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ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

2025-26



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17th Weekly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 5th November 2025

Venue: Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur

GUEST : **PDG. Rtn. Dr. Pratap Puranik**

SUBJECT : **The Rotary Universe: Information and Knowledge**

Our 17th 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 the meeting was **PDG Rtn. Dr. Pratap Puranik**, who spoke on the topic “**Why I Am a Rotarian?**”

Rtn. Dr. Puranik shared his inspiring Rotary journey, highlighting his experiences, learnings, and the transformational changes he has witnessed in the organisation over the years. He also elaborated on the Rotary hierarchy, focus areas, and thrust areas that guide our service initiatives.

A meaningful discussion followed, touching upon the decreasing global membership trend, the importance of inducting young members, encouraging their active participation, their participation towards club, improving weekly meeting attendance, and identifying impactful Rotary projects.

He also spoke about International Conventions, sharing that he has attended many. He encouraged all members to experience at least one International Rotary Convention to gain a wider perspective, global exposure, and a deeper understanding of Rotary at the international level. His thoughts were truly motivating.

The session was highly interactive, thought-provoking, and deeply appreciated by all. His insights inspired members to contribute more actively and further strengthen the spirit of Rotary within the club. **Rtn. Amit Mate** proposed a vote of thanks and **Rtn. Jayesh Gandhi** emerged as the lucky Rotarian.

Blood Donation Camp

Date: 9th November 2025

Venue: Krishna Industries, Shirol, Kolhapur



A successful Blood Donation Camp was organized on 9th November 2025 at Krishna Industries, Shirol, Kolhapur, drawing enthusiastic participation from employees, volunteers, and local residents.

The camp supported urgent blood requirements in the region and promoted the spirit of community service. Medical teams ensured smooth and safe collection, while organizers motivated donors throughout the event.

The initiative received heartfelt appreciation from all present, reflecting Krishna Industries' commitment to social responsibility and public welfare.

Congratulations to our PDG. Dr. Pratap Puranik on Receiving an Honorary Doctorate



Former Rotary District Governor **Dr. Pratap Puranik** has been awarded a Doctorate (PhD) by **Burlington State University, Vermont (USA)**. He was recognised for his 45 years of contributions in Industry and Social Work.

PDG. Dr. Pratap Puranik also earned international appreciation for his article on American oil policies and macroeconomics.

This prestigious honour celebrates his lifelong dedication to excellence, innovation, and knowledge-sharing. His achievements continue to inspire many in the fields of industry, education, and Rotary service.

Know your Rotary



District Designated Funds (DDF)

District Designated Funds (DDF) in Rotary are funds that a district receives from the Rotary Foundation, based on a portion of the contributions made by Rotary clubs and members to the Annual Fund. These funds can be used for various district and club projects, such as funding local district grants, contributing to global grants and scholarships, supporting PolioPlus, or other initiatives. The district leadership, including the District Governor and the District Rotary Foundation Chair, decides how the DDF is allocated and grants them to projects based on district priorities and applications.



Allocation and use of DDF

- **District Grants:** Districts can use up to half of their DDF to fund district grants for short-term humanitarian projects in a local community. These grants may also include vocational scholarships.
- **Global Grants:** DDF can be used to provide matching funds for global grants, which are larger-scale international projects.
- **Other programs:** The remainder of the DDF can be used for programs like PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers, or other district-specific projects.
- **Rollover:** There may be limits on how long a district can roll over unused DDF, so districts are encouraged to use them to make an impact.

Rotary Club of Kolhapur – Fellowship Group Meeting Glimpses



The Fellowship Group meeting gathers on the occasion of Members birthdays or at any comfortable, convenient time, celebrating togetherness while discussing upcoming projects, district events, and important club updates. It strengthens bonding among members and creates a warm, collaborative atmosphere within the club.



