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2025-26



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# HERALD

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## 34th Weekly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 4th March 2026

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

GUEST : **Dr. Keerti Sheetal Mahajan**

Founder and CEO, Hakkenz Technologies and Professor at DYPATU, Talsande, Kolhapur

SUBJECT : **AI - All Inclusive**

Our thirty-fourth weekly meeting was held on the 3rd floor of Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur. The Guest speaker for our weekly meeting was **Ann. Dr. Keerti Sheetal Mahajan**, who chose to speak on the topic "**AI - All Inclusive**".

Guest Speaker **Dr. Keerti S. Mahajan** delivered an insightful lecture on the growing importance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its impact on various sectors. She explained that Artificial Intelligence refers to computer systems capable of performing tasks that normally require human intelligence such as learning, reasoning, problem-solving and understanding language. While AI can analyse large volumes of data and identify patterns with great speed and accuracy, qualities like creativity, emotional intelligence and intuition still remain uniquely human.

**Dr. Keerti S. Mahajan** also explained the **AI Development Lifecycle**, which includes stages such as data collection, data preprocessing, model training, evaluation and deployment. According to her, this systematic process ensures that AI systems are reliable, efficient and capable of solving real-world problems effectively.

Highlighting practical applications, Dr. Mahajan said that AI is transforming sectors such as **FMCG, manufacturing, finance, healthcare, retail, education and energy**. Technologies like automated inventory tracking, predictive analysis, supply chain optimisation and intelligent investment systems are helping industries improve efficiency and decision-making. She further mentioned that the concept of **Industry 4.0** is enabling factories to become smarter, faster and more flexible through AI-driven automation.

Speaking about India, Dr. Mahajan noted that Artificial Intelligence is contributing to **inclusive development, agricultural transformation, digital innovation and skill development** across the country. She concluded by emphasising that AI will play a major role in shaping the future economy and industries, making it essential for individuals and organisations to understand and adapt to this rapidly evolving technology.

**Rtn. Harshad Dhale** introduced the guest and **Rtn. Upendra Deuskar** proposed a vote of thanks and **Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam** emerged as the lucky Rotarian for the week.



# Hearing Screening Camp

Date: 5th March 2026

Venue : Shahu Colony, Kagal, Kolhapur.



On **5th February 2026**, a comprehensive hearing screening camp was successfully organised at **Shahu Colony, Kagal**. Our expert audiologists, **Kaustubh Patil** and **Prakash Kamble**, were present at the venue and conducted thorough ear examinations. A total of **24 patients** benefited from this health initiative. The camp was efficiently managed under the able guidance of **Event Chairperson Rtn. Abhijeet Haval**, reflecting the club's dedication to community health and service.

## Joyful Rangpanchami Celebration at Karnabadhvir Shishuvidyalay for Hearing-Impaired Children

Date: 6th March 2026

Venue : Late Kamalakar Nevgi Karnabadhvir Shishuvidyalay, Kolhapur



The students, teachers, and parents of **Late Kamalakar Nevgi Karnabadhvir Shishuvidyalay for Hearing-Impaired Children** celebrated **Rangpanchami** with great enthusiasm today at the Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra. The celebration emphasized the use of traditional and natural colors.

During the event, students playfully applied colors on each other using dry powders, wet colors, and water guns (pichkaris), while exchanging **Rangpanchami** greetings. Teachers also took the opportunity to educate students about different colors and their significance. **Ms. Varsha**, a teacher at the school, guided the children throughout the event, using color samples, word charts, and pichkaris to make the learning interactive.



The students enjoyed playing Holi in the school premises, experiencing the festival's true spirit. The celebration was made possible with the active support of teachers, parents, and school staff.

# Rotary Club of Kolhapur Celebrates Rangpanchami with Great Joy and Enthusiasm

Date: 8th March, 2026

Venue : Rtn. Bapu Kondekar's Farm, Vikaswadi.



