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39th Weekly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 8th April 2026

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

GUEST : **Mrs. Ruparani S. Nikam**
Mayor of KMC

SUBJECT : **Vision of Kolhapur**

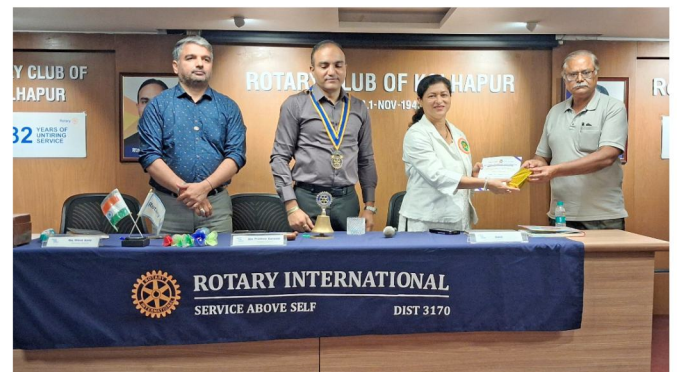
Our thirty-ninth weekly meeting was held on the 3rd floor of **Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall**, Shri Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur.

Mayor of Kolhapur Municipal Corporation, **Mrs. Rooparani Nikam**, visited **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra (RSSK)** and appreciated its outstanding humanitarian work, expressing gratitude for being part of such a noble initiative. In her talk on **“Vision of Kolhapur”**, she emphasized focused development, improved civic facilities, and her firm commitment towards the overall progress of the city.

During the interactive session, she patiently and efficiently addressed concerns related to **street dog control, road conditions, drainage quality, and Parikh Bridge**

renovation, giving clear and practical responses. She also encouraged Rotary members to submit a proposal for developing a **cremation centre for dead animals**, assuring her support. She highlighted the importance of active citizen participation in city development. She further assured that transparency and quality in civic works will be her priority. Her approachable and confident leadership left a very positive impression on all present. The session concluded on a highly encouraging and optimistic note. All members appreciated her clarity, dedication, and vision for Kolhapur's future.

Rtn. Upendra Deuskar introduced the guest and **Rtn. Sanjeev Chiplunkar** proposed a vote of thanks, and **Rtn. Dr. Gurudas Harshe** emerged as the lucky Rotarian for the week.



Mrs. Ruparani S. Nikam Mayor of KMC ROTARY SAMAJ SEVA KENDRA VISIT



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Physiotherapy Centre



Physiotherapy Centre



Hydrotherapy Centre



Rajarshi Shahu Blood Centre



Rajarshi Shahu Blood Centre



Rotary Speech and Hearing Centre



Rotary Speech Hearing Centre



Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra



Judo Training Project

Ambulance Donated to Rotary Club of Kolhapur in Memory of Late Sanjay Dada Dinkar Patil

Date: 10th April 2026

Venue: Shri Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur

In a remarkable act of social responsibility, an ambulance was donated to the Rotary Club of Kolhapur in memory of **Late Sanjay Dada Dinkar Patil**. This noble contribution was made by his sister, **Sangeeta Patil**, reflecting her deep sense of gratitude, compassion, and commitment towards society.



The ambulance was formally handed over on April 10, marking the first death anniversary of Late Sanjay Dada Dinkar Patil. Subsequently, the **Rotary Club of Kolhapur** operationalist the ambulance at **Orange Multispeciality Hospital** to serve needy patients. This initiative has significantly strengthened emergency medical services and is helping ensure timely treatment for many patients.

This meaningful donation by Sangeeta Patil, in loving memory of her late brother, stands as a shining example of selfless service. It conveys a powerful message to society that **“Service is the truest form of tribute,”** inspiring others to contribute towards the welfare of the community.



TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

What is your top priority for the city?

- A) Mall
- B) Shops
- C) Facilities
- D) Infrastructure

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 does the Rotary Wheel symbolize?

