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# ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

2025-26

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# RC Kolhapur's Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra Judo Students Shine at Amboli Competition

**Date: 1st February 2026**
**Venue : Amboli Public School Judo Club, Amboli**

Judo competitions were successfully held at **Amboli** on **1st February 2026**, organised by the **Amboli Public School Judo Club**. The event was conducted in the age groups of **6, 8, 10, and 16 years**. A total of **15 players** from **Rotary Club of Kolhapur's Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra (RSSK)** participated in the competition.

In the tournament, the **Kolhapur District Judo Association** secured the **first position** and won the **General Championship**. The players from **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra** delivered an excellent performance, winning a total of **7 gold, 6 silver, and 2 bronze medals**.

**Gold Medalists: Harsh, Aaradhya, Grishma, Rajni, Daksh, Dipal, Niharika**

**Silver Medalists: Sai, Riddhan, Vihaan, Sharvi, Ayush, Ritva**

**Bronze Medalists: Sharan, Harshada**

All the players were guided by coach **Mrs. Vrushali Lingras**, a member of the **Maharashtra Judo Association** and **Treasurer of the Kolhapur District Judo Association**. Under her guidance, the players achieved this remarkable success and brought pride to **RC Kolhapur** and **RSSK**.

The team also expressed gratitude for the constant support and encouragement of **President Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, **Secretary Rtn. Nilesh Kutte** of **RC Kolhapur**, **President Rtn. Girish Joshi**, **Secretary Rtn. Arvind Krishnan**, and **Judo Project Chairman Rtn. Dhaval Gala** of **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra**.

# Our Esteemed PDG as Chief Guest at Kamala College

**Date: 3rd February 2026**
**Venue : Kamala College, Kolhapur**

Our RCK member, **PDG Rtn. Pratap Puranik**, and **Rtn. Dr. Krantikumar Patil,** Executive President, Tararani Vidyapeeth, Kolhapur, graced the **Kamala College Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony 2025–26** as **Chief Guests**.

The **prize distribution** was carried out at the auspicious hands of **PDG Rtn. Pratap Puranik**, where **meritorious students** were felicitated for their outstanding achievements in **various competitive examinations**.

**President Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, **Rtn. Subhash Malu**, **Rtn. Shobha Arvind**, **Rtn. Mohan Patel**, and **Ann. Gayatri Puranik** were also present, adding warmth and encouragement to the celebration.

The **ceremony** was a proud and joyous occasion, honouring dedication, talent, and excellence.

# Donation of Sewing Machine

**Date: 4th February 2026**
**Venue : Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur**

**Empowering Lives through Rotary Service :** On 4th February 2026, the **Rotary Club of Kolhapur** proudly handed over a **sewing machine** to **Mrs. Kamal Sutar**, helping her move towards **self-reliance** and a **sustainable livelihood**. Heartfelt appreciation to **Rtn. Amol Ghodake** for generously sponsoring the sewing machine for the beneficiary. President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, Community Service Director **Rtn. Shobha Arvind** along with **38 enthusiastic club members**, graced the occasion and supported this meaningful project—truly a small step creating a big impact. Such initiatives reflect **Rotary's commitment** to uplifting communities and creating opportunities for **dignified earning**. Together, we continue to **transform lives through service and compassion**.

"Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love."
- Mother Teresa

# 30th Weekly Meeting

**Date: Wednesday, 04th February 2026**
**Venue: Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur**

**GUEST : Rtn. CA Abhay M Golwalkar** He has 33+ years of experience in Income Tax, Audit, and Management Consulting.An Information System Audit–qualified Chartered Accountant.

**SUBJECT : Impact of Union Budget 2026-27**

The guest speaker for our weekly meeting was our knowledgeable RCK member **Rtn. CA Abhay Golwalkar**, who spoke on the topic **"Impact of Union Budget 2026–27."** The guest speaker was introduced by RCK Secretary **Rtn. Nilesh Kutte**, who highlighted his vast experience and expertise in taxation, audits, and corporate advisory. The session witnessed keen interest from members, who appreciated the clarity and practical insights shared during the talk.

**Rtn. CA Abhay Golwalkar** informed everyone that the Union Budget announced by the Government of India will have a very positive long-term impact and will help entrepreneurs pursue business opportunities globally. He explained that there are no changes in the income-tax slabs and no introduction of new slabs for individuals. He also mentioned that the trade deals declared by the European Union are expected to have a significant impact in boosting the Indian economy, particularly benefiting the agriculture and automobile sectors. He advised members to look at sectors such as **Defence, Agriculture, Automobile, and Solar** from an investment perspective.

