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Rotary International President



Rtn. Pradeep Karande
President



Rtn. Nilesh Kutte
Secretary



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

Group Meeting

AUGUST 24, 2025

Kaveri Group member Rtn. Upendra Deuskar organised a Group meeting on the Occasion of his Birthday. 8 group members and 5 invitees, along with the Group Coordinator, Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh attended and enjoyed a sumptuous Breakfast. During the meeting, Rtn. Upendra Deuskar requested group members to suggest for a good weekly speaker who helps to increase attendance during the Club Regular Meeting, as members are interested in listening to a good topic. Also, Rtn. Sumeet Chougule informed the group members about our club organising the badminton tournament in the month of September 2025. Rtn. Omkar Bhagat appealed to the group members to do a small community-based project initiated by their group. Also, Rtn. Omkar Bhagat appealed to the members who haven't paid the club dues to pay the club dues at the earliest. Group meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Rtn. Omkar Bhagat and felicitating Rtn. Upendra Deuskar with a plant.



Board of Directors Meeting

AUGUST 25, 2025

The first Board of Directors meeting was concluded, and a discussion various points as per the agenda. A total of 12 BOD members were present, and the quorum was full



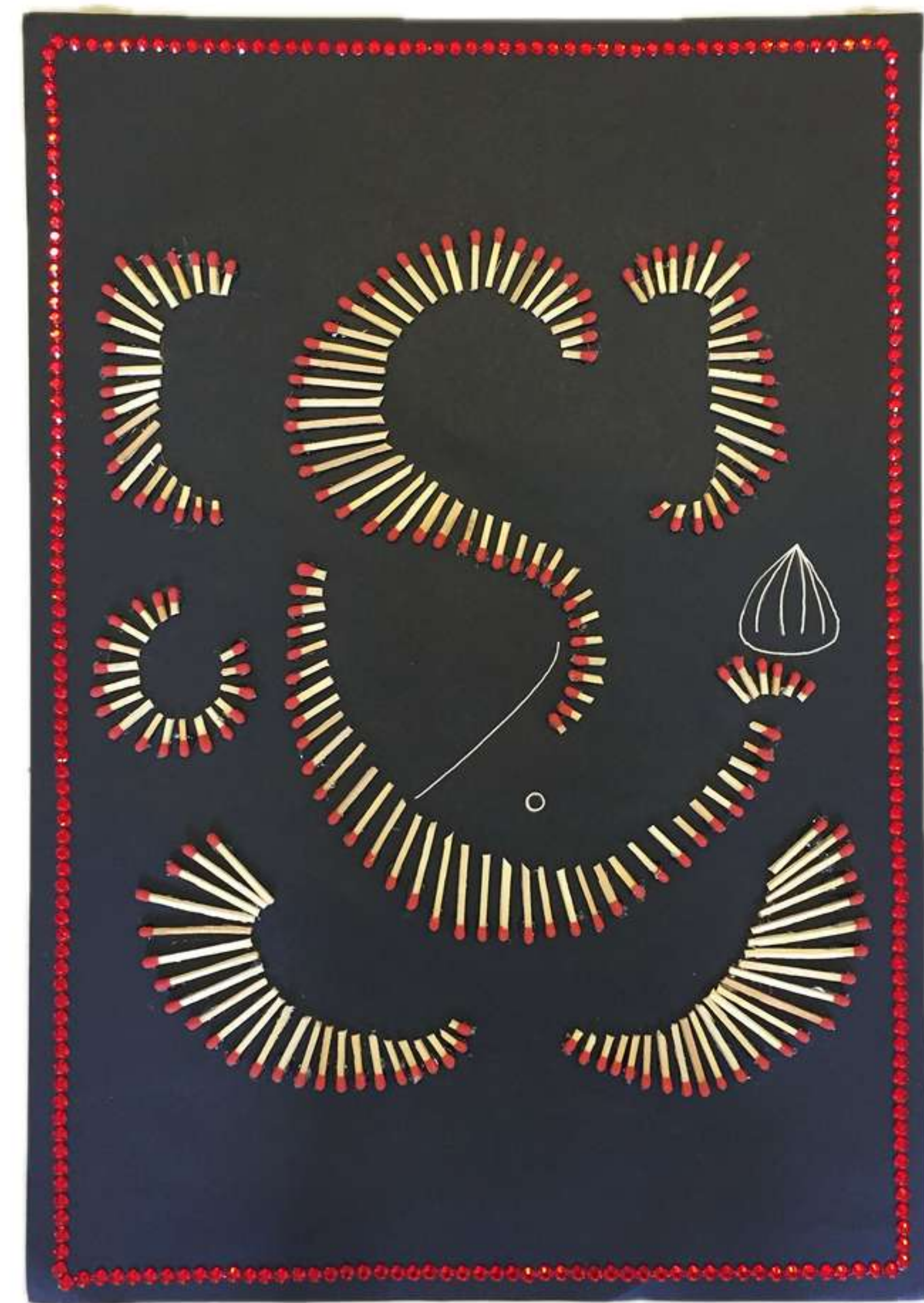
Group Meeting

AUGUST 26, 2025

Godaveri Group member Rtn. Sunita Goenka organised a Group meeting on the Occasion of her Birthday. 12 group members, along with the Group Coordinator, Rtn. Dr. Menghraj Chugh and the joint group Coordinator, Rtn. Pradeep Pasmal attended and enjoyed a sumptuous Breakfast. During the meeting, group members congratulated IPP Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka for receiving the “Club Excellence Award” for the year 2024-25 for the club. Rtn. Asif Tahasildar appealed to the group members to do a small community-based project initiated by their group. Secretary Rtn. Nilesh S Kutte informed the group members on the activities to be conducted in the month of September 2025. Rtn. Arunkumar Goenka requested President Rtn. Pradeep Karande to fast-track the opening of an AOP account, considering our major event of the District Learning Assembly and other fundraising activities. Rtn. Dr. Mandar Patil proposed an activity of vaccination drive for stray dogs to be initiated by the club. Rtn. Chetan Desai appealed to the members who haven’t paid the club dues yet to pay them at the earliest. Group meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Rtn. Chetan Desai and felicitating Rtn. Sunita Goenka with a plant.



MEMBERS' CORNER



Ganesha made using Match Sticks by Ann Nikita Gandhi



PAST PRESIDENT:
**RTN. DR. MENGHRAJ
CHUGH**

