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2025-26



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# Hearing Test and Hearing Aid Camp

Date: 10th & 11 th January 2026

Venue : Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur



A Hearing Loss Diagnosis and Hearing Aid Testing Camp was successfully organised by the Rotary Club of Kolhapur, under the aegis of Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, through the Rotary Speech and Hearing Centre, on Saturday, 10th and Sunday, 11th January 2026. The inaugural function on Saturday was graced by the Chief Guests **Dr. Ajit Lokare**, President, ENT Association, and **Dr. Vinayak Raikar**, Secretary, who formally inaugurated the camp by lighting the ceremonial lamp. The occasion was further dignified by the presence of **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, President and **Rtn. Nilesh Kutte**, Secretary, Rotary Club of Kolhapur;

**Rtn. Arvind Krishnan**, Secretary, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra; **Rtn. Dr. Abhijeet Haval**, Chairman, Rotary Speech and Hearing Centre; **Dr. Santosh Kulkarni**; and Rotary members - Rtn. Pratap Puranik, Rtn. Avinash Raste, Rtn. Jethalal Patel, Rtn. Arvind Taral, Rtn. Vikas Kadam, Rtn. Nilesh Kutte, Rtn. Amol Ghodke, Rtn. Narayan Patel, Rtn. Dilip Shah, and Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam, reflecting strong commitment to community service.

The two-day camp received an overwhelming response and was conducted very smoothly with the dedicated support of ENT specialists **Dr. Vinayak Raykar**, **Dr. Ganesh Taralekar**, **Dr. Santosh Kulkarni**, and **Dr. Ujjwala Kolekar**. A total of 215 patients were registered, out of which 125 patients underwent audiometry tests. During the camp, 22 hearing aids were fitted and sold, while nearly 25 additional hearing aids were booked, ensuring continued follow-up care. The initiative will continue to benefit patients for the next eight days, as many are expected to visit the centre for further evaluation and hearing aid support. Overall, the camp stood as a remarkable example of Rotary's sustained commitment to improving hearing health and enhancing the quality of life in the community.



# Brahmaputra Group Meeting Host : Rtn. Narayan Patel

Date: 12th January 2026

Venue : Hotel Chaitali, Tarabai Park, Kolhapur.



Brahmaputra Group member **Rtn. Narayan Patel** organised a Group meeting on the occasion of his birthday. This was the **Brahmaputra Group's 7th group meeting**. 35 club members, including 14 invitees, attended and enjoyed a sumptuous Breakfast. Various discussions on various topics were held during the meeting. Secretary



Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte informed the group members about the projects lined up, like Cricmania 2025-26 and Vocational awards for the month of January 2026. Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte requested everyone to be present at Irwin High School on 13th January 2026 for handing over the computer to the school. **Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka** encouraged the group members to register for the "Runanubandh" conference and added a few new members for the conference.

Group meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Secretary, **Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte** and felicitating Rtn. Narayan Patel with a plant

## Donation of Computer to Irwin Christian High School

Date: 13th January 2026

Venue : Irwin Christian High School, Kolhapur.

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur **donated a computer set to Irvin School**, which was handed over to the school authorities at the hands of President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**. This support will help students enhance digital learning and computer skills.

Community Service Director **Rtn. Shobha Arvind**, President Elect Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal, Rtn. Subhash Malu, Rtn. Vijayendra Charane, Rtn. Kushal Rathod and Rtn. Dr. Abhijeet Haval were present during the project.



**"WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS."** - Robert Ingersoll



# Rotary Vocational Excellence Awards 2025-26

Date: 13th January 2026

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



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur conferred the Vocational Service Awards on five distinguished individuals in recognition of their outstanding contribution to society at a ceremony held on Wednesday, 13th January 2026.

The award recipients were **Mrs. Neelam Dhanwade**, **Mrs. Suman Bajirao Hirve**, **Mrs. Sanyogita Mane**, **Mr. Yogesh Agarwal**, and **Mr. Sadashiv Ambi**, who were honoured for their dedicated service and commitment in their respective fields.

The programme was graced by **Rtn. Shivkumar Dhadd**, Conference Chairperson 2025–26 and member of the Rotary Club of Ichalkaranji Central, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he appreciated the awardees for their selfless efforts and emphasised the importance of vocational excellence in building a strong and compassionate society. Prominent Rotarians present on the occasion included RSSK President **Rtn. Girish Joshi**, RSSK Secretary **Rtn. Arvind Krishnan**, Club President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, Club Secretary **Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte**, Vocational Service Director **Rtn. Dr. Mahadeo Mane**, along with other club members. Adding emotional significance to the event, **Mr. Kushal Powar**, grandson of **Late Rtn. Niwas Powar**, along with family members, remained present throughout the ceremony.

The programme was efficiently compered by **Ann. Esha Waykool**, ensuring a smooth and engaging flow of proceedings.



