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2025-26



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# Rotary

# HERALD

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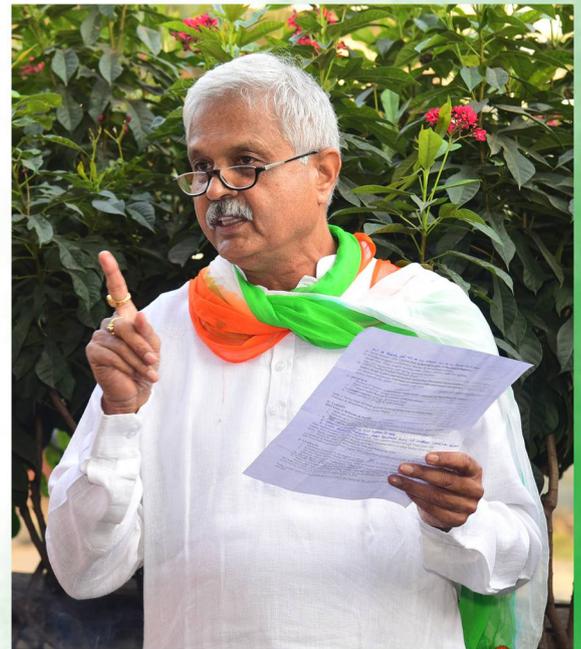
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## 77th Republic Day Celebrated at RSSK with Flag Hoisting by Rtn. Girish Joshi

Date: 26th January, 2026

Venue : Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur



The **77th Republic Day** was celebrated with great pride and patriotic fervour at **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra (RSSK)**. The ceremonial **Flag Hoisting** was gracefully carried out at the hands of RSSK President **Rtn. Girish Joshi** addressed the gathering with an inspiring and motivating speech, emphasising the values of service, unity, and commitment to society.

**Rtn. Girish Joshi's** Republic Day Speech – Brief Summary :

Today, as we gather to celebrate **26th January – Republic Day**, we proudly remember this historic day in **1950** when the **Constitution of India** came into force, making our nation a **Sovereign, Democratic Republic**. I pay heartfelt tribute to **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar**, the **chief architect of our Constitution**, which continues to guide our nation with the values of **Justice, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity**.

Over the last decade, **India** has made remarkable progress under **stable governance and strong leadership**. Our **economy** has grown significantly, **digital payments** have transformed daily life, **infrastructure** has expanded rapidly, and India is steadily moving towards **self-reliance** through initiatives like **Atmanirbhar Bharat**. In **defence, manufacturing, technology, and healthcare**, India today stands **stronger, more confident, and globally respected**.

While we celebrate our achievements, we must also remain conscious of challenges such as **climate change, pollution, and national security**. **Republic Day** reminds us of our **duties as responsible citizens** – to **protect our environment, uphold unity, and contribute positively to society**. Let us resolve to work together for a **peaceful, progressive, and prosperous India**.

**Jai Hind. Jai Bharat.**



On this auspicious occasion, the **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra Calendar 2026** was formally released at the hands of **RSSK President Rtn. Girish Joshi, Secretary Rtn. Arvind Krishnan, Treasurer Rtn. Upendra Deuskar, RCK President Rtn. Pradeep Karande** along with **RSSK Directors and RCK members**. The calendar beautifully showcases **RSSK's projects month-wise**, each page featuring a **QR code for Scan & Donation**, encouraging members and well-wishers to actively support RSSK's service initiatives.



A heartfelt moment followed with the **garlanding of the statue of Danshur Late Prabhakar pant Korgaonkar**, performed by **Mrs. Sucheta Korgaonkar** and RSSK President **Rtn. Girish Joshi**. The solemn tribute filled the atmosphere with reverence and gratitude, bringing joy and pride to all present.



**Jai Hind. Jai Bharat.**

The celebrations concluded on a cheerful note with **refreshments and sweets**, fostering fellowship and camaraderie among the attendees.

The ceremony witnessed the gracious presence of **over 80 participants**, including members of the **Rotary Club of Kolhapur and Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, President, Secretary, Board of Directors** and members of the **Rotaract Club of Kolhapur, Ann's, Annette's, Rotakids**, staff of **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Rotary Karnabadhiri Shishuvidyalay, and Rajarshi Shahu Blood Centre**, making the event truly memorable and impactful.



