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2025-26



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GLOBAL PARTNERS VISIT - Members of the RC Milford, RID 7890, USA visit to Projects of RSSK & Kolhapur City - Glimpses

Date: 15th to 17th November 2025

Venue: Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur.

The visiting delegates lauded the meaningful work being carried out at Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra and commended the dedication and vibrancy of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur team. They also expressed high appreciation for Kolhapur's rich cultural heritage, warm hospitality, and the overall vibrance of the city, which left a lasting impression on them.



Global Grant Inauguration at Nagojirao Patankar High School, Kolhapur

Date: Tuesday, 18th November 2025

Venue: Nagojirao Patankar High School, Kolhapur



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur (R.I. District 3170) inaugurated its **Global Grant Project (GG2576403)** at **Nagojirao Patankar High School, Kolhapur**, focusing on teachers' training and school upgradation to strengthen learning outcomes.

The inauguration was done at the hands of **Mrs. Priscilla Wargo**, wife of Late PDG Frank Wargo, and IPDG **Rtn. Sharad Pai**, District Governor 2024–25. Rotary leaders from Kolhapur and Rotary Milford participated, reinforcing the spirit of international collaboration.

Mrs. Wargo appreciated Rotary's commitment to education, stating that empowered teachers build empowered societies. **Rtn. Sharad Pai** highlighted how global partnerships create sustainable community impact.

District Governor 2025–26, **Rtn. Arun D. Bhandare**, appreciated the school's disciplined functioning and praised the management team for their sincerity, vision, and dedicated efforts toward student development.

Shri. Ramchandra (Bal) Patankar shared the proud history of Nagojirao Patankar High School, founded on discipline, values, and accessible education. He spoke about the school's progressive working style and expressed gratitude to Rotary for supporting its next phase of growth.

A short AV presentation showcased the school's journey, achievements, and the positive impact expected through the Global Grant. The programme concluded with gratitude toward all Rotarians whose efforts made the event meaningful.

19th Weekly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 18th November 2025

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

GUEST : GLOBAL PARTNERS - Members of the Rotary Club of Milford, RID 7890, USA

**SUBJECT : Interaction with Global partners on Global Grant and
Their Shared Experience at Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra & RC Kolhapur**



The guest speakers for our 19th weekly meeting were **IPP Rtn. Katherine Webster Okeefe**, **Rtn. Cindy Lou Mayhew Tariq**, **Rtn. Mayra Lorena Floresjoya**, and **Ms Priscilla Tracy Wargo** (Spouse of Late PDG Rtn. Frank Wargo) - members of the Rotary Club of Milford, RID 7890, USA, who were in India and visited our club for

the inauguration of our club's **Global Grant GG2576403** project at **Nagojirao Patankar High School**. As the guest speakers represented our international partner club, we hosted an interactive session to understand the structure and functioning of their club, their membership strength, meeting format, and the types of service projects they undertake, including their selection criteria. **Rtn. Amit Mate** moderated the session effectively, ensuring meaningful and engaging dialogue. Our guests also expressed deep admiration for the work at Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra and appreciated the energy and commitment of Rotary Club of Kolhapur. They warmly shared their fondness for the culture, hospitality, and vibrance of Kolhapur city, strengthening the spirit of international fellowship. The meeting concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by **Rtn. Sahil Gandhi** and **Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh** emerged as the lucky Rotarian of the day.

Farewell Party with Global Partners

Date: Tuesday, 18th November 2025

Venue: Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur.

A warm and memorable **Farewell Party** was hosted in honour of our Global Grant partners, marking the perfect finale to their visit. RC Kolhapur members joined them for a delightful dinner, celebrating friendship, collaboration, and shared service ideals. It truly reflected the spirit of Rotary beyond borders. **Host: PDG. Rtn. Pratap Puranik, Rtn. Amit Mate, Rtn. Girish Joshi, Rtn. Arvind Krishnan and Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh**



Flag Exchange with members of the Rotary Club of Milford, RID 7890

Date: 18th November 2025

Venue: Shri. Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, 3rd Floor,
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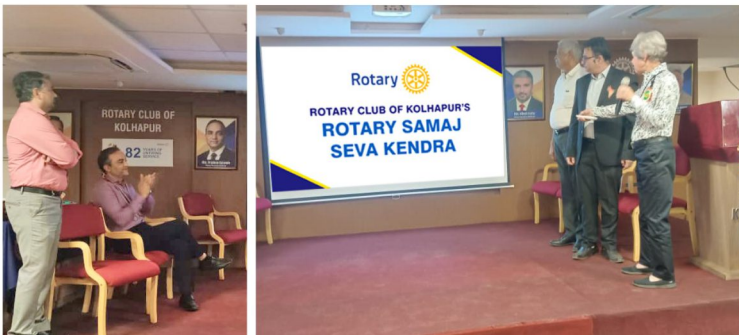
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YouTube Channel Launched – Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur

Date: 18th November 2025

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



On 18th November, the official YouTube channel of Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur was inaugurated at the hands of **Ms. Priscilla Tracy Wargo, USA**. Present on the occasion were **Rtn. Girish Joshi**, President RSSK (2025–27); **Rtn. Amit Mate**, RSSK Secretary (2023–25); **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, President of Rotary Club of Kolhapur; and **Rtn. Nilesh Kutte**, Secretary for the current year. and **RC Kolhapur members**.



