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**Rotary**

Club of Thana West



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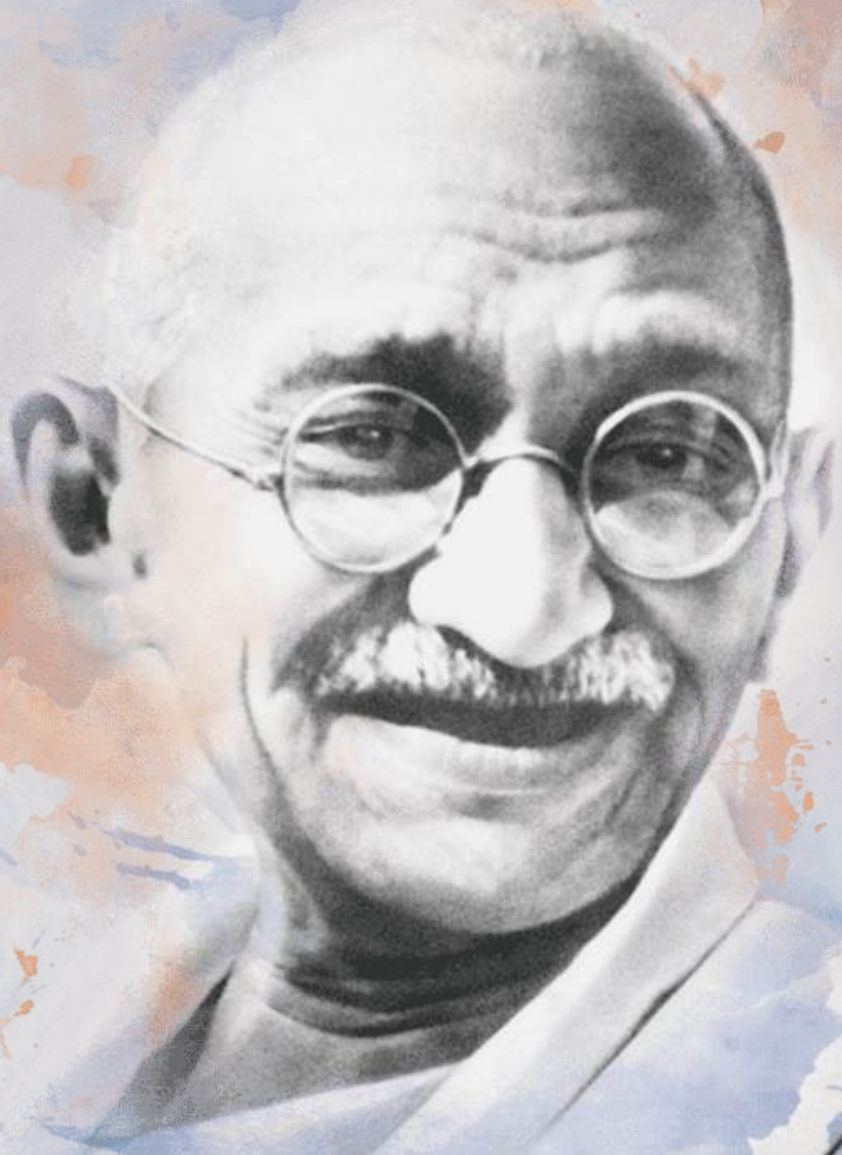
**KNOW YOUR MEMBER**



**Rtn. Harshad Mengle**

IN A  
**GENTLE**  
WAY YOU CAN  
**SHAKE**  
THE  
**WORLD**

*M.K. Gandhi*



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

**Rtn. Dinesh Mehta**  
District Governor

**Rtn. Kanwal Tikoo**  
Club President

**Rtn. Sriram Seshan**  
Club Secretary



## MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Awesome President [Name] and Members of the Rotary Club of Thana West,

First of all, warm greetings from First Lady Jyoti and myself.

September in the Rotary world is designated as “Basic Education and Literacy” Month. Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. Education is not about filling a pail but lighting a fire that desires to know and experience. As Mahatma Gandhi so eloquently put it, "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

September is also the month when we welcome Lord Ganesha. It is a festival celebrated with great fervor and devotion within homes and community pandals. Jyoti joins me in invoking the blessings of the Lord for our extended Rotary family.

This time of year is also marked by the visit of the beloved King Mahabali during Onam, celebrated with the traditional Onam Sadya feast.

We hope you enjoy this sumptuous meal at the District Onam Celebration.

August proved to be a month of remarkable progress. Two new clubs received their charter, and we were able to grow our membership by nearly 400 members who are committed to putting service above self. Kudos to the Membership Team and DMC Ravi Iyer. The TRF Team also achieved the Mark Maloney Challenge, with 100% of clubs in the district contributing \$100 each.

