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Fellowship

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ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

Strengthen bonds, foster connections, and celebrate camaraderie among members.

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Reflections by Club President

May reminded us that meaningful work is never accomplished alone. I am grateful to our Believers Group, especially facilitator PP Dr. Radhika, PP Anindya, and PP Jayaram, for their unwavering support, guidance, and readiness to step forward whenever needed. Throughout the TiTEN year, our director – Club Administration, PP Sucheta, has been a pillar of commitment, ensuring the smooth execution of our many activities and initiatives.

The month also offered valuable opportunities to learn and connect. An insightful session by a speaker from IDBI Services highlighted the importance of preparing a Will and planning for the future, while a panel discussion featuring the partners of our women members enriched us with diverse perspectives and strengthened fellowship.

Our goal as a club is to harness the knowledge, expertise, and networks of every partner and family member. Together, we can create greater impact through meaningful projects, stronger fellowship, and effective fund-raising efforts.

The 36th Charter Day Celebration remains the highlight of our Rotary calendar. More than an anniversary, it celebrates our shared values, commitment to service, and the friendships that bind us together. It is also a wonderful opportunity for every Hiller to showcase their creativity and talent through music, performances, fellowship, fun, and food.

Community service thrives on commitment and resources. I sincerely thank all Hillers who have contributed to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Their generosity enables Rotary to transform ideas into action and make a lasting difference in communities near and far.

As we enter June, I feel grateful for the support of our members, proud of what we have achieved together, and excited about the opportunities ahead in June. Our journey continues, strengthened by fellowship, service, and a shared purpose.

We began the journey with purpose and trust,
Guided by the **Achievers of August**.

Then came the **Creators of September**, bold and bright,
Turning ideas into action, bringing visions to light.

The **Firebrands of October** carried passion's flame,
Inspiring service and strengthening Rotary's name.

The **Guardians of November** stood steadfast and true,
Protecting our values in all that we do.

The **Dreamers of December** imagined what could be,
Building hopes for a better community.

The **Explorers of January** ventured near and far,
Discovering new opportunities and raising the bar.

The **Illuminators of February** spread knowledge and grace,
Bringing clarity and wisdom to every place.

With **Joy in March**, laughter and fellowship grew,
Reminding us that service can be joyful too.

Then came **Amity of April**, strengthening every bond,
Deepening friendships that will carry us beyond.

And last but certainly not least,
The Believers of May helped us reach the feast.

Believers in service, believers in care,
Believers that together, every burden we can share.

Month after month, chapter by chapter,

We wrote a story of purpose, fellowship, and laughter.

For Rotary is not merely meetings, projects, or a role we play—

It is a journey of hearts united, making a difference every day

Enjoy Rotary!
Samir Limaye
Club President

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Updates by Club Secretary

As we enter the final month of the Rotary year, it is an opportunity to pause and reflect on a truly fulfilling journey. The year has been marked by impactful service projects, meaningful fellowship, inspiring learning experiences, and countless moments that have strengthened the bonds within our Rotary family.

The month of May holds a special significance for every Hiller as we celebrate **20th May—our Charter Day**. This year, we proudly celebrated our **35th Charter Anniversary**, marking three and a half decades of service, fellowship, and

community impact.

The **Charter Night** is undoubtedly one of the most eagerly awaited events of the year. As May begins, the excitement of Charter Night gradually engulfs the entire club. Members, Anns, and family members come together with unmatched enthusiasm to prepare for this grand celebration. The weeks leading up to the event are filled with dance rehearsals, skit practices, music sessions, and countless moments of laughter. Most evenings witness members gathering to perfect their performances, creating an atmosphere of energy, teamwork, and togetherness.

What makes Charter Night truly special is that it is much more than a celebration—it is a reflection of the unique bond that exists within RCTH. It is a time to celebrate our achievements, cherish old friendships, welcome new members into the family, and create memories that last a lifetime. Fellowship during this period reaches its peak, reaffirming that while service is the foundation of Rotary, friendship is its heartbeat.

