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Secretary



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District Governor (RID 3170)

JULY 25, 2025

Fellowship Group Meeting

Our member, Rtn. Dahyabhai Patel, organised the first group meeting of the Sabarmati Group on the occasion of his birthday. Nine group members, along with Group Coordinator Rtn. Menghraj Chugh, attended and enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast at Hotel Chaitali. During the meeting, President Rtn. Pradeep Karande and Rtn. Nitin Wadikar shared details about our Singer Sewing Project at S.M. Lohia High School, Kolhapur, and discussed ways to highlight the project for the benefit of the community. Rtn. Amol Ghodake suggested setting up a stall to exhibit their products at our Carnival this year. The meeting concluded with President Rtn. Pradeep Karande felicitating Rtn. Dahyabhai with a floral bouquet, and new member Rtn. Yogesh Shetye announcing the next fellowship meeting.



JULY 27, 2025

PVR Screening of movie “Sitaare Zameen Par”

Our RCK Fellowship Group GANGA took a very encouraging and innovative initiative by screening the movie Sitaare Zameen Par for 72 specially-abled students of Helpers of the Handicapped. The project was initiated by Rtn. Laxminiwas Biyani and Rtn. Ashwin Keshwani, and was supported by the group coordinator, joint coordinator, group leader, and most notably by the group members—showcasing the true spirit of Service Above Self. Rtn. Amit Mate briefed the students on the intent of the screening, aimed at spreading happiness among the kids. He also encouraged other group leaders to take similar initiatives through their respective fellowship groups whenever opportunities arise. A total of 12 Rotarians were present during the project.



JULY 27, 2025

Open School Chess Tournament

Today, the Rotary Club of Kolhapur and Pioneer Energy jointly organized an Open School Chess Tournament for children aged 11 to 16 years. A total of 144 chess players from Satara, Sangli, Ichalkaranji, Sindhudurg, and Ratnagiri participated in the tournament. 77 players across different age groups delivered outstanding performances. Sports Committee Chairperson Rtn. Dr. Vaibhav Sasurkar, Rtn. Dr. Pooja Sasurkar, Rtn. Satish Kulkarni, Rtn. Mahesh Kulkarni, and President Rtn. Pradeep Karande were present during the tournament.



JULY 27, 2025

Blood Donation Camps

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur recently organized two blood donation camps at Sound Castings, Units #5 and #2, in Kagal M.I.D.C., Kolhapur. A total of 128 pints of blood were collected—60 pints at Unit #5 and 68 pints at Unit #2—and handed over to Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center.

These camps have brought the club's cumulative blood collection to 414 pints, benefiting 1,242 individuals so far. The initiative reflects the club's ongoing commitment to community service and healthcare.

Rtn. Mohan Patel, Rtn. Avinash Raste, and Rtn. Atul Bansal, along with the staff from Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, were present during both camps.



JULY 28, 2025

Fellowship Group Meeting

Our member, Rtn. Neeraj Zanvar, organized the group meeting of the Narmada Group on the occasion of his birthday. Six group members and 40 invitees, along with Group Coordinator Rtn. Menghraj Chugh, attended and enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast at Blue Lotus, Hotel Sayaji. During the meeting, President Rtn. Pradeep Karande shared the vision of District Governor Rtn. Arun D. Bhandhare for the year 2025-26, as conveyed during the recently held Club Assembly. The meeting concluded with President Rtn. Pradeep Karande felicitating Rtn. Neeraj Zanvar with a floral bouquet.



JULY 29, 2025

RSSK visit by Rtn. Varun Gupta, Rotary Club of Mumbai Island, RID 3141

Rtn. Varun Gupta from the Rotary Club of Mumbai Island City, R.I. District 3141, visited our Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra along with a few Rotaractors from Mumbai. He was very happy and overwhelmed to see the activities being carried out at Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, RSSK. President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, Rtn. Sahil Gandhi, and Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Kolhapur were present during the visit.



