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ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

2025-26



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Flag Exchange with President Rtn. Onkar Sarang, Rotary Club of Mumbai Island City, RID3141

Date: 30th December 2025

Venue : Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Shri Madhavprasad Bhavan, Kolhapur.



President **Rtn. Onkar Sarang** and 6 other members from the **Rotary Club of Mumbai Island City, R.I. District 3141**, were on a car rally from Mumbai to Udupi for creating awareness on Road Safety and Environment Drive. A halt in their journey was in Kolhapur for a night stay. We, the members of Rotary Club of Kolhapur, exchanged our club flag with them and shared the activities of RSSK and our club. President **Rtn. Onkar Sarang** expressed his desire of doing the joint projects in future. President Elect **Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal**, **Rtn. Amit Mate**, **Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh** and **Rtn. Amol Ghodake** were present for the flag exchange.

Proud Moment for RC Kolhapur

Rotary Club of Kolhapur proudly congratulates our esteemed club member **Rtn. Arvind Krishnan** for serving as a Facilitator for **RLI Part I & Part II Training Program**, held at Ratnagiri on 3rd and 4th January.

The program witnessed enthusiastic participation of around 20 Rotarians from various clubs, who greatly benefited from his insightful guidance, leadership inputs, and interactive sessions.

Rtn. Arvind's contribution reflects the commitment, capability, and leadership strength of RC Kolhapur at the district level.

Congratulations!
- **Rtn. Arvind Krishnan!**

Your dedication brings pride to Rotary Club of Kolhapur and inspires fellow Rotarians to grow and lead with purpose.



Godavari Group Meeting

Host : Rtn. V. N. Deshpande

Date: 02 January 2026

Venue : Rtn. V. N. Deshpande' residences, Kolhapur.



Godavari Group member **Rtn. V. N. Deshpande** organised a Group meeting on the occasion of his birthday. A total of 35 club members including 6 group members, along with the group coordinator **Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh** attended and enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast. Various discussions on various topics were held during the meeting. **President Rtn. Pradeep Karande** informed the group members about the fundraising projects lined up, and Cricmania 2026 for the month of January 2026. **Rtn. Pradeep Karande** also informed about the Vocational Awards for 5 deserving beneficiaries scheduled on 13th January, 2026, and requested everyone to be present. Committee for the same has been formed and 4 resumes



have been received so far. **Rtn. V. N. Deshpande** handed over the cheque towards the Computer Lab installation at Nehru Vidyalaya, Sarud which is donated by Sound Casting Pvt. Ltd. and to be covered under CSR Grants. Group meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the **President Rtn. Pradeep Karande** and felicitating **Rtn. V. N. Deshpande** with a floral bouquet.

“Whatever Rotary may mean to us,
to the world it will be known by
the results it achieves.”

Paul Harris
Rotary Founder



4th Club Assembly of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur

Date: 4th January 2026

Venue : Zanvar Home Stead, Ambap, Kolhapur.

The **4th Club Assembly** of the **Rotary Club of Kolhapur** was held on Sunday, 4th January 2026, at Zanvar Home Stead, Ambap, Kolhapur, and was conducted by **Assistant Governor Rtn. Harshawardhan Tyawade-Patil**. The assembly focused on 67th Rotary District Conference promotion and discussions, along with avenue-wise presentations of club performance, upcoming projects, and future plans, which were presented by the respective Avenue Directors of Rotary Club of Kolhapur. The Assistant Governor shared detailed information about the **67th Rotary District Conference**, scheduled on **30th & 31st January and 1st February 2026**, highlighting the presence of several eminent and inspiring speakers.

Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka, Conference Councillor, elaborated on the vision, objectives, and importance of the District Conference. He explained how the conference would provide rich learning experiences, meaningful fellowship, and exposure to best Rotary practices. He also highlighted the well-designed sessions, networking opportunities, and family-oriented programs planned for the conference, and earnestly appealed to all members with a motivating to “**Join Us**” and actively participate in making the conference a grand success.

Rtn. Dhaval Gala donated Rs.5,000 to RSSK, and the cheque was handed over to RSSK President **Rtn. Girish Joshi**.