As we celebrate 35 glorious years of RCTH, we take immense pride in the legacy created by our past leaders and members whose vision, dedication, and hard work have shaped the club into what it is today. Charter Night gives us an opportunity to honor that legacy while looking forward to an even brighter future.

On the service front, our healthcare initiatives continued to make a meaningful impact. Following the MOU signed with Wavikar Eye Hospital, we successfully conducted **18 cataract surgeries during April**, and several more surgeries were carried out during May, restoring vision and improving the quality of life for many deserving individuals.

We were also delighted to witness the beginning of another significant healthcare initiative. The MOU signed with Jupiter Hospital for **pediatric heart surgeries** has already started yielding results, with the first four surgeries being successfully scheduled and executed. For children born with congenital heart conditions and their families, these surgeries bring not just medical treatment but renewed hope for a healthier and brighter future.

As we enter the month of June, the final month of the Rotary year, we do so with a sense of pride, gratitude, and accomplishment. June is celebrated in the Rotary calendar as **Rotary Fellowships Month**, recognizing the friendships and connections that make Rotary much more than a service organization. It is through these bonds of fellowship that we come together as a family, and work collectively to create a positive impact in our Society.

Warm regards,

Nilesh Pitale
Club Secretary



*The best way to find yourself,
is to lose yourself in the service of others !*

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Message by Club Bulletin Editor

Hillars,

Glad to present the June 2026 edition of Hill Echoes bulletin in the TiTen year. It gives an update of projects, meetings and activities done in May 26 as well as what is coming in June 2026 as we approach the end of this Rotary year. We have also covered information related to Rotary International, District.

Rotary theme for June is Rotary Fellowships Month. It is a time dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the importance of international friendship, goodwill, and professional networking among members who share common hobbies, vocations, and recreational interests.

Rotary International offers two distinct types of global interest groups for members and their families ie Rotary Action Groups (focused on humanitarian causes and service) and Rotary Fellowships (focused on hobbies, vocations, and recreation).

Rotary Action Groups (RAGs) are independent, global networks of Rotary members and experts who focus on specific humanitarian issues. They help clubs design and implement impactful service projects in alignment with Rotary's causes.

Rotary Fellowships are international groups formed around common hobbies, professions, or identities. They primarily serve as a fun way to socialize, network, and make friends globally. Over 100 groups exist, ranging from Scuba, Cycling to Startup Investors which are open to Rotarians, Rotaract members, and their families.

Look forward to inputs, content, feedback. I am just a call , mail , sms away !

PP Varsha Likhite

Bulletin Editor RY 2025-26

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CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2026 - YOUTH SERVICE MONTH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Weekly Meeting	5	6
7	8	9 Musical Fund-raising Program	10	11 Club Assembly	12 Joint BOD Meeting	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Shukriya
21 Directors' Orientation Programme	22	23	24	25	26	27 Installation Ceremony
28	29	30				
RI THEME	RCTH OFFICIAL MEET	FELLOWSHIP & FESTIVALS	PROJECTS	EVENTS	DIST. EVENT & PROJECT	

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Message by Editor - Rotaract Club of Thane Hills

**Sayali Korgaonkar**

President Rotaract club of Thane Hills

“Every ending carries within it the blueprint of a new beginning.”

As the curtains draw on the Rotaract Year 2025–26, May arrived as a fitting finale: bold, engaging, and filled with the spirit of collaboration that has defined our journey throughout the year. It was a month that celebrated creativity, teamwork, and the joy of shared experiences, while also offering an opportunity to look back on a year of growth and look ahead to the promise of a new chapter.

