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31st Weekly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 18th February 2026

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

GUEST : Dr Priya Dandage (B.H.M.S.) is an experienced homeopathic physician. 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.

SUBJECT : Indian Diet... A Complete Diet

Our Thirty-Second Weekly Meeting was held on the 3rd floor of Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur, in a warm and enthusiastic atmosphere.

The Guest Speaker for the meeting was **Mrs. Priya Dandage**, who delivered an excellent talk on the topic “**Indian Diet... A Complete Diet**”. Her subject beautifully highlighted the richness and completeness of the traditional Indian diet.

Mrs. Dandage explained with practical examples that our Indian food system is naturally balanced and contains all essential nutrients required by the human body. She emphasised that our daily meals—consisting of chapati, rice, dal, vegetables, curd, pulses, and seasonal fruits—provide the right combination of carbohydrates, proteins, vitamins, minerals, and healthy fats. She strongly conveyed that there is no need to unnecessarily adopt Western food habits in the

name of nutrition, as our own traditional food culture is scientifically sound and time-tested.

She further explained that Indian agriculture and soil produce seasonal fruits and vegetables according to the body's requirements and climate conditions. Our ancestors designed food habits keeping in mind health, digestion, immunity, and lifestyle, making the Indian diet a truly complete and sustainable system.

Mrs. Dandage also advised reducing the intake of red meat due to its impact on cholesterol levels and encouraged the consumption of fish as a comparatively healthier option. Her message was clear — balanced, home-cooked Indian food is the key to long-term health and well-being.

Rtn. Arvind Taral introduced the guest speaker, **Rtn. Subhash Kutte** proposed the vote of thanks, and **Rtn. Sanjeev Chiplunkar** emerged as the Lucky Rotarian for the week.



World Rotary Day Awareness Bike Rally

Organised by Rotary Movement of Kolhapur;
Creating Awareness on Social Issues



On the occasion of **World Rotary Day** and completion of **121 years** of Rotary International, the **Rotary Movement of Kolhapur** organised a **Social Awareness Bike Rally** on Sunday. The rally was conducted to spread awareness about important social causes such as **Polio Eradication, Road Safety, Environmental Protection, Health Awareness, and Women Empowerment**.

The rally began by paying floral tributes to the statue of Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj at **Dasara Chowk**. After the tribute, the rally passed through the **main roads of the city**, spreading strong social messages in different areas. Participants carried **placards and flags** highlighting awareness themes and attracted the attention of citizens.

The rally received enthusiastic participation from **Youth, Women, Senior Citizens, and Rotaract Members**. Due to proper planning and disciplined coordination, the rally was completed **successfully and smoothly**.

The organisers expressed sincere thanks to **District Governor Er. Arun D. Bhandare, Hon. Mayor Mrs. Ruparani Nikam, Past District Governors PDG Pratap Puranik and RDG Vasudev Deshingkar, Rotary Movement of Kolhapur President Rtn. Shital Dugge, Assistant Governors, Rotarians, and especially Rotaractors** for their energetic participation and valuable contribution in making the rally a **Grand Success**.

Its sincere thanks to **Shri. Yogeshkumar Gupta**, Superintendent of Police, Kolhapur, for granting permission and support for the Bike Rally and to the **Kolhapur Traffic Control Team** for their excellent coordination in ensuring the rally was conducted safely and in an orderly manner.

Through unity, dedication and service-mindedness, the rally once again reflected Rotary's guiding principle, "**Service Above Self.**"

Members of the **Rotary Club of Kolhapur** also actively participated in this **Noble Social Cause**, strengthening the collective commitment towards community service.

Birth of Rotary



Paul P. Harris, an attorney, wanted to create a professional group with the same friendly spirit he felt in the small towns of his youth. On **23rd February 1905**, **Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele**, and **Hiram Shorey** gathered at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary club meeting. They decided to call the new club "**Rotary**" after the practice of rotating meeting locations. What Paul had in mind was a club that would kindle fellowship among members of the business community. In 1912, the name changed to International Association of Rotary Clubs to reflect the addition of clubs in other countries. The name Rotary International was adopted in 1922.

THE IDEAL OF SERVICE

*As long as grass continues to grow green,
As long as water continues to flow down hill
So long Rotary will continue to worship
Its ideal, the ideal of service.*

Paul P. Harris

*Founder of Rotary
Message to 1934 R.I. Convention*

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.



