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Rotary International President



Rtn. Pradeep Karande
President



Rtn. Nilesh Kutte
Secretary



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

JULY 31, 2025

Fellowship Group Meeting

Rtn. Ratnakumar Doshi hosted the first Godavari Group meeting on his birthday, attended by nine group members, six invitees, and Group Coordinator Rtn. Menghraj Chugh. Members enjoyed a delightful breakfast at his office.

President Rtn. Pradeep Karande announced the launch of the traditional Mangalagauri event for Anns, scheduled today at 4:30 p.m. at Shri Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan. Rtn. Chetan Desai urged members to initiate a small community project, while Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte outlined upcoming August activities.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Group Leader Rtn. Chetan Desai and the presentation of a plant to Rtn. Doshi by President Karande.



AUGUST 2-4, 2025

Club Annual Picnic

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur's Annual Trip to Goa, held from 2nd to 4th August 2025, brought together 62 enthusiastic members for three days of camaraderie, relaxation, and celebration. Highlights included a grand Gala Dinner Night, a lively Karaoke Night where members showcased their singing talents, and the presentation of Trip Awards, adding excitement and recognition to the festivities.

The organizing committee, led by Event Chairman Rtn. Sharad Totla with members Rtn. Sumeet Chougule, Rtn. Vikas Kadam, Rtn. Dhaval Gala, and Club Service Director Rtn. Harshad Dhale, meticulously planned every detail—making two pre-trip visits to ensure seamless arrangements. The trip was especially memorable for welcoming many new members, strengthening bonds between the newer generation and senior Rotarians, and further enhancing the spirit of fellowship. Kudos to the entire team for a resounding success!





AUGUST 3, 2025

Beej Rakhi Making Workshop

On 2nd August 2025, the EarlyAct Club of Kolhapur organised a Beej Rakhi Making Workshop. This creative and eco-friendly activity taught members the art of making rakhis embedded with plant seeds. After use, these rakhis can be planted, helping to grow new plants and contribute to environmental conservation.

A total of 34 EarlyAct members and 20 Anns participated in the workshop, making it a joyful and meaningful event.



AUGUST 4, 2025

Eco-Friendly Rakhi and Greeting Card workshop for parents of Karnabadhir Shishu Vidyalaya

On 4th August 2025, an eco-friendly Rakhi and greeting card-making workshop was conducted by Ann. Vaishali Taral for the parents of children at our Late Kamlakar Nevgi Karnabadhir Shishu Vidyalaya. A total of 18 parents learned the art of paper quilling through this creative activity.

The workshop received great appreciation, with participants requesting advanced sessions. This initiative not only encouraged creativity but also opened up potential business opportunities for the parents in the future. Rtn. Manjiri Karande and Ann. Vaishali Taral were present for the project.



AUGUST 5, 2025

Distribution of School Essentials at Vikram High School

On 5th August 2025, we carried out a joint project with the Rotary Club of Heritage, distributing school essentials to 140 primary section students of Vikram High School. Each child received two pairs of school uniforms, two pairs of sports uniforms, one school bag, and 12 notebooks. The event was attended by Youth Service Director Rtn. Dhiraj Batheja, Rtn. Pranav Kshirsagar, Rtn. Shital Mahajan, Rtn. Sarla Mantri, Community Service Director Rtn. Shobha Arvind, President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte, along with President Rtn. Pooja Gandhi and Secretary Rtn. Shruti Mantri of the Rotary Club of Heritage.



AUGUST 6, 2025

Weekly Meeting and Felicitation of PHFs & Major Donors

Our sixth weekly meeting was held on the 3rd floor of Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur. Chief Guest PDG Rtn. Nasir Borsadwala and Guest of Honour Rtn. Amit Mate spoke on the topic "The Rotary Foundation."

During the meeting, 45 Rotarians who became PHF and Major Donors in 2023-24 and 2024-25 were felicitated by PDG Rtn. Nasir Borsadwala. The vote of thanks was proposed by Rtn. Siddharth Patankar, and Rtn. Sahil Gandhi was declared the Lucky Rotarian of the Week.



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PAST PRESIDENT:
RTN. SUBHASH KUTTE

I was President in 2017-18. During my tenure, our club received 18 District Awards—the highest number compared to all previous years. During this period, the पाया भरणी (foundation stone laying) of the new RSSK building was also performed.

Additionally, our club hosted the District Training Assembly (DTA) after a long gap, marking a significant district-level event organised by us. For the construction of the building, I also arranged ₹25 lakhs from RBL Bank under their CSR initiative.

MEMBERS' CORNER

WEEK 6: नागपंचमी

नागपंचमी (संस्कृत: नागपंचमी, IAST: Nāgapañcamī) हा नाग (najas) किंवा साप (जे पौराणिक नाग प्राण्यांशी संबंधित आहेत) यांच्या पारंपारिक पूजेचा दिवस आहे. भारत आणि नेपाळ या देशात हा सण साजरा केला जातो .