On 17th May, members and participants stepped into a world of mystery and spectacle with Murder in the Hills 2.0. Inspired by the glamour and intrigue of Om Shanti Om, the event transformed an evening into an immersive murder mystery musical experience. Blending storytelling, performances, roleplay, and suspense, the event invited attendees to become part of the narrative as they pieced together clues and unravelled a captivating mystery. The Bollywood-inspired theme brought with it a sense of nostalgia, drama, and excitement, creating an atmosphere that was both engaging and unforgettable. With every twist and revelation, participants found themselves drawn deeper into the story, making the event a truly memorable experience.

The momentum continued on 22nd May with Labyrinth 2.0, a flagship online treasure hunt organised in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Thane Titans. Conducted virtually through breakout rooms, the event challenged teams to navigate a series of intricate clues involving ciphers, Morse code, translations, wordplay, and logic-based puzzles. Participants combined critical thinking, teamwork, and resourcefulness as they raced against time to decode each challenge. The hunt culminated in a unique final stage, where teams were required to generate a password from the penultimate clue in order to unlock the ultimate challenge. The event successfully tested problem-solving abilities, collaboration, and perseverance, delivering an exhilarating experience from beginning to end.

As we reflect on the final month of this Rotaract year, we are reminded that the true measure of a year lies not only in the projects we complete, but in the memories we create, the friendships we nurture, and the impact we leave behind. Rotaract Year 2025–26 has been a journey of learning, service, fellowship, and countless shared moments that have strengthened our club and its community.

As one chapter concludes, another eagerly awaits. We are delighted to welcome Rtr. Adv. Prajakta Badadare as the President-Elect for Rotaract Year 2026–27. We look forward to the vision, leadership, and fresh perspectives that she will bring to the club, and we are excited to witness the continued growth and success of the Rotaract Club of Thane Hills under her leadership.

As we carry forward the memories, friendships, and lessons of the year gone by, we also open our doors to the possibilities of tomorrow. With new members ready to embark on this journey and a new chapter waiting to be written, we move ahead with hope, purpose, and the excitement of creating many more stories worth telling. After all, every new beginning brings with it new voices, new perspectives, and new opportunities to create an impact that lasts far beyond a single Rotaract year.

Rtr. Aditya Sharma

Editorial Director

Rotaract Club of Thane Hills

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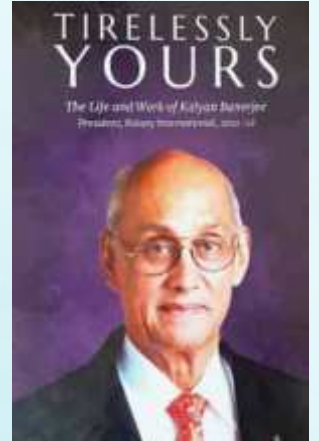
The Journey of an exemplary Rotarian

Atul Bhide

'PP Atul Bhide's review of Past RI President Kalyan Banerjee's biography is published in June edition of Rotary News'



He was born on a makeshift bed under a staircase in his grandmother's home in Calcutta, even as threats of bombs landing from Japanese forces during World War II loomed large. He was sent to a boarding school at the young age of six due to parental discord, only to be moved again to another school over 1,200km away from home. Past RI President Kalyan Banerjee's early years could have resulted in limitations, but instead, they built resilience. Through the 200-odd pages of his biography titled



Tirelessly Yours - the life and work of Kalyan Banerjee, written by Ganesh Vancheeswaran, what we come across is a journey of a fighter, who prefers to look

within, believes in himself and takes action. From marrying Binota, a girl of his choice, going against the family's wishes due to financial, educational to opting for a small 10-year-old firm to starting a career after graduation from a prestigious institution like IIT Kharagpur, or leaving the bustling city of Mumbai, most suitable for one's professional growth, to join a new company in an indescriptive tiny place called Vapi (in Gujarat), Banerjee has always believed in himself and his strengths, this book tells you.



What makes him stand out from other successful people is his

compassion towards fellow humans and his tireless efforts to not just look beyond himself but act upon it as he continued to grow in his profession.

