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#### With heart and mind

o adapt, as laid out in Rotary's Action
Plan, we must occasionally step out of our
comfort zone and try something new. Here
are two examples of clubs that adapted —
one with heart and one through critical thinking
and strategy.

The Rotary Club of Chandigarh Mid Town, India, led with heart earlier this year. To engage members and grow membership, Club President Nitin Kapur personally called every former member of the club and invited them to a gathering billed as an alumni meetup.

Eight former members attended, and the results were stupendous. The visitors had a chance to connect once more — not only with current members but with the sense of camaraderie and belonging that membership gave them. By the end of the evening, the club welcomed six of the former members back into the Rotary family.

Club President Kapur showed courage when he reached out to the alumni. Not only did he adapt and try something new but he had the strength of character to show the club's alumni how much they still meant to the family of Rotary. That bravery paid off.

People want to feel needed and appreciated. People want to feel that they belong. And they might never feel that way if we don't have the courage to tell them.

Meanwhile, the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hansoo, Korea, has been experimenting with different club models to great effect. Over the past four years, Seoul-Hansoo has created and maintained four satellite clubs — a service club, an interest-based club for musicians, a cause-based club that mentors professionals, and a club for college students.

These satellite clubs are part of a five-year plan the Seoul-Hansoo club implemented to increase membership through innovation.

What's the secret to founding and maintaining so many satellite clubs? Membership between Seoul-Hansoo and its satellite clubs is fluid and synergistic. Many members of the satellite clubs attend the sponsor club's meetings. And many of the sponsor club's members participate in the satellite clubs.

Additionally, the focus of each satellite club is no accident. Each one appeals to different interests of people in the sponsor club and in the community, attracting existing and potential members. This is an excellent strategy to both retain and attract members because it offers flexibility. If someone is interested in joining but they can't make it to the sponsor club's meetings, they have plenty of options to choose from.

These are just two examples of how we can adapt with our hearts and minds. Every club is different, so I encourage you to reach out to members of your club and of the community around you. Ask them about the club experience and what you can do to improve.

Talk to enough people and you might find ways that you can adapt and spark *The Magic of Rotary* in your club.

STEPHANIE A. URCHICK

President, Rotary International

For resources on engaging and growing membership, visit rotary.org/ membership.



ecember is recognized by Rotary International as Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, emphasizing the organization's commitment to addressing global health challenges. It provides an opportunity for Rotary clubs to engage in impactful initiatives, such as health camps, awareness drives, and support for differently-abled individuals, while continuing efforts like polio eradication. This theme also aligns with global observances like World AIDS Day and the International Day of Disabled Persons, inspiring Rotarians to create healthier, more inclusive communities.

Clubs can highlights practical ways to engage in impactful activities to advance Rotary's mission.

**POLIO ERADICATION**: Polio remains Rotary's flagship health initiative, reflecting decades of effort to eliminate this crippling disease globally. While great strides have been made, continued vigilance is necessary.

HEALTH CAMPS AND AWARENESS:

Clubs are encouraged to host medical camps addressing essential health needs such as dental, vision, and general medical checkups. These camps also educate communities about preventive measures to avoid chronic diseases like diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease.

**SUPPORT FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED INDIVIDUALS**: Clubs can distribute assistive devices such as wheelchairs, calipers, and prosthetic limbs to enhance mobility and independence for people living with disabilities, including polio survivors.

#### **CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION:**

Raising awareness about lifestyle modifications, such as balanced nutrition

and regular exercise, is vital to reducing risks associated with obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases. Campaigns can focus on providing underprivileged communities with the knowledge and resources needed for a healthier life.

#### COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS:

Partnerships with healthcare professionals, local governments, and non-governmental organizations amplify the impact of Rotary's initiatives. For example, constructing healthcare infrastructure or supporting vaccination drives can have a lasting effect on community health.

WORLD AIDS DAY (DECEMBER 1): Activities may include awareness drives about HIV prevention and treatment options.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABLED PERSONS (DECEMBER 3): This day is an opportunity to highlight the importance of inclusion and support for people with disabilities.

Rotary members with specialized expertise can join Rotary Action Groups to tackle global health challenges collaboratively. Groups focus on areas like blindness prevention, diabetes, mental health, and hearing care, providing an avenue for Rotarians to engage in impactful projects.

By focusing on disease prevention and treatment, Rotary clubs fulfill their commitment to creating healthier communities while demonstrating compassion and service. Clubs in District 3080 are urged to share their success stories and inspire others with innovative ideas to address health disparities.

Rajpal Singh, District Governor RID 3080

#### FIRST LADY OF THE DISTRICT



INDERBIR KAUR



"रोटरी सेवा का वह माध्यम हैं, जहाँ निस्वार्थ भाव से जुड़े हर सदस्य का प्रयास समाज में बदलाव की रोशनी फैलाता है। साथ मिलकर काम करने से न केवल सपने साकार होते हैं, बिटक सेवा का असली अर्थ समझ में आता



प्रिय रोटरी परिवार,

टरी के साथ मेरा जुड़ाव मेरे जीवन का एक महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा बन चुका है। इस संस्था के साथ बिताए हुए समय ने मुझे यह एहसास दिलाया है कि सेवा का सही अर्थ क्या है और कैसे एकजुट होकर हम समाज में बड़े परिवर्तन ला सकते हैं। रोटरी के आदर्श 'सेवा स्वयं से ऊपर' ने न केवल मुझे प्रेरित किया है बल्कि मेरे जीवन को भी एक नई दिशा दी है। जब मैंने रोटरी क्लबों के कार्यों को करीब से देखा, तो मुझे गर्व महसूस हुआ कि हमारा डिस्ट्रिक्ट 3080 ऐसे क्लबों से भरा हुआ है जो निस्वार्थ भाव से काम कर रहे हैं। हर क्लब अपने आप में अनोखा है। कोई शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में काम कर रहा है, तो कोई स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं को मजबूत बना रहा है। महिला सशक्तिकरण, पर्यावरण संरक्षण और युवा विकास जैसे क्षेत्रों में भी रोटरी क्लबों का योगदान अत्यंत सराहनीय है।