My journey as President of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur began at a time unlike any other – in the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic. At first, many of us believed our activities would remain limited to online meetings and virtual gatherings. But I was determined that the wheel of Rotary must never stop turning. With the wisdom and guidance of our esteemed Past Presidents, I found the courage and direction to turn challenges into opportunities.

One of the biggest hurdles we faced was the lack of a leadership ladder and strong bonding among members. I made it my mission to build a committed team – one that could not only lead today but also shape the future. Today, I take pride in saying that our club now has both a solid leadership ladder and stronger fellowship among members, ensuring that Rotary in Kolhapur continues to thrive.

The year was not without its tests – the floods, the pressing need for vaccination drives, and the constant uncertainty of the pandemic. Yet, it was during these very moments that our spirit of service shone brightest. The vaccination drive became the much-needed project of the year – a challenge that transformed into one of our proudest contributions to society. Another milestone introduced for the first time “The Mobile Mortuary Freezer Project”, a unique and a signature facility in Kolhapur. This initiative truly reflected Rotary’s ability to identify and act upon critical community needs.

We also made a conscious shift towards self-sufficiency. Instead of depending on partnerships, we successfully executed impactful projects like the Cataract Surgeries, Artificial Limb Camps and Job Fairs reinforcing our identity as a strong and independent force for good.

We had the honor of welcoming The Acting Rotary International President Rtn. Shekhar Mehta to the Rotary Samaj Seva Kendra. There were also moments of joy and celebration – we introduced new traditions such as hosting a “Dandiya Night”, which brought members and families together in a spirit of festivity and fellowship, and proudly amplified our Polio Awareness Campaign across Kolhapur. Another deeply fulfilling accomplishment was constructing a much-needed toilet facility at the Police Ground, entirely funded through club donations – a simple yet powerful initiative that touched lives and earned the heartfelt appreciation of both the police and the public.

Looking back, my year as President was defined by resilience, innovation, and above all, teamwork. None of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts and unwavering support of every member of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur. Together, we proved that even in the toughest of times, Rotary’s spirit of service, fellowship, and leadership can light the way forward.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

03 SEP Rtn. Girish Karnawat

06 SEP Rtn. Pritesh Karnawat

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY | 03 SEPT 2025 | 5:00 PM

Club Business Meeting

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teachers Excellence Awards
RSSK

03 Sept



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ROTARY CLUB OF KOLHAPUR

WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 5.30 PM

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