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## ICONIC SPOTS OF DISTRICT 3080

Established as Imperial Forest Research Institute in 1906, the Forest Research Institute (FRI) Dehradun hosts the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), the staff college that trains officers selected for the Indian Forest Service (IFS).

Styled in Greco-Roman Architecture by C.G. Blomfield, the main building was inaugurated in 1929 by then Viceroy Freeman Freeman-Thomas, 1st Marquess of Willingdon. It is now a National Heritage Site.

# Peace Month **FEBRUARY**



**February stands as a cornerstone in Rotary International's calendar, designated as Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution Month.** This observance underscores Rotary's unwavering dedication to fostering global harmony through proactive service.

**February marks the anniversary of Rotary's founding on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, celebrated as World Understanding and Peace Day.** This date inspires Rotarians worldwide to honour the organization's century-long commitment to service, volunteerism, and global harmony. Clubs often use it to promote public image through events and community outreach.

From pre-WWI resolutions for peace maintenance to WWII's "Rotary Amid World Conflict" statement, Rotary has championed goodwill. Post 1945, it holds top UN consultative status, supporting forums and peace programs since 1988. **The 1921 Object of Rotary enshrined international peace, evolving into today's sustainable peacebuilding efforts.**

Rotarians host workshops, speaker series, and service projects during February, such

as refugee aid drives and youth leadership camps. Districts amplify impact with campaigns like peace scholarship funds and public awareness events, often logging thousands of volunteer hours. Online resources from Rotary's Learning Center provide accessible courses on de-escalation techniques.

**Rotary Peace Centres at universities worldwide empower fellows as "leaders and catalysts for peace" via studies in human rights, global health, and conflict resolution.**

High-impact Global Grants fund scalable projects, from water access in conflict zones to trauma counselling in post-war regions. These align with Rotary's seven focus areas, ensuring measurable outcomes like reduced violence and empowered communities.

**In an era of persistent geopolitical tensions, February rallies 1.2 million Rotarians to model respect amid diversity. By addressing disparities proactively, Rotary builds resilient societies where peace endures.**

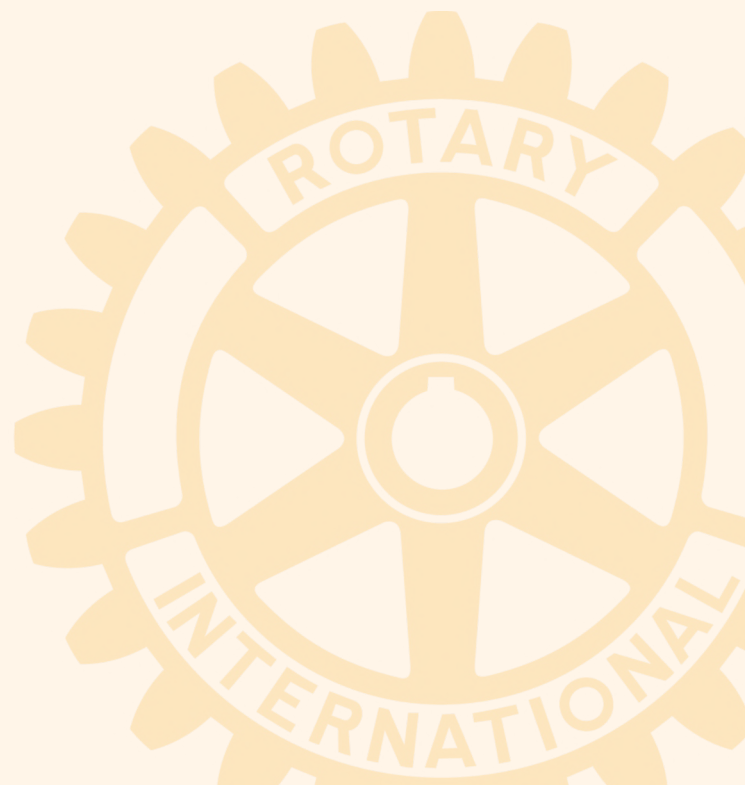
This month invites every club to ignite conversations, fund scholars, and serve those bridging divides, proving that ordinary people can forge extraordinary change.

Peace demands action through listening deeply, bridging gaps and serving selflessly.

**Every hand extended weaves the fabric of a more harmonious world.**

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# Presidential Message – February 2026



At last month's International Assembly, President-elect Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola called on members of the Rotary world to live out our presidential message for the 2026-27 Rotary year: Create Lasting Impact.

