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A Grand Celebration of the Talents of Hearing-Impaired Students – ‘Urja 2025’ Concludes with Great Enthusiasm

Date: 29th November 2025

Venue: Rajashri Shahu Chatrapati Smarak Bhavan, Dasara Chowk, Kolhapur.



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur, with Goenka Syndicate Pvt. Ltd. as the title sponsor, successfully organised the **State-Level “Urja 2025”** Art Festival for Hearing-Impaired Students on Saturday, 29th November 2025. A total of **170 students** from **15 schools** across **Maharashtra** and **Goa** enthusiastically participated, giving the event a spectacular scale. Through diverse competitions, the students showcased their remarkable artistic skills.

The Chief Guests for the event were RID3170 **District Governor Rtn. Arun D. Bhandare**, **Sou. Chhaya Ghatge**, and **Sou. Lata Nayak**, who encouraged the students with their inspiring wishes. Guest of Honour **Asst. Governor Rtn. Harshavardhan Taywade-Patil**, along with a large number of Rotarians, teachers, and parents graced the occasion.

The audience was captivated by the delightful performances in various categories such as Group Dance, Solo Dance, Poetry Recitation, Skit, and Fancy Dress. The entire day radiated joy, creativity, and vibrant energy.

During the prize distribution ceremony, the winners were honoured with trophies and certificates. The cheerful smiles of the children and the immense satisfaction on the faces of parents and teachers added to the event's success.

"Urja 2025" Sponsored by

- 1) Title Sponsor **Goenka Syndicate Pvt. Ltd. - Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka and Rtn. Sunita Goenka**
 - 2) Designing & Branding sponsor **Rtn. Ajinkya S. Kadam - Arton Creations**
 - 3) President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande Rs.5000/-**, 4) Secretary **Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte Rs.5000/-**
- Heartfelt thanks** for your generous donation, **empowering "URJA"** to create a positive impact.

The dedicated efforts of Club President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, Secretary **Rtn. Nilesh Kutte**, Youth Service Director **Rtn. Dheeraj Bhatija**, Event Chairperson **Rtn. Shobha Arvind**, and the **Urja 2025 committee members** played a major role in making this event truly memorable.



Sabarmati Group Meeting

Host : **Rtn. Sameer Waykool**

Date : **30th November 2025**

Venue : **Hotel Chaitali, Kolhapur**

Rtn. Sameer Waykool of Sabarmati Group hosted the Group meeting on the Occasion of his birthday. 12 club members and Anns, along with the group coordinators attended and enjoyed a sumptuous Breakfast.



Kaveri Group Meeting

Host: **Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh** and **Rtn. Poonam Chugh**

Date : **04th December 2025**

Venue : **Hotel Vrushali, Kolhapur**

Group coordinator-
Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh
Joint Group coordinator-
Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal



Kaveri Group members - **Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh** and **Rtn. Poonam Chugh** organised a Group meeting on the Occasion of their marriage anniversary. **They invited all members of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur** for a delightful breakfast. 78 club members, along with the group coordinators attended.



Various discussions on various topics were held during these **Sabarmati & Kaveri** Group meetings. 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.

Late Kamlakar Nevagi School Shines at URJA 2025

Date : 30th November 2025

Venue : Rajashri Shahu Chatrapati Smarak Bhavan, Dasara Chowk, Kolhapur.



RC Kolhapur, sponsored by **Goenka Syndicate Pvt. Ltd.**, organized the State-Level Art Festival “**URJA 2025**” for hearing-impaired students. Our students of **Late Kamlakar Nevagi Shishu Vidyalay** delivered an outstanding performance, winning **13 prizes** out of 14 entries. Their dedication, hard work, and

brilliant talent have truly led to this remarkable success! – **Congratulations to all !**

Special appreciation to the **Teachers, Staff Members**, and School Chairperson **Rtn. Arvind Taral** with Committee Members for their dedicated support. The event was successfully conducted under the leadership of President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, Secretary **Rtn. Nilesh Kutte**, Event Chairperson **Rtn. Shobha Arvind**, and the **URJA 2025 Committee Members**, who ensured the festival’s smooth and successful execution.

