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The rainy season is the perfect time to nurture nature. Let's plant more trees, enrich our environment, and contribute to a greener, healthier planet. The rains help saplings grow strong—start today and be a part of positive change.

Rtn. RAJPAL SINGH, DG RID 3080



MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

2025 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION ESSENTIAL CHANGES FOR CLUBS AND DISTRICTS

CLUBS

Fewer numbers to start clubs. To help create new clubs more quickly, the number of charter members has been reduced from 20 to 15 to start a Rotary club. (25-07)

Member termination. To avoid having to terminate an entire club, the RI Board may instruct a club to terminate a member for good cause. The member has 30 days to show why they should not be terminated. A two-thirds vote of the RI Board is required to proceed with the termination. (25-28)

Membership. Aligns RI Bylaws with Board policy by adding the word “sex” to the list of characteristics that cannot be used to limit membership. (25-36)

Club suspension or termination. Authorizes the RI Board to suspend or terminate a club that breaches TRF stewardship policies. (25-42)

CLUB FINANCES

Mid-year financial report. To help with year-end logistics, updates the deadline for Rotary clubs’ mid-year financial report from 31 December to 31 January. (25-06)

Rotary club dues. Noting significant cost reduction efforts and expense increases held well below the rate of inflation, RI per capita dues will increase to US\$41.00 per half year in 2025-2026, US\$42.75 per half year in 2026-2027, US\$44.63 per half year in 2027-2028, and US\$46.50 per half year in 2028-29. (25-49)

DISTRICTS

Governor Responsibilities. To underline the importance of strengthening clubs, governors promote to clubs both the RI strategic plan and participation in TRF grant programs (25-15) and must support assistant governors. (25-16)

Retaining Ballots. To reduce election complaints, the length of time that a balloting committee chair must preserve the ballots following a governor election has been extended from 15 days to 30 days. Ballots must be preserved past 30 days if an election complaint is filed. (25-17)

Election Challenge. To reduce conflict, campaigning, and election complaints, districts using the nominating committee process to select their governor now require a valid challenge to include the concurrence of 20 other clubs or 30% of the total number of clubs which are one year old or more at the beginning of that year, whichever is higher. (25-27)

District Conference. Districts are no longer required to hold an annual district conference. For districts with successful conferences, governors are encouraged to continue holding them. The COL voted to give greater flexibility to districts as they are in the best position to

determine and meet the needs of their members. This also allows voting at a legislative meeting. (25-72)

Learning Events. Two district seminars will change their names to reflect modern terminology. The President-elect Training Seminar (PETS) becomes President-elect Learning Seminar (PELS), and the District Training Assembly becomes Club Leadership Learning Seminar. Districts may continue to use their current terminology to reference these events locally while Rotary International materials will use the new names. (25-76)

RI OFFICERS

Nominating Committee for Director. This change protects sectioned zones so that the majority of the districts in the section must also agree that the entire zone participates in the process for selecting the member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director. (25-19)

Suspending and Removing RI Officers and Committee Members. Standardizes how RI officers, incoming officers, and committee members are suspended and removed. (25-29)

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

Enactment deadlines. To allow districts more time to submit enactments, extends the deadline for submitting legislation from 31 December to 31 March of the year before the COL. (25-56)

Representative Terms. Changes the term of a COL representative to start 1 July the year after the Council on Legislation and moves the selection process to the year in which the Council takes place to allow representatives to work earlier with districts on their enactments. A representative’s term now ends 30 June after the Council on Legislation is held. A transition process will be decided by the RI Board and Council Services will communicate instructions to the governors and current representatives. (25-57)

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary Zones. Zones are used for more than just elections of directors and the RI president. When determining zone boundaries, the RI Board may now consider number of members, geographical, language, cultural, or other factors deemed important. (25-35)

Non-political nature. Clarifies that Rotary may not issue statements, circulate resolutions or appeals, nor take actions that endorse a candidate for office, nor take a position on a controversial public measure or policies of a political nature unless relevant to the programs of Rotary and its Foundation. (25-37)

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Rotary's young people of action

No matter how long we've been with Rotary, we all benefit from the energy and fresh perspectives of our young leaders. It is my privilege to place this month's presidential message in the capable hands of one young leader, Vitor Joventino. In his column, Vitor reminds us how teamwork and inclusivity can spark transformative change. As you read his message, I encourage you to reflect on its insights, share in his excitement, and embrace new opportunities to learn.

— STEPHANIE URCHICK



I remember the exact moment when I realized the power of Rotary's youth programs. It was a Saturday morning in Australia during my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. I stood among a group of young leaders at a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event. The organizers challenged us to stand on a large tarp spread across the floor and, without stepping off, find a way to fold it in half.

At first, the task seemed simple. But as we moved, strategized, and adjusted, the reality set in — it required teamwork, agility, and constant communication.

Rotaractors and Rotarians guided us, but no one dictated how to succeed. The decisions were ours to make. And then something remarkable happened. Without being instructed, we collectively decided that no one would be left behind as our space on the tarp shrank.

One of our teammates was a person who uses a wheelchair, giving us an opportunity to adapt, ensuring that he was fully part of the experience. We shifted, lifted the tarp, and reconfigured our positions, using our time to think, plan, and act as a team. In the end, we successfully completed the challenge together.

As we celebrated our success, one participant said, "Society works the same way — challenges will come, but instead of leaving people behind, we must find ways to include everyone." It was such a profound

thought for someone so young, yet it perfectly captured the essence of our experience.

