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Blood Donation Camp, Hearing Screening Camp and Haemoglobin Test Camp

Date : 7th April 2026

Venue: Rotary Community Corps - Mangewadi, Tal: Radhanagari, Dist: Kolhapur.



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur once again demonstrated its deep commitment to community welfare by successfully organizing a multi-faceted health initiative at the Rotary Community Corps RCC Mangewadi. The camp brought together three vital services under one roof a Blood Donation Camp a Hearing Screening Camp and a Haemoglobin Testing Camp creating a meaningful impact on the lives of many. A commendable total of 13 pints of blood were collected contributing to life saving efforts while 11 patients benefited from early detection through hearing screenings. Additionally 75 young girls underwent haemoglobin testing highlighting Rotary's focus on



preventive healthcare and women's well being.

This noble initiative was made possible through the dedicated efforts and teamwork of Rotary members and supporting staff. Special appreciation goes to **Rtn. Arvind Taral** RCC Committee Chair for his invaluable support and leadership. The presence and active involvement of **Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte Community Service Director Shobha Arvind** and **RCC Committee Chair and Event Chair Rtn. Arvind Taral** along with the committed teams from Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center and the Speech Hearing unit of RSSK added strength and efficiency to the camp. The event truly reflected the spirit of Rotary service above self bringing care awareness and hope to the community.

“Rotary is fellowship. Real fellowship is frank, spontaneous, full of warmth, and if you want to gauge its depth you will find that it is the difference between ‘Mister’ and ‘Bill’ — ‘Reverend’ and ‘Jack.’”

Frank L. Mulholland

Rotary Club of Toledo, Ohio, USA
May 1915





40th Weekly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 15th April 2026

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

GUEST : **Mrs. Poonam Shiralkar**

SUBJECT : **Stress Management**

Fourtyeth 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 weekly meeting, **Mrs. Poonam Shiralkar**, delivered an insightful and deeply enriching session on the vital topic of "Stress Management." In today's fast-paced and demanding world, her choice of subject resonated strongly with every member present, making the session both timely and impactful.

Mrs. Shiralkar began by thoughtfully exploring the concept of stress, shedding light on its various forms—whether emotional, physical, or psychological—and how it subtly influences every aspect of human life. With clarity and real-life relevance, she helped the audience understand that stress is not merely a challenge but also a natural response that, when managed well, can lead to growth and resilience.

What truly elevated her talk was the practical wisdom she shared. She outlined simple yet powerful remedies to manage stress effectively—ranging from mindful thinking and emotional balance to lifestyle adjustments and positive habits. Her approach was not only informative but also empowering, encouraging everyone to take conscious steps towards a healthier and more balanced life.

Overall, **Mrs. Poonam Shiralkar's** session transformed a common concern into an opportunity for self-awareness and personal development, leaving the audience inspired to embrace calmness, clarity, and control in their daily lives.

Rtn. Upendra Deuskar introduced the guest and **President Rtn. Pradeep Karande** proposed a vote of thanks.

Rtn. Bhupendra Shah emerged as the lucky Rotarian for the week.





एक पाऊल शिक्षणाकडे - चला, कर्णबधिर बालकांच्या उज्वल भविष्यासाठी हातभार लावूया

कै. कमलाकर नेवगी कर्णबधिर शिशुविद्यालय

संपर्क: 'मकरंद कोष', ६३६ प्लॉट नं. बी-६६, शाहू सेना चौक, जवाहर नगर, कोल्हापूर.

आपल्या कै. कमलाकर नेवगी कर्णबधिर शिशुविद्यालयासाठी हा वर्ष अत्यंत अभिमानाचा आणि आनंदाचा ठरला आहे. यंदा आपल्या शाळेतील १२ लहानग्या विद्यार्थ्यांनी यशस्वीरीत्या पुढील टप्पा गाठत पहिलीच्या वर्गात प्रवेश मिळवला आहे. त्यांच्या या यशामागे शिक्षकांचे समर्पण, पालकांची जिद्द आणि आपल्या सर्व रोटेरियन्स यांनी अमूल्य सहकार्य आहे.

या छोट्याशा यशामध्ये त्यांच्या आयुष्यातील मोठी आशा दडलेली आहे. या मुलांच्या चेहऱ्यावरचा आनंद, त्यांच्या कुटुंबीयांच्या डोळ्यांतील अभिमान - हेच आपल्या सेवाभावाचे खरे फलित आहे. या आनंदाला अधिक बळ देण्यासाठी शाळेकडून या विद्यार्थ्यांना एक कौतुकाची व प्रेरणादायी भेट देण्याचा उपक्रम हाती घेतला आहे, ज्यामुळे त्यांच्या पुढील शिक्षणप्रवासात नवा उत्साह निर्माण होईल.