Schooling in three different institutions, the young student made the best out of each of those schools. From mastering stage through poetry recitations and elocution at Tagore's Shantiniketan, learning life etiquettes in Lady Hartley, a British school, to honing public-speaking skills at the Scindia Public School in Gwalior, Banerjee, a boy with a twinkle in his eyes, as fellow schoolmates recall, excelled in many fields during his early years. The young Banerjee was a favourite of the senior boys at Shantiniketan, also for another interesting reason - he was adept at carrying their love letters to the girls' hostel located two blocks away!



While Shantiniketan laid the foundation of ideals and ethics, the Scindia School developed love for sports in young Banerjee. An athlete and a good football and hockey player, he is a big supporter of the East Bengal football team. He also stood first in the Senior Cambridge Exam at the Scindia School. His friendship with the late former Union minister Madhavrao Scindia and sitar maestro Anand Shankar, forged at the school, played an important role subsequently in his life.

In 1960, he secured admission to IIT Kharagpur. After graduating in Chemical Engineering from IIT-K, Banerjee took a bold decision on the advice of his cousin to join a fairly new company in Mumbai, Excel Industries, owned by KC Shroff.

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Impressed with his talent and hard work, Rajnikant, Shroff's cousin, invited Banerjee to join the founding team of a new company from scratch in the small town of Vapi in Gujarat. Here too while his father was unhappy over his decision to leave Excel Industries, the young man stuck to his decision, shifted to Vapi and gave his best for building a new company, United Phosphorus Ltd (UPL).

That was in 1967; ever since Rajju Shroff and his wife Sandra Shroff, the founders of UPL, have been mentors and great supporters of Banerjee both in his professional and Rotary life. Moving on, Banerjee continued to accept new challenges, proved his mettle and helped UPL grow across India, and eventually at the global level.

A dynamic person all through, Banerjee's wedding to Binota and the circumstances leading to their court marriage, amply show his belief in himself, trust in fellow beings and passion for life. Starting a new life with a partner in an unknown small town, culturally and linguistically so different from what he was used to, shows strength of character and trust in his spouse.

Rotary: World of fellowship and service

In 1972 the Rotary Club of Vapi invited Banerjee to become a member. This opened new horizons both for him and the club. Over the years, supported by the Shroffs, Banerjee started building infrastructure for the betterment of the company's workers in sports, education and healthcare, and Rotary's canvas provided a new platform for his vision of doing good for the larger society. Eventually, he played an important role in Vapi's transformation from potholed roads, no restaurants and water scarcity to the modern town it slowly became.

While their own company made good progress, Banerjee understood the importance of having an industry body for voicing concerns to the government, and he played a crucial role in the formation of the Vapi Industrial Association along with Rajju Shroff and a few other industry leaders. His leadership and ability to pursue with the authorities to address the industry's concern resulted in his becoming the association's president.

Along with his growth in UPL and appointment as director on the UPL board, Banerjee's deeper involvement in Rotary increased and led to bigger responsibilities such as club president in 1975-76 to district governor in 1980-81.

As Rotary governor, he achieved the feat of getting a current RI President to attend his district conference which saw a record 1,500 registrations. Soon he was noticed at the Rotary headquarters and thanks to his deep knowledge of Rotary and great articulation skills, he was invited as a trainer at the 1983 International Assembly.

His active involvement in not just building healthcare and educational facilities but also maintaining the high quality of the service projects he initiated through Rotary are all worth reading and emulating. His minute observations about the community's needs also led him to undertake initiatives such as providing a better underground drainage system for Vapi.

Many Rotary leaders do support large infrastructure projects for community service but Banerjee's personal



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involvement in ensuring the highest quality projects was rare and set him apart. Even today, as an octogenarian, he continues to visit hospitals, schools and colleges built by Rotary to monitor and guide their operations.

The expansion of the Rotary hospital in Vapi from a 2-bed clinic to a 200-bed multispecialty institution, the setting up of educational institutions, and the initiatives he drove for the farmers in Dang district are truly inspiring.

