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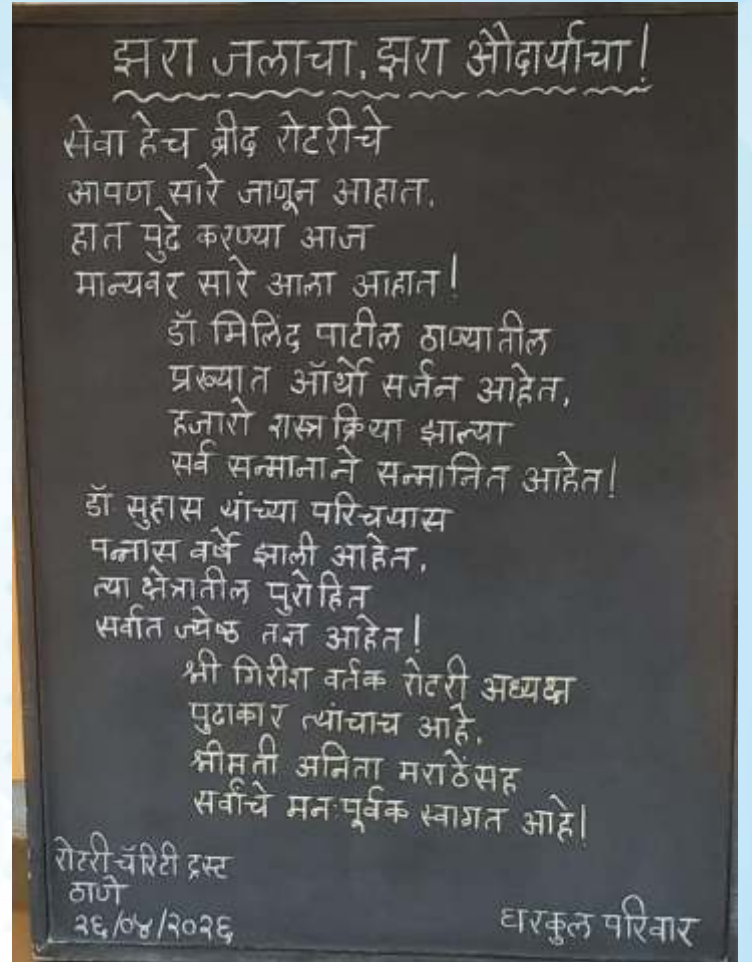
A Fulfilling Visit to Gharkul Institute, Khoni, Badlapur

Our Members - Dr.Milind Patil, Dr.Suhas Purohit, Anita Marathe and President Girish went to "Gharkul" the Ameya Palak Sanghatana initiative.

This was for initiation of the "Borewell project" - thanks to Rs.3.0 lac donated by Dr. Milind Patil to this institution through our Trust. Rtn. Mrs. Swati Suhas Purohit donated Rs.10,000/- to Gharkul Institute.

The visit was a wonderful (and truly humbling experience). The way the entire event was organised by Barve Sir was excellent. The children performed a few skits and dances in their lovely hall and then we went to the point on the site where the Borewell is being dug.

It is a very nice facility. Absolutely well maintained and managed by the founder Shri.Avinash Barve, his wife and a dedicated team. The pleasure seen on the faces of the boys and girls (around 50 of them) residing at the facility is a testimony of the great things the entire team has been doing for them.



Previous Meeting Reports

21st April 2026

President Girish and Secretary Kedar were on the dias. First Lady introduced today's speaker who was interviewed by Mandar Joshi and Vandana Vartak.

Vilas is a businessman in mind, right from his college days.



He graduated from Somaiya College in Science. After graduation he was asked by his parents to take some job and get married and get settled.

He is busy with the safar. 13 businesses done successfully and with full enthusiasm. His first

business was ID Laminations for the office staff. He went ahead with this idea in the film industry and could deal with famous film personalities who encouraged him to further business ideas.

