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2025-26



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36th Weekly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 18th March 2026

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

GUEST : **Mrs. Nirmala Mane**

Assistant Commissioner - State Intelligence Department

SUBJECT : **स्त्रियांविषयी बदलेल्या कायद्यांचा इतिहास**

Our thirty-sixth weekly meeting was held on the 3rd floor of Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Shri Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur.

The Guest Speaker for the meeting was **Mrs. Nirmala Mane**, Assistant Commissioner, State Intelligence Department, who delivered an enlightening and thought-provoking talk on the topic **स्त्रियांविषयी बदलेल्या कायद्यांचा इतिहास**

Mrs. Mane eloquently traced the evolution of laws concerning women, from the British era to the present day, highlighting the progressive measures taken to ensure their **safety, dignity, and empowerment**. Her deep insights provided members with a clear understanding of how these legislations have evolved over time.

She further explained, with remarkable clarity, how **various forms of injustice against**

women are addressed under specific laws, along with the relevant legal provisions and punishments. Her practical approach made complex legal concepts easy to understand and highly relevant to everyday life.

Adding a personal and inspiring touch, she shared one of the most significant cases she had handled—an experience that was **very close to her heart**. This highlighted her **professional dedication, compassion, and commitment to justice**.

Her session was **highly engaging, informative, and impactful**, leaving the audience more aware, empowered, and inspired.

Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte introduced the Guest Speaker, and **Rtn. Arvind Taral** proposed the vote of thanks. **Rtn. Paras Vasa** emerged as the Lucky Rotarian of the Week.



“I want every girl to know that her voice can **change the world**.”

- Malala Yousafzai



Blood Donation Camp – A Noble Step Towards Saving Lives

Date: 21st March 2026

Venue: Menon & Menon Ltd., Vikramnagar, Kolhapur



On 21st March 2026, a **Blood Donation Camp** was successfully organized at **Menon & Menon Ltd., Vikramnagar, Kolhapur**, under the dynamic leadership of Event Chairperson **Rtn. Avinash Raste**. The camp received an encouraging response, resulting in the collection of **81 pints of blood**, which will benefit approximately **243 patients** in need. This **noble initiative** truly reflected the spirit of Rotary's motto, **Service Above Self**, by making a meaningful contribution to the community's healthcare needs.

With this effort, the **total blood collection has reached an impressive 1393 pints till date**, marking a **proud milestone** for the club. The gracious presence of **President Rtn. Pradeep Karande** along with **Rtn. Avinash Raste** added great motivation and enthusiasm to the event. Such **impactful initiatives** continue to inspire society and reaffirm Rotary's **unwavering commitment to saving lives and serving humanity**.

World Water Day Celebrated with Devotion

Date: 21st March 2026

Venue: Menon & Menon Ltd., Vikramnagar, Kolhapur

On 22nd March 2026, **World Water Day** was celebrated at **Rajaram Talav, Kolhapur** under the leadership of Event Chairperson **Rtn. Pratap Kondekar**. The **Rotary Club of Kolhapur**, along with the **Builders Association of India – Kolhapur Centre, Kolhapur Water Department, and Earthmoving Contractors Association**, organised a **pooja to Jal Devta**, highlighting the **importance of water conservation** and its vital role in sustaining life.



On this occasion, **Rtn. Pratap Kondekar** was appreciated for his **valuable support** and also **felicitated on his birthday**.

The presence of President **Rtn. Pradeep Karande**, **PDG Pratap Puranik**, **Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal**, **Rtn. Rajesh Dake**, and **Rtn. Pratap Kondekar** added grace to the event. The programme reflected Rotary's **commitment towards sustainability and community awareness**.

Heartfelt Appreciation & Memorable Visit to Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur



Club members of the **Rotary Club of Moradabad Mid-Town, RID 3100** visited our Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra. They were all very happy and overwhelmed to see the activities taking place at Shri Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, RSSK. **President Rtn. Pradeep Karande** briefed and explained all the activities carried out in our RSSK.

Sharing the **feedback** note shared by the Rotary Club of Moradabad members:



Dear Rotarians and Annes of RC Kolhapur,

Namaskar and Greetings from Rotary Club of Moradabad Mid-Town (RID 3100)!

I **Rtn. CA Ankur Agarwal** had the pleasure of visiting Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur along with my wife **Rtn. Ritu Agarwal** on 20/03/2026 during our first ever visit to Kolhapur.

First of all, we congratulate the club and all its members for doing such great service for the society at large and the needy. You are working on all the Avenues of Service. We are deeply touched by the dedication to serve which is very much evident in each and every Rotarian of this 80+ year old club. There are no words that can describe your work except Awesome, Wonderful & Heart Touching. Hats off to all the people working in the Kendra and rendering their service to its society, we salute to their dedicated services. I with my wife extend all the very best to all the members of the club for exceling even more in coming years.

