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2025-26



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Training Program for Special Institutions: Navigating Laws & Compliance

Date: 21st November 2025

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



On 21st November 2025, we organized **Training Program for Special Institutions: Navigating Laws & Compliance**. The target audience were owners of special institutions/schools, educators and administrators in special education. Topic covered were Legal Framework for Special Education with major emphasis on National Education Policy and its provision, its compliance and documentation.

The key speakers **Shri. Nandkumar Phule** and **Shri. Madhukar Katawate** conducted the training program. A total of 58 members benefited from the training program. President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, Rtn. Arvind Taral, Ann. Gayatri Puranik, Ann. Vaishali Taral and Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte were present during the training program.



Distribution of Hearing Aid

Date: 21st November 2025

Venue: Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur handed over “**Hearing Aid**” to **Amruta Vahnkamble**. Appreciate **Rtn. Arvind Taral** for sponsoring the “**Hearing Aid**”. President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, Rtn. Arvind Taral, Ann. Vaishali Taral, Ann. Gayatri Puranik and Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte were present for the project.

Cataract Surgeries - Phase I

Date: 21st November 2025

Venue: Orange Multi-Speciality Hospital, Shivaji Peth, Kolhapur.



Project Vision operated to **5 beneficiaries for cataract surgeries**, at **Orange Multispeciality Hospital**. Total count for the year stands at 5 surgeries. We have plan to operate 40 to 60 surgeries in the year 2025-26. Appreciate the support extended by **Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar** and **Rtn. Dr Pooja Sasurkar** and their team.

President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar, Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar and Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte were present for the projects.

Cataract Surgeries - Phase II

Date: 21st November 2025

Venue: Orange Multi-Speciality Hospital, Shivaji Peth, Kolhapur.

Project Vision operated to **10 beneficiaries for cataract surgeries**, at **Orange Multispeciality Hospital**. Total count for the year stands at 15 surgeries. We have plan to operate 40 to 60 surgeries in the year 2025-26. Appreciate the support extended by **Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar** and **Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar** and their team.

President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar, Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar and Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte were present for the projects.



DTLS - I (District Secretariat, Zonal Co-Ordinator, Governor Aid Meet)

Date: 22nd November and 23rd November 2025

Venue: Dharwad Host Club: Rotary Club of Belur Dharwad



Rtn. Arvind Krishnan, **Rtn. Sahil Gandhi** and **Rtn. Aman Momin** attended the DTLS-I (District Secretariat, Zonal Co ordinator, Governor Area Aid meet) at Dharwad on the 22nd and 23rd of November at Dharwad. The event was hosted by Rotary club of Belur Dharwad.

Ganga Group Meeting

Host : **Rtn. Dhiraj Batheja**

Date : 25th November, 2025

Venue : **Hotel Chaitali**, Kolhapur



Sabarmati Group Meeting

Host : **Rtn. Upendra Gokhale**

Date : 26th November, 2025

Venue : **Hotel K Tree**, Kolhapur



Krishna Group and Brahmaputra Group Meeting

Date : 27th November, 2025 Venue : **Hotel K Tree**, Kolhapur



A wonderful joint Group Meeting of the a morning fresh & energiful gathering, where the hosts -

Rtn. Arvind Krishnan and **Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar**, invited all members of the **Rotary Club of Kolhapur** for a delightful breakfast fellowship. Attendance of Members: 78



All **four group meetings** turned out to be highly engaging and impactful, filled with vibrant discussions on various topics. President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande** informed the group members about the fundraising projects lined up like **Urja 2025**, **Carnival 2025** and **Cricmania 2025**, for the month of December 2025. Rtn. Pradeep Karande also informed about the **AGM** happening on 10th December 2025 and requested everyone to be present. President Rtn. Pradeep Karande also informed about the **District Conference "Runanubandh"** to be held on **30th January, 31st January** and **1st February 2026** at **Ahuja Lawns**, Kolhapur-Sangli Road, Kolhapur and requested Group members to have 100% registration from our club, which showcases our strength in District 3170. Group meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the President Rtn. Pradeep Karande and felicitating the birthday boys with a plant. A total of 30 group meetings have concluded so far.

Urja 2025 - Press Conference

Date : 27th November 2025

Venue : Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur



A press conference for “**Urja 2025 – The Art and Talent Festival for Hearing-Impaired Students**” was successfully conducted, where Event Chairperson **Rtn. Shobha Arvind** announced that the **Rotary Club of Kolhapur**, with sponsorship from **Goenka Syndicate Pvt. Ltd.**, will host this inspiring event on Saturday, 29th November 2025. She informed the media that around **15 schools** and **170 students** will participate in exciting competitions such as Reading, Fancy Dress, Solo Dance, Skit/Short Play, and Group Dance, providing a vibrant platform for children to showcase their talents with confidence and joy.

