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## WEEKLY BULLETIN 2025-26



**Rtn. Francesco Arezzo**  
Rotary International President



**Rtn. Pradeep Karande**  
President



**Rtn. Nilesh Kutte**  
Secretary



**Rtn. Arun D. Bhandare**  
District Governor (RID 3170)



02 JULY 2025

## TREE PLANTATION

Rotary Club of Kolhapur started its new year with the Annual Tree Plantation project at our Pakshitirth, Bapu Kondekar Farm, Vikaswadi, Kolhapur. We planted a total of 15 plants, along with fertilizer donations made for the care of the trees. It was a joint project between Rotary Club of Kolhapur, Rotaract Club of Kolhapur and Interact Club of Kolhapur. Total of 65 members were present for the project; out of which 48 Rotarians, 8 Rotaractors, 10 Interactors attended the project. Project was also attended by Anns and Rotakids Bhargav Harshad Dhale and Manav Dhiraj Batheja.



02 JULY 2025

## WEEKLY MEETING

Our first weekly meeting was conducted at Pakshitirth, Bapu Kondekar Farm, Vikaswadi, Kolhapur. It was held following our Tree Plantation project. The guest speaker for the week, Mr. Paritosh Urugade, delivered an insightful talk on the topic "Rare Trees in and around Kolhapur City." On this occasion, we also felicitated our club members from the medical and accounting professions in celebration of Doctors' Day and CA Day, respectively.





02 JULY 2025

## BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur organized its first blood donation camp of the year at RSSK. A total of 16 pints of blood were collected and handed over to Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center. Rtn. Mahendra Parmar, Rtn. Narayan Patadia, Rtn. Mohan Patel, President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, and Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte, along with the staff of Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, were present for the camp.



02 JULY 2025

## BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur organized its second blood donation camp of the year at Kolhapur Medical Association. A total of 12 pints of blood were collected and handed over to Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center. Rtn. Mahendra Parmar, Rtn. Narayan Patodia, Rtn. Mohan Patel, President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, and Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte, along with the staff of Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, were present for the camp.

04 JULY 2025

## NEW MEMBERS' ORIENTATION PROGRAM

On 4th July 2025, the Rotary Club of Kolhapur organized a New Membership Orientation Programme at RSSK. The session was attended by 11 new members inducted in the year 2025. The orientation was conducted under the valuable guidance and shared knowledge of senior Rotarians – Rtn. Vilas Deshpande, PDG Rtn. Pratap Puranik, Rtn. Subhash Malu, Rtn. Girish Joshi, and Rtn. Amit Mate.

The new members were enlightened on various key aspects, including an introduction to Rotary International, expectations from members, club avenues, the role of RSSK, and the overall experience of being a Rotarian. Following the session, the new members were taken on a guided tour of RSSK and introduced to the ongoing activities and community projects of our club.

President Elect Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal, Club Service Director Rtn. Harshad Dhale, Bulletin Editor 2025-26 Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar, Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte, and President Rtn. Pradeep Karande were present for the orientation. The vote of thanks was delivered by Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte.

### New Members Present for the Orientation:

1. Mr. Pranav Kshirsagar
2. Mr. Satish Raibage
3. Mr. Satish Kulkarni
4. Mr. Sagar Patil
5. Mr. Aman Momin
6. Mr. Vaibhav Haval
7. Mr. Yogesh Shetye
8. Mr. Vivekanand Kulkarni
9. Dr. Vinayak Rayakar
10. Mr. Shital Mahajan



04 JULY 2025

## BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur organized its third blood donation camp of the year at Menon Pistons Ltd., Shirol, Kolhapur. A total of 28 pints of blood were collected and handed over to Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center. Rtn. Narayan Patodia, Rtn. Jethabhai Patel, Rtn. Arvind Krishnan, and Rtn. Sahil Gandhi, along with the staff of Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, were present for the camp.



04 JULY 2025

## BLOOD DONATION CAMP

Rotary Club of Kolhapur organised its fourth blood donation camp of its year at Menon Pistons Ring Ltd, Shirol, Kolhapur. A total of 20 pints of blood were collected and handed over to Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center. Rtn. Narayan Patodia, Rtn. Jethabhai Patel, Rtn. Arvind Krishnan, Rtn. Sahil Gandhi along with staff of Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center were present for the camp.

05 JULY 2025

## FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEETING

Group member Rtn. Harishchandra Sharma successfully conducted the first group meeting of the year, both for himself and for the group. A total of 14 group members and 37 invitees were present for the meeting.

Group Leader Rtn. Vikas Kadam addressed the gathering, requesting all members to pay their club dues at the earliest, actively participate in group meetings, attend weekly club meetings in large numbers, and suggest names for potential weekly speakers.

Group Coordinator Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh reminded members about the Installation Ceremony of the new team, scheduled for 9th July 2025 at Residency Club. He urged everyone to attend the event with their families and to be seated by 6:30 PM sharp, ensuring the ceremony starts on time and that members can enjoy more time listening to our Guest of Honour.

