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# Grand Inauguration of Computer Laboratory by Rotary Club of Kolhapur

Date: 31st March 2026

Venue: Indira Gandhi Highschool and Uchcha Madhyamik Vidyalaya Science Sarud  
Tal. Shahuwadi, Kolhapur.



In a significant step towards strengthening **education** and promoting **digital empowerment**, the **Rotary Club of Kolhapur** inaugurated a **state-of-the-art Computer Laboratory** at **Indira Gandhi High School and Uchcha Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Science Sarud, Taluka Shahuwadi**.

The project was generously sponsored by **Sound Castings Pvt. Ltd.** under its **CSR initiative**, providing **12 computers along with one UPS**, with a **total contribution of Rs. 2,86,000/-**, reflecting the organisation's strong commitment to **community development** and advancement of **digital education**.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by **Chief Guest Rtn. Arun D. Bhandare, District Governor, RI District 3170 (2025–26)**. The Computer Laboratory was inaugurated at the auspicious hands of **Rtn. Arun D. Bhandare** and **Rtn. V. N. Deshpande**, adding prestige to the occasion.

The event was further honoured by the presence of **Rtn. V. N. Deshpande, Past President of Rotary Club of Kolhapur** and **Founder & Chairman Emeritus of Sound Castings Pvt. Ltd.**, along with distinguished dignitaries **Ex-MLA Shri Babasaheb Sarudkar Patil** and **Shri Yuvraj Patil**.

The programme was conducted in a vibrant and enthusiastic atmosphere. Addressing the gathering, **District Governor Rtn. Arun D. Bhandare** elaborated on **Rotary's various ongoing projects and initiatives**, highlighting the **positive impact** created in society through dedicated service.



Rotary Club of Kolhapur President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, in his address, spoke about the club's **diverse social initiatives** and emphasised its commitment towards undertaking **impactful and ambitious community projects**.

**Rtn. V. N. Deshpande**, in his remarks, stated that **Sound Castings Pvt. Ltd.** has always been actively involved in **social initiatives**. He emphasised that **encouraging students** and contributing to their **progress** remains a key objective, and the **computer laboratory** is a step in that direction.

Institution Head **Shri Yuvraj Sarudkar** shared insights into the institution's journey from **small beginnings to a progressive educational centre**. He appreciated the initiative and expressed heartfelt gratitude for providing the **computer laboratory**, stating that the students are **talented and eager to excel**.

The newly established **computer lab** aims to equip students with **essential digital skills**, opening new avenues for **learning and growth**. This initiative once again reflects **Rotary's unwavering commitment to educational upliftment and societal development**.

The programme was attended by **PDG Pratap Puranik**, President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, Programme Chairman **Rtn. Dr. Abhijeet Haval**, along with **Rtn. Arvind Krishnan**, **Rtn. Avinash Raste** and **Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam**.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from **school authorities**, **Rotary members**, and **local residents**, making it a **memorable and impactful occasion**.

**A step towards digital empowerment... a step towards a brighter tomorrow.**

## TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

**What does the Rotary Wheel symbolize?**

- A) Wealth                      C) Service and Progress  
B) Power                        D) Education

Send your answers to **Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar**  
on **Whatsapp**  **90285 26755**

The names of the **First Five Members** with correct answers will be published in the next bulletin

## Last week Question & Answer

When was Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra established?

Answer -

A) 04-04-1969

Answers given by -

- 1) Ann Nikita Gandhi
- 2) Ann Dhara Sheth
- 3) Ann Pooja Rathod
- 4) Ann Poonam Shah
- 5) Ann Vaishali Taral



## 38th Weekly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 1st April 2026

Venue: Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur

GUEST : **Mr. Sahil Gaikwad**

SUBJECT : **Your Phone & Laptop are Watching You: Real Cyber Attacks in Daily Life**

Our thirty-eighth weekly meeting was held on the 3rd floor of **Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall**, Shri Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur. The Rotary Club's weekly meeting featured an engaging and thought-provoking session by **Mr. Sahil Gaikwad**, who spoke on the topic **"Your Phone & Laptop Are Watching You: Real Cyber Attacks in Daily Life."** His presentation captured the audience's attention by highlighting how cyber threats have become an integral part of everyday life, affecting individuals through their most commonly used devices.

