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ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

2025-26



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Beginning Era (1943 to 1950)

Rotary Club of Kolhapur was established in 1943. The sponsoring club was the Rotary Club of Solapur. Divan Bahadur N. C. Limaye, the then District Governor presented the Charter to our Club on the 1st of November 1943, at a special dinner meeting. The founder President of our club was Rao Bahadur S. A. Indulkar and founder Secretary was D. V Tengshe. The Club had 60 members at the beginning.

Foundation Era (1950 to 1969)

The Foundation Stone of Community Service was laid in the early 50's. In the year 1966, under the World Community Service, our club supplied medicines worth Rs. 1,25,000/- to Wilson Memorial Hospital Kodoli, Dist. Kolhapur from Rotary Club of Santa Barbara, U. S. A. During Indo-Pak conflict in Kashmir, our club rendered very valuable welfare service. Club members used to visit the families of deceased soldiers and give them immediate assistance either in the form of cash or kind depending upon their requirements. In the year 1967, when a disastrous earthquake took place at Koynanagar, our club was the first to appeal to Rotary Clubs in India, as well as abroad, to extend generous help for the unfortunate victims.

The club is one of the promoter & founder member of renowned institute of Kolhapur like St. Xavier's High School, Bal Kalyan Sankul and Yoga Vidyadham etc, which are leading institutes in Kolhapur.

Consolidation Era (1969 to 1990)

Considering the increasing needs of the community, during the year 1969, our Club formed a Trust known as Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra. Late Shri. Prabhakar pant Korgaonkar donated a plot of land to our club. Members of our club, by contributing Rs.1000/- each constructed a building over this plot situated on Collector Office Road. In 1975, our Trust in collaboration with Shetkari Sahakari Sangh and Indian Red Cross Society, Kolhapur branch, started a Blood Bank viz. Rajarshi Shahu Blood Bank in this building. Until then not a single Blood Bank existed in Kolhapur and this was the dire need of the community. In the following year with assistance from Tyre

Dealer Asso. Kop., Physiotherapy Centre and Occupational Therapy were established, as this facility was not available in Kolhapur and patients had to travel to Miraj or Poona for this treatment. In due course, other activities e. g. Speech & Hearing Centre, Oxygen Bank, Yoga Centre etc. were started by this Trust.

By now, Rotary had made such an impact over the community that an appeal was received by us from leprosy negative persons to assist them for rehabilitation. Our club accepted this challenge and since then we have rehabilitated 10 leprosy families near Vikaswadi, over a plot of land of 50 acres, about 16 km. from Kolhapur. They were given assistance in the form of cash or kind for intensive farming, digging a borewell, construction of hutments and ancillary projects like dairy, poultry etc. This project received wide publicity over All India Radio as well as in newspapers and the Rotary International's magazine- 'The Rotarian', Even the 'Hindu' newspaper.

Growth Era (1990 to 2000)

With a view to start new permanent projects, in 1992 we expanded Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra Building. Funds were raised by way of contribution from philanthropic rotary members as well as some savings from recently held Dist. Conference. Meanwhile we had added 3 more projects viz. Sick Bed Service, Child Guidance Clinic and Deaf Nursery and are running the same under the banner of Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra.

Renaissance Era (2000 to 2020)

With the help of various matching grants, service projects like Physiotherapy center, Blood bank, Speech and Hearing center were strengthen to serve the needy. We are in the forefront as far as contribution to Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus Programme are concerned. Projects like Nana Nani Park (2003), Birds Park (Pakshi Teerth)(2014), Late Kamlakar Nevagi Rotary Karanabadhir Shishu Vidyalay (Deaf Nursery) in it's new premises (2017), Hydrotherapy Center, Parkinson's Rehabilitation Center & Wash room facilities in 10 schools (2018), Wall of Kindness, Diabetic reversal center and Cataract Operations Disaster Support Projects (2019-20) are initiated and run successfully by the club

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Flourishing Era (2021 Onwards)

As the old building was coming to the end of its life, members decided to demolish and construct a new building in its stead. In the first fund-raising meeting itself, more than Rs. 2 Crore was raised for the Building fund. Hence, on the 24th of May, 2018 the Foundation Stone of this New Building was laid at the hands of PDG. Pratap Puranik.

The new building was constructed with Generous contribution from Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka, Sound Casting Pvt Ltd, Rtn. V. N. Deshpande, Rtn. Nitin Gundesha, Rtn. Nitin Wadikar, Rtn. Gajendra Vasa, RBL Bank Limited, Rtn. Rajiv Parikh, PDG. Pratap Puranik, Rtn. Subhash Malu, Rtn. Girish Joshi and all members of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur & The Rotary Foundation through Global Grant..