हर क्लब के प्रेसीडेंट, सचिव और अन्य अधिकारी जिस समर्पण के साथ अपनी भूमिका निभाते हैं, वह वास्तव में प्रेरणादायक है। उनकी नेतृत्व क्षमता और सेवा भावना क्लब के हर सदस्य को प्रेरित करती है। मैं जब भी किसी क्लब का दौरा करती हूँ, तो वहां के सदस्यों की ऊर्जा और उत्साह देखकर अत्यंत खुशी होती है। हर सदस्य अपनी-अपनी जिम्मेदारियों को पूरे दिल से निभाते हुए, समाज के हर वर्ग तक मदद पहुँचाने का प्रयास करता है।

हमारे डिस्ट्रिक्ट गवर्नर, रोटेरियन राजपाल सिंह जी का नेतृत्व इस वर्ष बहुत ही प्रेरणादायक और प्रगतिशील रहा है। उनकी सोच, दृष्टि और कार्यशैली ने पूरे डिस्ट्रिक्ट को एक नई दिशा दी है। उन्होंने सभी क्लबों के साथ सामंजस्य स्थापित कर उन्हें और अधिक प्रभावशाली बनाया है। इसके अलावा, डिस्ट्रिक्ट के अन्य अधिकारी, असिस्टेंट गवर्नर, चेयरपर्सन और विभिन्न कमेटियों के सदस्य जिस तरह से अपने-अपने दायित्व निभा रहे हैं, वह प्रशंसा के योग्य है।

इस यात्रा के दौरान मुझे यह समझ में आया है कि रोटरी का असली उद्देश्य समाज में एक सकारात्मक बदलाव लाना है। चाहे वह पोलियो उन्मूलन का अभियान हो, पानी की समस्या का समाधान हो, या गरीब बच्चों को शिक्षा प्रदान करना, हर प्रयास में रोटरी के सदस्यों की प्रतिबद्धता और मेहनत दिखती है। मैंने खुद इन प्रोजेक्ट्स का हिस्सा बनते हुए यह महसूस किया कि सेवा में आत्म-संतोष और सच्ची खुशी मिलती है।

इस वर्ष मैंने देखा कि महिलाओं की भागीदारी रोटरी में तेजी से बढ़ रही है। यह बदलाव बहुत उत्साहजनक है। महिलाएँ हर क्षेत्र में अपनी नेतृत्व क्षमता का प्रदर्शन कर रही हैं और क्लबों को नई ऊँचाई तक ले जा रही हैं। इसी तरह, रोटरी के युवा कार्यक्रम, जैसे रोट्रैक्ट और इंट्रैक्ट, भविष्य के नेतृत्व की नींव तैयार कर रहे हैं।

रोटरी का हर सदस्य एक चिंगारी है, जो समाज को रोशनी से भर सकता है। हमें बस अपनी सेवा भावना को बरकरार रखना है और मिलकर काम करना है। मेरा विश्वास है कि हमारे संयुक्त प्रयास से हम आने वाले वर्षों में रोटरी डिस्ट्रिक्ट 3080 को और ऊंचाइयों तक ले जाएंगे।

मैं सभी क्लबों के सदस्यों और डिस्ट्रिक्ट टीम का हृदय से धन्यवाद करती हूँ, जिनके साथ काम करते हुए मैंने यह खूबसूरत यात्रा तय की। आपकी मेहनत, लगन और सेवा भाव मुझे हमेशा प्रेरित करते रहेंगे।

Tust to refresh your knowledge about Rotary Foundation at the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C Klumph proposed to set up an "Endowment Fund" for the purpose of doing good in the world. In 1928 this fund was re-named as the "Rotary foundation" and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts and contributions into projects that change the lives, both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary International, it taps into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into its priorities, such as eradicating polio, promoting peace, imparting education, providing clean drinking water, improving health and alleviating poverty.

For more than hundred years, the guiding principles of The Rotary Foundation have been the very foundation upon which it's values and traditions stand. The 4 Way Test , Object of Rotary and the Avenues of Service, express our commitment to service, fellowship diversity, integrity, and leadership.

TRF has received a four star Charity Navigator rating for financial transparency and efficient use of funds, now for 16th year in a row. TRF's unique funding model, is what makes the most of your contribution. To celebrate the purpose and essence of the Rotary Foundation, I urge you to kindly donate as much as possible for you to this very noble, transparent and honest cause. Give and become a part of Rotary's life changing work!

This year the Trustees have set an ambitious fundraising goal of US\$ 500 Million. With your support India has become the 2nd largest contributor to TRF in the world.

