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# ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

2025-26



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# HERALD

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# Inner Wheel Club of Kolhapur members visits Rotary Karnabahir Shishuvidyalay

Date: 09th January 2026

Venue : Rotary Karnabahir Shishuvidyalay, Shahu sena Chowk, Kolhapur



the President of Inner Wheel Club of Kolhapur, **Sou. Rukmini Hegishte**, along with club members, visited Rotary Karnabahir Shishuvidyalay. Considering the modest financial condition of the school parent Mrs. Farzana Herlekar, financial assistance of Rs.3,000 was provided to her for starting a small-scale enterprise of stocking flowers, with support from the School Management Committee and through the grandchildren of Inner Wheel member Smt. Swati Gune. On this occasion, President Rukmini Hegishte shared information about the Inner Wheel Club and guided parents to

identify and utilize their hidden talents, assuring them of the club's support whenever required. The school and the Inner Wheel Club expressed heartfelt gratitude to Smt. Swati Gune, the President was welcomed by Ann. Vaishali Taral from the School Management Committee, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Ann. Arati Raste, member of both the School Management Committee and the Inner Wheel Club, while the visiting members expressed their satisfaction with the school.

## Visit of Former District Governor Rtn. Nasir Borasdhawala

Date: 10th January 2026

Venue : Rotary Karnabahir Shishuvidyalay, Shahu sena Chowk, Kolhapur

Former District Governor **Rtn. Nasir Borasdhawala** and his daughter **Arva Borasdhawala** visited our school. She is currently working in Japan. During their visit, they interacted with the school staff, students, and parents, and gathered their views about the school. They were impressed and appreciated the school very much. They also encouraged the teachers and students, appreciated the school's dedication towards education, and conveyed their best wishes for the school's continued progress and noble mission.



**“Taking responsibility is a commitment to own your life, to self-leadership, growth, and freedom.” – Christopher Avery**



## 26th Weekly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 07th January 2026

Venue: Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur

**GUEST : Rtn. Kishor Lulla** Rtn Kishor and Amit are AKS members of Rotary International by donating 2,50,000 USD each. and All the family members including two grand children are major donors.

**SUBJECT : Joy of Giving**

Our Twenty-Sixth Weekly Meeting was held in a gracious and vibrant setting at the 3rd Floor, Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur. The meeting was truly enriched by the presence of our esteemed **Guest Speaker, Rtn. Kishor Lulla** from the Rotary Club of Sangli.

The proceedings began with a warm and inspiring introduction of **Rtn. Kishor Lulla** by **Rtn. Sahil Gandhi**, who highlighted his remarkable contributions to Rotary and society at large. He spoke of Rtn. Lulla's dedication to humanitarian service, his passion for encouraging Rotarians to give selflessly, and his deep understanding of the true joy that comes from serving others. This thoughtful introduction set the perfect tone for the enlightening session that followed.

**Rtn. Kishor Lulla** delivered an enlightening and thought-provoking talk on the theme "**Joy of Giving.**" With remarkable clarity and heartfelt conviction, he beautifully explained

the true essence of humanitarian service and highlighted the many ways individuals - especially Rotarians - can contribute meaningfully to society. He spoke about extending support to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), addressed the insecurities and hesitations people often face before donating, and inspired members to give selflessly with faith and purpose. His talk reminded us that true joy lies not in receiving, but in giving with compassion and commitment.

The meeting concluded on a warm and appreciative note with **Rtn. Amit Mate** proposing a sincere vote of thanks. Adding a cheerful highlight to the evening, Sergeant-at-Arms **Rtn. Narayan Patel** emerged as the Lucky Rotarian, bringing smiles and joy to all present.

Overall, the meeting was an enriching experience - uplifting minds, touching hearts, and reinforcing the Rotary spirit of **Service Above Self**.



30th-31st Jan & 1st Feb 2026

**67<sup>th</sup> ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

**RI DISTRICT 3170**

### "JOIN US" TODAY

"I always encourage and inform members about the 67th District Conference, to be held in Kolhapur. The conference promises excellent speakers, meaningful fellowship, and valuable networking opportunities. I urge all members to Join Us and request RC Kolhapur members to submit their names to the President or Secretary immediately."

- **Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka, Conference Councillor**



**Rotary District 3170**  
Proudly Presents

# **Rotary District Sports 2025-26**

**Jan 16, 17 & 18  
2026**

Rotary District 3170 invites all Rotarians to be a part of Rotary District Sports 2025–26, a grand three-day celebration of sports, fellowship, and entertainment, to be held on 16th, 17th & 18th January 2026 at Kolhapur. This exciting event offers a perfect platform for Rotarians to connect beyond meetings through a vibrant mix of indoor and outdoor sports.

#### **Event Venues**

Champions Cricket & Fellowship Cricket will be played at the Shivaji University Cricket Ground, Kolhapur, while all other indoor games will take place at the Shivaji University Gymnasium Hall, Kolhapur.



#### **Sports Events**

Participants can compete in Champions Cricket, Fellowship Cricket, Table Tennis, Badminton, Carrom, Chess, Shot Put, Javelin Throw, and Running, making it a truly inclusive sporting festival for all age groups.