JULY 29, 2025

Flag Exchange with Rtn. Varun Gupta, Rotary Club of Mumbai Island, RID 3141

Rtn. Varun Gupta from the Rotary Club of Mumbai Island City, R.I. District 3141, visited our Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra along with a few Rotaractors from Mumbai. Members of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur exchanged the club flag with him and shared details about the activities of RSSK and our club. President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, Rtn. Sahil Gandhi, and Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Kolhapur were present for the flag exchange.



JULY 30, 2025

Fellowship Group Meeting

Our member, Rtn. Mahesh Kulkarni, organized the group meeting of the Narmada Group on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Nine group members and eight invitees, along with Group Coordinator Rtn. Menghraj Chugh and Joint Group Coordinator Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal, attended and enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast at Hotel Pavilion.

During the meeting, group members appreciated the activity implemented by the GANGA Fellowship Group—the screening of a movie for the Helpers of the Handicapped—and agreed to conduct a similar activity in the future. Members were also updated on various events happening at the district level. President Rtn. Pradeep Karande reminded the group members to be present for today’s Club Business Meeting.



PAST PRESIDENT’S CORNER

PRESIDENTIAL YEAR 1990-91



PAST PRESIDENT:
PDG PRATAP PURANIK

I was President in the year 1990 - 91. That year the District Governor [DG] late Dr. Sunil Desai was from our Club.

One year before [1989 - 90], I was called by him and told that, I want you to be the Club President, you will work hard and exhibit to the District how a model Club has to be, doing service projects in all the avenues of services. Being a host Club of the District Governor, and doing the best, you will not get any awards. That time values were different!

In spite of exiling best in 1990 - 91, me and Club did not get any awards. We conducted the District Conference very successfully at Shalini Palace.

Finally at the end of year during farewell address late PDG Sunil Desai said that, the best President, Secretary and Best Club awards should have been given to RC of Kolhapur as they were really performed best but, people in the District would have said “being home Club, DG has done favoritism!”

Those were very different days than, what present Rotary is! Today, awards and recognitions are given for small small things and to so many Rotarians. By doing that, the value of it is lost.

Long leave Rotary

WEEK 4: चक्रेश्वरवाडी



गारगोटी गावाच्या दिशेने जाणारा वळणा वळणांचा हिरवाईने सजलेला रस्ता... कोल्हापूर च्या जवळच 20-30 किलोमीटर अंतरावरचं लपलं धन पहायची संधी मिळाली. इतका सुंदर निसर्ग आणि इतका प्राचीन इतिहास लाभलेलं ठिकाण आहे की काय सांगावं!

ठिकपूर्वी गावातून उजव वळण घेतलं. आता रस्ता हळूहळू छोटा आणि कच्चा होऊ लागला. चक्रेश्वरवाडीच्या शिखराकडे जाणाऱ्या रस्त्यापर्यंत येऊन पोहोचलो. गाडी तिथेच लावून आडा चा रस्ता धरला. दगडी बांधलेलं सुंदर आड होतं. त्यावर दोन रहाट बसवले होते. पाणी अगदी वरपर्यंत होतं. पाऊलवाटेनं पुढे पुढे निघालो.

पाऊलवाट एका उंच झाडापाशी थांबली. कोणीच आसपास नव्हतं. अर्धवर्तुळकार दगडांची भिंत असलेलं, कळस छप्पर नसलेलं एक मंदिर आणि त्यात दोन भव्य शिळा. शिळावर कोरलेलं संपूर्ण चक्र. त्यांच्यावर झिपऱ्या जास्वदीची फुलं. जास्वंदीचा झिपरेपणा, रंग शिलांच्या पोतामध्ये मिसळून जात होता. लाल रंग एरवी इतका उठून वेगळा दिसतो, की मूळ गोष्टीकडे थोडं कमी लक्ष्य जातं, पण इथे असं होत नव्हतं.. देऊळ सदृश्य रचनेच्या मागच्या बाजूला उतारावर अशा अनेक शिळा. अष्मयुगीन काळातल्या शिळा. कोणी म्हणतात, त्या काळची ही दफनभूमी. वेगळीच शांतता होती शिळा भवती.. टेकडी उतरून खाली आलो. जवळच चक्रेश्वर महादेवाचं मंदिर.. खूप सुंदर परिसर. हळुवार वारा वहात होता. सगळा शिळेपणा वाहून चाललेला. देवळाच्या आवारात ठीक ठिकाणी शंकराच्या बऱ्याच पिंडी, आणि त्याची छोटी छोटी देवळे. देऊळ 1200 वर्ष जुनं असल्याचं ऐकलं. स्वयंभू असणं म्हणजे काय हे सारखं मनात घोळत होतं. पण पिंड खूप घोटीव काळीभोर... स्वयंभू पणाशी मनात कुठेतरी ओबाडधोबड रूप जोडलेलं.