The Rangapanchami celebration organised by the Rotary Club of Kolhapur was held in a joyful and vibrant atmosphere at **Rtn. Bapu Kondekar's Farm, Vikaswadi**. A large number of club members attended the event along with their families, making it a wonderful family get-together filled with colours, happiness and fellowship. Everyone enjoyed the festive spirit and the opportunity to spend quality time together.



Special thanks were extended to **Rtn. Bapu Kondekar** for providing the wonderful venue and delicious food, and to **Rtn. Laxmi Nivas** for the refreshing and delightful *Thandai*.



The event was beautifully planned by **Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal (Event Chair)** and his team including **Rtn. Subhash Malu, Rtn. Dhaval Gala, Rtn. Amol Ghodake, Rtn. Chintan Shah, Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh, Rtn. Sharad Totla, Rtn. Sahil Gandhi, Rtn. Dhiraj Batheja, Rtn. Atul Bansal, Rtn. Deepak Charane and Kushal Rathod**, whose efforts made the colourful celebration truly memorable.



## Shri. Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan

**INAUGURATION CEREMONY on 10th March 2021**

### ROTARY SAMAJ SEVA KENDRA

It was a proud and memorable moment for every Rotarian as our club, **Rotary Club of Kolhapur**, inaugurated the **new building** of **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra**, named **Shri Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan**. The building and various departments were formally inaugurated in the gracious presence of District Governor **Rtn. Sangram Patil**, Assistant Governor **Dr. Suhas Kulkarni**, **Past District Governors**, and members of our club, making the occasion truly special and inspiring for all. **The inauguration marked a significant milestone in the club's ongoing commitment to community service and humanitarian initiatives.**



- Ribbon cutting of the Main Plaque was done at the hands of **District Governor Rtn. Sangram Patil**.
- Ribbon cutting of the Main Building was done at the hands of **Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka** and **his family**.
- Garlanding of the bust of **Shri Korgaonkar** was done by the **Korgaonkar Family**.
- Ribbon cutting of the Physiotherapy Cabin was done by **Rtn. Subhash Malu**.
- Ribbon cutting of the Physiotherapy Hall was done by **Rtn. V. N. Deshpande & Sound Casting**.
- Ribbon cutting & visit to the Rotary Hydrotherapy Board – Grant Inauguration was done at the hands of District Governor **Rtn. Sangram Patil**, PDG **Ravikiran Kulkarni**, **Rtn. Amit Mate**, and **Rtn. Menghraj Chugh**.
- Ribbon cutting of the Hydrotherapy Hall was done by **Rtn. Rajiv Parikh** and family.
- Ribbon cutting of the Blood Bank Hall was done by **Rtn. Nitin Wadikar** and family.
- Ribbon cutting of the Meeting Lobby was done by **Rtn. Girish Joshi** and family.
- Ribbon cutting of the Rotary Hall was done by **Rtn. Nitin Gundesha** and family.
- Ribbon cutting of the Institute of Speech & Hearing was done by **RBL Bank**.
- Ribbon cutting of the Fellowship Area was done by **Rtn. Gajendra Vasa** and **Rtn. Sadhana Vasa**.

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On this occasion, RCK President 2020-21 **Rtn. Arvind Krishnan** delivered the welcome and opening remarks, while information about Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra was shared by Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra President 2019-21 **Rtn. V. N. Deshpande**.

### Honoured the Donors and Contributors of the New RSSK Building

- **Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka & Family** – Major contribution for the whole building construction
- **Soundcasting Pvt. Ltd. & Rtn. V. N. Deshpande** – Physiotherapy Hall
- **Rtn. Nitin Gundesha & Family** – Rotary Hall
- **Rtn. Nitin Wadikar & Family** – Rajarshi Shahu Blood Bank Hall
- **Rtn. Gajendra Vasa & Family** – Fellowship Area (Rooftop)
- **The Ratnakar Bank Limited (RBL Bank)** – Speech and Hearing Centre Room
- **Rtn. Rajiv Parikh & Family** – Hydrotherapy Hall
- **PDG Pratap Puranik & Family** – Foundation Stone of the Building & Hydrotherapy Centre Machinery
- **Rtn. Subhash Malu & Family** – RSSK Hall Lobby
- **Rtn. Girish Joshi & Family** – Rotary Meeting Hall Lobby
- **Rtn. Amit Mate & Rtn. Girish Joshi** – Global Grant Work for Hydrotherapy and Parkinson's Rehab Centre

