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The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is proud to announce that we have recently received a four-star rating - the highest level possible - for the 17th consecutive year from Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator in the United States. We owe this success to the unwavering support and dedication of individuals like you. Thank you for being a crucial part of what makes our Foundation a powerful force for meaningful change and lasting impact through service. Charity Navigator determines its ratings by examining how nonprofits use their funds, how sustainable their programs are, and how well they adhere to industry standards of transparency and accountability. You can learn more about how Rotary does that in our most recent annual report. Your past support of Rotary has funded sustainable projects that change lives. When you make a contribution to our Foundation, you inspire others and directly make a difference through initiatives around the world and in your local community. We're deeply grateful for people like you, who are dedicated to Doing Good in the World.

Sincerely,
Eric Schmelling
Chief Philanthropy Officer
The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

ROTAL MOMENTS



A melodious song rendered by DG Harsh & Our Mandar on the day of the semi finals.



Swapnil Bhandodkar assessing the frequent category winners

ROTAL
2025

Prizes Won By Rotary Club of Thane

| Category | Winner | No. of Prizes |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. 41-60 Hindi Solo Female | Manasi Shelar | 1 |
| 2. 41-60 Hindi Solo Male | Mangesh Shelar | 1 |
| 3. 41-60 Marathi Solo Female | Manasi Shelar | 1 |
| 4. 41-60 Maratho Solo Male | Mangesh Shelar | 1 |
| 5. 6-18 - Hindi Solo Male & Female | Aalap Joshi | 2 |
| 6. 6-18 - Marathi Solo Male & Female | Aalap Joshi | 1 |
| 7. 19-40 - Hindi Duet | Swara Devkar - Tanmay Shelar | 2 |
| 8. Above 41 - Hindi Duet | Mangesh Shelar - Manasi Shelar | 2 |
| 9. Free Winners - Hindi >70 years | Vijay Paranjape | 2 |
| 10. Free Winners - Marathi >70 years | Vijay Paranjape - Prize Shared | 2 |
| 11. Free Winners - Marathi > 70 years | Rekha Karnik - Prize Shared | 2 |
| 12. Below 45 - Freq Winners - Hindi Solo | Preeti Paranjpe | 1 |
| 13. Free Winners > 70 Duet | Vivekanand Mundhe | 1 |
| 14. Solo Dance - 36-50 Male and Female | Aparna Bedekar | 1 |
| 15. Group Dance above 35 | Aparna Bedekar | 1 |

Previous Meeting Reports

4th November 2025



Pres. Girish welcoming
Speaker Mr Pramod Gandhi
& PP Robin of RC club of Phoenix

President Girish and Secretary Kedar were on the dias. Girish called over the meeting to order. He welcomed the members and requested today's speaker Mr. Pramod Gandhi to come on the dias.

Pramod Gandhi is from Thane and famous and runs a car rental company for 50 years. He is well known in Thane citizens to get the car drivers on hourly basis.

Mr. Gandhi is also an expert traffic planner and driving instructor. He said the traffic jams occur mainly due to ignorant drivers. Certain Junction areas on the highway like Cadbury Junction require skillful traffic arrangements for this junction, but RTO is not ready to accept it.

General Drivers precautions include before you drive in open the bonnet and check on batteries and coolant and oil check. Adjust the seats. Adjust all the 3 mirrors and car signals. Look at the petrol meter for sufficient fuel. Check the reverse gear. These adjustments should be done before you start the car. He said tucks have to rest after every 4 hours to rest the driver. Questions and answers were very interesting.

PP Achyut proposed the vote of thanks. He thanked Mr. Gandhi for smaller driving details.

PP Mr. Robin from the Rotary Club of Phoenix addressed the meeting. Their club is our global partner. Robin works in Barclays Bank. Their club have 35 members. Secretary Kedar gave the future programmes.

Attendance : Rtn. 16 | Others 11 | Total 27



11th November 2025



President Girish and Secretary Kedar were on the dias. Mandar Joshi informed the members about more than 300 Rotal Competition Entries for Singing and Dancing. Members received the news with loud applause.

Today's speaker was Mrs. Anita Bhide from TISS. She was Principal and professor of the

Urban Problems in the City of Mumbai. Vandana introduced her to the audience. She has worked in the government bodies and committees to survey and find out the solutions for the urban problems in the city. She has visited many foreign countries to study the problem.