The 4th Club Assembly was graciously hosted by (from left to right) **Rtn. Sagar Patil**, **Rtn. Omkar Bhagat**, **Rtn. Vijayendra Charane**, **Rtn. Laxminivas Biyani**, **Rtn. Abhishek Zanvar**, **Rtn. Sharad Totla**, **Rtn. Ashwin Keswani**, **Rtn. Deep Vasa**, **Rtn. Amish Shah**, **Rtn. Devang Seth**, and **Rtn. Neeraj Zanvar**, whose warm hospitality and excellent arrangements contributed to the smooth and pleasant conduct of the event.

Immediately after the 4th Club Assembly, the Cricmania 2026 Player Auction was held with great energy and enthusiasm, setting an exciting tone for the tournament ahead.

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Rotary Club of Kolhapur Announces Cricmania 2026 with Grand Player Auction and Trophy Unveiling

Date: 4th January 2026

Venue : Zanvar Home Stead, Ambap, Kolhapur.



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur proudly marked an exciting milestone in its flagship fellowship event, **Cricmania 2026**, with the successful conduct of the Player Auction, setting the tone for yet another thrilling season of cricket, camaraderie, and Rotary spirit. Now in its third consecutive year, Cricmania has become a much-awaited annual tradition that perfectly blends fellowship, fitness, and fun.

The auction, held on 4th January 2026, witnessed vibrant participation from Rotarians, with enthusiastic bidding, strategic team formations, and an electrifying atmosphere. Eight teams were finalised, each owned by committed Rotarians, reflecting strong internal leadership and collective involvement within the club. The main cricketing action will take place on **17th and 18th January 2026** at **Sportingo Turf Large, In front of WIINS Hospital, Nagala park, Kolhapur**.

The finalised **teams**, their proud **owners**, and **ICON** players are:

- **DBI Superkings**

Owners : Rtn. Chintan Shah & Rtn. Jayesh Gandhi
ICON: Rtr. Rutvik Shelake



- **Rising Mavericks**

Owners : Rtn. Rajiv Parikh & Rtn. Subhash Malu
ICON: Rtn. Dhaval Gala

- **Titans**

Owners : Rtn. Dr. Mandar Patil & Rtn. Pradeep Karande
ICON: Rtn. Dr. Aditya Upadhye

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• **Chipade Gold**

Owner : Rtn. Bansi Chipade

ICON: Rtn. Omkar Bhagat



CHILL TIGERS



• **Vamas Tycoons**

Owner : Rtn. Girish Karnawat

ICON: Rtr. Shrimanyu Vankudre

• **Chill Tigers**

Owners : Rtn. Amit Mate & Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal

ICON: Rtn. Namrata Patankar

• **Rotary United Cricket Club**

Owners : Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar & Ann. Jiya Zanvar

ICON: Rtn. Abhishek Zanwar

• **MIDC Super Stars**

Owners : Rtn. Sharad Totla & Rtn. Devang Seth

ICON: Rtn. Pritesh Karnawat

Adding glamour to the event, the official **Cricmania 2026 team T-shirts** were formally **launched** in the presence of all Team Owners, President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, and Secretary **Rtn. Nilesh Kutte**, symbolizing unity, team pride, and sporting enthusiasm. On the same occasion, the beautiful **golden trophies for Cricmania 2026** were also **unveiled**, drawing admiration and excitement among members.

Cricmania continues to stand out for its inclusive spirit, bringing together Senior and Junior Rotarians, Rotractors, and Anns on a single platform. More than just a cricket tournament, it is a celebration of friendship, teamwork, healthy competition, and Rotary values.

With high energy, strong fellowship, and growing enthusiasm year after year, Cricmania 2026 promises to be another memorable chapter in the Rotary Club of Kolhapur's journey—strengthening bonds and celebrating togetherness through the spirit of sport.

