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Rotary Carnival and Fun Fair 2025 Held with Enthusiastic Response

Date : 13th December 2025

Venue : Maharani Lawns, Tarabai Park, Kolhapur



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur successfully hosted the **Rotary Carnival and Fun Fair 2025** for the second consecutive year on 13th December 2025 at Maharani Lawns, Tarabai Park, Kolhapur, creating a vibrant and joyful atmosphere for the citizens of the city. The event was inaugurated by **PDG Rtn. Pratap Puranik** and received overwhelming appreciation and positive feedback from attendees. The grand event featured **27 exciting game and food stalls**, co-hosted by Rotaract, Interact, and EarlyAct Clubs of Kolhapur. Over **1,300 visitors** enthusiastically participated in the carnival, enjoying highlights such as a **Fashion Show, Talent Show, Turkish Drummer performance**, and **Tambola with bumper prizes**, making it a truly memorable celebration.

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The successful program was held under the leadership of President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, Secretary **Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte**, Club Service Director **Rtn. Harshad Dhale** and was efficiently coordinated by Event Chairpersons **Rtn. Dhaval Gala** and **Rtn. Sharad Totla**, with support from **Rtn. Shobha Arvind**, **Ann. Pooja Rathod**, and Dynamic **Event committee members**. The program was co-hosted by the **Rotaract, Interact**, and **EarlyAct Clubs of Kolhapur** and received excellent feedback from the public.

Sincere thanks to Title Sponsors **ONE EARTH**, **Deshpande Infra** and **Revanta**, and Co-Sponsor **The Viraj Junction** for their generous support.



Rotary International President **Francesco Arezzo's** December 2025 Message

“To health and happiness”

*In **President Francesco's** December 2025 Newsletter, talks about this month issue being all about happiness and during Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, he highlights our members' work to promote health and wellness, including mental health. It is called friendship. He says that **"fellowship gives us the courage and means to create lasting change in the world."** He encourages us to let us **Unite for Good** — for healing, friendship, and access to happiness.....*

To Health and Happiness

This month's special issue of Rotary magazine is all about happiness, that most elemental of human yearnings. More than a feeling, though, this state of positive well-being, and the conditions necessary to create and sustain it, should be considered a universal right.

December also marks Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, when we highlight our members' work to promote health and wellness, including mental wellness. Globally, nearly 1 in 7 people have a mental health disorder, according to a recent World Health Organization report. Yet only 9 percent of people with depression receive adequate treatment.

We are fortunate in Rotary to have a powerful way to support emotional well-being and happiness: friendship. The connections we build in Rotary can be a powerful force for change. I know this from personal experience.

When my fellow members first proposed that I become club president, I demurred. I had a stutter. I was terrified of speaking. But having club members who supported me and surrounded me with affection enabled me to face my fear, and I found a way to stand confidently before a crowd.

Today, I regularly address audiences — some numbering in the thousands — in a language that is not native to me. The Rotary members in my life helped me create lasting change within myself.

That fellowship gives us the courage and means to create lasting change in the world as well, and mental health services are in desperate need of improvement. The WHO reports that governments on average devote only 2 percent of their health budgets to mental health, and only 11 percent of that funding reaches community-based services. In some countries, only one trained mental health professional is available for every 100,000 people. The WHO has called for strategic and urgent action to close the gap.

Rotary can answer that call by championing mental health awareness in our clubs, working with local health systems, funding training for community health workers, and supporting initiatives that bring care to places where none exists. Even small investments in mental health yield enormous returns in productivity, public health, and happiness.

While we are creating lasting change in the world, we cannot forget to take care of each other. Past Rotary International President Gordon McInally wisely reminds us that we must go beyond asking, “How are you?” We owe it to each other to instead ask, “How are you really?”

As we transition to a new year filled with new possibilities, let us **Unite for Good** — for healing, friendship, and access to happiness.

Francesco Arezzo

President, Rotary International



Shared by - **Rtn. Ajinkya S. Kadam**

Gangangiri Math

- A Sacred Centre of Faith and Service

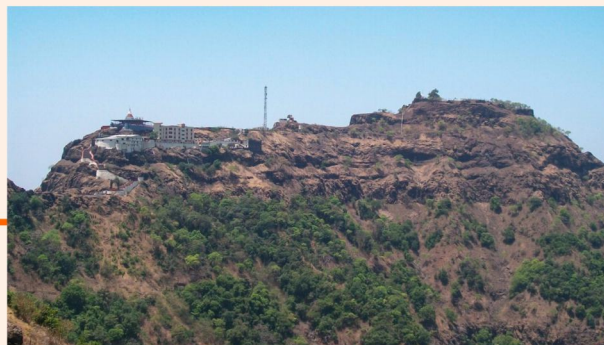
Gangangiri Math holds a special place in the spiritual and cultural landscape of Kolhapur. Revered by devotees across Maharashtra and beyond, the Math is associated with Shri Gangangiri Maharaj, a saint known for his deep spirituality, simplicity, and unwavering message of selfless service. Over the years, Gangangiri Math has evolved into not only a centre of devotion but also a beacon of social and humanitarian work.