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AVENUES OF SERVICE

Rotary channel its commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- Club Service
- Vocational Service
- Community Service
- International Service
- New Generation Service

Shared by - Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam

India AI Impact Summit 2026: Shaping a Responsible and Inclusive AI-Driven Future



The **India AI Impact Summit 2026** was held from **February 16 to February 20, 2026**, concluding after five days of high-level dialogue, innovation showcases, and global cooperation on **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**. Hosted at **Bharat Mandapam**, the summit positioned India as a key hub in the future of AI. The event brought together world leaders, technology CEOs, developers, researchers, startups, and policymakers from over 100 countries to discuss how AI can benefit humanity while safeguarding ethical and democratic values. The summit was inaugurated by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, who highlighted India's growing digital ecosystem and global technology leadership.

A major milestone of the summit was the adoption of the **Delhi Declaration on AI**, endorsed by nearly 86–88 countries and international organisations, including the **European Union** and the **United States**. The declaration emphasized trustworthy, equitable, and socially beneficial AI, promoting human capital development, democratized technology access, ethical governance, and AI-driven economic growth. The summit also saw participation from 20+ heads of state and hundreds of startups presenting innovations across key sectors.

The discussions highlighted AI applications across **Healthcare, Education, Agriculture, Banking and Finance, Manufacturing, Transportation, Government and Public Services, Retail and E-Commerce, Media and Entertainment, and Cybersecurity**, demonstrating how AI is rapidly transforming both economic and social landscapes. Leaders emphasized that responsible AI deployment in these sectors can significantly enhance productivity, efficiency, and public welfare.

The core purpose of the summit was to promote **responsible, inclusive, and human-centric AI**. Rather than focusing solely on commercial gains, discussions centered on how AI can improve public services, strengthen governance, and uplift developing nations. A significant theme was **bridging the global AI**



divide, encouraging partnerships, knowledge sharing, and affordable AI solutions that can operate on low-cost devices. Leaders stressed the importance of safe and ethical AI frameworks to ensure that technological advancement benefits society at large.

Under the guiding themes of **People, Planet, and Progress**, the summit highlighted the importance of AI literacy, skill development, job creation, and environmental sustainability. Experts promoted **Human–AI collaboration**, where AI serves as a supportive tool rather than a replacement for human effort. In the coming years, AI is expected to transform daily life — enabling personalized learning in education, early disease detection and telemedicine in healthcare, automation and smart analytics in business, precision farming in agriculture, and improved disaster management and digital governance.

From an economic perspective, the summit delivered significant strategic gains for India. Investment commitments reportedly crossed **\$250 billion** in AI infrastructure, semiconductor expansion, cloud computing, and deep-tech ventures, strengthening India's innovation ecosystem. The event created new opportunities for Indian startups and developers to secure global partnerships, funding access, and international market expansion, reinforcing India's image as a fast-growing AI powerhouse.

Overall, the **India AI Impact Summit 2026** marks a turning point in India's technological journey — transitioning from a technology adopter to a global AI collaborator and innovator, particularly championing the interests of the Global South. While some organizational challenges were noted, the summit's global participation, policy outcomes, and investment commitments signal a strong foundation for the future. The long-term success will depend on sustained cooperation, effective implementation of policies, and India's continued leadership in shaping ethical and inclusive AI worldwide.

Shared by - **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**

The 2025–26 presidential theme of Rotary International, “**Unite for Good**”, calls upon Rotarians worldwide to join forces and magnify their impact. This theme is not a new logo but a unifying message paired with the timeless Rotary Wheel, symbolizing progress, collective action, and a shared mission to create a better world.

A Call to Collaboration: “Unite for Good” inspires members to strengthen bonds, foster global partnerships, and work together for a common humanitarian goal. It reminds us that meaningful change emerges when diverse people unite their talents, ideas, and passion in service of others.

Symbolism and Momentum: Building on the enduring Rotary Wheel, the theme represents continuous movement, teamwork, and global fellowship. It emphasizes that united actions create momentum capable of transforming communities locally and globally.

Strength in Unity: In a world with complex challenges, the theme highlights the power of unity. When Rotarians from different

backgrounds, professions, and cultures come together, they can address social issues more effectively and deliver solutions that have a lasting impact.

Brand Consistency and Identity: Using the official theme lockups ensures a unified voice for all clubs and districts, enhancing recognition, credibility, and public trust. This consistency strengthens Rotary's global image as a leading force in humanitarian service.

Inspiring Global Action: “Unite for Good” encourages members to think beyond their local communities. By collaborating across borders, sharing knowledge, and leveraging innovative approaches, Rotary amplifies its reach, touching lives worldwide and fostering a spirit of international fellowship.

Expanding Impact: The theme motivates Rotarians to grow service initiatives, welcome new members, and pursue innovative collaborations. By acting together with purpose and dedication, Rotary continues to inspire hope, drive meaningful change, and make the world a better place for all.

