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SERVING TOGETHER



**Rtn. Dinesh Mehta**  
District Governor

INSPIRING CHANGE



**Rtn. Kanwal Tikoo**  
Club President



PEACE IS NOT MERELY A  
DISTANT GOAL THAT WE SEEK,  
BUT A MEANS BY WHICH WE  
ARRIVE AT THAT GOAL.

- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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

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Club Secretary

## Empowering Through Knowledge

### Interactive Session on the Constitution of India

On January 2, 2025, Rotary Club of Thana West conducted a special lecture on the **Constitution of India at Zhaveri Thanawala School** for hearing-impaired and mute students. The session, led by Dr. Lucky Kasat, was a unique and interactive experience, made even more impactful through the use of sign language interpretation.

This initiative, meticulously organized by PP Sadhana, provided students with an incredible opportunity to understand their rights and responsibilities as citizens along with the minut intricacies and efforts involved in creating the founding document. The enthusiasm and engagement of the students was truly inspiring, as they actively participated, asked questions, and deepened their understanding of our nation's guiding principles.

Through innovative and inclusive programs like these, we continue our commitment to education, empowerment, and service. A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to making this event a success!

### District Governor Rtn. Dinesh Mehta commended the event, stating:

"This project stands out for its meaningful and inspiring approach. Witnessing the curiosity and engagement of the students was heartwarming. The use of sign language through an interpreter added a special dimension, enabling deep connection and learning. My heartfelt appreciation to President Kanwal Tikoo and the entire team for bringing this initiative to life. Such projects exemplify the true spirit of Rotary—serving communities and creating lasting change."



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## HONOURING NATION BUILDERS

On January 19, 2025, the Rotary Club of Thana West hosted the prestigious **Nation Builder Awards and Rovex Awards** ceremony, recognizing outstanding educators and professionals for their dedication and transformative impact on society. The event was held with great enthusiasm, celebrating individuals who have made significant contributions in shaping young minds and excelling in their respective fields.

The gathering was graced by several distinguished district officials, adding to the event's prestige. Their presence highlighted the importance of honoring educators who contribute tirelessly to society. District Governor Rtn. Dinesh Mehta graced the occasion and personally presented the awards to the deserving recipients, further emphasizing the significance of recognizing those shaping the nation's future.

Among the award recipients was **Ms. Sugandha Bhagwan Patil**, an Art Teacher at Jawaharlal Nehru School for the Deaf, Thane. With an unwavering commitment of over 27 years, she has transformed art education for hearing-impaired students. She meticulously teaches painting and handicrafts and actively involves students in dance, drama, and mime competitions, ensuring they have a platform to showcase their creativity. Ms. Patil has also played a key role in preparing students for the prestigious Divya Kala Shakti dance program, a national-level event organized by the central government. Her contributions have empowered students with disabilities to find their unique artistic voices and earn accolades at inter-school and district levels.

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Another notable honoree was **Smt. Sampada Sandeep Palnitkar**, who has dedicated her career to empowering visually impaired students. As the Center Head of Snehankit Helpline, Mumbai (Dombivli and Thane branches), she has played a pivotal role in integrating students into the mainstream, advocating for their educational needs, and ensuring they receive the necessary resources to thrive. With an academic background in Psychology and Special Education, she has developed specialized teaching methods, including Braille education and conceptual learning tools, that have significantly enhanced the learning experiences of her students.

In total, four outstanding educators were honored with the Nation Builder Awards, recognizing their relentless dedication to education the other two being **Prof. Shri. Rajendra Vekhande** from SP Dnyan Sadhna College, Thane for his outstanding efforts in the field of economics and **Shri. Pradhan Kulkarni** co-Teacher R. J. Thakur Vidyamandir, Thane for his efforts to make Mathematics fun to learn using gaming techniques. Additionally, four professionals were felicitated with the **Rovex Awards** for their exceptional contributions to vocational excellence. Among them were **Dr. Shweta Patil** esteemed anesthesiologists from the Indian Society of Anesthesiologists, and **Rtn. Dr. Siddhivinayak Barve**, Director of the KET Scientific Research Centre, whose three decades of pioneering work in Molecular Biology, Analytical Science and Cosmetology have contributed significantly to scientific advancement and applied research.