#### **Special Attractions**

Enjoy a fun-filled fellowship atmosphere, a spectacular Grand Gala Night – “An Experience to Remember!”, and receive a FREE exclusive event T-shirt with every participant registration.

#### **Registration Charges**

Cricket only – Rs.1500/- only

All games including Cricket – Rs.2000/- only

All games excluding Cricket – Rs.1500/- only

Only Gala Night – Rs.1000/- only (T-shirt not included)

*Join Us*

#### **Important Registration Details**

The last date for registration is 10th January 2026. Registrations must be submitted on Club Letterhead, duly stamped and signed by the Club President. Registration fees must be paid collectively by the Rotary Club; individual payments are not permitted.

#### **Hosted By - Rotary Club of Horizon, Kolhapur**

All Rotary Clubs are requested to encourage maximum participation and help make this event a grand celebration of fitness, friendship, and the true Rotary spirit.

#### **For Registration & More Information**

**Rtn. Sangram Shevare** – DCC Sports, Maharashtra | 94239 81160

**Rtn. Adv. Sandeep Pawar** – Event Chairman | 98222 17456

**Rtn. Namdev Gurav** – Event Secretary | 98509 04730

Play • Bond • Celebrate Rotary - See you at Rotary District Sports 2026 – Kolhapur!



## From Chicago to the World: The Rotary Journey

Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Members have a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities and around the world.



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

- Paul Harris  
Rotary founder

### Our ongoing commitment :

That commitment endures today through an organization that remains truly international. Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Our members now span the globe, working to solve some of our world's most challenging problems.

We're not afraid to dream big and set bold goals. We began our fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, polio remains endemic in only two countries — down from 125 in 1988.



#### 1905: Rotary begins

Attorney Paul P. Harris convenes the first Rotary meeting on 23 February in Chicago, Illinois, USA. Harris envisions a professional club that brings together local men from a variety of vocations.

**The first four Rotarians:  
Gustavus Loehr, Sylvester Schiele,  
Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris.**

<https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/history>

Shared by - **Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam**



**“If you want peace, you don't talk to your friends.  
You talk to your enemies.”**

— Desmond Tutu



## Kolhapuri saaj

### Heritage gold necklace of Kolhapur

Kolhapuri Saaj is a traditional gold necklace from Kolhapur district of Maharashtra and is an important part of Maharashtrian culture. The word “Saaj” means necklace, and Kolhapuri Saaj is known for its distinctive design, religious symbolism, and cultural value.

The necklace usually consists of 21 gold pendants, called “paane”, strung together with gold beads. Each pendant has a unique shape and represents different deities, symbols, and aspects of life. Common motifs include Goddess Lakshmi, Lord Vishnu, the sun, the moon, flowers, and auspicious symbols. These pendants are believed to bring prosperity, protection, and good fortune to the wearer.



Traditionally, Kolhapuri Saaj is made from pure gold and crafted by skilled local artisans using age-old techniques. It is heavier than modern necklaces, which reflects its royal and traditional nature. Earlier, it was commonly worn by women from royal families and later became popular among common people, especially in rural Maharashtra.

Kolhapuri Saaj holds great importance during weddings, festivals, and religious ceremonies. It is often gifted to brides as a symbol of prosperity, marital happiness, and cultural pride. Even today, wearing Kolhapuri Saaj with a traditional Nauvari saree completes the authentic Maharashtrian look.

In modern times, while lighter and redesigned versions are available, the traditional Kolhapuri Saaj continues to be cherished as a symbol of Maharashtra's rich cultural heritage. It represents not just jewellery, but history, faith, and identity passed down through generations.

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

### TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

**Q: Rotary's wheel has how many teeth?**

A) 32    B) 24  
C) 25    D) 21

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?**  
Rotary International was founded in which city?

**Answer -**  
**A) Chicago, USA**

**Answers given by -**

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

# Greetings

From -  
**ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR**



## Happy Birthday

- Rtn. Nitten Jaju
- Rtn. Vijayendra Charane
- Rtn. Sanjay Shete
- Rtn. Sarla Mantri
- 4th Jan.
- 6th Jan.
- 7th Jan.
- 8th Jan.

## Happy Wedding Anniversary

- Rtn. Dr Jayant Bhosale
- 7th Jan.

### ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

PRESENTS



### CRICMANIA 2025-26

PLAYER SELECTION BASED  
CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Hard practice in Progress... Smart  
Strategies taking Shape... & the teams  
fully Focussed on Winning Trophy.

===== BEST WISHES TO ALL =====

17th and 18th January 2026

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



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## NEXT MEETING



Date : Tuesday,  
**13th January 2026**  
Time : 5:30pm

♦ **ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR** ♦  
♦ **ROTARY SAMAJ SEVA KENDRA** ♦  
ORGANISES

### Late Niwasrao Powar Smruti Rotary Vocational Excellence Awards 2025-26

#### AWARD RECIPIENTS

Shri. Suhas Vayangkankar

Sou. Neelam Dhanwade

Shri. Sadashiv Ambi

Sou. Suman Bajirao Hirve

Shri. Yogesh Agrawal

Chief Guest :  
**Rtn. Shivkumar Basawaraj**  
**Dhadd**

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

NOTE: Weekly meeting date changed this time.



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with PRIDE