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Blood Donation Camp

AUGUST 10, 2025

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur recently organized a blood donation camp at Jaya Urology Hospital and Nursing Home, New Shahupuri, Kolhapur. A total of 30 pints of blood were collected and handed over to Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center. With this, the club's total collection has reached 444 pints, benefitting 1,332 recipients so far and reinforcing its commitment to community service. Rtn. Mohan Patel and Rtn. Mahendra Parmar, along with the staff of Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, were present during the camp.



E-Waste Collection Centre at Vibgyor High

AUGUST 11, 2025

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur has established another e-waste collection centre at Vibgyor High, in collaboration with the Interact Club of Kolhapur. Rtn. Abhijit Haval highlighted the importance of implementing such a project in the school and explained the process of e-waste collection, followed by an interactive session with the students.

President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte, Community Service Director Rtn. Shobha Arvind, and Event Chair Rtn. Abhijit Haval, along with Interact President Itr. Khushi Gaikwad and members of the Interact Club, were present for the event. Principal Pravin Sharma appreciated and commended the initiative.



Distribution of School Essentials at Vikram High School - Secondary Section

AUGUST 12, 2025

Today, school essentials were distributed to 60 secondary students of Vikram High School. Each student received two pairs of uniforms, one school bag, and 12 notebooks. President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte, and Rtn. Sumeet Chougule were present for the project.



Blood Donation Camp

AUGUST 12, 2025

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur recently organized a blood donation camp at Delta Irrigation India LLP, 5 Star M.I.D.C., Kagal, Kolhapur. A total of 56 pints of blood were collected and handed over to Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center. With this, the club's total collection has reached 500 pints, benefitting around 1,500 recipients to date, further strengthening its commitment to community service. Rtn. Mohan Patel and Rtn. Mahendra Parmar, along with the staff of Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, were present during the camp.



Blood Donation Camp

AUGUST 12, 2025



The Rotary Club of Kolhapur recently organized a blood donation camp at Parikh Udyog, Gokul Shirgaon M.I.D.C., Kolhapur. A total of 21 pints of blood were collected and handed over to Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center. With this, the club's total collection has reached 521 pints, benefitting 1,563 recipients to date and furthering its commitment to community service. Rtn. Narayan Patodia and Rtn. Sahil Gandhi, along with the staff of Shri Rajarshi Shahu Blood Center, were present during the camp.

A workshop on eco-friendly Ganesh Chaturthi celebration

AUGUST 13, 2025

A workshop on eco-friendly celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi was conducted on 13th August 2025 for the students of CSIBER College, Kolhapur. The workshop highlighted the importance of 21 sacred herbs traditionally used in Ganesh Puja and decorations, and focused on environment-friendly disposal of flowers, leaves, and other waste generated during the festival period.

The program included multiple sessions conducted by subject experts and was jointly organized by the Gardens Club of Kolhapur in association with the Sakal Tanishka Initiative for Women Empowerment.

The workshop was attended by President Rtn. Pradeep Karande, Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S. Kutte, Community Service Director Rtn. Shobha Arvind, Ann. Prajakta Chougule, Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal, along with the team from Sakal Publications.



Dr. Yashwant Thorat & Mrs. Usha Thorat - visit to the RSSK

AUGUST 13, 2025



Dr. Yashwant S Patil Thorat - Ex. Chairman of NABARD and Mrs Usha Thorat - Ex. Deputy Governor of RBI visited our Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra. They were both very happy and overwhelmed to see the activities carried out in Madhav Prasad Goenka Bhavan, RSSK. A total of 25 members 73 members were present during the visit

Weekly Meeting

AUGUST 13, 2025

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

The Chief Guest, Dr. Yashwant S. Patil Thorat, Ex-Chairman of NABARD, spoke on the topic "Life Lessons in a Journey from Failure to Success." He elaborated on the difference between achieving success in a professional environment and attaining true success, which lies in personal satisfaction. He emphasized that failure should not be viewed as defeat but as a learning opportunity, sharing examples from his own life experiences.