During his address, **Mr. Sahil Gaikwad** explained in simple yet impactful terms the various ways cyber attacks occur in daily life. He emphasized that both **Android** and **iOS** platforms, despite their advanced security systems, are not completely immune to hacking. Through practical examples, he demonstrated how hackers can exploit vulnerabilities and gain access to personal data without users even realizing it.

Representing **Bellbird Labs**, **Mr. Sahil Gaikwad** also showcased the company's **AI-Driven Cybersecurity Solutions**. The presentation highlighted their advanced

**Security Operations Center (SOC)**, which integrates features such as **Threat Intelligence**, **Deception Technology**, **Data Loss Prevention (DLP)**, **Zero-Trust Security**, **Firewall Protection**, and **Email Security** — offering a comprehensive shield against modern cyber threats.

He further elaborated on how these technologies work together in real-time to **detect, prevent, and respond to cyber threats proactively**. The concept of **Zero-Trust Security**, along with tools like **Vulnerability Assessment & Patch Management** and the **Centralized MITRE ATT & CK Dashboard**, ensures continuous monitoring and quick response to any suspicious activity, thereby minimizing risks and strengthening overall digital safety.

**Rtn. Sahil Gandhi** introduced the guest and **Rtn. CA Abhay Golwalkar** proposed a vote of thanks, and **Rtn. Aman Momin** emerged as the lucky Rotarian for the week.

Following the weekly meeting, members joyfully celebrated the birthday of **Rtn. Sheetal Mahajan**, adding a warm and cheerful touch to the gathering.



# Effective Session on Leadership & Service Excellence at RSSK

Date: 30th March 2026

Venue: Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur



A concise and impactful session for the RSSK Board of Directors was conducted by **Mr. Siddharth Pandit** and **Mrs. Saloni Pandit** of Level Up Academy. The speakers highlighted the importance of a **strong vision statement rooted in unity, impact, and sustainability, aligned with Rotary's service values**. They also emphasised clear team hierarchy and accountability to ensure effective execution of

organisational goals. Maximum BOD members were present for the session.

The session further focused on staff behaviour with clients, stressing empathy, active listening, and professionalism. Importance of teamwork, open communication, and a positive work environment was discussed, along with improving service visibility and strengthening RSSK's positioning to enhance its overall community impact. Practical tips for enhancing community engagement and fostering leadership among staff were also shared, leaving participants motivated to implement these strategies effectively.

## Probus Club of Kolhapur' Monthly Meeting

Date: 5th April 2026

Venue: Rotary Nana Nani Park, Kolhapur



The monthly meeting of the Probus Club of Kolhapur was held on Sunday, April 5, 2026, in an enthusiastic atmosphere. The session featured **Dr. Sandeep Patil** as the keynote speaker, along with the presence of **Dr. B. A. Patil**, newly elected President of the Kolhapur Medical Association, and **Dy. S.P. Mr. Tanaji Sawant** as distinguished guests.

Dr. Sandeep Patil delivered an engaging talk on **"Music and Health,"** highlighting its positive impact on physical and mental well-being. He also demonstrated simple yoga practices, showcased the **Omkar sound** using a conch (**Shankh**), and explained effective breathing techniques. The event witnessed a large turnout, including members of the Kolhapur Medical Association, Probus Club members, and several local citizens.



## Rotary International President **Francesco Arezzo's** April 2026 Message

**“Count on preparation, not luck”**

Not long ago, in a small health centre in the village of Aaye in southwest Nigeria, a woman arrived in labour carrying twins. The facility was short-staffed. The nurse midwife in charge was not present.

A community health worker stepped forward. She had participated in **Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria**, a **Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale** initiative. And though she was not formally trained as a midwife, she was equipped with essential **emergency obstetric skills**.

Hours later, both babies had been delivered, one at the health centre and the other at a general hospital, where the mother had been referred after complications were quickly identified. The newborns and their mother were alive and safe.

Women around the world face similar circumstances every day — moments when the difference between life and loss depends on well-trained **medical staff** and reliable **systems and procedures**.

**Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria** exists to increase the chances that those moments end in hope. By strengthening **health systems** and training **frontline workers**, this programme helps communities protect mothers and children even when circumstances are difficult.

This work reflects the very heart of **Rotary service**. Service is not only what we do when conditions are ideal. It is what we do when **systems are strained, resources are**

**limited**, and the **need is urgent**. It is the commitment to prepare people before a crisis arrives and to stand with communities when it does.

**Maternal and child health** is not an abstract goal. It is deeply personal. It is a mother who survives childbirth. It is a newborn who takes a first breath. It is a family that remains whole because someone was **trained, ready**, and cared enough to act. Rotary understands that service means investing in people and systems long before they are tested.

Programmes like **Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria** show what is possible when **Rotary** brings together **local knowledge, global partnerships, and sustainable solutions**. By working alongside **health professionals** and **local leaders**, Rotary helps ensure that lifesaving care does not depend on **luck or location**.

The story of the mother and her twins is at its core a story of **service**. It is a reminder that **Rotary's impact** is measured in human moments when people step forward to help others in their most vulnerable hours.

When we **Unite for Good**, service becomes more than an ideal. It becomes a **lifeline for families, a source of strength for communities**, and a promise that **Rotary** will continue to go wherever help is needed most.



*Shared by - Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam*

## टिकाऊ प्लायवूड, स्मार्ट हार्डवेअर म्हणजे 'एस डेकोर'

राठोड यांनी साकारले यशाचे समीकरण; गुणवत्ता, सेवेवर ग्राहकांचा दृढ विश्वास



कुशल राठोड

आधुनिक बांधकाम, इंटेरियर डिझाइनच्या जमान्यात प्लायवूड, फर्निचर हार्डवेअरला मोठे महत्त्व आहे. दर्जेदार उत्पादने, ग्राहकाभिमुख सेवा देत कुशल राठोड यांनी टिकाऊ प्लायवूड, स्मार्ट हार्डवेअर म्हणजे 'एस डेकोर' असे यशस्वी समीकरण साकारले आहे. बाजारातील बदलते ट्रेंड्स, नव्या डिझाईन्स आणि आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञान यांचा सातत्याने अभ्यास करून 'एस डेकोर' ने विविध उत्पादने एकाच छताखाली ग्राहकांना उपलब्ध करून दिली आहेत. 'बुई विल्ड ट्रस्ट' हे ब्रीद घेऊन ते 'एस डेकोर' ला प्रगतीच्या दिशेने घेऊन जात आहेत.

व्यवसायाची पार्श्वभूमी असलेल्या कुटुंबामध्ये जन्मलेल्या कुशल यांनी देखील शालेय जीवनातच स्वतःचा व्यवसाय सुरू करण्याचा निर्धार केला होता. शिक्षण पूर्ण झाल्यानंतर २००९ मध्ये त्यांनी प्लायवूड, लॅमिनेट आणि सर्व प्रकारच्या फर्निचर आणि काचेच्या हार्डवेअर विक्रीचे दुकान सुरू करत व्यवसाय करण्याच्या निर्धाराला प्रत्यक्षात आणले. सर्जनशील, नावीन्याचा शोध घेणारे क्षेत्र असल्याने कुशल यांनी प्लायवूड, फर्निचर हार्डवेअरमध्ये व्यवसाय करण्याचे ठरविले होते. त्यांनी लहान साइट सप्लायपासून सुरुवात केली आणि हळूहळू बंगले, हॉटेल्स, हॉस्पिटल्स, कॉलेजेस आणि संस्थांसारख्या मोठ्या प्रकल्पांपर्यंत ते पोहोचले. 'एस डेकोर' ने प्लायवूड, ब्लॉक्स बोर्ड, लॅमिनेट्स, डोअर्स, किचन अॅक्सेसरीज, ड्राॅवर सिस्टीम्स, हिंजिस, हॅडल्स, फिटिंग्ज अशा फर्निचर हार्डवेअरच्या उत्पादनांची विस्तृत रेंज त्यांनी ग्राहकांसाठी उपलब्ध करून दिली. घरगुती तसेच व्यावसायिक प्रकल्पांसाठी आवश्यक असणारे प्रत्येक उत्पादन या टिकाणी सहज उपलब्ध होत असल्याने ग्राहकांची वेळ आणि खर्चाची बचत होते. उत्पादनांच्या गुणवत्ता आणि सेवेवर ग्राहकांचा विश्वास दृढ झाला. त्यांनी इचलकरंजी, रत्नागिरी, सावंतवाडी, कुडाळ आणि सर्वात महत्त्वाचे म्हणजे गोव्यातील प्रकल्पांना साहित्य देण्यास सुरुवात केली. हैदराबाद, बंगळूर, हसन आणि इतर शहरांमधील प्रकल्पांनाही साहित्य पुरवले. कुशल