Interact empowers young people to create service projects with real and lasting impact. Youth Exchange builds global citizens who return home with broader perspectives and stronger leadership skills. RYLA develops young leaders equipped to inspire and mobilize others. All of this is *The Magic of Rotary*, emerging through the actions of youth. These programs are the heart of Rotary's ability to grow and adapt in a changing world.

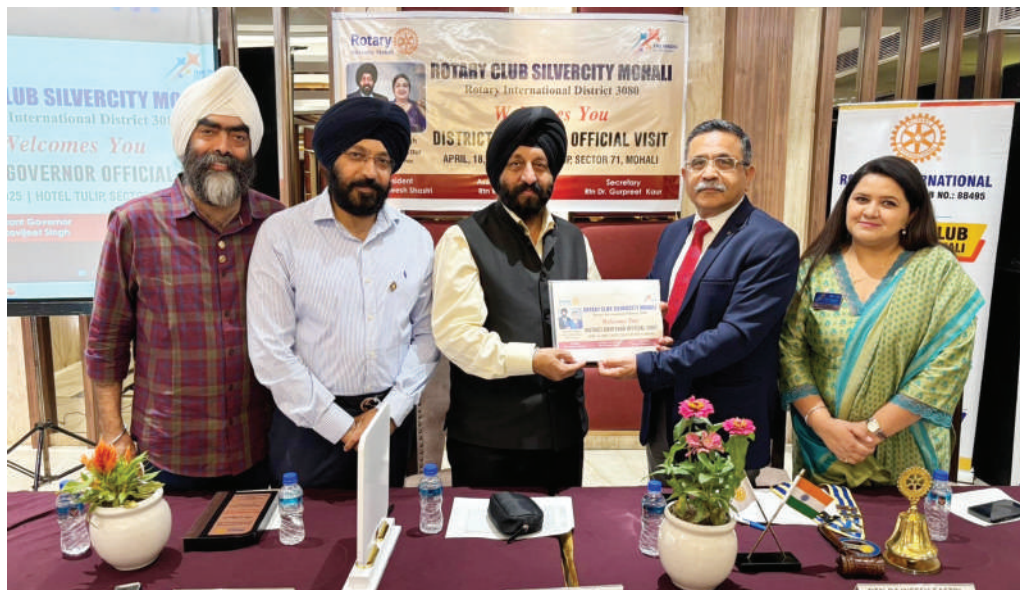
But the success of these programs depends on more than young leaders — it requires Rotary members who believe in their potential. I encourage you to sponsor an Interact club, host an exchange student, and support a RYLA participant. Your involvement does more than sustain these programs; it multiplies their impact and ensures that young leaders are not just beneficiaries of Rotary but active contributors.

To those already supporting youth programs, thank you. Your mentorship and commitment make all the difference. And to those considering getting involved, now is the time! Because youth leadership isn't just Rotary's future, it's Rotary's present.

VITOR JOVENTINO

Rotaract Club of Penápolis, Brazil

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we step into the month of May, we embrace one of the most vital aspects of Rotary's mission — Youth Service Month. This month provides us with a unique opportunity to recognize and celebrate the energy, enthusiasm, and immense potential of young people. More importantly, it is a time to recommit ourselves to investing in their growth, leadership, and vision.

Rotary has long believed in empowering the next generation. Through programs like Interact, Rotaract, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), and Rotary Youth Exchange, we offer platforms where young minds are nurtured, guided, and given the freedom to innovate and lead. These programs aren't just about teaching leadership — they are about shaping responsible citizens who are committed to making the world a better place.

Throughout Rotary District 3080, I have witnessed heartwarming examples of clubs going above and beyond to engage with youth. From organizing skill development camps, health and hygiene awareness drives in schools, and hosting RYLA events, to supporting young Rotaractors in their own service projects — your efforts reflect Rotary's core value of "Service Above Self." It is incredibly inspiring to see Rotarians acting as mentors and facilitators, creating opportunities for young leaders to shine.

But as we move forward, I encourage all clubs to look at youth not just as

beneficiaries of Rotary's goodwill, but as equal partners in our mission. Our youth have ideas, creativity, and a fresh perspective — all they need is a platform and trust. Let us open the doors of our club meetings to Interactors and Rotaractors. Let us invite them to lead projects, to share their insights, and to take ownership. Let us give them the space to grow while standing firmly by their side.

Youth service is not just about organizing events once a year — it is about building sustainable, meaningful relationships that allow our values to be passed down and multiplied. Rotary is a legacy, and that legacy must be carried forward by the young — but only if we invest in them with sincerity, consistency, and compassion.

I urge every Rotarian to take this month as a personal call to action. Reach out to schools, colleges, youth groups. Start an Interact or Rotaract club if your community doesn't have one. Organize leadership workshops, mentoring sessions, or even informal talks where young people can interact with Rotarians. Let's make this month vibrant with youth energy and service.

Together, we can build a bridge between generations — a bridge built on mutual respect, trust, and a shared commitment to service.