# Kaveri Group Meeting Host: Rtn. Dr Gurudas Harshe

Date: 25th January, 2026

Venue : Hotel Veluvan, Kolhapur



Kaveri Group member **Rtn. Dr Gurudas Harshe** organised a Group meeting. **8 group members & 5 invitees** attended and enjoyed a sumptuous Breakfast. Various discussions on various topics were held during the meeting. President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande** informed the group members about the projects lined up, like inauguration of the Computer Lab at Nehru

High School, Sarud, donated by Sound Castings Pvt Ltd under CSR, to be held in the first week of February 2026. Group Co-Ordinator **Rtn. Dr Menghraj Chugh** appealed to the group members to register and attend the conference "**Runanubandh**". A discussion on the feasibility of the skin bank was held. Discussion on the taking conference for the awareness on the Organ Donation was also initiated during the group meeting. Group meeting concluded with a **vote of thanks** by the President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande** and felicitating **Rtn. Dr Gurudas Harshe** with a plant.

## RSSK Visit by the members of Rotary Club of Pune Pristine, RID 3131

Date: 27th January, 2026

Venue : Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur

Club members of the Rotary Club of Pune Pristine, RID 3131 visited our Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra. They were all very happy and overwhelmed to see the activities taking place at Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, RSSK. The **Rotary Club of Pune Pristine** recently received a Global Grant for Pediatric Heart



Surgery under which they would be conducting the **Pediatric Heart Surgery** at no cost, and were on a campaign to create awareness on the same. A total of 18 Rotary Club of Pune Pristine members were part of the visit. President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande** briefed and explained all the activities carried out in our RSSK. **Rtn. Dr Menghraj Chugh**, **Rtn. Amol Ghodake** and Community Service Director **Rtn. Shobha Arvind** were present during the visit.

# Flag Exchange with President of Rotary Club of Pune Pristine, RID 3131

Date: 27th January, 2026

Venue : Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur.



President **Rtn. Sunaya Apte** and 17 other members of the **Rotary Club of Pune Pristine**, R. I. District 3131, were on a campaign to raise awareness about Pediatric Heart Surgery. We, the members of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur, exchanged our club flag with them and shared the activities of RSSK and our club. President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, **Rtn. Dr**

**Menghraj Chugh**, **Rtn. Amol Ghodake**, **PDG Rtn. Nasir Borsadwala** and Community Service Director **Rtn. Shobha Arvind** were present during the flag exchange.

## Cataract Surgeries – Phase V

Date: 28th January, 2026

Venue : Orange Multi-Speciality Hospital, Shivaji Peth, Kolhapur

On 28th January 2026, In **Project Vision** operated on **8 beneficiaries** for cataract surgeries at **Orange Multi-Speciality Hospital**. The total count for the year stands at 39 surgeries. We have a plan to operate 40 to 60 surgeries in the year 2025-26. A special thank you to **Mr Vivek Purohit** friend of **Rtn. Sahil Gandhi** for sponsoring the batch of 10 patients in memory of his mother. Appreciate the support extended by **Rtn Dr Vaibhav Sasurkar** and **Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar** and their team.



President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, **Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar** and **Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar** were present for the projects.

“WOMEN SHOULD AIM TO BE  
AT THE DECISION-MAKING TABLE,  
NOT JUST IN THE ROOM.”

**NIRMALA SITHARAMAN**,  
FINANCE MINISTER OF INDIA



# District Conference and District Awards Ceremony

Date: 31st January 2026

Venue: Vijaya Lawns, Near Shirol, Kolhapur – Sangli Road, Kolhapur



Heartiest

# Congratulations

Past President **Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka**, Secretary **Rtn. Sahil Gandhi** and the **Entire Team 2024-25** of RC Kolhapur for this wonderful achievement!!.

We are pleased to announce that our club won many awards for the year 2024-25!! The awards were presented during the district conference held in Kolhapur on 30th, 31st January and 1st February:



We will be felicitating the team on 4th February 2026 during our Club Regular Meeting. Please request everyone to be present for our Club Regular Meeting.

Following is the list of awards won:

## Rotary International Awards:

1. Presidential Citation
2. Avenues of Service- International Service- **Rtn. Amit Mate**



## Rotary Foundation Awards:

1. Club Annual Fund Challenge Award Zone-7- GOLD
2. District Service Award- **Rtn. Siddharth Patankar**
3. District Service Award- **Rtn. Arvind Krishnan**

## District Awards:

1. Best Club
2. Best Secretary - **Rtn. Sahil Gandhi**
3. Best Assistant Governor- **Rtn. Girish Joshi**
4. Highest Contribution in Annual Giving
5. Highest Contribution in Total Giving
6. Best in TRF Program Participation
7. Best in Membership Development
8. Highest per capita contribution in Total giving
9. Highest per capita annual giving



## District Governor Appreciation Awards:

1. Rc Kolhapur's Endowment Fund 2024-25
2. Global Grant- Training of Teachers
3. Major Donor Level 2 - **Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka**
4. Major Donor Level 1- **Ann Ashwini Joshi**
5. Major Donor Level 1- **Rtn. Mahendra Parmar**
6. Major Donor Level 1- **Rtn. Nitin Wadikar**
7. Major Donor Level 1- **Rtn. Namrata Patankar**
8. Best in community service
9. Highest Polio Immunisation
10. Reaching the Unreached
11. Green cover award/ Planet Earth

**Note:** Highlights of the **District Conference**, held on 30th & 31st January and 1st February, will be featured in the upcoming Bulletin.



