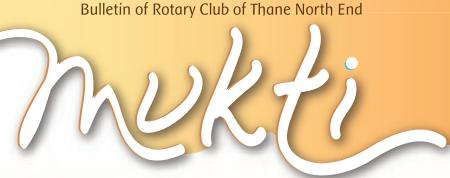


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Rotary Year 2024-25

Constant education is the access to growth.



RCTNE Members at Member Orientation Programme organised on 21 July 2024 at Byke Plaza



Rtn Kirty Hemant Vadalkar Chief Coordinator 2024/25

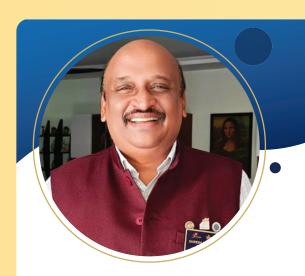
I met "Rotary" very early in my life. There were several constructions going on in the childhood. When the foundation got dug, we ran through the trenches. When the truckload of sand would arrive, it was heaven. We played a lot. Soon, one African family came to stay as tenants in the neighbourhood. Their child was our age, but he could not walk. We all were shocked, how's it possible? He had the legs, but didn't look normal. That was the first encounter with polio. Then I overheard the discussion in our drawing room, "some people from "Rotary" are administering the polio drops". I started going to school. It was a very reputed school of the town. And occasionally, our teacher would lead us to a very beautifully decorated hall, just in our premises. We were taught music there. School organised several competitions also in those premises. I won my first elocution prize there, when I was in fifth standard. I still remember, the premises were called "Rotary Hall". constructed and managed by one of the Rotary clubs. It is still there. Once we were traveling in the interior parts of India. Those days roads were very narrow, towns were not adequately connected, commuting used to be either walking or riding bicycles. The biggest problem was faced by school children. In one such random town, I saw children going to school on their nice bicycles, donated by some Rotary club. And once, I saw a small town school. It was located on the other bank of the river. Very beautifully done school, created by Rotary club in a nearby city. The best part was the small foot over bridge on the river. It welcomed with a canopy, "welcome to Rotary - we build bridges, not only between river banks but also between human beings". Wow, I liked those bridges, could imagine the need to establish the connection between human beings which are ruined for no big issues. It took quite some time to be a part of Rotary. But once into it, I really enjoy every bit of it. I always look at it as my personal enhancement. I get an opportunity to help others, its my satisfaction. Rather its that awesome feeling , that I could do

something good. After joining Rotary, I was fortunate to have been a part of various community service projects. It was a great learning experience for me. When you are doing something for yourself, you could be casual but when you are doing it on behalf of a club, you have to be particular. Discipline is important. Planning is essential. Most important, you are the custodian of someone else's money, and that calls for a huge responsibility. You meet so many people!!! The very objective of networking still holds good. Otherwise a person like me, would never meet and make so many friends. During my Rotary journey, I had some wonderful experiences. The most cherished ones are with my counter parts in Uganda. When I signed in for the Friendship exchange to Uganda, several of my friends told me not to go, it's a weird place, they are not friendly people, they eat anything, so many myths. I too had the least idea about this country. Referring to Google baba was not very common. I wrote to my brother who is based in the UK. He too was a bit tensed about this adventure of mine. The formalities were tedious not for the visa but for medical requirements. The yellow fever vaccine had to be taken, which called for going to the center very early in the morning and praying for getting it, if you are lucky you may get it that day. Polio drops also needed as we were to pass through Ethiopia. But I was firm and welcomed the guest from Uganda. When we visited, all those stories proved false. Those friends are wonderful persons. We never starved and we really have built several homes in the hearts of the people of that country. It's a beautiful country, I am still in touch with those friends. It's a priceless treasure. Humans have a typical mindset of "what will I get in return if I put in so many efforts?" this returns has to be tangible, in terms of money or gifts. But we rarely value the priceless return, called satisfaction and happiness. I personally feel, the return I get from my investment in Rotary is the interaction with so many persons and the affection and admiration received from them. I always wonder, had I not joined Rotary, how would I have met those hundreds of hard working Rotarians? Another point of satisfaction is, that feeling of national pride when I get to sing the national anthem several times. That too not only of my own country but of several other countries, too. I wish a very successful and rewarding Awesome year to Rotary club of Thane Northend under the able leadership of President Suresh and his team. You have been doing good in the community all these years, I wish you a very bright and satisfying future.