“People establish transactional connections, Banerjee establishes real relationships,” says Rtn Madhav Mohan, aptly describing what friendship means to Banerjee. No wonder this soft-spoken, classical music lover (Indian and Western — Amjad Ali Khan to Yanni), could get Indian Railways on board, through his school friend Madhavrao Scindia, to get important trains to stop at Vapi.

Banerjee’s humungous efforts in both polio eradication and literacy are listed in this book. His monumental work including personally visiting rural areas, meeting Muslim communities to overcome their resistance to polio vaccination, and stubbornly travelling to a war-torn Afghanistan as RI President, against the advice of RI, which even sent Binota back home, while he was in Afghanistan to meet its President to discuss the importance of polio vaccination for Afghanistan’s children, shows he has always walked the extra mile for Rotary’s service initiatives across the globe.

The book has interesting nuggets on his tenure as RI President, and how he became an Arch Klumph Society member before assuming charge as trustee chair of TRF, so that he would have moral ground to ask for similar donations from others. There are also numerous anecdotes from Rotarians, based on interviews with club members and world leaders, Kanubhai Desai, the former accountant in UPL and now Gujarat finance minister, personal friends and relatives, which make the book really interesting. The role and importance of his late wife Binota in Banerjee’s life — personal, professional and in Rotary — comes out vividly through these interviews. The way he took care of her during her illness reveals another side of the man as a loving and caring partner. The book also has interesting pictures from various periods in Banerjee’s life.

The narrative begins with foreword by Mohan Patel, an industrialist, friend and ex-Sheriff of Mumbai, and ends with observations from Rtn Krushit Shah, who came up with the idea for this book, which was commissioned not by Banerjee but the Rotary Club of Vapi. “Vapi would not be Vapi without Kalyan and Kalyan would not be Kalyan without Binota,” shares Rtn Sandip Shah.

Kalyan Banerjee’s story is about choosing purpose over comfort - again and again. Like the Milkman of India Dr Verghese Kurien from the same land of Gujarat, Banerjee did not just build a career; he built and empowered communities, an ecosystem and a legacy that will continue to serve for long years. His is an ideal example of transformative leadership.



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INFORMATION UPDATES

Information & Update - 21 | 16th May 2026



Happy to announce our Triumph Foundation has received donation of 5 lakh.

Donor Company : Protechmanize Solutions Pvt Ltd | Promoter : Hakimuddin Wadlawala

Address : Nitco bizpark, wagle estate Thane west.

Cause to support : Cataract surgeries.

Information and Update-23 | 20th May 2026

Triumph Blood Bank, Orian Park, Kapurbawadi, Thane

Visit by District Governor Harsh included discussions on club operations, needs, proposals, and future opportunities to work together. Happy to showcase our activities and progress.

The day was even more special as 20th May marks our Charter Day - completing 36 glorious years of fellowship and service since our journey began.



Information & Update-24 | 20th May 2026

'Thane Literature Festival covered by Rotary International official magazine April 26.'

A small beginning with a meaningful contribution to society through this unique initiative. Thane is evolving into megapolis with different needs. Our partnership with NCPA offers immense potential to grow.

Proud moment for Hillers for conceptualising and conducting this fantastic festival.

Also to secure a mind space and physical space in a Magazine circulated across 46000 clubs and 200 geographies+ countries is equally satisfying.

Do check Page 21 featuring our Charter Member & Past President Dr Suhas Kulkarni interacting with guests. Kudos to PP Atul and about 49 Hiller Volunteers who made this dream a reality.

After some effort, we managed to secure the digital copy as the physical copy was not delivered.

Also check Page 46 to know how India is leading in Global Grants and helping needy fellow Indians through Rotary service.

Proud Hillers



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Life Through Her Lens



Usha Iyer

1. Describe yourself in two words
Ans: Positive . Outwardly agitated inwardly peaceful.
2. What's a life lesson you have learned the hard way
Ans: Nothing beats hardwork.
3. What creative activity makes you lose track of time
Ans. Painting.