I urge you to become an EREY member (Every Rotarian Every Year) by committing at least US\$ 100 to the Rotary Foundation every year. We already have a number of our members who have been dedicatedly contributing US\$ 100 amount for the past many years I request



"THE ROTARY **FOUNDATION IS NOT** TO BUILD **MONUMENTS OF BRICK AND STONE.** IF WE WORK UPON MARBLE. IT WILL **PERISH: IF WE WORK ON BRASS.** TIME WILL EFFACE IT: IF WE REAR **TEMPLES THEY WILL CRUMBLE INTO DUST; BUT IF WE WORK UPON** IMMORTAL MINDS. IF WE IMBUE THEM WITH THE MEANING OF THE SPIRIT OF **ROTARY. WE ARE ENGRAVING ON THOSE TABLETS** SOMETHING THAT **WILL BRIGHTEN ALL** ETERNITY." ARCH C. **KLUMPH - 1929** 

all the EREY members to come forward and contribute and also promote to become an EREY member. Most of us are PHFs or MPHFs - please continue to contribute. You can also make your family members and friends a Paul Harris Fellow or a Multiple PHF, which will not only increase your contribution to the Foundation but also make your spouse or children proud owners of the coveted PHF pin. There are a number of motivational schemes offered by a district and club leadership which will definitely encourage you to enthusiastically contribute to the Rotary Foundation.

Your contributions can be given to the - Annual Giving, Endowment Fund or to the Polio Plus Fund (which is matched 1:2 by Gates Foundation). Either way your contribution shall add to your existing Contribution. You can also become a Polio Plus society member by committing to Polio Plus Fund of the Rotary Foundation. However, whatever you contribute adds up to your total contribution to make you a PHF or multiple PHF.

The examples which motivate us are of Smt Rajshree Birla who gave 11 million USD, Rtn Ravi Shanker from RC Bengluru Orchards who donated 100 Crores to TRF in one go , Rtn Raj Sidhartha of RC Coimbatore east gave US\$ 100,000 or Late Shri Ratan Tata who gave 250,000 USD in one go, all because they trusted the Rotary Foundation and believed that their funds shall be properly utilized for the poor .

Friends the sole purpose of my request to you is that however small or big amount -each and every member of Rotary Mussoorie should contribute to the Rotary Foundation during this Rotary Year and every year.

Looking forward to your generous contribution.

PP Shaillendra Karanwal The Rotary Foundation Committee Chair 2024-25

#### **MESSAGE**

Dear Rotarians,

s we embrace the final month of this calendar year, December reminds us of the spirit of service and the joy of giving. It is a time to reflect on the impact we have made and to renew our commitment to the causes we hold dear.

This month, Rotary emphasizes Disease Prevention and Treatment, an area where our collective efforts save lives and build healthier communities. I encourage each club to amplify its projects focused on health—be it through awareness campaigns, medical camps, or innovative initiatives that address local health challenges.

The true essence of Rotary lies in our



MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY GOVERNOR

ability to transform challenges into opportunities. With unwavering teamwork and a shared vision, we can achieve milestones that were once dreams. Let us continue to illuminate lives, keeping the Rotary ideals close to our hearts.

Thank you for your dedication and tireless service. Together, we will continue to grow, inspire, and create lasting change in our communities.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year ahead!

Yours in Rotary,

Sudarshan Chugh



#### MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As the year draws to a close, it is a time for gratitude and reflection. The journey of 2024 has been marked by extraordinary efforts and achievements by our clubs across District 3080. Your unwavering dedication to Rotary's ideals has illuminated countless lives and strengthened the fabric of our communities.

December is a month that highlights Disease Prevention and Treatment, one of Rotary's key areas of focus. I encourage all clubs to reaffirm their commitment to creating healthier communities through impactful projects. From medical camps to awareness drives, every initiative counts toward building a better future.

This season is also a reminder of the joy of giving and the power of service above self. Let us continue to inspire each other with innovative ideas and collaborative efforts that bring sustainable change. Together, we can transform challenges into opportunities for growth and progress.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and hard work throughout the year. Wishing you and your families a joyous holiday season and a fulfilling start to 2025! Yours in Rotary,

Anil Madan

## MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT SECRETARY



Dear Rotarians,

s we approach the end of the year, it is a perfect time to reflect on our achievements and plan for the future. December brings a focus on Disease Prevention and Treatment, one of Rotary's key areas of service. This theme reminds us of our shared responsibility to create healthier communities.

Throughout 2024, the clubs in District 3080 have demonstrated exemplary commitment to Rotary's ideals. From impactful community service projects to successful district initiatives, your efforts have been inspiring. I urge each club to continue this momentum and explore innovative ways to serve.

The holiday season also reminds us of the joy of giving and the profound impact of service above self. Let us use this time to strengthen bonds within our clubs and extend our reach to those in need. Together, we can achieve even greater milestones in the coming year.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year ahead!

Yours in Rotary

Narender Pal Singh Bhola

## RC DEHRADUN CENTRAL TO HOST GOLF TOURNAMENT ON DEC 28, 2024, AT DSOI GOLF COURSE

he Rotary Club Dehradun Central has announced a prestigious Golf Tournament to be held on December 14, 2024, at the renowned DSOI Golf Course. This event aims to bring together Golf Enthusiasts, Philanthropists, and Rotarians for a day of sportsmanship and networking. The tournament serves as a platform to promote Rotary's mission of service and support key community initiatives. Participants will enjoy a competitive yet relaxed atmosphere with various prizes for top performers, while sponsors

will have the opportunity to showcase their brands to an elite audience.

Entry fee is Rs 3500/- . For participation, please contact Rtn. Col Vias Gulati and Rtn. TP Singh.

The Chief Guest will be District Governor Rtn. Rajpal Singh and the First lady of the District Rtn. Inderbir Kaur.

This exciting event promises a day of thrilling competition, camaraderie, and an opportunity to support meaningful charitable causes. Don't miss this chance to combine your love for Golf with making a positive impact!



## **VISION OF A PRESIDENT**

hen we (me and Club Secretary, Rtn. Kishore Anand) came back from PET-SETS, we were energetic enough to start planning for our coming year. Loaded of ideas and dreams, started to fill sheets with the lists of Do's and Don'ts.

