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FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEETING

The Brahmaputra Group's second meeting of the year was held at Hotel Chaitali, where Rtn. Chintan Shah hosted a delightful breakfast for 13 group members and 25 invitees. During the meeting, Group Leader Rtn. Vikas Kadam emphasized the importance of attending weekly meetings, while Group Coordinator Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh reminded everyone about the Installation Ceremony on July 9, 2025.



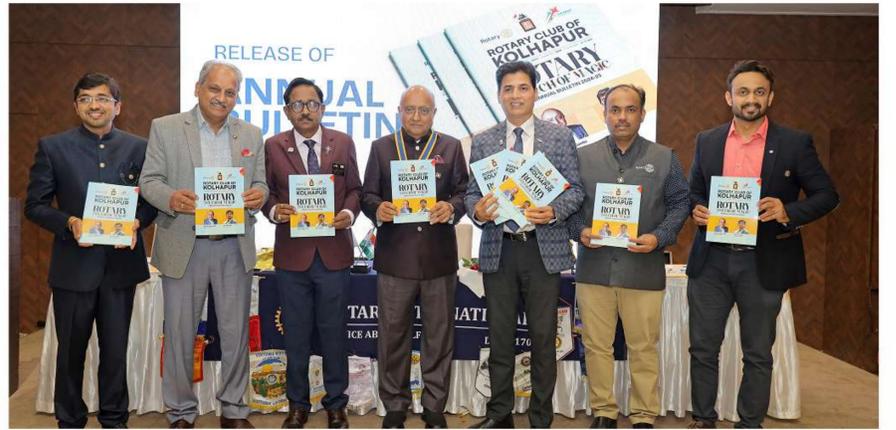
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INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE TEAM 2025-26

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur hosted a grand Installation Ceremony for the incoming team of 2025-26 on 9th July at Residency Club, marking an important milestone in the club's journey. The event was graced by Chief Guest and Installing Officer Rtn. Ft. Lt. K. P. Nagesh, Rotary International Director for 2025-27, and District Governor Rtn. Arun D. Bhandare and Assitant Governor Rtn. Harshwardhan Taywade Patil, who addressed the gathering with their encouraging remarks. The new team, led by President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte, and Treasurer Rtn. Abhijeet Haval, was formally installed during the ceremony. Outgoing President Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka, Secretary Rtn. Sahil Gandhi and Assistant Governor Rtn. Rahul Kulkarni were felicitated for their dedicated service during the year 2024-25.



In his keynote address, Installing Officer Rtn. K. P. Nagesh emphasized the importance of focusing on large-scale community projects and actively pursuing CSR funding opportunities. He shared a forward-looking vision for Rotary, stressing the need to reduce the average age of club members to 40-42 years by inducting younger members, while also expanding the club's strength to 300 with increased representation of women.



The ceremony had an impressive attendance of 225 people including members, Anns, Annetes, and Invitees. Several Past District Governors including, PDG Pratap Puranik, PDG Vasudeo Deshingkar, PDG Rajubhai Doshi, PDG Shrinivash Malu, PDG Sangram Patil, and Assistant Governors Rtn. Sanjay Salokhe, Rtn. Gaurav Shah, and invitees like Rtn. Vikrant Kadam, Rtn. Sachin Malu, and President Secretary of Rotary Kolhapur Movement were also present to witness this prestigious occasion.



The ceremony was carried out with a seamless flow, with the Master of Ceremony and audio-visual presentations handled by Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar, Rtn. Amol Ghodake, and Rtn. Harshad Dhale. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte. Overall, the Installation Ceremony set the tone for a promising Rotary year ahead, as the newly installed team prepares to lead with renewed energy and a clear vision to serve the community with purpose and impact.



WEEK 2: PANHALA FORT — THE UNTOLD TALES OF VALOR AND VISION

Perched atop the Sahyadri hills, just 20 kilometers from Kolhapur city, **Panhala Fort** is more than a historical monument—it's a **living chronicle of Maratha pride, strategic genius, and relentless bravery**. With a history dating back to the 12th century, Panhala played a critical role in Deccan politics and military movements for centuries.