# Heartiest Congratulations!



## Lavanya Atul Bansal

Lavanya Atul Bansal, a bright student of **Class 3** from **Dr. D. Y. Patil Academy's Shantiniketan, Kolhapur**, has brought pride to her parents, school, and city by securing **2nd Rank in School** in both the **National Level Science Talent Search Examination (NSTSE) 2025–26** and the **SOF International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) 2025–26**.

In the **NSTSE**, Lavanya scored **76.67%**, achieved an **All India Rank of 542** and a **State Rank of 74**, and was awarded a **Certificate of Appreciation** along with a **Gold Medal of Excellence**. In the **SOF IMO**, she scored **33/40 (82.50%)**, secured **95.90 percentile**, attained an **International Rank of 188**, and successfully **qualified for the 2nd Level** of the Olympiad, earning another **Gold Medal of Excellence**.

Daughter of **Rtn. Atul Bansal & Ann Shilpa Bansal**, Lavanya's remarkable achievement at such a young age reflects her **dedication, sharp intellect, and strong academic foundation**. **Heartiest congratulations** to Lavanya, her parents, and her teachers, with **best wishes for her continued success** in the future.

“We are responsible for what we are, and whatever we wish ourselves to be, we have the power to make ourselves. If what we are now has been the result of our own past actions, it certainly follows that whatever we wish to be in the future can be produced by our present actions; so we have to know how to act.”

– Swami Vivekananda



## TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

**Q: How many focus areas guide Rotary's service efforts?**

- A) 4      B) 7  
C) 8      D) 12

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?

Q: In which year did India become a Republic ?

Answer -  
A) 1950

Answers given by -

- 1) Ann Nikita Gandhi
- 2) Ann Dhara Sheth
- 3) Ann Pooja Rathod
- 4) Rtn Vaibhav Sasurkar
- 5) Rtn Dhaval Gala

## Kolhapuri Jaggery (Gud)

**Naturally Pure, Sweet and Healthy**

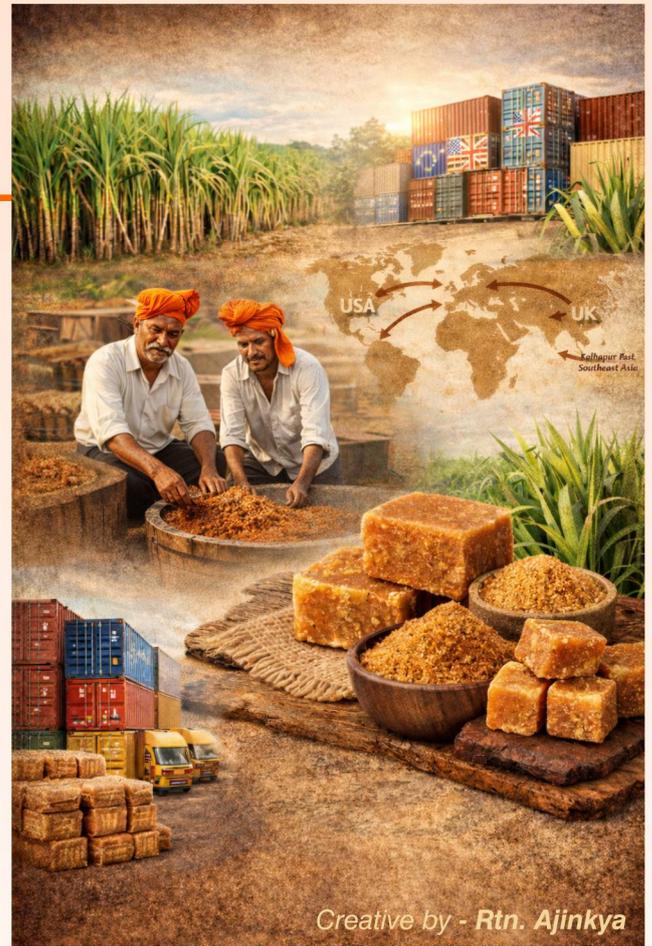
**Kolhapuri Jaggery (Gud)** is a traditional, unrefined sweetener produced from sugarcane juice in the Kolhapur region of Maharashtra. Made using age-old methods without chemical refining, it retains natural minerals and nutrients, giving it a distinctive flavour and aroma. Due to its regional uniqueness, Kolhapuri Jaggery has been granted **Geographical Indication (GI) status**, which protects its identity and assures authenticity linked to its place of origin.

