

Message from Club President



Awesome MEGA Project by Rotary Club of Thane Lake City

Rotary Club of Thane Lake City (RCTLC) successfully executed/completed the Awesome Years FIRST CSR project in November 2024.

The project value of USD 21450/- was funded through CSR Grant from Parveen Industries and the beneficiary is Shree Mahavir Jain Hospital (SMJH) Thane.

The project is under the category of Awesome DGs Mega Projects - Hospital Upgradation. Under this project, a renal transplant and an autorefractometer were provided to the hospital.

This project will benefit 8-10 Kidney transplants in a year and may be more subject to cadaver or live donor. Apart from this the refractometer will help over 1000+ beneficiaries a year and also help in reaching out to non urban areas in & around Thane for Medical Camps.

This architects of this project success are RCTLC team of President Jagdish Chelaramani, Nanik Jeswani, Vineet Shah, Prafulla Ruiwale, Aniruddha Vairagkar and Ashish Basantani. This was achieved under the guidance of District 3142 CSR Head Prasad Tendulkar and leadership of DG Dinesh Mehta who together ensured the compliance of the documents and RFI approval at earliest.

The renal transplant also known as a kidney transplant, is a surgical procedure to place a healthy kidney from a donor into a person whose kidneys no longer function properly. The need for a renal transplant arises due to end-stage renal disease (ESRD) or chronic kidney disease (CKD) that has progressed to the point where the kidneys can no longer sustain the body's needs.

An autorefractometer, also known as an automated refractor, is a medical device used by Eye Care professionals to measure an individual's refractive error and determine the prescription for eyeglasses or contact lenses. An objective measurement of refractive error, which can indicate conditions such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), and astigmatism.

A portable autorefractometer is a compact, handheld version of the traditional autorefractometer used to measure refractive error. Its portability allows eye care professionals to perform eye exams in various settings outside of a clinical environment, such as at schools, community health centers, remote locations, or even during home visits.

Unknown Hero of RC Thane LakeCity

I was Pulse Polio Director in Mandar's Presidential year. We carry out this project 4 times a year at Gandhi Nagar TMC Dispensary. Near Pokhran Rd No2. Through the years, this dispensary retained my contact number and to date contact me a week before Pulse Polio campaign day.

Those years, we would give gifts to children and started practice of providing food packets to volunteers. Somewhere along the line, practise of providing small gifts to kids was stopped but we continued to provide food packets to volunteers.

This TMC dispensary typically provides 2200 doses every Pulse Polio day through 100 volunteers deployed. We provide food packets consisting of Puri Bhaji and Pulav. These food packets are prepared and delivered by Suvarna Caterer's since years.

The owner considered this to be a noble cause and took paltry sum of INR 5000 for food packets including delivery. I had to force him to increase the rates and currently we pay INR 6500 for 100 food packets.

I would engage only when we had to deliver food but he was always warm.... I would call him Suvarna saheb.....I don't even remember his name but he was our keen supporter. He would always be on time and we have never received any complaint about his food.

Recently Suvarna Saheb died. And I felt really sad. Loss of a true supporter of the cause and a good friend.

I thought of penning my thoughts to ensure he is known to all and how he served community in his own small but significant way.

Rest in peace Suvarna saheb. You will be missed.

The History of R.Y.L.A.

In 1959, the State of Queensland, in Australia was planning a Festival to celebrate the Centenary of its founding. The Organising Committee decided to involve local Rotarians to help them plan the Festival. The Organising Committee extended an invitation to Queen Elizabeth II but since the Monarch had other engagements she decided to depute her first cousin, Princess Alexandra

Since Princess Alexandra was in her early twenties, the Rotary Volunteers planned activities for the Princess's Age Group.

They organised a " GUNDOO ", an Aboriginal word meaning " Fun Together Festival " . The programme was a resounding success More than 300 young people in the Age Group 17 to 23 attended. Rotarians saw in this programme the potential to create an Annual Youth Programme

With little hesitation, Art Brand Governor of District 260 (at that time) approved the Project and a new Rotary Brand was born - RYLA on 2nd May 1960

At the 1971 R.I. Convention in Sydney Australia, the R.I. Board approved RYLA as an International R.I. Program

The Samvidhan Ka Amrit Mohatsav Challenge

It is time-honoured Rotary Tradition , that every District Governor encourages, enthuses, cajoles and challenges every Rotary Club in the District under his governance to contribute more substantially to the Rotary Foundation and to increase its Membership.

Similarly every year, a set of metrics are drawn up , to measure the performance of a Rotary Club and reward its achievements at the end of the Rotary Year.

However, this Rotary Year, was different , in the sense that in 2025, our country celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution.

