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2025-26



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Cricmania 25–26

A Celebration of Sportsmanship and Fellowship

Date: 17th & 18th January 2026

Venue : Sportingo Turf Large, Kolhapur.



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur successfully organised **Cricmania 25–26**, a vibrant two-day cricketing extravaganza held on **17th and 18th January 2026**. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and was a true celebration of sportsmanship, fellowship, and team bonding.

The tournament was formally inaugurated by District Governor **Rtn. Arun D Bhandhare**, and Assistant Governor **Rtn. Harshawardhan Taywade-Patil**, whose presence added grace and motivation to the event.

A total of **19 matches** were conducted over two days, including 3 special Rota Kids matches, making the event inclusive and enjoyable for all age groups. Overall, **104 participants** took part, comprising Rotarians, Rotractors, Anns, and our most cherished senior members, who thoroughly enjoyed the spirited atmosphere.

Cricmania 25–26 successfully created a healthy, sporting, and team-bonding environment, strengthening camaraderie among members. Delicious food was thoughtfully arranged and served throughout the event for participants as well as fellow Rotarians, adding to the overall experience.

The final match was played between **Rotary United Cricket Club**, owned by **Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar** and **Ann Jiya Zanvar**, and **DBI Super Kings**, owned by **Rtn. Jayesh Gandhi** and **Rtn. Chintan Shah**. After an exciting contest, **Rotary United Cricket Club** emerged triumphant.

Individual performances were also recognised:

- **Rtn. Abhishek Zanvar** was awarded **Best Batsman** and **Most Valuable Player**
- In the 55+ category, **Rtn. Satish Kulkarni** was declared **Best Player**
- **Ann Kasturi Dhale** received the **Best Female Player** award

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In the Rota Kids category, the finalists were Little Legends and Cricket Cubs, with Little Legends emerging victorious. **Master Dheir Zanvar** was awarded **Man of the Match** for his outstanding performance.

Cricmania 25–26 was a highly successful team-bonding event, leaving everyone with wonderful memories and reinforcing the spirit of Rotary through sports and fellowship.

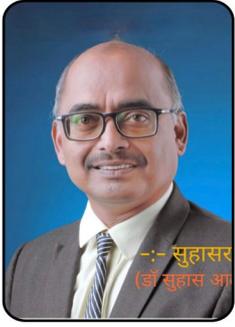
The Cricmania 2026 cricket tournament were held with great enthusiasm and excitement. All the teams played with true sports spirit, and the tournament created a joyful atmosphere of friendship and teamwork among Rotarians, Anns, Annettes and Rotaractors.

Cricmania 25–26 Cricket tournament sponsors -

Rtn. Raosaheb Deshpande of Chalukya Group of Hotels, **Rtn. Hiranath Patil** HP Hotels, our food partner of HP Group of Hotels, **Rtn. Ashwin Keshwani** of Rajakaka Electronics, **Rtn. Nitin Wadikar** of Maharashtra Engineers and **Rtn. Sanjay Shete** of Sunny Medicare LLP., and Title sponsorship for the tournament was by **Rtn. Vijay Menon**.

The smooth and successful conduct of Cricmania 2026 was made possible by the dedicated efforts of Event Chair **Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar**, with strong support from Co-Chairs **Rtn. Neeraj Zanvar** and **Rtn. Namrata Patankar**. Their teamwork and commitment made the event well-organised and truly memorable.





Weekly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 21st January 2026

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

GUEST : **Dr. Suhas Alatekar**

SUBJECT : **Understanding REBT**

The weekly meeting was enriched by an insightful and thought-provoking session by **Dr. Suhas Alatekar**, who spoke on the topic “**Understanding REBT (Rational Emotive Behaviour Therapy)**”. The guest speaker was warmly introduced by **Rtn. Upendra Deuskar**, who highlighted Dr. Alatekar’s expertise and experience in the field of mental well-being, setting the perfect tone for an engaging and meaningful talk.

