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Blood Donation Camp

Date: 16th June 2026

Venue: Patidhar Samaj Bhavan, Timber Market, Kolhapur



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur successfully organized a **Blood Donation Camp** at **Patidhar Samaj Bhavan, Timber Market, Kolhapur**. The camp witnessed an encouraging response from voluntary blood donors, resulting in the collection of **83 pints of blood**. These donations have the potential to benefit nearly **249 patients**, helping meet the critical need for safe blood in emergencies, surgeries, and medical treatments. With this achievement, the club's cumulative blood collection has reached an impressive **1,593 pints**.

A noteworthy aspect of the camp was the enthusiastic participation of not only men but also a large number of **women** and **young girls**. Their active involvement reflected the strong awareness about blood donation within the **Patidar community** and **demonstrated a deep sense of social responsibility**. The overwhelming response highlighted the community's commitment to contributing towards lifesaving causes and supporting those in need.

The program was led by **Event Chair Rtn. Jethabhai Patel**, whose dedication played a key role in the success of the camp. In a generous gesture, he also donated Rs.11,000 to **Rajarshi Shahu Blood Bank Centre** to support its lifesaving activities. **Rtn. Avinash Raste** - Chairman - Rajarshi Shahu Blood Bank Centre, **Rtn. Jethabhai Patel** and **Mr. Amarnath Patil** - Administrative Officer - Rajarshi Shahu Blood Bank Centre were present during the event, encouraging donors and promoting the noble cause of voluntary blood donation. The camp once again reflected Rotary's commitment to serving humanity and saving lives through community service.

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur sincerely **thanks** the **Patidar Samaj** for organising and supporting this successful Blood Donation Camp. Their commitment to this noble cause is truly commendable, and they have set an inspiring example for others to follow in serving society and saving lives.

Govindrao Korgaonkar Charitable Trust Receives Rotary Samaj Seva Puraskar 2025-26

Date: 17th June 2026

Venue : Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Shri. Madhav Prasad Bhavan,
Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur and Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra presented the **Rotary Samaj Seva Award 2025-26** to **Govindrao Korgaonkar Charitable Trust, Kolhapur** for its outstanding social and educational service.

The Trust was established on **16 May 1946** by Late Shri Prabhakarpanth Korgaonkar, who donated his entire share of family property in memory of his father, Late Shri Govindrao Korgaonkar. Since then, the Trust has worked for the welfare of society. During the freedom movement, it supported freedom fighters, social workers, students, and educational institutions. After Independence, it continued helping people through rural development, disaster relief, and programs for weaker sections of society.

For many years, the Trust has supported several educational and charitable institutions. Since 1948, it has been running **Hindkanya Hostel** for girls and **Vinaykumar Hostel** for boys, helping students from disadvantaged backgrounds receive education. The Trust also provides scholarships, prizes for meritorious students, and educational guidance through expert lectures.

The organization has helped poor and needy people through affordable food centres, financial support for women, and recreational activities for senior citizens. In recognition of its valuable work, the Government of Maharashtra honoured the Trust with the prestigious **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Sanstha Dalit Mitra Award** in 1992. Its Managing Trustee, **Shri Anilpanth Korgaonkar**, also received the **Dalit Mitra Award** individually.

Today, under the leadership of **Smt. Suchetatai Korgaonkar, Shri Ashish Korgaonkar, and Smt. Pallavitai Korgaonkar**, the Trust continues its mission of serving society. Rotary Club of Kolhapur and Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra expressed pride in honouring the Trust for its long-standing and dedicated service to the community.

Speaking on the occasion, **Rtn. Girish Joshi**, President, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, praised the Korgaonkar family's exceptional philanthropy and commitment to social service. He highlighted that Late Shri Prabhakar pant Korgaonkar dedicated his share of family wealth to establish the Trust and create a lasting legacy of service. He further stated that the present generation is carrying forward this noble vision through support for education, hostels, freedom fighters, disaster relief activities and various community welfare initiatives.

Rtn. Joshi also recalled the long-standing association between the Korgaonkar family and the Rotary Club of Kolhapur, which began in 1969 with the donation of land for Rotary activities. He noted that the **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra building stands on this donated land** and continues to serve thousands of citizens through its **Physiotherapy Centre, Rajarshi Shahu Blood Centre** and **Speech & Hearing Centre**. He expressed **heartfelt gratitude to the Korgaonkar family** for their continued support to Rotary and society at large.