During discussions we got an idea to visit each and every member and ask them to fill a questionnaire, which had the questions like: Why you joined Rotary? Are you satisfied with the way our club is working? Projects you want in our Club; etc.

We were surprised and amazed to see the results. A big number of members advised us to just focus on bringing the Rotary Family members close and to increase their attendance in meetings/projects. The suggestions and ideas of members changed the scenario of planning for me. From that day our focus changed and we made our aim to work on the same.

We planned a Rotary Family get together to happen every month. Fun games, Prizes, Music and entertainment with some very crisp and useful projects for society going along, showed the results and we noticed a tremendous change in the enthusiasm and participation of Rotary Members as well as their families. Rotary Family came more closer and the goal felt achieved.

Secondly, I personally felt that we should prepare a kit

for every member to be given to them on the date of Installation. My team (including Club Secretary and Treasurer, Rtn. Rakhi Dang) planned a kit with a Membership Certificate, an ID Card,



Club Directory and also some useful gifts in a handy bag. This effort was also thoroughly appreciated by all members, especially the senior members applauded the usefulness of the Membership Certificate and ID card.

The vision of a Rotary Club president is typically centred around the values of service, leadership, and community impact; And our Club Rotary Paonta Sahib is famous for setting benchmarks in all three. As of now I have spent a decade in Rotary and seen the working of very efficient and energetic Past Presidents during their respective tenure. I personally think that working on projects that leave long term impact in the surroundings and are useful for your area are more needful and to be preferred.

Mahesh Khurana President, RC Paonta Sahib

## PP Rtn. VINAY KUMAR MALHOTRA RC AMBALA - BOOK LAUNCH

7th and 28th books of PP Rtn. Dr. Vinay Kumar Malhotra were released in a glittering book releasing ceremony in the Rotary Club of Ambala meeting held on 29th November 2024. In addition to Rotarians this meeting was attended by a number of intellectuals, school and college principals, professors, writers etc. At the outside President Rtn Dinesh Sethi welcomed the chief guest PP Rtn AD Gandhi, other Rtns, guests, intellectuals etc. The books were released by chief guest PP Rtn AD Gandhi, CA and a veteran Rotarian of Ambala. The author was well introduced by Dr. DP Asija former principal, Sohan Lal College of Education. The first Book titled for Foreign Policy of Modi 2014-19 was reviewed and introduced by Dr Chiman Lal, Head, Department of Political Science, SD College. Second Book titled Academician's Social Responsibility was reviewed by PP Rtn Subhash Bansal and President-Elect Rtn Sanjeev Goel. Chief guest Rtn AD Gandhi in his address congratulated author Dr Vinay Kumar Malhotra for his



new books and appreciated him for consistently writing books on relevant topics every year. Then author Rtn.Dr Vinav narrated his experience of writing these two latest books.

#### **ABOUT THE BOOKS**

#### **BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF THESE** TWO BOOKS IS GIVEN BELOW:-

FOREIGN POLICY OF MODI. 2014-24: This book endeavours to highlight objectively the major developments, course of important events and relations, peculiarities, achievements and challenges of foreign policy of India during Prime Minister

> and that too merely in 14 chapters and 140 pages. Book discusses bilateral relations with all the five big powers, important nations of different continents and India's neighbours. In

addition to bilateral relations wherever necessary India's trilateral, multilateral and plurilateral relations are also mentioned. Not only cordial ties are discussed but issues between relations are also given due place.

ACADEMICIAN'S SOCIAL **RESPONSIBILITY:** An

academician's job especially belonging to social sciences is not merely to teach classes but to make people aware of the social. economic and political problems prevalent in the society. It is his social responsibility to suggest solutions to those issues. In this book rotarian author Dr. Vinay has compiled all his articles and letters to editor concerning various issues faced by ordinary people and published in different English and Hindi newspapers in the last 24 years.

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## IMPROVING THE SEX RATIO - A CALL TO ACTION FOR ROTARY





Dr Vineet Nagpal Secretary Rotary Club Chandigarh Shivalik

Rotary International has always championed causes that uplift communities, such as women's health, promoting gender equality, ensuring education for girls, empowering the girl child, and preventing gender-based violence. However, there remains an area that requires greater focus—preventing prenatal sex selection.

As a gynaecologist with over 22 years of experience in government hospitals in Punjab and a former state PNDT (Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques) nodal officer, I have witnessed firsthand the critical role community involvement plays in addressing this challenge.

District and state advisory committees under the PNDT Act include members from social organisations who advocate, spread awareness, and relay critical information to health authorities about illegal activities related to prenatal sex selection. This partnership is vital for effective action.

#### WHY ROTARY?

As a Rotarian myself, I have always believed in Rotary's potential to make a significant impact in this area. Rotarians, with their commitment to service and strong community presence, are uniquely positioned to contribute to these advisory committees. By joining these committees under the leadership of the Civil Surgeon or Chief Medical Officer, Rotarians can:

Advocate for gender equality at the grassroots level.

- 2. Promote awareness about the detrimental effects of prenatal sex selection on society.
- 3. Act as a bridge between communities and authorities to report any violations while ensuring confidentiality.

#### A PERSONAL APPEAL

I urge Rotarians of District 3080 to take up this opportunity to safeguard the rights of both unborn and born girls. Let us ensure that every girl, regardless of her stage of life, is given the chance to thrive.

Together, let us make our country a safer and more equitable place for our daughters.

This cause is deeply personal to me, and I express my emotions through a poem, which I hope inspires you all to act.