Let us light the path for our youth, so that tomorrow, they may illuminate the world

Warm Rotary regards,

Rtn. Rajpal Singh
District Governor RID 3080

FIRST LADY OF THE DISTRICT



INDERBIR KAUR

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और आत्मविश्वास
बोते हैं।

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प्रिय रोटेरियन साथियों एवं परिवारजनों,

सप्रेम नमस्कार।

जैसे-जैसे हम रोटरी वर्ष **2024-25** के अंतिम चरण की ओर अग्रसर हो रहे हैं, मई का यह महीना हमें चिंतन, आभार और उत्सव का अवसर देता है। इस वर्ष की यात्रा में हमने सेवाएँ, सहयोग और सशक्तिकरण के अनेक अद्भुत पल साझा किए हैं। यह सब संभव हुआ आप सभी रोटेरियन्स और उनके परिवारों के अथक समर्पण, प्रेम और सहभागिता से।

रोटरी में परिवार की भूमिका केवल सहायक की नहीं, बल्कि प्रेरणा स्रोत की होती है। एक रोटेरियन तभी प्रभावशाली सेवा कर सकता है जब उसके पीछे उसका परिवार संबल बनकर खड़ा हो। इस वर्ष हमने विभिन्न क्लबों में रोटरी परिवार के सदस्यों की भागीदारी देखी - चाहे वह चिकित्सा शिविर हों, पर्यावरण संरक्षण कार्यक्रम हों या महिला सशक्तिकरण से जुड़ी पहलें। यह देखकर गर्व होता है कि रोटरी अब एक संगठन नहीं, एक आंदोलन बन चुका है - सेवा काएँ संस्कारों का और समर्पण का।

मई का महीना **Youth Service Month** के रूप में भी मनाया जाता है। युवा शक्ति, हमारी रोटरी का भविष्य है। जब हम इंटरैक्ट, रोटैरैक्ट, आरवाईएल, जैसे प्लेटफॉर्म के माध्यम से युवाओं को नेतृत्व का अवसर देते हैं, तो हम आने वाले कल के लिए आशा और आत्मविश्वास बोते हैं। मैं विशेष रूप से रोटरी की महिला सदस्यों और युवतियों से यह आग्रह करती हूँ कि वे आगे आएँ, नेतृत्व करें और समाज में सकारात्मक परिवर्तन की वाहक बनें।

मेरे लिए इस वर्ष की सबसे विशेष बात यह रही कि मुझे विभिन्न क्लबों की प्रथम महिलाओं से मिलने और संवाद करने का अवसर मिला। उनका उत्साह, रचनात्मक सोच और सामाजिक सरोकारों के प्रति लगन अद्वितीय है। आपने जिस आत्मीयता और सौहार्द से हमें स्वागत किया, उसके लिए मैं हृदय से आभारी हूँ।

अब जब यह रोटरी वर्ष समापन की ओर है, आइए हम मिलकर इस यात्रा के लिए कृतज्ञता व्यक्त करें - अपने क्लब, अपने अध्यक्ष, अपने सदस्यों और परिवारों के प्रति। और संकल्प लें कि हम सेवा की इस मशाल को आने वाले वर्षों में और ऊँचाई तक लेकर जाएँगे।

अंत में, मैं अपने पति, डिस्ट्रिक्ट गवर्नर रोटेरियन राजपाल सिंह जी को उनकी नेतृत्वशीलता और सेवा के प्रति निष्ठा के लिए बधाई देती हूँ। उनके साथ यह यात्रा मेरे लिए सौभाग्य और गर्व का विषय रही है।

आप सभी को हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ। आइए, मई के इस सुंदर महीने में हम फिर एक बार सेवा के संकल्प को दोहराएँ - 'सेवा से सुख की ओर।'।

रोटरी शुभकामनाओं सहित

As the Rotary year draws to a close, May presents a time for both reflection and renewed action. It is designated as Youth Service Month, a powerful reminder of our responsibility to nurture and guide the leaders of tomorrow. Our investment in youth programs like Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Youth Exchange has the potential to shape not only individual lives but the future of our communities and the world.

This month, I encourage every club to engage meaningfully with young minds — through mentorship, empowerment, and by creating platforms for leadership and innovation. The energy, creativity, and



MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY GOVERNOR

idealism of youth are unmatched. When paired with Rotary's values and experience, it becomes a force for lasting change.

Let us also take pride in the service we've rendered so far — from impactful projects to enduring bonds of fellowship. As we prepare to pass the torch, may our final efforts be focused, inclusive, and heartfelt.

I thank each Rotarian for your dedication throughout the year. Together, we have inspired hope, created opportunities, and brought meaningful change. Let's continue to serve with purpose and compassion, strengthening Rotary's legacy for generations to come. Yours in Rotary Service,

Sudharshan Chugh



MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As the Rotary year approaches its final chapter, May invites us not just to look back, but to look ahead — with gratitude for what we've achieved and with purpose for what remains to be done.

May is celebrated as Youth Service Month, reminding us of the powerful role we play in shaping the future. Today's youth are not just future leaders — they are present partners in service. When we involve them meaningfully, we don't just mentor individuals — we energize our movement.

This is also the time to pause and appreciate the quiet strength of our Rotary journey — the early mornings, the late-night meetings, the quiet planning behind every impactful project. Each of you has contributed to something greater than yourself, and that is the true spirit of Rotary.

Let us now finish strong — not just for ourselves, but for those we serve. Reconnect with your club's vision, rediscover your passion for service, and re-engage with those who walk this path with you.

Together, let's make these final weeks count — with heart, with hope, and with the unwavering spirit of "Service Above Self."