A total of 73 participants, including Rotarians, Rotaractors, Anns, and Annettes, attended the session. Rtn. Subhash G. Kutte proposed the vote of thanks. Rtn. Amol Ghodake was the lucky Rotarian of the week.



WEEK 7: पाटगावचे वैभव

Shri Mouni Maharaj Math is a historical and spiritual site located in Patgaon, a village 84 km from Kolhapur, Maharashtra. It is known as the place where Shivaji Maharaj sought blessings before his southern conquest and where Mouni Maharaj took samadhi in 1686. The math is also associated with the establishment of a separate Kshatra Jagadguru seat by Rajashri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj.

Key Facts:

Location: Patgaon, a village near Kolhapur, Maharashtra.

Historical Significance: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj visited the math in 1676 to seek blessings before his southern campaign.

Samadhi: Mouni Maharaj took his final rest, or samadhi, at this math in 1686.

Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj and the Math: Rajashri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj recognized the historical and religious importance of the math and established a separate Kshatra Jagadguru seat, installing Sadasivrao Patil as its head.

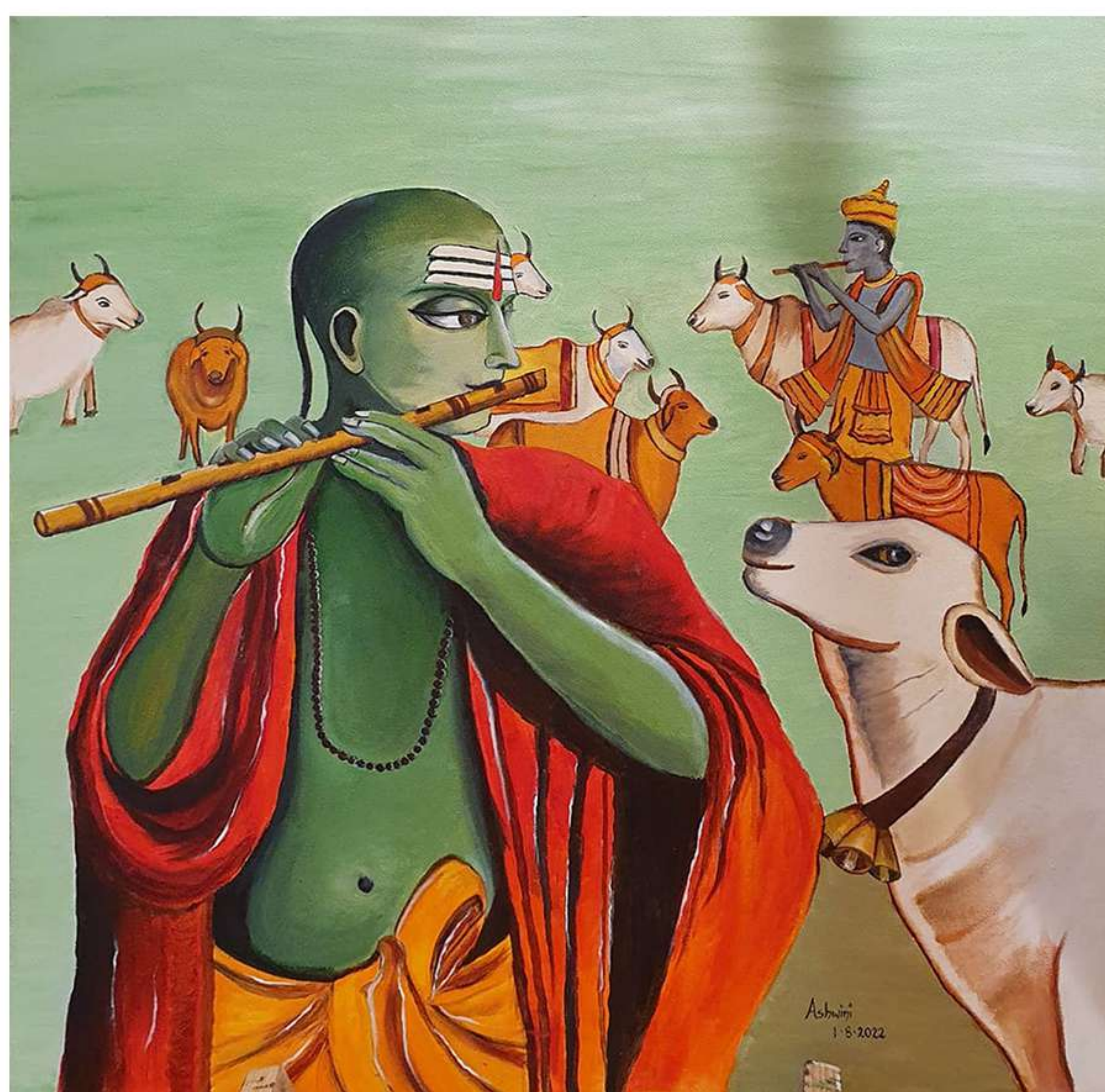
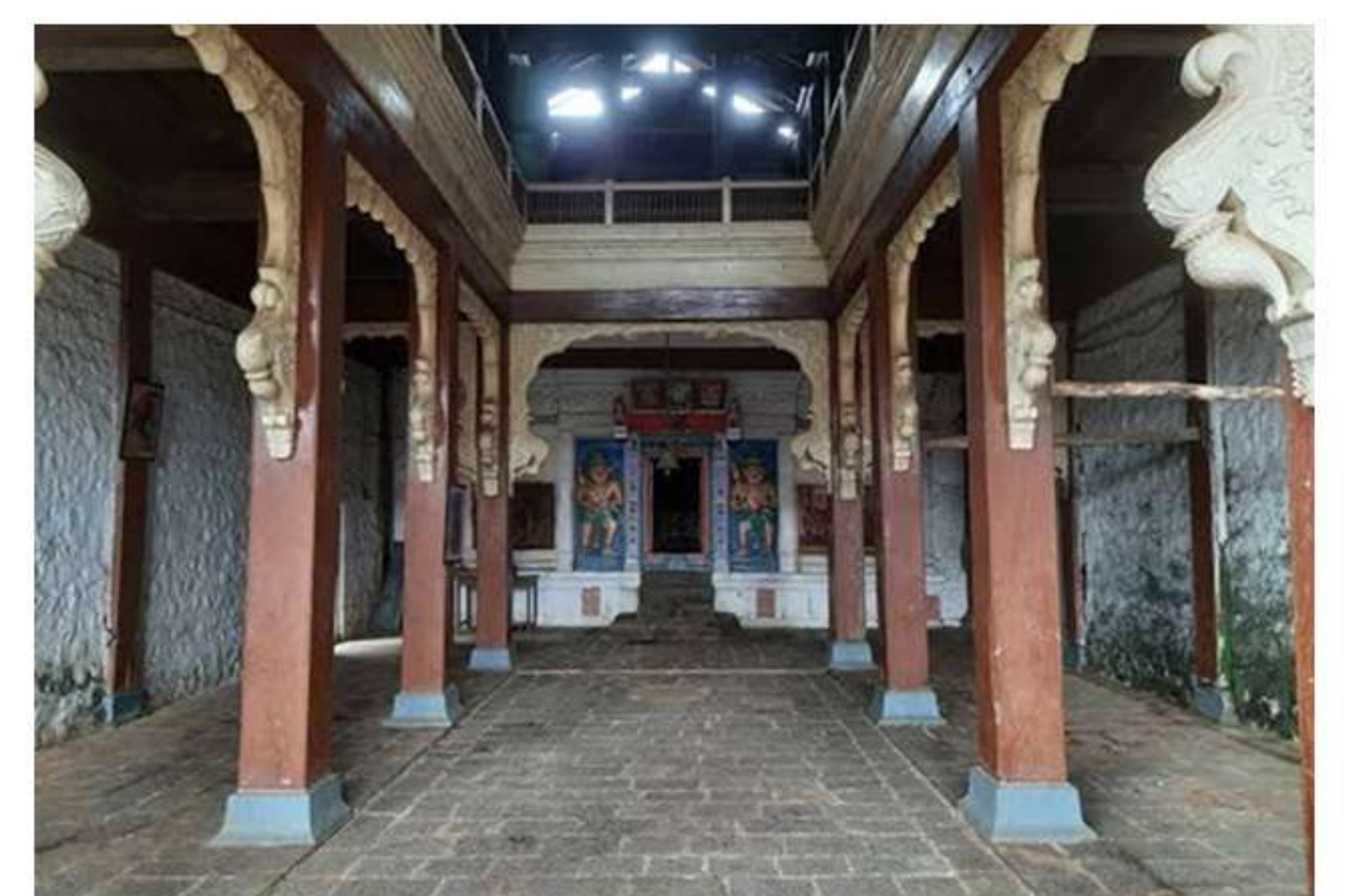
Mouni Vidyapeeth: A Mouni Vidyapeeth was established in Gargoti, near Kolhapur, in 1952, as a memorial to Mouni Maharaj.

