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ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

2025-26



Rtn. Francesco Arezzo
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Rtn. Arun D. Bhandare
DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Rtn. Pradeep Karande
PRESIDENT



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SECRETARY

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District Governor Rtn. Arun D Bhandhare Official Club Visit

Date: 10th November 2025

Venue: Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur

On 10th November 2025, our club had the privilege of welcoming **District Governor Rtn. Arun D. Bhandhare** for his **Official Club Visit** to our RC Kolhapur.

The visit commenced at 9:00 a.m. with a warm breakfast hosted at the President's residence. The **President-Secretary meeting** began promptly at 10:00 a.m., attended by the current year's leadership team along with the incoming leaders for the next Rotary year.

During the 90-minute session, all club documents were meticulously verified as per the checklist provided by the DG office. The District Governor raised a few queries, which were answered satisfactorily by the current year's team, with valuable support from the next year's team.

President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande** conveyed to the District Governor his commitment to becoming a **Major Donor** from our club for the **year 2025-26**.

In his remarks, **District Governor Rtn. Arun D. Bhandhare** appreciated the club's operations, documentation, and performance — stating that they had exceeded his expectations. He announced that the club has been placed in the “**Distinction**” category for its exemplary functioning.

District Governor Rtn. Bhandhare also emphasized the importance of maintaining a comprehensive club history and reward record, noting that this was the only area where improvement was needed.



He further inspired members by expressing his vision of having three Major Donors from our club, achieving US\$100 per member towards the Endowment Fund, and attaining 100% PHF Club status — underscoring the vital role of contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

Post meeting **District Governor Rtn. Arun D Bhandhare** visited one of our permanent project **Karnabadhir Shishu Vidyalaya** and generously **donated Rs 25,000/-** for air cooler as per demand from Karnabadhir Shishu Vidyalaya Chairman **Rtn. Arvind Taral** followed by visit to RSKS and **3rd Club Assembly**.



Chartered Day Celebration

Date: 10th November 2025

Venue: Lotus Hall, Market Yard, Kolhapur

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The celebration started with welcoming District Governor **Rtn. Arun D. Bhandhare** and Assistant Governor **Rtn. Harshwardhan Taywade-Patil** on the dais. Followed by the **Secretarial report** by Secretary **Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte** by the way of **audio-video representations**. District Governor **Rtn. Arun D Bhandhare** appreciated on the number of projects initiated by the club and also highlighted all the projects are within the thrust area of the District. Post the District Governors remark and vote of thanks proposed by Secretary, the dance performances by the **Anns, Rotakids, Rotarians** and by the **President-Secretary** demonstrated the uniqueness and strength of the club followed by the platter of good food.





E-Waste collection centre at Chhatrapati Shahu Vidyalaya

Date: 12th November 2025

Venue: Chhatrapati Shahu Vidyalaya, Near New Palace, Kolhapur



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur achieved yet another collection centre for **e-waste** at Chhatrapati Shahu Vidyalaya.

Rtn. Dr. Abhijeet Haval briefed on the importance of having this project in the school and the collection of e-waste.

Rtn. Shobha Arvind briefed the students on the entire process of disposing of the e-waste, followed by the interaction session with the students of the school.



Appreciate **Rtn. Asif Tahasildar** for sponsoring the E-Waste bin for the project. President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, Secretary **Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte**, Community Service Director **Rtn. Shobha Arvind**, Event Chair **Rtn. Abhijit Haval** and **Ann. Prajakta Charane** were present during the project. Principal and school management appreciated the initiation of the project.

RSSK Visit by Lady Rotarians of Rotary Club of Hubali Central

Date: 12th November 2025

Venue: Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur



Lady Rotarians of the **Rotary Club of Hubali Central** visited our Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra. They were all very happy and overwhelmed to see the activities carried out in Shri. Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, RSSK. A total of 4 Lady Rotarians from Rotary Club of Hubali Central were part of the visit. President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande** briefed and explained about all the activities carried out in our RSSK.

Know your Rotary

Rotary Club of New Milford members visit to RC Kolhapur

The Rotary Club of New Milford is a service organization within Rotary District 7890, which covers parts of Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut. The club's information is as follows:

Contact and Meeting Information

Club Name: Rotary Club of New Milford (#6504)

Visitors Name : Rtn. Mary Katherine Webster Okeefe, Rtn. Cindy Lou Mayhew Tariq, Rtn. Mayra Lorena Floresjoya and Ms. Priscilla Tracy Wargo

Location: New Milford, CT, USA

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 604, New Milford, CT 06776

Email: info@nmrotary.org

Website: You can find more information on their official website at nmrotary.org or their District 7890 page.

Meeting Details: The club meets in person every Tuesday at 12:15 PM at Italia Mia restaurant:

Address: 223 Danbury Rd, New Milford, CT 06776, United States

Activities and Focus :-

The club, chartered on January 12, 1960, is dedicated to community service and humanitarian efforts, it has currently 40 members and is guided by the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self". Their projects include:

Local Initiatives: Providing scholarships to high school students, supporting programs for senior citizens, and maintaining a local park.

