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Brahmaputra Group and Yamuna Group Meeting

Host : Rtn. Vikas Kadam, Rtn. Prasad Dabeer,
Rtn. Mithun Satra, Rtn. Dr. Rajendra Patil

Date : 1st February 2026

Venue : Hotel Atria, Parking Hall, Kolhapur



Rtn. Vikas Kadam, Rtn. Prasad Dabeer of the Brahmaputra Group, and Rtn. Mithun Satra, Rtn. Dr. Rajendra Patil of the Yamuna Group organised a group meeting. A total of 30 club members attended and enjoyed a sumptuous dinner. Various important topics were discussed during the meeting.

Group Co-ordinator Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh informed the members about the projects lined up, including the inauguration of the Computer Lab at Nehru High School, Sarud, donated by Sound Castings Pvt. Ltd. under CSR, scheduled for the first week of February 2026. He also briefed the members about the upcoming conference “Runanubandh” and other Rotary events and projects. A discussion was held on the feasibility of a skin bank, and the idea of organising a conference for organ donation awareness was also initiated. He further informed the members that a team from the Rotary Club of Pune Pristine, RID 3131, had visited our RSSK to create awareness about pediatric heart surgeries, which will be conducted free of cost under a Global Grant received by their club.

With this, the total count of group meetings now stands at 38. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by the felicitation of the host members with a flowers bouquets.

RC Kolhapur Felicitated the Judo Winners



Judo competitions were held at Amboli on 1st February 2026 for the 6, 8, 10, and 16 age groups, with 15 players from Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra participating. They performed excellently, winning 7 gold, 6 silver, and 2 bronze medals, and RSSK secured the General Championship. The Rotary Club of Kolhapur felicitated and congratulated these winners.

(For detailed news, see Bulletin No. 32)

Rotary Club of Kolhapur Visits Savali Care Centre, Extends Support to Needy Patients

Date: 3rd February 2026

Venue : Kamala College, Kolhapur



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur carried out a social service visit to Savali Care Centre, Sambhajinagar (Kolhapur). On this occasion, the founder of the institution, Mr. Kishor Deshpande, gave a detailed overview of the centre's work. He shared that over the past 21 years, the institution has had the privilege of serving nearly 4,000 patients. Many of these beneficiaries belong to poor, orphaned, and destitute sections of society, and their treatment is provided either free of cost or at highly subsidised rates. During the visit, Mr. Deshpande also gave a tour of the facility and demonstrated how the organisation carries out its activities.

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur donated 90 kg of rice to the centre, while PDG Rtn. Pratap Puranik contributed 80 kg of sugar in support of the institution's service efforts. Mr. Deshpande expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the donors. Rotary Club President Rtn. Pradeep Karande also shared information about various Rotary initiatives with the team. Public Relation Committee Chairman Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam was present during the visit.

“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.”

- Andrew Carnegie

TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

Q: The Rotary Foundation was founded in ?

- A) 1905 B) 1917
C) 1985 D) 1947

Send your answers to Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar on **Whatsapp**  90285 26755

The names of the **First Five Members** with correct answers will be published in the next bulletin

Last week question?

Q: When was Rotary founded in Chicago?

Answer -

D) 23 February 1905

Answers given by -

- 1) Ann Dhara Sheth
- 2) Ann Vaishali Taral
- 3) Ann Poonam Shah
- 4) Ann Nikita Gandhi
- 5) Ann Pooja Rathod



31st Weekly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 11th February 2026

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

GUEST : **Ms Gaurangi Urunkar** - Holistic Health Enrichment Coach, Yoga and Naturopathy Therapist, and Nyay-Darshan Scholar (Mumbai)

SUBJECT : **Rotary Health Awareness Initiative – “Health Synergy”**

31st Weekly Meeting delivered by **Miss Gaurangi Urunkar**, a **Holistic Health Enrichment Coach, Yoga and Naturopathy Therapist, and Nyay-Darshan Scholar (Mumbai)**. In her **crisp and powerful 30-minute talk**, she beautifully explained the true meaning of **health management** based on two essential goals – **protecting and maintaining health** and **curing diseases effectively**. The guest was introduced by Secretary **Rtn. Nilesh Kutte**.