Answer -

C) Service and Progress

Answers given by -

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

Rotary Celebrates World Parkinson's Day with Diverse Activities in Kolhapur

Date: 11th April 2026

Venue: Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Shri Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur



On the occasion of **World Parkinson's Day**, a meaningful and inspiring programme for **Parkinson's patients and their families** was organised in Kolhapur by the **Rotary Club of Kolhapur**, in association with the **Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorder Society, Mumbai**, under the **Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra** through the **Rotary Parkinson's Rehabilitation Centre**.

The initiative stems from Rotary's deep concern after witnessing the **challenges and suffering** faced by **Parkinson's patients**. Under the guidance of the **Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorder Society, Mumbai**, the Rotary Club has been actively working towards patient care and rehabilitation. Notably, the **Rotary Parkinson's Rehabilitation Centre** in Kolhapur is the **first modern, free-of-cost facility of its kind in the region**, after **Mumbai and Pune**.

It was highlighted that **Parkinson's disease** often leads to **continuous tremors and difficulty in daily functioning**, significantly affecting a person's quality of life. With the objective of helping



patients achieve **better health, improved lifestyle, and enhanced dignity in living**, Rotary has been consistently undertaking **social and healthcare initiatives** through this centre.

The programme commenced with a **ceremonial tree worship**, symbolising positivity and growth. The **Chief Guest, renowned neurologist Dr. Snehalatt Shrikrishna Khade**, was felicitated with a bouquet. In his address, **Dr. Khade** provided valuable guidance on **Parkinson's disease**, emphasising the importance of **timely treatment, regular exercise, mental strength, and strong family support**.

The introductory speech was delivered by **Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka**, who explained the vision behind the initiative and stressed the need for **social awareness and community support**. **Rtn. Dr. Dileep Shah**, known for conducting **regular laughter therapy sessions**, was appreciated for his continued contribution to the **emotional well-being of patients**.

A special highlight of the programme was the **enthusiastic participation of Parkinson's patients**, who showcased their talents through **dance, singing, poetry recitation, and acting performances**. Their **confidence, resilience, and enthusiasm** left a lasting impression on the audience and served as a true inspiration.

The event was attended by **Rtn. Girish Joshi (President, RSSK), Rtn. Pradeep Karande (President, RCK), Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka (Chairman, Parkinson's Centre), Rtn. Avinash Raste, Rtn. Dr. Dileep Shah, Rtn. Amit Mate, Rtn. Narayan Patel, Rtn. Vikas Kadam, and Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam**, along with several **Rotarians, patients, and family members**. The programme was gracefully anchored by **Ann. Poonam Shah**, and the **vote of thanks** was delivered by **Rtn. Amit Mate**.

The programme concluded with appreciation for the **unwavering support of families** and reinforced Rotary's commitment towards **community service, healthcare awareness, and compassionate care for those in need**.

"Parkinson's may challenge your body, but your courage and smile will always shine brighter."

Sindhu Group Meeting

Host: Rtn. Netaji Kankekar

Date: 10th April 2026

Venue: Hotel Chaitali, Kolhapur



Sindhu Group member **Rtn. Netaji Kankekar** organised a Group meeting on the occasion of his birthday. 5 group members and 6 invitees were present. Various discussions on various topics were held during the meeting.

President Rtn. Pradeep Karande informed the group members and requested their presence at the handover ceremony of the ambulance to be held on 10th April 2026 at 4:30 pm at RSSK. Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte informed the group members about the requirement of volunteers for the District Learning Assembly (DLA) 2026 in Goa on 25th and 26th April 2026 and appealed to the group to register for the event. Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte also informed about Mr Snehaldutt Khade - Neurologist, to be our chief guest for the project taken up by the PDMDS committee of RSSK, and to be held on

11th April 2026 at RSSK. Group meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the President Rtn. Pradeep Karande and felicitating **Rtn. Netaji Kankekar** with a floral bouquet..

Krishna Group Meeting

Host: Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal

Date: 12th April 2026

Venue: Hotel Chaitali, Kolhapur



Krishna Group member **Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal** organised a Group meeting on the occasion of his birthday. 16 group members, 10 invitees, 13 group leaders were present. Various discussions on various topics were held during the meeting.

