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Rotary International President



Rtn. Pradeep Karande
President



Rtn. Nilesh Kutte
Secretary



Rtn. Arun D. Bhandare
District Governor (RID 3170)

Group Meeting

AUGUST 30, 2025

Yamuna Group member Rtn. Satish Kulkarni organised a Group meeting on the Occasion of his Birthday. 11 group members, along with the Group Coordinator, Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh attended and enjoyed a sumptuous Breakfast. During the meeting, President Rtn. Pradeep Karande informed and requested all the group members to attend the Teachers' Excellence Award to be held on 3rd September 2025. Rtn. Pradeep Karande also updated on the activities to be conducted in the month of September 2025. President Rtn. Pradeep Karande requested all the members to register for the TRF Level II Seminar to be held on 7th September 2025 at Dharwad. Group meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Rtn. Mohan Patel and felicitating Rtn. Satish Kulkarni with a plant.



Blood Donation Camp

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur recently organized its seventeenth blood donation camp of the year at Narande, Tal: Hathkangale, Kolhapur. A total of 52 pints of blood were collected and handed over to Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center. This brings the total blood collection to 670 pints, benefiting 2010 beneficiaries to date, furthering the clubs commitment to serving the community. Rtn. Madan Bhandari, along with staff from Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, were present during the camp.



Blood Donation Camp

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur recently organized its eighteenth blood donation camp of the year at Kolhapur Axle Pvt Ltd, Shirolī M.I.D.C., Kolhapur. A total of 38 pints of blood were collected and handed over to Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center. This brings the total blood collection to 708 pints, benefiting 2124 beneficiaries to date, furthering the clubs commitment to serving the community. Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte, along with staff from Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, were present during the camp.



Blood Donation Camp

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur recently organized its nineteenth blood donation camp of the year at Kasturi Foundary, Kagal M.I.D.C., Kolhapur. A total of 40 pints of blood were collected and handed over to Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center. This brings the total blood collection to 748 pints, benefiting 2244 beneficiaries to date, furthering the clubs commitment to serving the community. Rtn. Sahil Gandhi, along with staff from Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, were present during the camp.



Business Meeting

SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

Our ninth weekly meeting, which is often known as Weekly Business/Close Meeting, was held on the 3rd floor of Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur. Lots of suggestions on the new project were discussed



Teachers Excellence Awards

SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

On 3rd September 2025, we felicitated 9 Teachers with the “Teachers Excellence Award” by the hands of the Chief Guest Assistant Governor Rtn. Harshawardhan Taywade Patil. We had received total 17 applications out of which 9 applicants were finalised for the felicitation ceremony. The Key Criteria for the Selection of Teacher Excellence Award - 2025: Core Teaching Excellence, Professionalism and Continuous Development, School and Community Engagement, Innovative and Impact, Evidence and documentation. Total of 90 members including of guest and club members were present for the felicitation ceremony.



PAST PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PRESIDENTIAL YEAR 2008-09



PAST PRESIDENT:
RTN. V N DESHPANDE

Till 1985, I was working as an Business Executive traveling extensively in India and abroad and I had limited local contacts. So when I started a small scale unit, I had to do everything by myself right from getting Xerox copies to replacing my scooter tyre. Once I happened to visit a tyre shop run by Rtn. Hemadi and saw the 4-way test displayed there. I was impressed by it and asked him whether I can join Rotary. Without a moment's hesitation, he said Rotary membership is by invitation and you don't qualify for that. After 12 years, Rtn. Mohan Gargate invited me to join Rotary and I became a Rotarian from July 1996. Thus this is my 30th year in RCK.

When I became President in 2008-09, my agenda was to bring down average age of our club by at least 5 years from then 64 years and I achieved it. I also organized District TRF seminar at Shivaji University in Nov 2008 and got record registration from whole District. PRIP K R Ravindran was the chief Guest. I received many awards including Best President and Best Club. In 2011-12, as only Asst Governor for all all clubs in Kolhapur, we were first in giving TRF donations. I tried my hand at becoming DG for 2016-17, but withdrew as I understood my limitations to have late evening meetings everyday. Then I took more interest in RSSK and was its President for 4 years and managed to complete our iconic building in-spite of many hurdles. I am the only third level major Donor to TRF from our club. I love Rotary and respect it for the management education and team building it teaches to all Rotarians. Long live Rotary and its motto of service above self.

TRIVIA TIME

Question: Which is the first avatar of Ganesh? What does it mean?

Answer: The first avatar of Ganesha is Vakratunda. It means "curved trunk" or "twisted trunk". This incarnation was to defeat the demon Matsarasura (or Matsara), a being born from Lord Indra's heedlessness, who symbolized jealousy and selfishness. Vakratunda's appearance, riding a lion, led to the demon's defeat and established Ganesha as the remover of obstacles and a figure of spiritual wisdom.

Correct answer given by

1. Ann Nikita Gandhi
2. Ann Dhara Sheth
3. Rtn Abhijit Haval
4. Ann Vaishali Taral
5. Ann Poonam shah

KNOW YOUR ROTARY

Rotary Foundation and Rotary Foundation (India): Driving Change Since 1917

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) has spent over \$4 billion globally on sustainable projects that improve health, education, and economic development since its founding more than 100 years ago. In India, TRF works through Rotary Foundation (India) [RF(I)], a registered society since 1988 providing donors 50% tax exemption under Section 80G and fulfilling requirements to implement Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects through Ministry of Corporate Affairs registration.