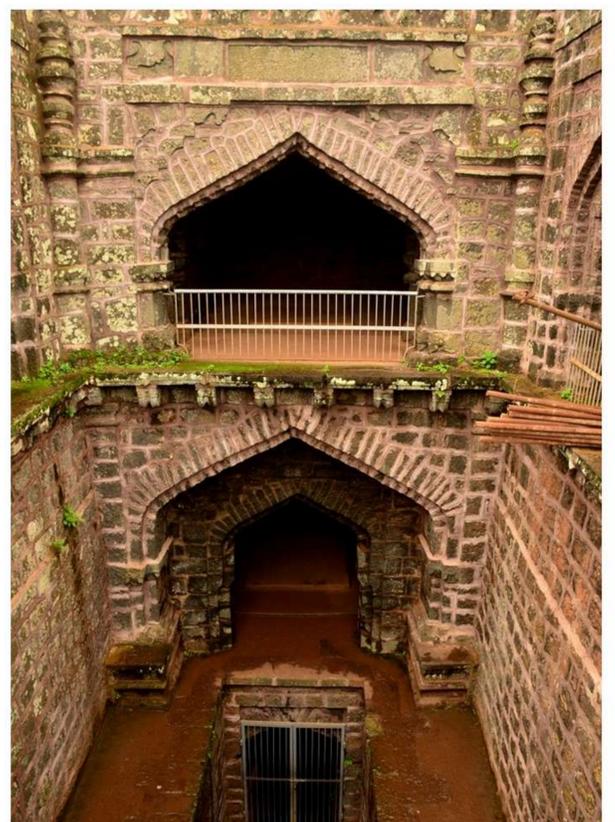
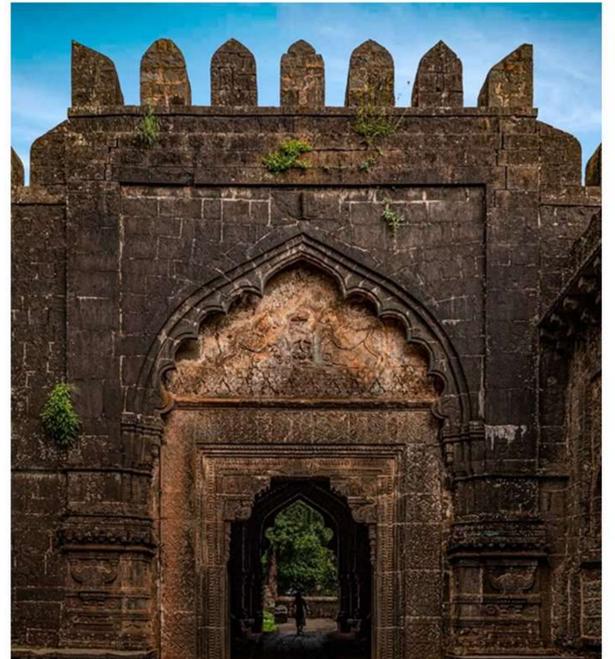
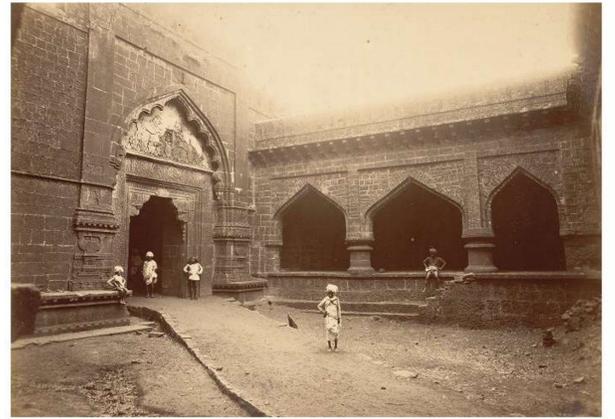
The fort is famously associated with **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**, who stayed here for over a year after capturing it from the Adil Shahi dynasty in 1673. It became a strategic base and a stronghold against Mughal invasions. One of the most legendary episodes in Maratha history — **the Battle of Pavankhind** — is intrinsically linked to this fort. During a night escape from a Mughal siege, **Baji Prabhu Deshpande** and a handful of Maratha warriors laid down their lives to ensure Shivaji's safe passage to Vishalgad, cementing their names in the annals of history.