Beti Bachon Beti padhaon ki baatein hi karate hai Lohri aur diwali pe usko yaad bhi karte hai Phir usko bhool kar aage barh Jaate hai Har gali har muhalle pe uski izzat ki dhajjian udaate hai

Har gaali galoch mein uska naam Hota hai Maa kya bahen kya Sabka mazaak hota hai Apni maa, apni behan, apni biwi apni Beti ke bina Ek baar jeene ka honsla toh dikhao Tab phir usko kokh mein Marne ka phaisla banao Hath toh kya rooh bhi kaamp jayegi Jab aane wali bete ki bahoo koi ghar Na aayegi Tab phir kaise apna naam badaoge Akele to marna hi hai, akele jee Na paaoge

# ROTARY CLUB SHIMLA ORGANISED SINGING COMPETITION FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS

CELEBRATING TALENT BEYOND SIGHT, INSPIRING THE POWER OF SOUND

In a heartwarming display of talent, determination and resilience, Rotary Club Shimla recently organized a Singing Competition exclusively for Visually Impaired Persons on 17th November, 2024 at Delhi Public School, Shimla. The event- a first of its kind in the region, aimed to provide a platform for visually impaired individuals to showcase their vocal talent and prove that true artistry, transcends physical limitations.

The showcase musical event was organised in the auditorium of Delhi Public School, Shimla where enthusiastic participation and mesmerising performances were witnessed from participants from across the region. The competition saw an overwhelming response, with participants from various institutions and organizations for the visually impaired from areas of Himachal, Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh. Each contestant mesmerized the audience with soulful performances, ranging from classical melodies to contemporary hits and traditional folk songs.

PDG Ved Parkash Kalta along with Rtn Veena Kalta inaugurated the musical competition as Chief Guest and deeply appreciated the initiative taken by his home Club for giving this platform to visually impaired persons to showcase their talent. Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Director (Personnel), SJVN Ltd. also an honorary member of Rotary Club Shimla was the Chief Guest for the closing and prize distribution ceremony, who was accompanied by his gracious wife Mrs. Shally Sharma. They commended the participants for their exceptional talent, passion, and courage. "The ability to create music comes from within the heart, not just from sight,".

Adding glamour professional expertise to the talent hunt event, Bollywood playback singer Alamgir Khan graced the occasion as celebrity Judge. The Singer known for his dedication to support inclusivity in



Musical Art, parised the contestants for their passion and extraordinary musical abilities. The event was also witnessed the gracious presence of Actor Ms Puneet Kaur Brar along with Ms. Neetu and Mr. Jaswant, Managing Directors of MG Records (biggest recording studio of Northern region), who selected the winners of the contest along with some meritorious performers to record songs in MG Studio.

The event was graced by professional judges, Ms Muskaan, Assistant Professor in Music at RKMV College Shimla and Mr. Labh Singh, Lecturer in Music at KV Panchkula (both visually impaired persons) who have extensive experience in the field of Music.

Rtn Er Saurabh Raj Sood, President Rotary Club Shimla expressed the Club's motivation behind organizing the event, stating, "This competition is





more than just a showcase of talent; it's a celebration of human spirit and a reminder that everyone, regardless of physical challenges, has something beautiful to contribute to society. We are committed to providing opportunities for all individuals to shine".

The highlight of the evening was the performance by Alamgir Khan, whose rendition of Mauka-Mauka along with Himachali and Punjabi folk songs from Punjabi Gharanna, left the audience spellbound. 1st prize was bagged by Mr. Vinod from Chandigarh while Mr. Khem Raj from Manali (HP) was the 1st runners-up and Mr. Aditya Bhagra from Shimla was 2nd runners-up. Mr Aditya, aged 18 years, was the youngest participant amongst 57 contestants who participated in the online audition. Later, 20 contestants were shortlisted for the final round at Shimla and rocked the auditorium of DPS. Ms. Sapna Thakur from Sirmour district was selected by MG records for playing flute in their studio. The winners were given Cash Prizes, memetoes and certificates.

Special recognition was given to each participant to honour their courage and talent with a certificate of appreciation. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by PE Rtn Karan Bamba, who expressed gratitude to the participants, their families, the judges and all volunteers who made the event a success. Rotaractors from Abilities Club Chandigarh and COE Govt. College Sanjauli, Shimla volunteered their services and worked hard to organised this superhit event. PP Rtn Sachin Verma (Event Chairman), PP Rtn Manu Aggarwal and IPP Rtn Amit Pal Sood were the key persons who burnt midnight oil for organising the mega event along with the stay and transportation arrangements for visually impaired persons.

Also as knowledgeable talk was given on organ donation by Rtn Dr Punnet Mahajan (Proff and HOD, Deptt of Surgery IGMC Shimla), SOTTO Chairman HP- who was the Special Guest during the closing ceremony.

This initiative by Rotary Club Shimla underscores its ongoing commitment to inclusivity, empowerment, and community service. By providing platforms like these, Rotary Club Shimla under the able guidance of Distt Governor Rtn Rajpal Singh aims to promote social inclusion and highlight the talents of individuals with disabilities.



#### ROTARACT NEWS

#### **MESSAGE**

#### PP Rtn. MOHIT SINGLA DRCC 2024-2025, RID 3080

Dear Rotarians.

