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## WEEKLY BULLETIN 2025-26



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Rotary International President



**Rtn. Pradeep Karande**  
President



**Rtn. Nilesh Kutte**  
Secretary



**Rtn. Arun D. Bhandare**  
District Governor (RID 3170)

10 JULY 2025

## VISIT TO RSSK BY RTN. FLT. LT. K P NAGESH

Flt Lt K P Nagesh, Rotary International Director, visited the Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra Kolhapur on 10th July to explore its various community service initiatives. During his visit, he inspected multiple centers, including the Physiotherapy Centre, Hydrotherapy Centre, Shri RajaRshi Shahu Blood Centre, Vertigo Centre, and Speech and Hearing Centre. Rtn. K P Nagesh expressed delight and appreciation for the impactful work being done at RSSK, particularly noting that these initiatives are driven by contributions from club members.

He also engaged in productive conversations with staff members from each department, showcasing the club's commitment to community service. The visit was attended by Rotary members, including PDG Rtn. Pratap Puranik, Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka, Rtn. Subhash Malu, Rtn. Amit Mate, Rtn. Sahil Gandhi, Rtn. Amol Ghodake, President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, and Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte. This event highlights the club's dedication to serving the community through various initiatives.



10 JULY 2025

## FELICITATION OF TEACHERS

Rtn. K. P. Nagesh felicitated the teachers of our Late Kamalakar Nevgi Karnabadhvir Shishu Vidyalaya on the occasion of "Guru Purnima" in recognition of their dedication and service to the school.

Members present:

Committee Head of the Deaf Nursery School, Rtn. Jethabhai Patel, along with committee members and school staff. Additionally, 9 Rotarians and 3 Anns participated in the felicitation ceremony.

10 JULY 2025

## VISIT TO LATE KAMLAKAR NEVGI KARNABADHIR SHISHU VIDYALAY BY RTN. FLT. LT. K P NAGESH

Rtn. K. P. Nagesh visited our permanent project — Late Kamlakar Nevgi Karnabadhir Shishu Vidyalay — and gained insights into the various facilities provided at the school. He had meaningful conversations with the staff regarding the teaching methods and skills adopted by the educators.

Members present:

Committee Head of the Deaf Nursery School, Rtn. Jethabhai Patel, along with committee members and school staff. Additionally, 9 Rotarians and 3 Anns were present during the visit.



10 JULY 2025

## ALL MAHARASHTRA BASED ROTARY CLUBS MEET WITH RTN. FLT. LT. K P NAGESH

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur hosted an interactive session with Rtn. Ft. Lt. K. P. Nagesh, Rotary International Director, for all Rotary Clubs of Maharashtra.

The session focused on Rotary's future direction and vision, followed by an engaging Q&A segment. More than 55 members from Rotary Clubs across Maharashtra participated, including PDGs, Presidents, Secretaries, and club members.

Members present from our club:

Rtn. Amit Mate, Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal, Rtn. Amol Ghodake, Rtn. Sahil Gandhi, Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka, President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, and Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte.



11 JULY 2025

## BLOOD DONATION CAMP

Rotary Club of Kolhapur organized its fifth blood donation camp of this year at Gokul Shirgaon Manufacturing Association ( GOSHIMA ), Gokul Shirgaon, Kolhapur.

A total of 22 pints of blood were collected and handed over to Shri Rajarshi Blood Centre. Rtn. Vikas Kadam and Rtn. Rajiv Parikh along with staff of Shri Rajashri Shahu Blood Centre were present for the camp. Total of 98 pints of blood have been collected and handed over to Shri Rajashri Shahu Blood Centre.



12 JULY 2025

## FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEETING

Brahmaputra Group member Rtn. Narendra Bansal conducted the third group meeting of the year. A total of 9 group members and 3 invitees attended. Group Leader Rtn. Vikas Kadam urged members to attend weekly meetings in large numbers, actively participate in group meetings, and suggest speakers for upcoming weekly meetings.

Group Coordinator Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh reminded everyone about the RSSK Special General Body Meeting on 16th July at 6:00 PM at RSSK and requested full attendance. He also encouraged members to register for the Goa Stag Picnic scheduled for 2nd-4th August 2025.