Vocational Visit to Rotary Skin Bank, Sangli

Date: 27th November 2025

Venue: Sushrut Plastic Surgery and Burns, Burns Hospital, Vakil Colony, Civil Hospital Road, Sangli



On 27th November 2025, we did the **Vocational Visit to Rotary Skin Bank**, Sangli to understand the project, its process on acquisition of skin, preservation of skin, validity period of the skin, methods of preservation of skin, requirements on the number of equipment, beneficiaries and its viability report, etc. The Rotary Skin Bank project has been completed by the Rotary Club of Sangli under a Global Grant with foreign partners from Taiwan. So far, more than **1000 beneficiaries across India have benefited** from the skin supply since its inception year of 2018.

*Look at the sky. We are not alone.
The whole universe is friendly to us and
conspires only to give the best to those
who dream and work.*

- A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

Dental Check-Up Camp

Date: 28th November 2025

Venue: Radhabai Shinde English High School, CSIBER Chowk, Kolhapur



Rotary Club of Kolhapur organised a **Dental Check-Up Camp** at Radhabai Shinde English High School, CSIBER Chowk, in collaboration with the Indian Dental Association. A team of 12 dental doctors examined students from Standard VI to IX, benefitting a total of 750 children. The project was efficiently led by Event Chairpersons **Rtn. Dr. Aditya Upadhye** and **Rtn. Mithun Satra**, with the presence and support of President Rtn. Pradeep Karande and Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte.

Launch of New Jewellery Collection

Date : 28th November 2025

Venue : Chandukaka Saraf, Railway Station, Kolhapur



Chandukaka Saraf Jewellers warmly invited the **President of Rotary Club of Kolhapur** for the **grand unveiling of their new jewellery design collection**. The inauguration was graciously done by **President Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, in the presence of Secretary **Rtn. Nilesh Kutte** and Public Relations Committee Chair **Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam**. Their expert team shared valuable insights on gold purity, quality, and craftsmanship, making the event both informative and memorable.

Planetary viewing for Rotakids

Date : 29th November 2025

Venue : LIC Ground, Rukmini Nagar, Kolhapur



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur, in collaboration with **AstroMates**, organized a planetary viewing session for the members of the **EarlyAct Club of Kolhapur**. The objective of the event was to spark curiosity about astronomy and provide young students with a hands-on learning experience. During the session, the EarlyActors had the opportunity to observe various celestial

objects, including different planets, prominent stars, and the moon, through professional telescopes and other observational equipment. Following the viewing, experts from AstroMates conducted an interactive discussion, where they explained key facts about the observed celestial bodies and responded to the students' questions. The session not only enhanced the participants' scientific knowledge but also encouraged them to develop a deeper interest in space science and exploration.

Training for Teachers and Parents of Children with Hearing Impairment

Date: 29th November 2025

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



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur conducted a **Training Session on Hearing Impairment**. The training session was divided into two parts. In the first part, the training was conducted for the parents and in the second part training was kept for the teachers, emphasising how speech development occurs through everyday activities. The resource persons were **Mrs. Chhaya Ghatge** and **Mrs. Lata Nayak** from Mumbai, and both experts in the field. A total of **26 teachers** and **55 parents** benefited from the project.

Blood Donation Camp



Event Chair : Rtn. Mahendra Parmar
Date : 21st November 2025
Venue : Mahavir Mahavidyalaya,
Kolhapur



Event Chair : Rtn. Mahendra Parmar
& Rtn. Dhaval Gala
Date : 24th November 2025
Venue : Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra,
Kolhapur



Event Chair : Rtn. Mahendra Parmar
Date : 27th November 2025
Venue : Sarojini College of Pharmacy,
Rajendra Nagar, Kolhapur



Event Chair : Rtn. Mahendra Parmar
Date : 29th November 2025
Venue : Shri. Saraswatibai Goud
Saraswat Bramhan Vidyarthi
Vastigrah, Kolhapur



Event Chair : Rtn. Mahendra Parmar
Date : 29th November 2025
Venue : Shri. Swami Samarth Mandir
Pradnyapuri, Kolhapur.

The **Rotary Club of Kolhapur** proudly organised a remarkable **Blood Donation Camp**, achieving an outstanding milestone of collecting **1150 pints** of life-saving blood to **benefit nearly 3,450 patients**.

President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande** inspired volunteers and donors with his motivating presence and strong commitment toward this noble mission, while Secretary **Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte** ensured smooth coordination throughout the event. This impactful initiative truly reflects Rotary's spirit of compassion and its motto, "Service Above Self".

Dear All Fellow Rotarian, "Rotary Club of Kolhapur"

INVITATION

It gives us immense pleasure to invite **all our fellow members** of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur to the Group Meeting, organised on the special occasion of our Anniversary. Your gracious presence will add joy and warmth to the celebration, making this day truly memorable through your blessings and fellowship.

