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President



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Secretary



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District Governor (RID 3170)

Board of Directors Meeting

SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

The third Board of Directors meeting was concluded, with a discussion on the nomination of a representative to vote during the presentation and adoption of District Accounts for Rotary Year 2023-24 to be held on 7th September 2025. A total of 12 BOD members were present, and the quorum was full.



Group Meeting

SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

Krishna Group member Rtn. Girish Karnawat organised a Group meeting on the Occasion of his Birthday. 18 group members, along with the Group Coordinator, Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh attended and enjoyed a sumptuous Breakfast. During the meeting, Rtn. Pradeep Karande 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. Dr. Aditya Upadhye and felicitating Rtn. Girish Karnawat with a plant.



Group Meeting

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

Sindhu Group member Rtn. Pritesh Karnawat organised a Group meeting on the Occasion of his Birthday. 40 combined of group members and club members, along with the Group Coordinator, Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh attended and enjoyed a sumptuous Breakfast. During the meeting, Rtn. Pradeep Karande 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 President Rtn. Pradeep Karande and felicitating Rtn. Pritesh Karnawat with a plant.



Flag Exchange with Rotary Club of Coffee Land

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Rtn. Gurumurthy B K and 12 other members from the Rotary Club of Coffee Land, Chikamagalur, R. I. District 3182, were on a bike rally from Chikmagalur to Pune for creating awareness on Road Safety and Environment Drive. A halt in their journey was in Kolhapur for a night stay. We, the members of Rotary Club of Kolhapur, exchanged our club flag with them and shared the activities of RSSK and our club.



Group Meeting

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

Narmada Group member Rtn. Subhash Malu organised a Group meeting on the Occasion of his Birthday. 15 group members and 86 invitees showering their affection towards Rtn. Subhash Malu attended and enjoyed a sumptuous Breakfast. Various discussions on various topics were held during the meeting. Group meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the President Rtn. Pradeep Karande and felicitating Rtn. Subhash Malu with a plant.



Group Meeting

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

Brahmaputra Group member Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar organised a Group meeting on the Occasion of her Birthday. 12 group members, along with the Group Coordinator, Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh attended and enjoyed a sumptuous Breakfast. Various discussions on various topics were held during the meeting. Group meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the President Rtn. Pradeep Karande and felicitating Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar with a plant.



Weekly Meeting

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

Our eleventh 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 for our weekly meeting were Dr. Mayur Babasaheb Mundhe. Dr Mayur Babasaheb Mundhe currently works as a Consultant Haematologist & Bone Marrow Transplant Physician. Dr Mayur chose to speak on the topic "Know Your Blood(KYB): Healthy Blood for Healthy Life". Dr Mayur Mundhe spoke in detail on the importance of blood for the human body, ingredients required to make the blood healthy, and the impact of not having healthy blood on the human body. Dr Mayur Mundhe also elaborated on anaemia and its impact on the body at an old age. Rtn. Mahendra Parmar proposed a vote of thanks, and Rtn. Manjiri Karande emerged as the lucky Rotarian for this week



ACHIEVEMENTS CORNER



Yuthika Arvind won the first prize in her School Dance Competition "Nupur". The competition was for grade 8 to 10 across all dance styles.



PAST PRESIDENT:
**RTN. SIDDHARTH
PATANKAR**

Although the official tenure began in July 2023, the journey started nearly two years earlier with a Strategic Plan shaped from member feedback by Secretary Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal and me. Our roadmap focused on retaining 95%+ members, boosting participation, inducting “Fun & Family” into the club, achieving EREY and 100% PHF status, securing Global/District/CSR Grants, strengthening district involvement, and enhancing the club’s public image.

Guided by this plan, we prioritized fewer but high-impact projects: supporting permanent projects with 7–8 activities at Karnabadhir Shishu Vidyalaya (including soundproofing via District Grant), adding a storage room and benches at Nana Nani Park, conducting ENT camps at RSSK, constructing a toilet block at Vidyamandir Ghosarwad, organizing an artificial limb camp, a health check-up camp at the RTO, and launching an e-waste collection drive. With partners Inner Wheel, Rotaract, and RCCs, we electrified a study room at RCC Mangewadi, held a health camp, and conducted cataract surgeries at RCC Wakare.

Family engagement was a key goal, achieved through six get-togethers, notably the Goenka Farms picnic and Rangpanchami celebration, with active participation from Anns and Annettes. Rotakids enjoyed a Panhala trip, while the newly chartered Interact Club of Kolhapur grew rapidly and produced two District Interact Representatives.

Several unique activities boosted public visibility, including the Panhala Hill Half Marathon, Ganeshotsav Decoration Competition, Dandiya Zest, District-level Judo Competition, and CricMania, all featuring Rotary & RSSK branding. Communication improved with a redesigned, device-friendly Club Bulletin, a new Club Diary, Mobile Stand, and TRF Box—innovations that gained district-wide popularity.

We collaborated closely with DG Rtn. Nasir Borsadwala to host/co-host major events like the Membership Development & Vibrant Club Seminar, District Conference, and District Awards Nite. International ties strengthened with visits from Rtn. Steven Shepelwich (RC Oklahoma Midtown) and a Friendship Exchange team from Kenya, resulting in three Global Grant partnerships.