Cricmania 2026 Player Auction Ceremony, which was conducted in a highly dynamic, engaging, and energetic manner by **Rtn. Sahil Gandhi** and **Rtn. Abhishek Zanvar**. Their lively anchoring, sharp coordination, and enthusiastic presentation kept the audience thoroughly involved, turning the auction into a vibrant and memorable experience.

The smooth and well-coordinated execution of the Cricmania 2026 auction and related activities was made possible due to the dedicated efforts of Cricmania 2026 Event Chair **Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar**, along with Co-Chairs **Rtn. Neeraj Zanvar** and **Rtn. Namrata Patankar**. Their meticulous planning, teamwork, and commitment ensured that every aspect of the event was conducted seamlessly, setting a strong foundation for the successful conduct of Cricmania 2026.

After the event, RCK members enjoyed warm fellowship followed by dinner at an excellent venue, which was beautifully organised by the hosts. The pleasant arrangements and cordial atmosphere provided members an excellent opportunity to interact, strengthen bonds, and celebrate Rotary fellowship.

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The finalised teams ICON players are -

1. DBI Superkings - ICON: Rtr. Rutvik Shelake
2. Rising Mavericks - ICON: Rtn. Dhaval Gala
3. Titans - ICON: Rtn. Dr. Aditya Upadhye
4. Chipade Gold - ICON: Rtn. Omkar Bhagat
5. Vamas Tycoons - ICON: Rtr. Shrimanyu Vankudre
6. Chill Tigers - ICON: Rtn. Namrata Patankar
7. Rotary United Cricket Club - ICON: Rtn. Abhishek Zanwar
8. MIDC Super Stars - ICON: Rtn. Pritesh Karnawat

Presenting the 8 DASHING ICONS — the MEN & WOMAN who don't play the game... they CHANGE IT!

RELENTLESS RUTVIK

“No mercy, no surrender — Rutwik fights till the last ball!”

DASHING DHAWAL

“Style, swagger, and stroke play — when Dhawal walks in, the game heats up!”

ASTONISHING ADITYA

“One over... one moment... and Aditya can flip the match on its head!”

OUTSTANDING OMKAR

“Calm under fire, class under pressure — Omkar has arrived!”

STRATEGIC SHRIMANYU

“The brain behind the battle — every move planned, every step deadly!”

NIMBLE NAMRATA

“Quick feet, sharp mind — blink and you'll miss the impact!”

AUDACIOUS ABHISHEK

“Bold decisions, fearless shots — Abhishek doesn't wait, he attacks!”

POWERHOUSE PRITESH

“Raw power. Pure dominance. When Pritesh steps in, boundaries follow!”





In a garage outside Salinas, California, young people who are learning to restore classic cars are doing more than developing a skill — they are reclaiming their futures. This training program provides mentorship and, for some, a path away from gang involvement toward meaningful employment. Graduates leave with certifications, practical experience, and hope.

This is what Rotary's Vocational Service Month celebrates each January — the power of bringing together people with unique skills to do good in the world. It reminds us that integrity isn't just about our actions matching our words. Integrity is in everything we do.

The California automotive program has been such a success because it was built on integrity. Members of the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea didn't assume they knew what the community needed. They listened. They learned there was a shortage of skilled mechanics as well as a large number of young people lacking job training. They recognized that technical skills alone wouldn't be enough, so they partnered with Rancho Cielo, a nonprofit offering counseling and support services alongside vocational training.

That is The Four-Way Test in action. Those four simple questions help us not judge others but guide us toward genuine, effective service.

Consider our commitment to ending polio. For nearly 40 years, we have promised the world's children we will eliminate this disease. Despite obstacles, we persist, and today we are closer to defeating the virus.



Francesco Arezzo

Rotary
International
President,
2025-26

Keeping this promise is the very definition of integrity.

The same integrity must drive our vocational service. With 1.2 billion young people in emerging economies reaching working age in the next decade and only 420 million jobs projected, we face a critical gap. Communities long excluded from economic opportunities need our support.

But support doesn't mean imposing our will. It means listening to local needs, building partnerships, and designing projects that communities can sustain themselves.

You have knowledge that can transform lives. Whatever your profession, your expertise combined with Rotary's values creates lasting change. The question isn't whether you have something to offer, it's how you'll use your skills to serve.