**Rtn. Arvind Krishnan** proposed the vote of thanks, and **Rtn. Dr. Rajendra Patil** emerged as the lucky Rotarian.

Felicitation of the awardees and the team for their contribution to the Rotary year **2024–25** was carried out by **IPP Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka** during the weekly meeting. **RC Kolhapur proudly won 25 District Awards**. **Heartiest Congratulations** to **IPP Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka, Rtn. Sahil Gandhi, and the entire 2024–25 team** for this remarkable achievement.

(Detailed award list is published in **Bulletin No. 31**.)

# Sutlej Group Meeting Host: Rtn. Vinay Sangle

**Date: 8th February, 2026**
**Venue : Rtn. Vinay Sangle's home, Raman Mala, Kolhapur**

Sutlej Group member **Rtn. Vinay Sangle** organised a Group meeting. 10 group members and 2 invitees attended and enjoyed a sumptuous Breakfast. Various discussions on various topics were held during the meeting. President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande** highlighted the activities carried out at the Rotary Club of Kolhapur, RSSK Projects and District Conference to **Rtn. Vinay Sangle**. President Rtn. Pradeep Karande also requested **Rtn. Vinay Sangle** to get active in the Club activities and attend Weekly Meeting. Discussion on the taking conference for the awareness on the Organ Donation was also initiated during the group meeting. Group meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande** and felicitating **Rtn. Vinay Sangle** with a buquet.

# Vocational Visit to Nourishing Farms for EarlyAct Club of Kolhapur members

**Date: 08th February 2026**
**Venue: Nourishing Farms, Jatharwadi, Kolhapur**

Members of our sponsored **EarlyAct Club of Kolhapur** recently visited **Nourishing Farms** for an enriching **vocational tour.** A total of **21 Rotakids** participated in the visit along with **9 Anns, 6 Rotarians, and parents**. The members explored a **hi-tech hydroponic farm** in Kolhapur that focuses on growing **pesticide-free vegetables** in a controlled environment. They also learned about the **integrated farming model** that farmers from nearby villages can adopt to build **modern, hi-tech farms** that complement their traditional practices. The EarlyAct members enjoyed tasting fresh vegetables like **varieties of lettuce, tomatoes, and sweet peppers**, plucked directly from the crops. The **introductory note** was proposed by **President Rotakid Neharika Charane**, and the **vote of thanks** was delivered by **Secretary Rotakid Dhier Zanvar**.

The visit proved to be a **highly educational and inspiring experience**, helping the young members understand the importance of **sustainable and innovative farming techniques**. It also created **awareness about healthy food habits and modern agriculture**, leaving the Rotakids motivated to support **environment-friendly initiatives** in the future.

# ROTARY DISTRICT 3170 CONFERENCE – "ऋणानुबंध"

**Date: 30th, 31st January & 1st February 2026**
**Venue: Vijay Palace & Lawns, Kolhapur–Sangli Road, Near Shirol, Halondi**

District Governor **Er. Arun D. Bhandare** and First Lady **Rtn. Madhavi A. Bhandare**

## 1st Day :

**The Rotary District Conference 2026**, held at **Vijay Palace & Lawns**, Halondi, near Kolhapur, brought together Rotarians from across the district for a meaningful exchange of ideas, fellowship, and inspiration. The District Conference was graced by the presence of distinguished Rotary leaders and eminent guests, adding pride and prestige to the grand event. The conference was honored by the **Rotary International President's Representative, Rtn. Flt. Lt. K. P. Nagesh**, whose inspiring presence brought global Rotary perspectives to the gathering.

The event was led by **District Governor Er. Arun D. Bhandare** and **First Lady Rtn. Madhavi A. Bhandare**, whose dynamic leadership and warm hospitality set the tone for a memorable conference. The conference was further enriched by the presence of **RI President's Representative Rtn. PDG Bindi and Dto' N. Rajasegaran**, who added international goodwill and fellowship to the occasion.

The conference was also privileged to have **Chief Guest Rtn. Raju Subramanian** along with **Ann Vidhya**, whose presence inspired participants and contributed to the celebratory spirit of the event.

Together, these dignitaries elevated the conference, making it a truly memorable gathering of service, fellowship, and Rotary spirit.

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67TH ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

District Governor 2025-26 First Lady
**Rtn. Er. Arun D. Bhandare & Rtn. Madhavi A. Bhandare**

**Rotary District Conference 2026 Features Insightful Sessions by Eminent Speakers -**

**Jayprakash Kabra – Emotional Intelligence and its Relevance to Rotary**

Jayprakash Kabra delivered an insightful session on emotional intelligence, emphasizing the importance of self-awareness, empathy, and effective communication in leadership. He explained how emotionally intelligent leaders can build stronger teams, resolve conflicts gracefully, and create a positive environment within Rotary clubs. He encouraged Rotarians to practice patience, understanding, and compassion while carrying out service activities.