So it transpired that the District Governor and his Advisors and Core team , thought of instituting a mid-year challenge. Why not challenge Clubs to achieve a set of targets that covered Membership, Foundation Contribution as well as some of the focus areas of the parent organisation

The targets set were different for Clubs with membership below 25 (Tier 1), between 25-50 (Tier 2) above 50 Members (Tier 3)

The Parameters against which the performance of the Clubs belonging to the three Tiers were enumerated were

1. Contribution to The Rotary Foundation on a per capita basis.
2. Membership : Number of New Members inducted
3. Blood Donation : Collection of maximum possible bottles of donated blood
4. Thalassemia Screening : From 50 to 150 Blood Tests depending on which Tier a club belonged to
5. Drug Addiction Talks : From 1 to 3
6. Good Touch, Bad Touch, Menstrual Myths Talks : From 1 to 3
7. Mobile Addiction / Radiation Talks : From 1 to 3
8. Food / Annapurna : Arranging for Food to be served to the poor and needy, preferably every month
9. ROVEX Awards : The Rotary Vocational Excellence Award recognises individuals who exhibit exceptional dedication to their profession and work towards the betterment of society. The performance parameter envisages the recognition of between 2 to 5 such individuals
10. Nation Builder Awards : This award recognises and rewards the work of Teachers who have given of their

expertise and their time to create entire classrooms of students who imbibe all the good characteristics and qualities that are the aim of a proper education.

11. Permanent Employment : Provide for employment of between 1 to 3 individuals in related organisations
12. Constitution Awareness : The Constitution of India is a unique document that is hailed as a masterpiece throughout the globe. That it is handwritten, calligraphically and illustrated with pictorial representations by National Artists is not known to scores of Indians. It is to increase awareness about this National Treasure that Clubs are encouraged to promote Constitution Awareness Talks
13. CPR Hand on Training Workshop : This is an initiative spearheaded by the First Lady and aims to train more & more people on how to respond to a Heart emergency

Our Club has achieved to meet targets on all the metrics

- (a) TRF Target 100.75 per Capita. Achieved 853
- (b) Membership Growth (Net) : Target 7. Achieved 8
- (c) Blood Donation : Target : as many as possible .Organised 4 Camps with 497 Beneficiaries
- (d) Thalassemia Screening : Target 150. Organised 4 Camps with 316 beneficiaries screened
- (e) Good Touch / Bad Touch / MM : Target 2 Talks. Organised 3 Talks with 326 participants
- (f) Drug Addiction : Target 2 Talks. Organised 11 with 730 attendees
- (g) Mobile Addiction : Target 2 Talks. Organised 12 with 920 participants
- (h) Annapurna : Target Monthly . Achieved with an Annapurna organised in the Thane Gurudwara in addition
- (i) ROVEX : Target Recognise and reward 2. Achieved : Honoured 6
- (j) Nation Builder Award : Target 2. Honoured 10
- (k) Provide Employment : Target 2. Arranged Employment for 3 individuals
- (l) Constitution Awareness Talks : Target 2 Organised 5. Attendees 540
- (m) COLS : Target 1. Organised 9 with 303 in attendance

Thus , our Club has met and exceeded Target in everyone of the 13 Parameters. KUDOS to the President and all Members of the Rotary Club of Thane Lake City

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ ठाणे लेक सिटी आणि ठाणे महानगरपालिका संचालित सारथी रिसोर्स सेंटर फॉर Visually Impaired तर्फे आयोजित वार्षिक स्पर्धा

सारथी सेंटर तर्फे मागील वर्षापासून स्पर्धा आयोजित केल्या जातात.

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२८ डिसेंबर २०२४ पारितोषिक वितरण सोहळ्याची सुरुवात रोटरी क्लब सभासदांद्वारे दीप प्रज्वलन केले गेली. कार्यक्रमाचे प्रमुख पाहुणे डिस्ट्रिक्ट सेक्रेटरी श्री संतोष भिडे आणि सौ प्रज्ञा भिडे यांना मानचिन्ह देऊन सन्मान करण्यात आला. रोटरी क्लब ऑफ ठाणे लेक सिटीचे अध्यक्ष श्री जगदीश चेलारामानी यांनी विद्यार्थ्यांना मार्गदर्शनपर भाषण केले. सारथी सेंटर मध्ये चालू असलेल्या तसेच पुढील वर्षी होऊ घातलेल्या अनेक उपक्रमांची माहिती देण्यात आली सेंटरमधील दिव्यांग विद्यार्थ्यांनी अनेक सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम सादर केले. स्पर्धेत विजेत्या तसेच सहभागी झालेल्या विद्यार्थ्यांना ट्रॉफी, मेडल, सर्टिफिकेट आणि रोख रक्कम देऊन गौरवण्यात आले.