Today, she spoke on the urban poverty and the solutions. She said although the city looks rich and prosperous due to tall buildings, traffic jams and big shopping malls, there is 3% population which can be labelled as urban poor. They stay in slums and not so good localities. They live a strenuous life having the scarcity of essential facilities like water and toilets. The children have minimal educational facility and the locality can be shifted anytime as a planning.

She gave the example of Cheeta Camp where locality was shifted 3 times adding to the utter living hardships for the population. Deonar, Govandi and slaughter house areas come into this ward.

The educational facilities are minimal. The employment is difficult. The people have to travel far for the work. The

transport facilities are far away. 12 Lakhs people stay in the locality. Society leaders are not interested in improving the locality. Because of the dumping ground the area and surroundings are polluted with lots of illness.

Mrs. Bhide and TISS help in the surveys and planning the facilities for education and rojgar for the people. In Cheeta Camp they have built a library and study room which are open 24/7 for the students. She said recently one girl passed UPSC exam was posted in Government job. She was honoured by the local neighbours and the leaders of the locality. Raising the living standards and improving the educational facilities help the population.

Kalyani proposed the vote of thanks. Secretary Kedar announced the birthdays and future programmes.

Attendance : Rtn. 15 | Other 9 | Total 24



R Ann Kalyani reciting her poems in Atre कट्टा

Previous Meeting Reports

18th November 2025

IPP Manish and Secretary Kedr were on the dias. Manish announced that Toyo Engineering has donated as an advance Rs.15 lakhs for the Vikramgad School. The news was welcomed by the members with loud applause.



Neha attended the Interact Club installation in Balvikas Mandir.

Today's speaker was Mr. Vinod Deshpande. He was introduced by Kedar. Vinod runs a IAS training academy successfully. He is also an employment advisor. Many students have passed MPSC and UPSC exams under his guidance.

He talked on ISMs : a necessity of the society. In a given population in the country or cities ideological thinking is common which can be called ISM. He gave the examples of Communism, Liberalism, उदारमतवाद Rightist, Leftist, Capitalism, Conservatism and latest Wokeism. He said various thinking theories at the end result in our Hindu philosophy, that all the paths lead to one destination and prosperity of the society and the nation.

Mandar propped the vote of thanks. He said just like the light passing through a prism results in various colours, similarly various theories result in common destination of the nation.

Secretary Kedar announced the future programmes. 25th November is the Family Night partly sponsored by PP Achyut to celebrate his 65th year of age.

Attendance : Rtn. 19 | Others 12 | Total 31

Upcoming Event

Hello RCT Family,

We are glad to share that a Sanitary Napkin Vending and Incinerator Unit has been donated and installed at Dnyanpeeth School & Junior College, Manorama Nagar, Thane for the benefit of girl students.

To officially launch the unit, the school has invited us for the Inauguration Ceremony on Wednesday, 26th November 025 at 9.30 a.m. We request your gracious presence to support and enhance the value of this meaningful initiative. Those who wish to attend the ceremony please message me. Thank you.

- Neha Soni



D.G. Harsh Makol and
PP Pravin Nagare
inaugurating the
Happy Street project in
Hiranandani Estate



Sucheta, Smita &
RI Pres. Francesco Arrezzo
in Delhi Conference

Special Guidance Session for Students of 10th Std.

Hello RCT family, Today we had a special guidance session for 10th std students of PVHS Kalwa. The session was an interactive one and was very well conducted by our very own and Talented Mrs. Shruti Gosavi. She guided the children on aspects of time utilisation, stress management, study planning and maintaining a healthy schedule to make this 10th std enjoyable and successful. Thanks to Shruti, for her time and expertise. A total of 120 students of 10th std benefitted from this.

-Neha Soni



ROTAL 2025



ROTAL EXECUTIVE TEAM



Convener Mandar Joshi Addressing



ROTAL PRIZE WINNERS



Ramayana Ballet
Group Members

Aparna Bedekar
Ashwini Vaidya
Ameeta Damle
Swapna Pradhan
Avani Joshi
Aditi Kelkar
Neha Soni
Swapnil Soni
Aalap Joshi
Tushar Mahajan
Manish Patil
Vivaan Soni



ROTAL event & photos
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Kudos to Tushar Mahajan n Kiran Limaye for their efforts in getting this event live on Facebook, thereby increasing the viewership.