She elaborated on the **four phases of health management** – **1) Prevention, 2) Primary Control, 3) Secondary Control, and 4) Eradication** – in a very **simple, practical, and relatable** manner. Participants remained **highly engaged** throughout the session. Her **easy-to-follow lifestyle tips, natural healing insights, and preventive approach** were appreciated by all.

The program concluded with a very **interactive and satisfying Question-Answer session**, where attendees received **practical guidance** for their **personal health concerns**. At just **23 years of age**, **Gaurangi** charmed and enlightened the entire group with her powerful blend of **modern as well as ancient wisdom**.

Miss Gaurangi specialises in:

1) Diabetes (Sugar) Reversal, 2) B.P. Reversal, 3) Weight Management, 4) Women's Health issues like PCOD, 5) Gut Health Reform, 6) Acne Prevention, 7) Sleep Disorders

Considering the growing **lifestyle-related health challenges** in society, **Rotary groups** may strongly consider inviting **Miss Gaurangi Urunkar** for similar **impactful sessions**. Her approach is **holistic, preventive, and practical**.

For **health consultations** or to organise a **session**, she can be contacted at:

Miss Gaurangi Urunkar - Mob. 90763 70306

Rtn. Dr Mahadeo Mane proposed a vote of thanks and **Rtn. Narayan Patodia** emerged as the lucky Rotarian.

Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam was **felicitated** for **designing** our Club's **Weekly Bulletin**, which has been widely **appreciated** by **Our Club, Rotary Movement Kolhapur, and Rotary Clubs across the District 3170**, as well as for his **excellent coverage** of the **ROTARY DISTRICT 3170 CONFERENCE – “ऋणानुबंध”**.



RC Kolhapur's Vision Shines as Rotary Nana-Nani Park Celebrates Silver Jubilee

Date: 15th February 2026

Venue: Rotary Nana-Nani Park, Tarabai Park, Kolhapur



Rotary Club of Kolhapur witnessed a proud moment as the **Rotary Nana-Nani Park** at **Tarabai Park** celebrated its **Silver Jubilee**, highlighting the inspiring and sustained efforts of the **RCK** and the **Rotary Samaj Seva Project**. Developed in the year **2000** with a noble vision of creating a peaceful and accessible recreational space for **senior citizens**, the park has become a beloved **green sanctuary** in the heart of the city. For the past **25 years**, **Rotary's commitment** to service, maintenance, and beautification has transformed the park into a **model community project**.

Speaking at the **Silver Jubilee function**, **Rajagopal Devara, Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner**, praised **Rotary's proactive role** in **urban development**. He noted that the **Rotary Nana-Nani Park** stands as a **shining example** of how **voluntary organisations** can partner with **civic bodies** to create meaningful **public spaces**. He emphasised that the dedication of the **Rotary Club of Kolhapur** and the **Rotary Samaj Seva Project** has not only enhanced the **beauty of the park** but also enriched the **social life** of countless **senior citizens**.

Presiding over the function, **Hon. Member of Parliament (MP) Shrimant Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj** applauded **Rotary's consistent and selfless service** to society. He remarked that projects like the **Nana-Nani Park** reflect **Rotary's deep sense of responsibility** toward the community and its ability to **turn vision into reality**. The park, he said, symbolises **care, respect, and dignity** for the **elderly**, and stands as a testimony to **Rotary's enduring spirit of service**.

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Rotary Club of Kolhapur President Rtn. Pradeep Karande briefly shared the **proud history** and **impactful projects** of the **RC Kolhapur**. He spoke about the club's **flagship initiatives**, including

the **Rotary Samaj Seva Project**, and their **lasting benefits** to society. He also emphasized the **collective efforts** of generations of **Rotarians** who have nurtured these projects with **dedication**, and reaffirmed the club's **commitment** to continue serving the community with the same **passion and purpose**.

Among the **distinguished dignitaries** present were Hon. Mayor of Kolhapur **Ruparani Nikam**, Additional Commissioner of Income Tax **R. S. Madhavi**, **Madhurimaraje Chhatrapati**, former corporator **Satyajit Kadam**, and corporator **Pallavi Desai**.