The Math attracts thousands of devotees throughout the year, especially on auspicious occasions and during religious gatherings. The serene atmosphere, disciplined way of life, and emphasis on inner purity offer solace to people from all walks of life. Teachings at the Math stress humility, hard work, compassion, and faith—values that resonate strongly with Rotary's ideals of service above self.

Beyond its spiritual role, Gangangiri Math is actively involved in community welfare. Through initiatives such as free meals, support to the underprivileged, healthcare assistance, and educational aid, the Math has consistently worked towards uplifting society. These activities have earned it deep respect and trust within the community, making it a vital social institution in the region.

Gangangiri Math stands as a living example of how spirituality and social responsibility can go hand in hand. In an age of rapid change and material pursuits, it reminds us of the enduring power of faith, discipline, and service to humanity. For the people of Kolhapur, the Math is not merely a place of worship—it is a guiding force that continues to inspire lives through devotion and compassionate action.

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



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History of Rotary District 3170

The roots of Rotary International District 3170 trace back to the original District 317 a vast and dynamic region during the early years of Rotary in India. District 317 once covered an extensive geographical area that included parts of the old Mysore State (now Karnataka), Andhra, South Maharashtra, and Goa. As Rotary's presence and membership grew rapidly through the 1960s and 1970s, the district underwent several reorganizations and bifurcations to better serve its expanding community. A parallel change occurred in the Inner Wheel movement clubs that were once part of Rotary District 317 formed the new Inner Wheel District 318 in 1969. Today, Rotary International District 3170 proudly carries forward this rich legacy. It serves the regions of South Maharashtra, North Karnataka, and Goa continuing to be recognized as one of the largest and most active Rotary networks in the world.



Congratulations Yuthika




We are proud to congratulate **Yuthika Arvind** on her outstanding performance at the **School Sports and Athletics Meet**. She showcased remarkable talent and determination by securing **2nd place** in the 200 m running, **3rd place** in the 400 m running, **3rd place** in the 4×100 m girls relay, **3rd place** in the 4×400 m mixed relay, and **2nd place** in Basketball (team). Her all-round excellence in athletics and team sports is truly commendable. **Heartiest Congratulations to Yuthika** on this splendid achievement and best wishes for even greater success ahead!

TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

Which was India's first Commercial Airline?

- A) Indian Airlines B) Air Deccan
C) Tata Airlines D) Jet Airways

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 theme of Rotary year 2024-2025?

Answer -

C) The Magic of Rotary

Answers given by -

- 1) Ann Nikita Gandhi
- 2) Ann Vaishali Taral
- 3) Ann Dhara Sheth



Truth, purity, and unselfishness
wherever these are present,
there is no power below or above the
sun to crush the possessor thereof.

- Swami Vivekananda

Registration is already ON... Register TODAY

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NOW !**

FRIDAY 30 JANUARY
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SATURDAY 31 JANUARY
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SUNDAY 01 FEBRUARY
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Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR



Happy Birthday



Rtn. Ramakanth Vyas - 10th Dec.
Rtn. Dr. Sampathkumar N - 12th Dec.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Sagar Mahamunni - 14th Dec.
Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte - 14th Dec.

RC Kolhapur's UPCOMING KEY PROJECT



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

Pls go this google form for **crickmania** registration- pls start enrolling as early as possible , as auction will be in 1st week of January. (already link shared to all)

- Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar

NEXT MEETING



DATE:
**Wednesday,
17th December 2025**

TIME: 6:30 PM Onwards

VOCATIONAL VISIT & WEEKLY MEETING

— VENUE —



HIGHSTREETCBD
Elevate Your Dreams

Opp. Hockey Stadium, Ring Road, Kolhapur.

**All RCK members & Ann's are
requested to join the Vocational Visit
& Weekly Meeting**

NOTE:

- Please be present by **6:30PM**, meeting will start at **7:00PM Sharp**
- Meeting will be followed by Dinner.
- Please keep your mobiles on silent.
- **Please note the change in the timings and venue**



**wear the Rotary Pin
with PRIDE**

*"It is not the employer who pays the wages.
Employers only handle the money.
It is the customer who pays the wages."*

- Henry Ford



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ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR**

**WE MEET EVERY
WEDNESDAY AT 5.30 PM**

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