13 JULY 2025

## INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF ROTARY CLUB OF ATIGRE

It was a proud moment for our club as Rtn. Amit Mate, District Secretary, DCC-RDC Coordination, RID 3170, was invited to serve as the Installing Officer for the Installation Ceremony of the new team of Rotary Club of Atigre for the year 2025–26.

He shared the dais with Chief Guest PDG Rtn. Nasir Borsadwala, adding to the significance of the occasion. Club members Rtn. Bharat Kharate, Rtn. Amol Ghodake, Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh, and Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal were also present to witness the ceremony.



13 JULY 2025

## INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF ROTARY CLUB OF LOTE

It was a proud moment for our club as Rtn. Amit Mate, District Secretary, DCC-RDC Coordination, RID 3170, was invited to serve as the Installing Officer for the Installation Ceremony of the new team of Rotary Club of Lote for the year 2025–26.

Club members Rtn. Amol Ghodake, Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh, and Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal were also present for the ceremony.



13 JULY 2025

## STINGLESS BEE KEEPING WORKSHOP

EarlyAct Club of Kolhapur visited the Stingless Beekeeping Workshop at Panhala, organized by Kera Herb. A total of 40 members had registered, and 30 enthusiastic EarlyActors attended the workshop.

The young participants learned about stingless bees, watched real-life videos, and had a hands-on experience handling bees in their colonies. They also got to taste the rich and nutritious honey provided by local farmers. The session highlighted the importance of honey bees in maintaining biodiversity, and the children showed great curiosity and excitement during the Q&A session.

The event was hosted at the farmhouse of Dr. Sunita Patil, who warmly welcomed everyone with coffee and snacks.

In addition, 15 Rotarians and 16 Anns also participated in the workshop. A delicious meal was arranged for all attendees at Rtn. Shivajeet Benadikar’s hotel in Panhala.



14 JULY 2025

## FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEETING

Kaveri Group leader Rtn. Omkar Bhagat conducted the first group meeting for his group for the year and for the group too. A total of 6 group members and 6 invitees were present for the group meetings. President Rtn. Pradeep Karande reminded all the members about our RSSK Special General Body meeting on 16th July at 6:00 pm at RSSK and requested everyone to be present. Rtn. Sharad Totla appealed to all the members to register for the Goa Stag picnic scheduled on 2nd, 3rd and 4th August 2025.



16 JULY 2025

## FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEETING

Narmada Group member Rtn. Arvind Taral conducted the first group meeting for his group for the year and for the group too. A total of 9 group members and 5 invitees were present for the group meetings. President Rtn. Pradeep Karande reminded all the members about our RSSK Special General Body meeting happening today on 16th July at 6:00pm at RSSK and requested everyone to be present. Group Co-Ordinator Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh appealed to all the members to register for the Goa Stag picnic scheduled on 2nd, 3rd and 4th August 2025. The group members and invitees enjoyed the delicious breakfast offered by Rtn. Arvind Taral.



16 JULY 2025

## WEEKLY MEETING & ROTARY SAMAJ SEVA KENDRA SPECIAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Special General Body Meeting of Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra was successfully conducted. RSSK President Rtn. Subhash Malu felicitated the President, Secretary and Treasurer of Rotary Club of Kolhapur.