यांनी एकावेळी एकच पाऊल पुढे टाकत व्यवसायाचा विस्तार केला.

### कोकण, गोव्यात विस्तार करणार

व्यवसायाची क्षमता वाढविण्यासाठी नवतंत्रज्ञानासह सोशल मीडियाचा वापर आम्ही प्रभावीपणे करत आहोत. एस डेकोरची कोल्हापूर जिल्ह्यात आणि इचलकरंजी कोकणातील रत्नागिरी, सावंतवाडी, कुडाळ, गोवा, आदी परिसरात स्टोअर्स उघडण्याच्या दृष्टीने यापुढे आम्ही पावले टाकणार असल्याचे कुशल यांनी सांगितले. कोणताही व्यवसाय असू दे आगदी प्रामाणिक व्यवसाय करा, त्यात नवतंत्रज्ञानाचा पुरेपूर वापर करा, तत्पर सेवा देत ग्राहकांशी कनेक्ट राहा, असा सल्ला त्यांनी नव्या पिढीला दिला.

### सामाजिक क्षेत्रात योगदान

कुशल यांना लहानपणापासून सामाजिक सेवा आणि वंचितांना मदत करण्याची आवड होती. स्वतःचा व्यवसाय करतांना ते सामाजिक भावनेतून पहिल्यांदा रोटॅक्ट क्लब ऑफ

कोल्हापूरमध्ये सहभागी झाले. त्यानंतर रोटरी क्लब ऑफ कोल्हापूरचे ते सदस्य झाले. या क्लबच्या सचिवपदाची जबाबदारी त्यांनी सांभाळली. विविध सामाजिक उपक्रमांमध्ये त्यांनी महत्त्वपूर्ण योगदान दिले. रोटरी समाजसेवा केंद्र व कोल्हापूर प्लायवूड डोअर्स अॅण्ड हार्डवेअर डीलर्स असोसिएशनचे संचालक व सिल्व्हे लीफ (जैन सोशल ऑर्गनायझेशन)चे सदस्य म्हणून ते कार्यरत आहेत.

### ग्राहकांचे 'एस डेकोर' ला प्राधान्य

'एस डेकोर' कडे विविध प्रकारचे प्लायवूड, ब्लॉक्स, लॅमिनेट्स, हिंजिस, ड्राॅवर चॅनल्स, हॅडल्स, लॉकिंग सिस्टीम्स, मांड्युलर फर्निचरसाठी आवश्यक हार्डवेअर उपलब्ध आहे. घरगुती फर्निचरपासून ते व्यावसायिक प्रकल्पांपर्यंत सर्व गरजा पूर्ण करणारी उत्पादने येथे मिळतात. त्यामुळे कारागीर, इंटेरियर डिझायनर, बांधकाम व्यावसायिक, तसेच सामान्य ग्राहक 'एस डेकोर' ला प्राधान्य देतात.

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## Radhanagari Dam

“From Royal Vision to Regional Lifeline”

### Introduction

**Radhanagari Dam** is a historic and significant dam built on the **Bhogavati River** in Kolhapur district of Maharashtra. Nestled in the scenic surroundings of the **Sahyadri Range** and surrounded by dense forests, the dam is not only an important water resource but also a popular tourist destination known for its natural beauty.