This January, I encourage you to ask how your club can address vocational needs in your community. What skills do your members have that could change someone's life? How can your networks open doors for young people? What partnerships can create sustainable jobs?

Let integrity guide you. Let The Four-Way Test light your path. And let the young people in California and the multitudes worldwide who need job skills remind you why vocational service matters.

Let us celebrate putting our professional skills to work for humanity with integrity at the heart of everything we do.

Shared by - Rtn. Ajinkya S. Kadam

Registration is already ON... "JOIN US" TODAY

Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka, Conference Councillor, who always guides and informs members about the 67th District Conference, emphasised excellent speakers, meaningful fellowship, and valuable networking opportunities. He urged all members to "Join Us" and requested RC Kolhapur members to submit their names to the President or Secretary immediately, as only a limited number of seats remain.

Rotary District 3170

UNITE FOR GOOD

Strengthening Bonds & Creating Legacy.

67TH ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

LET'S CREATE A LEGACY 2025-26

FRIDAY **30** JANUARY 2026

SATURDAY **31** JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY **01** FEBRUARY 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDERS NOW!

Let's come together to Celebrate Rotary and Strengthen **ऋणात्मवंध** at

Vijay Palace & Lawns (Ahuja) Kolhapur-Sangli Road, Halondi, Near Shiroli, Tal. Hatkanangale, Maharashtra - 416 005

67TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

Jayprakash Kabra Well Known Spiritual Speaker EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE & IT'S RELEVANCE TO ROTARY	Brigadier Suneel Limaye Retired Indian Army Officer INDIA'S NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES
Sanjay Malpani Director Of Malpani Udyog Samuh & Educational Institutions HAR ROTARIAN BANE ANANDI	Neha Bagaria Founder and CEO of HerKey ADVANCING WOMEN'S CAREERS IN INDIA
Dr. (Prof.) Rajan Bhonsle, Diplomate -American Board of Sexology LOVE, SEX AUR DHOKA	Vivek Sawant Chief Mentor, MKCL I AND AI

TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

Rotary International was founded in which city?

- A) Chicago, USA**
- B) New York City (NYC)**
- C) London, UK**
- D) Los Angeles, US**

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 official campaign name of Rotary's polio program?

Answer -

B) End Polio Now

Answers given by -

- 1. Ann Nikita Gandhi**
- 2. Ann Dhara Sheth**
- 3. Ann Poonam Shah**
- 4. Ann Pooja Rathod**
- 5. Rtn. Kushal Rathod**

ROTARY

1979 - Rotary International launches its **First polio immunization** project in the Philippines, vaccinating over 6 million children.

1985 - Rotary officially announces the PolioPlus Program, the first and largest internationally coordinated private-sector effort to immunize children against polio.

1988 - Rotary partners with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and CDC to launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

At this time, polio paralyzed over 350,000 children annually in 125 countries.

1994 - The Americas are certified polio-free, marking the first WHO region to eliminate polio.

2000 - The Western Pacific Region, including China, is declared polio-free.

2005 - Rotary becomes a key supporter of National Immunization Days in polio-endemic countries.



TIMELINE

2012 - India, once considered the most challenging country for polio eradication, reports its last polio case.

2014 - The South-East Asia Region, including India, is officially certified polio-free — a historic milestone.

2016 - Global cases of wild polio drop by 99.9% compared to 1988.

2020 - The African Region is certified free of wild poliovirus, leaving only two endemic countries.

2023 Present - Polio remains endemic in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Rotary continues vaccination campaigns, advocacy, and fundraising under the **END POLIO NOW** banner.

Impact at a Glance

- > 3 billion children vaccinated
- > 122+ countries made polio-free
- > USD 2.6+ billion contributed by Rotary
- > Strong global partnerships saving millions from paralysis

Who is Affected?

Unless we eradicate polio, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 new cases could occur around the world each year. In the past few years, only two countries have reported cases of polio caused by the wild virus, but no child anywhere is safe until we've vaccinated every child.