The meeting concluded with a delicious breakfast hosted by Rtn. Harishchandra Sharma, thoroughly enjoyed by all members and invitees.



05 JULY 2025

## FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEETING

Sulej Group member Rtn. Bharat Kharate conducted his first group meeting at Hotel Chaitali. A total of 18 members and invitees attended the meeting. In his address, Rtn. Bharat Kharate congratulated the new Rotary team and extended his best wishes for a successful year ahead.



05 JULY 2025

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR 3170 - ARUN D BHANDARE INSTALLATION

We attended the Installation Ceremony of Rtn. Er. Arun D. Bhandare as District Governor 2025-26 of RID 3170, held in the esteemed presence of Installation Officer PRID Dr. Bharatji Pandya at Shrimant N. B. Ghorpade Natyagraha, Ichalkaranji.

President Rtn. Pradeep Karande was felicitated by PRID Dr. Bharatji Pandya in recognition of his prior commitment and aspiration for our club to become Major Donors.

The ceremony was attended by Rtn. Amit Mate, Rtn. Arvind Krishnan, Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh, Rtn. Sahil Gandhi, President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, and Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte.



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04 JULY 2025

## INNERWHEEL CLUB OF KOLHAPUR INSTALLATION

Attended the Installation Ceremony of the Inner Wheel Club of Kolhapur. Extended congratulations to President Mrs. Rukmini Hegishte, Secretary Mrs. Smita Ghosalkar, and their entire team.



04 JULY 2025

## PROBUS CLUB INSTALLATION

Attended the Installation ceremony of the Probus Club of Kolhapur. Congratulated the President Mr. Digambar Kulkarni, Secretary Mr. Hambirrao Sankpal, Treasurer Mr. Shrikant Koravi and their entire team.



06 JULY 2025

## ROTARACT CLUB OF KOLHAPUR INSTALLATION

Attended the Installation ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Kolhapur. President Rtn. Pradeep Karande installed the President Rtr. Anish Patil, Secretary Rtr. Neha Havale, and their entire team for the year 2025-26.



## INSTALLATIONS OF OTHER ROTARY CLUBS

Attended Installations of RC Kolhapur Midtown, RC Kolhapur Heritage, RC Kolhapur Karveer, RC Kolhapur Horizon.



## WEEK 1: THE GLORY OF MAHALAXMI TEMPLE — THE HEART OF KOLHAPUR

In the spiritual and cultural fabric of Maharashtra, Shri Mahalaxmi Temple of Kolhapur holds an unshakable place. Revered as one of the 18 Maha Shakti Peethas, this temple is not only a pilgrimage destination but a spiritual lifeline for devotees across India. The idol of Goddess Mahalaxmi, also known as Ambabai, is believed to be self-manifested (Swayambhu), made of black stone and adorned with precious stones and gold ornaments. Her calm yet powerful presence draws lakhs of pilgrims every year, especially during Navratri and Kiranotsav, when the sun's rays directly fall on the deity—a celestial alignment that showcases ancient astronomical knowledge.

The temple's Hemadpanthi style of architecture, with its sturdy stone construction, intricate carvings, and large mandapas, speaks volumes of the craftsmanship of the 7th-century Chalukyas. Despite centuries of change, the temple remains alive with vibrant rituals, morning aartis, and timeless devotion. The temple complex also includes shrines dedicated to Mahasaraswati, Mahakali, and several other deities.

Beyond faith, the Mahalaxmi Temple is a beacon of Kolhapur's identity—a symbol of prosperity, strength, and cultural heritage. Visiting this temple is not merely a religious journey—it's a moment to reconnect with a tradition that has stood resilient through time.

**Rtn. Dr. Shriprasad Kulkarni**



**OVEE SASURKAR WINNER FOR STORY TELLING COMPETITION AT SGI SCHOOL**



**HRISHA RATHOD WINNER FOR ZEN TANGLES COMPETITION AT SHANTINIKETAN SCHOOL**



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<b>YEAR:- 2025-26.</b>				
<b>COMPETITION NAME: INTER-HOUSE STORY TELLING COMPETITION</b>				<b>GRADE - II</b>
<b>DATE:- 14 JUNE 2025</b>				
POSITION	FULL NAME OF THE STUDENT	CLASS	POINTS	HOUSE
I	MAST-ARMAAN ASKARALI JAMADAR	II-D	25	TRISHUL
II	MISS- OVEE VAIBHAV SASURKAR	II-A	24.5	PRUTHVI
III	MISS- ADVITA AMIT CHAVAN	II-A	24	AKASH
<b>PRINCIPAL:-</b>				

Grade	Name of the student
I G	Miss Hrisha Kushal Rathod
I G	Master Krishnaveer Karan Sona
I G	Miss Mitali Sachin Koli

### ORIGIN OF ROTARY

Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Over time, Rotary’s reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Members have a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities and around the world.