Rtn. Sanjeev Chipalunkar, Chairman of the Rotary Nana-Nani Park Committee, shared his thoughts and provided an overview of the various **services and facilities** available at the **Rotary Nana-Nani Park**. **Dr. Ramakant Dagade**, Chairman of the Silver Jubilee Committee, delivered the **introductory address**. **Shri Digambar Kulkarni**, President of the Probus Club of Kolhapur, proposed the **vote of thanks**.

Hon. Mayor Ruparani Nikam added a lively touch to the celebration by **singing a few songs**, which were warmly appreciated by the audience.

During the program, Our RCK members **Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka**, **Rtn. Indrajeet Nageshkar**, and **Rtn. Sanjeev Chiplunkar** were felicitated for their dedicated service and contributions.

The **Silver Jubilee celebration** was attended by **members of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur**, **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra**, and the **Probus Club of Kolhapur**, whose **enthusiastic participation** added warmth to the occasion. Their **collective efforts, planning, and dedication** ensured the **smooth and successful conduct** of the entire program. The event stood as a true reflection of **Rotary's spirit of fellowship, unity, and service**.

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Rotary International President **Francesco Arezzo's** February 2026 Message

“Let Action Define Us”

At last month's International Assembly, President-elect Olayinka “Yinka” Hakeem Babalola called on members of the Rotary world to live out our presidential message for the 2026-27 Rotary year: **Create Lasting Impact**.

This February, as we observe **Peace building and Conflict Prevention Month**, we have an opportunity to channel that call into real change.

Peace is not simply the absence of war. A life free from conflict but marked by hunger, instability, or the inability to care for one's family is not true peace. Peace requires liberty, opportunity, and respect for human dignity. Yet fear often blocks that path — fear of change, of cultural loss, or of people we don't understand.

Fear is not defeated through avoidance or aggression. Knowledge is the first step toward peace. Rotary embraces this idea. Our Rotary Peace Centers and their peace fellows, along with other peace-education initiatives, show how knowledge builds trust and helps communities find solutions to conflict.

In Colombia, decades of conflict have left deep wounds. The **2025 Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale** awardee, *Pathways to Peace and Prosperity*, partners with the United Nations World Food Programme to expand opportunity, improve conflict resolution, and connect people with social services. Its goal is to break cycles of violence, poverty, and food insecurity so peace can take root.

In Maharashtra, India, *People of Action* honoree **Swati Herkal** built peace through prosperity. Her project addressed declining

soil health, rising debt, and illness caused by chemical fertilisers. With support from her Rotary partners, she launched a regenerative agriculture programme that revitalised the land, lowered costs, and restored stability. Today, more than 1,100 farmers participate, and over 50 villages have adopted the model.

Rotary also advances peace by restoring dignity. In Chad, Rotary Peace Fellow **Domino Frank** discovered that more than 1,500 women who had fought in a rebellion were excluded from reintegration programmes. His advocacy led to Chad's first Rotary Foundation global grant and the creation of *Corridors of Peace*. More than 100 women — triple the initial goal — completed literacy and vocational training and formed a cooperative to support their families.

From Colombia to India to Chad, the lesson is clear: **Peace is not a dream. It is the result of sustained action focused on true, lasting impact.** To replicate these successes, Rotary clubs can take three simple steps- 1) Learn from peace fellows and other peace experts in our organisation. 2) Apply a peacebuilding lens to community assessments. 3) Prioritise impact over ceremony.

In a world filled with fear, Rotary cannot be satisfied with half-measures and empty words. If we are truly **People of Action**, then **action must define us.** Together, we can **Create Lasting Impact** across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.



Shared by - **Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam**

The Historic Rise of Rotary District 3172



The Historic Rise of Rotary International District 3172:

The journey of Rotary International District 3172 is a testament to the dedication and perseverance of Rotarians. Originally part of District 315, District 317 was formed in 1959-60, covering Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and parts of Tamil Nadu. Over the years, the district underwent significant reorganizations, leading to the creation of new districts.