The Nation Builder Award and Rovex Award serve as testaments to Rotary's commitment to recognizing and celebrating individuals who shape the future of our society. The Rotary Club of Thana West remains steadfast in its mission to support educators and professionals, fostering a culture of appreciation for their tireless efforts.





## CREATING IMPACT – CREATING MAGIC

### Strengthening Our Commitment: Rotary Club of Thana West's Visit to ZP School, Padgha

On January 26, 2025, the Rotary Club of Thana West continued its longstanding tradition of supporting ZP School, Padgha, with yet another impactful visit. Over the years, the club has contributed to the school's development by providing essential resources such as computers, CCTV systems, and infrastructure improvements, ensuring a better learning environment for the students.

A key contributor to this initiative has been **PP Ajit Vora**, whose unwavering support has played a vital role in the school's growth. This year, he once again stepped forward and sponsored the installation of four new CCTV cameras, ensuring a safer and more secure environment for students and teachers alike. His continuous generosity underscores the club's deep-rooted commitment to sustainable educational projects.

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This year's visit was particularly significant, as it marked the initiation of new infrastructure projects funded through CSR contributions. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of **PP Kedar Vidwans**, who facilitated CSR funding from Flagship Biotech, the school is set to benefit from much-needed upgrades. The initiative is a testament to how corporate partnerships can amplify Rotary's impact, creating sustainable and long-term improvements in education

The presence of Rotarians during the visit not only reinforced the club's commitment to education but also served as a morale booster for the generous donors, school faculty, and students who benefit from these initiatives.

As part of the club's broader vision for sustainable community projects, the visit to ZP School, Padgha, reaffirms that service and dedication can transform lives. Through the combined efforts of our members and donors, Rotary Club of Thana West continues to create lasting change, one project at a time.







## CREATING IMPACT – CREATING MAGIC





## SAVING LIVES – ONE DONATION AT A TIME

Rotary Club of Thana West, in collaboration with **Govt ITI, Wagle Estate**, successfully organized a Blood Donation Camp on January 9, 2025, from 9 AM onwards at the institute premises. This crucial initiative, conducted by Nair Hospital, aimed to strengthen the blood reserves and support those in need.

The event was inaugurated by PE Rtn. Santosh Kadam, who graced the occasion with his presence and support. A special thank you to IPP Shrirang for facilitating this meaningful collaboration, further strengthening our engagement with ITI for impactful community projects.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the donors, volunteers, and organizers who contributed to making this event a success. Together, we save lives—one donation at a time!





## SAVING LIVES – EVERY SECOND COUNTS

The Rotary Club of Thana West, in association with the **Indian Society of Anesthesiologists, Thane Branch**, conducted an insightful and hands-on **Workshop on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)** on January 8, 2025, at KKelTC Savitridevi Thirani School. The session was led by **Dr. Manisha Ghosh** and **Dr. Shweta Patil**, esteemed anesthesiologists with decades of experience in their field.

The workshop aimed at imparting life-saving skills to the attendees by demonstrating the essential steps of CPR. Dr. Ghosh and Dr. Patil emphasized the Chain of Survival, explaining the importance of immediate response during cardiac emergencies. The participants actively engaged in practical training using a medical mannequin, ensuring hands-on learning. The session covered crucial topics such as recognizing cardiac arrest, ensuring scene safety, checking for responsiveness, and performing effective chest compressions.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from Rotary members and guests. Several attendees took part in the practical CPR training, guided by the expert doctors. The interactive nature of the session encouraged questions and discussions, making it a truly enriching experience.

A special note of gratitude goes to **PP Rtn. Dr. Sunil Katkade** for his invaluable efforts in helping organize this impactful event. Club President Rtn. Kanwal Tikoo and Secretary Rtn. Sriram Seshan expressed their appreciation to the esteemed speakers and all contributors for their dedication. They highlighted how such initiatives align with Rotary's commitment to service and community welfare, ensuring that more individuals are equipped with life-saving skills.