Suresh Srinivasan

President, Rotary Club of Thane Northend August 2024

Dear Fellow RCTNEians,

As we embrace the vibrant month of August, I am filled with immense pride and enthusiasm for the journey ahead. This month signifies a period of reflection, action, and growth for our esteemed Rotary Club. Our collective efforts and unwavering commitment continue to make a significant impact on the lives of those we serve.

Celebrating Achievements

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your relentless dedication and hard work. Our recent projects, from the blood donation drives, Annadaan, to the educational outreach programs, have been met with resounding success. These achievements are a testament to our shared vision and the power of collaboration.

Focus on Education

August is Rotary's Membership and New Club Development Month, but it is also a time when many of us reflect on the importance of education. Our literacy and education initiatives are more critical than ever. As we work towards enhancing educational opportunities, let us remember that every effort counts. Whether it is mentoring a student, donating books, or supporting local schools, your contributions can transform lives. We are in the process of helping the School at Vikramgadh, let us join hands and make it a satisfying project.

Membership Growth and Engagement

Growing our membership is essential to sustaining our club's vitality and expanding our reach. This month, I encourage each of you to bring in new members who share our values and passion for service. Let's welcome fresh perspectives and innovative ideas that will propel us forward. Engaging our current members is equally important. Let's foster an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and inspired to contribute.

Upcoming Events

We have an exciting lineup of events and activities planned for this month. From our Club picnic to the Young Generation interactive talks, Annadaan, Blood donation camps and the Huge project of medical checkup in Odisha, there are numerous opportunities for us to connect, collaborate, and celebrate our shared mission. I urge you all to participate actively and make the most of these events.

Looking Ahead

As we look towards the future, let's remain steadfast in our commitment to service above self. The challenges we face are significant, but so is our resolve. Together, we can overcome any obstacle and continue to bring positive change to our communities.

In closing, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your continued support and dedication. Let's make August a month of action, growth, and meaningful impact.

Yours in Rotary Service,







Club Report for July 2024

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Club Name : Thane Northend

 Club ID
 :
 28708
 Prepared By
 :
 Suresh Srinivasan

 Designation
 :
 Club President
 Assistant Governor
 :
 Jyoli S. Chavan

 No. Of Members
 :
 46
 No. Of Meetings
 :
 5

 Average % of Attendance
 :
 55.67

TRF Contribution

Current Month: 1430:10 This Year: 1430:10

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Regular

Sr. No.	Meeting Type	Date	Title	Attendance	Attendance(%)
1	Regular	05 July 2024	1st Regular club meeting	27	62.00
2	Regular	21 July 2024	3rd Regular club meetiMinutes of the club Meeting	23	52.00
3	Regular	21 July 2024	Members Orientation Program	25	54.35
4	Regular	26 July 2024	4th regular club meeting minutes.	25	54.00

ssembly

Sr. No.	Meeting Type	Date	Title	Attendance	Attendance(%)	
1	Assembly	12 July 2024	First club assembly	25	56.00	

Community Servic

Sr N o	Date	Title	Area of Focus	Category	Sub Category	Cost	Direct Benefici aries	Ma n Hou rs	Rot aria ns Inv olv ed	Rot ara ctor s Inv olv ed
1	01 Jul 2024	Annadan for the homeless	Others			25000	100	10	10	0
2	01 Jul 2024	Birthday Celebrations for Challenged Children	Others			1660	15	6	4	0
3	02 Jul 2024	Tree Plantation	ENVIRONMEN T	Tree plantation	Fruit plants	5000	500	50	15	0
4	03 Jul 2024	Sparsh: Good Touch Bad Touch and Menstrual Hygiene	BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY	Others(Educati ng on Sparsh and Menstrual Hygiene)		3000	57	14	7	5
5	04 Jul 2024	Rains and Smiles : Raincoat Umbrella distribution	BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY	Others(Rainco ats and Umbrellas to Tribal students)		105000	350	40	8	0
6	07 Jul 2024	Blood Donation Camp	MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH	Others(Blood collection for Thalassemia patients)	·	8000	20	40	14	0