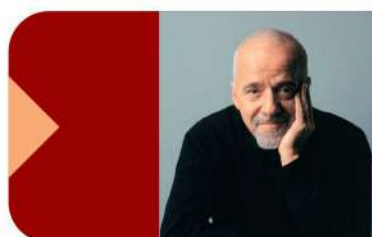
Speaking on the occasion, Rotary Club of Kolhapur President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande** highlighted the club's rich legacy of community service. He stated that Rotary Club of Kolhapur has been consistently serving society for decades through various initiatives in the fields of education, healthcare, social welfare, and community development, always guided by the spirit of "Service Above Self."

Rtn. Karande also elaborated on the significance of the **Rotary Samaj Seva Puraskar, jointly presented by Rotary Club of Kolhapur and Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra**. He noted that the award is conferred upon individuals and organizations that have made exceptional contributions to social service and humanitarian causes. Briefly recounting the distinguished history of the award, he mentioned that it has honoured many eminent personalities and institutions whose work has created a lasting impact on society. He concluded by congratulating the awardees and appreciating their inspiring contribution to community welfare.

The Puraskar was presented by **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, President, Rotary Club of Kolhapur; **Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal**, President Elect, Rotary Club of Kolhapur; **Rtn. Girish Joshi**, President, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra; **Rtn. Arvind Krishnan**, Secretary, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra; **Rtn. Shobha Arvind**, Community Service Director and **Rtn. V.N.Deshpande** Past President. Several Rotarians and distinguished guests were present on the occasion.



The award was received on behalf of the Trust by **Smt. Suchetatai Korgaonkar** and **Shri Ashish Korgaonkar**. **Heartiest congratulations** to the Trust and its dedicated team for this well-deserved recognition.



*"When a person really desire something,
all the universe conspires to help that person
to realize his dream."*

- Paulo Coelho

International Yoga Day Celebration – Yoga Workshop

Date : 21st June 2026

Venue : Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Shri. Madhav Prasad Bhavan,
Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur



In celebration of **International Yoga Day**, the **Rotary Club of Kolhapur**, in association with **Om Yog Prabodhini**, successfully organised an inspiring and rejuvenating **Yoga Session** for its members. The workshop was expertly conducted by renowned Yoga Instructor **Mr. Sanjay Pishte**, who enlightened participants on the immense physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of yoga in everyday life.

A total of **22 Rotarians and Anns** enthusiastically participated in the session and gained valuable insights into the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle through yoga. The workshop included demonstrations and practice of various yoga postures, breathing techniques, and relaxation methods aimed at promoting overall well-being, flexibility, and inner peace.

The program was organised under the leadership of **Event Chair Rtn. Upendra Deuskar**. The occasion was graced by **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, President, **Rtn. Nilesh Kutte**, Secretary, **RC Kolhapur**, along with several Rotarians and Anns, who actively participated and celebrated the spirit of International Yoga Day.

The session concluded on a positive and energetic note, reinforcing the timeless message that **“Yoga is not just an exercise; it is a way of life that nurtures harmony between body, mind, and soul.”** The workshop was highly appreciated by all participants and served as a meaningful step towards promoting health, wellness, and holistic living within the Rotary family.

RCK Group Meeting

Date : 21st June 2026

Venue : Shri. Madhav Prasad Bhavan, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur

The Group Meeting held on **21st June 2026** at the **Rotary Hall** was conducted by **Rtn. Manish Harlalka (Sabarmati)**, **Rtn. Sriprasad Kulkarni (Narmada)**, **Rtn. Chetan Desai (Godavari)** and **Rtn. Jayesh Gandhi**, with the support of hosts **Rtn. Amit Mate**, **Rtn. Siddharth Patankar**, **Rtn. Dhaval Gala**, **Rtn. Dr. Niranjan Patil**, **Rtn. Manish Harlalka**, **Rtn. Jayesh Gandhi**, **Rtn. Vijayendra Charane** and **Rtn. Raosaheb Deshpande**. The meeting witnessed an excellent attendance of **68 club members**, reflecting the strong spirit of fellowship and commitment within the club. The gathering served as a wonderful occasion to bid a heartfelt farewell to the dedicated team of Rotary Year **2025-26**, acknowledge and appreciate their valuable contributions, and warmly welcome the incoming team of **2026-27** with encouragement and best wishes for a successful year ahead.

The event was marked by a vibrant atmosphere of camaraderie, gratitude, and celebration. Members shared memorable moments, expressed appreciation for the achievements of the outgoing team, and looked forward to the new opportunities and projects under the incoming leadership. Adding to the joy of the occasion was a **delicious breakfast spread featuring a variety of mouth-watering dishes**, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The fellowship, lively interactions, and positive energy made the morning truly memorable, leaving every member happy, motivated, and inspired for another exciting year of Rotary service. Thanks to all the Hosts.



TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

What is the next DG Theme for RI District 3170 for the year 2026-27?

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| A) Team Vision | C) Team Inspire |
| B) Team Phoenix | D) Team Excellence |

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

Q. How many Rotarians were honoured with Best Support Awards this year?

Answer -
A) 6

Answers given by -

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

International Yoga Day Celebration at Nana Nani Park

Date : 21st June 2026

Venue : Nana Nani Park, Tarabai Park, Kolhapur



On 21st June 2026, International Yoga Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at **Nana Nani Park, Kolhapur**. The event was jointly organized by **Nana Nani Hasya Yoga Pranayam Club**, **Nana Nani Park Group**, **Karaoke Group**, and **Probus Club**, with active participation from members of the **Prince Zumba Club, Bawada**. The celebration brought together people from different walks of life, creating an atmosphere of health, positivity, and community spirit.

The chief resource person for the program was **Mr. Ashok Patil**, a renowned yoga expert and organiser from Kolhapur. He conducted an inspiring and informative yoga session, explaining the importance of yoga in maintaining physical fitness, mental well-being, and a balanced lifestyle. Participants enthusiastically performed various yoga postures, breathing exercises, and wellness practices under his guidance.

The event witnessed an impressive gathering of around **80 to 100 participants**, reflecting the growing awareness and acceptance of yoga as a way of life. The program was highly appreciated by all attendees and successfully conveyed the message of adopting healthy habits for a happier and healthier future.

The celebration concluded on a delightful note with breakfast arranged by the **Nana Nani Hasya Club**, providing an opportunity for participants to interact, strengthen friendships, and celebrate the spirit of togetherness. The event served as a wonderful reminder that yoga is a timeless gift that promotes harmony of body, mind, and soul.

Rtn. Dr. Dilip Shah and **other Rotary members** were present and enthusiastically participated in and enjoyed the Yoga Workshop, embracing the spirit of health, wellness, and holistic living on the occasion of International Yoga Day.

Computer Genius Competition 2026 Prize Distribution Ceremony

Date : 21st June 2026

Venue : Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Shri. Madhav Prasad Bhavan,
Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur



The grand Prize Distribution Ceremony of **Computer Genius Competition 2026**, jointly organized by the Rotary Club of Kolhapur and the Association of Computer Trainers (ACT), Kolhapur, was held in an enthusiastic atmosphere at Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur. Students from 48 computer training institutes across the district participated in the competition.

The program was presided over by **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, President of Rotary Club of Kolhapur. The distinguished guests present included **Rtn. Nilesh Kutte** (Secretary, Rotary Club of Kolhapur) and **Rtn. Dr. Abhijeet Haval** (Founder President, ACT Kolhapur). Also present were ACT President **Umesh Kakade**, Vice President **Namdev Suryawanshi**, Secretary **Anandrao Khot**, Treasurer **Nachiket Kulkarni**, along with directors and trainers of various computer training institutes, students, and parents in large numbers.

The competition was conducted in a highly transparent and fair manner. An online examination was organized to assess the students' knowledge and skills in computer education. Through this competition, students were encouraged to develop an interest in computer education and were provided with a platform to showcase their abilities and talent.

This year, **Vedant Sangram Patil** from **Master Mind Computers, Kotoli**, secured the **First Rank** and emerged as the overall topper of the competition. **Swarup Sanjay Kadam** from **Tej Computer Institute, Ujalaiwadi** secured the **Second Rank**, while **Shreya Namdev Suryawanshi** from **Yash Computer Academy** secured the **Third Rank**.

The Consolation Prizes were awarded as follows:

First Consolation Prize – Harshita Chavan (Shri Samarth Computers, Shivaji Peth)
Second Consolation Prize – Digvijay Jadhav (Shri Samarth Computers, Shivaji Peth)
Third Consolation Prize – Riha Kalandar Shaikh (Cyber Point Computer Education)

ACT President **Umesh Kakade** welcomed the gathering. He stated that the primary objective of the competition is to develop students' interest in computer education, enhance their technical knowledge, foster a competitive spirit, and build self-confidence. He also mentioned that similar competitions would be organized on a larger scale in the future.

Students were encouraged to develop their skills and take advantage of the growing opportunities in the fields of computer education and information technology.

On this occasion, the President of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur felicitated the winning students and conveyed his best wishes for their bright future.