Rotaract is a vibrant and dynamic organization that offers young adults aged 18 and above the opportunity to make a positive impact in their communities and develop valuable leadership skills. As a service club sponsored by Rotary International, Rotaract empowers its members to take action on pressing issues, both locally and globally. Building new Rotaract clubs is an exciting way to expand this network of passionate individuals and create more avenues for meaningful change. Founded in 1968, Rotaract clubs have since spread across the globe. with thousands of clubs in over 190 countries and regions. The name "Rotaract" combines the words "Rotary" and "Action," emphasizing the organization's commitment to active community service and professional development. Rotaract members, known as Rotaractors, engage in a wide variety of projects and activities aimed at addressing critical issues in their communities and around the world. These initiatives often focus on areas such as education, health, environmental sustainability, and poverty alleviation. In addition to community service. Rotaract provides a platform for young leaders to develop their professional skills, expand their networks, and cultivate a global perspective. Clubs typically meet regularly to plan projects, discuss important issues, and foster fellowship among members. Through their involvement in Rotaract,



Motivating others to establish new Rotaract clubs is crucial for the growth and sustainability of the organization. By starting a new club, young adults can create a platform for like-minded individuals to come together, share ideas, and work towards common goals and at the same time have the opportunity to make a tangible difference in their communities while also preparing themselves for future leadership roles in their personal and

professional lives. The organization serves as a bridge between youth service programs like Interact and the established Rotary clubs, creating a continuum of service and leadership development within the broader Rotary family with commitment to service above self.

The process of building a new Rotaract club can be both challenging and rewarding. It requires dedication, teamwork, and a clear vision for the club's purpose and goals. However, the benefits far outweigh the initial efforts. New clubs bring fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and renewed energy to the Rotary family. They also provide opportunities for young professionals to develop their leadership abilities, enhance their résumés, and make lasting friendships with individuals who share their passion for making a difference. By encouraging the formation of new Rotaract clubs, we can ensure that the spirit of service and leadership continues to thrive in our communities for generations to come. Hence, as a District Rotaract Chair of Rotary International District 3080, I urge each Rotary club to identify and work for creating new clubs so as to strengthen our Rotary family. For any assistance you can reach out to me anytime.

#### PROJECT HAPPY SCHOOL

A remarkable milestone in community service as the Rotaract Club of Rayat College of Law, under the aegis of Rotary Club Roopnagar of Rotary Rotaract

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District 3080, successfully inaugurated and completed the transformative "Happy School" project at the Government Primary School, Kotla, Tapprian, Ropar.



## INSTALLATION OF ROTARACT AMITY UNIVERSICTY MOHALI WITH 200 MEMBERS



he Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown successfully inaugurated the Rotaract Club of Amity University, Mohali in a momentous ceremony. The event commenced with the collaring of President Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall, followed by the National Anthem and the recitation of the Four-Way Test. Key highlights of the ceremony included: • Collaring of the Rotaract Club President and the pinning of the Board Members. • Addresses by Distinguished Speakers: DRR Rtr. Shashank Kaushik, DRCC Rtn. Mohit Singla, and President Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall shared their inspiring thoughts with the audience. • Motivational Speeches: Dean Ms. Shivali Dhingra and Registrar Dr. Dalip Kumar motivated the students with their encouraging words. · Charter Presentation: The formal presentation of

the charter to Amity University marked a significant milestone in the collaboration. The meeting concluded with a vibrant cultural program, celebrating the spirit of unity and service. Attendance: Rotarians from Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown: • Rtn. Surinder Khanna • Rtn. Manmohan Luthra • Rtn. Ajay Gupta • Rtn. Avinash Taneja • Rtn. K.K. Walia • Rtn. Manjula Walia • Rtn. Bani Kamboj • Rtn. Vijay Narang • Rtn. Amit Chahal • Rtn. Ashima Dhawan • Rtn. Nanki Kaur • Rtn. Alka Dhall • Rtn. Amrik Singh Vraich • Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall District Representatives: • DRCC Rtn. Mohit Singla • DRR Rtr. Shashank Kaushik • ADRR Rtr. Riva Wadhwa The meeting served as a memorable occasion, marking the successful establishment of a new Rotaract Club and fostering a strong spirit of fellowship and service.





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#### **ALAKNANDA VALLEY**



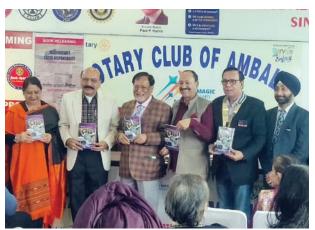


Distribution of Ration

#### **AMBALA**



Special Picnic for 70 Deaf Students of Pavitardham



Launching of Two book of Former Principal PP Rtn. Vijay Malhotra

#### **AMBALA CENTRAL**





Anaemia Camp Organised in Sohan Lal DAV School, Ambala City

#### **AMBALA CITY**





District 3080 Zone-9 Meeting of Asstt Governor, Presidents, Secretaries of 8 Clubs at Rotary Bhawan Ambala City

#### **AMBALA DIAMOND**







**Dental Checkup Camp at GSSS Babyal** 

#### **AMBALA INDUSTRIAL AREA**



Celebrated Children Day



**Distribution of Clothes** 

#### **AMBALA MIDTOWN**





Celebrated Gurpurab in A S Sen Sec School Ambala

#### **BADDI**



School Fest



Flag Exchange between RC Baddi and RC Kandy on Visit to Sri Lanka

#### **BARARA**





Honored Topper Stuents of the Area, Gyan Samaan 2024. Chief Guest Sh Varun Chaudhary Member Lok Sabha

#### **BHAKRA NANGAL**





**Blood Donation Camp** 

#### **CHANDIGARH**



WASH Project at Govt School, Khudda Lahora, Chandigarh



Children Performing at Interact Club Installation

#### **CHANDIGARH CENTRAL**



Wounds to Wellness at GMCH Sec 32 Chandigarh



Blood Donation Camp
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#### **CHANDIGARH MIDTOWN**



The Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital in New Chandigarh Honored the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown for their Significant Contributions



Celebrated Guru Nanak Jayanti at Government Senior Secondary School, Ramgarh Buddha, Zirakpur.