4. What's your comfort food—and the story behind it
Ans. Hmm. Curd rice.

-Gen Z will laugh. We used to take dahi baath in dabba to school with nimbu achaar. I do not know how i did not sleep in school after eating that curd rice. And a boon food during travel. Total Gut caring. LOVE IT.

5. If your life were a book, what would be its name
Ans: Navigating Chaos.

6. Rotary project is closest to your heart, and why
Ans: Vocational training for Special School at Holy Cross and Triumph Blood bank.

Sangeeta Khetan

1. Describe yourself in two words
Ans-Passionate | Resilient .
2. What's a life lesson you have learned the hard way
Ans- That situations or people cannot be changed, the best thing for your own peace of mind and happiness is to adapt and move on.



3. What creative activity makes you lose track of time
Ans- Clothes - whether its shopping for them, designing them or simply playing dress up!

4. What's your comfort food—and the story behind it
Ans- Pav Bhaji! I can have it any time any where. It is my soul food, guilty pleasure and instant mood lifter.

5. If your life were a book, what would be its name
Ans-"As I am" because every page will tell the same truth.

6. Rotary project closest to your heart, and why
Ans-Honestly very difficult to pick one..but if i have to share my feelings then the work done by rotary for village folks.. its when you realise that things that you take for granted means the world to them. A small example.. when cycles were distributed... for us it is such an insignificant thing.. but for those kids it was like getting wings...!



Sonali Korde

1. Describe yourself in two words
Ans-Hopelessly positive.
2. What's a life lesson you have learned the hard way
Ans-Boundaries make you and keep you happy.
3. What creative activity makes you lose track of time
Ans-Dancing .

Compiled by IP First Lady
Prachi Divekar



4. What's your comfort food—and the story behind it
Ans-MILK- I have been brought up where dairies were plentiful. As a family we had access to the purest of milk. While going to sleep, I've skipped many a meal, drunk milk and slept. And that habit remains as it is today too, despite so many controversies regarding dairy.

5. If your life were a book, what would be its name
Ans-212 degrees.

6. Rotary project is closest to your heart, and why
Ans-Toilet block construction. I feel it is every human being's right to live hygienically.

Radhika Padmanabhan

1. Describe yourself in two words
Ans- ' Diligent' and 'Restless'.
2. What's a life lesson you have learned the hard way

Ans- I had the awful habit of rushing at the last minute for important events / occasions. When I was pursuing B.Ed at the age of 42 years, I participated in an essay competition conducted by Mumbai University and won second prize. I had to complete several tasks in college before leaving for the prize distribution ceremony; the then Governor of Maharashtra Sri Jamir was giving away the prizes. Sadly, I didn't give enough cushion time and so reached the venue late by 5 minutes, thanks to our tardy local train.....to my dismay, the Governor had just left after the prize distribution. I was left teary eyed for missing the honour of being awarded by the Governor, though some one from the organising team gave me the prize later. This incident taught me that 'a miss is as good as a mile'. A valuable learning for me, indeed!

3. What creative activity makes you lose track of time
Ans- Currently planning and preparing for conducting a G.K.quiz for school children excites me the most. While doing this, I lose track of time, food and regular chores!

4. What's your comfort food—and the story behind it
Ans-4. My comfort food is curd rice matched with home made mango pickle (typical of a Tambrahm).As I was raised in Chennai, where the weather is hot, hotter and hottest, the 'thayir saadam' is very soothing and cooling for the stomach .It provided succour to the stomach during lunch times at school, given the hostile heat. Till date, the curd rice remains my comfort food.

5. If your life were a book, what would be its name
Ans-"Energy rebuilt".

6. Rotary project closest to your heart, and why
Ans-Difficult to choose between the 'Annapoorna' Project and the 'Triumph Run and Carnival'.