Warm regards

Anil Madan

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT SECRETARY



As May unfolds, so does the final chapter of this Rotary year — a time to cherish what we've built and prepare for the baton to be passed. It is a month of gratitude, growth, and above all, giving back with even greater intention.

May is Youth Service Month, and it beautifully aligns with the spirit of spring — a season of renewal, hope, and promise. Our youth are the blossoms of our collective future. When we guide them with values, empower them with opportunities, and trust them with responsibility, we plant seeds of leadership that will flourish for decades.

Let us take these remaining weeks to reignite our commitment, revisit unfinished goals, and most importantly, recognize every small act that contributed to the greater good. Rotary is not just about large projects — it's about the quiet consistency of service, the power of connection, and the joy of making a difference.

Thank you for your dedication, your time, and your heart. Let us finish this year with the same passion we started with — and carry it forward as a legacy of service.

In Rotary fellowship,

Narinder Pal Singh Bhola

RC AMBALA DIAMOND

ROTARY CLUB AMBALA DIAMOND MEMBERS, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PRESIDENT RAJNEESH GARG AND COURTESY OF MEMBER MUKESH GOYAL, PROVIDED LUNCH TO 500 CHILDREN IN THE BLIND SCHOOL IN PATIALA. SWEETS WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO THE CHILDREN.



PRESIDENT RAJNEESH GARG INFORMED THAT THE CLUB WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE SWEETS AND FOOD NEXT MONTH ON MAY 18, 2025, COURTESY OF MEMBER UPVAN MITTAL.

THE CLUB ALSO KEEPS DISTRIBUTING FREE COPIES, PENCILS AND OTHER STATIONERY ITEMS TO NEEDY CHILDREN. THE CLUB WILL ALSO ORGANIZE A SANSKAR CAMP IN THE FUTURE TO GIVE TIPS TO CHILDREN ON STAYING HEALTHY.



ROTARY CLUB PANIPAT RAINBOW ORGANIZED SAINITARY PADS DISTRIBUTION & TREE PLANTATION AT ARYA GIRL SR.SEC. SCHOOL, VEER BHAWAN.



TULIPS IN INDIA: BLOOMING HERITAGE

India – a land of vibrant landscapes and diverse flora – has always held deep reverence for nature and its many manifestations. Among the countless flowers that grace the Indian subcontinent, tulips hold a special place, especially in the northern region of Kashmir and now in other Himalayan regions as well. While tulips are not native to India, they have over the years become symbolic of the region's charm, culture and resilience. This article traces the journey of tulips in India, focussing particularly on the famed Tulip Garden in Srinagar, the largest in Asia which has become a major attraction and a celebration of Kashmir's breathtaking natural beauty.

THE GLOBAL JOURNEY OF TULIPS: Tulips are believed to have originated in the mountainous areas of Central Asia including parts of modern-day Iran, Afghanistan and Kazakhstan. They were cultivated by the Ottomans and became deeply rooted in Turkish culture. Tulips gained immense popularity in the 16th century when they were introduced to Europe, particularly the Netherlands which today remains one of the world's largest tulip producers and exporters. The flower came to represent elegance and luxury during the Dutch Golden Age and has since maintained its allure worldwide.

ARRIVAL OF TULIPS IN INDIA: The arrival of tulips in India is relatively recent in historical context. Introduced through diplomatic and horticultural exchanges, tulips began to be grown in the temperate climate of Jammu and Kashmir, especially in and around Srinagar. The region's unique geography and climate – with cold winters and moderate summers – proved ideal for tulip



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cultivation. Encouraged by government efforts and international cooperation particularly with Dutch horticulturists, tulip cultivation took root in Kashmir in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

THE BIRTH OF THE TULIP GARDEN IN SRINAGAR: The turning point in India's tulip journey came in 2007 with the establishment of the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden in Srinagar. Sprawled over 30 hectares on the foothills of the Zabarwan Range, the garden overlooks the iconic Dal Lake and is a visual marvel. Originally called the Model Floriculture Centre, the garden was later named in honour of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The vision for the Tulip Garden was not merely horticultural but also socio-economic. The state government, recognising the potential of floriculture as a means of boosting tourism and providing employment, developed the garden under the Department of Floriculture. The garden was inaugurated in 2008 and since then it has become one of the most anticipated springtime attractions in the





region.

AN ARRAY OF COLOUR AND CULTURE: Every year, the Tulip Garden is opened to the public during the Tulip Festival which typically begins in late March and continues through early April depending on weather conditions. The garden features over 1.5 million tulip bulbs comprising more than 65 varieties. These include single and double bloom tulips in a spectrum of colours – from vibrant reds, yellows and oranges to delicate pinks, whites and purples. In addition to tulips, the garden also showcases other spring flowers like hyacinths, daffodils and ranunculi enhancing the overall appeal. The layout of the garden is designed in terraces making it the largest of its kind in Asia. It offers not just a floral spectacle but also a cultural experience. The festival is often accompanied by local music, folk performances and handicraft exhibitions, offering visitors a taste of Kashmir's rich artistic heritage.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT: The Srinagar Tulip Garden has had a significant impact on the local economy. The influx of tourists during the Tulip Festival provides a much-needed boost to the tourism sector which has historically been a backbone of the Kashmiri economy. The garden also contributes to environmental awareness and education. It draws attention to the importance of biodiversity, sustainable horticulture and the conservation of natural spaces. Local farmers have also been encouraged to diversify into floriculture, leading to a gradual but meaningful change in agricultural practices.