# Para Sports Academy Visit and Birthday Celebration

Venue : Rotary Karnabadhira Shishuvidyalaya, Shahu sena chowk, Kolhapur

Visited to Late Kamalakar Nevagi Karnabadhira Shishuvidyalaya for Hearing-Impaired Children on the occasion of Mr. Kishor Tawde's children's birthday. Para Sports Academy Vice President Vishnupant Patil, Treasurer Supriya Tawde, social worker



Shaila Dabale, and other dignitaries met the students and shared information about sports opportunities for hearing-impaired children. They appreciated the school's work, the children's progress, parent interaction, and the clean, pleasant environment. Piyush Tawde's birthday was celebrated with chocolates, cake, bananas, biscuits, and laddoos, and guests gifted carrom boards to the children. The school's Chairman Rtn. Arvind Taral and School Management Committee's Vaishali Taral welcomed the guests, who expressed their satisfaction at the excellent work being done for differently-abled children.

JANUARY IS

VOCATIONAL  
SERVICE  
MONTH

"Vocational service gives Rotarians the opportunity to help others escape poverty and gain a measure of self-respect. As business and professional leaders, we have a duty to lead and encourage good ethics through vocation."

Carlos Frum, PDG D6440

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# INAUGURATION CEREMONY

AT THE HANDS OF  
**Rtn. Er. Arun D. Bhandare**  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

IN THE PRESENCE OF  
**Rtn. Harshwardhan Taywade-Patil**  
ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

**SUNDAY**  
**18 JAN 2026 | 10 AM**  
**SPORTINGO TURF,**  
**OPP. WIINS HOSPITAL, KOLHAPUR**



# 67TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

## KEY NOTE SPEAKERS



Jayprakash Kabra

### **SUBJECT : EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE & IT'S RELEVANCE TO ROTARY**

Post-graduate in Labour Studies (University Rank 2) with 45+ years of experience in HR, Industrial Relations, and Learning & Development. Former GM-HRD with organizations like Krishna Glass, Ion Exchange, and Polychem Ltd. Founder of Mind Movers Management Consultants Pvt. Ltd., having conducted 5,300+ workshops for 250+ corporate clients in India and abroad. Renowned motivational speaker and visiting faculty at TISS, Welinkar, and other MBA institutes. Fluent in Marathi, Hindi, and English, known for practical, activity-based training blended with storytelling and humor.



Brigadier Suneel Limaye

### **SUBJECT : INDIA'S NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES**

Brigadier Suneel Limaye is a distinguished retired Indian Army officer, having superannuated on 31 August 2021 after 36 years of dedicated and exemplary service to the nation. He holds a Ph.D. in Urban Terrorism from Pune University, reflecting deep academic and operational expertise. He is a specialist in the management of high-end and critical security systems. Brigadier Limaye serves as an advisor on all security-related aspects for organizations and institutions. He is also an expert trainer for Police, Armed Forces, and security agencies, focusing on contemporary threats and counter-terror strategies.



Sanjay Malpani

### **SUBJECT : HAR ROTARIAN BANE ANANDI**

Dr. Sanjay Malpani, Sangamner is a visionary industrialist, educationist, and healthcare philanthropist. He leads the Malpani Group, spanning FMCG, green energy, infrastructure, and theme parks, employing over 8,500 people. He is Chairman of Sangamner College (NAAC A+ Autonomous) and Founder of Dhruv Global School with campuses in India and Dubai. A national leader in Yoga and Gita education, he is an author and inspirational speaker associated with leading yoga organizations.



Neha Bagaria

### **SUBJECT : ADVANCING WOMEN'S CAREERS IN INDIA**

Neha Bagaria is the Founder and CEO of HerKey, India's largest AI-powered platform enabling women's career growth. Founded in 2015 after a 3.6-year career break, HerKey connects 5.5+ million women with 20,000+ employers, expert learning, and networking. A Wharton graduate, she has previously founded Paragon and worked with Kemwell in HR, finance, and marketing strategy. Neha is recognized as a Forbes India WPower Trailblazer for breaking stereotypes. She is also a recipient of the BusinessLine Changemaker Award 2023 for Social Transformation in India.



Dr. (Prof.) Rajan Bhonsle

### **SUBJECT : LOVE, SEX AUR DHOKA**

Dr. (Prof.) Rajan Bhonsle, M.D. (Bom) is a distinguished Consultant in Sexual Medicine and Counselling. He is the Honorary Professor and Head of the Department of Sexual Medicine at KEM Hospital and Seth G.S. Medical College, Mumbai. He has decades of experience in clinical practice, teaching, and research in sexual health. Dr. Bhonsle is a Diplomate of the American Board of Sexology. He is also a Diplomate of the American College of Sexologists. He is widely respected for his contributions to sexual health awareness, education, and ethical clinical practice in India.