## 2nd Day :

**Sanjay Malpani - Har Rotarian Bane Anandi**

This inspiring session highlighted the importance of positivity, happiness, and enthusiasm in Rotary life. He encouraged members to stay joyful, supportive, and actively engaged in club activities, emphasizing that a happy Rotarian is more effective in service, fellowship, and leadership.

**Vivek Sawant – I & AI**

Vivek Sawant spoke about the evolving world of technology, innovation, and artificial intelligence (AI). He explained how AI-driven platforms are reshaping industries, education, and daily life, and urged Rotarians to stay updated, support innovation, and guide the younger generation toward emerging opportunities.

**Neha Bagaria – Advancing Women's Careers in India**

Neha Bagaria addressed the topic of women's empowerment and career advancement. She spoke about the challenges women face in professional spaces and the need for inclusive policies, mentorship, and supportive work cultures. She encouraged organizations and leaders to create equal opportunities and stressed that empowering women contributes to stronger families, businesses, and communities.

**Brigadier Suneel Limaye – India's National Security Challenges**

Brigadier Suneel Limaye spoke on the critical issues related to India's national security. He highlighted the evolving nature of threats, the importance of preparedness, and the role of disciplined citizens in strengthening the nation. His session offered a strategic perspective on defense, internal security, and the responsibilities of society in maintaining peace and stability.

**3rd Day :**

**Vijay Nirani – Opportunities in Agri-Based Businesses and Industries**

This session focused on the growing potential of agriculture-based enterprises. He discussed value-added products, modern agri-technologies, and rural entrepreneurship, encouraging Rotarians to explore this sector and support farmers, startups, and agri-industries.

**Our Club Shined at the District Conference!**

**MOC :** Our **Rotary Club of Kolhapur** proudly acknowledges the outstanding contributions of **Rtn. Shobha Arvind, Rtn. Amit Mate, Rtn. Arvind Krishnan, and Rtn. Siddharth Patankar** as part of the **District Conference MOC Team**.

**Counsellor :** The expert guidance of **Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka**. Their **exceptional management, guidance, and seamless service** made the conference a grand success.

**Awards :** We also celebrate that **RC Kolhapur WON 25 District Awards for the year 2024–25**, reflecting the dedication, excellence, and spirit of our club.

**Heartiest Congratulations to all our members!**

**Next - 68th District Conference, GOA**

**Registration is ON**

# District Conference Glimpses

RCK Rocks

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# Heartiest Congratulations!

## Rtn. Pooja Sasurkar
### on Outstanding Sports Achievements!

On 8th February 2026, **Rtn. Pooja Sasurkar** showcased her exceptional talent at the Maharashtra Ophthalmological Society **State Level Sports Competitions** held at **Raheja Sports Club**, Navi Mumbai.

She emerged as the **winner** in the **50m freestyle swimming competition** and also secured **runner-up** positions in both carrom singles and doubles events. The RC Kolhapur extends its **HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS** to **Rtn. Pooja Sasurkar** for her remarkable performance, bringing pride and inspiration to the club and the entire Rotary family.

# Heartiest Congratulations!

## Yuthika

With her dedication, perseverance, and the blessings of her elders, **Yuthika** has successfully cleared the **Madhyama Examination in Bharatnatyam** conducted by the prestigious **Akhil Bhartiya Gandharva Mahavidyalay**. She not only passed but achieved this remarkable milestone with **Distinction**, a true reflection of her hard work and passion for classical dance.

This outstanding achievement brings immense pride to her family, teachers, and well-wishers. **Yuthika's success** is an inspiration to all aspiring artists, showcasing that talent, discipline, and determination can truly lead to excellence. The RC Kolhapur extends its **Heartiest Congratulations** to **Yuthika** for her remarkable performance, bringing pride.

# RI Board Adopts New Zones Structure

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Every Rotary year, the Rotary International Board of Directors makes minor changes to the list of zones based on decisions to merge or create new districts, or grant district requests to change zones. In addition, the Board conducts a comprehensive review at least every eight years to comply with RI Bylaws that districts and clubs be divided into 34 zones of approximately equal number of Rotarians. This is done to ensure that Rotary's Board of Directors accurately reflects our diverse and global membership.

In 2025, three Board-approved regional workgroups developed rezoning proposals for Asia, Europe/Africa, and the Americas. These workgroups submitted their proposals to the Zones Review Steering Committee, chaired by RI Vice President Alain Van de Poel, which consolidated them into a single, worldwide plan for the Board's consideration at their January 2026 meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve this plan.