Proud Achievement by Our EarlyAct Club

Date : 06th December 2025

Venue : Mahavir Garden, Kolhapur

Our talented **EarlyAct Club of Kolhapur** members participated in the **Skit Competition** organised by the **Gardens Club**, competing among 8 teams and delivering a powerful message on “**Say No to Plastic.**” With **12 enthusiastic Rotakids** on stage, they secured an impressive **2nd Prize** along with a **cash award of Rs. 3,000/-**. Their confidence, creativity, and teamwork truly shined on the stage, spreading strong awareness for a greener tomorrow.



Heartiest congratulations to our Rotakids performers, and special appreciation to Event Chairperson **Rtn. Ela Mate** and Rotakids Coordinators **Ann. Pooja Rathod & Ann. Priyanka Totla** for their wonderful guidance and support!

Together, let's continue nurturing such change makers of the future!

Sahastrajit Shines as an All-Round Champion

Congratulations!



Sahastrajit Siddharth Patankar of The Lawrence School, Lovedale – Ootacamund, Tamil Nadu has brought great pride to Sumeru House with his remarkable all-round achievements, securing the **First Position** in the Inter-House Humanities Quiz (Junior School), along with an exceptional performance in sports by winning **1st place** in **Archery** and finishing **2nd** in both **Football** and **Basketball**. His dedication, talent, and winning spirit truly make him a shining star and an inspiration to all, while his proud parents celebrate his outstanding success with immense joy and honour.

TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

What is the theme of Rotary year 2024-2025?

- A) Shine Together B) Make Magic Happen
C) The Magic of Rotary D) Miracles Together

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?

What is the main motto of Rotary?

Answer -

B) Service Above Self

Answers given by -

**Ann Nikita Gandhi
Rtn. Dr. Dilip shah
Ann Vaishali Taral
Ann Dhara Sheth**



“

All power is within you. You can do anything and everything. Believe in that. Do not believe that you are weak; do not believe that you are half-crazy lunatics, as most of us do nowadays. Stand up and express the divinity within you.

“

Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life – think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success.

- Swami Vivekananda

Know your Rotary



Overview: Rotary CSR Grants



CSR Grants



The Rotary Foundation offers Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Grants a unique opportunity for for-profit organizations to partner with Rotary in creating sustainable, high impact humanitarian projects. Through this program, Rotary acts as an implementing partner, aligning corporate social initiatives with Rotary's mission and focus areas. Projects are planned and executed by local Rotary clubs and districts, ensuring they address genuine community needs and deliver lasting benefits. Objective:

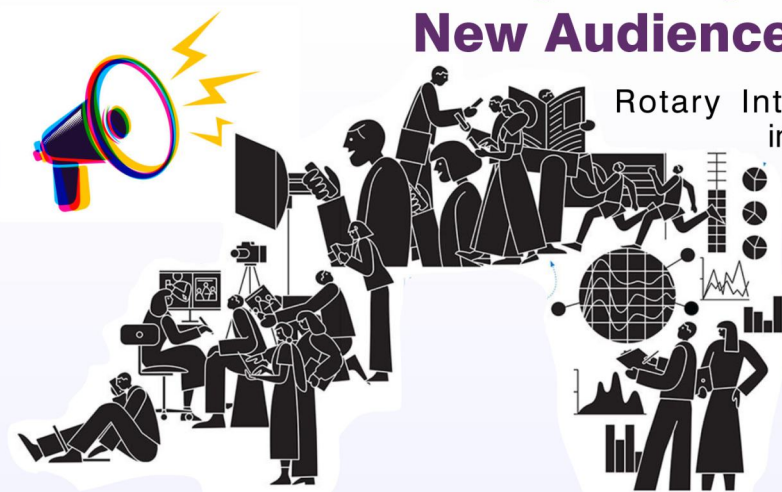
To help corporations achieve their CSR goals by funding initiatives that promote community development, education, health, and other humanitarian priorities. Geographic Scope:

The CSR Grants program is currently available to corporations based in India, Australia, and Brazil, with country specific guidelines and terms.