Date: **4th December 2025 (Thursday)** Time: **9:00 AM** Venue: **Hotel Vrishali Terrace**

With Warm Regards, - **Rtn Poonam Chugh & Rtn. Menghraj Chugh**

Know your Rotary



GLOBAL GRANTS: Funding and Application Guidelines

Global Grants give our club a chance to think big, partner globally, and create lasting change for communities that truly need our help. They support well-planned, sustainable projects with clear, measurable results in Rotary's areas of focus.

Funding at a glance

- Minimum total project budget: USD 30,000, funded through a mix of DDF and cash from clubs and districts
- The Rotary Foundation's World Fund currently matches DDF at 80%, significantly increasing the impact of our contributions



What every project must have

- Genuine community involvement and a proper needs assessment showing that the project addresses a locally identified need.
- Clear, measurable outcomes and a design that allows the community to sustain the benefits after the grant closes.
- Active, qualified host and international partner clubs or districts working together as one Rotary team.

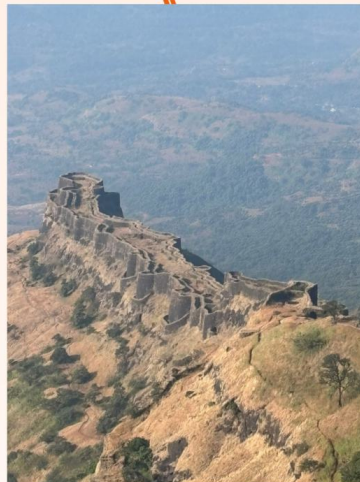
Steps for our club to get involved

- Identify a meaningful project that fits Rotary's areas of focus and a real community need.
- Connect with an international Rotary club to join hands as partners.
- Ensure both districts are qualified for Global Grants and ready to manage funds responsibly.
- Work with the partner club to prepare the online application, including needs assessment, participation plan, sustainability strategy, and measurable goals.
- Submit the application and complete all requirements within 12 months, or it will be cancelled by TRF.

When our club participates in a Global Grant, every rupee and every hour of service goes further, helping us transform lives, build goodwill, and showcase the power of Rotary teamwork across borders.

Killeshree Rajgad

From 1645 to 1670, Fort Rajgad was a vital stronghold of Swarajya. It was here that **Jijamata (Aau Saheb)** and **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj** lived for twenty-five years. The fort housed the administrative office of Maharaj, as well as the Padmavati Devi Temple, where Shivaji Maharaj performed darshan every day. Within its mighty boundaries stood Balekilla, the spot where Afzal Khan's head was displayed after the historic victory. The fortress was designed with three strategic layers - Padmavati Machi, Sanjivani Machi, and Suvela Machi – and gates on all four sides, allowing control over the four directions of the Deccan.



After his martyrdom in the Sinhagad battle, the immortal warrior Narveer Tanaji Malusare was brought to Rajgad for burial, honoring his unmatched courage. From this impregnable fort, Maharaj laid out his bold strategies for the expansion of Swarajya, including the grand vision of conquering Delhi. Rajgad's massive ramparts, watchtowers, and secret pathways reflect its architectural genius and defensive brilliance.

Surrounded by the breathtaking Sahyadri ranges, Rajgad keeps alive the glorious memories of Swarajya. The trek to Rajgad is not only adventurous but also spiritually enriching - a journey through time where every rock narrates the valor, discipline, and sacrifice of Shivaji Maharaj and his devoted mavlas. A visit to this legendary fort becomes a perfect opportunity to share stories of bravery and patriotism with the next generation.

Jay Bhavani, Jay Shivaji!

Shared by - Rtn. Amit Mate

TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

What is the main motto of Rotary?

- A) Save the Earth B) Service Above Self
C) Learn and Grow D) Together We Win

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

Last week question?

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

Answer -

C. D.Y. Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai

Answers given by -

Rtn. Upendra Deuskar
Rtn. Dr. Dilip shah
Ann Poonam shah
Ann Dhara Sheth
Ann Nikita Gandh

Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR



Happy Birthday

Rtn. Rajendra Deshinge - 24th Nov.
Rtn. Dhiraj Bhateja - 25th Nov
Rtn. Kaustubh Kamath - 25th Nov
Rtn. Vinay Kulkarni - 27th Nov

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Netaji Kankekar - 28th Nov
Rtn. Chetan Desai - 29th Nov

RC Kolhapur's UPCOMING KEY PROJECTS



Saturday, 13th December 2025



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

NEXT MEETING



DATE:
**Wednesday,
3rd December 2025**

TIME:
5:30 PM

GUEST

Mr. Deepak Sharma

Cluster Head at HDFC Mutual Fund
Region - South Maharashtra.

- Degree with an MBA in Finance from Nagpur University.
- Accumulated 20 years of experience in the finance industry and associated with HDFC Mutual Fund since 2014.

SUBJECT

THE LIGHTHOUSE

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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with PRIDE**

*Logic will get you from A to B.
Imagination will take you everywhere.*

- Albert Einstein



**GET IN TOUCH
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR**

**WE MEET EVERY
WEDNESDAY AT 5.30 PM**

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