तापसा लेण्याकडे जायचं ठरवलं. फक्त अडीच किलोमीटर चं अंतर.. अर्ध्या अंतरापर्यंत गाडी गेली. मग मोठ्या दगडधोंड्याच्या अनवट रस्त्यावरून पायीच चालत चाललो. वळणं वळणं घेत एका देवळाशी आलो. आत जाईपर्यंत कळलं नव्हतं की मोठं कुंड आहे.. मोठ्या मोठ्या शिळा असलेलं हिरवट पाण्यानी भरलेलं कुंड... कुंडाच्या बाजूबाजूने देवळाकडे सरकलो तर आत अजून एक कुंड आणि त्याचं पाणी गुहाच्या ओवऱ्यां मध्ये शिरलेलं.. पूर्वी म्हणे या गुहेतून वरती असलेल्या चक्रेश्वराला जाता यायचं. देवळात गेलो तर आत दोन पिंडी. तिथल्या महंतांनी सांगितलं की पुढची पिंड विष्णुची आणि मागची पिंड शंकराची. जिकडे बूट काढलेले तिथे दगडी बत्ते आणि दगडी उखळे. महंत म्हणाले पांडवकालीन आहेत ती उखळे. पांडव अज्ञातवासात असताना त्यांनी त्यात दगडाचे पीठ कांडून खाल्ले. नव्यानच ऐकलेली कहाणी. अद्भुत जागेसारखी कहानीसुद्धा अद्भुत... मनात सगळं अनवट सौंदर्य साठवत परतीच्या मार्गाला लागलो.. प्राचीन इतिहासाची पार्श्वभूमी लाभलेलं चक्रेश्वरवाडी.