Shared by - Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam

TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

Q: Which country has the second largest Rotary membership in the world?

- A) India B) United States
C) Japan D) South Korea

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 & Answer

Q: The Rotary Foundation was founded in ?

Answer -
B) 1917

Answers given by -

- 1) Ann Dhara Sheth
- 2) Ann Nikita Gandhi
- 3) Ann Pooja Rathod
- 4) Rtn. Dr Vaibhav sasurkar
- 5) Rtn. Nilesh Kutte

Ravneshwar Mandir

Where Devotion Meets Divine Power

Introduction

Ravneshwar Mandir, also known as Shri Ravaneshwar Mahadev Mandir, is a revered temple dedicated to Lord Shiva located in Mangalwar Peth (Sathmari Galli area) of Kolhapur. The temple is an important spiritual landmark of the city and attracts devotees throughout the year, especially during auspicious days dedicated to Lord Shiva.

Origin of the Name and Legend

The name "Ravneshwar" is derived from Ravana, the legendary king of Lanka from the epic Ramayana. According to Hindu mythology, Ravana was one of the greatest devotees of Lord Shiva. It is believed that due to his deep devotion and penance, the temple came to be associated with his name. Local traditions connect the shrine to Ramayana-era legends and the sacred geography of the Karveer region.

Ancient Roots

The temple is considered to be very old, with strong local beliefs about its ancient origin. Though there is no officially recorded archaeological date available, residents believe that the original shrine existed many decades, possibly centuries, ago. Over time, the temple became an established place of Shiva worship in the locality.

Renovation and Present Structure

The earlier structure of the temple was simple and modest. Around 1984, major renovations were undertaken to develop it into its present form. Today, the temple is architecturally unique, designed in the shape of a massive Shiva Linga. The entrance area features artistic stonework and replicas of the twelve Jyotirlingas, enhancing its religious and visual



appeal. Within the temple premises, idols and sculptures depicting Lord Shiva's family, various forms of Shiva, and Ravana worshipping Shiva add devotional significance.

Religious Importance

Ravneshwar Mandir holds special importance for Shiva devotees. Mondays, the holy month of Shravan, and Mahashivratri witness large gatherings of worshippers. Devotees perform Abhishek, offer Bilva leaves, and participate in prayers seeking blessings for health, peace, and prosperity.

Cultural Significance in Kolhapur

Kolhapur, known for its rich spiritual heritage, is home to many ancient temples. Ravneshwar Mandir forms an integral part of this religious landscape and contributes to the city's devotional atmosphere. Its mythological connection and unique architecture make it a distinct and respected temple in the region.

Shared by - Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar

Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

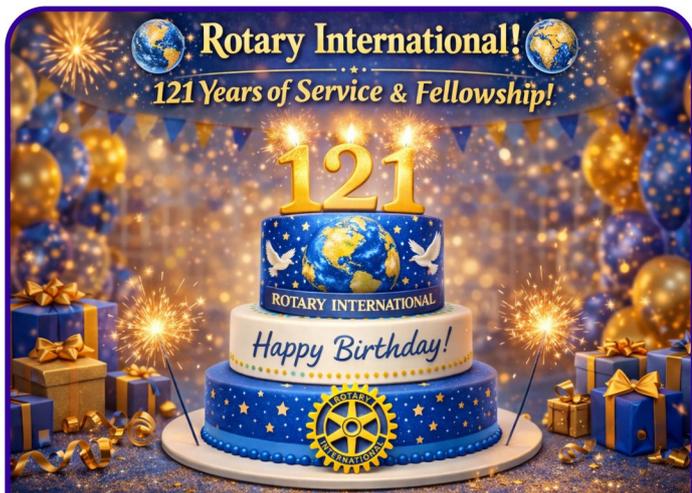


Happy Birthday

- Rtn. Deepak Charane - 19th Feb.
- Rtn. Hirakant Patil - 20th Feb.
- Rtn. Dr Aditya Upadhaye - 22nd Feb.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

- Rtn. Pushkaraj Janwadkar - 16th Feb.
- Rtn. Mohan Patel - 17th Feb.
- Rtn. Amol Ghodake - 18th Feb.
- Rtn. Chintan Shah - 19th Feb.



Heartiest Congratulations
and warm wishes to all dedicated Rotarians
on this special occasion.

May your spirit of Service Above
Self continue to inspire hope,
build friendships, and create lasting change
in communities across the world.

NEXT MEETING



DATE:
**Wednesday,
25th February 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**

“Being happy is
the greatest form
of success.”



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