CHALLENGES AND SUSTAINABILITY: Despite its success, the Tulip Garden faces several challenges. Tulips have a short blooming period of only about 2-3 weeks, making the window for tourism relatively narrow. Moreover, tulips are sensitive to climatic

BLOOMING HERITAGE

fluctuations and unseasonal rains or temperature variations can affect blooming patterns. Diversifying the flower species in the garden and extend the blooming season. The Department of Floriculture has also introduced online ticketing and visitor-friendly facilities to enhance the overall experience. In recent years, environmental concerns have led to the adoption of more sustainable gardening practices. The use of organic fertilisers, rainwater harvesting and soil conservation techniques ensure that the garden remains a sustainable venture.

THE TULIP GARDEN IN POPULAR CULTURE: Over the years, the Tulip Garden has become more than a tourist spot. Each spring, as the valley awakens from the harshness of winter, the blooming tulips signifies merging natural beauty with cultural charm. The garden has found its way into travel literature, films and photography across the globe. It is often compared to the Keukenhof Gardens in the Netherlands and has inspired a sense of pride and ownership among the local population. In the city of Dehradun in Garhwal Himalayas also, tulip cultivation has gained popularity in recent years with gardens like those in the Forest Research Institute and other public spaces planting tulips to attract tourists and beautify the city. Similarly, in Garhwal—particularly in places like the Tehri and Chamoli districts—tulips are now grown at higher altitudes, where the climate supports their short blooming season.

EPILOGUE: The story of tulips in India is one of adaptation, beauty and resilience. From their Central Asian origins to their full bloom in the heart of Kashmir and other Himalayan states, tulips have journeyed across continents to become a part of India's floral and cultural tapestry. As the garden continues to evolve and attract global attention, it stands as a testament to the harmonious blend of nature, culture and human endeavour. In a land as ancient and rich as India, the tulip – though a relative newcomer – has carved a permanent place for itself, blooming each year as a symbol of peace, prosperity and the eternal promise of spring.

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RYLA @ GOVERNMENT INTER COLLEGE, KHADRI KHADKAMAF

The event started with the lighting of the lamp. The children performed a Saraswati Vandana (prayer).

All the guests and speakers present at the event were welcomed, and mementos were presented to them by the club.

The school children participated in a 200-meter race and long jump competition. The winners in both the boys' and girls' categories were awarded gold medals by the club.

THE CLUB ALSO ORGANIZED 6 AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR THE SCHOOL CHILDREN DURING THIS SPECIAL EVENT:

1. Cyber Crime and Traffic Issues – Presented by Sub Inspector Arti Kaluda from the Rishikesh Police Station.
2. Environment and Health Problems – Discussed by Dr. Jitendra Gairola from AIIMS Rishikesh
3. Yoga – Explained to the children by Mahesh Giri, an Asia Games Gold Medalist.
4. Thalassemia – A detailed discussion by Dr. Hariom Prasad, Assistant Governor of Rotary Zone 21.
5. Organ and Eye Donation – Sanchet Arora from the Mohan Foundation spoke about the importance of organ donation.
6. Sports – Omprakash Gupta, a sports coach,

motivated the children and emphasized the importance of sports in life.

At the end of the program, juice and biscuits were distributed to all the school children.

The program was also attended by

21 NATIONAL SPORTS CHAMPIONS FROM RISHIKESH CITY, INCLUDING:

Abhishek Trishuliya, Lakshman Thakur, and Suraj Mandal, players selected for the Kho Kho World Cup and 38th National Games.

-Kartikeya Sharma, a weightlifter selected for the World Championship in Japan.

-Sarthak Thapliyal, crowned Mr. Universe and Mr. India.

-Gopal Singh Rawat, a silver medalist in the 50+ age category of Khelo India Football.

-Anshika, a hockey player selected for the North Zone and National Camp.

- Chirag Gupta, a badminton player.

-Nagesh Rajput, a Kho Kho coach, and Anurag Malik, a football coach.

These athletes were presented with RYLA Certificates and 1-liter steel water bottles as gifts.

By giving the steel bottles, the Rotary Club of Rishikesh Divas also conveyed the message of "Say No to Plastic, Save the World".

The program ended with two minutes of silence in



memory of the civilians martyred in the Pahalgam attack, showing respect and condolences.

TODAY'S CHIEF GUESTS WERE

Dr. Hariom Prasad, Assistant Governor of Rotary Zone 21, Dr. Jitendra Gairola from AIIMS, and special guests Dr. Ravi Kaushal and Dr. D.P. Balodi.

The club also extends heartfelt gratitude to the school principal Mr. Ranveer Singh Pundir for his special cooperation in organizing this event.

The club's president Tanu Jain gave her blessings to all the children and assured that such programs will continue to be held in the school in the future.