The chief guests appreciated this initiative of ACT and congratulated the organization for bringing various computer training institutes of the district onto a common platform and creating healthy competition among students. They also shared information about the various projects undertaken by Rotary.

Rtn. Dr. Abhijeet Haval guided the students on the topic of **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning**. He explained the future challenges that AI and ML may bring and how students should prepare themselves to face them. He emphasized the importance of AI and ML in today's world and encouraged students to focus on AI App Development, which can help build excellent career opportunities. He also stated that there is no need to fear job losses due to AI, as numerous new opportunities will emerge in the future. Students should remain technically competent and be prepared to seize these opportunities.

The program was successfully organized by all the office bearers, members, and participating institutes of ACT. The vote of thanks was delivered by **Mr. Namdev Suryawanshi**, followed by the conclusion of the program.



"Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice."

- Steve Jobs

Visit to Snowpark

Date : 21st June 2026

Venue : Snowpark, Viraj Junction, Kognoli.



The **Rotary Club of Kolhapur** organised a delightful one-day picnic to **Snowpark, Viraj Junction, Kognoli** for the members of its sponsored **EarlyAct Club of Kolhapur**. As the final activity of the **Rotary Year 2025-26**, the outing provided a perfect blend of fun, excitement, learning, and fellowship for the young participants and their families.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the unique snow-themed attractions, games, and adventure activities, creating unforgettable memories with their friends and parents. The picnic offered an excellent opportunity for the EarlyAct members to bond, build confidence, and experience the joy of teamwork and togetherness outside the classroom environment. A total of **24 children and 22 parents** participated in the activity, making it a truly enjoyable family event.

Special appreciation goes to **Event Chairs - Ann. Pooja Rathod, Ann. Priyanka Totla, and Rtn. Alina Tahasildar**, whose meticulous planning, dedication, and constant care ensured the safety, comfort, and enjoyment of all participants throughout the day. Their efforts played a significant role in making the event a grand success.

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur sincerely thanks the parents for their support and cooperation and congratulates the EarlyAct members for their enthusiastic participation. The outing concluded the Rotary year on a joyful and memorable note, reflecting Rotary's commitment to nurturing young minds through meaningful, engaging, and enriching experiences.

Congratulations - Ms. Asmi Mayuresh Doshi



Ms. Asmi Mayuresh Doshi, a student of the Department of Commerce at **Mahavir College** (Autonomous), Kolhapur, has **successfully cleared** the prestigious **Chartered Accountant (CA) Examination**, achieving a significant milestone in her academic career.

Her remarkable accomplishment is a result of her dedication, perseverance, and hard work. Asmi is the **granddaughter of Rtn. R. R. Doshi**, and her success has brought pride to her family as well as to Mahavir College.

The **Rotary Club of Kolhapur** extends its heartfelt congratulations to **Ms. Asmi Mayuresh Doshi** on this outstanding achievement and wishes her continued success in all her future academic and professional endeavors.

Congratulations - Ms. Trisha Amol Ghodake



Ms. Trisha Amol Ghodake, a student of **Dr. D. Y. Patil's Shantiniketan School**, Kolhapur has achieved an outstanding **94% in the CBSE Xth 2025-26 Examination**, bringing pride to her family, teachers, and school. Her excellent performance reflects her hard work, discipline, and determination to excel in academics. This achievement is a testament to her consistent efforts and commitment towards her studies.

This remarkable success marks an important milestone in Trisha's educational journey and serves as an inspiration to fellow students. The **Rotary Club of Kolhapur** extends its heartfelt

congratulations to **Ms. Trisha** on this commendable achievement and wishes her continued success in all her future academic pursuits.

Congratulations - Viraj Pradeep Pasmal



Master Viraj Pradeep Pasmal, a student of **Radhabai Shinde English Medium School**, Kolhapur has secured an impressive **91% in the CBSE Xth 2025-26 Examination**, achieving a significant academic milestone. His excellent performance is the result of sincere efforts, dedication, and a focused approach towards his studies throughout the year.

Viraj's achievement has brought pride to his family, teachers, and school. His success serves as an inspiration to fellow students and reflects the importance of hard work and perseverance in achieving academic excellence. The **Rotary Club of Kolhapur**

congratulates **Viraj** on this commendable accomplishment and wishes him continued success and many more achievements in his future educational journey.

Heartiest Congratulations from Rotary Club of Kolhapur & the Malu Family on the Opening of Your New Grand Showroom!



The journey of Mangal Electricals over the last **50 glorious years** is a remarkable story of vision, dedication, integrity, and growth. What began as a small sapling planted by **Rtn. Subhash Malu** through hard work, honesty, customer commitment, and foresight has today grown into a strong and flourishing enterprise.