1988



<https://www.endpolio.org/what-is-polio#Facts>

2020 - Present



Shared by - Rtn. Ajinkya S. Kadam

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- ENT सर्जन्स असो. कोल्हापूर शाखा आणि
- सिवांटोस इंडिया प्रा. लि. आयोजित **Rotary** 

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Kolhapuri Misal : A Fiery Bowl of Maharashtra's Pride

In Maharashtra, food isn't just about taste—it's about temperament. And if there's one dish that perfectly captures the bold, no-nonsense spirit of the region, it's Kolhapuri Misal. Spicy, comforting, and unapologetically intense, this dish is more than breakfast food; it's a cultural statement.

Kolhapuri Misal stands apart from other versions of misal found across Maharashtra. While places like Pune or Nashik offer milder, slightly sweet variations, Kolhapur keeps things raw and fiery. The star of the dish is the rassa—a deep red, spice-heavy gravy made using Kolhapuri masala, dry coconut, garlic, onions, and a generous helping of red chilies. The heat isn't accidental; it's intentional, reflecting Kolhapur's love for strong flavors.

At the base of the dish is usal, usually prepared with sprouted moth beans cooked till soft but not mushy. This is topped with crunchy farsan (or chivda), finely chopped onions, fresh coriander, and a squeeze of lemon. What truly completes the experience is the serving of soft pav or thick bhakri on the side, perfect for soaking up the spicy rassa.

Eating Kolhapuri Misal is an experience in itself. The first spoonful hits you with heat, followed by layers of flavor—earthy, smoky, and deeply satisfying. Locals often say that if misal doesn't make your eyes water a little, it's not the real thing. And yet, despite the spice, people keep coming back for more.

Beyond taste, Kolhapuri Misal carries a strong sense of identity. It's commonly eaten in the early morning, especially by workers and travelers who need something filling and energizing. Small eateries across Kolhapur serve misal with pride, each claiming their recipe is the most authentic. Some have been doing it the same way for generations.

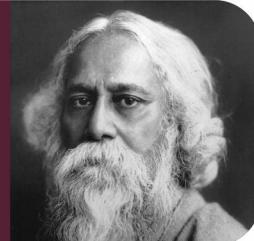
In recent years, Kolhapuri Misal has gained popularity beyond Maharashtra, finding its way into restaurants across India. Still, nothing quite compares to eating it in Kolhapur itself—standing at a local joint, breathing in the aroma of spices, and enjoying a plate that tells a story of tradition, resilience, and boldness.



Shared by - Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."

- Rabindranath Tagore



Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR



Happy Birthday

- Rtn. Nitin Shinde
- Rtn. Sham Notani
- Rtn. V. N. Deshpande
- 29th Dec.
- 29th Dec.
- 02nd Jan.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

- Rtn. Sandeep Dige
- Rtn. Annasaheb Naik
- Rtn. Pratap Kondekar
- 30th Dec.
- 01st Jan.
- 03rd Jan.

— UPCOMING KEY PROJECT —

ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

PRESENTS



CRICMANIA 2025-26

PLAYER SELECTION BASED
CRICKET TOURNAMENT

"Not just players – with skill, fearless spirit, and dynamic energy, they redefine the game every time they step onto the field."

17th and 18th January 2026

**Venue : Sportingo Turf Large,
In front of WIINS Hospital, Kolhapur.**



GET IN TOUCH
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

NEXT MEETING



DATE:
Wednesday,
07th January 2026

TIME:
5:30 PM

GUEST

Rtn. Kishor Lulla

- > Rtn kishor Lulla joined Rotary club of Sangli in the year 2013.
- > Even though he has not accepted the post of president, he has served in Dist 3170 by doing 25 Globle Grants.
- > Rtn Kishor and Amit are AKS members of Rotary International by donating 2,50,000 USD each.
- > All the family members including two grand children are major donors.
- > His thrust area is improving quality education in Government schools.
- > He is having his own family trust in the name of T B Lulla Charitable Foundation, Sangli.

SUBJECT

Joy of Giving

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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WEDNESDAY AT 5.30 PM**

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