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R.Y.L.A. (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) : A Remarkable Investment that assures Rotary's Future

RYLA is a Leadership Training Program for Young People that seeks to develop Character as well as Leadership Skills as well as to inform youth about Rotary's commitment ideals of Community Service.

Participants can be between 14 to 30 years of age but most Rotary Clubs and Districts choose to focus on a narrower range say 14 to 18 or 19-30.

The emphasis is on (a) Developing Leadership Skills (b) Enhancing Personal Growth (c) Citizenship goals (d) Promoting Service to the Community

The Benefits that can accrue from such an exercise are

1. Building Communication and Problem solving skills
2. Discovering Strategies for becoming a Dynamic Leader

3. Learning from Community Leaders and Inspirational and Motivational Speakers

4. Unlock your own potential to turn motivation into action

5. Have Fun whilst forging Lasting Friendships

R.Y.L.A. can be a One Day Seminar a Week-end Camp or a Three Day Retreat

Suggested Modus Operandi is as follows :

- (a) Organise a Planning Committee

- (b) Draft a Budget

- (c) Develop your Programme

- (d) Create an Evaluation Strategy

You can also contact the District RYLA Chair for Event Ideas and Promotional Strategies

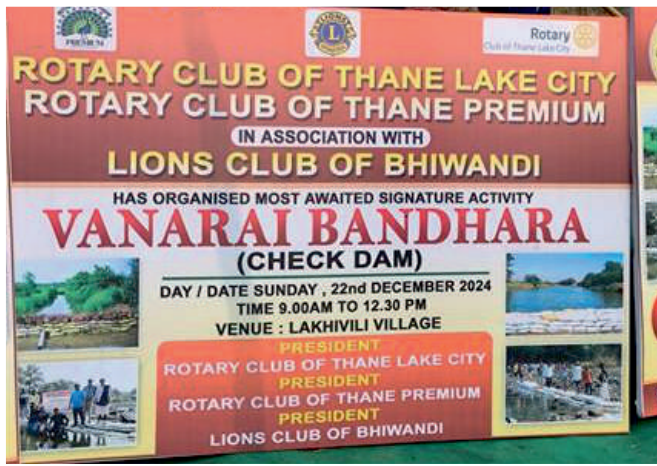
Sarathi Center Picnic



Projects of the Month

Check Dam Inauguration

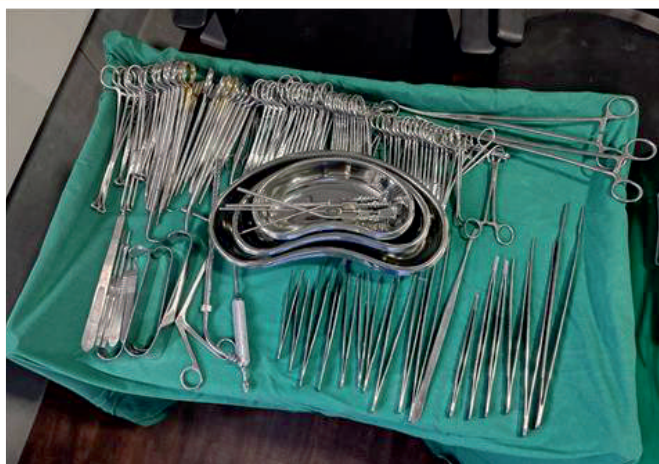
Rotary Club of Thane Lake City along with Rotary Club of Thane Premium and Lions Club of Bhiwandi organised the inauguration event for Checkdam in Bhiwandi area. The benefit of this Checkdam will be for years to come especially during monsoons in and around the village



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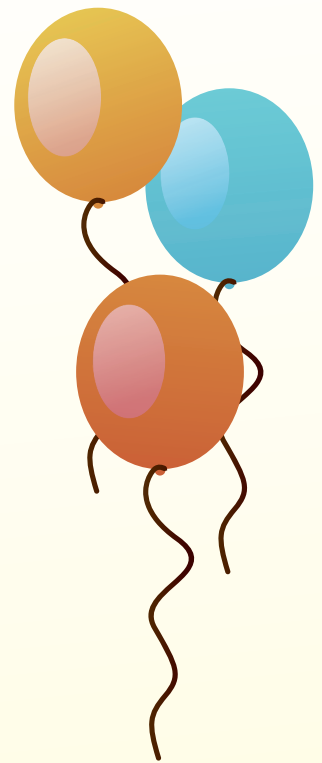
Handover of Medical Equipment to Shri Mahavir Jain Hospital (SMJH)

Rotary Club of Thane Lake City successfully completed the handover of Medical Equipment to Shri Mahavir Jain Hospital (SMJH) sponsored via CSR through Parveen Industries. The handover took place in presence of DG Dinesh Mehta. This is under Mega project Hospital Upgradation



Birthday Wishes

Happy
Birthday!



DG Dinesh Mehta

