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President



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Secretary



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District Governor (RID 3170)

18 JULY 2025

VISIT TO RSSK RRFC PDG RTN. SURENDRA BOMMIREDDY

PDG Rtn. Surendra Bommireddy visited the multiple initiatives undertaken at RSSK, including the Physiotherapy Center, Hydrotherapy Center, Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, Vertigo Center, and the Speech and Hearing Center. He appreciated the efforts and was delighted to learn that the building was established through the generous contributions of club members. PDG Rtn. Surendra Bommireddy also had engaging conversations with the staff members from the respective departments. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Rtn. Amit Mate for making his visit meaningful by introducing him to this impactful project.



10 JULY 2025

VISIT TO SHREE SWAMI SAMARTH TEMPLE FOR THE KIDS OF LATE KAMLAKAR NEVGI KARNABADHIR SHISHU VIDYALAYA

A field visit was arranged for the students of Late Kamlakar Nevgi Karnabadhira Shishu Vidyalaya to Shree Swami Samarth Temple at Koti Tirth, Kolhapur. Seven students from the school visited the temple pond and its premises, where they had the opportunity to practically observe various aspects covered in their academic curriculum. They were accompanied by their class teacher, Ann Gayatri Puranik, and Rtn. Shobha Arvind.



19 JULY 2025

VISIT TO RSSK BY VARIOUS ROTARIANS OF VARIOUS CLUBS OF RID 3170

Rotarians from various clubs of RID 3170 visited the multiple initiatives conducted at RSSK, including the Physiotherapy Center, Hydrotherapy Center, Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, the Vertigo Center, and the Speech and Hearing Center. They appreciated the impactful work being done and were delighted to learn that the building is operated through the generous contributions of club members. The visiting Rotarians also had meaningful interactions with the staff from the respective departments.



19 JULY 2025

DISTRICT EVENT - TRF LEVEL 1 SEMINAR

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur hosted the TRF Level-1 Seminar at Madhavprasad Goenka Bhavan, Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, 3rd Floor, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur. The seminar was attended by an esteemed panel, including RRFC of Zone-7 PDG Rtn. Surendra Bommireddy, EPNC PDG Dr. Girish Gune, ARRFC PDG Gaurish Dhond, DRFC PDG Ganesh Bhat, DG Rtn. Arun Bhandare, DGE Dr. Lenny Da'Costa, DGN Rtn. Ashok Naik, DGSC Rtn. Ajay Menon, along with all District Chairs and DCCs of TRF, Endowment Fund, Polio Fund, CSR, and VTT. The purpose of the event was to discuss strategies for promoting TRF giving and programs. A comprehensive overview of TRF contributions—globally, in India, and within the district—was presented, along with discussions on various avenues such as Endowment, CSR, Annual Giving, Grants, Directed Gifts, and more.



19 JULY 2025

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur recently organized a blood donation camp at RBL Bank Ltd., Market Yard Branch, Kolhapur. A total of 29 pints of blood were collected and handed over to the Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center. This brings the club's total blood collection for the year to 127 pints, reinforcing its commitment to community service. Rtn. Dhaval Gala, along with the staff from Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, were present during the camp.



20 JULY 2025

FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEETING

Ganga Group member Rtn. Dr. Vijay Gorpade conducted the first group meeting of the year. A total of 9 group members and 3 invitees were present.

Group Leader Rtn. Deepak Charane encouraged all members to make the most of the group meetings, attend the weekly club meetings in large numbers, and suggest speakers for the upcoming sessions. Group Coordinator Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh appealed to all members to register for the Goa Stag Picnic scheduled for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th August 2025.

The group also took the initiative to organize a special project—screening the movie "SITAARE ZAMEEN PAR" for 80 special and differently-abled children from Helpers of the Handicapped on 27th July 2025.

The meeting concluded with a delicious breakfast hosted by Rtn. Dr. Vijay Gorpade, which was enjoyed by all members and invitees.



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22 JULY 2025

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur recently organized a blood donation camp at Kelson Engineers, Shirolī M.I.D.C., Kolhapur. A total of 29 pints of blood were collected and handed over to the Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center.