OUR PERMANENT PROJECTS



Rotary Physiotherapy Centre



Hydrotherapy Centre



Rajarshi Shahu Blood Centre



Rotary Institute of Speech & Hearing



**Late Kamalakar Nevgi
Karnabadhir Shishu Vidyalay**



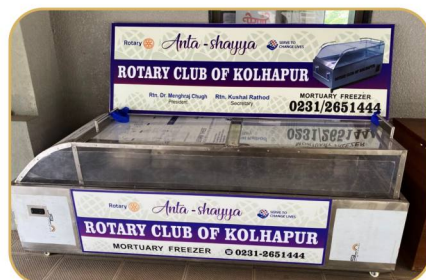
Parkinson Rehabilitation Centre



Judo Training



Inspire- प्रेरणा



Anta-Shayya : Body Freezer



Rotary Nana Nani Park



Wall of Kindness



Rotary Pakshitirth (Bird Sanctuary)

Rotary International Director Rtn. Flt. Lt. K. P. Nagesh Visited Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra



Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra had the honour of welcoming Rotary International Director **Rtn. Flt. Lt. K. P. Nagesh**, whose visit brought great pride to the organisation. He reviewed all the ongoing projects and appreciated the Rotary Club of Kolhapur's impactful social activities that support the community. He admired the spirit of kindness, generosity, and dedication reflected in every initiative. His encouraging words motivated the team to continue serving society with renewed passion and a stronger commitment to Rotary's mission.



Know your Rotary

The Rotary Endowment Fund — A Gift That Keeps on Giving



Every contribution to the Rotary Endowment Fund helps create lasting change around the world. Unlike the Annual Fund, the principal remains invested forever—only the earnings are used to power our humanitarian and peace projects year after year.

How it helps:

Supports global grants, scholarships, and Peace Fellowships. Grows steadily as part of the earnings are reinvested. Ensures Rotary's good work continues for generations.

How you can give:

Make an outright gift, include Rotary in your will, name Rotary as a life insurance beneficiary, or create a named fund for an area close to your heart. Your gift becomes a living legacy—continuing to change lives long after today.

Kolhapuri Chappals: A Walk Through Heritage and Handwork

In the heart of Maharashtra lies Kolhapur, a city known for its spicy food, royal legacy, and a timeless fashion symbol — the Kolhapuri Chappal. These handcrafted leather sandals, rooted in Indian culture, blend tradition, utility, and enduring style.

A Craft Passed Through Generations

The origin of Kolhapuri chappals dates back to the 13th century, supported by local Maratha royalty. Made originally for warriors and nobles, their durability and weather-resistance made them legendary. Traditionally crafted from buffalo hide using vegetable-based tanning, they are famous for stitch-less soles and hand-carved designs.

“My great-grandfather made chappals for local landlords... no machines, just hands and tools.” — Subhash Kamble, 4th-generation artisan

Behind Every Pair — A Skilled Hand

Each pair takes 4–6 hours to complete. Artisans from the Chambhar community meticulously cut, tan, beat, dry, and decorate the leather.

“We don’t just make chappals, we make a legacy.” — Manisha Patil, artisan and trainer

Design That Stands the Test of Time

From minimal open-toe styles to ornate zari and tassel designs, Kolhapuris pair effortlessly with sarees, kurtas, jeans, and Indo-western outfits.

From Village Streets to Fashion Weeks

Designers today showcase Kolhapuris globally. In 2019, they received the GI Tag, ensuring authenticity and pride for local artisans.

Why Kolhapuris Matter Today

- 100% Natural Leather, - Eco-friendly & Biodegradable, - Long-lasting
- Support for Artisan Families, - Step Into a Story

Kolhapuri chappals are not just footwear — they are a journey of culture, skill, and heritage.

“When people wear our chappals, they carry our story.” — Raju Jadhav, artisan

Did You Know?

- Natural dyes like turmeric and indigo are used.
- Earlier pairs had no left-right difference — they shaped to the wearer’s feet.
- Well-kept Kolhapuris can last over a decade!



Sent by - Ann Pooja Rathod

Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR



Happy Birthday



Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh - 20th Oct.
Rtn. Dr. Mandar Patil - 22nd Oct.
Rtn. Raosaheb Deshpande - 23rd Oct.
Rtn. Manish Harlalka - 25th Oct.
Rtn. Vijay Patki - 26th Oct.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Dr. Mandar Patil - 24th Oct.

Paper quilling Frame

Made by - **Ann. Pranita Chintan Shah**



NEXT MEETING



DATE:
**Wednesday,
29th October 2025**

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



**wear the Rotary Pin
with PRIDE**

TRIVIA QUESTION ?

**Which was first
Rajesh Khanna movie?**

Answer : Aakhri khat

Answer given by -

1. Ann Nikita Gandhi
2. Ann Dhara Sheth
3. Ann Vaishali Taral



**GET IN TOUCH
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR**

**WE MEET EVERY
WEDNESDAY AT 5.30 PM**

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