



G^{OOD} NEWS

A Periodic Newsletter from
ROTARY CLUB OF THANE CREEKSIDE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,
It has been little over 5 months since we started this JOSH Rotary year and amazed to see how much we have been able to achieve inspite of the COVID challenges and I can attribute it to the passion from each one of you that we have been able to achieve so much.



We started the year with a blockbuster event with Major Gaurav Arya which was a super success with DG Sandeep Kadam and host of other dignitaries gracing the event. In October and November our Club members provided food to the National Immunisation drive volunteers at TMC School, Azad Nagar. Our club members were also actively involved in distributing COVID awareness pamphlets across various Societies on Kolshet Road and Balkum wherein we were able to cover more than 30 Housing Societies. In September we also had our Club OCV which was attended by many District representatives. In October our Club applied for District grant for the "Happy School project" along with 7 other Rotary clubs. We will soon hear about the outcome from District. The past few months also helped us forge a good bonding with our young Rotaractors. We partnered with our Rotaracts and donated Oral care items to Orphan Boy and Girl.

We also have good number of new members who have joined us and strengthened our team. I am pleased to also report on our Cycle donation project for the needy tribal school children from Wada, We have collected and refurbished approximately 30 cycles which are ready and we will visit the School in Jan 2021 and handover the Cycles to the Schoolchildren. The energy from you all is so infectious that there are multiple initiatives which are in different phases of being implemented like the COVID awareness drive along with NETT College and the blood donation drive, with both of these projects planned to be held in Jan 2021. I am immensely pleased to see the energy from you all and to see the amount of work you all have achieved despite the COVID challenges. I am looking forward to working with each of you for more of such projects as we enter 2021. Meanwhile I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Request you all to stay safe and enjoy your time with your family

Your fellow Rotarian,
Pravash Dayanand Raikar
President, RC of Thane CreekSide

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



Breakfast provided for Polio program volunteers at TMC school, Azad Nagar



Our club stickers have been put in few Society lifts as a PR initiative



Along with Rotaractors our President visited Orphanages viz., DIVYA PRABHA and VIVEKANAND BAL ASHRAM, where oral hygiene care products were donated.



Old cycles are being collected, repaired and the club would donate them to Adivasi schools in coming months. Due to the efforts of our new member Rtn Mangesh Patole and Rtn Mandar Pandit, this initiative has gained lot of momentum and helped RTCS reach out to many societies. Kudos to all for making this program a big success. We plan to go to the schools and conduct the donation program very soon.



Our Club Secretary has moved to Kolkatta and a small send off party was organized to wish him all the best on his new assignment



An induction program was conducted to give basic orientation to new members on Rotary Terms and Rules. Welcome kits were handed over

KID'S CORNER

THE COVID-19 VIRUS

We all know now about covid-19. The virus that came from China state/ city called Wuhan because of eating alive animals and poisonous animals like Bats and Snakes.

Do you know that there is no medicine for covid-19 at present?

Yes, now the question is how to cure oneself when someone is covid-19 infected.

Covid-19 virus takes 3 days to reach the lungs from nose. So to stop or kill the virus, you should take steam because steam will raise the temperature of respiratory tract and food pipe and will kill the virus. Eating hot and staying warm will help in fight against the virus.

So, eating hot food and drink along with healthy diet and maintaining social distance will help us in fighting against Covid-19.

Eat clean, drink water, stay active, be healthy.

Stay safe and healthy.

Devvrat Santosh Rawat
(Son of Rtn Santosh Rawat)

RCTCS MEMBER'S SPEAK



CHARTER PRESIDENT & IPP
RTN SATISH AGADI

Karmic effect.... Affects?

Janamejaya a descendant of Pandavas was the ominous king - a Chakravathi samrat of the entire 'Aryavatha'. During the time of Abhimanyu's son Pareekshit 'the Kaliyug' entered - experts say. And after the death of Pareekshit due to snake bite, his son Janamejaya adorns the kingdom as the Chakravathi. Janamejaya was once performing a Yagnya - a ritual to appease gods & to bring balance in the nature. However, filled with hatred, he turns the Yagnya into a sacrificial altar of the snakes. He would invoke all the snakes in the world to come & fall in the Yagna fire.