#### **CHANDIGARH PERIPHERY ZIRAKPUR**



Career Path Seminar at Govt S S School, Zirakpur



Promotion of Interact Club at Govt SS School, Lohgarh Zirakpur

#### **CHANDIGARH UPTOWN**



workshop on Career duluance for Students



Traffic Awareness Program

#### **CHEEKA**



Helped Family by Paying Yearly Fees of Three Children



**Distributed Winter Uniform to 225 Students** 

#### **CLASSIC CHANDIGARH**



Talk on Mental Health Issues and on Harmful Effects of Junk food



Organised Medical Camp

#### **DEHRA DUN**



**Celebrated Diwali** 



Blood Donation Camp
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#### **DEHRA DUN CENTRAL**





Celebrated Children Day

Health Checkup Camp

#### **DOON SHIVALIK HILLS**





Distributed Refreshments to the Kid's at Rajkiya Medium School at Araghar.

#### **DOON VIKAS**



Yoga Week Camp



**Blood Test Camp** 

#### **GANGOH**





Free Eye Clinic (Every Sunday)

Celebrated Teachers' Day

#### **HARDWAR**





Dental Check-up Camp

#### **JAGADHRI NORTH**





**Blood Donation Camp** 

#### **KAITHAL**





Project DEVI - Education on Sanitary Hygiene Pads

#### **KALKA HERITAGE**



Eye Check Up Camp



Blood Donation Camp, 67 Unit of Blood Collected

#### **KANKHAL**



Celebrated Children Day



**Dental Camp** 

#### **KARNAL**



Lunch to Inmates of Subhadra Old Age Home Karnal and presented a cheque of Rs 21000 for its Building



Felicitated Rtn P R Nath Founder of M D D Bal Bhawan Anath Ashram Karnal for getting Garshom International Award in Armenia

#### **KARNAL MIDTOWN**



**Talk on Organ Donation Awareness** 

#### **KHARAR**



Eyes of late Ram Singh khatter (85) of Janakpuri New Delhi were donated to eye bank Sri Guru teg bahadur Delhi & eyes of late Prem kumari (77) mother of PP Krishan lal yadav of Ambala Industrial area were donated to Kapil eye bank Ambala city.



Seminar on Adolescence Health
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#### **MOHALI MIDTOWN**



Flag Exchange with Rotary Club of Singapore



Surgery Aid for Brain TB Child Patient

#### **MORINDA**



Workshop on Tailoring



**Ration Distribution** 

#### **MUSSOORIE**





**Celebrated Children Day** 

#### **NAHAN**



**Sirmour Singing Competition** 



Celebrated Diwali with Special Child of Astha School, Nahan

#### **NAHAN SANGINI**



Distributed Sweaters, Socks, Shoes to Students of Govt School Malgaon Sirmaur



Adopting TB Patients Consecutively for 3 years

#### **NARWANA**



Club Honored Haryana State Sub Junior Washu Boys/Girls Champion 2024-25



Dental Checkup Camp
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#### **PANCHKULA**





Screened Movie Singham Again at Rajhans Cinema

#### **PANCHKULA GREENS**





**Tree Plantation Drive** 

#### **PANIPAT RAINBOW**



6th Blood Donation Camp in Association with HDFC Bank 28 MAGIC MAKERS DECEMBER 2024



Handed Over 11 Daisy Players to Blind School Panipat

#### **PANIPAT SOUTH**







**Blood Donation Camp** 

#### **PAONTA SAHIB**





750 Boxes of Protien Powder worth 18 Lakhs to TB Patients

#### **PAONTA SAKHI**



**Talk on Mental Health Awareness** 



Helped the Girl in her Marriage DECEMBER 2024 MAGIC MAKERS 29

#### **PARWANOO**





Free Medicines, Protein Supplement Distributed to Children and Pregnant Women

#### **PEHOWA**



Distributed 10 Cycles of Govt Middle School Dera Fatah Singh Village Students



Blood Donation Camp, 90 Units of Blood collected

#### **PINJORE HILLS**





Distributed refreshments at Darshan Academy on Children Day

#### **RISHIKESH**





Distributed Wollen Warmer at Buds Academy

#### **RISHIKESH DIVAS**







**Blood Donation Camp** 

#### **RISHIKESH ROYALE**





Distributed Shoes and Woolen Socks to School Children

#### **ROOP NAGAR**





RYLA for Specially Abled Children at Ambuja Manovikas Kendra Ropar

#### **ROORKEE**



Gifted a Sewing Machine to upgrade their Stiching Skills



Donated Track Suits to the School Children of Government Upper Primary School,Gopalpur, Block Gurukul Narsan

#### **ROORKEE CENTRAL**



Installed Water Cooler at Three Government Schools
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**Organised Sports Day** 

#### **ROORKEE MIDTOWN**







3 Week Vocational Training Camp

#### **ROORKEE UPPER GANGES**



Bhandara of Chhole, Chawal and Bananas



**Bhandara of Food Thalis** 

#### **ROPAR CENTRAL**



Seminar on Career in Marchant Navy



Sweater Distribution to School Students
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#### **SAHARANPUR**





**Computer Donated in School** 

#### **SAHARANPUR CONTINENTAL**



**Donated Computer for Lab** 

#### **SAHARANPUR HARMONY**



Tree Plantation Drive



**Celebrated Children Day** 

#### SHAHABAD MARKANDA



**Dental Check-up Camp** 



**Eye Check-up Camp** 

#### **SHIMLA**



Distributed Tracksuits, Shoes, Water Bottles, Warmers, Socks, Handkerchiefs etc to the students of Govt. Sr School Jakhu



Donated 2 Electric Geysers of 25 litres each to the Female inmates and their Children of Kanda Jail

#### **SHIMLA HILL QUEENS**



Dental Check-Up Camp for Prisoners at Model Central Jail Kanda



Charter Installation Ceremony of the Interact Club at Government Senior Secondary School, Mashobra!