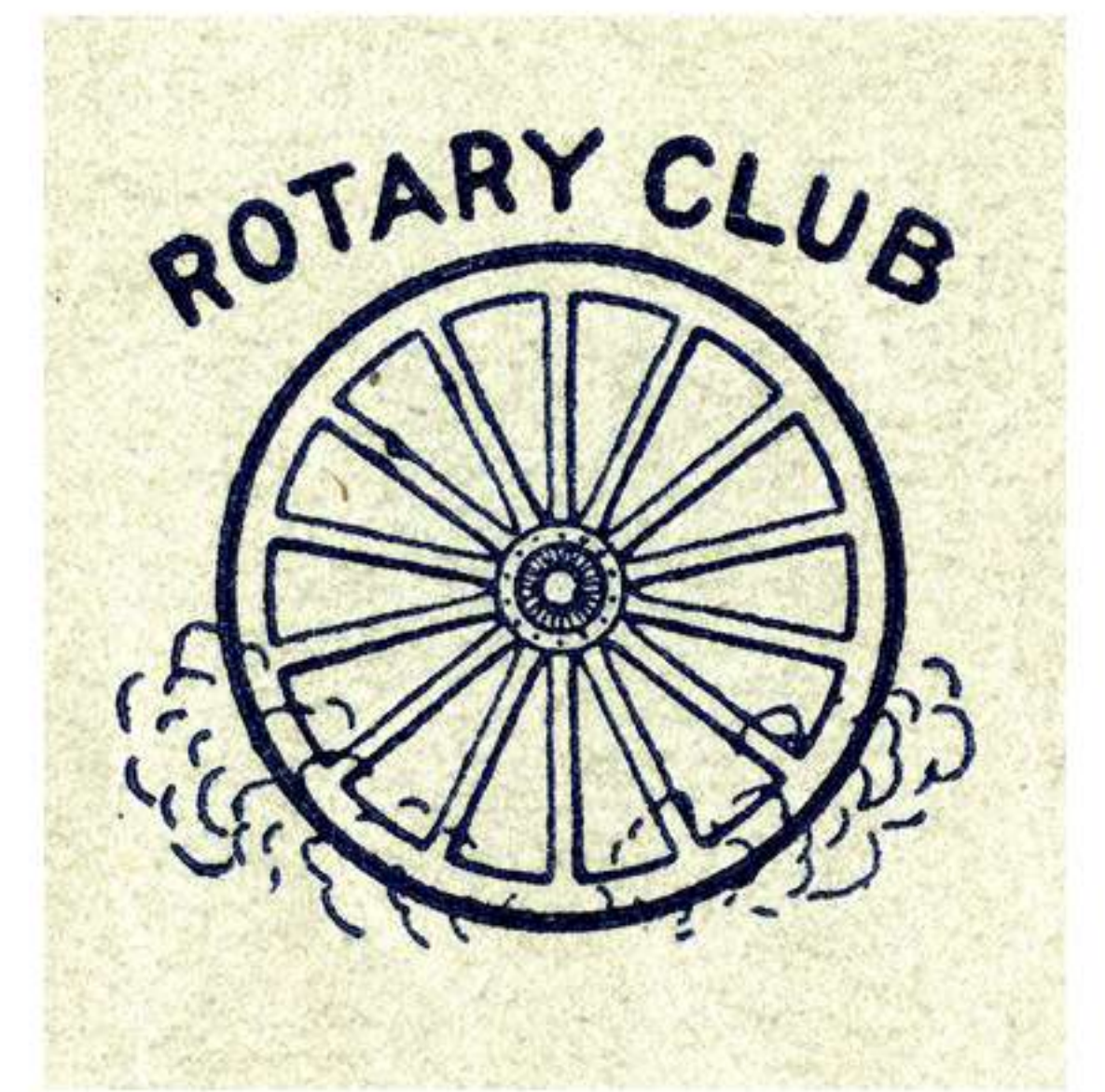
परतीच्या मार्गावर गाडीने निघालो तर ठीक ठिकाणी दुकानं होती. ठिकपूर्वी ची गरमागरम सुप्रसिद्ध बर्फी. चुलीचा वास आणि त्यावर ठेवलेल्या मोठ्या मोठ्या कढ्यां मध्ये भाजल्या जाणाऱ्या खव्याचा खरपूस वास. एक 7-8 वर्षांचा छोटा कढयीतलं मिश्रण मन लावून परतत होता.. रविवारची सकाळ खरपूस वासानी घमघमली. संथ शांत आयुष्य... परत जायला नकोच वाटत होतं. हिरवी वाट परत घेऊन जाण्यासाठी अमिश दाखवत होती...

इला माटे

The Evolution of the Rotary Emblem

The First Rotary Emblem

In 1905, Montague M. Bear of the Rotary Club of Chicago sketched a 13-spoke wagon wheel as the first club emblem. To address criticism that the design looked static, he added clouds beneath it, though these were later mistaken for dust. Bear then overlaid a "Rotary Club" banner to resolve the issue.