Walking through Panhala today, visitors can still witness remnants of the past: **Andhar Bavadi** (the hidden well), **Teen Darwaza**, and **Ambarkhana** (granary) reflect the military and architectural brilliance of its builders. Surrounded by misty hills, cool breezes, and panoramic views, the fort is also a favorite among trekkers and photographers.

Panhala isn't just a place—it's an emotion. It echoes the spirit of '**Swarajya**', the dream of a free Maratha state. Visiting here is not just about sightseeing — **it's about standing on the land where legends walked**.

UNESCO has recently recognized **Panhalagad** as one of the 12 forts of **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj** included in the list of **World Heritage Sites**. More about this in the next bulletin.

Rtn. Dr. Shriprasad Kulkarni



OVEE SASURKAR WON INTER-HOUSE TAP YOUR FEET COMPETITION

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YEAR: 2025-26.				
COMPETITION NAME: INTER-HOUSE TAP YOUR FEET COMPETITION			GRADE - II	
DATE:- JULY 2025				
POSITION	FULL NAME OF THE STUDENT	CLASS	POINTS	HOUSE
I	OVEE VAIBHAV SASURKAR	II-A	34	PRUTHVI
II	PRADNESH JAYDEEP PATIL	II-D	26	TRISHUL
III	YASHIKA LAKHAN GALICHA	II-B	22	AGNI
PRINCIPAL				

HRIYAN GALA STOOD 1ST IN JUDO-IHC



**PAST PRESIDENT:
RTN. GIRISH JOSHI**

MEMORABLE PROJECTS:

Successfully completed **113 free cataract operations**, bringing the gift of vision to many underprivileged individuals. This impactful initiative has now been recognized as one of the club's permanent projects.

The club accomplished a significant milestone by completing a **Global Grant** project valued at **\$30,000** — the **Parkinson Rehabilitation Project**. This initiative provided essential rehabilitation support and infrastructure, making a lasting difference in the lives of its beneficiaries.

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION IN ROTARY

The New Members Orientation aims to address the ongoing challenge of retaining Rotary members. While Rotary's global membership remains steady at around 12 lakh, many new members leave within a few years. This session is designed to introduce newcomers to Rotary's core values, mission, and structure, helping them transition from members to committed Rotarians. The club also emphasizes the importance of maintaining a balanced age profile among members by encouraging the involvement of both young and senior professionals.

Rotary International, with a legacy of over 120 years, stands out for its structured governance, global uniformity, and diverse membership across professions. It operates on strong ethical foundations and encourages service through professional expertise. The organization promotes peace, goodwill, and international understanding through its worldwide fellowship. Members are guided by the Four-Way Test, a simple yet powerful ethical framework that encourages truth, fairness, goodwill, and benefit to all concerned.

Rotarians are expected to act with integrity, respect others, use their skills for the betterment of society, and uphold Rotary's reputation. Active participation in meetings, timely payment of dues, and involvement in service projects are essential responsibilities of every club member. Through this orientation, new members are equipped with the knowledge and values needed to contribute meaningfully to Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self."

TRIVIA TIME

Question:

What was the score of Team India when Kapil Dev came to bat against Zimbabwe in 1983 World Cup?

Send your answers to **Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar** on WhatsApp.

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

Last Week:

Question: Where was the first Rotary International Head Quarters situated?

Answer: Chicago, Illinois, USA

Correct answer given by

1. Ann Nikita Gandhi
2. Rtn. Vaishali Taral

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

16 JUL Rtn. Arvind Taral

16 JUL Rtn. Omkar Bhagat

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY | 16 JULY 2025 | 5:30 PM

RSSK Special General Body Meeting

Venue : RSSK, Kolhapur

UPCOMING EVENTS

District Event TRF - Level 1 Meet
RSSK, Kolhapur

19 July



ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR'S ROTARY SAMAK SEVA KENDRA

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