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- **The Korgaonkar Family (Mrs. Sucheta Korgaonkar)** – Cooperation for land and ownership transfer
- **Rtn. Rajendra Deshinge** – Building Committee Chair
- **Rtn. Indrajeet Nageshkar** – Building Design & Engineering
- **Rtn. Hemant Kulkarni** – Liaisoning work with Municipal Corporation authorities
- **Rtn. Asif Tahasildar** – Fabrication Work
- **Rtn. Upendra Deuskar** – Electrical Consultancy
- **Rtn. Ajinkya S. Kadam** – Outstanding RSSK Branding & Graphic Designing
- **Mr. Gurumurti (Utracon Builders)** – Building Contractor
- **Mr. Jitturi (Femila Ice Cream)** – Provided building on rent for RSSK operations
- **Manish Mishra (Energia Electricals)** – Electrical Contractor



## Motivational Address by RIPE Shekhar Mehta

The introduction of **RIPE Shekhar Mehta** was given by **PDG Pratap Puranik**. **RIPE Shekhar Mehta** delivered a motivational address virtually and expressed that he had been eager to attend the inauguration of the **RSSK building**, but could not be present due to **COVID protocols**. He congratulated **RSSK President Rtn. V. N. Deshpande** and his dedicated team for their excellent work. and appreciated the permanent projects of **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra**, including **Physiotherapy Centre, Rajarshi Shahu Blood Bank, Speech & Hearing Institute, Parkinson's, Nana Nani Park** and **Karnabadhvir Shishu Vidyalay**. He also encouraged the club to showcase its activities on **social media** and mentioned that he would request **Rotary News Trust** to publish an article on the club's remarkable work. Lastly, **RIPE Shekhar Mehta** greatly appreciated the remarkable projects of **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra** and commended the dedicated efforts of the club members.

**District Governor Rtn. Sangram Patil** appreciated the work done by **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra** and stated that the services provided were unique and of the highest quality, serving as an inspiration for Rotary across the world. He congratulated **RSSK President Rtn. V. N. Deshpande** and the entire team for their dedication and vision in developing such impactful community projects. He also expressed confidence that **RSSK** would continue to expand its service initiatives and touch the lives of many more people in the future.



Shared by - **Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam**



## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

The Rotary theme for March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Month:

A reminder by Rotary International that clean water and safe sanitation are not privileges, but basic human rights.



# Hearty congratulations

## Ayan Amit Mate

for his outstanding achievement at the **State-Level Karate Championship** held in Sangli.



By securing the **Bronze Medal in the Kumite category**, **Ayan** has demonstrated remarkable **skill, discipline, determination, and fighting spirit**. Competing at the state level and earning a medal is a proud moment not only for him but also for his **family, coaches, and supporters**.

May this success be just the **beginning of many more victories** in his karate journey. Wishing him continued **strength, dedication, and greater achievements in the future**.

## TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

What is the Charter Number of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur?

- A) 5685      B) 6265
- C) 6555      D) 5680

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

Rotary year starts in which month?

Answer -  
C) July

Answers given by -

- 1) Ann Nikita Gandhi
- 2) Ann Dhara Sheth
- 3) Ann Vaishali Taral
- 4) Ann Poonam shah
- 5) Ann Namrata Patanakar

## Jyotiba Temple

### - Sacred Legacy



### Sacred Legacy of Jyotiba Temple

Perched atop the scenic Jyotiba Hill near Kolhapur, the Jyotiba Temple is one of the most revered spiritual destinations in western Maharashtra. Situated about 17 kilometers from Kolhapur city at an altitude of nearly 3,120 feet, the temple attracts thousands of devotees throughout the year. Known for its deep spiritual significance and unique cultural traditions, this temple represents the faith and devotion of millions who believe in the protective power of Lord Jyotiba.