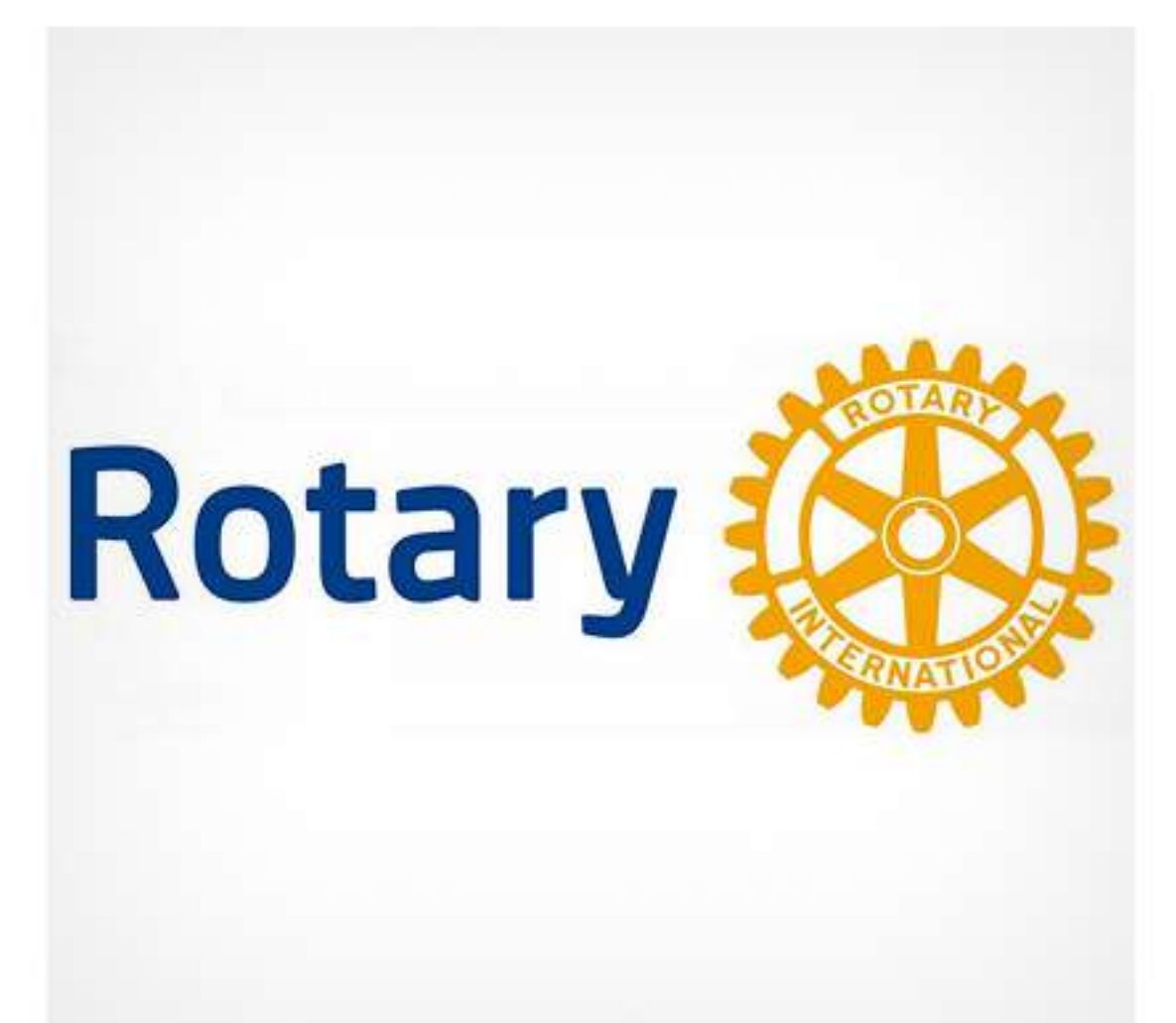