Dr. Suhas Alatekar beautifully explained how human emotions vary with the different challenges faced in life and how our thoughts play a crucial role in shaping our emotional responses. He emphasised that in many situations, no medicine is required, but rather a disciplined application of the mind and a

positive, rational perspective towards life. Through REBT, he demonstrated how simple thinking patterns and rational approaches can lead to effective and lasting solutions to everyday problems.

Making the session highly interactive, Dr. Alatekar presented the audience with four challenging real-life scenarios and guided them in resolving each through the easiest and most practical REBT methods, leaving the audience both inspired and empowered.

The vote of thanks was gracefully proposed by **Rtn. Satish Kulkarni**, who also emerged as the Lucky Rotarian of the Week, bringing the enlightening session to a joyful and memorable conclusion.

“Thinking is progress. Non-thinking is stagnation of the individual, organisation and the country. Thinking leads to action. Knowledge without action is useless and irrelevant. Knowledge with action, converts adversity into prosperity.”

- **Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**, Former President of India



TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

Q: In which year did India become a Republic ?

- A) 1950 B) 1947
C) 1945 D) 1948

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?

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

Answer -
B) Young Service

Answers given by -

- 1) Ann Nikita Gandhi
- 2) Ann Dhara Sheth
- 3) Rtn Amol Ghodke
- 4) Rtn Dr Vaibhav Sasurkar
- 5) Rtn Pradeep Karande

A Heartfelt Birthday Celebration in the Spirit of Service Above Self

Date: 22nd January 2026

Venue : Rotary Karnabadhira Shishuvidyalaya, Shahu Sena Chowk, Kolhapur



In a truly inspiring gesture of compassion and service, **Rtn. Girish Joshi**, esteemed member of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur and President of Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra (RSSK), **celebrated his birthday** by spreading joy and nourishment at **Karnabadhira Shishuvidyalaya**. Marking the occasion with generosity and purpose, Rtn. Girish Joshi sponsored a one-day wholesome meal for the students, their parents, and staff of the school.



More than 30 students, along with parents and staff members, joyfully shared the lunch, creating a warm atmosphere of togetherness and care. Further strengthening his commitment towards education and social responsibility, **Rtn. Girish Joshi** also **donated Rs. 50,000/-** to the school, offering meaningful

support to its ongoing efforts for the welfare of hearing-impaired children.

This thoughtful and selfless initiative beautifully reflected the Rotary ideal of “**Service Above Self**”, transforming a personal celebration into a memorable act of community service.

The project was graced by the presence of RSSK Secretary Rtn. Arvind Krishnan, Rtn. Shobha Arvind, Rtn. Jethabhai Patel, Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam, Ann. Ashwini Joshi, Ann. Gayatri Puranik, Ann. Aarti Raste, Ann. Swati Gune, and RCK Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte, whose support added strength and warmth to the occasion.

“Go on bravely. Do not expect success in a day or a year. Always hold on to the highest. Be steady. Avoid jealousy and selfishness. Be obedient and eternally faithful to the cause of truth, humanity, and your country, and you will move the world.” – Swami Vivekananda





Heartiest Congratulations!

Miss Hrisha Kushal Rathod

Shantiniketan School proudly congratulates **Miss Hrisha Kushal Rathod**, a Grade 1 student, for winning the **Collage Making Competition** conducted under **Swanubhav**.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from young learners, who showcased remarkable creativity, observation skills, teamwork, and presence of mind. **Miss Hrisha's** outstanding performance and artistic expression earned her well-deserved recognition.

Heartiest congratulations to Miss Hrisha Kushal Rathod!

Congratulations to the proud parents as well, and hearty congratulations to them on this wonderful achievement.

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30th-31st Jan & 1st Feb 2026



ROTARY DISTRICT
CONFERENCE



District Governor 2025-26 First Lady

**Rtn. Er. Arun D. Bhandare &
Rtn. Madhavi A. Bhandare**

VENUE

VIJAY PALACE & LAWNS
HALONDI, KOLHAPUR - SANGLI ROAD

CONFERENCE KEY SPEAKERS



Jayprakash Kabra
Emotional Intelligence
& Leadership

A veteran HR professional with 45+ years of experience, former GM-HR, and founder of Mind Movers. Renowned motivational speaker known for practical, engaging, and people-centric leadership insights.