#### **SHIMLA MIDTOWN**



**Electricians Training Seminar at Rotary Town Hall The Mall Shimla** 



**Blood Donation Camp at the HPNLU Campus** 

#### **SILVER CITY MOHALI**



Donation of Laboratory Consumables to Rotary & Blood Bank Society



Wheelchair Donated to SHSG Charitable Trust for Patients

#### **SOLAN**



Celebrated Children Day



**Blood Donation Camp** 

#### **THEOG HILLS**



N.S.S Students of Sr. Sec. School (Boys) Theog started 5 Days of Safai Abhiyan

#### YAMUNA NAGAR RIVIERA



Fogging for Malaria



**Wheel Chair Donated** 

#### **YAMUNANAGAR**



**Distribution of Sweets** 



Dental Check-up Camp

#### FROM THE EDITOR



MOHINDER PAUL GUPTA



TRANSPARENCY IN REPORTING IS THE BRIDGE BETWEEN TRUST AND IMPACT-EVERY GRANT WELL-ACCOUNTED IS A PROMISE FULFILLED AND A LEGACY SUSTAINED.



## A CALL TO ACTION FOR ROTARIANS AND CLUB LEADERS

Rotary's Global Grants and District Grants represent powerful tools for transforming lives and communities worldwide. These grants enable clubs to implement high-impact projects aligned with Rotary's seven key areas of focus. The true potential of these grants can only be realized through meticulous planning, transparent execution, and comprehensive reporting.

For Rotarians and club leaders, this is both a responsibility and an opportunity. By effectively utilizing these resources, you not only amplify Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self" but also build trust and credibility within the organization and among your beneficiaries. Proper management and closure of grant-funded projects ensure that Rotary's legacy of integrity and impact is upheld for future generations.

This guide provides essential advice to help you navigate the journey of applying for, executing, and closing grants while maintaining transparency and accountability throughout the process. By following these best practices, you can maximize the benefits of Rotary's funding, ensuring every single penny contributes to sustainable, meaningful change.

Understand the Guidelines: Familiarize yourselves with the requirements and objectives of both Global Grants and District Grants.

Plan Thoroughly: Prepare a well-defined proposal with clear objectives, timelines, and budgets. Collaborate with other clubs, districts, and organizations to enhance the project's impact.

Engage Stakeholders: Involve members, beneficiaries, and partners actively in the planning and implementation process. This promotes ownership and increases the project's sustainability.

Ensure Financial Transparency: Maintain detailed financial records and adhere to Rotary's financial stewardship requirements.

Regular Monitoring and Reporting: Track the project's progress and ensure timely submission of interim and final reports. Use Rotary's Grant Center to upload documentation and share updates.

Train and Educate Members: Conduct training sessions for members on grant policies, reporting, and Rotary's expectations for accountability.

Celebrate and Share Outcomes: Once the project is completed, organize a formal closure ceremony to acknowledge contributors and showcase impact. Share success stories with the community and Rotary publications to inspire other clubs.

**Audit and Learn**: Conduct an internal review to learn from successes and challenges. Use insights to improve future projects.

## Dr. SHIKHA AGARWAL

#### PRESIDENT 2024-25 RC JAGADHRI NORTH

r. Shikha Agarwal, the first woman President of Rotary Club of Jagadhri North, took over the responsibility in the its 49th foundation year. Hailing from the town Kharar, she has an impeccable academic background, culminating in her appointment as an Ayurvedic Medical Officer at Jagadhri. The Medical Profession being her passion, she is rendering unparalleled services in the society. Following the philosophy of 'Karmanay Vadhikaraste, Maphaleshu Kadachanam', she is working on the goal of "Universal Healthcare" and has traversed across various remote areas to ensure accessibility of medical aid to one and all. She also strives to achieve considerable progress in women's health for which innumerable awareness talks have been delivered on the subjects of Menstrual Hygiene, Adequate Nutrition and Mental Health especially in rural areas. Another area of her efforts is Adolescent Health, focusing primarily on Drug De-addiction.

SHE IS ASSOCIATED WITH SEVERAL NGO'S LIKE PARYASS SANSTHAAN. HELPING HANDS, ETC. THAT HELP HER **REACH OUT TO THE LARGER MASS OF NEEDY PEOPLE. SHE HAS ALSO BUILT CURATIVE AS WELL AS CORDIAL RELA-**TIONS WITH SEVERAL OLD AGE HOMES AND A KUSTHA AASHRAM. VARIOUS **GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS HAVE ROPED IN** HER AS ROLE MODEL TO INSPIRE THEIR GIRL STUDENTS ON THE PATH OF **EMPOWERMENT. HER EFFORTS HAVE** ALSO BEEN RECOGNIZED BY LOCAL MASS MEDIA THROUGH CONSTANT COVERAGE BY NEWSPAPERS LIKE YAMUNANAGAR BHASKAR. AMAR UJALA. YAMUNANAGAR **KESARI AND SEVERAL NEWS CHANNELS.** 



She is happily married to Rtn. Narender Agarwal, a School Principal and a passionate Rotarian who has also served their club in the capacity of its President in 2020-21. The couple is blessed with two lovely kids who are pursuing their respective education.

Her journey is a testament to unwavering commitment to public service. As the President, she hopes to make this year one of change, innovation and community engagement to unravel the "Magic of Rotary".



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