THE EVENT WAS COORDINATED BY *SHUBHANGI RAINA*, THE CLUB'S SECRETARY, MADHAVI GUPTA, A MEMBER, AND RITU AGARWAL, THE PROGRAM ORGANIZER. ALL THE CHAMPION NAME WITH SPECIALIZATION IN SPORTS ARE AS FOLLOWS

1. Anshika Bhandari
Hockey North Zone, National Level
2. Chirag Gupta
Badminton, Hockey & Athlete 800mtr
3. Muskan
Power Lifting State Level Gold
4. Aman Tyagi
Netball State team of 38th National Games
5. Sujal Kumar
Netball State team of 38th National Games
6. Ankur Gupta
Hockey Captain U14 Uttarakhand State National Level
7. Gopal Singh Rawat
Football silver medal in National Level 50+ age category



8. Abhishek Kumar Trishuliya
Kho Kho World Cup Camp 2025
9. Laxman Thakur
Kho Kho World Cup Camp 2025
10. Sarthak Thapliyal
Body Builder & Weight Lifting
Mr Universe, Mr India
11. Sarthak Sharma
Weight Lifting 93kgs category
State Level Gold
12. Suraj Mandal
Kho Kho National Games
13. Akash Kumar, Volleyball
14. Arman Rawat, Volleyball
15. Aman Payal, Volleyball
16. Akash Kapsudi, Volleyball
17. Anshika Rayal, Athlete
18. Pankaj Kashyap, Athlete
19. Anurag Malik, Football Coach
20. Nagesh Rajput, Kho Kho Coach
21. Dinesh Painuly, Netball & Tug of War
22. Satya Kam Pokhriyal, PTI GIC



RC SHIMLA ORGANISED 3-DAY RESIDENTIAL RYLA

AT MANLA HOMES RESORTS NEAR MASHOBRA, SHIMLA TO EMPOWER FUTURE LEADERS



In a remarkable initiative to foster leadership, life skills, and community spirit among young minds, the Rotary Club Shimla organized a three-day residential Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program at the serene Manla Resorts from April 25 to 27, 2025. The event brought together 63 enthusiastic students from five states, with a majority hailing from government schools, providing them with a valuable opportunity to learn, grow, and transform.

The RYLA was inaugurated by Shri Mohit Chawla, DIG, Cyber Crime (CID) HP, who lauded Rotary Club Shimla's initiative for focusing on the holistic development of youth. In his address, Shri Chawla highlighted the need for building leadership skills in the digital age and stressed the importance of cyber



awareness, resilience, and ethical responsibility among the younger generation.

Adding immense value to the program, DGN Rtn Dr. Rita Kalra was the Guest of Honour along with Distt RYLA Chair Rtn Dr Sanjay Kalra., Rtn De Rita Kalra conducted an important session on Cervical Cancer Awareness, sensitizing students about preventive healthcare and emphasizing the significance of early detection and good health practices.

The keynote session by Col Rajeev Bharwan was a powerful highlight of the event. In his motivational address, Col Bharwan encouraged the young participants to cultivate confidence, gratitude, simplicity, and respect towards parents. He urged students to remain grounded, thankful, and to carry





forward values that would guide them through the complexities of life.

Over the course of three days, the students engaged in a diverse and thoughtfully curated set of sessions including:

- | Artificial Intelligence and the World in 2030: Understanding emerging technologies and preparing for future challenges.
- | Career Counselling: Helping students align their aspirations with opportunities.
- | Cyber Commandos: Building awareness on cybersecurity and safe digital practices.
- | Youth as Catalysts of Change: Inspiring them to drive social transformation.
- | Drug Menace and Fight Against It: Raising awareness and promoting drug-free living.
- | Basic Finance and Money Matters: Instilling financial literacy and money management skills.
- | Communication Skills and Public Speaking: Boosting self-expression and effective communication.
- | Leadership Skills: Developing team-building, decision-making, and leadership capabilities.
- | Creativity and Innovation Workshops: Encouraging critical and creative thinking.
- | Outdoor Activities, Nature Walks, Yoga, and Health Tips: Fostering holistic physical and mental health.
- | Environment Sustainability Workshop with Waste Warriors: Promoting eco-friendly living and responsible waste management.

Mornings started with Nature walk with picturesque Sunrise followed by Yoga session by professionals. Evenings at the camp were lively and vibrant, culminating in a Talent Hunt Competition, where students showcased their artistic and creative skills across various performances, nurturing their self-confidence and team spirit.

The closing and prize distribution ceremony was graced by District Governor Rtn Rajpal Singh as the Chief Guest, along with District Secretary Rtn Narender Pal Singh. They interacted warmly with the students, lauded their energy and spirit, and distributed certificates and prizes to the outstanding performers. AG ZONE-1 Rtn Ruchira Tangri also graced the RYLA during the inaugural and closing



ceremony. The RYLA was graced by the PDGs, Dist Officers, other Club Presidents & Secretaries and other dignitaries from RID 3080, who profoundly appreciated the efforts of RC Shimla.

RYLA highlighted that the initiative fulfilled Rotary's mission of Service Above Self, by providing underprivileged and talented youth a platform to discover their potential and become responsible, empathetic leaders of tomorrow.

This RYLA by RC Shimla not only imparted knowledge but also instilled critical values of gratitude, leadership, health, sustainability, and innovation, leaving a profound impact on every participant. The event concluded with a strong commitment from Rotary Club Shimla to continue empowering youth through such meaningful initiatives.

The RYLA was meticulously planned and flawlessly executed by RC Shimla RYLA Committee under the Chairmanship of PP Rtn Sachin Verma.

STREET PLAY (NUKKAD NATAK) ON ORGAN DONATION AT TRIVENI GHAT



Around 20 enthusiastic students from Seema Dental College participated in the performance, beautifully spreading awareness about the importance of organ donation. The event was well-coordinated by Mr. Sanchit Arora from Mohan Foundation and Dr. Kalpana from Seema Dental College.

The impactful performance reached and educated nearly 400 people gathered at the ghat.