Brigadier Suneel
India's National
Security Challenges

A highly decorated Indian Army officer with 36 years of service and a Ph.D. in Urban Terrorism. Expert in security systems, counter-terrorism, and strategic risk management.



Dr. Sanjay Malpani
Har Rotarian
Bane Anand!

Visionary industrialist, educationist, and philanthropist. Chairman of Sangamner College and founder of Dhruv Global School. A national leader in value-based education, Yoga, and Gita teachings.



Neha Bagaria
Advancing Women's
Careers in India

Founder & CEO of HerKey, India's leading AI-powered platform for women's career growth. Forbes India Trailblazer and BusinessLine Changemaker, championing inclusive workplaces.



Vijay Nirani
Opportunities in
Agri-Based Industries

Managing Director of TruAlt Bioenergy and MRN Group. A leading voice in renewable energy and biofuels, driving innovation in sustainable agri-industrial solutions.



Vivek Sawant
I and AI

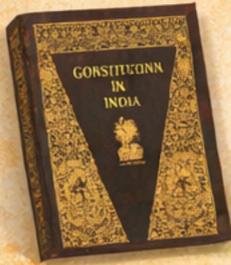
Chief architect of India's first supercomputer PARAM and former MD of MKCL. A visionary technology leader dedicated to digital literacy, AI adoption, and inclusive social transformation.

REPUBLIC OF INDIA

26TH JANUARY

THE BIRTH OF THE REPUBLIC

India became a Republic on 26th January 1950 as the Constitution of India came into effect.



WHY 26TH JANUARY WAS CHOSEN

Purna Swaraj Declaration

26th January 1930

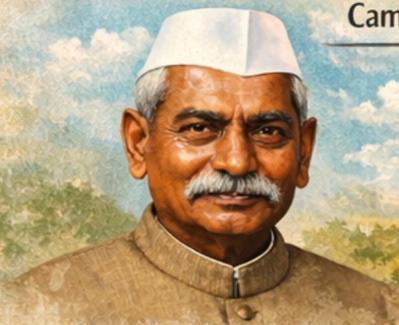
Indian National Congress declared **Complete Independence**



ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution on **26th November 1949**

Came into effect on **26th January 1950**



Dr. Rajendra Prasad
First President of India

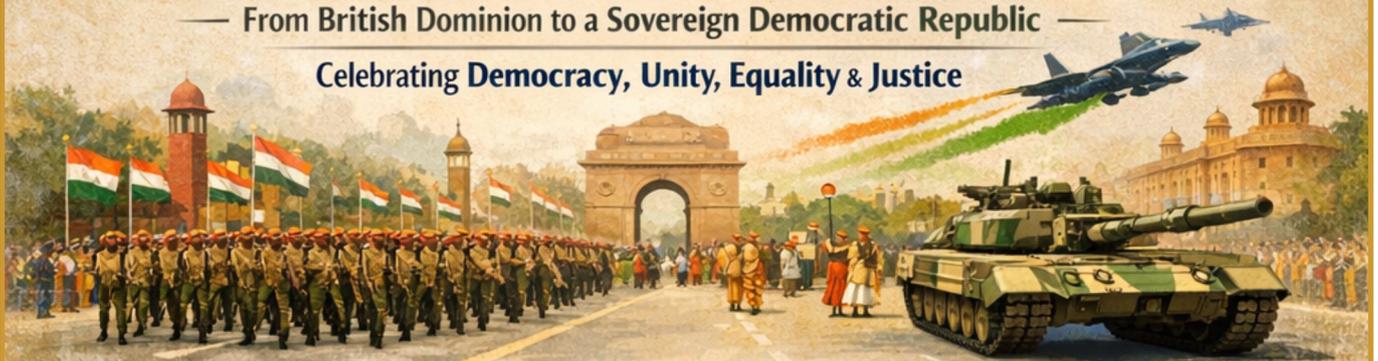


Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
Chairman of the Drafting Committee