RF(I) has completed over 3,375 projects valued at \$1.5 billion across key focus areas and partnered with nearly 400 corporate donors. In 2024-25, India contributed nearly \$32 million to TRF, becoming the world's second-largest donor.

Rotary's mission to create lasting community impact continues through initiatives like a \$2 million water conservation project aiding over 60,000 farmers across four Indian states, alongside efforts to eradicate polio and promote peace worldwide.

Together, TRF and RF(I) embody "Service Above Self," transforming lives globally and in India.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

09 SEP Rtn. Subhash Malu

09 SEP Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar

10 SEP Rtn. Vaibhav Haval

11 SEP Rtn. Dr. Gurudas Harshe

13 SEP Rtn. Pratap Puranik

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY | 10 SEPT 2025 | 5:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. Mayur Mundhe

Sub : "Know Your Blood" (KYB) : Healthy Blood for Healthy Life !!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

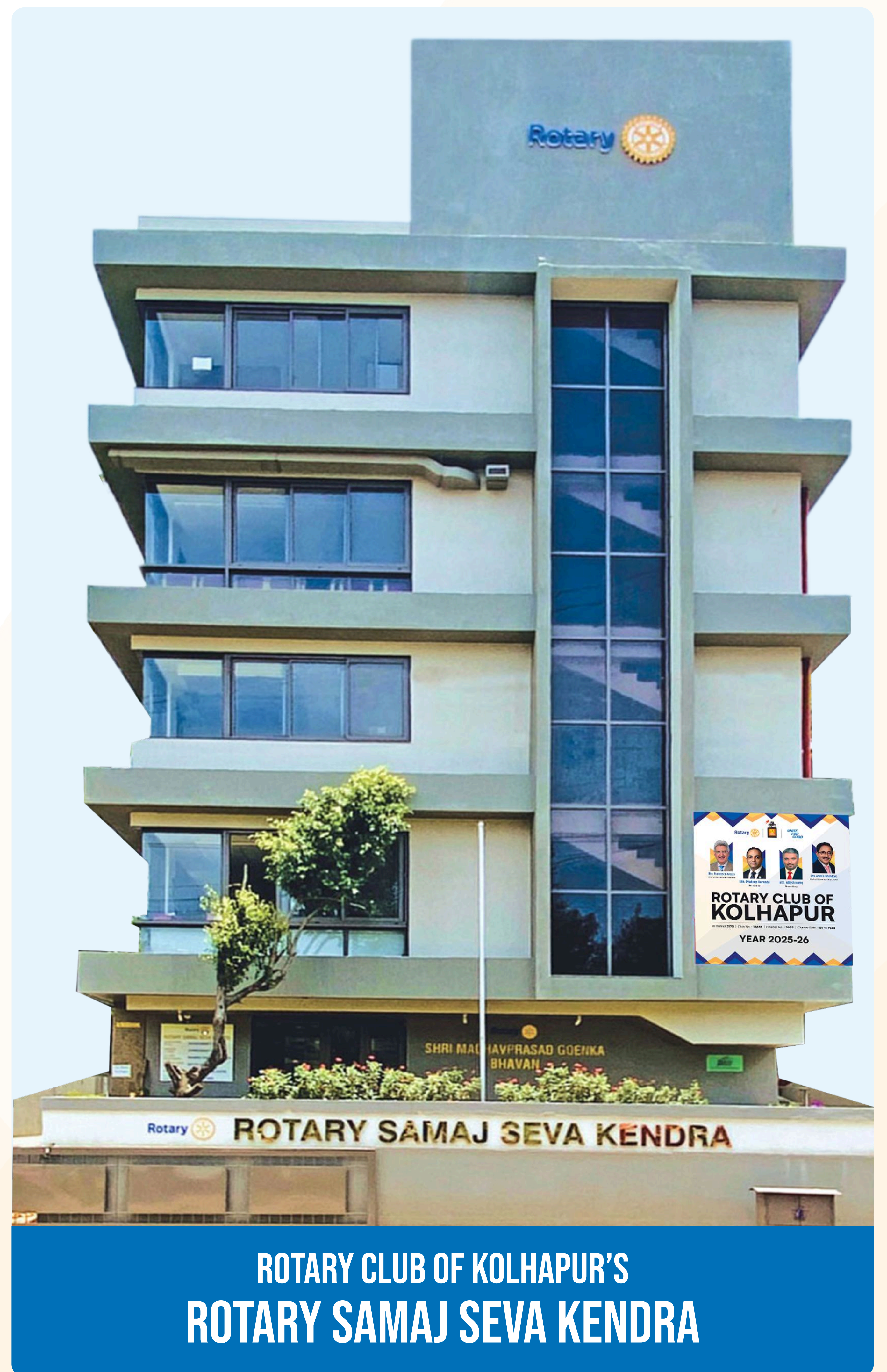
RCK Dandiya Raas 2025

Lotus Hall, Marketyard. Kolhapur

23 Sept

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

09 SEP Rtn. Vijayendra Charane & Ann Dr. Reshma



**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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