Funding:

CSR project funds come primarily from corporate contributions and may be supplemented by club or district cash, though these are not matched by the World Fund. This initiative reflects Rotary's growing role as a trusted partner in advancing sustainable development through public private collaboration.

Sharing Rotary With New Audiences



Rotary International has emphasized the importance of reaching new audiences to build greater awareness and engagement. While Rotary is a well-recognized name globally, research shows that many potential members and supporters still lack clarity about the organization's mission and meaningful impact.

To address this, Rotary continues to highlight its signature communication approach — People of Action. This message reflects the true spirit of

Rotary: dedicated volunteers using their skills, passion, and expertise to create lasting change both locally and globally.

The goal is to provide a clear, consistent answer to the question, "What is Rotary?" By showcasing real stories of service and leadership, Rotary aims to connect with more communities, inspire new friendships, and demonstrate that Rotarians are united by their commitment to taking action to solve problems.

As Rotary members worldwide embrace this message, they help reinforce the powerful identity that defines the organization — **Rotarians are People of Action.**

Main Rajaram High School

Rajaram High School - now known as **Main Rajaram High School**, is located near Bhavani Mandap. It is a magnificent palace-like structure built in black stone to complement the Old Palace, the seat of the Chhatrapati's of Kolhapur. It is a must-visit attraction for anyone exploring Kolhapur.

Designed by the renowned architect - Major Charles Mant, this architectural marvel was built 155 years ago. The heart of the building is a grand hall, featuring a bust and a large painting of the late Maharaj of Kolhapur, Chhatrapati Rajaram Maharaj II.

Chhatrapati Shivaji IV, also known as Babasaheb Maharaj, adopted Nagojirao Patankar, his nephew - from the Sardar Patankar family. Nagojirao - known to be well mannered, intelligent and with good work ethics, was named as Rajaram II on his adoption, and declared as the heir to the throne. Chhatrapati Rajaram Maharaj II - ascended the throne in 1866 - at a tender age of 16 years.

Chhatrapati Rajaram Maharaj II was a true pioneer, he not only was fluent in English, he was also one of the first rulers to embark on a journey across the sea for a study tour of Europe.

Chhatrapati Rajaram Maharaj II was responsible for laying the foundation of higher education in Kolhapur. Before leaving for this tour of Europe, he laid the foundation stone of the "Kolhapur English High School" in 1870. In his speech during the occasion, he said "Spreading Education for one and all, according to me is the most important thing and Education should reach each and everyone". Unfortunately, he never lived to see his dream come to fruition. He passed away in Florence, Italy.

The then Principal of Kolhapur English High School, proposed that the school be renamed after Rajaram Maharaj, thereafter the school was renamed as "Rajaram High School". The building was completed in 1874. Classes of the college were held in this building from 1880.

Chhatrapati Rajaram Maharaj II's last rites were performed in Florence, on the banks of the river Arno in the Hindu tradition. Today, a traditional Chhatra & bust of Rajaram Maharaj II stand at the location. Coincidentally, the Chhatra was designed by Major Charles Mant.



Shared by - **Rtn. Namrata Patanakar**

Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR



Happy Birthday



Rtn. Digvijay Bhosale - 3rd Dec.
Rtn. Sagar Mahamunni - 4th Dec.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Vinayak Hiremath - 2nd Dec.
Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh - 4th Dec.
Rtn. Poonam Chugh - 4th Dec.

RC Kolhapur's UPCOMING KEY PROJECTS



Saturday, 13th December 2025



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

NEXT MEETING



DATE:
Wednesday,
10th December 2025

TIME:
5:30 PM

RC Kolhapur's ANNUAL GENERAL 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



PROUD TO BE A ROTARIAN

*"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one
ever come without leaving happier."*

- Mother Teresa



GET IN TOUCH
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

WE MEET EVERY
WEDNESDAY AT 5.30 PM

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