या पवित्र कार्यात काही रोटेरियन मित्रांनी पुढाकार घेतला असून, ते पुढील 5 वर्षे दरवर्षी ₹12,000/- देणगी देणार आहेत:

- रो. अमित माटे
- रो. असिफ तहसीलदार
- रो. अरविंद तराळ
- रो. विकास कदम
- रो. राजीव परीख
- श्रीमती सुचेता कोरगांवकर



त्यांच्या या उदात्त योगदानाबद्दल मनःपूर्वक आभार आणि अभिनंदन.

आता आपण सर्व रोटेरियन्स यांना विनंती आहे कि,

या सेवायज्ञात सहभागी व्हा, एका मुलाच्या भविष्यात उजेड पेटा आणि एका कुटुंबाच्या चेहऱ्यावर आनंद फुलवा.

आपणही या उपक्रमासाठी देणगी देऊ इच्छित असल्यास, कृपया

रो. अरविंद तराळ, चेअरमन - कै. कमलाकर नेवगी कर्णबधिर शिशुविद्यालय यांच्याशी संपर्क साधावा.

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“सेवा हीच खरी साधना — चला, एकत्र येऊन या मुलांच्या आयुष्यात आशेचा प्रकाश निर्माण करूया.”

TRIVIA QUESTION ?

Question :

What is the official 2026–27 theme of Rotary International?

- A) Imagine Rotary
- B) Unite for Good
- C) Create Hope in the World
- D) Create Lasting Impact

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

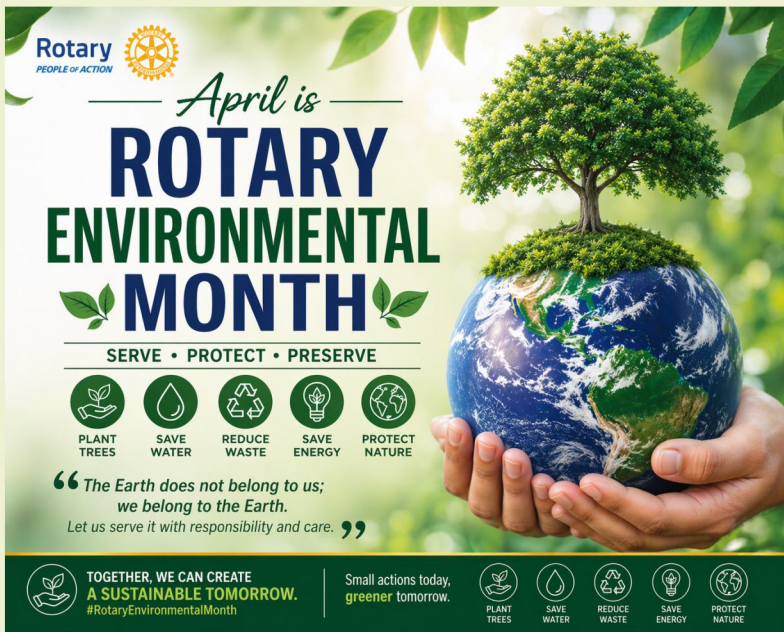
What is your top priority for the city?

Answer -

D) Infrastructure

Answers given by -

- 1) Ann Komal Upadhye
- 2) Ann Poonam shah
- 3) Ann Nikita gandhi
- 4) Ann Dhara Sheth
- 5) Ann Vaishali Taral
- 6) Rtn Arvind Taral



agriculture, health, and livelihoods.

Another vital aspect is **community awareness and education**. Rotary believes that true change begins with awareness. Through seminars, workshops, school programs, and public campaigns, Rotarians educate people about the importance of reducing plastic use, conserving energy, protecting biodiversity, and adopting eco-friendly practices in daily life. Engaging the youth plays a crucial role in ensuring that environmental responsibility becomes a lifelong habit.

Every year, Rotary dedicates a special time to focus on one of the most pressing concerns of our era—**environmental sustainability**. Rotary Environmental Month is not just a symbolic observance; it is a global call to action for Rotarians to protect, nurture, and restore the natural world. With climate change, deforestation, pollution, and water scarcity posing serious threats, Rotary's commitment to the environment reflects its vision of creating lasting change across communities.

At the heart of Rotary's environmental efforts lies a simple yet powerful belief: *healthy ecosystems are essential for healthy communities*. Across the globe, Rotary clubs are actively involved in projects such as tree plantation drives, water conservation initiatives, waste management campaigns, and the promotion of renewable energy solutions. These efforts are designed not only to address immediate environmental concerns but also to build long-term resilience for future generations.

One of the key areas of focus during this month is **water resource management**. Clean and accessible water is fundamental to life, and Rotary clubs have consistently worked toward constructing check dams, rejuvenating lakes, and spreading awareness about water conservation. Such initiatives have transformed countless rural and urban landscapes, improving

Rotary Environmental Month also emphasizes **collaboration and partnerships**. By working with local governments, NGOs, schools, and corporate organizations, Rotary amplifies the impact of its initiatives. Collective action ensures that environmental projects are sustainable, scalable, and capable of creating measurable change.