Vivek Sawant

### **SUBJECT : I AND AI**

Mr. Vivek Sawant is the Chief Mentor and Former Managing Director of MKCL. He is the chief architect of India's first supercomputer, PARAM, and has dedicated his life to bridging the digital divide through IT literacy. Under his leadership, MKCL has reached over 10 million learners and continues to grow. He has been actively involved in several social movements in Maharashtra. He is widely admired for institution-building and creating large-scale programs addressing social challenges. He is recognized as a visionary leader committed to harnessing technology for social transformation and inclusive development.

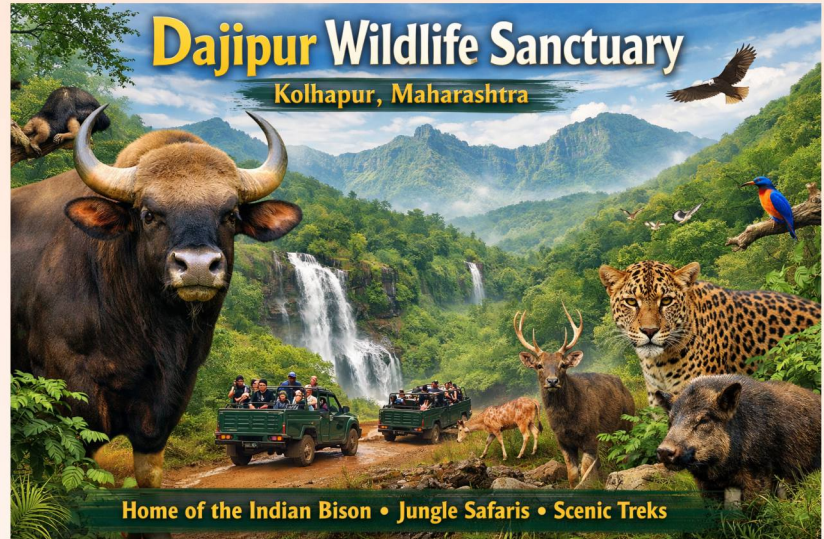




## Dajipur Wildlife Sanctuary

**– A Natural Treasure of the Western Ghats**

Dajipur is a small village located in Kolhapur district of Maharashtra, approximately 490 km from Mumbai and about 40 km from Radhanagari. It lies in the Sahyadri (Western Ghats) mountain range, close to the road connecting NH-17 (now NH-66) with Kolhapur. The region is well known for its rich natural heritage and spiritual significance, especially the Dajipur Wildlife Sanctuary and the revered Gagangiri Maharaj of Gaganbawda.



The Dajipur Wildlife Sanctuary, also known as the Bison Sanctuary, is a protected area spread over approximately 120 sq. km. Established in 1985, the sanctuary was created to conserve the biodiversity of the Western Ghats, with special focus on the Indian bison (Gaur), the flagship species of the sanctuary.

The sanctuary is home to a diverse range of wildlife, including leopards, sloth bears, wild boars, sambar deer, barking deer, giant squirrels, and numerous species of birds, making it a paradise for nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts. Dense evergreen and semi-evergreen forests, scenic valleys, waterfalls, and natural streams add to its breathtaking beauty.

Visitors can enjoy jeep safaris to observe wildlife in their natural habitat or explore the forest through guided nature trails and treks. Basic accommodation facilities are also available for tourists wishing to stay overnight and experience the serenity of the forest.

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

### TRIVIA QUESTION ?

**Question :**

**Q: Which of the following is NOT an Avenue of Service in Rotary?**

- A) Vocational Service    B) Young Service  
C) International Service    D) Community Service

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's wheel has how many teeth?

**Answer -**

**B) 24**

**Answers given by -**

- 1) Rtn. Upendra Deuskar
- 2) Ann Nikita Gandhi
- 3) Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar
- 4) Ann Dhara Sheth
- 5) Ann Pooja Rathod



# Greetings

From -  
**ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR**



## Happy Birthday

- |                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| - Rtn. Narayan Patel  | - 12th Jan. |
| - Rtn. Dr. Dilip Shah | - 13th Jan. |
| - Rtn. Sagar Patil    | - 13th Jan. |
| - Rtn. Rajiv Parikh   | - 14th Jan. |
| - Rtn. Amish Shah     | - 14th Jan. |

## Happy Wedding Anniversary

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| - Rtn. Dr. Dilip Shah | - 17th Jan. |
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The meeting will start on time.  
All members are requested  
to arrive punctually and  
attend the the meeting.

- President & Secretary

## NEXT MEETING



DATE:  
**Wednesday,  
21st January 2026**

TIME:  
**5:30 PM**

**GUEST**  
**Dr. Suhas Alatekar**

**SUBJECT**  
**Understanding REBT**

**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**



## THE CLUB

The heart of Rotary is our dedicated members, who share the ideals of service, friendship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

Rotary clubs bring together people across generations who wish to create lasting change in the world, in their communities, and in themselves. Rotary and Rotaract members around the world strengthen their connections to friends and neighbours taking action through service. From big cities to rural villages, Rotary is changing communities like yours.



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**ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR**

**WE MEET EVERY**  
**WEDNESDAY AT 5.30 PM**

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