We have made significant strides in our Mega Projects. The Cervical Cancer Vaccination Project is well underway, with plans to donate over 2,500 vaccines by the end of September. The "Samvidhan Ka Amrit Mahotsav" project has also been enthusiastically embraced by many clubs in the district.

In the first two months of this Rotary year, we have distributed nearly 9,000 Ideal Study Apps. Our endeavor is that community service goes beyond providing kits and apps by involving the children, for as a famous man once said, "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

" With this in mind, we have set up the Tech Lab Project, establishing computer labs in eight TMC schools with the help of a CSR grant from Goldman Sachs, Bangalore. The focus will be on learning through involvement, avoiding spoon-feeding, because in the long run, all that spoon-feeding teaches you is the shape of the spoon.

September promises to be another month of awesome community service, and I urge each and every one of you to bring the magic of Rotary into the lives of our community. May Lord Ganpati Bappa and King Mahabali shower us all with their blessings.

With warm regards  
Yours in Rotary Service  
**DG Dinesh Mehta**

## WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS



We are delighted to welcome two remarkable new members to the Rotary Club of Thana West: Rtn. Anusha Tikoo, our Club's First Lady, and Rtn. Tejaswini Vidwans.



We are confident that they will bring fresh energy and valuable contributions to our projects and initiatives. We look forward to working together as we continue to make a difference in the lives of others. Welcome to the Rotary family!

## SERVICE BEFORE SELF

Rotary Club of Thana West organised Ganpati idol making workshop for the specially challenged children at Thanawal Jhaveri School



## CELEBRATING TRADITION & CULTURE

The Manglagaur program, co-hosted by our club, was a vibrant celebration of traditional culture and community. Attended by our Club First Lady and members, the event saw the First Lady being felicitated, adding a special touch to the occasion. It was a memorable evening filled with joy, fellowship, and cultural pride.





## KNOW YOUR MEMBER



### **RTN. HARSHAD MENGLE**

#### **CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER, TATA CHEMICALS**

Harshad Mengle is a distinguished authority in the field of cybersecurity, whose journey began early in his career when he successfully uncovered a security vulnerability in a prominent social media platform. This achievement brought him into the public spotlight and marked the beginning of a remarkable career.

He has since earned numerous accolades, including the prestigious Top 100 Influencing CISO award.

Harshad has shared his insights at prominent industry summits in both Ireland and India, and his expertise has been featured in interviews on CNBC and other national news outlets.

Currently, Harshad serves as the Chief Information Security Officer at Tata Chemicals, a global leader in the chemical industry. Prior to this role, he worked with global organizations, advising them on how to protect their most valuable digital assets.

Harshad's expertise lies in social engineering and the human element of cybersecurity, with a strong emphasis on securing systems and networks against potential threats. He is also recognized for identifying physical security weaknesses in both the public and private sectors. His unique approach often involves actively infiltrating organizations to uncover vulnerabilities—always with full authorization as part of ethical penetration testing.

His illustrious career is a testament to his dedication to cybersecurity and his exceptional skill in protecting both physical and digital landscapes.

## ENCOURAGING YOUNG TALENT



In a thought-provoking presentation, Ishan and Aahan Surve explored the geopolitical complexities surrounding the rise of China and its impact on India's strategic position. They discussed China's transformation into a global power, tracing key historical milestones such as post-1978 economic reforms, military modernization, and technological advancements. The presentation highlighted China's growing influence through initiatives like the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and its increasing presence in regions like South Asia and the Indian Ocean. On India's side, the presenters examined the strategic responses, including diplomatic partnerships, military modernization, and efforts to reduce economic reliance on China. They emphasized India's focus on technological advancements and the cultivation of indigenous startups to counterbalance China's dominance.

The session concluded with a call for India to continue strengthening its economic, military, and diplomatic strategies while recognizing the reality of shared borders and mutual dependencies between the two nations. The presenters underscored the importance of peaceful relations to ensure regional stability and prosperity.





## FROM THE EDITORS DESK

### A MONTH OF CREATIVITY, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY

As we look back on another vibrant month at the Rotary Club of Thana West, one event stands out for the joy and inspiration it brought to everyone involved – the Ganpati idol-making workshop for the special children at Thanawala Jhaveri School. This initiative was not just about creativity; it was a beautiful reminder of inclusivity and the power of art in bridging communication gaps. The children, with hearing and speech disabilities, demonstrated immense talent, pouring their hearts into creating eco-friendly idols of Lord Ganesha. The enthusiasm they brought to the activity left a lasting impact on all of us, reminding us that expression transcends words.

