. The children are in the age group of 10 years to 16 years.

The establishment is well managed. It has multiple labs, technical training facilities, inhouse kitchen, dormitories for the children so on and so forth and takes proper care of the children.

Pres. Girish and First lady Vandana handed over the cheque. They participated in 'Holi' celebration with the inmates. Kalyani also joined them in celebration.

### Ramayan & Mahabharat

देश-काळ-परिस्थिती

Nilesh Nilkanth Oak  
Institute of Advanced Sciences  
Dartmouth, MA, USA  
8 February 2026

Rotary Club of Thane and Rotary Club of Thane Hills organised a lecture of Mr. Nilesh Oak (Indian Author Researcher & Speaker) on "Ramayan & Mahabharat" : देश-काळ-परिस्थिती on 8th February 2026. He presented his version of datings of Ramayan & Mahabharat. Mr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe (Rajyasabha Ex. MLA) was Chief Guest for this event. The lecture was attended by other Rotary Clubs' members.