The Formation of District 3170:

In 1970-71 District 3170 was formed, comprising Kolhapur, Sangli, Ratnagiri, and Sindhudurg districts of Maharashtra, Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, Bijapur, Bagalkot, Belgaum, and Uttar Kannada districts of Karnataka, and the entire state of Goa. Over 42 years, the district grew to over 6,500 Rotarians and 145 clubs, making it one of the largest districts globally.

The Need for Bifurcation:

Despite its growth, the district's vast geographical expanse and cultural diversity posed significant challenges. The Governor had to spend over **275 days** on **DG visits alone**, making it difficult to focus on strengthening the organisation and developing area-wise leadership. This led to the realisation that splitting the district was necessary.

The Journey to Bifurcation:

Efforts to split the district began in 1998-2000 but gained momentum in 2021 with efforts from PDGs of Maharashtra. A team of members from each club in Maharashtra, known as **"United Maharashtra,"** was formed, led by **Rtn. Amit Mate** and **Rtn. Prasanna Deshingkar** under the support and guidance of PDGs from Maharashtra and other senior members. They prepared a draft resolution and garnered support from **47** out of 55 clubs in Maharashtra. The resolution was presented



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at the "Nakshatra" district conference in 2024-25 and was accepted by a thumping majority of 56 clubs voting in favor of bifurcation and 13 against it out of the 69 eligible clubs present for voting.

The Birth of District 3172 :

In 2025, the Rotary International Board approved the bifurcation of the then District 3170 to enable more effective administration and better service outreach. As a result, Rotary District 3172 was created, bringing together 55 clubs from Maharashtra with a membership strength of over 2,200 Rotarians.

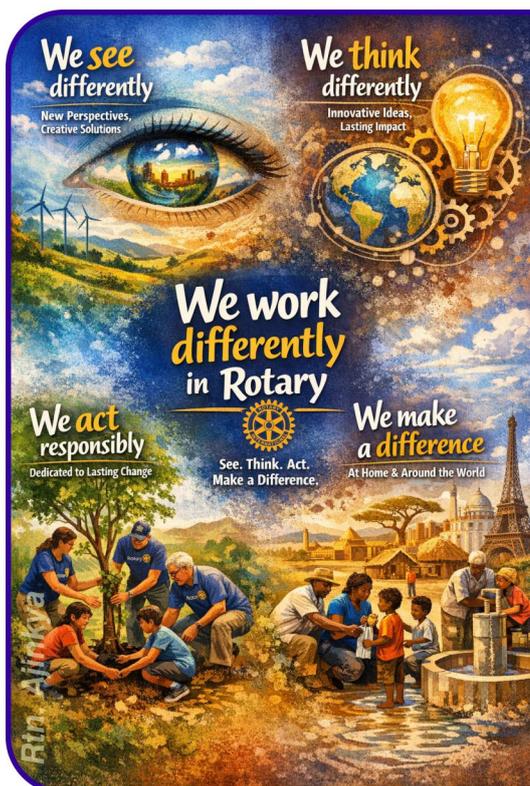
This historic development marked a new beginning for the region. Rtn. Vikrantsingh

Kadam was elected as the Charter District Governor of District 3172, entrusted with the responsibility of leading the new district in its formative years.

At the same time, the remaining region – comprising North Karnataka and Goa – was reorganised as District 3171, which will be led by Rtn. Ashok Naik.

Both newly formed districts will officially begin their journey under Rotary International Zones 4 and 7, respectively, from the Rotary year 2027–28, opening a new chapter of growth, leadership, and service in their regions.

Shared by - Rtn. Amit Mate



We work differently in Rotary

We see differently: Our multidisciplinary perspective helps us understand challenges in unique ways and respond with creativity and compassion.

We think differently: We apply our leadership, professional expertise, and experience to social issues, creating innovative solutions.

We act responsibly: Our passion, dedication, and perseverance lead to lasting change in the communities we serve.

We make a difference at home and around the world: Rotary members work in their local communities and across the globe, building peace, hope, and opportunity for all.