हिंदू पंचांगानुसार श्रावण महिन्याच्या शुक्ल पक्षाच्या पाचव्या दिवशी (जुलै/ऑगस्ट) ही पूजा केली जाते. कर्नाटक, राजस्थान, बिहार आणि गुजरात सारखी काही भारतीय राज्ये त्याच महिन्याच्या कृष्ण पक्षाला नाग पंचमी साजरी करतात. उत्सवाचा एक भाग म्हणून, चांदी, दगड, लाकूड किंवा चित्रापासून बनवलेल्या नाग किंवा सर्प देवतेला दुधाने आदरपूर्वक स्नान किंवा अभिषेक केले जाते आणि कुटुंबाच्या कल्याणासाठी त्यांचे आशीर्वाद मागितले जातात. या दिवशी जिवंत सापांची, विशेषतः नागांची, पूजा करण्याची पद्धती प्रचलित असल्याचे दिसते. कालिया नागाचा पराभव करून यमुना नदीच्या पात्रातून भगवान श्रीकृष्ण सुरक्षित वर आले तो दिवस श्रावण शुद्ध पंचमीचा होता. त्यामुळे त्या दिवसापासून नागपूजा प्रचारात आली असे मानले जाते.

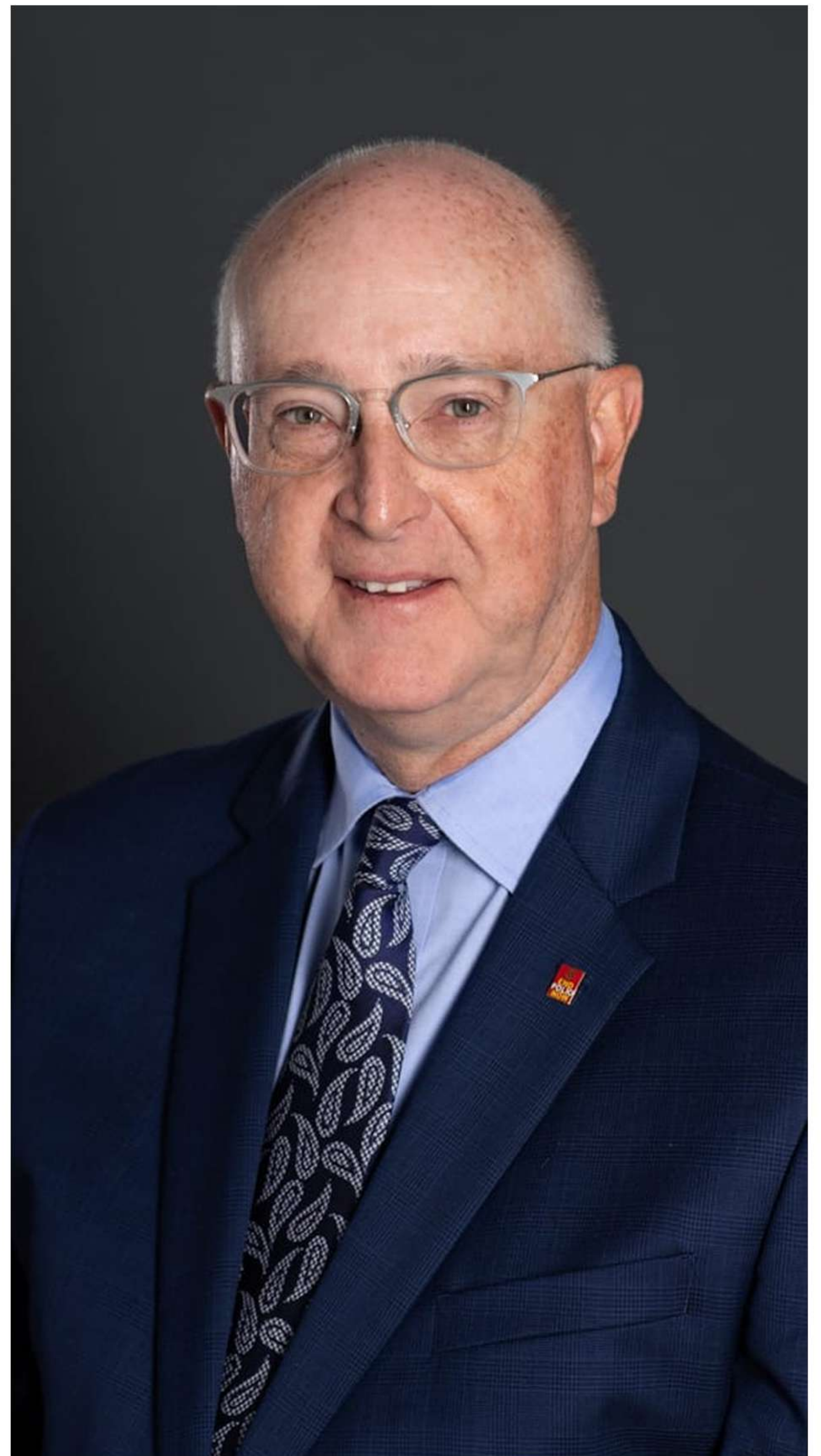
दर बारा वर्षांनी नागपंचमीच्या दिवशी देशभरातील नाथ संप्रदायाचे लोक गंगा-गौतमी (अहिल्या-गौतमी) संगमावर स्नान करतात.