President Rtn. Pradeep Karande informed the group members about the requirement of volunteers for the District Learning Assembly (DLA) 2026 in Goa on 25th and 26th April 2026 and appealed to the group to register for the event. President Rtn. Amit Mate briefed group members on the purpose of shifting of DLA to Goa. Krishna group members appreciated President Rtn. Pradeep Karande on the Ambulance project. Group meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the President Rtn. Pradeep Karande and felicitating **Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal** and **Ann. Madhuri Pasmal** with a floral bouquet.

Shahu Mill, Kolhapur

“Where Industry Empowered Society”

Introduction

Shahu Mill is a historic industrial landmark in Kolhapur, representing not just textile production but also social reform and progressive economic vision. It was established under the leadership of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, whose forward-thinking approach laid the foundation for industrial development in the region. The mill stands as a symbol of equality, self-reliance, and inclusive growth.

Established and History

The foundation of Shahu Mill was laid on 8th March 1906, and it commenced operations on 27th September 1906. Initially known as “Shahu Chhatrapati Spinning and Weaving Mill,” it started as a spinning unit and later expanded to include a weaving section in 1928.

In 1918, Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj took the progressive step of nationalizing the mill to safeguard workers' interests, which was a remarkable move during that era.

Architecture – Vision of Shahu Maharaj

The architecture of Shahu Mill reflects functionality, durability, and worker-centric planning inspired by Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, blending European industrial design with strong basalt construction, high ceilings, and well-ventilated spaces; it efficiently accommodated heavy machinery through spacious layouts and robust foundations; while also prioritizing worker safety and welfare, making it both industrially effective and socially conscious.

Industrial Features

Shahu Mill was one of the largest textile units in the Kolhapur region during its time. It housed hundreds of looms and thousands of spindles.

The mill produced a variety of textiles including dhotis, turban cloth, khadi, and other fabrics, contributing significantly to the local and regional economy.



Employment and Social Contribution

The mill provided employment to thousands of workers. Importantly, Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj ensured equal opportunities for all communities, breaking caste barriers and promoting social justice.

It became a model for worker welfare and social reform, empowering economically weaker sections of society.

Role in Kolhapur's Development

Shahu Mill played a pivotal role in initiating industrialization in Kolhapur. It boosted the local economy, attracted rural populations for employment, and contributed to the city's growth and modernization.

It remains a cornerstone in the industrial history of Kolhapur.

Closure of the Mill

The mill eventually ceased operations around 2003. Since then, there have been ongoing discussions and demands for its revival or redevelopment.

Despite being non-operational, its historical significance continues to attract attention from citizens and historians.

Shared by - Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar

Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR



Happy Birthday



- Rtn. Netaji Kankekar - 9th April
- Rtn. Jethabhai Patel - 11th April
- Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal - 12th April

Happy Wedding Anniversary

- Rtn. Paras Vasa - 10th April
- Rtn. Mithun Satra - 11th April

Professional Profile

GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Poonam Shiralkar

Poonam Shiralkar, an MA B.Ed., brings over 25 years of rich teaching experience at the high school and junior college levels. Married to a now retired Air Force officer, she has had the unique opportunity to travel across the country due to various postings. These experiences allowed her to interact with people from diverse backgrounds, shaping her perspective and igniting a deep passion for sharing her knowledge and life experiences with others.

After settling in Kolhapur post-retirement, she felt a strong urge to give back to society.

Embracing this calling, she has transformed into a motivational speaker and lifestyle coach, guiding individuals towards personal growth and confidence. Along with her son, she also runs Langways Academy, where they offer courses in Spoken English, German, soft skills, and personality development, empowering learners to achieve their full potential.

NEXT MEETING



DATE:
**Wednesday,
15th April 2026**

TIME:
5:30 PM

GUEST

Mrs. Poonam Shiralkar

SUBJECT

Stress Management

**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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