This February, as we observe Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we have an opportunity to channel Yinka's call to action into real change.

Peace is not simply the absence of war. A life free from conflict but marked by hunger, instability, or the inability to care for one's family is not true peace. Peace requires liberty, opportunity, and respect for human dignity. Yet fear often blocks that path — fear of change, of cultural loss, of people we don't understand.

*Fear isn't defeated through avoidance or aggression. Knowledge is the first step toward peace. Rotary embraces this idea. Our Rotary Peace Centers and their peace fellows, along with other peace education initiatives, demonstrate how knowledge builds trust and helps communities find solutions to conflict.*

In Colombia, decades of conflict have left deep wounds. The 2025 Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale awardee, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity, partners with the United Nations World Food Programme to expand opportunity, improve conflict resolution, and connect people with social services. Its goal is to break cycles of violence, poverty, and food insecurity so peace can take root.

## Presidential Message – February 2026

*In Maharashtra, India, People of Action honoree Swati Herkal built peace through prosperity. Her project confronted farmers' declining soil health, rising debt, and illness caused by chemical fertilizers. She and her Rotary partners launched a regenerative agriculture program that revitalized the land, lowered costs, and restored stability. More than 1,100 farmers now participate and over 50 villages have adopted the model.*

Rotary also advances peace by restoring dignity. In Chad, Rotary Peace Fellow Domino Frank discovered that more than 1,500 women who fought in a rebellion had been erased from reintegration programs. His advocacy led to Chad's first Rotary Foundation global grant and the creation of Corridors of Peace. More than 100 women — triple the goal — completed literacy and vocational training and formed a cooperative to support their families.

From Colombia to India to Chad, the lesson is clear: Peace is not a dream. It is the result of sustained action with a focus on true, lasting impact. To replicate these successes, Rotary clubs can take three steps: Learn from peace fellows and other peace experts in our organization, apply a peacebuilding lens to community assessments, and prioritize impact over ceremony.

In a world filled with fear, Rotary cannot be satisfied with half-measures and empty

words. If we are truly people of action, then action must define us. Together, we can Create Lasting Impact — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.



*Francesco Crezzo*

**RI President 2025-26**



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# Message from The District Governor

My Dear Rotary 3080 Family,

February arrives as Rotary's sacred Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month, offering a gentle reminder that true service begins where swords yield to words. On World Understanding and Peace Day, February 23, we honor Rotary's birth in 1905, when Paul Harris and fellow visionaries dared dream of harmony amid a discordant world. This turned out to be a timeless call to transform division into unity.

Peace is no distant horizon; it blooms from understanding's seed. As Rumi whispered, "Beyond the ideas of wrongdoing and right-doing, there is a field. I'll meet you there." Let District 3080 embody this field where clubs bridge divides through patient dialogue, dissolve internal and external grudges, and shared service silences strife. Our arms extended in fellowship eventually weave the fragile thread that binds humanity.

In Haridwar's eternal Ganges flow, Kshitij – Beyond the Horizon (February 28–March 1) beckons as our District Conference. Here, under the theme HUM – Humanity Unites Mankind, fellowship, friendship, and laughter will remind us that joy disarms even the deepest conflict. Gather amid sacred serenity for inspiration, reflection, and renewed faith in our beautiful organization.

I hope to see every one of you there!  
Let this February awaken the peacemaker in us all.  
Together, we forge peace that echoes eternally.

In Rotary service,



*Ravi Prakash*

**District Governor**



# Message from The First Lady



My Dearest Rotary Partner Sisters and Fellow Rotarians,

As February graces us with Rotary's Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month, my heart turns to the quiet strength of our homes — the cradle of true harmony. While Rotarians build bridges in the world, we women nurture peace within, teaching our children that differences are threads in life's beautiful tapestry, not walls to divide us.

Imagine peace as a mother's lamp, glowing softly amid storms. In District 3080 families, let's light this lamp through bedtime and lounge stories of kindness, family circles resolving little quarrels, and shared spaces where every voice matters. Our gentle hands dissolve grudges before they grow, weaving humanity's golden bond.

I hope to meet you all at Kshitij, our District Conference on 28th February and 1st March.

I invite you to bring your families and let your children dance in Haridwar's magic as we all rediscover Rotary's joyful heartbeat.