In recent years, Rotary International has further strengthened its environmental commitment by officially adding the **environment** as one of its key areas of focus. This milestone reflects the organization's evolving role in addressing global challenges and reinforces its dedication to building a greener, healthier planet.

As we observe Rotary Environmental Month, it serves as a reminder that every small action counts. Whether it is planting a tree, conserving water, reducing waste, or spreading awareness, each effort contributes to a larger movement. Together, as Rotarians and responsible citizens, we have the power to protect our environment and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

“The Earth does not belong to us; we belong to the Earth. Let us serve it with responsibility and care.”

Shared by - Rtn. Ajinkya Kadam

KOLHAPUR – Cultural Capital of Maharashtra

“Where Heritage, Devotion, and Culture Come Alive.”



1. Historical Glory and Royal Heritage

Kolhapur is proudly known as the Cultural Capital of Maharashtra, a title earned through its rich history, royal traditions, and vibrant social legacy. The city flourished under the visionary leadership of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, whose reforms in education, social equality, and industrial growth transformed it into a progressive cultural centre. His contribution towards upliftment of the underprivileged, promotion of arts, and encouragement to sports gave Kolhapur a distinct identity that continues to inspire Maharashtra even today.

2. Spiritual and Religious Importance

The soul of Kolhapur lies in the sacred Mahalakshmi Temple, also lovingly known as Ambabai Mandir. This ancient temple, dating back to the 7th century, is one of the most revered Shakti Peethas in India and attracts devotees from all over the country. The city is often called Dakshin Kashi, reflecting its immense spiritual significance. Festivals like Kirnotsav and Navratri are celebrated with great devotion and grandeur, making religion an inseparable part of Kolhapur's culture.

3. Art, Music and Traditional Culture

Kolhapur has always been a nurturing ground for classical music, folk arts, theatre, and Marathi literature. Traditional art forms like Lavani, Tamasha, and local folk performances are deeply rooted in its cultural fabric. The city has produced many renowned artists, musicians, and performers who have enriched Maharashtra's artistic heritage. Cultural gatherings, music concerts, and traditional festivals continue to keep this artistic spirit alive, making Kolhapur a living museum of Maharashtrian culture.

4. World Famous Kolhapuri Identity

The name Kolhapur instantly brings to mind iconic symbols such as Kolhapuri Chappal, Kolhapuri jewellery, and rich handcraft traditions. The handcrafted leather chappals, now globally recognised with a GI tag, represent centuries of craftsmanship and local pride. These products are not merely items of trade but reflect the artistic excellence and heritage of local artisans, giving Kolhapur an international cultural identity.

5. Wrestling, Strength and Traditional Sports

Kolhapur is equally famous for its historic Kushti (wrestling) culture, where traditional talims and akhadas have shaped generations of champions. Wrestling is not just a sport here; it is a way of life that represents discipline, courage, and physical excellence. The city's sporting culture has contributed immensely to Maharashtra's pride and has produced several notable wrestlers at state and national levels. This powerful sporting tradition adds another dimension to Kolhapur's cultural richness.

6. Food, Lifestyle and Living Heritage

Kolhapur's culture is incomplete without mentioning its legendary cuisine. Dishes like Tambada Rassa, Pandhara Rassa, and Kolhapuri Misal have become culinary symbols of Maharashtra. The city beautifully blends royal history, spirituality, arts, sports, and food into one vibrant identity. Even in modern times, Kolhapur preserves its traditions while embracing development, making it a true cultural capital where heritage lives in everyday life.

Shared by - Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar

Greetings

From -
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR



Happy Birthday



Rtn. Devang Sheth - 18th April

Happy Wedding Anniversary

- Rtn. Harishchandra Sharma - 16th April
- Rtn. Harish Hamlai - 18th April

Professional Profile

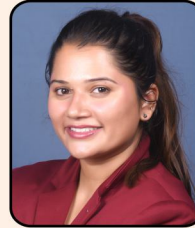
GUEST SPEAKER **Dr. Prajakta Patil**

Dr. Prajakta Patil is a doctor and digital creator from Kolhapur who has built a strong identity in both the medical and digital fields. She holds a degree in Homoeopathy, an MD in Practice of Medicine, and a Master's in Consulting Psychology. Starting her content creation journey in 2018 as a hobby, she steadily transformed it into a full-time profession, growing a digital community of over 1.5 lakh followers across Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube.

Her content spans lifestyle, fitness, travel, food, skincare, and premium brand storytelling. She has collaborated with

leading hotels, restaurants, jewellery brands, and fashion labels, helping them enhance their visibility through impactful short-form videos and digital campaigns. Known for her premium storytelling, strong screen presence, and relatable communication, she is considered one of Kolhapur's most influential digital creators, redefining how local brands connect with audiences in the digital-first era.

NEXT MEETING



DATE:
**Wednesday,
22nd April 2026**

TIME:
5:30 PM

GUEST

Dr. Prajakta Patil

SUBJECT

**The Reel Revolution:
How Short-Form Videos
Reshape Advertising's Future**

**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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