## FROM THE EDITORS DESK

### A MONTH OF IMPACT AND THE SPIRIT OF PEACE

As we step into February, recognized as **Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention Month**, we reflect on an eventful January—one that exemplified the very essence of service, inclusivity, and transformation. The Rotary Club of Thana West began the year with a renewed commitment to making a difference, and the milestones we achieved stand as a testament to our collective resolve.

January saw us honoring the true nation builders—our educators—through the **Nation Builder Awards and Rovex Awards**. These awards not only celebrated excellence in teaching and vocational service but also reinforced the club's dedication to recognizing those who shape young minds and industries alike. The presence of DG Dinesh Mehta, who personally conferred these awards, added great prestige to the occasion.

Our long-standing support for ZP School, Padgha continued with a meaningful visit on January 26. Over the years, we have contributed to the school's development by providing computers, CCTV cameras, and infrastructure improvements. This year, thanks to **PP Ajit Vora's** unwavering support, we installed additional security measures, while **PP Kedar Vidwans'** CSR initiative through Flagship Biotech will enable further infrastructural advancements. Sustainable projects like these are at the heart of Rotary's mission, ensuring long-term impact rather than short-term relief. In a moment of immense pride, our club was

recognized with the **Crusader Amrit Award 2024-25 at the Amrit Mahotsav Awards on January 25.**

This honor, awarded for our work in promoting inclusivity for the deaf-mute community and raising awareness on the Indian Constitution and drug addiction, is a reminder that every initiative we undertake resonates far beyond its immediate beneficiaries.

As we move into February, the theme of peace and conflict prevention calls us to reflect on our role in fostering harmony—both in our communities and beyond. Peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of justice, education, and opportunity. Through our projects, whether in education, healthcare, or vocational training, we are actively contributing to a more just and equitable world.

Let us take this month as an opportunity to recommit ourselves to service, to extend our hands in friendship, and to continue being the change we wish to see. The journey of peace begins with us—with every act of kindness, every project that empowers, and every effort that uplifts.

**Together, we serve. Together, we create peace.**

**Yours in Rotary,**

**Rtn Harshvardhan Surve**  
**Bulletin Editor**



## BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH

- 14TH R/ANN SUKHADA KADAM**
- 15TH RTN SUCHIT GADAKARI**
- 15TH R/ANN ANKITA SHIROLKAR**
- 19TH RTN N.KALYAN**
- 24TH R/ANN RAJASHREE JOSHI**
- 25TH RTN MAHESH PAREKH**

## ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH

- 1ST RTN SURESH & URMILA DESHPANDE**
- 4TH RTN DILIP & BHAVANA VAISHAMPAYAN**
- 13TH RTN SHRIRANG & SHOBHANA DESHPANDE**
- 14TH DR. GEETANJALI AND DR. AMOL GITTE**
- 14TH RTN KANWAL & RTN ANUSHA TIKOO**
- 15TH RTN VENKATESH & SAVITA AGARWAL**

## CONGRATULATIONS

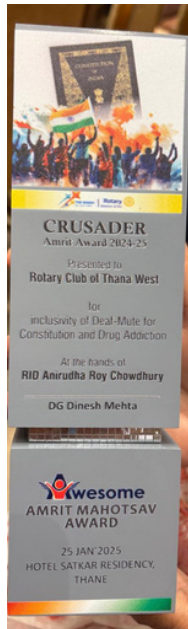
Heartiest Congratulations to proud grandparents **IPP Shrirang and Rtn. Shobhana Deshpande** on the joyous arrival of their **little angel, Ms. Aria Deshpande!** Wishing the family endless happiness, love, and cherished moments with their newest blessing. 🎉👶💖

## CLUB IN THE NEWS



## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Heartiest Congratulations to President and Members of Rotary Club of Thana West for being honored with the **"Crusader Amrit Award 2024-25"** at the **Amrit Mahotsav Awards**. The recognition was awarded for the club's outstanding efforts in promoting inclusivity for deaf-mute individuals through impactful awareness initiatives on the Constitution of India and drug addiction. The award was presented at the hands of **RID Anirudha Roy Chowdhury**, in the presence of **DG Dinesh Mehta**.



## Club Officers & BoD 2024-25

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