## WEEK 3: RANKALA LAKE — THE SILENT WITNESS TO KOLHAPUR'S EVOLUTION

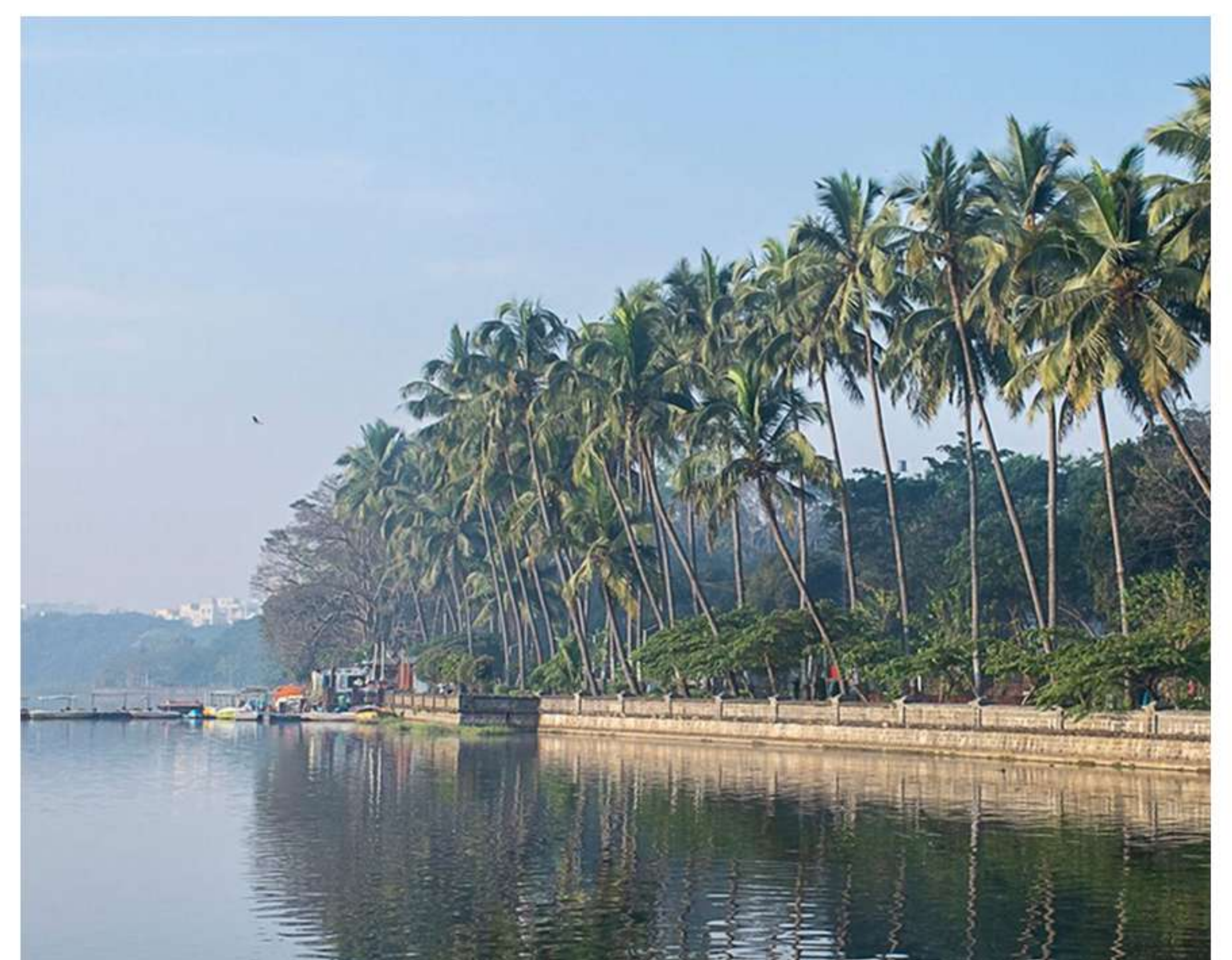
To the casual eye, Rankala Lake may appear as a serene waterbody in the city of Kolhapur, but delve a little deeper, and you'll discover a tapestry of history, mythology, and urban culture interwoven over centuries. This artificial lake was formed after a severe earthquake in the 9th century, which led to the collapse of an underground cave system that filled with water over time.

Located near the Mahalaxmi Temple, Rankala today serves as a peaceful retreat for citizens and tourists alike. It offers boating, garden pathways, and a scenic promenade, but its legacy goes much deeper. Local legends suggest that Lord Rankabhairav resides at the bottom of the lake, and ancient stone steps and structures along the lake hint at a long-forgotten era.

During the rule of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, the lakefront became a hub for social gatherings and royal recreation. Even today, the architectural remains of Shalini Palace and the Sandhya Math (evening steps) enhance its historical charm.

As the sun sets behind the Sahyadri hills, the golden reflection on Rankala's waters reminds us that Kolhapur is not just a city—it's a living heritage. Rankala Lake, in its quiet dignity, continues to reflect the soul of Kolhapur.

**Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar**





## MEMORIES FROM THE YEAR:

As with every President of a Rotary Club, I too began planning my tenure well in advance—laying out numerous projects across all avenues of service. But destiny had different plans. Just as the Rotary year was about to begin, COVID-19 spread rapidly, bringing everything to a standstill. Suddenly, there were no projects, no fellowship, no meetings—it felt as though time itself had paused. It was a real challenge to get things moving again, to once more rotate the wheels of Rotary.

The theme for the year, “Rotary Opens Opportunities,” became more relevant than ever. Slowly, we began rebuilding momentum. One of the biggest challenges was membership retention. We addressed this by reducing club fees by 50%, and I’m proud to share that we successfully retained all our members.

PAST PRESIDENT:

**RTN. ARVIND KRISHNAN**

For the first time in our club’s history, the Installation Ceremony was conducted online, with only a few Rotarians present and no family members in attendance. Weekly meetings also shifted to the virtual format, which, surprisingly, opened up new opportunities—we were able to host speakers not just from Kolhapur, but from across the globe. We also conducted joint meetings with clubs across India, discovering a new, effective way of staying connected through Rotary. A special word of thanks to Rtn. Siddharth for his consistent efforts and technical support throughout the year.

Since it was the COVID period, our priority was frontline support. We focused on helping government staff and nursing professionals by distributing PPE kits, sanitizers, and masks. Sadly, with Kolhapur having one of the highest mortality rates at the time, there was an acute shortage of funeral materials. Our club stepped up and provided essential supplies to support this difficult cause.

One of the most memorable highlights of the year was the inauguration of the new RSSK building during our tenure—a moment of pride amidst a challenging year. If there were any regrets, it was the inability to organize family gatherings or large events, as safety remained our top concern.

As I reflect on that unique and testing year, I once again express my heartfelt gratitude to all club members for their unwavering support during my tenure as President.

## ACHIEVEMENTS CORNER

### ARYA SASURKAR STOOD THIRD IN DECLAMATION COMPETITION



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## INTER-HOUSE DECLAMATION COMPETITION 2025-26

DATE: 11.07.2025

DAY: FRIDAY

### GRADE - VI

| S.NO. | STUDENT'S NAME         | CLASS | HOUSE   | POSITION |
|-------|------------------------|-------|---------|----------|
| 1.    | AADHYA ABHIJEET KUMAR  | VI A  | PRUTHVI | FIRST    |
| 2.    | ADVAIT AMOL MAHAJAN    | VI A  | PRUTHVI | SECOND   |
| 3.    | AARYA VAIBHAV SASURKAR | VI A  | AKASH   | THIRD    |
|       |                        |       |         |          |

## THE HISTORY OF ROTARY IN INDIA: A BRIEF OVERVIEW

Rotary's presence in India began with the formation of the Rotary Club of Calcutta, which held its first meeting on September 26, 1919, and received its charter on January 1, 1920. The movement quickly gained momentum, with the Rotary Club of Bombay established in the early 1920s and other clubs soon following. Notably, Nitish Laharry, who would later become President of Rotary International, emerged as an early Indian leader.

India's Rotary journey saw major milestones such as the election of the first Indian honorary secretary in 1926, the granting of district status as Rotary District No. 89 in 1936, and rapid expansion after independence. By 1948, 69 clubs had been chartered across the country. Presently with over 4,600 clubs and around 176,000 members, it's a vibrant community making a positive impact across the country.

## TRIVIA TIME

### Question:

Which was Amitabh Bachchan's first film as a lead actor?

- A. Zanjeer
- B. Anand
- C. Saat Hindustani
- D. Abhimaan

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:** What was the score of Team India when Kapil Dev came to bat against Zimbabwe in 1983 World Cup?