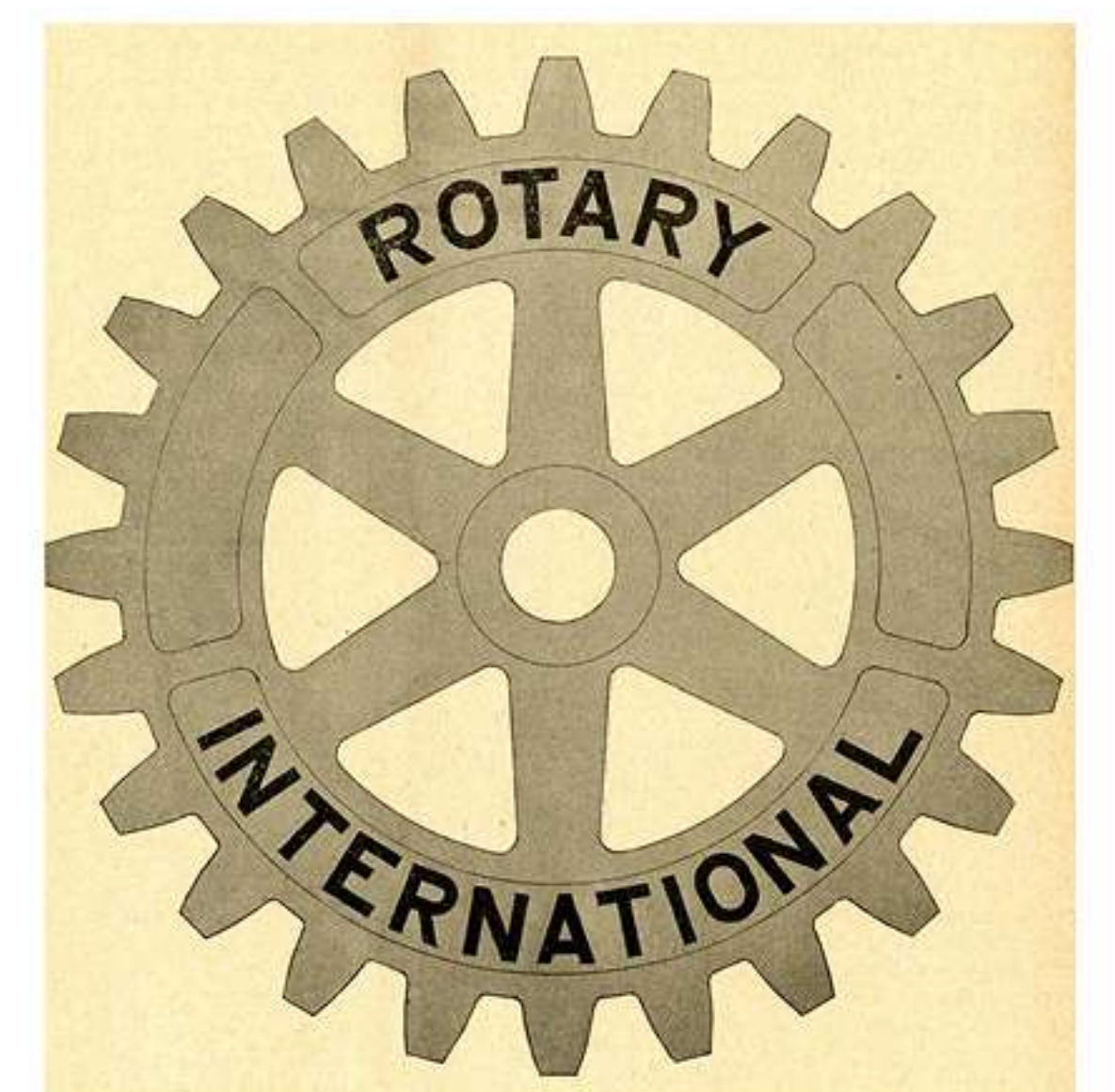
Towards a Common Identity