More Information: The math is described as a place with "rich history and old-world charm" on Instagram. The construction of the samadhi mandir is believed to have been started by Shivaji Maharaj himself according to a post on Instagram.

The math is also associated with the Nath Panth and the Giri sect of Gosavis. The math is a place where Mouni Maharaj would share religious discourses with the public through Kathakirtan (religious discourse with musical elements).

There is also a mention of Mouni Baba's association with Rishikesh and Kailash Mountain.

Rtn. Amit Mate



Painting by Ann Ashwini Girish Joshi

Zones: Rotary's Bridge to Global Leadership

Rotary International's structure extends beyond clubs and districts, relying on Zones as a crucial layer that connects local leadership with global governance. While clubs are the foundation—where members work together on service projects—and districts are regional clusters led by District Governors, Zones group several districts together. There are currently 34 Zones worldwide, each designed to represent an approximately equal number of Rotarians, though their geographic size can vary considerably.

Zones are periodically reviewed by the Rotary International Board to ensure balanced representation and to adjust for changes in membership or district boundaries. These reviews take place at least every eight years, but minor adjustments can happen annually.

Each pair of Zones elects a Director to the Rotary International Board, ensuring that every region has a voice at the highest levels of decision-making.

Zones 4, 5, 6, and 7 primarily serve India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Maldives, and Bhutan. In India, for instance, districts are grouped into Zones 4, 5, 6, and 7, giving South Asia strong representation at the global level.

The current Rotary International (RI) Directors from India are Flt Lt. K.P. Nagesh and M. Muruganandam. They were appointed for a two-year term (2025-27). K.P. Nagesh is from the Rotary Club of Bangalore Highgrounds, and M. Muruganandam is from the Rotary Club of Bhel City Tiruchirapalli.

TRIVIA TIME

Question:

Who wrote the rotary 4-Way test? What is 4-Way test?

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 is the No. 1 Elephant in India?

Answer: Thechikottukavu Ramachandran (Raman)

Correct answer given by

1. Ann Nikita Gandhi
2. Ann Dhara Sheth
3. Ann Poonam Shah
4. Ann Vaishali Taral
5. Rtn. Dr. Abhijit Haval

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

18 AUG Rtn. Dr. Rajendra Patil

21 AUG Rtn. Upendra Deuskar

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY | 20 AUG 2025 | 5:30 PM

GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. Vijay Kulkarni
M.B.B.S. M.D. Microbiology

Subject : द.आफ्रिकेतील ९० किमी ची
Comrade Marathon Finisher डॉ. विजय
कुलकर्णी यांचेशी संवाद