International Efforts: Contributing to The Rotary Foundation's initiatives, including the global effort to eradicate polio (PolioPlus) and providing disaster relief (e.g., in collaboration with ShelterBox USA).

Fund Raisers: The club annually raises significant funds (over \$40,000) through events like their annual "Shredfest" Duck Race and a few more to support these causes.

Rotary membership is open to business and professional individuals and is by invitation, though weekly meetings are open to visitors.



18th Weekly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 12th November 2025

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

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?

Our eighteenth 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 was the distinguished and highly respected **Dr. H. B. Hirdekar**, who delivered a truly captivating and insightful talk on the fascinating subject, **“Do We Really Use Our Brains?”**

Dr. Hirdekar's session opened a window into the incredible world of human neuroscience, as he explained in simple yet powerful terms the various ways in which the human mind operates. He highlighted how our thoughts, decisions, and emotions are shaped by complex brain processes that often go unnoticed in day-to-day life.

One of the key points he emphasized was the vital importance of sleep—not just as a form of rest, but as an essential mechanism for rejuvenating the brain, enhancing memory, improving concentration, and maintaining emotional balance.

Dr. Hirdekar also touched upon the major neurotransmitters that govern our mental and physical well-being:-

Dopamine, its role in motivation and movement, and its connection to Parkinson's disease.

Oxytocin, often called the “bonding hormone,” responsible for trust and emotional connections.

Serotonin, which regulates mood, happiness, and overall emotional stability.

Endorphins, the body's natural painkillers that elevate our sense of well-being.

He further explained how imbalances in these chemicals can lead to various neurological and psychological conditions, providing the audience with a deeper understanding of brain health.

Dr. Hirdekar's talk was a perfect blend of science, practicality, and inspiration, leaving every member enriched, aware, and more appreciative of the marvel that is the human brain.

Rtn. Girish Joshi proposed a vote of thanks and **Rtn. Vinayak Hiremath** emerged as the lucky Rotarian.



Kolhapur Foundry Industry – The Metal Backbone of India

Kolhapur, known for its culture and heritage, is also one of Asia's strongest and most advanced foundry clusters. For more than a century, the Kolhapur Foundry Industry has powered India's automotive, engineering, and agricultural growth. Beginning in the early 1900s, the industry has grown from small craft-based workshops to modern manufacturing units known for high-quality cast iron, ductile iron, and precision components.



Today, 300+ foundry units in Udyamnagar, Gokul Shirgaon, Shirol, and the Kagal-Hatkanangale MIDC supply essential components to national automobile companies, tractor manufacturers, pump industries, heavy engineering, and even defence sectors. This strong MSME-driven ecosystem supports both domestic supply chains and global export markets.

The industry provides employment to thousands of skilled and semi-skilled workers, engineers, metallurgists, and entrepreneurs. Kolhapur's technical institutes and training centres constantly develop a capable workforce, ensuring consistent quality and innovation.

Like all fast-growing sectors, the industry faces challenges—rising energy and raw material costs, environmental compliance, global competition, and the need for automation. Yet, with the support of industry associations, government bodies, and organisations like Rotary, the cluster is embracing cleaner technology, energy-efficient systems, waste-management improvements, and digital upgrades.

Despite modernization, the industry's identity remains rooted in strong work ethics, generations of technical expertise, and dedication to precision. The Kolhapur Foundry Industry stands today as a symbol of industrial pride and resilience—a sector that blends tradition with innovation and continues to strengthen the region's economic backbone.

Key Highlights -

- One of Asia's most advanced foundry hubs, active for 100+ years.
- 300+ units producing cast iron, ductile iron, and precision components.
- Major supplier to automobiles, tractors, pumps, heavy engineering, and defence.
- Provides livelihood to thousands of workers and professionals.
- Supported by strong metallurgy education and skill-development centres.
- Adapting to challenges through clean technology, energy efficiency, and digitalization.
- A core symbol of Kolhapur's industrial pride and future-ready growth.

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

**“ Rotary changes us and those we serve.
I believe we can change the world
one life at a time. ”**

- Paul Harris



Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR



Happy Birthday

Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar - 10th Nov.
Rtn. Sunny Vachhani - 14th Nov.
Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal - 15th Nov.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Vinay Sangle - 13th Nov.

RC Kolhapur's UPCOMING KEY PROJECTS



Saturday - 29th November 2025



Saturday, 13th December 2025



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

NEXT MEETING



The
Rotary
Foundation
GLOBAL GRANTS

DATE:
**Tuesday,
18th November 2025**

TIME: 5:30 PM

GUEST

**Global Grant Partners from
Rotary Club of Milford, RID 7890.**

SUBJECT

Interaction with Global Partners

Please note : Change in the Weekly Meeting Day

**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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**WE MEET EVERY
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