

Thane Talks

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Karmayog
Improve Your World

A Brush with Colours:

* It takes 7 colours to constitute a Rainbow - VIBGYOR;
one more to make our lives meaningful - KARMAYOG

What's in a word?

You ask, 'What's in a word?'
Let's not say I 'hate' him,
it's a strong word,
creating a great barrier.
Why not say, instead,
I would prefer 'not to deal with him?'
A lot is in a word. Isn't it?

Thane Tiara

Aditya Sangvekar, a student of Saraswati Vidyalaya, Navpada, Thane is the winner in a South Asia Swimming championship held at Islamabad in Pakistan

Thane Trivia

Upvan the beautiful lake has always been the pride of Thaneites.

And Tiara trivialised!

One of the best lakes in the city - the Upvan is in very bad shape. Locals enjoy a swim and even wash their clothes as well!

This is despite the fact that TMC prohibits such activities and has even put up a boatrd.

Let's Ponder:

- * Can't we have a fence?
- * Why not fine for littering and spoilsports
- * Use of recyclable materials at Food Court

Foreword

Doable, lasting and holistic solutions to civic and social problems are only possible with inputs of ordinary citizens based on their actual experiences of the situations.

Identifying the underlying causes of problems, thinking of and discussing different solution possibilities, creating awareness and generating support, working collaboratively and constructively with all stakeholders and government authorities results in great improvement in the quality of our day-to-day life.

Karmayog Thane Club and the "Thane Talks" Newsletter is your platform and bridge to connect and network with other residents, businesses and government authorities!

Your participation and support will bring results!

Objectives of Karmayog Clubs

To facilitate meetings of those who wish to support and those who need support for local social and civic issues.

To help local government bodies and utility service providers to deliver their services efficiently and effectively.

Vinay Somani

Trustee

Let our music be sweet

Let's not compete through criticism - but with valid viable solutions which are enough for understanding and implementation by the authorities.

In today's media competitiveness is *the game for now. Hence a rush for sensationalism.*

Let big things be left in the back burner but take up the possible first

The role of ethically correct strategic communication must be in sync with its mission. Why not something pleasing?

Aren't you concerned over?

- * Loud musical horns in cars?
- * Extortions of many sorts?
- * Pedestrian's rights?
- There're more. Aren't they?

Any solutions possible?

Write to us.
Surprise gift waiting for the best reply

"Growth results from 'exercising' thoughts" is the Law of Life. If only a group of like-minded thinkers in a neighbourhood meet by 'consent', say, on a fixed day for 30 minutes a month - to thinking on ONE Subject! Progress, out of all proportions to the physical agencies involved, could result.

- * This space costs just Rs 250

* If you can't sleep, get up and do something; it's the worry that will get you, not the loss of sleep

What's lacking in our system?

- * A citizen friendly officialdom
- * A citizen friendly Police
- * Innovative practical solutions to problems
- * Apathy of consumer 'who's the King'

"A Deaf Government and Dumb People Do Not Make Democracy"

Let's raise our voice, but gently.

Needed is a simple 'Citizen-Babu partnership'.

We need explore channels for results. Simply giving an application or appeal and an acknowledgement won't do. Not all babus are indifferent.

Find where, in the organisation, our friend is seated.

And the job is done.

Do you know why travel is pleasant in USA?

Traffic is orderly and organised.

Discipline is the world.

Load is manageable.

No 'kabaddi' at Toll Nakas. They are there too

Between Us

It's just two months and four meetings - at Naupada, Hiranandani, Vasant Vihar and Kashish Park. Heartening it is indeed to have the great response to the call for our own Karmayog Thane Club. A busy home, a family and an exacting job doesn't deter Ladies from becoming Karmayog Volunteers. The list is big. (Any reluctance, so far in attendance at the Club meetings, is due to 'Time Factor', I'm sure).

The more the number of members in a group and more the number of groups in our metro, the merrier. More the realisation of our ideals. As we meet in different locations, it should be convenient for Thaneites anywhere in the city.

As you are, perhaps, aware we are a few meeting at a home of a volunteer, all registered volunteers should look up and come forward to hold meetings in their houses. Let's all as well try to gain access in some schools or CHS with office room for meetings of slightly bigger gatherings.

Our meetings will be short, say, 30 to 60 minutes with a small assembly. We believe you have gone through our Constitution in the web site. Your comments - our source of strength - are most welcome.

The first newsletter 'Thane Talks' is now in your hands. Wait for the next issue for complete details, while we await effective interaction amongst us and with HQ. Let's make people around us happy. Then we will be happy. And most of us are happier surrounded by happy people.

Well done Thaneites and Godspeed.

We are the drivers of 'Change' -

And it is now time to Charge.