The workshop was a heartwarming testament to Rotary's core value of community service. It also reinforced our commitment to supporting those with special challenges, ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to participate in cultural traditions and express their creativity.

In addition to this uplifting event, the club continued its tradition of diverse and impactful activities. We co-hosted the Manglagaur event alongside the District First Lady, where our own Club First Lady and members were present to celebrate the occasion. We also had the privilege of witnessing a thought-provoking presentation on "Rise of China and India's Strategic Challenges" by two talented youngsters, Ishan and Aahan Surve.

The month saw further recognition of our members' dedication, with Club Secretary Rtn. Sriram Seshan appointed as the District Grants Subcommittee Chair 2026 -27, and we welcomed two new members into our growing Rotary family.

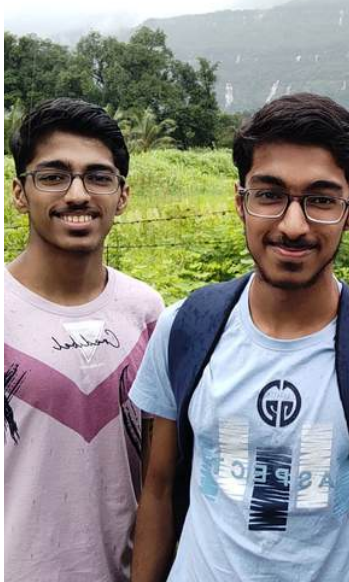
To top it all off, we enjoyed a delightful picnic at PP Rtn. Kedar Vidwans' farmhouse in Karjat – a wonderful opportunity to relax and strengthen our bonds as a club.

As we move forward, let's carry the energy and spirit of these meaningful activities into the months ahead.

Yours in Rotary,

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

# FELLOWSHIP & FUN NEVER STOPS



# CONGRATULATIONS

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## Certificate of Completion

### ROTARY POSITIVE PEACE ACADEMY

This certifies that

**Full Name** Manjiri Surve  
**Date Issued** Sunday, September 15, 2024

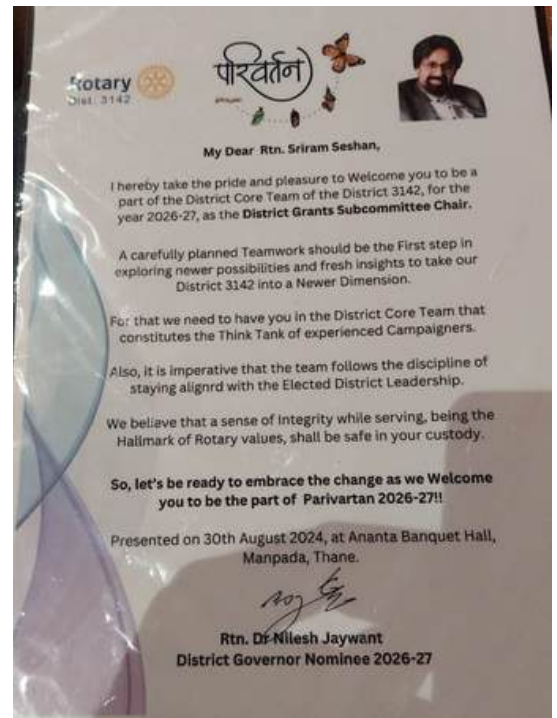
has successfully completed the  
**Rotary Positive Peace Academy training course**

*Steve Killelea*  
 Steve Killelea A.M, Founder & Executive Chairman,  
 INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMICS & PEACE

*Lea Perekreest*  
 Lea Perekreest, Director of Partnerships  
 INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMICS & PEACE



Congratulations to Rtn. Manjiri Surve on successfully completing the Rotary Positive Peace Academy training course .Wish you the best for future endeavours



Congratulations to Club Secretary Rtn. Sriram Seshan on being appointed as the District Grants Subcommittee Chair 2026 -27 and joining the District Core Team that constitutes the Think Tank of experienced campaigners.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH

- 2nd Oct. - R/Ann Savita Agarwal
- 2nd Oct. - Rtn.Tejaswini Vidwans
- 11th Oct. - R/Ann Medha Soman
- 16th Oct. - Rtn. Dilip Vaishampayan
- 18th Oct. - Rtn. Dr. Amol Gitte
- 20th Oct. - Rtn. Anusha Tikoo
- 26th Oct. - Master Aahan Patnaik



## 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

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**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. Shrirang Deshpande

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

We Meet Every Wednesday : 07:30 pm

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