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Rotary Foundation Recognition

A proud moment for RC Thane Hills as the club was recognized among the Top Three Clubs in District 3142 for contributions to The Rotary Foundation and was also honored for having the maximum number of members contributing to the Foundation. The award was presented by RID Venkatesh and DG Harsh, reflecting the collective commitment of our members to Rotary's mission of service above self. Congratulations to all members for this remarkable achievement.



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Club Projects

Project 35 - Ann Daan

Saturday, 16 May 2026 | Yogi Hills, Mulund

Yet another Amavasya (no-moon day) observed in the true spirit of service - a tradition dedicated to sharing with those in need. Due to working day and very few volunteers were able to spare time, however the commitment to serve remained unwavering. Over 900+ needy, poor, and blind citizens from across Maharashtra attended and were served.

Month after month, the trio Pawan, Satish, and Prashant continues to be the strong glue binding nearly one-fourth of our club through this noble project - a shining example of dedication, consistency, and compassion. Hillers also celebrated birthday of Rtn Satish Shetty at Yogi Hills.

Service sustained by spirit, strengthened by teamwork.



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ROTARY CLUB OF THANE HILLS
WEEKLY
MEETING

AGENDA

Preparation and planning for upcoming Fundraiser Music Event on 9th June 2026

THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2026 7:30 PM

THIRANI SCHOOL, Vartak Nagar, Thane



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Block Your Dates

Charter Day CELEBRATION
SATURDAY 23RD M A Y

Shukniya
SATURDAY 20TH JUNE

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Club Meetings

Club Meeting - 44

Thursday, 7th May 2026 | Thirani School, Thane

Every stage of life demands preparation. Every transition requires planning, learning, and thoughtful execution. Preparing a Will to ensure safe transfer and transition to those who rightfully deserve it is not merely a financial exercise, but also an emotional responsibility.

An insightful and informative session was conducted by the expert team comprising the Managing Director, Vice President, and General Manager from IDBI Services. Their practical guidance and real-life perspectives helped members understand the importance of estate planning and structured succession.

An encouraging presence of 55 members once again confirmed the relevance and need for such awareness sessions. The presentation has been shared with all members for future reference and better understanding. Special thanks to Sarita Bahl for sharing her knowledge, best practices, and for helping the club arrange this meaningful session. An important announcement was also made regarding an upcoming musical evening on 9th June being organized to support our commitment towards autism initiatives.

The Believers Group for the month of May and Facilitator PP Dr Radhika Bhondve along with Charter Day Convener PP Sucheta, are enthusiastically gearing up for the club's biggest celebration on 23rd May.



Club Meeting - 46 and Charter Day Celebration

Saturday 23rd May 2026 | Federation House, Wagle, Thane

Charter Day A celebration of.... Continuity, Overcoming challenges, Camaraderie, Collaboration with purpose and creating platforms to realize potential. 180 attendance for celebration is a testament popularity of function in our Rotary's calendar. A celebration where our talented amateur artists come together to make the evening vibrant and memorable. About 8 group dances and 6 short skits were presented by total of 60+ members of our club. Dedication and energy of Convenor & PP Sucheta Rege is amazing.

Big thanks to many Hillers (Dr Geeta, PP Dr Suhas, ASKumar and PP Rajeev) for hosting cast & crew at their home as venue for practice and rehearsals. On behalf of Club big thanks to Convenor PP Sucheta Rege for diligently recognizing every one for support and participation during this 30 days of preparation in her formal note earlier. A celebration to recognize and thank all those who have strengthened our foundation over the years - because our Club and Foundation are inseparable partners in service and impact, and together they represent our collective

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identity. A celebration to honour our past leaders and Titan Board members for their invaluable contributions, unwavering commitment, and dedication in shaping the journey and culture of our Club.



Club Meeting 47

Thursday, 28th May 2026 | Thirani School, Vartak Nagar

An engaging and memorable evening with a lively Panel Discussion featuring the partners of our women members. The interaction brought warmth, humour, perspectives, and wonderful camaraderie to the meeting. Hillers enjoyed a truly hilarious evening, with Sameer Korde entertaining everyone in his inimitable style and keeping the atmosphere vibrant throughout.