Last but not least we would like to Thank from the bottom of our hearts the kind and generous fellowship extended by Club President Rtn. Pradeepji. We met for the first time over phone, for guiding us in Puja and Hotel bookings. He instead of suggesting Hotel & Pooja procedure went ahead to even book the hotel & pooja for us. He invited us for tour of the Seva Kendra, we met all the people serving the society. It was almost a 2 hour long visit to the Kendra with at length discussions about the club and its legacy. He made our maiden visit Memorable. Many thanks to him for all the help and support he extended to us. It was wonderful spending time with him.

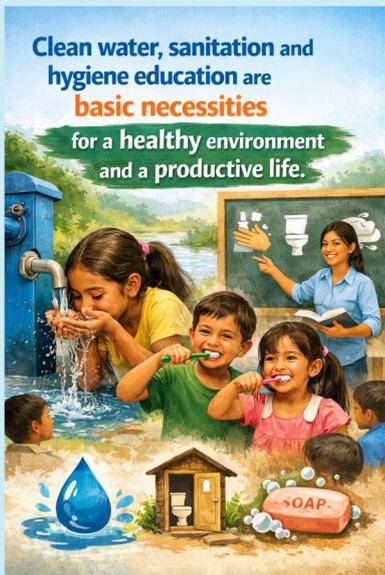
Keep doing the good work, till we meet again.

Yours-in-Rotary,

PP Rtn. CA Ankur Agarwal
DRFC RID 3100 (2019-22)

Rtn. Ritu Agarwal
Secretary 2026-27
RC Moradabad Mid-Town

Shared by - Rtn. Pradeep Karande



Clean water, sanitation and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

How Rotary makes help happen

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.

Our impact on water, sanitation and hygiene -

The Rotary Foundation is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard:

WASH Global Grant Projects: Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested in more than \$130 million in over 2000 projects worldwide. Through this investment, our volunteers of action have improved access to safely managed and basic WASH services to communities, schools and healthcare facilities, while protecting and conserving water resources.

Rotary-USAID WASH Partnership: Rotary and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) assist communities and governments to plan, finance and deliver safe water, sanitation and hygiene services, while sustainably managing water resources.

\$24

is all it takes to provide one person with safe water

123

schools in Ghana have gained access to basic sanitation and hygiene services due to the Rotary-USAID partnership

\$148 million

The Rotary Foundation has invested in water, sanitation, hygiene and water resource management interventions globally

TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

What is the main objective of Rotary International?

- A) Contacts
- B) Parties
- C) Enjoy
- D) Service

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

What is the full form of "RLI" in Rotary?

Answer -

B) Rotary Leadership Institute

Answers given by -

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

Siddhagiri Gramjivan Museum

- Experience the Soul of Real Village Life

The Siddhagiri Gramjivan Museum, located within the serene premises of Kaneri Math near Kolhapur, is a unique open-air museum that beautifully recreates the essence of traditional rural life in Maharashtra. The concept draws inspiration from the vision of Mahatma Gandhi, who strongly believed in the idea of self-sufficient villages as the foundation of a strong nation. This vision was brought to life by the Siddhagiri Gurukul Foundation, which aimed to preserve and showcase India's rich rural heritage for future generations.

Spread across nearly 7 acres, the museum presents a vivid and immersive experience of village life as it existed before major external influences such as the Mughal Empire expansion. The entire space is designed like a living village, featuring around 80 intricately crafted scenes with more than 300 life-size cement statues. These sculptures are remarkably realistic and depict everyday activities such as farming, pottery, weaving, blacksmithing, teaching, and domestic chores. Visitors can walk through these scenes and gain a deep understanding of how communities functioned harmoniously with nature and each other.

A key highlight of the museum is the representation of the traditional "Balutedari" system. The 12 Balutedars were essential service providers in a village, including professions like carpenters, blacksmiths, barbers, potters, and priests. Alongside them were the 18 Alutedars, who contributed tools and additional services required for both domestic and occupational needs. This system ensured a self-reliant economy where each individual played a vital role, fostering interdependence and social balance.

The museum is not just about sculptures—it is an educational and cultural experience. It highlights values such as simplicity, sustainability, community bonding, and respect for nature. The lush greenery surrounding the museum further enhances its charm, making it a peaceful and enriching destination for visitors of all ages. Today, the Siddhagiri Gramjivan Museum stands as a tribute to India's rural roots, offering a meaningful glimpse into a lifestyle that was deeply connected to tradition, skill, and harmony with the environment.

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



Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR



Happy Birthday



- Rtn. Jitendra Parte - 16th March
- Rtn. Pranav Kshirsagar - 19th March
- Rtn. Pratap Kondekar - 22nd March

Happy Wedding Anniversary

- Rtn. Pritesh Karnawat - 20th March

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ORGANISES

5th Anniversary Celebration & Family Get-Together

Date : Wednesday, **25th March 2026**

Time : **7 pm**

With pride and gratitude, we invite you and your family to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra Shri Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, a proud symbol of service and community.



NEXT MEETING



DATE: Wednesday,
25th March 2026

TIME: 6:30 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**



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with PRIDE**



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ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR**

**WE MEET EVERY
WEDNESDAY AT 5.30 PM**

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