Shared by - Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam

Ramling Temple

A Spiritual and Natural Retreat Near Kolhapur

Nestled amidst serene hills and lush greenery near **Kolhapur**, **Ramling** is a revered spiritual destination that beautifully blends devotion, history, and nature. Located approximately **15–20 kilometers** from the heart of **Kolhapur city**, **Ramling Temple** is dedicated to **Lord Shiva** and holds immense religious significance for devotees across the region.

Historical and Religious Significance

The **Ramling Temple** is believed to be **centuries old** and reflects the traditional **Hemadpanthi style** of temple architecture, characterized by **stone construction** and **intricate carvings**. The temple houses a sacred **Shiva Lingam**, which draws devotees especially during the holy month of **Shravan** and on **Mahashivratri**. The **peaceful ambiance** and **divine aura** make it a favored spot for **spiritual seekers** and **families** alike.

Local legends connect the temple's origins to **ancient traditions**, and over time, it has evolved into a **prominent pilgrimage site** in the **Kolhapur district**. Devotees visit **Ramling** not only for **worship** but also for moments of **reflection** and **inner peace**.

A Natural Haven

Apart from its **religious importance**, **Ramling** is also known for its **scenic surroundings**. The temple is situated in a **valley surrounded by hills**, offering a **refreshing escape** from urban life. The **monsoon season** enhances its charm, with **flowing streams**, **lush greenery**, and **mist-covered landscapes**, making it a popular **picnic** and **trekking spot**.

The **tranquil environment** provides an ideal setting for **community gatherings**, **social initiatives**, and **fellowship activities**—values that resonate deeply with **Rotary's commitment** to **service** and **harmony**.



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Cultural and Community Importance

Ramling serves as more than just a **place of worship**—it is a **center of community bonding**. Local **festivals** and **religious events** bring together people from **diverse backgrounds**, fostering **unity** and **shared cultural heritage**.

For the **Rotary fraternity** in **Kolhapur**, **Ramling** represents an opportunity to connect **spirituality with service**—through **cleanliness drives**, **tree plantation initiatives**, **health camps**, and **youth engagement activities** in and around the temple premises.

Conclusion

Ramling stands as a symbol of **faith**, **serenity**, and **cultural pride** for **Kolhapur**. Its **divine presence** and **natural beauty** continue to inspire **devotion** and **community spirit**. As **Rotarians**, visiting such **sacred** and **serene places** reminds us of our **shared responsibility**—to **serve with compassion**, **preserve heritage**, and **contribute meaningfully** to society.

Ramling is not just a **destination**; it is an **experience** of **peace**, **devotion**, and **togetherness**.

Shared by - Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar

Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR



Happy Birthday

- Rtn. Dr Vivekanand Kulkarni - 9th Feb.
- Rtn. Bansi Chipade - 13th Feb.
- Rtn. Rajesh Dake - 14th Feb.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

- Rtn. Amish Shah - 10th Feb.
- Rtn. Sharad Totla - 11th Feb.
- Rtn. Dewang Seth - 15th Feb.
- Rtn. Namrata Patankar - 15th Feb.
- Rtn. Siddharth Patankar - 15th Feb.

Guest Speaker

Dr Priya Dandage

Dr. Priya Amod Dandage (B.H.M.S.) is an experienced **homeopathic physician** with diplomas in **Journalism** and **Counseling Techniques**. She has been in **independent medical practice for over 20 years** and, through **Sneha Diet Clinic**, provides guidance on **weight management** based on traditional **Indian diet and lifestyle** principles. From **1998 to 2007**, she served as an **Assistant Professor of Community Medicine** at **Venutai Chavan Homoeopathic Medical College, Kolhapur**.

She has actively participated in **health camps** in both **urban and rural areas**, especially for **underprivileged communities**. In addition to her medical work, she is a **health columnist** and

Professional Profile

NEXT MEETING



DATE:
Wednesday,
18th February 2026

TIME:
5:30 PM

GUEST

Dr Priya Dandage

SUBJECT

**Indian Diet...
A Complete Diet**

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



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author. Her **short story collection** *Ek Ghar Unhat* and the **English novel** *Jaratkaru* have been published.

She has also contributed to **auto-biographical writing** for several notable personalities and has undertaken **editing work** for various published books, reflecting her strong involvement in **literary and social communication**.



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