President-Nominee of Rotary International for 2027-28

Rtn. Larry A. Lunsford, a longtime member of the **Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza**, Missouri, USA, has been named president-nominee of Rotary International for 2027-28. A dedicated Rotarian since 1991, he has served as district governor, RI director, and trustee of The Rotary Foundation. Lunsford has chaired key Rotary and Foundation committees, including the Executive Committee and Finance Committee.

His Rotary journey began as a recipient of a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship in 1981-82, which enabled him to study at the University of Newcastle, Australia. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Truman State University, which later honored him with its Distinguished Service Award.



TRIVIA TIME

Question:

Who is the No. 1 Elephant in India??

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 won the highest number of gold medals in Olympics?

Answer: American Swimmer Michael Phelps (Gold Medals: 23)

Correct answer given by

1. Ann Dhara Seth
2. Ann Nikita Gandhi
3. Rtn. Dilip Shah
4. Ann Poonam Shah
5. Rtn. Poonam Chugh

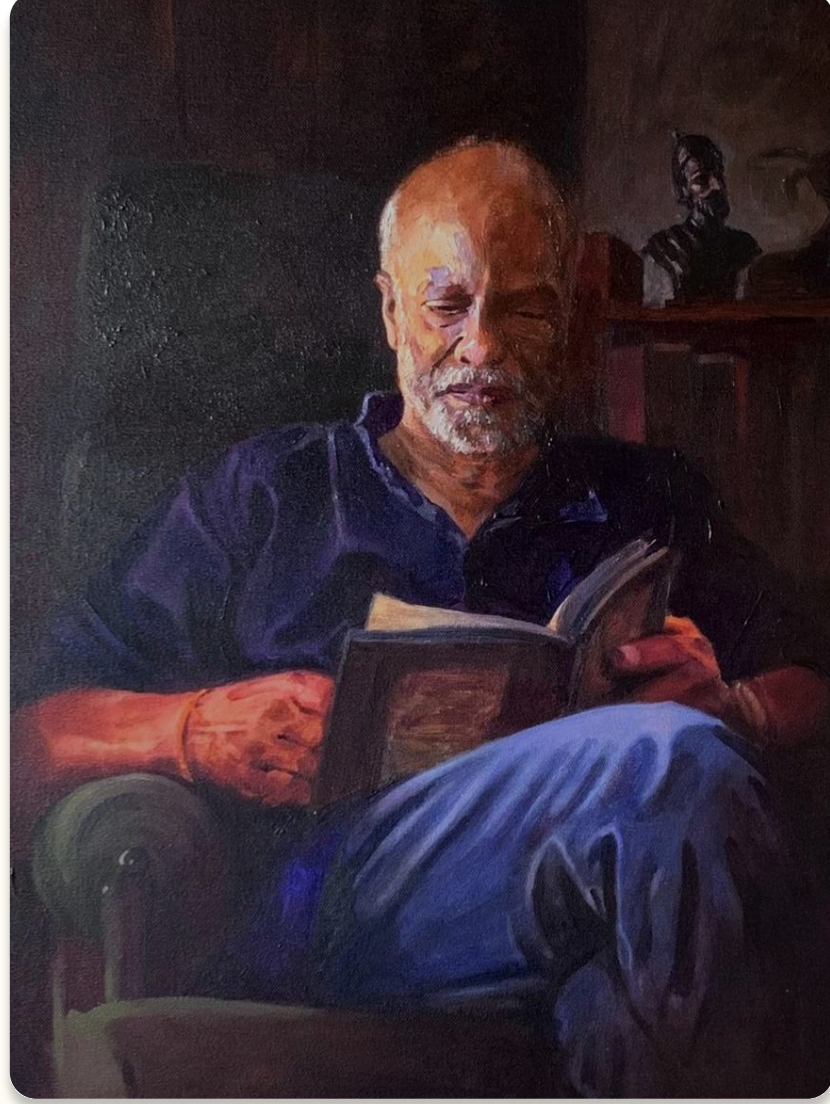
UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

10 AUG Rtn. Ramesh Hirave

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY | 13 AUG 2025 | 5:30 PM

GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. Y.S.P. Thorat
Ex- Chairman of NABARD

Subject : Life Lessons in a Journey from Failure to Success

Venue : Shri. Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Smt. Kamal Govind Gundesha Hall, Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra, Kolhapur.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Flag Hoisting - Independence Day RSSK	15 Aug
Shravan Bhojan RSSK	18 Aug



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WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 5.30 PM

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