SIGNIFICANCE OF REPUBLIC DAY

From British Dominion to a Sovereign Democratic Republic

Celebrating **Democracy, Unity, Equality & Justice**



GRAND REPUBLIC DAY PARADE

NEW DELHI

Shared by -
Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam

Rautwadi Waterfall

- A Scenic Monsoon Paradise Near Radhanagari, Kolhapur

Rautwadi Waterfall, located near Radhanagari in Kolhapur district, is a well-known monsoon tourist destination admired for its lush green surroundings, refreshing atmosphere, and easy accessibility. Surrounded by the scenic Western Ghats, the waterfall comes alive during the rainy season, offering a perfect escape into nature for families, nature lovers, bikers, and photography enthusiasts.

The waterfall is situated about one hour's drive from Kolhapur and can be easily reached by road. From the parking area, visitors need to take a short and moderately easy walk, making it suitable even for beginners and senior citizens. It is often included in a combined trip with Radhanagari Dam and Dajipur (Bison) Wildlife Sanctuary, adding to its appeal as a full-day outing.

The best time to visit Rautwadi Waterfall is during the monsoon months (July to September), when it is in full flow and the surrounding hills turn vibrant green. The spot generally closes after March due to reduced water flow and safety concerns, and reopens once the monsoon sets in. During peak monsoon, the waterfall offers a truly refreshing experience, with cool water splashing over rocks, creating a lively and rejuvenating environment.

Visitors often enjoy light bathing, relaxing by the stream, and capturing stunning photographs.

Local attractions include hot corn, tea, snacks, and simple food stalls (including basic Chinese food), adding to the picnic-friendly atmosphere. Monkeys are commonly seen, so visitors are advised to keep food secure. While basic amenities such as changing rooms and washrooms are available, facilities remain limited, and parking is located at some distance from the waterfall.

Despite its beauty, safety is a major concern, especially during heavy rainfall. The water currents can become extremely strong, and several rescue incidents have occurred due to risky behavior and selfie attempts near the flow. Visitors are strongly advised to follow safety instructions, respect warning signs, avoid slippery rocks, and stay away from strong currents at all times.

Overall, Rautwadi Waterfall offers a picturesque, refreshing, and accessible monsoon getaway, combining natural beauty with a peaceful atmosphere. With proper caution and respect for nature, it remains one of the most enjoyable seasonal attractions near Kolhapur.



Shared by - Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar

Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR



Happy Birthday



- Rtn. Parvati Chugh - 21st Jan.
- Rtn. Arunkumar Ruia - 22nd Jan.
- Rtn. Girish Joshi - 22nd Jan.
- Rtn. Nitin Gundesha - 24th Jan.
- Rtn. Vikas Kadam - 24th Jan.
- Rtn. Laxminiwas Biyani - 25th Jan.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

- Rtn. Sunny Vachhani - 19th Jan.
- Rtn. Amit Kankariya Jain - 20th Jan.
- PDG Rtn. Pratap Puranik - 21st Jan.
- Rtn. Dr Deepak Sahastrabudhe - 21st Jan.

Jai Hind

NEXT MEETING



DATE:
**Wednesday,
28th January 2026**

TIME:
5:30 PM

CLUB BUSINESS 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**

Republic Day Celebration – Invitation

On the auspicious occasion of India's Republic Day, cordially invites all Rotary Members and their family members to join in celebrating the spirit of patriotism, unity, and national pride.

The National Flag will be unfurled by **Rtn. Girish Joshi**, President, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur, at **8:15 A.M.** on **26th January 2026** at **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra**, Shri Madhavprasad Goenka Bhavan, Collector Office Road, Nagala Park, near Mahavir Garden, Kolhapur. Breakfast will be served after the Flag Unfurling Ceremony.



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ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

WE MEET EVERY
WEDNESDAY AT 5.30 PM

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