7	,	09 Jul 2024	Spreading love and nourishment Street Children	Others			9000	78	16	8	0
8	3	09 Jul 2024	Spreading love and nourishment Street Children	Others			9000	78	16	8	0
9	,	10 Jul 2024	Fostering education in rural schools	BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY	Miscellaneous	Stationery	10000	150	50	5	0
1	10	21 Jul 2024	District Blood Donation : United for a noble cause	Others			1000	28	15	3	0
1	11	26 Jul 2024	Salute to the Heroes of the Kargil conflict	Others			2000	15	15	15	0

New Generation Service

Sr N o	Date	Title	Area of Focus	Category	Sub Category	Cost	Direct Benefici aries	Ma n Hou rs	Rot aria ns Inv olv ed	Rot ara ctor s Inv olv ed	
1	03 Jul 2024	Good Touch and Bad Touch and Menstrual Hygiene Talk	Project with Rotaract Club			3000	57	14	7	5	

Public Image Initiative Service

Sr N o	Date	Title	Area of Focus	Category	Sub Category	Cost	Direct Benefici aries	Ma n Hou rs	Rot aria ns Inv olv ed	Rot ara ctor s Inv olv ed	
1	05 Jul 2024	Rotary Branded Umbrellas distributed to TMC Staff	Others			37500	0	15	15	0	

TRF Contribution

Date	Name	Amount	Fund
19 Jul 2024 04:44 PM	Kiran Zende	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:44 PM	Sukhada Tambe	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:44 PM	Deepak Ashish	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:43 PM	Manonmani Sivarraj	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:43 PM	Vijay Shirose	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:42 PM	Avddhut rege	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:42 PM	A Ravindran	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:42 PM	Sakthi ravindran	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:41 PM	Madhukar Patil	25.30	1

19 Jul 2024 04:40 PM	Sunil Mahajan	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:40 PM	Amit Kadgaonkar	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:39 PM	Sandeep bapu Kadam	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:39 PM	Kirthivasan lyer	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:38 PM	Sanjiv Kumar Dhamanse	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:38 PM	Sanjiv G brahme	25.30	1
19 Jul 2024 04:37 PM	Bella Matha Sivarraj	25.30	1
12 Jul 2024 04:35 PM	Vijay Bakshi	25.30	1
14 Jul 2024 01:43 PM	Ramesh Pallavoor	1000.00	1

Members

Member count as on last month	Members Deleted/Terminated	Members Added	Current No. Of Members
41	2	7	46

 ${\bf Additional\ achievement/participation/hosting\ of\ events/projects\ above\ club\ if\ any\ ;}$

Took part in the District Annadaan as well as the District Blood Donation Drive, details mentioned in the Projects list

Note: Agenda, MOM added in meeting & Photographs added in Club Meetings will not be shared to the District, only the content displayed here will be shared to the District.







Awesome Annapoorna story

Ahara Shuddhi, Sarva Shuddhi(Pure food, pure everything) - This proverb resonates with the Rotary's Annapoorna project's mission to provide nutritious food and sustainable livelihoods to marginalized communities, aligning with the principles of service and compassion.

- Annapoorna project by Rotary club of Thane North End on July 1st has transformed lives of 2100 homeless individuals for a week at Shri Swami Samarth Annachatra who feed the needy with breakfast, lunch and dinner near Thane Civil Hospital.
- Rotary members, volunteers, and partners have worked tirelessly to establish sustainable food essentials like rice, pulses, poha, rawa, cooking oil, spices for preparing meals.

- Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah (May all be happy) Over () individuals have received nutritious meals and food assistance.
- Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (The world is one family) The project has fostered community engagement, promoting social cohesion and collective progress.
- Project was a collective effort by Rotary clubof Thane, Horizon, Passion, Green City, Thane Skyline, West and Titans.

The Annapoorna project embodies the Rotary spirit of service. Together, we can create a world where everyone has access to nutritious food, dignity, and opportunities. Loka Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu(May all beings be happy and free).