This brings the total blood collection to date to 156 pints, furthering the club's commitment to serving the community. Rtn. Arvind Krishnan, along with staff from Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, was present during the camp.



22 JULY 2025

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur recently organized a blood donation camp at Mantri Metallics, Kagal, Kolhapur. A total of 28 pints of blood were collected and handed over to the Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center. This brings the total blood collection to date to 235 pints, further strengthening the club's commitment to community service. Rtn. Narayan Patodia, along with staff from Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, was present during the camp.

22 JULY 2025

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur recently organized a blood donation camp at Mantri Metallics, Shirolī, Kolhapur. A total of 51 pints of blood were collected and handed over to the Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center. This brings the total blood collection to date to 286 pints, further reinforcing the club's commitment to serving the community. Rtn. Mahendra Parmar, Rtn. Mohan Patel, Rtn. Jethabhai Patel, Rtn. Arvind Krishnan, and Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte, along with the staff from Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, were present during the camp.



23 JULY 2025

WEEKLY MEETING

Our fourth weekly meeting was held on the 3rd floor of Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur. The guest speaker, Mr. Dayanand Devamore, delivered an insightful talk on the topic "तणावमुक्ती आणि रोगनिवारण" (Stress Relief and Disease Prevention). A total of 45 Rotarians attended the meeting. Rtn. Upendra Deuskar conducted the introduction, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Rtn. Abhijit Haval. Rtn. Dr. Dilip Shah was declared the Lucky Rotarian for the week.



24 JULY 2025

BOD MEETING & CLUB ASSEMBLY

On 24th July 2025, at Panhala, the Rotary Club of Kolhapur held its first Board of Directors meeting and club assembly, conducted by Assistant Governor Rtn. Harshwardhan Taywade-Patil. Directors shared updates on completed and upcoming activities, and DG Thrust Areas were discussed. The assembly was attended by 45 members.



ACHIEVEMENTS CORNER

Dhhey Sunny Vacchani and his Team placed 2nd in Inter-house Master Mind Competition

Rtn. Shobha Arvind was Invited to speak on "Communication for effective Leadership" at Bharati Vidhyapeeth Institute of Management

Sou. Sushila Danchand Ghodawat Charitable Trust's Sanjay Ghodawat International School <small>Post : A/Agre 416118, Kolhapur - Sangli Highway, Dist : Kolhapur, Maharashtra, INDIA Contact: +91 9552 587017, +91 230 - 2689700 E-mail : principal@sgischool.in Website: www.sgischool.in</small>				
YEAR:- 2025-26.				
COMPETITION NAME: INTER-HOUSE MASTER MINDS COMPETITION			GRADE - IV	
DATE:- 9 JULY, 2025				
POSITION	FULL NAME OF THE STUDENT	GRADES	POINTS	HOUSE
I	AARUSH VIJAY MALI	IV-D	26	TRISHUL
	AARAV MUKESH MALANI	IV-F		
	VIVAAN ROHIT BHANSALI	IV-D		
	KUNJ MOHIT BHARADIA	IV-F		
II	DHHEY SUNNY VACCHANI	IV-D	24	PRUTHVI
	ESHWARI VINEET CHAVAN	IV-D		
	SWARUP SACHIN KADAM	IV-D		
	SHAAHYA YOGESH MALOO	IV-F		
PRINCIPAL				



WEEK 4: JYOTIBA TEMPLE — A DIVINE BLEND OF DEVOTION AND LEGACY



Nestled high in the Panhala range, about 18 kilometers from Kolhapur city, the Jyotiba Temple stands as a beacon of faith and a testament to the spiritual culture of southern Maharashtra. This sacred shrine is dedicated to Lord Jyotiba, a composite form of three deities—Brahma, Vishnu, and Mahesh—who is believed to have incarnated to destroy evil forces and restore balance.

The current temple structure was built in the 18th century by Ranoji Shinde, and its pink-hued architecture is immediately captivating. The surrounding complex houses smaller shrines, adding depth to the spiritual aura of the place. During the annual **Chaitra fair** (**March-April**), lakhs of devotees arrive carrying tall 'Sasan Sticks' and the temple turns into a sea of pink as Gulal (pink powder) fills the air—a sight both divine and dramatic.