Following the event, all attendees participated in the soulful Ganga Aarti at Triveni Ghat. The students enjoyed the evening, dancing to devotional bhajans. Biscuits and refreshments were kindly served by Rotary Club Rishikesh Divas, making the evening even more delightful.



RC SHIMLA MIDTOWN CELEBRATED ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

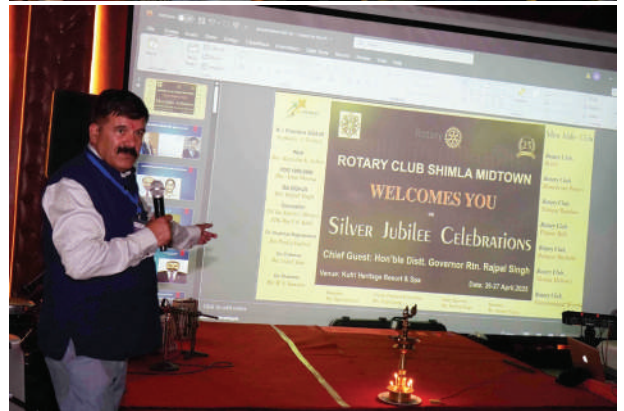


Rotary Club Shimla Midtown Celebrated its 25th anniversary (Silver Jubilee) on 26th and 27th April 2025 in Kufri Heritage Hotel and Resorts Kufri under the Chairmanship of Charter Club President and PDG Rtn Dhian Chand. Rtn Ashok Jain was the Co- Chairman. The event was co-celebrated by five more clubs formed by DG Rtn Arun Sharma in 1999-2000, RC Baddi, RC Pinjore, RC Himalayan Ranges, RC Rampur Busher and RC Yamuna Nagar Riveria.



**Report by
PP and
Charter member
Rtn Manvir Singh**

On the 26th evening a musical night with fellowship was the attraction of the event. On the 27th morning Yoga class and the mental health



programme was conducted by Dr Harleen Kaur and Dr Har Simran Singh.

The function was graced by DG Rajpal Singh and Anne Inderbir kaur. PP Rtn Pankaj Dadwal



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introduced the chief guest. DG Rtn Rajpal Singh appreciated the projects undertaken by the club. The club has the distinction of 2 District Governors. Though the club is small but it has done big projects. It has 3 Rotaract clubs, and 1 Interact and 1 Inner Wheel Club who actively participate in the club activities. The achievements of the club were highlighted and other PDGs also gave their valuable advice and guidance.

The presence of PDG Ramesh Bhargava, PDG Yogender Dewan, PDG Arun Sharma, PDG Chetan Aggarwal, PDG Arun Mongia, PDG V.P. Kalta, DGN Rita Kalra, District Editor Rtn M.P. Gupta, Dist Secretary Rtn N.P. Singh Bhola, Assistant Governor Rtn Ruchira Tangri and many more distinguished

guests from various clubs graced the occasion.

PDG Arun Mongia compared the past and present Rotary functioning and gave very good suggestions for the better and bright future of Rotary.

The club still has 4 pillars who are active since the formation of the club. The charter members Rtn Dhian Chand, Rtn Manvir Singh, Rtn Harvinder Singh Kwatra and Rtn Ashok Jain are still active in the club activities.

All the visiting Rtns/ Guests were given Anniversary pins and silver Jubilee Momentos by the club president Rtn Ravi Kant Jain.

The vote of thanks was given by PP Rtn Aparna Negi.



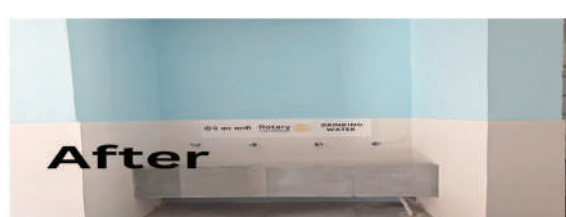
AMBALA



Free Vaccination Drive



CHANDIGARH



Drinking and Hand Wash Station Renovation at Govt Sr Secondary School Khudda Lahora, Chandigarh.