He hosted many film award functions in Singapore. That brought him to Cox and Kings' & travel & tourism business. He planned a tour and Rotary meeting in Sri Lanka. First time our club celebrated Shukria and Installation functions abroad. More than 90 members and guests participated the function and the sight-seeing

in Sri Lanka.

The interview went on well with narration of tour experiences.

Vilas entered the Computer business in Thane and came as a Winner. He established first HP showroom in India. La Plume Company has become a landmark in Computer Business.

He also dabbled successfully in TV serials production and knows many personalities on first name basis.

His foreign travels for his business is phenomenal. Many travels include morning and back night flights.

In medical field he is dealing with handheld X-ray Machine which is very popular and helped to surgeons for the on-the-spot evaluation.

His Covid Vaccines deals were of great help for vaccination camps in government.

At the end he said all these ventures were successful due to family backing, particularly Smita's support. He thanked Vandana and Mandar for taking his interview.

Vote of thanks were given by Sachin Devkar, who praised Vilas for his business acumen and creativity.

The meeting was followed by family dinner.

Attendance : Rtns.- 40 • R Anns - 20 • Guests - 20 • Total - 80

28th April 2026

President Girish was on the dias. He informed the successful visit to Gharkul institute in Khoni, Badlapur.

Today's programme was about the Cyber Crime - reasons and solutions and precautions by Shri Prakash Warke - Chief Cyber Crime and Senior PI.

He was invited by Dr. Ajit. IPE Aniruddha Bhavde declared his BOD team. Smita and Vijay are the advisers. Ajit introduced Prakash who had been at the helm of affairs in Police department in Mumbai and Thane. He is working in cyber crime for 16 years having investigated 1000 cases and about 50 criminals rounded up. He has taken a special training in Virginia, USA.

In his address Prakash said you should be careful about the photos and texts in your mobile. Never publish loose information about yourself like travel and business and shopping. There are so far 65000 cases recorded in our department. Many victims are so much terrified by the experiences of digital arrests, that they need counselling which is now available in police station. The total monetary loss so far in all cases is Rs.2024 crores. Most of the crimes occur in online. Avoid buying small things online on the sites given in the message. Gifts from Customs or anybody, instant loan offer are dangerous. Share investment should never be done online except your registered agent.

At the end you should if affected by the crime tell other & relatives and complain on given numbers and sites or police station.

Q and A session was interesting. Kalyani proposed the vote of thanks. She said take home message given by the speaker is communicate and complain whenever you are involved.

Attendance : Rtns. 12 • Anns 8 • Guests 30 • Total 50

Protect yourself from parcel frauds :

Do not send messages asking for address updates for delivery of a parcel. Do not click on such suspicious or unauthorised links.

Verify unsolicited messages with trusted sources :

If you receive an unsolicited SMS where you are requested to share details with a company, connect with the official customer support team of that company to verify the legitimacy of such requests.

reach out to National Cyber Crime portal at cybercrime.gov.in, call the helpline on 1930 or call ICICI Bank helpline on 1800 2662.

Always remember :

1. DO NOT click on any links received from an unknown person.
2. DO NOT share any confidential / sensitive information with anyone.

If you receive any suspicious SMS, e-mail or call, please report it to Sanchar Sathi at sancharsathi.gov.in and to ICICI Bank at antiphishing@icicibank.com



उद्घाटन सोहळा :

ज्ञानपीठ एज्युकेशन सोसायटी संचलित ज्ञानपीठ विद्यालय व कनिष्ठ महाविद्यालय, जीवन संग्राम मैदान, मनोरमा नगर, ठाणे या विद्यालयातील मुलींसाठी रोटरी क्लब ऑफ ठाणे या सेवाभावी संस्थेकडून Sanitary Vending and Incinerator मशीन प्राप्त झाले असून त्याचे इन्स्टॉलेशन झाले आहे. तरी सदर मशीन पुढे कार्यान्वित करण्यासाठी उद्घाटन सोहळा बुधवार दिनांक २६ नोव्हेंबर २०२५ रोजी सकाळी ९.३० वाजता ज्ञानपीठ विद्यालय, ठाणे येथे संपन्न झाला.