In 1911, Rotary's Secretary Chesley R. Perry recommended using the wheel as the base for all club emblems. At the 1912 Duluth convention, a design featuring gear-like cogs and strong spokes was adopted, symbolizing power and action. "Rotary" appeared at the top and "International Association" at the bottom, with clubs customizing the latter with their city names. By 1918, many inconsistent variations had emerged.



The Standard Rotary Wheel

To unify the emblem, Charles Mackintosh and Oscar Bjorge created a standardized version in 1919 with six spokes and 24 cogs. In 1924, Will R. Forker added a keyway to reflect Rotary as a working force. The current version, with a keyway, was officially approved in 1929. In 2013, the logo was modernized to include the word "Rotary" next to the wheel for better visibility and impact.



TRIVIA TIME

Question:

Who won the highest number of gold medals in Olympics?

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: Who was the first woman to hold the position of Rotary International President?

Answer: Jennifer E Jones

Correct answer given by

1. Ann Nikita Gandhi
2. Ann Pooja Rathod
3. Ann Dhara Seth
4. Ann Vaishali Taral
5. Rtn. Dr. Abhijeet Haval

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

06 AUG Rtn. Mahendra Parmar

06 AUG Rtn. Atul Bansal

08 AUG Rtn. Sunita Goenka

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY | 06 AUG 2025 | 5:30 PM

GUEST SPEAKER



Rtn. Amit Mate

Subject : The Rotary Foundation

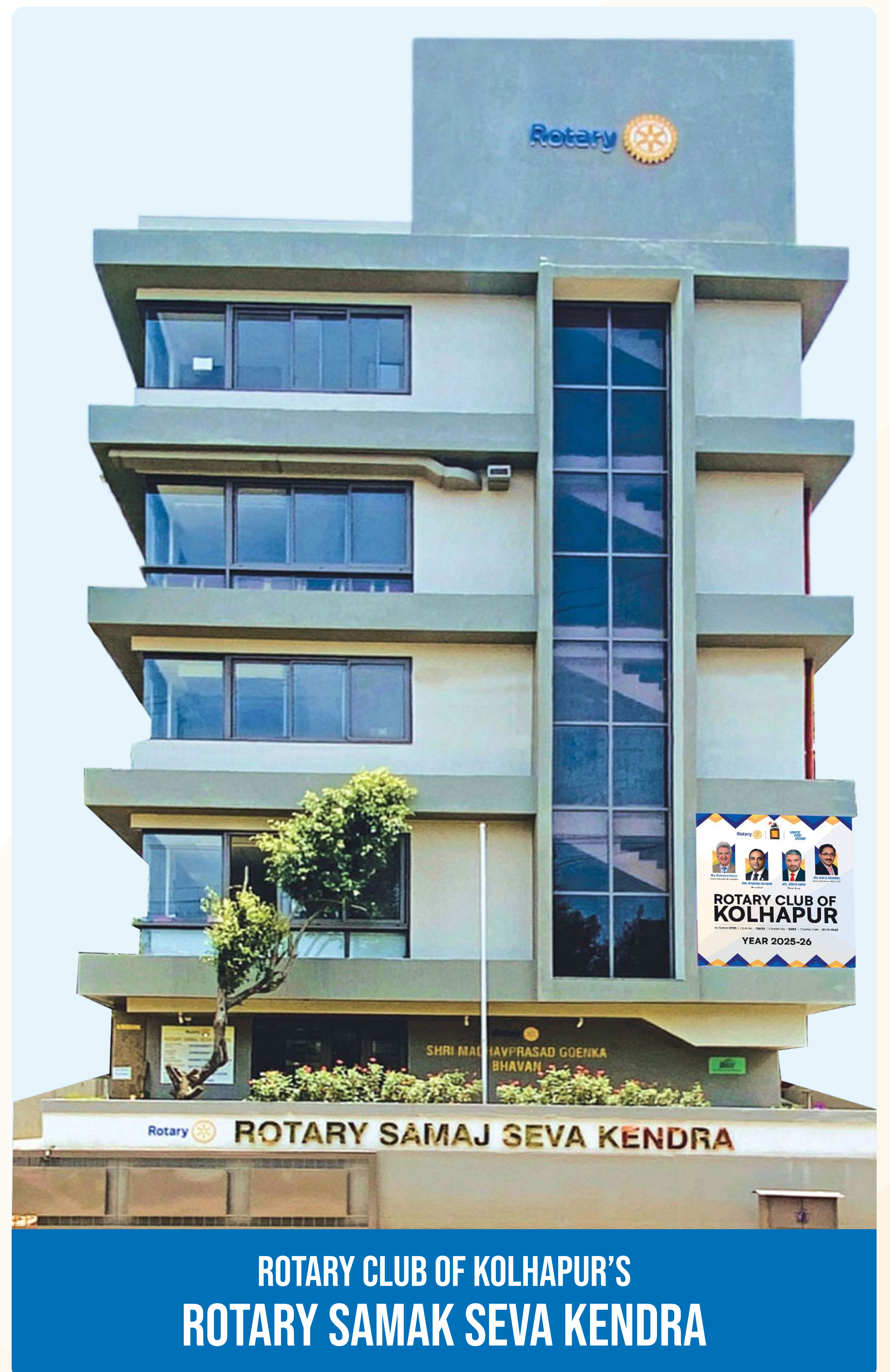
Venue : RSSK, Kolhapur

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Club Picnic

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2 to 4 Aug



**ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR'S
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