



GOOD NEWS

A Periodic Newsletter from
ROTARY CLUB OF THANE CREEKSIDE



From JOSH PRESIDENT
PRAVASH RAIKAR'S DESK

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I have been a Rotarian for the last 3 years at Rotary Club of Thane CreekSide. Every individual's Rotary journey is different and depends on the interest and involvement of that individual. Our club RCTCS has been able to stretch boundaries and get into varied avenues of service.

Our JOSH year journey is from 1st July 2020. Even though most of the year has been struck with the pandemic I am amazed at how we all have overcome the challenges and achieved so much in terms of contribution to people's lives. Starting with the event 'Meet with Major Gaurav Arya' then followed by project on providing food for the 'Polio vaccination drive' volunteers, project on providing essential supplies to Orphan children at Yeoor hills orphanage, the blood donation drive at Kolshet Road, the project 'Cycle donation drive' at Adivasi High School -Walvande, and our most recent project on 'Food for Blind' at Vangani village. Wow!! am amazed at how many lives we have touched in a positive way. Inspiring the youngsters through Major Gaurav Arya, providing food to 60 'Polio vaccination drive' volunteers, providing supplies to 40 orphan children, the numerous blood bottles collected, providing 25 cycles to the Adivasi school children, and providing food for 110 visually challenged families.

It has only been possible because of involvement and support from every member in their own way. It was a great JOSH year!

I would like to encourage every Rotarian to continue on this RCTCS 'CreekSider' journey and take this opportunity to serve our communities in whatever way possible. Our club gives us opportunity to involve with various social and civic organisations and join hands with them to reach to more communities. I request members to take on Leadership opportunities that our club and wider Rotary world provides which will help us all develop ourselves apart from the community around us.

Thanks and Regards,

Your fellow Rotarian,

President, RC of Thane CreekSide
Pravash Dayanand Raikar

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



Healthcare, Physiotherapy & Awareness during the pandemic was conducted with DPO NETT college of Physiotherapy



Cycle donations were given by the club to an Adivasi High School at Walvande

Food packets distributed to Visually impaired people



Vaccination drive for Senior Citizens lead by Rtn Alkesh Kadam



Blood Donation camp was organized with BNI and Samarpan Blood Bank at Everest World. 76 donors donated on this day



RCTCS associated with DPO NETT College of Physiotherapy and conducted an awareness session on Plastic recycling



For the visually challenged people of Vangani, 110 food packets were donated with joint participation of Rotary club of Thane Premium, Thane Sunrise and Thane Skyline. Donations of Rs. 1,47,250/- were raised too

RCTCS MEMBER'S SPEAK



CHARTER PRESIDENT & IPP
RTN SATISH AGADI

How Cisco let Zoom eat it's WebEx!!

In the summer of 1997, Yuan (now the CEO of ZOOM) joined 2 years old WebEx, based in Milpitas, California. As a young employee, Yuan would routinely code all night on a Friday and no sleep on Saturday afternoon. Riding the dot-com exuberance bubble and with video-conferencing tools, taking advantage of faster internet speeds, WebEx went public in July of 2000. It was then acquired by Cisco for \$3.2 billion in 2007. Not long after, Cisco tapped Yuan to lead WebEx's engineering group. But by 2010, Yuan was unhappy. Each time users logged on to a WebEx conference, the company's systems would have to identify which version of the product (iPhone, Android, PC or Mac) to run, which slowed things down. People on the line would strain the connection, leading to choppy audio and video. And the service lacked modern features like screen-sharing for mobile.

"Someday someone is going to build something on the cloud, and it's going to kill me," Yuan told Bill Tai, a venture investor who became one of the first backers of Zoom founded by Yuan himself. After a year of pestering his bosses to let him rebuild WebEx, Yuan gave up and decided to leave Cisco in 2011 to start Zoom. "Cisco was more focused on social networking, trying to make an enterprise Facebook," he says. "Cisco made a mistake. Three years after I left, they realized what I said was right." Yuan was hired to lead WebEx engineering as still he was not listened to the way he should have been, it's like hiring people do the work and then not letting them do it.

Learnings from the story

Not just business, even the family environments get dynamic as the kids grow!

Listening to our growing kids with the intention becomes important at times.

You never know, the genius in your kid is telling something to pursue that would change demographics for the families.

GOOD NEWS FROM ROTARY GLOBAL

Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors worked together in a nationwide project that promoted behavior change and initiated safety standards

by Ryan Hyland

Rohantha Athukorala felt helpless. It was April 2020 when Sri Lanka was on lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic, and he wanted to do something immediately to help the country slow the spread of virus. "The lockdown was so sudden and absolute. It was hard not being in control of what you can and can't do," says Athukorala, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo Reconnections, Sri Lanka. "Especially for us Rotarians who pride ourselves on helping our communities in desperate times." But sheltering in place had its advantages, he says, providing the time and opportunity to connect with fellow members online. Their discussions sparked ideas about what they could do to help people understand how to stay safe from the coronavirus.

