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Monthly Bulletin

September 2025

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Club Secretary 2025-26



**WITH THE BLESSING OF
GOD OF KNOWLEDGE &
WISDOM.**

**LET'S CELEBRATE THE
ROTARY MONTH OF
BASIC EDUCATION &
LITERACY**

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Meeting Venue: Shrimati Savitridevi Thirani School, Vartak Nagar, Thane (West)

Meeting Timings: Every Wednesday : 07:30 pm

ROTARY CLUB OF THANA WEST ORGANISES PROJECT OF PASHU RAKSHA, ON INDEPENDENCE DAY



UNITE FOR GOOD Rotary Club of Thana West **TITEN**

Club ID 15544 RI District 3142 Charter Date 20th June 1972

ROTARY CLUB OF THANA WEST

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

SAI PET CLINIC & WE LOVE PETS SHOP

ORGANISE

CAT & DOGS NEUTER CAMP

FOR MALE & FEMALE BOTH - NEUTER /STERLIZATION

ONLY FOR FIRST 20 EARLY BIRDS REGISTRATIONS IS 1400 ₹ ONLY

JOINT PROJECT WITH

RCT SKYLINE RTN. DALY JOHN	RCT UPTOWN RTN. CHANDRAKANT KARODE	RCT GARDEN CITY RTN. SANJAY NERKAR
RCT GREEN CITY RTN. SURESH KALYANKAR	RCT SUBURBAN RTN. GIRISH GHATE	

FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST 2025, 8.30AM ONWARDS

FOR APPOINTMENT

SAI PET CLINIC & WE LOVE PETS SHOP, SHASTRI NAGAR THANE.	DR. SUHAS RANE- 9323699887 MS BABITA- 7031606777 MS TRUPTI BERDE- 8591469799
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RTN SANTOSH KADAM CLUB PRESIDENT RTN HARSHVARDHAN SURVE CLUB SECRETARY

On 15th August 2025, the Rotary Club of Thana West celebrated the 79th Independence Day along with its Partners Clubs, RCT Green City, RCT Uptown, RCT Garden City and RCT Skyline in a meaningful way by organising a unique and impactful community project of Pashu Raksha, one of the Thrust Areas of Service Projects of District 3142 by neutering and sterlization of Cats and Dogs was hosted in association with **Sai Pet Clinic and We Love Pets Shop, Shastri Nagar, Thane**, with the noble aim of promoting responsible pet ownership and controlling the stray animal population.

The camp was graced by the esteemed presence of Chief Guest PDG Rtn. Kailash Jethani

whose inspiring words motivated all present to continue developing sustainable service projects that extend compassion not only to people but also to animals.



PARTNERS CLUBS, RCT GREEN CITY, RCT UPTOWN, RCT GARDEN CITY AND RCT SKYLINE

The event beautifully reflected the Rotary motto “Service Above Self”, demonstrating how compassion for animals is deeply connected with passion for serving the community. A dedicated team of doctors, including **Dr. Suhas Rane and Dr. Rakesh**, carried out the medical procedures with utmost care and professionalism. The camp provided neutering and sterilisation services for both male and female cats and dogs. Over 20 Cats and Dogs were sterilized at the facility.

The Project was well implemented by **President CA Santosh Kadam** with the help of **Rtn. Daly John, Rtn Chandrakant Karode, Rtn Sanjay Nerkar, Rtn Suresh Kalyankar and Rtn. Girish Ghate**. Lots of rotarians from Thane Clubs and pet lovers attended this project, marks the success of this initiative.



ROTARY CLUB OF THANA WEST CONCLUDES 2ND 4-PROJECT MEDICAL CAMP AT GARDEN ENCLAVE



The Rotary Club of Thana West successfully organized and concluded its 2nd 4-Project Medical Camp on 23rd August 2025 at Garden Enclave Club House, Thane West, in collaboration with Garden Enclave Co-operative Housing Federation Ltd. as an Event Partner. Club President CA Rtn. Santosh Kadam has been the strong pillar for initiating such projects with the support of Club Secretary Harshvardhan Surve.

The camp was inaugurated by **IP Dy. Mayor of Thane, Mr. Mukesh Mokashi, along with Ex-Chairman Mr. Viraj Deshpande and Mrs. Sunita Hebali, the current Chairman of Garden Enclave Housing Federation Ltd.** Their presence provided strong encouragement to the initiative.

The Organizing team such as Dr. Rakhee's Wellness Clinics & Labs who initiated Health checkups for security guards and househelps. Kai Wamanrao Oak Blood Bank has collected 8 bottles in Blood Donation Camp. Wavikar Eye Institute has setup for Eye checkup for all & DentAll United who has done the Dental checkup for all. The camp benefitted 30+ residents, security guards, and house helps, who received valuable guidance about their health, eyes, and dental care. Notably, some support staff also came forward to donate blood, further adding impact to the project.

Rtn. Dr. Sohan Thakur led the project, supported by Dr. Rakhee and Dr. Vaishali, ensuring smooth coordination of all four health camps. With contributions from Kai. Wamanrao Oak Blood Bank and partner institutions, the medical team's efforts were widely appreciated. The event was attended by several club members, who lent their encouragement to the RCTW Medical Team.



