



District 3142  
**Rotary**  
Club of Thana West



# Satyam

Monthly Bulletin

June 2024

**Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchik**  
President Rotary International

**Rtn. Dinesh Mehta**  
District Governor

**Rtn. Shirang Deshpande**  
Club President 2023-24

**Rtn. Kanwal Tikoo**  
Club President 2024-25 Club Secretary 2023-24

**Rtn. Sriram Seshan**  
Club Secretary 2024-25

## Service to man is Service to God

Swami Vivekanand

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Meeting Venue: Shrimati Savitridevi Thirani School, Vartak Nagar, Thane (West)  
Meeting Timings: Every Wednesday : 07:30 pm



## RI Presidents Message

As we begin a new year of service, let us not forget the importance of every one of Rotary's members. We need your leadership now more than ever if we are to make every club and district an irresistible experience. Rotary has a chance to capture the world's attention and realize possibilities beyond our expectations. But we must build on the work that has come before us if we are to reach our goals, such as defeating polio and unlocking the power of girls and women.

Rotary offers people of action a chance to connect and find belonging, and this fellowship gives us the potential to improve our communities and the world. By following Rotary's Action Plan and helping make sure all members feel a sense of belonging in their club, you have a special opportunity to inspire members to new heights of service.

Our ability to create lasting change begins with our family of Rotary. Together, it is within our power to bring healing in a divided world. Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for those who need it most, within and beyond our membership.

Let this be the year we harness The Magic of Rotary, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve. It is within your power to help make Rotary a beacon of goodwill and fellowship in every community.

Remember that your work can and will change the world with The Magic of Rotary.

**Stephanie A. Urchick**  
Rotary International President, 2024-2025

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## DG's Message

Greetings to all of you

As we approach the end of another remarkable and Excellent Rotary Year , we prepare to welcome new leadership and embrace fresh opportunities to serve. Rotary's strength lies in its ability to adapt, evolve and inspire through the commitment of its members.

July 1st 2024 marks the advent of a new Rotary year - the Awesome Year. It was legendary American President Abraham Lincoln who said " If you give me six hours to chop down a tree, I will spend the first four hours sharpening the axe " This is what Rotary Learning Facilitates for all of us. It prepares us for the Leadership role we are about to take on in the new Rotary Year. Lets begin the year with renewed energy and dedication. We now have goals and plans in place and it is now time to execute them to perfection.

Friends, Only if there is Magic in Rotary, will you find it awesome to be a Rotarian and only through Awesome service will there be Magic in Rotary. I urge you, therefore to develop an Awesome Mindset for yourself to create the Magic in Rotary. The District has designed an awesome 31 Ready Made Projects , which every Club is free to chose from. These are -

- The Eight MEGA Projects
- The First Lady led COLS CPR Project
- TB MUKT RID 3142 , An initiative of GOI
- The unique 12 Amrit Mahotsav Challenges
- The Mega Mental Health, unique, initiative
- The Eight JDS led Events
- The Annapurna Project that commences 1st July 2024

In addition , in our drive to create Magic in Rotary , we should strive to ensure that every Rotarian donates atleast \$ 75 to the Rotary Foundation and entuses atleast one new member to ask to be invited to join Rotary

The Key is not the Will to Win, ... everybody has that. To be a Winner, you must Plan to win, prepare to win and expect to win and to remember that Success is not final, Failure is not fatal but it is the courage to continue that counts. I truly believe that nothing of major significance is achieved by doing small acts of kindness. It is through impactful projects that make a substantial and visible difference to the life of the community that Rotary will truly gain respect.

As President, learn to embrace the journey, trust the process and believe in your abilities. Dream Big, work hard and surround yourself with good people. Always remember that the only impossible journey is the one you never began and that what you do has far greater impact than what you say

Jyoti joins me in wishing you and the members of the Rotary Club .... a truly AWESOME Year

**Awesome DG Dinesh Mehta**



**Only through Awesome service will there be “Magic in Rotary.”**



## Message : Club President RY 23-24

Dear fellow Rotarians,

It is with great humility and honour that I took up the mantle of presidentship of our esteemed Rotary Club in the "Excellent" year. It has been a satisfying and fulfilling and indeed an Excellent year.

We had projects in all avenues of service- Youth, Women empowerment, Health and Hygiene, Community Service both medical as well as non-medical, environment and International Service. During Service week, we were lead club in two projects and co-host in three. We also actively participated in district events and seminars.

Our signature project "Vidnyan Jagruti" was highly appreciated. We have a great legacy of Global Grant projects for last several years. This year, we received sanction for a record sum of US \$ 1,23,000 from Rotary Foundation.