The year concluded triumphantly with the club achieving 100% PHF status under AG Rtn. Sachin Malu’s guidance and earning over 40 District, RI, and TRF awards, including “Best Club” and “Best Bulletin.” These achievements reflect the dedication of directors, committees, and all members whose teamwork made this remarkable year possible.



**Ganesha sketch by
Rotakid Ayan Amit Mate**

KNOW YOUR ROTARY

PHF in Rotary

In rotary, PHF stands for Paul Harris Fellow, which is a recognition given to individuals or groups who contribute \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), either outright or cumulatively over time, or for whom such a contribution is made. Recipients receive a certificate and a lapel pin, and the recognition can also be extended at subsequent \$1,000 increments with additional stones on the pin.

Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Early Paul Harris Fellows received a certificate of recognition. In 1969, the Foundation unveiled the first Paul Harris Fellow medallion at the Rotary Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Japanese metal artist Fiju Tsuda created the piece under the direction of former Foundation Trustee Kyoza Yuasa. Today, Paul Harris Fellows receive a certificate and pin. They are also eligible to buy a Paul Harris Fellow medallion.

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY | 17 SEPT 2025 | 5:30 PM

GUEST SPEAKER



Mr. Dattatray Bhanage

Sub : Smart Meter, Solar for House, Business and MSEDCL working

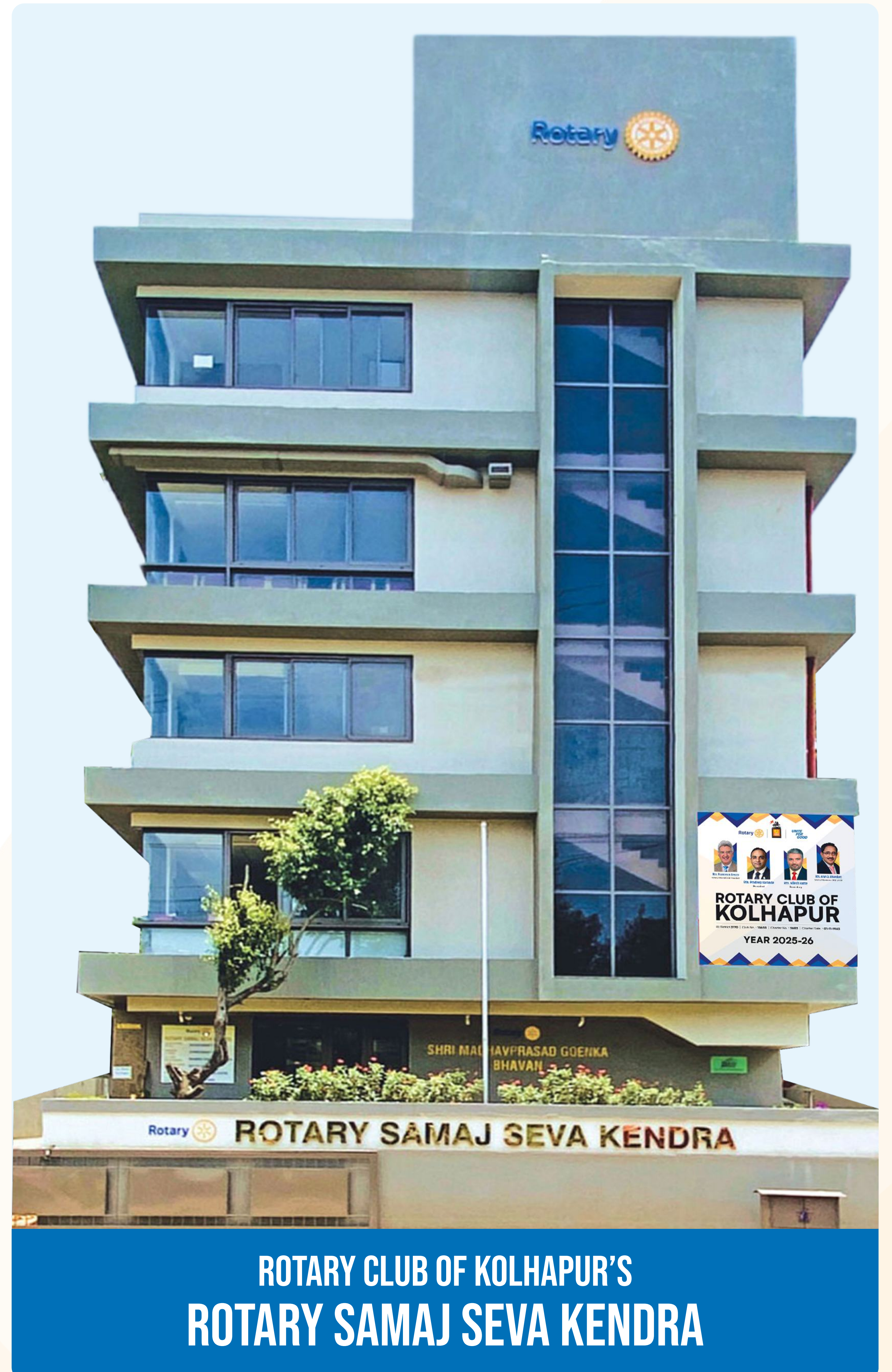
Venue : Shri. Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RCK Dandiya Raas 2025

Lotus Hall, Marketyard, Kolhapur

23 Sept



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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