BRIDGING CULTURES, BUILDING FUTURES: THE ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM – RTN SATISH BHOJANE (RYE CHAIR 2025–26)

In a world increasingly shaped by globalization, cultural understanding and international collaboration have become essential skills for the leaders of tomorrow. One organization that has long championed this cause is Rotary International, through its transformative initiative—the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

What is the Rotary Youth Exchange Program?

The Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is a flagship initiative of Rotary International, designed to promote international understanding and peace through intercultural exchange. Open to students aged 15 to 19, the program offers both long-term (academic year) and short-term (summer) exchanges, enabling young people to live with host families and attend school in a foreign country. Currently active in over 100 countries, the RYE program is entirely volunteer-driven and run by Rotary clubs and districts worldwide. Unlike commercial exchange programs, Rotary’s model emphasizes community, service, and cultural immersion—ensuring that students are not just visitors, but true participants in the life and rhythm of their host country.



***Rtn Satish Bhojane
(RYE Chair 2025-26)***

Types of Programs

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program offers two main types of exchanges: short-term and long-term, each designed to suit different needs and levels of commitment. The short-term exchange typically lasts between 2 to 8 weeks, often taking place during school vacations, such as summer break. It focuses primarily on cultural exchange and family life, where students either stay with a host family abroad or participate in a family-to-family exchange. In the latter case, the student also hosts a counterpart from the partner country in return. This program does not involve attending school in the host country and is ideal for students who want a brief yet enriching international experience without missing academic sessions at home. On the other hand, the long-term exchange spans an entire academic year, usually 10 to 11 months, and provides a more immersive experience. Students live with one or more host families and are required to attend a local high school in the host country. This format promotes deeper cultural integration, language acquisition, and personal growth. It is best suited for students seeking a full cultural and educational immersion, with the chance to build lasting global connections and develop independence, adaptability, and leadership skills. In essence, the short-term exchange is perfect for those seeking a brief cultural exposure, while the long-term program offers a more comprehensive journey of transformation and global understanding.

Key Features of the Program

- **Global Reach:** Rotary Youth Exchange connects students across continents—from Brazil to Japan, Finland to South Africa—fostering global friendships that last a lifetime.
- **Cultural Immersion:** Students live with host families, attend local schools, and engage in community service, allowing them to experience everyday life in a new cultural context.
- **Leadership Development:** Exchange students become ambassadors of their country, cultivating public speaking, problem-solving, and cross-cultural communication skills.
- **Safety and Support:** Rotary volunteers—Rotarians, counselors, and host families—provide guidance and mentorship throughout the exchange.

Why It Matters: The Significance of RYE

In a time when cultural divides and geopolitical tensions often dominate headlines, programs like RYE are crucial in promoting mutual respect and understanding. By stepping out of their comfort zones and into a new culture, students develop empathy, resilience, and a global perspective that no classroom alone can offer. For many, it's a life-changing journey. It's not just about learning a new language or trying exotic foods—it's about challenging preconceived notions, discovering new ways of thinking, and realizing that, despite our differences, the human experience is profoundly interconnected.



Voices of Change: Impact on Youth

“My year abroad with Rotary changed everything,” says Divya Bhoir, a former outbound student from RI Dist. 3142, India to France during the year 2024-25. “I came back as a changed individual with new friendships, a new language, and a broader view of the world. But most importantly, I came back with confidence and purpose.” Rotary Youth Exchange alumni often describe their exchange year as a turning point in their lives. Many go on to become leaders in international relations, education, business, and humanitarian work—carrying with them the values of service, peace, and cross-cultural respect instilled during their exchange. Beyond individual transformation, the program fosters global citizenship—a critical ingredient in building more peaceful, collaborative societies. Exchange students return home as ambassadors of goodwill, often continuing to engage with Rotary through service projects and leadership roles in the Rotaract and Rotary communities.

Opportunity of a lifetime

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is more than a travel opportunity—it's a bridge between cultures, a classroom without walls, and a launchpad for the next generation of global leaders. As the world navigates complex challenges, empowering youth to understand, connect, and lead beyond borders has never been more essential.

For those ready to embrace the world and be transformed by it, Rotary opens the door—not just to another country, but to a lifetime of discovery, service, and growth.

Interested in the Program?

If you are interested in joining the program, reach out to the Dist. 3142 RYE team. The application process for the year 2026-27 will start around October 2025.

For more details you can contact Rtn Satish Bhojane (RYE Chair 2025-26) (Mob-9823112517)

CO- HOST PROJECT CHAI ADDA WITH RCT SKYLINE



Rotary Club of Thana West Co hosted the project Chai with Cancer Adda Paediatric Cancer Awareness Initiative with other club's on 2nd August 2025.

We were honoured to be a part of this project, which look after the Cancer patients checkup , medicines and counselling and many more. the other clubs who club hosted with us were RCT Green City, RCT Garden city , RCT Orion, RCT Hiranandani, RCT Premium.