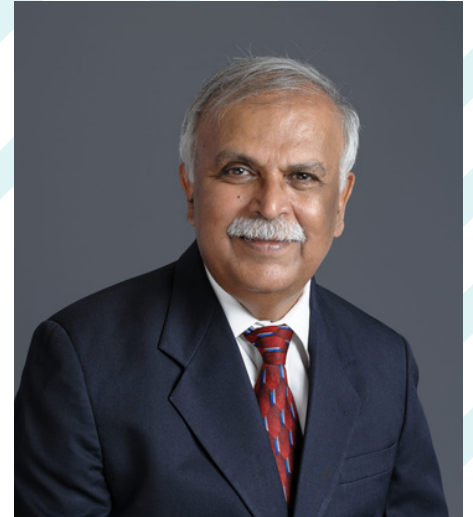
Our projects received wide publicity in local newspapers. We also received several accolades. Two of our projects were published in "Rotary News" which is great honour. The report on Global Grant was a special feature of seven pages.

This was year of fellowship with two picnics, two family nights and Diwali Pahat. All weekly meetings had eminent speakers and were well attended. The sense of fellowship and camaraderie within our club is stronger than ever before.

We are in the forefront for TRF donations. We have already crossed US \$ 8000 and our club has achieved both EREY and Paul Harris Club status. We also received CSR funds totaling over Rs. 21 lakhs for four of our projects

Above all we had healthy growth of membership. Several new young professionals have joined our club. After stagnation for some time, it is now a growing, younger and vibrant club.

In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you for wholehearted support, your commitment to Rotary and for your dedication to making the world a better place. Let us continue the good work under leadership of Rtn Kanwal in the coming year. I am happy to hand over the mantle to him and wish him and the club to have a great year ahead



**Shrirang Deshpande**  
**Club President 2023-24**

## Message : Club President RY 24-25



**Kanwal Tikoo**  
**Club President 2024-25**

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As our Club, the Rotary Club of Thana West, completes 52 years of Service to Humanity, I am filled with immense gratitude towards each one of you for electing me to be the Club President for RY 24-25.

For the last more than 5 decades, our Club has traversed multiple levels of Community Service while continuing to be a strong & vibrant group of Rotarians with shared values of Integrity, Empathy and Teamwork.

At the threshold of a new Rotary year, the "Awesome" Year, I am thrilled and excited by the huge opportunity of building on to the stupendous work of my predecessors, with your guidance and support.

Our Club has been at the forefront of making positive impact to lives of the underprivileged strata of our Society. From providing basic necessities like drinking water at the doorstep to helping with irrigating farms offering possibilities of growing an additional crop; and supporting upgradation of School infrastructure, our Club has acquired respect & high reputation amongst the Communities that have benefited and within RID 3142.

During my tenure as the Club President, I shall endeavor to keep up the Values our Club is known for and shall further strengthen the connect amongst each one of us.

In line with Rotary's Action Plan, as TEAM "RC Thana West" we shall

1. Increase our impact
2. Expand our reach
3. Enhance member engagement
4. Increase our ability to adapt

And fulfill the Rotary Vision: "Come together, form relationships, and create positive change in communities at home and around the world" .

I invite each one of you to reaffirm your pledge to making a positive change in the world, while enjoying to be in each other's Company that Rotarians across the world are known for.

Enjoy Rotary!  
Thank you!



## Vidnyan Jagruti

We conducted our mega project “Vidnyan Jagruti”. A two day camp was organized by RCTW at Village Uchat in Palghar district for schoolchildren in the rural and tribal area. The idea was to kindle interest in science among them. The event was inaugurated by Padma Vibhushan Dr. Anil Kakodkar. Along with him, several eminent scientists gave guidance to the children. Nehru Science center conducted experiments to teach the principles of science. Several professors gave lectures in lucid language on different branches of science like Physics, Botany, Environment, Personal Health, Modern Farming etc. More than 800 children from 50 schools benefited from this camp.

The highlight of the event was Star Gazing or “Akaash Darshan” conducted by eminent astronomer D. K. Soman. Three powerful telescopes were installed and people could view craters on the Moon, Saturn Rings and four moons of Jupiter. It was open to all and more than 1600 people of all ages from 25 villages took part in this program. There was also an inter-school competition of science projects in which 30 schools participated.

The camp received a wide publicity in several newspapers.



## Global Grant- A Success Story

Rotary Club of Thana West, India (R. I. District 3142) and Rotary Club of Maple Grove, Minnesota, USA (R. I. District (R.I. District 5950) joined hands four years ago to alleviate multiple water problems in the tribal regions of Thane and Palghar districts of Maharashtra.

During last four years, Rotary Club of Thana West, India (R. I. District 3142) and Rotary Club of maple Grove, Minnesota, USA (R.I. District 5950) together have constructed 2 Check-dams, 15 sub-surface Dams and water distribution systems. This has benefited 2099 Families, 11696 householders in 33 villages.





## Signature Projects : An Overview



Computer equipped with Non Visual Digital Aid software. Donated to institute for visually impaired.



Seminar on Chandrayan and Aditya L3 by astronomer D. K. Soman



Cleft lips surgery of tribal children in Asangaon.



Installation of Interact Club in Thirani School.



Seminar on Menstrual Hygiene and Cervical Cancer.



Seminar on Cyber security



## Creating Impact - Creating Magic



Collection of E-waste



Study app for 125 SSC students for all subjects.