Rota Kids Achievement Corner Shourya Kutte Shines at VIBGYOR School

Young sports talent **Shourya Kutte** continues to make **VIBGYOR High**, Kolhapur proud with his remarkable achievements. He has earned four medals in swimming and one medal in football, showcasing his versatility and determination. Recently, Shourya secured 3rd place in the 25m Backstroke at the I.H.C. Swimming event. His consistent performance, discipline, and passion for sports make him stand out among his peers, inspiring fellow students to pursue excellence.

Heartiest congratulations, Shourya!

Institute of Speech & Hearing



Establishment : 1980

Facilities : Low rates, Advance equipments for Hearing Evaluation, Speech Therapy, Hearing and Repair, Earmold facilitation, Hearing Aids trial fitting, BERA & ENG testing, Newborn hearing screening test, Vertigo Clinic for Dizziness and balance disorder. All types of Hearing aid available.

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- Impedance • Supplied Hearing Aids with earmold in suitable size
- BERA Test • Special Test • ENG Test
- VNG Test
- Patient Daily Approx. : 40
- Cured patients till today : 1,00,000 +

Hydrotherapy Centre



Establishment : 2021

Hydrotherapy also known as Aquatic Therapy is a type of physiotherapy treatment given to patients in water for faster recovery and relief.

We provide : Low cost Rehabilitation using hydrotherapy technique for

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BALUMAMA OF ADMAPUR – A beacon of Faith, Humility & Compassion

Shri Balumama of Admapur, the revered saint of the Dhargar community, dedicated his life to simplicity, selfless service, and spiritual guidance. Born in 1892, he wandered with his sacred flock of sheep—symbols of purity and divine grace—offering blessings, healing prayers, and moral guidance to all who sought him. His presence brought peace, and his teachings uplifted countless rural families.

Admapur – The Living Legacy

The Balumama Sansthan at Admapur preserves the saint's divine presence through his Samadhi Mandir, prayer halls, holy sheep resting areas, and sacred spots connected to his life. The atmosphere is filled with devotion, with daily bhajans, aarti, and the unbroken stream of devotees who come seeking blessings.

Centre of Service and Social Harmony

Guided by Balumama's principles, the Sansthan undertakes food distribution, free lodging for pilgrims, welfare programs for the Dhargar community, and health camps for rural development. It stands as a strong pillar of social harmony, compassion, and community upliftment.

Annual Yatra – A Celebration of Faith

Every year, thousands gather for the grand Balumama Yatra. Palanquin processions, devotional singing, offerings to the holy sheep, and community meals create a vibrant spiritual festival that reflects the saint's immense following and timeless influence.

Nature, Peace & Spiritual Calm

The serene environment of Admapur—open fields, gentle hills, and the warmth of the local community—adds to the sanctity of the place. Visitors experience deep peace, purity, and a connection to nature that mirrors Balumama's simple and divine way of life.

A Guiding Light for Generations

Shri Balumama's message of compassion, honesty, devotion, and service continues to guide lakhs of devotees across Maharashtra and Karnataka. His teachings inspire farmers, shepherds, seekers of peace, and social workers even today, proving that true greatness lies in humility and service to humanity.



Article sent by - **Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar**

*Kind words can be short and easy to speak,
but their echoes are truly endless."*

- Mother Teresa

Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR



Happy Birthday



Rtn. Subhash G Kutte - 4th Nov.
Rtn. Arvind Krishnan - 9th Nov.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Vijay Menon - 5th Nov.

RC Kolhapur's UPCOMING KEY PROJECTS



Saturday - 29th November 2025



Saturday, 13th December 2025



Sat.-Sun., 17-18th January 2026

NEXT MEETING



DATE:
**Wednesday,
12th November 2025**

TIME:
5:30 PM

GUEST

Dr. B. M. Hirdekar

Ph.D. (University Administration)
M.A. (English), M.Ed. (Education Technology)
L.L.B. (Taxation and Labour Law)

SUBJECT

Do we really use our brains?

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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ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR**

**WE MEET EVERY
WEDNESDAY AT 5.30 PM**

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