This isn't merely going to be an event; it's where our small families become one big family.

With warm regards,  
In Rotary service,

*Shalini Prakash*

*Shalini Prakash*

**DG Partner**

# Editorial

Hey District 3080 Rotarians!

February's here, and it's our Peace Month vibe – that time to celebrate how we build bridges, squash conflicts, and spread goodwill in our own backyard. Looking back at January's projects? Wow, you all knocked it out of the park!

Think about it: Rotary's big on peace not just as "no fighting," but real stuff like fairness, health, and hope for everyone. Your clubs ran killer medical camps, hooked up schools with better education, toilets, clean water, and fun learning spots. These aren't just "projects" – they're straight-up peace builders, tackling inequality before it blows up.



As Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month rolls on, let's pat ourselves on the back for listening to communities, jumping in with heart, and getting stuff done humbly and quick. You're living that Rotary magic!

Big shoutout and congrats to every club prez, secretary, project lead, Rotarian, family member, and contributor who made January shine. Thanks for sharing your stories, pics, and reports – they've got these GML pages buzzing with inspiration!

Keep the momentum going this month: chat more openly, team up wider, and dream bigger for a fairer, chiller world. Service Above Self? You're owning it, 3080 style!

*Scheb Malik*

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**District Editor 2025–26**

## *A Champion Of Change Honored*

**Past President of Rotary Club Chandigarh, Rtn. Hassan Mejie was conferred the Republic Day Award for Social Work on 26th January by District Administration of Fatehgarh Sahib.**

**Mr. Hassan Mejie, who is the Managing Trustee of Mehar Baba Charitable Trust (MBCT), at Basis Pathana, District Fatehgarh Sahib in Punjab, under which he has adopted 187 villages**

The recognition is a reflection of Mr. Mejie's commitment to making a difference in the lives of others and his passion for serving humanity.

Mr. Mejie's dedication to serving humanity is evident through MBCT's various initiatives, including healthcare services, education, and women empowerment programs.

Under his leadership, MBCT has been working relentlessly to bring about positive change in the lives of people, particularly in rural areas. The Trust's efforts have not only improved the health and well-being of the community but also empowered women and promoted education.

MBCT is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving humanity through various initiatives, including healthcare services, education, and women empowerment programmes, besides running a Hockey Academy.

**With a focus on rural development, the Trust has been working tirelessly to improve the lives of people in Fatehgarh Sahib and surrounding areas.**



# Samvaad – Mid Term President's Review

Roorkee, Uttarakhand | GLIMPSES



# ...Samvaad – Mid Term President's Review



# Kshitij – Beyond The Horizon

## Upcoming District Conference

Rotary International District 3080 prepares for a landmark event with "Kshitij – Beyond the Horizon," its District Conference for Rotary Year 2025-26. Set for February 28 and March 1, 2026, at the BHEL Convention Centre in Haridwar, the gathering will unite several hundred Rotarians from across District 3080 in a dynamic celebration of service and fellowship.

Haridwar's spiritual ambiance along the Ganges elevates this conference beyond routine proceedings. The venue's modern facilities host sessions blending inspiration, entertainment, and networking against a backdrop of sacred serenity. This fusion of this year's theme, "HUM – Humanity Unites Mankind," with the city's divine aura promises profound reflection and rejuvenation for attendees and spouses.

Past RI Director Rtn. Mahesh Kotbagi will serve as RI President's Representative for the District Conference, accompanied by his gracious spouse. RI Director-Elect Rtn. Gurjeet Singh Sekhon and his spouse have also promised to join to share insights on leadership and impact. Eminent personalities and motivational speakers will enlighten the delegates.

Swami Baba Ramdev Ji's presence with Acharya Balkrishna Ji is expected; his wellness teachings resonate with Rotary's health initiatives. His participation would infuse proceedings with timeless wisdom, aligning service with holistic well-being.

*Confirmed distinguished artists include the following for special performances at the District Conference:*

**RJ Naved, famed for his humorous Mirchi Murga radio skits**



**Arun Gemini, International Humour Poet weaving laughter & philosophy**



**Angad Singh Ranyal, Celebrated Stand-up Comedian**



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# ...Kshitij - Beyond The Horizon

Other special guests include:

**Bhavya Trikha, Actress and Model**



**Prakash Belawadi, Actor, Director and Social Activist**



**Major D. P. Singh, Blade Runner and Kargil Veteran**



and many more...