Insurance for unorganized sector- Rickshaw drivers.



Nari Shakti- personal finance seminar for young women.



Seminar on "Confronting Drug Menace"



Blood Donation



Guidance to youth for safe and responsible driving.



Bringing joy to Senior Citizens.



Mammography testing for female police



## Fellowship & Fun Never Stops



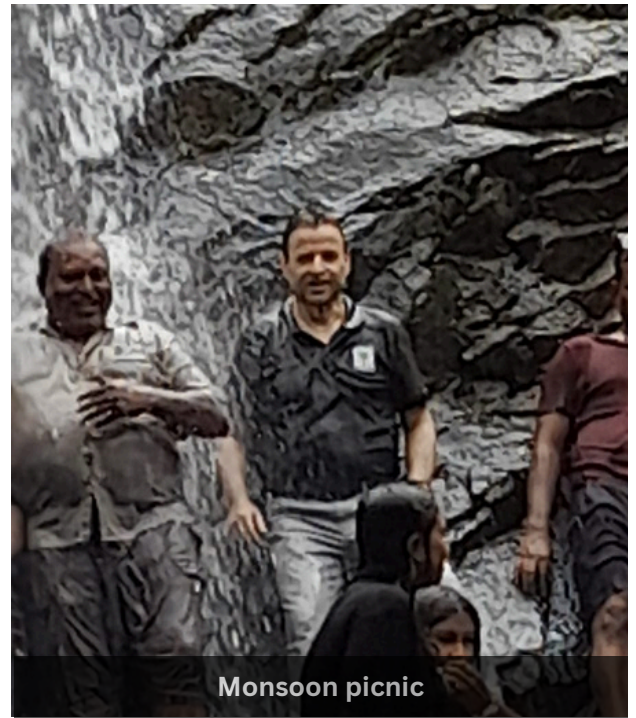
Picnic at Dam near Khardi.



Krushi Din. Promoting Organic farming.



Diwali Pahat



Monsoon picnic



Family night - fellowship and bonding..



Marathon with the theme "Run for spine"



## Club In The News

In an exciting highlight for our Rotary Club, our dedicated community work has been featured prominently in leading local and national publications. Our projects and initiatives have captured widespread attention and acclaim. This media spotlight underscores the significant impact of our collective efforts, shining a light on the meaningful difference we are making in our community and beyond. We are proud of this recognition and remain committed to continuing our service and outreach, embodying the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self."



### Thane Rotarians conserve/reach water to 33 villages

Rasheeda Bhagat

Thanks to a long-standing, sustained partnership between the Rotary Clubs of Thana West, (RID 3142) and Maple Grove, Minnesota, US (RID 5950), a clutch of 33 villages in the talukas of Jawahar, Mokhada and Vikramgad, about 125km from Thane, Mumbai, have water for both irrigating their fields and household use.

When there is no water to irrigate their farms, the farmers migrate to the nearby urban areas along with their entire families in search of menial jobs. "This affects the education of their children and creates unstable family conditions."

Even when...

### Upcoming Events

**1 July: Annapurna Day**  
 (Venue to be informed later)

**7th July: Installation of DG Dinesh Mehta @ Kashinath Ghanekar Auditorium**

**10th July: Club Assembly with AG Jyoti Chavan @ Thirani School**

### Birthdays of the Month

**4th July - R/Ann Dr. Geetanjali Gitte**

**6th July - R/Ann Sarita Kalyan**

**13th July - Rtn Rohan Tasgaonkar**

**14th July - Miss Gayatri Gitte**

**14th July - Rtn Shirang Deshpande**

**15th July - R/Ann Shubhangi Deshpande**

**19th July - Rtn Kumar Kewalramani**

**20th July - R/Ann Sasi Ramadasan**

### Anniversaries

**5th July - Rtn Sriram & Charu**



# CONGRATULATIONS

### Achievements

Sarthak, son of R/Ann Pratiksha and Rtn Prasad Borde cleared his 10th Board with flying colours.

Aahan and Ishan, sons of R/Ann Manjiri and Rtn Harshvardhan Surve have cleared their 10th Boards with flying colours.

## Club Officers & BoD 2024-25

**Club President**  
 KANWAL TIKOO

**Club Secretary**  
 SRIRAM SESHAN

**President Elect** SANTOSH A. KADAM

**IPP** SHRIRANG W. DESHPANDE

**Treasurer** MANOJ RANGRAJ JAIN

**Sergeant-at-arms** PRASAD M. BORDE

**Club Administration** - Rtn. Sriram Seshan

**Membership** - Rtn. Kedar Vidwans

**TRF** - Rtn. Suchit Gadkari

**Public Relations** - Rtn Arya Patnaik

**Vocational** - Rtn. Sadhana Vaze

**Medical [Service Project]** - Rtn. Dr. Arohi Tasgaonkar

**Non Medical [Service Project]** - Rtn. Harshad Mengle

**International** - Rtn. Shirang Deshpande

**Youth [New Generation]** - Rtn Rohan Tasgaonkar

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