- S H Subrahmanian

Thane Help Lines

General :	Blood Banks:
Police: 2544 3131	Arpan: 2542 2063
Fire Control: 101; 2533 1600/ 4216 1264; 2540 1589	Navjivan: 2540 0425
Civil Hospital: 2547 1409	Dr Vaidya's Eye Banks: : 2538 0787
Lok Hospital: 2545 1152	Divya Drishti: 2581 2910
	Lions Club: 2533 3455

Members' Letters



Problem is serious since a year. It's really painful to drive in Eastern Express Highway for thaneites. In the morning the traffic is jammed due to the Octoroi and Toll nakas. sometimes, we're often forced to via SV Road. It's daily routine where people nearly waste 25 to 30 minutes at the spot any time- day or night. First of all I don't know why Maharashtra Government is still continuing with Octoroi? Often the traffic police used to make the trucks wait in the third lane but then due to the delay in clearing the Octoroi the line reaches up to the teen haat naka fly over.

Suggestions for a Solution :

- 1) Abolish Octoroi. Will it happen?
- 2) Trucks to be made to follow lane discipline.

-Pradeep G Nair

With malice towards none:

What used to be a festival!
-A quiet prayerful festival!!

With MNCs and corporates vying with each other for sponsorships money is not an issue at all. Divinity and culture has given way to crass commercialism. The road side gangs flourish.

This festival used to evoke fond memories of a small little Ganesha, made of clay, worshipped and after 3 days taken by the families to the well in the home or a river or a pond. None knows why He is dropped, but yet that's it. He drops with a thud, enters the dark waters of the well, just blends with it and goes to where He came from.

The surface level waves created (upsets should be like that for us, ripples only at the surface level as we are humans and inside we should strive and maintain our equanimity). After a few minutes the waves of the well stop and no toxins, no floating of parts of Him-an unacceptable, ghastly sight. ONLY Ganesha can still tolerate this violence and bless the people involved.

"Whatever thought held steadily will materialise in course of time", says Yoga Vaasista. Most of us think along certain lines. If in large numbers we think on the same lines, we can carry others too with us. Public opinion, once formed, exercises a dominant path over the minds of a great majority".

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* It's better to 'sleep' on things before hand rather than be 'awake' about them afterwards

Useful News and Information

An accident occurs

Citizens are reluctant to to even go near the victim, fearing police and legal wrangles afterwards.

Solution:

We must have a 'real' Help Line a readily available one! Professionals are waitin all over the city to rush to the spot to help the victim/ injured. You don't have to admit the person in the hospital.

Where it's so? - In London.

Why not here and when?

SC: You have the Right to Emergency Care

Right to Emergency Care:

Date Of Judgment: 23/02/2007.

Case No.: Appeal (civil) 919 of 2007.

The Supreme Court has ruled that all injured persons especially in the case of road traffic accidents, assaults, etc., when brought to a hospital / medical centre, have to be offered first aid, stabilized and shifted to a higher centre / government centre if required. It is only after this that the hospital can demand payment or complete police formalities. In case you are a bystander and wish to help someone in an accident, please go ahead and do so. Your responsibility ends as soon as you leave the person at the hospital.

The hospital bears the responsibility of informing the police, first aid, etc.

DNA: People's Club comes of age

Karmayog Thane Club to highlight problems of people.

by Deepa H Sarna

The Karmayog Thane club, which came into existence in Thane in August, is now about to come out with a newsletter. This will talk about the social and civic problems faced by individuals as well as society.

The A-4 size four page newsletter which is named as "Thane Talk" will highlight problems of individuals. It will also publish solution if any to the same problem. These sheets will be distributed amongst the members of Karmayog all over the nation. This will be published on monthly basis.

The money required for printing will be collected by means of advertisement. The revenues earned would be handed over to the head centre which will then pay off the dues for printing though the centre is working on its own.

Thane club has around 20 members who come together for half an hour for a weekly meeting at a member's house. In this meeting, they discuss the problems and the solutions towards the same problem which would be highlighted in the newsheet.

Till date they have conducted three meetings in which they discussed on the general lack of a mechanism or organisation to effectively connect citizens with government, the long commuting time involved in attending meetings, the help that people are indeed quietly providing to those who are requesting help in the yahoo group and many such topics are touched upon in these meetings.

S H Subrahmanian, the Chief Co-ordinator of this group, who has taken this initiative, said, "such independent localised groups can be formed who can take up the various local problems as well as problems of individuals too.

"Our purpose is to enable those who need support and who wish to offer support to be able to connect with one another."

This virtual club is operating in other areas too which includes Bandra, Worli, Mulund, Chennai, Baroda and Thane.

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Advertise in Thane Talk

Your support needed for Karmayog Thane Club Newsletter

The first newsletter of the Karmayog Thane Club is scheduled to come out on Sat. Oct. 13th 2007.

Mr.S H Subrahmanian, Co-ordinator, Karmayog Thane Club is preparing the newsletter. If you would like to contribute an article or photographs, please contact Mr.Subrahmanian.

The cost of printing for each monthly newsletter is Rs. 2000/-

It is proposed to raise this amount through advertisements from supporters (citizens, businesses, shops, etc.) so as to make the newsletter self-sustaining.

Following is the Proposed Advertisement Tariff:

- a) Full Page - Back Cover: Rs. 1000
- b) 2 Side boxes next to Mast Head on Front Page: Rs 250 Each
- c) Bottom Strips - 1.5" wide across the bottom of each page, on Pg 1,2,3: Rs 250 each

"Verily never will God change the condition of people until they change it themselves". - Quaran

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