Evenings will feature music, dance, and cultural shows, fostering relaxation and lasting connections.

Sessions will offer high-impact workshops, exceptional cuisine, and vibrant fellowship.

Spouse programs explore Haridwar's heritage, including Ganga Aarti and wellness activities, making it family-friendly.

Early registration supports seamless planning. Delegates may assist the organizers by making timely payments to the following bank account:

Bank: Indian Bank, Roorkee Branch

Account: Rotary 3080 District Conference

Account Number: 8225938498

IFSC Code: IDIB000R652

**QR Code for Payment:**



**UPI ID: 8225938498@indianbk**

Alternatively, delegates may deposit the amount in cash with their respective Assistant Governor.

After payment, delegates should complete registration by filling the Google Form at the link below:

**<https://forms.gle/aVxuCnPzmQSZDLjE6>**

(Copy and Paste the above in your browser)

**For queries, contact District Executive Secretary Rtn. Pankaj Pandey via Call or WhatsApp.**

Attendees can expect transformative dialogues and joyful camaraderie. The event spotlights district achievements while igniting passion for future projects.

As Rotary marks its 121st year, **Kshitij** will reinforce District 3080's role in India's service landscape. Rooted in Haridwar's sanctity, it will inspire bolder actions, stronger bonds, and measurable change — proving Rotary's power to transcend horizons.

**The District Team and the Hosts eagerly await welcoming all delegates to Haridwar.**



**Rotary Action Group  
Against Slavery**



The Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS) was launched informally at the Rotarian International Convention in 2009 in Birmingham, England, when Mark Little, supported by Stephen Sypula, and Harry Payne, moved to put slavery back on RI's agenda. With the support of all DG in RIBI, and motions to two Councils of Legislation, the dissolution of slavery was once again at the forefront of Rotary International's goal. Twenty-four people expressed an early interest in creating a child slavery action body within Rotary International. January 2013 RAGAS, was formally recognized as a Rotarian Action Group by the Rotary International (RI) Board. Mr. Dave McCleary was appointed worldwide Vice Chair of Rotarians Against Slavery with the mission to engage 1.2 million Rotarians and 35,000 clubs on over 200 countries to take on the issues of ending modern-day slavery.

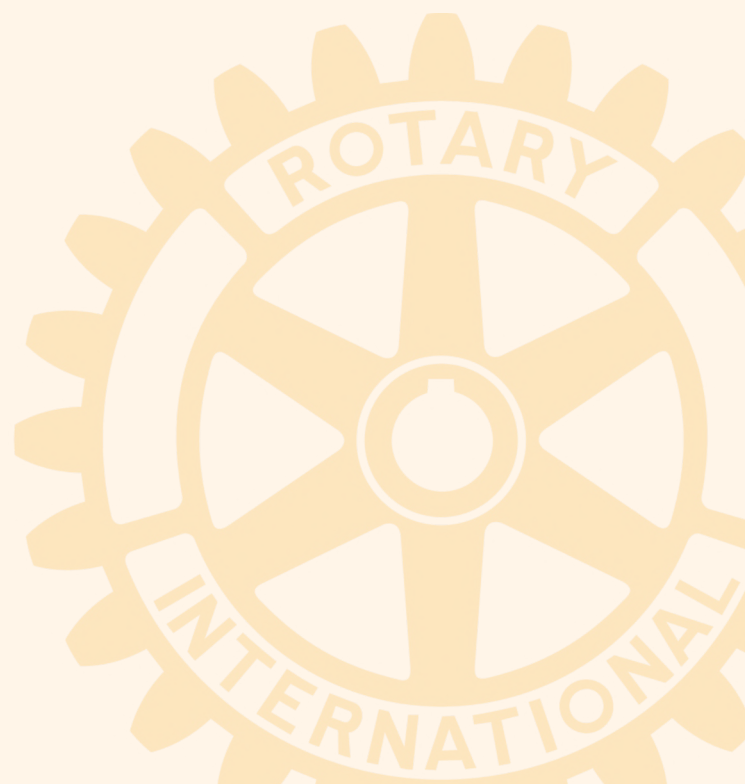
The Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery has Rotarian members in over 65 countries. The Action Group's Theory of Change commands how we believe we can make our mission a reality. Through awareness and prevention education of the human trafficking/modern slavery issue and membership, RAGAS can activate Rotarians/Rotary Clubs to serve their communities to help lessen their vulnerability to human trafficking/modern slavery. Rotary has proven that it can best affect change within communities by relying on Rotarian's understanding and knowledge of their own local communities to determine how they are best served.