Astik muni (Maharshi), storms into the scene and asks Janamejaya to stop the Yagna as it was inhumane to eradicate the very existence of a species. As the species have their right to the existence provided mother earth. Janamejaya argues the species killed his father the Yagnunush for which Astik muni counter questions 'how can one snake could be reason for extinction of the entire species?' and that too without knowing the background, what rights the king has to exhume the entire species?

He compels Janamejaya to listen to him as he narrates; his ancestors - the Pandava's were asked to move out of Hastinapur to make Indraprasth their home to avoid a possible conflict. Upon reaching Indraprasth & being followed by hugh praja of Hastinapur, they realise that it's an inhabitable, dark, dried, vicious forest. On instructions from lord Krishna; Arjun prays to the inhabiting animals, insects, creeps et al to move out to a new makeshift place arranged for them and he's going to shoot an arrow to feed Agni dev. While all others comply; Takshak nag relents and when Arjun shoots the arrow his lower half body gets cut. The nag takes an oath to kill... and since Abhimanyu dies in the Mahabharat war leaving Pareekshit maharaj to take the wrath.

So, Astik says; there is a background; there's a Karma for a reaction and that happened. Now, he says 'don't restart another action (karma) that gets attaches to you to come back with its reaction'. Lord Janamejaya stops the yagnya.

Now, moral of the story?

Many a times we will not have the complete background & other's perspective too while we loathe. That will definitely have its karmic effect & hence affect. Let us repeatedly train our mind to let go the Grudge/ Ego/ Jealousy in the absence of our ability to accept/ understand the background and the perspective. That's the only way to save ourselves from the karmic effect.

Don't you agree? Just think about it & retrospect!!

GOOD NEWS FROM ROTARY GLOBAL

Rotary Foundation receives highest rating from Charity Navigator for 13th consecutive year

For the 13th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — **four stars** — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only one percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 13 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

"Your achievement and 4-star rating will enhance your organization's fundraising and public relations efforts," says Michael Thatcher, president and chief executive officer of Charity Navigator. "This exceptional designation sets the Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.

By Rotary International

RCTCS GOOD INITIATIVES – SPECIAL MENTION

1. New member joined us in the last 4 months – We had many new members joining our club, thanks to the efforts of Rtn Sunil Shama, Rtn Pravash Raikar, Rtn Satish Agadi and Rtn Mandar Pandit. Let us welcome to our club **DR. SONIYA AGARWAL, SUNITAKAPOOR, ADV. ALKESH KADAM and MANGESH PATOLE.**

2. Three members, **Rtn Sandeep Sharma, Rtn Santosh Rawat and Rtn Mandar Pandit** received their Paul Harris certifications for their contributions to The Rotary Foundation



3. Rtn Sunil Shama's daughter **Tanvi Sharma**, a Rotaractor in our Club, won many accolades in the last couple of months for Diya Painting Competition, Wildlife Photography Contest, Art contest "The Hidden Gallery", E-RYLA 2020 and SKARTE BELLA. Wishing her many more achievements in life!

GOOD THOUGHTS

*If you fail, never give up because
F.A.I.L means "First Attempt in
Learning".*

*END is not the end, in fact it means
"Efforts Never Dies".*

*If you get NO for an answer,
remember N.O means "Next
Opportunity".*

So, let's be always positive!

A.P.J Abdul Kalam

CELEBRATIONS (Between 15th Aug and 31st Dec 2020)

Birthdays – Sumita Shama (Spouse of Rtn Sunil Shama) on 22nd Aug | Rtn Akash Agadi (son of Rtn Satish Agadi) on 7th Sept | Rtn Vihans Dugar on 8th Sept | Rtn Deboleena Sharma and Vivaan Jaishwal (Son of Rtn Vicky Jaishwal) on 9th Sept | Rtn Satish Agadi on 8th Oct | Rtn Ratima Raikar on 24th Nov | Rtn Kalyan Rao on 4th Dec | Rtn Pravash Raikar on 10th Dec | Rtn Tanvi Sharma (Daughter of Rtn Sunil Sharma) on 12th Dec | Aryan Pandit (son of Rtn Mandar Pandit) on 20th Dec

Anniversaries – Rtn Vihans Dugar and Riddhi on 2nd Dec | Rtn Sandeep & Rtn Deboleena on 5th Dec | Rtn Mandar & Rtn Prachi on 25th Dec