The evening also showcased the creativity and flair of Milan Bijur, adding colour to Panel. CA Shekhar Kulkarni surprised everyone with his hidden talents, making the evening even more enjoyable. A thoughtful reflection by Harsh on childhood memories and how they shape our motivation, sense of purpose, and direction added depth and meaning to the interaction.

Our biggest opportunity is to leverage knowledge and network of our Partners (Annas) for doing meaningful Projects, Fund Raising and Fellowship. 34 members attended and experienced an evening filled with bonding, laughter, reflection, and togetherness. Wish more members were witness to such a beautiful expression of the true Hillers spirit. Small acts like attending every meeting and participating regularly slowly build habits.

Over a period, habits create culture - and when carried forward decade after decade, they become tradition. Thanks to facilitator May Month group PP Dr Radhika Bhondve and Director Club Admin PP Sucheta Rege and entire group for providing fantastic bouquet of events (Charter day celebration, Preparation of will and this today's Panel discussion) in May month.



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Chrter Day Memoirs



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Aaji Sunte Ho...? Haan Sunao...? Aaj Thursday hai, meeting chaloge kya.

28th May 2026 (Thursday)

Iss Thursday stage par aayenge Lady Rotarians ke **Patidev!**

— Jo roz poochte hain: —
Meeting kab khatam hogi? Rotary mein exactly hota kya hai?

Ab hoga **Panel Discussion - पतीदेव Unplugged!**

Thursday 28th May 2026 7:30 PM
Kahan? - Arey baba, apne hamesha ki jagah, Thirani School.
Aayega jaroor, Fellowship starts at 7 PM sharp.

Warning: Answers may be edited for domestic peace!

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BLOCK THE DATE

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026

Rotary Club of Thane Hills

Installation Ceremony

Rotary Year 2026-27

VENUE Federation House

The Rotary Foundation UNITE FOR GOOD

ARE YOU READY FOR ANNUAL FUND CHALLENGE?

For contributions made to Annual Fund till 30 June 2026

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

	PLATINUM	GOLD
District	At least 75% clubs contribute a minimum of \$1,000 each towards Annual Fund	At least 50% clubs contribute a minimum of \$1000 each towards Annual Fund
Club	At least 75% members contribute a minimum of \$75 each towards Annual Fund	At least 50% members contribute a minimum of \$75 each towards Annual Fund

PHS CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD (for districts only)

Criteria:
Minimum 20 new PHS members and overall PHS eligibility of 80% (percentage of PHS members fulfilling their commitment)

In case of any queries, please reach out to your Zone RRFC or Annual Giving Team at RISAO on (91-11) 42250149/159

Rotary District 3142 UNITE FOR GOOD

Donate with Heart FOR ANNUAL FUND IT'S THE ROOTS OF ROTARY

Your donation helps creating impact

Every contribution you make to the Annual Fund strengthens the foundation of Rotary and empowers us to create miracles again and again.

DONATE ₹ 30,000 AND BECOME A PHS (PAUL HARRIS FELLOW)

STRONG ROOTS • STRONGER TOMORROW

YOUR DONATION. THEIR TOMORROW.

BE THE ROOT • BE THE IMPACT • BE THE INSPIRATION

OFFER IS OPEN TILL 15TH JUNE

HOW TO DONATE? Contribute to The Rotary Foundation - Annual Fund through your Club Treasurer or make online transfer.

LET'S UNITE FOR GOOD Your generosity today builds a better tomorrow.

Thank you for your generous support! Together, we grow stronger. Together, we create lasting impact.

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We have booked **465 passes** for our
charity show



We have a special gift for the person booking
the 500th ticket.

Will you be that lucky one?

Book in the next two hours and be in with a
chance to win a special gift.

Come for the Music, Stay for the Cause.