Club associated to create awareness about the emerging cases of Paediatric cancer inthe world. Club members like Rtn Dr Parekh, Rtn Dr Rakhee Desai , Rtn Mahesh Desai, Rtn Arya Patnaik, Rtn Sadhana Vaze, and many more presence in this Event has being an proud moment for the club.

CO- HOST PROJECT PR/PI SEMINAR



Rotary Club of Thana West proudly Co hosted the PR/ PI event with District and other club's on 10th August 2025.

The highlight of the event was the presence of PDG Subhash Kulkarni as Cheif guest, Rtn D.P. Tripathi and many diginitaries such as PDG Dr. Ashes Ganguly, PDG Kailash Jethani, TRF Rtn. Nilesh Likhite, Rtn. Devendra Tomar, Dr. Mohan Chandavarkar, DG Rtn. Harsh Makol, DS Dr. Radhika Bhondave, AG Rtn.Hemali Shah, etc

Rotary Club of Thana West has received Platinum Co hosting Citation for the PR/ PI event .

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THANE JAIL PROJECT



Rotary Club of Thana West & Inner Wheel Club Of Thana West jointly sponsoring the Drinking Water station Project at Thane Central Jail, the ground breaking ceremony took place on 7th August 2025.



FELLOWSHIP RCTW FAMILY

***RCTW FAMILY ENJOYING PICNIC on 3rd AUGUST
@ KESHAV KULKARNI'S BUNGLOW YEOR***



FELLOWSHIP RCTW FAMILY

RCTW FAMILY ENJOYING FIRESIDE MEET



**THE FIRESIDE MEET @
AMEYA & SMITA GUMASTE
RESIDENCY on 31st
AUGUST WITH GANPATI &
GAURI DARSHAN.**

THE MEET WAS HELD ON THE OCCASION OF GANPATI FESTIVAL .THE GOD OF KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM AS GANESHA IS FONDLY KNOWN AS RCTW HAS REQUESTED OUR TRF CHAIR PP SUCHIT GADAKARI TO GIVE SOME INSIGHTS ABOUT THE TRF GIVING & THE GUEST SPEAKAR PP MURLI SUNDARANI ENLIGHTED EVERYONE ABOUT ROTARY & DELICIOUS FOOD SERVED BY THE HOST WAS ONE DIVINE EXPERIENCE



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We Meet Every Wednesday : 07:30 pm
Meeting Venue: Shrimati Savitridevi Thirani
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Members are requested to send their
articles, achievement success story etc, on
the Email ID mention below:
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FROM THE EDITORS DESK

August was a month filled with impactful service, fellowship, and learning for the Rotary Club of Thana West.

The month began on 2nd August with Chai Adda for cancer patients, co-hosted with Rotary Club of Thane Skyline as the lead club, alongside other Rotary partners, spreading warmth and care to those in need. On 3rd August, members and their families enjoyed a delightful fellowship picnic at Keshav Kulkarni, strengthening the bonds of camaraderie.

A landmark moment followed with the Ground-Breaking Ceremony at Thane Central Jail for a Drinking Water Station Project, co-hosted with the Inner Wheel Club of Thane West. On 10th August, RCTW co-hosted the PR & PI Seminar with fellow clubs and the district, reinforcing Rotary's visibility and outreach. On 13th August, members were enlightened by a special address from District Guest Rtn. Satish Bhojane, RYE Chair 2025-26, who shared valuable insights into the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

On 15th August, as the nation celebrated Independence Day, RCTW carried forward the spirit of service with the Pashuraksha Project, a District Thrust Area initiative, focusing on sterilization and neutering of cats and dogs. The highlight of the month came on 23rd August with the 4-in-1 Mega Medical Camp at Garden Enclave, offering health, dental, eye check-ups, and a blood donation camp, benefitting over 30 participants.

The month concluded on 31st August with a soulful Fireside Meet hosted by Rtn. Ameya and Rtn. Smita Gumaste at their residence, which also included Ganpati and Gauri Darshan. The evening was enriched with knowledge sessions on Rotary and TRF conducted by PP Rtn. Murli Sundarani and PP Rtn. Suchit Gadkari.

August truly reflected the TiTen spirit of "Service Above Self," blending service projects, community impact, fellowship, and learning in perfect harmony.

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn Manjiri Harshvardhan Surve

CONGRATULATIONS



Proud to announce that two of our Projects were published in Newspaper. First press release was of 4in 1 project held on 26th July at Bhayanderpada. Second press release was of Cat & Dog Neutralization camp held on 15 th August

RCTW has been felicitated “Awesome Club” award as one of the top 9 Clubs in District 3142
 Congratulations IPP Kanwal Tikoo who has been appointed as Dy. Director - CSR for Dist 3142.

UPCOMING EVENT

**13th Sept -
 ONAM Celebration**

**15th Sept -
 Hindi Diwas Celebration**

**22nd Sept -
 TRF Seminar**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Sept - Master Omkar Gitte (2010)

20th Sept - Rtn Dr .Suresh Deshpande

28th Sept - R/Ann Sunanda Kewalramani

30th Sept - R/Ann Bhavana Vaishampayan

3rd Sept - Rohan and Tanvi Tasgaonkar

14th Sept - Santosh and Sukhada Kadam

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