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

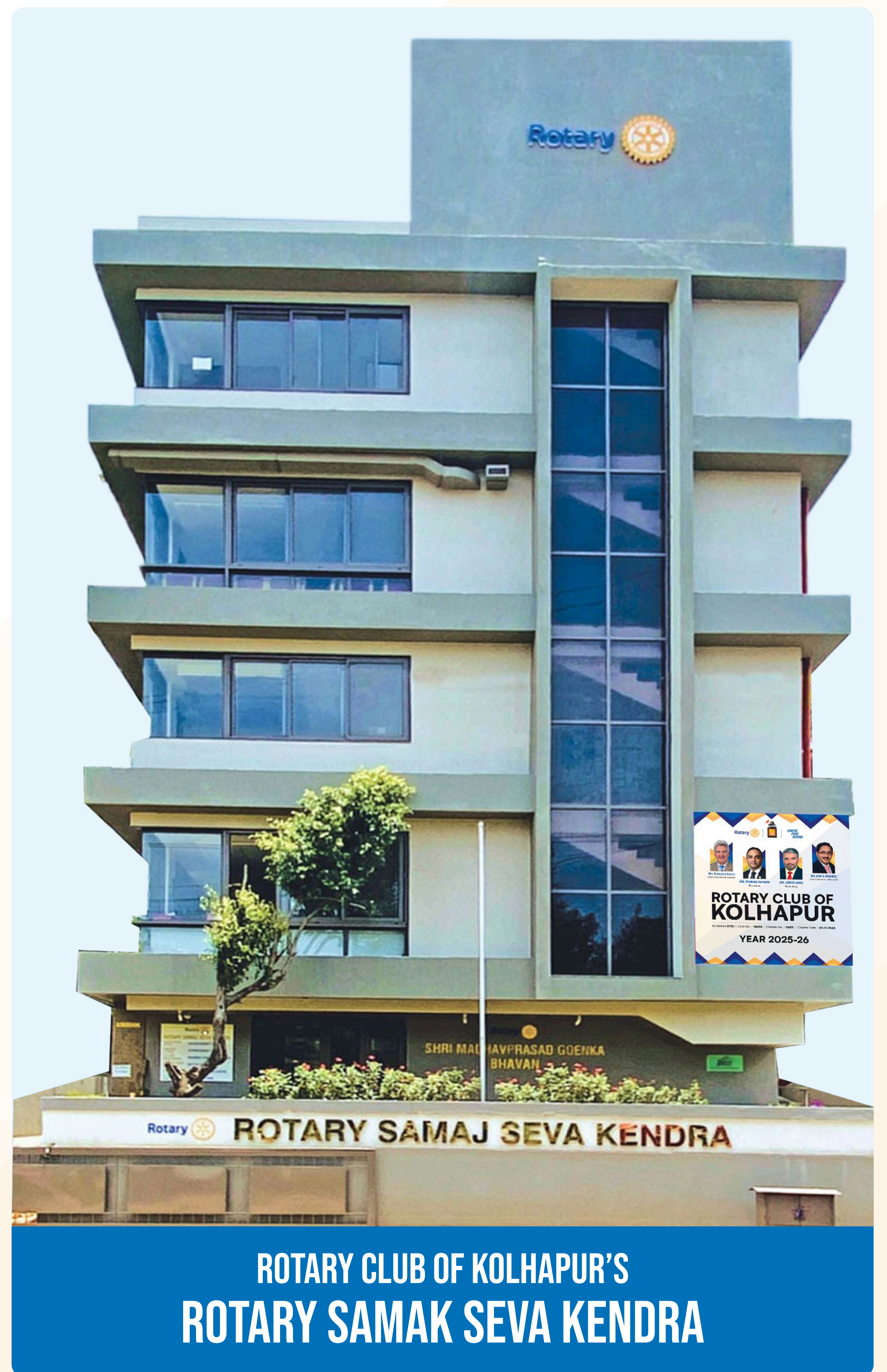
UPCOMING EVENTS

Shravan Bhojan
RSSK

18 Aug

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

19 AUG Rtn. Mahesh Kulkarni & Ann Yogita



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ROTARY SAMAK SEVA KENDRA**

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