The Board will consider other zone-related issues such as sectioning, pairing, and director election rotation at its April 2026 meeting. Zones in Indian subcontinent will be as under -

**Zone 4 -** India (western): 3030, 3040, 3060, 3131, 3132, 3141, 3142, 3172

**Zone 5 -** India (southern), Maldives, Sri Lanka: 2981, 2982, 3000, 3203, 3206, 3212, 3220, 3231, 3233, 3234

**Zone 6 -** Bhutan, India (eastern and northeastern), Nepal: 3100, 3110, 3120, 3240, 3250, 3261, 3262, 3291, 3292

**Zone 7 -** India (southern): 3020, 3150, 3160, 3171, 3181, 3182, 3191, 3192, 3204, 3205, 3211

**Zone 8 -** India (north and northwest), Russia: 2223, 3011, 3012, 3053, 3055, 3056, 3070, 3080, 3090

*Shared by* - ***Rtn. Amit Mate***

## TRIVIA QUESTION ?

**Question :**

**Q: When was Rotary founded in Chicago?**

A) 1 November 1943 B) 15 August 1910
C) 1 July 1920 D) 23 February 1905

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: How many focus areas guide Rotary's service efforts?

Answer -
B) 7

Answers given by -
**1) Ann Nikita Gandhi**
**2) Ann Dhara Sheth**
**3) Ann Pooja Rathod**
**4) Ann Vaishali Taral**
**5) Ann Rakhi Ghodke**

# GOKUL

## Kolhapur Zilla Sahakari Dudh Utpadak Sangh Ltd.

Kolhapur Zilla Sahakari Dudh Utpadak Sangh Ltd., popularly known by its trusted brand **'Gokul'**, is one of Maharashtra's leading cooperative dairy institutions. Established on **16th March 1963** under the **Operation Flood** movement, Gokul has grown into a model cooperative, empowering thousands of milk producers and setting benchmarks in procurement, processing, animal health, and dairy product marketing.

Over the decades, Gokul has achieved remarkable milestones across all aspects of the dairy sector. Today, it operates a **modern dairy plant with a capacity of 17 lakh litres per day**, along with a **satellite dairy at Udgaon (Taluka Shirol)** and **four company-owned chilling centres**, together handling **8 lakh litres of milk per day**. The organization also runs a **state-of-the-art packaging unit at Navi Mumbai** to serve wider markets efficiently.

To strengthen milk production across its milk shed, Gokul has established a robust support network, including **46 mobile veterinary service routes** and **260 cluster-based Artificial Insemination centres**, ensuring better animal health, breeding, and productivity for farmers.

In the field of cattle nutrition, Gokul operates a **modern 450 MT/day cattle feed plant** at the **Kagal–Hatkanangale Five Star MIDC**, producing the popular **'Mahalaxmi' brand** feed since March 2011. This is complemented by the **200 MT/day capacity plant at Mudshingi (Taluka Karveer)**, which continues to function efficiently.

With technical support from **NDDB**, Gokul also launched a **Total Mixed Ration (TMR) project** with a capacity of **50 MT/day** at the Mudshingi plant in December 2018, further enhancing dairy productivity.

Demonstrating its commitment to sustainability, Gokul initiated a **Manure Management Project** in 2022 with a capacity of **5 MT/day**, utilizing inputs from **120 flexi biogas units**. This eco-friendly initiative has been implemented with the support of **Sustain Plus Energy Foundation (Tata Trusts)** and **NDDB**, promoting renewable energy and scientific waste management in the dairy sector.

With its strong farmer base, advanced infrastructure, and forward-looking initiatives, **Gokul continues to be a symbol of cooperative success, rural empowerment, and dairy excellence in Maharashtra and beyond.**

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

There is no limit to what we,
as women, can accomplish."

**— Michelle Obama**

# Greetings

From -
**ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR**

## Happy Birthday

- Rtn. Usha Bhageria - 1st Feb
- Rtn. Rohit Shinde - 8th Feb

## Happy Wedding Anniversary

- Rtn. Nitin Gundesha - 7th Feb
- Rtn. Narayan Patodia - 7th Feb

## NEXT MEETING

DATE:
**Wednesday,**
**4th February 2026**

TIME:
**5:30 PM**

**GUEST**
**Ms Gourangi Urunkar**

**SUBJECT**
**Health Synergy**
**(Protecting and maintaining Health/ Curing Diseases of sick)**

**All Ann's are requested to join the 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**

### Guest Speaker Gourangi Urunkar

**Profession:** Holistic Health Coach

**Qualifications & Expertise:**

- Yoga and Naturopathy Therapist
- Nyay–Darshan Scholar (Mumbai)
- Specialist in holistic and preventive health approaches

**Areas of Specialization:**

- Blood Pressure Reversal
- Diabetes Reversal
- Weight Loss Management
- Women's Health Issues (including PCOD)
- Gut Health Reforming and Maintenance
- Acne Prevention
- Sleep Disorder Management

**Approach:**

**Gourangi Urunkar** focuses on a holistic health synergy model that emphasizes prevention, primary and secondary control, and long-term disease eradication through natural therapies, lifestyle management, and yoga-based practices.


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