### History

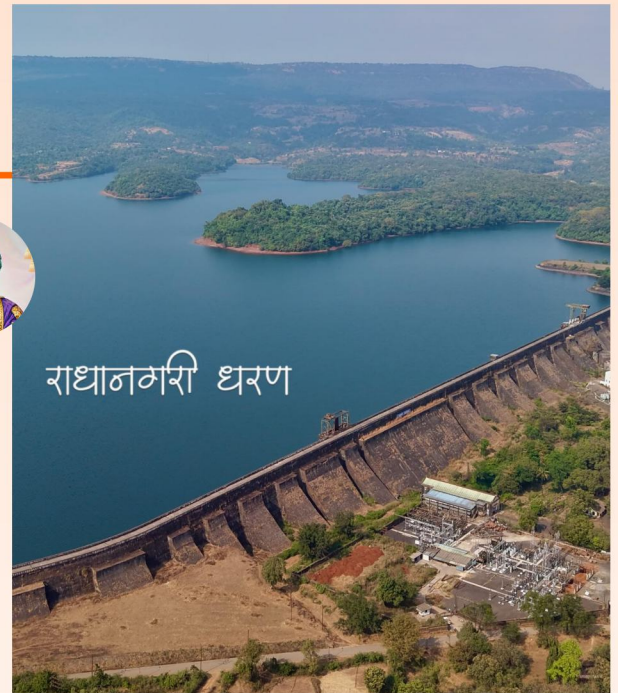
The construction of Radhanagari Dam was initiated in 1907 by the visionary ruler **Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj**. The project was completed in phases and was finally **finished in 1954**. This dam stands as a remarkable example of early engineering as well as social foresight, as it brought a major transformation in irrigation and water management in the Kolhapur region.

### Structure and Technical Features

Radhanagari Dam is a gravity-type dam, constructed using strong stone masonry to withstand water pressure by its own weight. It has a height of approximately 42.68 meters and a length of 1143 meters, with a total storage capacity of around 220 million cubic meters. One of its most unique features is its system of seven automatic gates, which open based on water pressure without the need for electricity or mechanical power—an impressive engineering innovation for its time.

### Uses and Importance

The dam is primarily used for irrigation, drinking water supply, and hydroelectric purposes. It irrigates thousands of hectares of agricultural land, significantly supporting sugarcane farming and the jaggery industry in the Kolhapur district. Additionally, it fulfills the water requirements of Kolhapur city, making it a vital lifeline for the region's economy and daily needs.



### Environment and Biodiversity

The dam is located within the Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary, which is rich in biodiversity. The sanctuary is home to animals such as the Indian bison (gaur), deer, and even tigers, along with a wide variety of bird species. This makes the region environmentally significant and important for conservation.

### Tourism Importance

Due to its picturesque setting, Radhanagari Dam attracts many tourists and nature lovers. The lush green forests, calm reservoir waters, and opportunities for bird watching promote eco-tourism in the area. The view becomes especially mesmerizing during the monsoon season when the dam is full and overflowing.

Shared by - Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar

# Greetings

From -  
**ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR**



## Happy Birthday



- Rtn. Sheetal Mahajan - 1st April
- Rtn. Harshad Dhale - 2nd April
- Rtn. Dr Mahadeo Mane - 2nd April
- Rtn. Dr Jayant Bhosale - 4th April

### Professional Profile

#### GUEST SPEAKER

### Mrs. Ruparani S. Nikam Mayor of KMC

- **Position:** Mayor of Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (KMC).
- **Party Affiliation:** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).
- **Election Result:** Elected in February 2026, defeating Congress candidate Sachin Maruti Shende with 46 votes against 35.
- **Significance:** She is part of the first-ever Mahayuti (BJP-led alliance) panel to secure the mayoral seat in KMC. She is the first BJP corporator to hold this position after a 5-year gap in city administration.
- **Term:** Expected to serve for an initial term

## NEXT MEETING



DATE:  
**Wednesday,  
08th April 2026**

TIME:  
**5:30 PM**

#### GUEST

### Mrs. Ruparani S. Nikam Mayor of KMC

#### SUBJECT

### Vision of Kolhapur

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**

of approximately 15 months (Savva Varsha).

- **Background:** She contested and won from Ward No. 18 (General Category).
- **Key Focus:** Her appointment is supported by senior BJP leaders, including Higher and Technical Education Minister Chandrakant Patil, and MP Dhananjay Mahadik.



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**WE MEET EVERY**  
**WEDNESDAY AT 5.30 PM**

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