**“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.” - Paul Harris**



### ROTARY TRIVIA

#### **1. Where was the first Rotary International Head Quarters situated?**

Please DM your answers to **Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar**.

The names of the first five members with correct answers will be published in the next bulletin.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

**07 JUL** Rtn. Vijay Vatkar

**08 JUL** Rtn. Chintan Shah

**12 JUL** Rtn. Narendrakumar Bansal

## UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

**07 JUL** Rtn. Dhaval Gala & Ann. Shweta

**10 JUL** Rtn. Vinay Kulkarni & Ann Mrudu

**10 JUL** Rtn. Pradeep Karande & Ann Manjiri

## NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY | 07 MAY 2025 | 5:30 PM

## Installation Ceremony 2025-26

### Chief Guest & Installing Officer:

Flt. Lt. Rtn. K P Nagesh (R I Director 2025-27)

Venue : Residency Club, Kolhapur

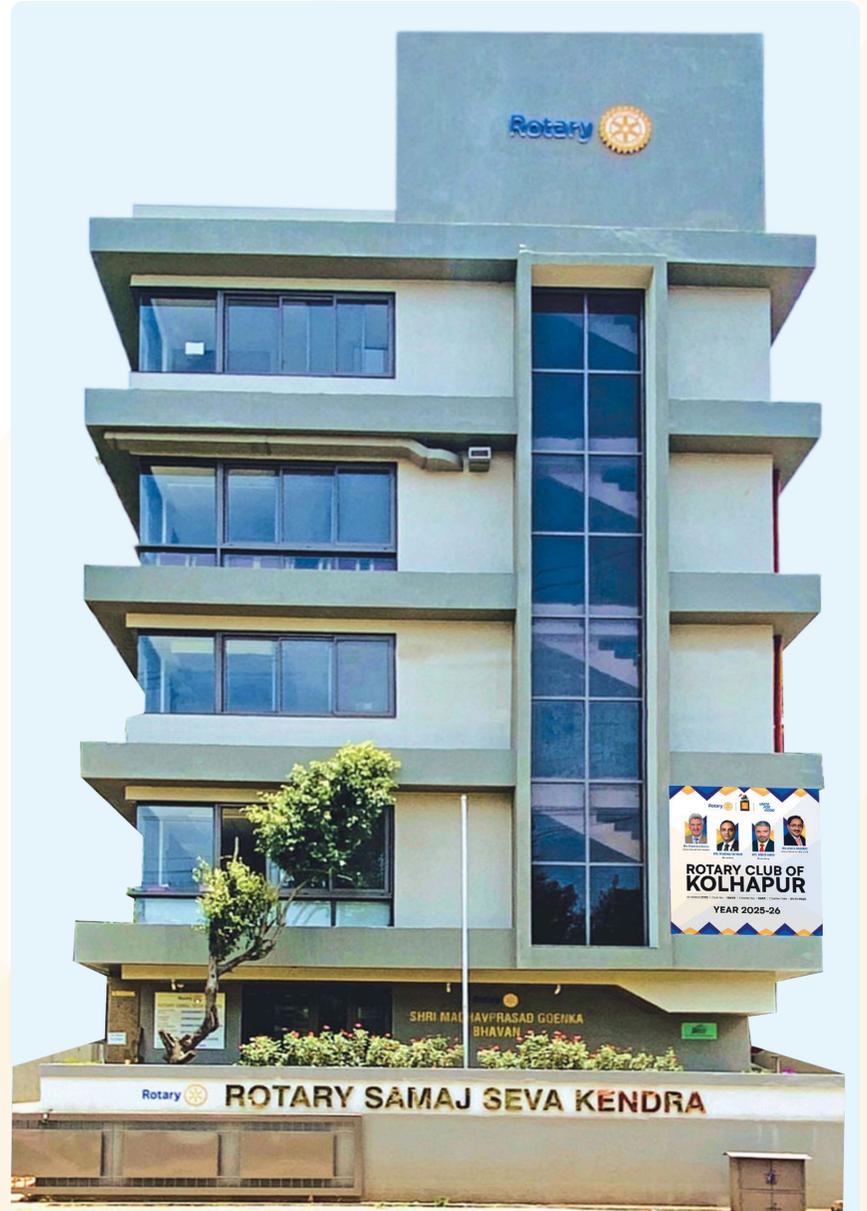
## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Installation Ceremony 2025-26** 9 July 2025  
Residency Club, Kolhapur

**Stingless Bee Workshop for Rotakids** 13 July 2025  
Panhala

**Legendary war of Panhalgad in 13D  
Show for Rotakids** 13 July 2025  
Panhala

**District Event TRF - Level 1** 19 July 2025  
RSSK, Kolhapur



## ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR'S ROTARY SAMAJ SEVA KENDRA

## GET IN TOUCH

## ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 5.30 PM

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