Under the leadership of **Rtn. Sachin**, the business expanded further through relentless effort, professional

excellence, and strong relationships built on trust. Now, with **Anish** representing the third generation, **Mangal Electricals** is embracing new technologies, fresh ideas, and broader horizons, ensuring a bright and promising future.

The electrical industry is not merely about business—it is about bringing light into people's lives. Just as electricity dispels darkness, **Mangal Electricals** has spent five decades energizing customer confidence, industrial progress, and community development.

The new showroom stands as a symbol of progress, confidence, innovation, and future-ready vision. Its grandeur, modern design, and thoughtful planning reflect the remarkable achievements of the past and the exciting possibilities of tomorrow.

As the Sanskrit saying goes:

“उद्योगिनं पुरुषसिंहमुपैति लक्ष्मीः”

अर्थ: परिश्रमी, ध्येयवादी आणि उद्योगशील व्यक्तीकडे लक्ष्मी स्वतःहून येते.

तसेच,

“न हि सुप्तस्य सिंहस्य प्रविशन्ति मुखे मृगाः”

अर्थ: झोपलेल्या सिंहाच्या मुखात हरिण स्वतःहून जात नाही; यश मिळवण्यासाठी सतत प्रयत्न करावे लागतात.



These timeless principles perfectly describe the inspiring journey of three generations - **Rtn. Subhash Malu, Rtn. Sachin, and Anish.**

May this new grand showroom take Mangal Electricals to greater heights. May customer trust grow stronger, opportunities multiply, and success continue to shine brighter with each passing year.

From a sapling planted by Rtn. Subhash Malu, to a tree nurtured by Rtn. Sachin, and now a wish-fulfilling banyan being shaped by Anish – may this legacy continue to flourish, illuminating society with light, energy, and inspiration.

Rotary Club of Kolhapur heartily congratulates Mangal Electricals on the inauguration of its New Grand Showroom and the successful completion of 50 glorious years of excellence. This remarkable milestone reflects a legacy of vision, dedication, trust, and continuous growth across three generations. We wish Mangal Electricals many more decades of prosperity, innovation, excellence, and success, and a brilliant future filled with new achievements and greater heights.

Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

Happy Birthday



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| - Rtn. Abhishek Zanwar | - 17th June |
| - Rtn. Sandeep Dige | - 18th June |
| - Rtn. Mithun Satra | - 19th June |
| - Rtn. Dr Niranjana Patil | - 19th June |
| - Rtn. Chetan Desai | - 19th June |
| - Rtn. Vijay Menon | - 21st June |

Happy Wedding Anniversary

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| - Rtn. Nitin Shinde | - 15th June |
| - Rtn. Ashish Bhosale | - 18th June |
| - Rtn. Jeetendra Parte | - 20th June |
| - Rtn. Dr Vaibhav Sasurkar | - 20th June |
| - Rtn. Dr Pooja Sasurkar | - 20th June |

"It's simple. The more members we have, the more people we can help. A stronger membership base will result in stronger communities."

Gary CK Huang
Rotary International
President



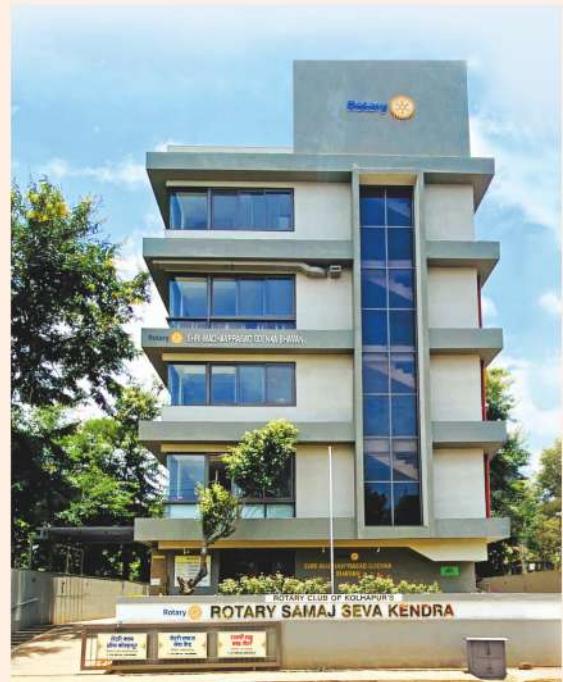
NEXT MEETING



DATE: Wednesday,
24th June 2026

TIME: 5:30 PM

CLUB BUSINESS 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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