Mythology tells us that Jyotiba aided Goddess Mahalaxmi in her battle against demons, and hence he is deeply revered as Kolhapur's guardian deity. The panoramic views from the hilltop, the rhythmic chants, and the serene wind together offer visitors not just a religious experience but a profound spiritual journey.

Rtn. Amol Ghodke



A STELLAR PRESIDENTIAL YEAR: CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

As President during our club's platinum jubilee year (2018-19), I was determined to make it a memorable and impactful year. We set ambitious targets and worked tirelessly to achieve them. I'm proud to say that we exceeded expectations and created a lasting legacy.

PAST PRESIDENT:
RTN. AMIT MATE

Key Highlights:

- **Global Grants:** Secured two Global Grants for a hydrotherapy center and washroom facilities in 10 government schools. These are the first ever Global Grant done by our club after matching grant programs.
- **Parkinson's Rehabilitation Center:** Launched a new permanent project
- **Highest TRF Contribution:** Achieved the highest TRF contribution from Maharashtra clubs and second-highest in the district
- **Major Donors:** Recognized four major donors for their contributions
- **RSSK Building:** Laid the foundation for the Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra (RSSK) building
- **Community Engagement:** Organized a range of events, including:
 - First time Stag picnic in Goa
 - Family picnic
 - Vocational training for women in villages with Swayamsiddha
 - Full-pitch cricket match between Rotary and Rotaract
- **New Initiatives:** Formed an Earlyact Club of Kolhapur, Rotary Community Corps at Herwad, and a sister club in Waynesboro, USA
- **Service Projects:** Conducted an artificial limb camp with 250 beneficiaries and distributed 100 wheelchairs first time for our club
- **Education Initiatives:** Established MPSC/UPSC school libraries at RCCs and science labs in corporation schools
- **Polio corrective surgery:** We did a polio corrective surgery of a girl and she was extremely happy to see her revival.

A Memoir to Cherish

We published a memoir documenting our club's journey from 1943 to 2018, which was widely appreciated. The platinum jubilee year was a testament to the power of collaboration and community engagement, showcasing the true synergy between Rotary, Rotaract, RCC, Probus, Interact, Earlyact, and Innerwheel clubs.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROTARY BELL

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organized an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize.

The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the Battle of Trafalgar.

Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline, and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meetings.

The bell informs us with its sound of the beginning of the Rotary meeting, at which time people present should stand, same as at the end, in order to salute the national and Rotary flags.

The gavel symbolizes the authority invested in the Rotarian elected to the highest position in Rotary, and through him/her reminds those present of his/her authority.

When presidents transmit their positions to their successors at the end of their mandate, they give the bell their last hit turning the gavel over to their successor, symbolizing the transfer of authority.



Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh

TRIVIA TIME

Question:

Who was the first woman to hold the position of Rotary International President?

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: Which was Amitabh Bachchan's first film as a lead actor?

Answer: Saat Hindustani

Correct answer given by

1. Rtn. Girish Joshi
2. Ann Nikita Gandhi
3. Rtn. Dr. Abhijeet Haval
4. Ann Pooja Rathod
5. Ann Dhara Seth

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

27 JUL Rtn. Adil Shaikh
28 JUL Rtn. Niraj Zanvar
29 JUL Rtn. Yogesh Shetye
30 JUL Rtn. Mahesh Kulkarni
31 JUL Rtn. Ratankumar Doshi
31 JUL Rtn. Satish Kulkarni
01 AUG Rtn. Sameer Waykool
02 AUG Rtn. Dr. Ela Mate
02 AUG Rtn. Manjiri Karande

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY | 30 JULY 2025 | 5:30 PM

Close Business Meeting

Venue : RSSK, Kolhapur

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Club Picnic

Goa

2 to 4 Aug

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

28 JUL Rtn. Indrajeet Nageshkar & Ann Rupa
30 JUL Rtn. Upendra Deuskar & Ann Madhura



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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