Promoting safety though social media

Athukorala started by contacting club and district leaders, talking with government officials, and listening to business leaders. In late April, he launched Stop the Spread, a comprehensive effort to reduce new infections through behavior changes. He asked the more than 5,000 Sri Lankan Interactors to lead the campaign and be community advocates for specific behaviors such as wearing masks, washing hands, and social distancing. Interactors used their social media networks to blast daily messages about staying safe from the virus, and posted relevant communications from the Ministry of Health. To complement the Interactors' communication, Athukorala worked with the country's Ministry of Sports and the National Olympic Committee to get top athletes to become ambassadors for Stop the Spread. More than 280 athletes — including stars in cricket and rugby, as well as Olympians — participated in videos and graphics that were posted on social media.

Stop the Spread also promoted safety protocols through a certification process for businesses. Athukorala and fellow Rotary members created the certification with the Sri Lanka Standards Institution that enabled companies that are compliant with certain safety guidelines to be certified as a COVID-19-controlled environment. Protocols such as mandatory mask wearing, temperature checks, and social distancing had to be in place in order to receive the certification. Nearly 300 businesses, educational institutions, supermarkets, and other retailers have passed the program's rigorous audits and received certification, allowing customers and students feel safe while supporting these businesses.

When the lockdown order was lifted in early May, Interactors fanned out across their communities to visit businesses, homes, and public transport to give people educational materials and safety guidance. They became leaders in helping schools implement COVID-19 safety protocols, which allowed schools to open in early July.

By Rotary International

RCTCS GOOD INITIATIVES – SPECIAL MENTION

1. Rtn Santosh Rawat joined **IFCR**, The Rotary Fellowship for Cricket Lovers and participated in the tournament organized
2. **New members joined during the period** – Ajay Nayak, Ashukesh Tikare, Dr. Suraj Shukla, Mr. Ninad, Dr. Siddharth Gaikwad and Mr. S.N. Giri
3. First Lady Rtn Ratima Raikar and son Prayag participated in **ROTAL** which was conducted online this year
4. Rtn Sunil Sharma's daughter Tanvi Sharma was certified by **Majhi Vasundhara Mitra**
5. **Rotary Environment Week** was celebrated by RCTCS and Rotaract Club by organizing an online talk by Ms. Vidya Paranjpe of Urjaa Foundation on 21st Feb 2021
6. Rotary International **celebrated 116 years** of its existence on 23rd Feb 2021,
7. RCTCS club received the '**Gold**' award in the Paul Harris Challenge
8. Kudos to Rtn Mandar Pandit to actively pursue recycling activity with **plastic donation drive** with Urjaa Foundation
9. The **District Training** online session was attended by all club members

GOOD THOUGHTS

When time is never ready to wait for us... then why do we always wait for the right time...?

No time is wrong to do the Right thing!

CELEBRATIONS (Between 1st Jan and 30th June 2021)

Birthdays – Rtn Sandeep Sharma on 14th Jan | Megha Rao (Daughter of Rtn Kalyan Rao) on 1st Feb | Gauri Jaiswal (Daughter of Rtn Vicky Jaiswal) on 1st Feb | Nidhi Sirisilla (Daughter of Rtn Naresh Sirisilla) on 10th Mar | Devrat (Son of Rtn Santosh Rawat) on 15th Mar | Amulya Sirisilla (Daughter of Rtn Naresh Sirisilla) on 22nd Mar | Rtn Ashukesh Tikare on 1st April | Khushi (Daughter of Rtn Santosh Rawat) on 20th April | Rtn Alkesh Kadam on 30th April | Rtn Mandar Pandit on 5th May | Rtn Vicky Jaiswal on 27th May | Rtn S. N. Giri on 27th May | Rtn Sunita Kapoor on 2nd June | Vihaan Pandit (Son of Rtn Mandar Pandit) on 10th June | Aarushi (Daughter of Rtn Mrushad Vora) on 12th June | Rtn Dr. Rajendra Thorat on 23rd June | **Anniversaries** – Rtn Kalyan Rao & Jyothsna Rao on 24th Feb | Rtn Vicky Jaiswal and Mili Jaiswal on 27th Feb | Rtn Naresh Sirisilla and Anu Sirisilla on 8th May | Rtn Pravash Raikar and Ratima Raikar on 15th May |