First Lady DGE Kanchan, DGE Nilesh, Rtn. Kiran and PDG Kailash



Our Club Secretary Kedar, DGE Nilesh, First Lady DGE Kanchan and Rtn. Kiran

For the DISCON 2027, Rotary Club of Thane has registered for 20 members. RCT received a certificate of appreciation. Our new member Rtn. Kiran Limaye receiving the same, by the hands of DGE Nilesh, at the recently organised District Learning Assembly Event, organised at CIDCO CONvention Centre, Vashi, Navi Mumbai on 26th April 2026.

Donation to Jeevan Sandhya Mangalya Sansthan



A cheque of Rs.25,000/- was handed over to Shri. Shashikant Ahire of Jeevan Sandhya Mangalya Sansthan. This donation has been done through our Club's Trust.



Our member Rtn. Ulhas Dandekar was felicitated in Cricket Premier League

Bicycle Distribution For Girl Students



"Bicycle Distribution For Girl Students"

project was organized by the District Literacy Team Dist 3142 at Kalyan. 100 bicycles were given to the Uprale and Alonde schools through this project. Our Club's contribution to this project was 10 bicycles.



BOD for the year 2026-27

Aniruddha Bhawe	: President
Girish Vartak	: IPP 25-26
Aparna Bedekar	: PE 27-28
Kedar Patwardhan	: Secretary
Ameya Paranjape	: Treasurer
Amol Kale	: Sargent at Arms
Smita Mahajan	: Advisor
Vijay Paranjape	: Advisor
Achyut Damale	: Vocational Services
Ajay Kelkar	: TRF
Anand Kale	: International Services
Ashwini Vaidya	: Partners in service
Dr. Ajit Pradhan	: Service Med 3
Dr. Ulhas Vaidya	: Service Med 1
Dr. Vijay Patil	: Service Med 2
Kiran Limaye	: e Admin
Mandar Joshi	: Membership
Neha Soni	: CS Editor Publications
Nitin Jadhav	: Service Projects non-med
Ramkrishna Subramaniam	: Club Trainer
Rajeev Karnik	: Corp Social Responsibility
Rajiv Pradhan	: Global Grants
Sachin Devkar	: Club services & events
Tushar Mahajan	: PR & PI
Vaidehi Gupte	: Youth Services
Vilas Bhandarkar	: Club Fellowship

Project Site visit on 9th May 2026 at 7.30 AM

Meeting and Departure point : Opp Viviana Mall.

3 of our projects initiated by Seema and Ram have been completed. This has been achieved due to the tremendous efforts put in by Seema and Ra - running all those Marathons, the additional funds which they were able to get through CSR and the unwavering, strong support by PP Nitin Jadhav in completing the construction on a war footing and in record time.

1. 5 girls toilets built through CSR from Cimpres Ltd.
2. Repair work of Balivli school through CSR from Membrane Systems
3. 2 girls toilets and Solar system installed from the Marathon funds of Seema and Ram.

We plan to visit the following sites :

1. Balivli school (Repair and Solar system)
2. Sonale and Gauthan school (Girls toilets)
3. Nishet school (Girls toilets)
4. 1 more school on the way

I shall be going along with Seema and Ram. Please send a DM to Ram if you wish to join. Please note the visit will take the entire day.

We are also going to inaugurate Renovation work at Dadrd ZP primary school funded (Donated) - Rtn.Dishit Thakkar and Client (E Munimji)



Our Member Uday Nirgudkar at Nashik Rotary Event



Our Members at TRF Seminar



Our Member PP Pravin Nagare Singing in Jai Maharashtra Programme