**Answer:** 17 for 5 wickets

### Correct answer given by

1. Rtn. Dr. Deelip Shah
2. Rotakid Sahastrajit Patankar

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

**20 JUL** Rtn. Dr. Vijay Ghorpade

**25 JUL** Rtn. Dahyabhai Patel

## NEXT MEETING

**WEDNESDAY | 23 JULY 2025 | 5:30 PM**

**GUEST SPEAKER**



**Guest :** प्रा. दयानंद देवमोरे  
**Sub :** तणावमुक्ती आणि रोगनिवारण

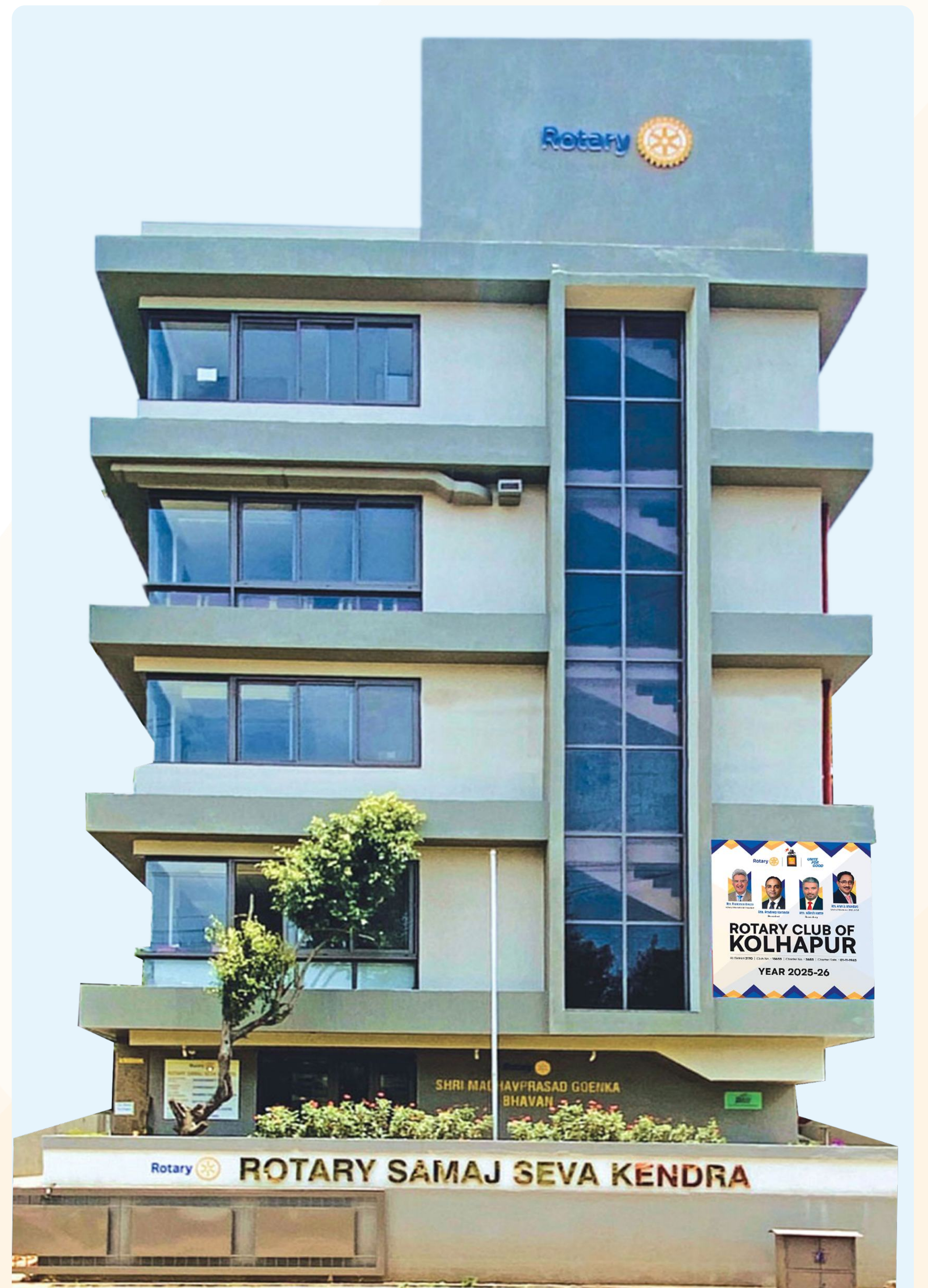
**Venue :** RSSK, Kolhapur

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**District Event TRF - Level 1 Meet** 19 July  
RSSK, Kolhapur

**Club Assembly** 24 Jul  
Panhala

**Annual Club Picnic** 2 to 4 Aug  
Goa



**ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR'S  
ROTARY SAMAJ SEVA KENDRA**

## GET IN TOUCH

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