On July 9th, Rotary Club of Thane North End had the privilege of visiting Signal School, a remarkable reformist institution dedicated to providing education and support to street children in Teen Hath Naka, Thane. Rtn Ashok Patel, Ann Minaxi and their family members and Rotarians and Anns distributed Puri, Sabji, Pulav and Gulab Jamun to 50 children.

The Annadaan event at Signal School demonstrated the power of collective effort in making a positive impact on the lives of street children. We witnessed:

- Smiles and Laughter: The children's faces lit up with joy, reflecting the happiness and contentment they felt.
- Gratitude: The children and school staff expressed heartfelt appreciation for our support, acknowledging the significance of our contribution.- Community Building: The event strengthened bonds between the children, teachers, and our Rotary team, promoting a sense of unity and shared purpose













The Rotary Club of Thane Northend runs a day care centre for challenged children. From the 1st of July we have decided to celebrate the birthdays of the children and the same is being sponsored by the Director, New Generation, Manonmani Sivarraj.

July 1st being the birthday of one child, we had a great evening with them, bringing cheer and happiness in their lives and a sense of satisfaction in ours. President Suresh Srinivasan, First Lady Pratibha alongwith Rotarians BM Sivarraj, Manonmani Sivarraj and Charanjit Juss participated in the project







Rotary Club of Thane Northend Organizes Successful Blood Donation Camp

Thane, 7th July, 2024 - The Rotary Club of Thane Northend conducted a highly successful blood donation camp aimed at bolstering local blood banks and supporting community health initiatives. The event, held at Harmony Horizon Society, saw an overwhelming response from residents and volunteers alike.

Key Highlights:

- Community Participation: Members of the local community, including residents, professionals, and students, enthusiastically contributed to the noble cause of blood donation.
- Organizational Efforts: Rotary Club of Thane Northend exhibited meticulous planning and execution, ensuring a seamless donation process from registration to post-donation care.

- Impact: The camp witnessed a significant turnout, resulting in a substantial collection of blood units that will benefit patients in need across various hospitals in the region.
- Safety Measures: Stringent health protocols were adhered to throughout the event to prioritize donor safety amid ongoing health concerns.

Suresh Srinivasan, President of Rotary Club of Thane Northend said, "We are delighted with the community's response to our blood donation drive. It reflects our collective commitment to serving humanity and supporting healthcare institutions in times of need."

The Rotary Club of Thane Northend expressed gratitude to all donors, volunteers, and supporters for their invaluable contributions towards making the event a resounding success. Their efforts underscore a steadfast commitment to fostering health and well-being within the local community. The blood collected is going to help Thalassemia patients

















On July 2st, Rotary Club of Thane North End along with 9 other Rotary clubs jointly with Triumph Blood Bank hosted a blood donation camp at Korum Mall, Thane. Our collective effort aimed to contribute to the noble cause of saving lives through blood donations.

28 units of blood collected from donors.

Free health check-ups, Thalassemia test and refreshments provided to donors.

Lives of many patients potentially saved through the donated blood.

Awareness about blood donation and its importance raised among people.

Strengthened partnerships among participating clubs and organizations.

The blood donation camp was a resounding success with our members

Ann Trupti, Vedashree Annets Rugved, Aishni participating in blood donation.







On July 10th, Rotary Club of Thane North End organized a heartwarming initiative to distribute notebooks and chocolate to rural primary school children in Merdi near Malshez ghat.

- Visited 6 rural primary schools in and around Merdi Gram Panchayat
- Distributed notebooks and chocolates to 170 children.
- Encouraged students to prioritize education and develop a love for learning

Our team of Rotarians explored 7 Hamlets nearby to assess the needs and identify potential projects that align with Rotary's focus areas and make a positive impact on the lives of rural communities. Our visit has opened doors to meaningful opportunities for adoption and support.

We extend our gratitude to all Rotarians present for their support.

















Sparsh: Good touch, Bad touch

Rotary club of Thane North End 's Good Touch Bad Touch and Menstrual Hygiene program aims to educate children about appropriate boundaries and safe interactions, promoting a culture of prevention and protection against child abuse.