Once identified, then RAGAS can share and better help to coordinate successful projects, connect local partners, and promote Rotary's 7 areas of focus, ultimately helping to reduce the risk of human trafficking/modern slavery.

No other organization has the sphere of influence like Rotary, with the ability to be focused at the local level while operating at a global level.

Through Rotary's influence and strength, RAGAS will continue to globally network one community at a time for real and lasting impact, change, and hope to end Human Trafficking/Modern Slavery.

*For More Details: <https://ragas.online>*



# Pause...

**By Brig D. S. Dhillon**

I can think of several times in my life I wish I had practiced the pause in my life, and I cannot think of a single time I am glad where I didn't.

Nothing good ever comes from a snap response, a snap judgment, or a snap reaction.

Reacting harshly to anything only leads to us doing and saying things we will later regret. Here, I am reminded of a fable.

A young artist once visited a legendary master known for painting lifelike landscapes that seemed to breathe. "Master," he said, "I've studied all the techniques. I've copied your strokes. I've practiced every day. But my art still feels... dead. What's missing?"

The old master handed him a paintbrush. "This brush," he whispered, "is magical. It only comes alive when the artist listens more than he paints."

Confused, the young artist dipped the brush in color and began his work - carefully, deliberately, mechanically.

The painting looked neat... but lifeless. The master shook his head gently. "Now try again, but this time, pause before every stroke. Listen to the silence. Listen to the story the canvas wants to tell. Let the painting guide your hand, not your mind." The boy hesitated... then followed. Slowly, the strokes became softer... bolder... freer. The canvas transformed.

The painting now felt something. Tears welled up in the young artist's eyes. "It wasn't the brush, was it?" he whispered. The master smiled. "No. It was you - once you paused, stopped painting and started listening, the magic happened."



In communication, as in art, it's not always about what you say, but how deeply you listen.

**When you tune in fully, your words become more than speech... they become connection. Because transformation often begins... in the pause.**

**Practice the pause and take advantage of the power of the pause and the happiness it can bring when implemented.**

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# Rotary Fellowships F.O.R.M

## Rotary



**Promoting Fellowship among Rotarian Magicians Advancing the Ideals and Objectives of Rotary with Magic**

The Fellowship of Rotarian Magicians started in the early 60's under the guidance of a Clergy Rotarian who struggled to keep it alive. It vanished in the late 70's and in 1992, it magically reappeared under the guidance of Past District 5550 Governor, Jim Toth, a Clergyman and educator from the Rotary Club of Regina, in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Jim was encouraged to resurrect the Fellowship by Rotary International after his year as District Governor in 1990-1991. Jim was also instrumental in chartering The Probus Club of Regina.

Bringing us into the 21st Century, FORM members, Stan Sorrentino (Rotary Club of Providence, RI, USA) and Jim Lang (Rotary Club of Trumbull, CT, USA, now, Rotary Club of New Holland, PA, USA), reorganized the Fellowship, updated the constitution and initiated electronic communications. They sought the guidance of several RI Directors and the Immediate Past Chair of Rotary Fellowships, PRIVP Abraham Gordon, also a member of FORM. Both Jim & Stan worked diligently to cultivate membership, promote the fellowship and grow the Fellowship. The Fellowship of Rotarian Magicians shared a booth with the Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship at the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary

Foundation. FORM members performed magic as wine appreciation was discussed.

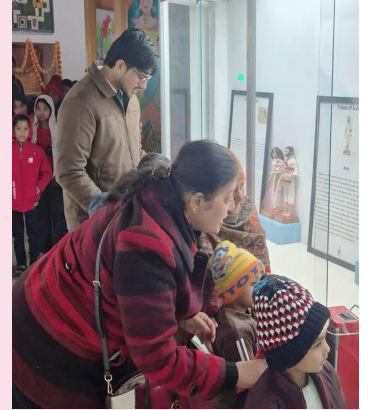
*Trivia:*

*International Magician's Day is celebrated on January 31st in remembrance of Saint John Bosco, also known as Don Bosco, a famous figure in Catholicism, considered the patron saint of magicians. The date aims to highlight this profession, which uses illusion, skill, entertainment, and innovation to amaze audiences of all.*