### Deep Historical and Mythological Roots

The origin of Lord Jyotiba is deeply rooted in Hindu mythology. Devotees believe that Jyotiba is a divine manifestation created from the combined powers of Brahma, Vishnu, and Mahesh (Shiva). According to legend, the deity appeared to defeat the demon Ratnasur, who was terrorizing the region. After the demon was destroyed, Lord Jyotiba established his presence on this hill to safeguard the people and support the divine mission of Mahalaxmi Temple. Because of this connection, many devotees regard Jyotiba as a protector of Goddess Mahalaxmi and the surrounding region.

Historically, the present temple structure was constructed in 1730 by Maratha noble Ranoji Shinde of the Scindia dynasty. Over time, additional shrines and structures were added, forming a sacred complex that includes temples dedicated to Kedareshwar and Ramling. Today, the temple stands not only as a place of worship but also as a symbol of the region's rich historical and cultural heritage.

### Unique Temple Architecture

The Jyotiba Temple is built in the traditional Hemadpanti architectural style, which is known for its use of massive black basalt stone blocks. The temple's structure reflects strength and durability, with thick stone walls and strong pillars giving it a fortress-like appearance. The main shrine is crowned with an elegant stone spire, while spacious courtyards and a large sabhamandap (assembly hall) allow devotees to gather and participate in rituals.

One of the most striking architectural elements of the temple complex is the presence of tall Deepmalas (lamp towers). These towers are illuminated during major festivals, creating a mesmerizing spiritual atmosphere. The temple complex consists of three main shrines – the Jyotiba Temple, Kedareshwar Temple, and Ramling Temple – which together form a significant religious center on the hill.

### A Symbol of Faith for Generations

Today, the Jyotiba Temple continues to serve as an important spiritual landmark and cultural symbol of the region. Its combination of mythology, historic architecture, and vibrant traditions makes it a unique place where faith, heritage, and community come together. For devotees and visitors alike, the temple stands as a powerful reminder of the enduring spiritual legacy of Lord Jyotiba and the deep-rooted traditions of Kolhapur.

Shared by - Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar

# Greetings

From -  
**ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR**



## Happy Birthday

- Rtn. CA Abhay Golwalkar - 6th March

## Happy Wedding Anniversary

- Rtn. Dr Mahadeo Mane - 3rd March
- Rtn. Pawan Bhageria - 4th March
- Rtn. Usha Bhageria - 4th March
- Rtn. Deep Vasa - 5th March
- Rtn. Narendra Bansal - 5th March
- Rtn. Mohan Gargatte - 6th March
- Rtn. Girish Joshi - 7th March
- Rtn. Pradip Kedia - 8th March
- Rtn. Suman Kedia - 8th March

### Professional Profile

#### GUEST SPEAKER

**Tushar Divekar** is a creative entrepreneur, musician, and multimedia professional. As the Managing Director of Abhisar Multimedia Productions, he specializes in digital marketing, filmmaking, music production, and creative branding. With a strong passion for creativity and innovation, he has helped numerous businesses strengthen their digital presence through impactful content and strategic marketing solutions, blending technology, storytelling, and artistic vision to deliver engaging and meaningful media experiences.

## NEXT MEETING



DATE:  
**Wednesday,  
11th March 2026**

TIME:  
**5:30 PM**

#### GUEST

**Tushar Divekar**  
Abhisar Multimedia Productions

#### SUBJECT

**Scope of  
Social Media Marketing**

**Rotary Club of Kolhapur  
and  
Rotaract Club of Kolhapur  
JOINT MEETING**

All Ann's are requested to join the meeting.

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



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