- President Suresh Srinivasan inaugurated the workshop on July 3rd for children aged 10 to 12 of Sharda Vidyashram, Thane.
- Trained facilitator and educator Rtn Vedashri delivered age-appropriate content covering topics of appropriate touch, personal boundaries, safe and unsafe situations, and seeking help
- Over 50 children empowered with knowledge and skills

- Rotaract President Apoorva gave an insight on respecting parents and sharing everything with them.
- "I learned that my body is mine, and I can say no to unwanted touch." by Roshni Valmiki 8th class.
- "The program helped me understand how to stay safe and who to trust." by Jyotsana Rathod 6th class.









Kargil Vijay Diwas















A Date with Nature Tree Plantation Drive

The Rotary Club of Thane End organized a successful tree plantation drive, bringing together members, volunteers, and community supporters. The event planted 140 Tulsi, various fruit trees in the Kores Towers housing complex in their garden area on July 2nd promoting a greener and healthier environment.

- Over 25 volunteers participated, including Rotary Club and Inner Wheel members, community groups, and local residents.
- The event featured a ceremonial planting led by President Suresh Srinivasan, First Lady Pratibha Suresh, Inner Wheel President Meena, other Rotary members and Kores society committee members.

The tree plantation drive will have a lasting impact on the local environment, contributing to:

- Improved air quality and oxygen production
- Enhanced biodiversity and wildlife habitats
- Soil erosion prevention and groundwater recharge
- Aesthetic appeal and community pride

The RCTNE's tree plantation drive demonstrated the power of community service and environmental stewardship. The event brought people together, fostered awareness, and created a lasting legacy for future generations.









Rotary club of Thane North End President Suresh Srinivasan and members gathered at Pandit School and TMC school no 7 on July 4th to distribute umbrellas and raincoats among 100 students. The event aimed to support students from underprivileged backgrounds, ensuring they can attend school without worrying about the rain.

- Generous donors, Rtn Puneet and Amee Takker supported the initiative.
- 100 raincoats were distributed, making it easier for younger students to stay dry.

- Umbrellas were also given out, providing students with a reliable and sturdy companion for rainy days.
- Students received essential rain gear, promoting regular school attendance and reducing absenteeism.
- The distribution fostered a sense of community and social responsibility among the students.
- The event showcased Rotary's commitment to supporting education and well-being.

The umbrella and raincoat distribution by RCTNE demonstrated the power of small acts of kindness along with Rotary club of Mulund.















To express gratitude and support to the dedicated staff at TMC, Rotary Club of Thane North End donated 50 umbrellas to the staff at TMC, Balkum and Majiwada on July 5th recognizing their selfless efforts. This gesture aimed to provide a practical and thoughtful token of appreciation, acknowledging the staff's hard work and dedication.

- The donation was made possible through the collective efforts of Club members and their commitment to community service.
- The umbrellas will serve as a symbol of branding ROTARY too.

- The donation boosted the morale of TMC staff, encouraging them to continue their outstanding work.
- The gesture fostered a sense of community and partnership between Rotary and TMC.
- The umbrellas will provide practical support to staff members during monsoons or other weather conditions.

This is a big PR exercise for ROTARY as the umbrellas will be visible to people along the roads where the TMC staff work















Who Am I?

Bie: I'm a 20 year old girl, trying to figure out life by writing it down on a paper.

I'm the girl who writes a lot of letters but never posts them.

I'm the broken glass you keep pouring water into, I tend to drain out the people who love me.

I'm a pen that stops working mid-sentence.

I'm a star, a shooting star, falling and people wishing on

I'm a bottle of water you forget at home,

More like leave at home because it adds up to the weight

on your shoulders. I'm that piece of clothing that gives out its color, ruining others.

I'm like a wine, I promise to get better with time. need to fall asleep.

I'm the blanket that you I'm the stain on your favorite pajamas, I'm every stubborn about staying.

I'm a glass of water, you won't even think about it unless you are parched or dying.

I'm what the society calls a perfect daughter. I'm a disgrace

I'm the softest form of love.

Poem By - Prarthana Salgaonkar