The **quality of Kolhapuri jaggery** is defined by its light reddish-brown colour, rich sweetness, smooth texture, and purity. High-quality jaggery is prepared only from fresh sugarcane juice, without adding sugar, artificial colours, or harmful chemicals. Traditional boiling and careful skimming of impurities play a vital role in maintaining its superior taste and consistency, making it highly preferred over refined sugar.

From a **business perspective**, jaggery production is an important rural industry in Kolhapur, supporting farmers, labourers, and traders. It is widely traded in local markets, wholesale mandis, and directly supplied to food processors, hotels, and sweet manufacturers. With rising health awareness, demand for natural and chemical-free sweeteners has increased, creating strong growth opportunities for Kolhapuri jaggery in both traditional and modern retail markets.

In terms of **exports**, Kolhapuri jaggery has strong demand in countries such as the USA, UK, Middle East, Europe, and Southeast Asia, especially among Indian diaspora and health-conscious consumers. Export markets prefer hygienically processed, well-packed jaggery in blocks, powder, or cubes, often with organic or GI certification. Consistent quality, proper moisture control, and compliance with food safety standards are crucial for successful exports.

Overall, Kolhapuri Jaggery represents a perfect blend of **heritage, quality, and business potential**. With strict quality control, protection of GI authenticity, and modern packaging and branding, it can command premium prices in global markets. Promoting genuine Kolhapuri jaggery not only boosts exports but also preserves traditional skills and strengthens the rural economy.



Shared by - **Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar**

**COMING TOGETHER  
IS A BEGINNING.**

**KEEPING TOGETHER  
IS PROGRESS.**

**WORKING TOGETHER IS  
SUCCESS.**

# Greetings

From -  
**ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR**



## Happy Birthday



- Rtn. Dr Deepak Sahastrabudhe - 26th Jan.
- Rtn. Vinay Sangle - 29th Jan.

## Happy Wedding Anniversary

- Rtn. Abhishek Zanwar - 29th Jan.
- Rtn. Laxminiwas Biyani - 31st Jan.

### GUEST SPEAKER

## Rtn. CA Abhay M Golwalkar BIO-DATA

Rtn. CA Abhay M. Golwalkar is a member of our club for more than **15 years** and has been the **past treasurer**. He is a **regular speaker** at our club on the **budget** for the last **11 years**. He has **wide experience** of more than **33 years** in the field of **Income Tax, Audit and Management Consulting**. He has completed **post qualification course** on **Information System Audit** of ICAI. He specializes in the field of **Designing, Development and Implementation for Internal Control Systems for Management Information System**, as well as **Advisory in merger, acquisition and takeover of companies**. He is also **Internal Auditor of Listed Public Limited Companies** and associated with many **NGOs** for implementation of **CSR projects**.

## NEXT MEETING



DATE:  
**Wednesday,  
4th February 2026**

TIME:  
**5:30 PM**

### GUEST

**Rtn. CA Abhay M Golwalkar**

### SUBJECT

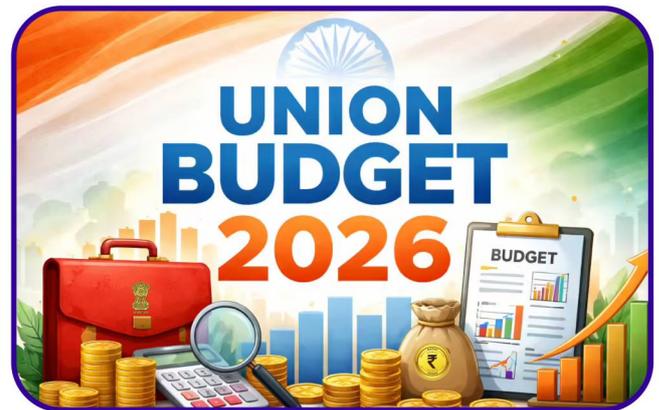
**Impact of  
Union Budget 2026-27**

**All Ann's are requested to join the meeting.**

**Venue : Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra,  
Shri. Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, 3rd Floor,  
Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall,  
Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur**



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with PRIDE**



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