## RC CHANDIGARH

Sweater Distribution at Govt School Saketri



TB Nutritional Kit Distribution at HWC Sector 45, Chandigarh



## RC DEHRADUN CENTRAL

Installation of Rotary Peace Pole at IMS Unison University



Peace Summit at IMS Unison University



Makar Sankranti Celebrations



# RC DEHRADUN CENTRAL ... continued...

## Republic Day Celebrations



## Garments Distribution



## Solar Light



## School Bags Distribution



## Various Co-Pilot Projects



# RC DOON SHIVALIK HILLS

## Clothes Distribution



## Makar Sankranti Celebrations



## Bhandara – Co-Pilot Project



## Foodgrains – Co-Pilot Project



## Peace Pole Installation



# RC KARNAL

Lohri and Makar Sankranti Celebrated with Inmates



Republic Day Celebrations



# RC KARNAL MIDTOWN

Lohri Celebrations



Bhandara



Independence Day Celebration



# RC KHARAR

Traffic reflectors & Installation of Rotary Wheel



# RC MOHALI MIDTOWN

Lohri Celebrations at Old Age Home



# RC PAONTA SAHIB

Mega Cervical Vaccination Camp



1000 Boxes of Protein Powder and 2000 units of Multi Vitamins handed over for TB patients



Installation of Rotary Wheel



# RC ROOPNAGAR

### Blood Donation Camp



### Distribution of Blankets



### Distribution of Hot Water Bags



### Distribution of School Uniform Sweaters



### Distribution of TB Diet



### Distribution of Shoes To School Students



### Clothes & Blanket to New Born



# RC ROORKEE CENTRAL

### Sweater Distribution in Kasturba Gandhi Government School, Bajuheri



### Reflector Tape Road Safety Project



# RC ROORKEE ELITE

### Organized a Drawing Competition and donated a Dari at GPS Shankarpuri, Roorkee



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कड़की। कड़की की ठंड से बचाव के लिए रोटरी क्लब कड़की एलिट को ओर से रोटरियन मित्र राकेश्वर शर्माक विद्यार्थियों में काली को मॉडर्न, रूढ़ि, टैगोर, टैगोर, टैगोर का स्वयंसेवा कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य छात्रों को गर्म कपड़े बांटना और उनके स्वास्थ्य को सुरक्षित रखना है। कार्यक्रम में 100 से अधिक छात्रों को कपड़े बांटे गए। कार्यक्रम के अध्यक्ष डॉ. अरुण शर्मा और प्रमुख रोटरीयन डॉ. पी. शर्मा के कार्य को सराहना की गई।

# RC ROORKEE MIDTOWN

Month Long Signature Project – Rotary Ki Chai

Blanket Distribution



Distribution of 115 school bags and handover of electrician's work done at RMP Kanya Vidyalaya, Narsan



# RC ROPAR CENTRAL

Schoolbags Distribution

Awareness Drive

Tree Plantation



Stationery & Uniforms Distribution

Republic Day Celebrations



# RC SILVERCITY MOHALI

Traffic Rules and Road Safety Awareness Project



# RC SHAHABAD MARKANDA

Donation of 100 Bags Cement Mega Distribution of Used Clothes



Emergency Response Lectures and Health Checkup Camp



Republic Day Celebrations and Cycles Donation



Lohri Celebrations



Welcoming Nagar Kirtan



Cancer Screening Camp

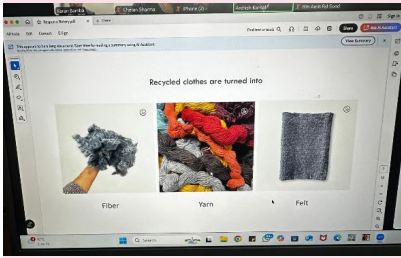


Career Guidance Lecture



# RC SHIMLA

### Awareness Talk on Textile Waste Management



### Blood Donation Camp



### Blankets Distribution by Co - Pilots



### E Learning Path-shala at Sarvodaya Baal Ashram



### Cloth Distribution Drive



### Milk Bag Collection Project



# RC SHIMLA HILL QUEENS

### Nutrition Kits to TB Patients



### Lohri Celebration at Hingiri Bal Ashram



### PRASHRAY I - Serving Nutritious Meals



### Blood Donation Camp



### PRASHRAY - II



### Providing a 3-month supply of diapers in a remote area





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