During the program, **Rtn. Katherine, USA** appreciated the excellent social videos created by **Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam**, Chair of the Publicity Committee, acknowledged his valuable contribution to producing RSSK project videos.

The launch of this YouTube channel is expected to play a significant role in promoting the various social initiatives of Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra.



Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur
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Rotary Global Grants

Rotary Global Grants support large-scale, sustainable projects and graduate-level scholarships that create meaningful, long-term impact in communities around the world. These grants require collaboration between Rotary clubs or districts from different countries, ensuring strong international partnership and shared responsibility.

Global Grants must align with one of Rotary's seven Areas of Focus:

- Peacebuilding and conflict resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development
- Environmental protection



Each project must deliver measurable, long-term results and demonstrate sustainability. Grants are funded through club and district contributions, matched by The Rotary Foundation's World Fund, with a minimum total budget of USD 30,000. By participating in Global Grant projects, Rotary clubs help transform lives and communities worldwide.

Rotary Memories

Memorable Moments with RI President Francisco Arezzo & First Lady



This year **Rotary Institute "Tejas"** held between 14th to 16th November at Delhi's "**Yashobhumi Convention Centre**" and "**Field Marshal Manekshaw Centre**". It was attended by RI President Francisco Arezzo and First Lady Ann Maria. We have worked together as Training Leaders and have been good friends for the last 13 years. During dinner on 15th Nov. I had an opportunity to interact with them, when I took the above selfie. They are a very caring and down-to-earth couple.

- PDG. Pratap Puranik

TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Send your answers to
Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar
on **Whatsapp** 

The names of the first five members with correct answers will be published in the next bulletin

Question :

Which venue hosted the 2025 Women's Cricket World Cup final?

- A. Eden Gardens, Kolkata,
- B. Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai
- C. D.Y. Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai
- D. M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru

Barai Imam – A Historic Neighbourhood Landmark of Old Kolhapur

The Barai Imam locality in Kolhapur stands as one of the older settlements rooted in the cultural fabric of Shivaji Peth, an area known for its traditional neighbourhoods. The identity of this locality developed around the Barai Imam Masjid, a modest yet respected place of worship that has served as a spiritual anchor for generations. Although not a grand monument, the masjid symbolizes the quiet history of the Muslim families who began settling here in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These early residents were mostly engaged in small trades, craftsmanship, and local services that contributed to the economic life of Kolhapur. Over time, their homes, lanes, and markets formed the core of what later became known as the Barai Imam area.



In earlier decades, the locality had a more traditional character, with narrow lanes, small houses, and community spaces. Among these, the football ground became an important landmark, shaping the social life of local youth. Neighbours often gathered during festivals, social events, and community prayers, creating a bond that defined the area's identity. Shivaji Peth's historic layout—with its wadas, temples, and community clusters—naturally influenced the growth of this settlement, enabling Barai Imam to develop as part of Kolhapur's older urban heart.

Today, Barai Imam has transformed into a typical busy urban neighbourhood. Many old houses have given way to new buildings, shops, and small commercial establishments. Schools, clinics, and tuition centres have added to the activity of the area, while improved roads connect it well with important parts of the city such as Rajarampuri, Dasara Chowk, and Shahupuri. Despite these changes, the Barai Imam Masjid in Shivaji Peth (PIN 416012) continues to play a central role, offering a sense of continuity amidst modernisation. The football ground remains a prominent feature and continues to attract young players, preserving an important element of local culture.

What makes Barai Imam significant today is its blend of heritage, community life, and urban growth. It reflects how older neighbourhoods adapt to modern demands without losing their historical roots. The area still retains the essence of togetherness, with families who have lived here for decades coexisting with newer residents. While the locality sometimes appears in civic discussions or administrative news, daily life here remains stable, reflecting the coexistence that Kolhapur is known for.

In essence, Barai Imam, Kolhapur represents a small but meaningful chapter in the city's larger history—a neighbourhood shaped by tradition, strengthened by community, and evolving with the times.

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

**“ Success is not final; failure is not fatal:
It is the courage to continue that counts. ”**

- Winston S. Churchill



Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR



Happy Birthday

Rtn. Upendra Gokhale - 17th Nov.
Rtn. Sahil Gandhi - 17th Nov.
Rtn. Mohan Gargatte - 19th Nov.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Dr. N. Sampathkumar - 18th Nov.
Rtn. Sumeet Chougule - 22nd 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,
26th November 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**



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