CHANDIGARH CENTRAL



Celebrated Education Week



Distributed Cycle

CHANDIGARH MIDTOWN



Distributed Notebooks and School Bags



Distributed Two New Microloans, each worth Rs 30,000

CHANDIGARH UPTOWN



Blood Donation Camp



Cervical Cancer Awareness

CLASSIC CHANDIGARH



Medical Camp



Blood Donation Camp

DEHRA DUN CENTRAL



Tribute to Pahalgam Terror Victims



Distributed Clothes at Rotary Kushtha Ashram in Dalanwala

DOON SHIVALIK HILLS



Medical Camp



Club held Zonal AG Meet

DOON VIKAS



Distributed Sanitary Pads



KALKA HERITAGE



Official DG Visit



KARNAL



Brahm Kumaris Honoured Club for its Social Activities



Paid Homage to Pehlgam Victims

KASAULI



Mega Health Camp Medical & Eye Camp



KHARAR



Peace Pole installed at Chandigarh University Gharuan



DG Rajpal inaugurated Traffic Post Room at Kharar

MORINDA



Chabeel



New Rotary Bhawan construction Work in progress

PANCHKULA



Shardanjali to Barbaric Killing of Tourists in Pahalgam at Town Park Panchkula



PANIPAT RAINBOW



Organised Bhandara



Renovated Pink Toilet

PANIPAT SOUTH



Medical Camp



PAONTA SAHIB



Eye Check-Up Camp



Distributed Cycles to the Girls Students

RISHIKESH DIVAS



Amrit Sarovar in the forest area of Rishikesh



Awareness talk

RISHIKESH ROYALE



Built Pink Toilet



Financially Help for Daughter's Marriage

ROORKEE



Distributed Reusable Sanitary Pads



Distributed items in Project Goonj

ROORKEE MIDTOWN



Distributed Reusable Sanitary Pads



DG Visit

ROPAR CENTRAL



Pink Toilet and Dental Care Drive



Peace Summit and Peace Pole Installation at ASBASJSM College, Bela

SHAHABAD MARKANDA



Distributed Sewing Machine in Silai Center



SHIMLA



RYLA at Manla Homes Resorts Near Mashobra, Shimla

SHIMLA HILL QUEENS



Distributed Nutritious Food to Patients



Visited Special School

SHIMLA MIDTOWN



Celebrated Silver Jubilee of Club



SILVER CITY MOHALI



Peace is Possible Summit at Chandigarh University



Official DG Visit

YAMUNA NAGAR RIVIERA



Distributed Stationery items to Kids

2025 CONVENTION

Your convention faves



The votes are in: Members planning to attend the Rotary International Convention in Calgary say they're most excited to find project partners and learn about RI's work.

They also give high marks to seeing friends from past conventions and meeting new people from around the world, in a just-for-fun poll on Rotary's new channel on the messaging platform WhatsApp. And a good number of people say they're eager to put on a cowboy hat in Calgary, a modern city with Western frontier roots.

President Stephanie Urchick asks you to join her in Canada 21-25 June because the convention is your place to form lifelong connections and discover new perspectives. "This motivating event will inspire and transform you," Urchick says.

Calgary is a travel destination that's easy to love. The bustling city center is simple to get around and close to hotels

and the convention grounds, where you can watch a heart-pounding Wild West entertainment extravaganza. Your fellow members who are helping to organize the convention and special experiences can't wait to share with you Calgary's diversity in food, arts, and cultures and its sustainable features, like a light rail line powered by wind energy. The dining scene is a favorite of Mark Starratt, co-chair of the Host Organization Committee, who recommends the many downtown restaurants that feature ingredients from nearby farms or global fare from international chefs.

With so much to do close to the main event, Starratt says all members will find unforgettable experiences, "regardless of your age, regardless of whether you're bringing your family, you're bringing your spouse, you're traveling as a single, you're 70, you're 40, you're a Rotaractor." ■

Learn more and register at convention.rotary.org.

“ EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF BHAGAVAD GITA CHAPTER 12 A ROTARY PERSPECTIVE

From the Editor

As we tread the path of service above self, the timeless teachings of the Bhagavad Gita offer profound guidance. Chapter 12, titled Bhakti Yoga – the Path of Devotion – beautifully outlines the qualities of a true devotee. These virtues resonate deeply with the values that every Rotarian strives to embody.

In this chapter, Lord Krishna emphasizes that while both the path of knowledge (Jnana Yoga) and the path of devotion (Bhakti Yoga) are noble, the path of devotion is more accessible and effective for those engaged in worldly duties. Rotary, too, calls upon its members to live amidst society, facing its challenges, and yet uplift it through selfless service and love for humanity.

A central message of Chapter 12 is the elevation of character. Lord Krishna lists the qualities of an ideal devotee – one who is free from malice, friendly and compassionate, free from ego, content, patient, and steadfast in faith. Are these not the very values enshrined in Rotary's Four-Way Test? When we ask ourselves, “Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned?” we are aligning our conscience with the Gita's call for moral clarity and emotional balance.

A TRUE ROTARIAN, MUCH LIKE THE BHAKTA, WORKS NOT FOR RECOGNITION BUT OUT OF LOVE - FOR COMMUNITY, FOR PEACE, AND FOR THE BETTERMENT OF MANKIND. THE GITA URGES SURRENDER OF EGO AND FRUITS OF ACTION TO THE DIVINE; ROTARY ENCOURAGES ACTION WITHOUT PERSONAL GAIN, WITH THE COMMUNITY AS OUR GREATER SELF.



Further, Krishna assures that even those who cannot follow deep meditative practices or philosophical inquiries can attain the highest by engaging in simple acts of devotion and service. This inclusivity mirrors Rotary's strength – welcoming all who have a heart to serve, regardless of caste, creed, or background.

AT A TIME WHEN THE WORLD FACES DIVISIONS AND UNCERTAINTIES, BHAKTI YOGA REMINDS US THAT LOVE AND SELFLESS ACTION CAN BE THE STRONGEST UNIFYING FORCES. AS ROTARIANS, LET US EMBRACE THE GITA'S TEACHINGS NOT AS ABSTRACT PHILOSOPHY, BUT AS DAILY PRACTICE: TO BE KIND WITHOUT REASON, TO SERVE WITHOUT EXPECTATION, AND TO UPLIFT OTHERS WITH A COMPASSIONATE HEART.

May our journey as Rotarians be guided by the virtues of the true devotee – unwavering in purpose, anchored in service, and rich in love for all beings. In doing so, we transform not just our communities, but our very selves.

“HE WHO WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF ALL, FREE FROM ATTACHMENT AND EGO, IS DEAR TO ME.” - BHAGAVAD GITA 12:4

LET US STRIVE TO BE SUCH SOULS - IN ROTARY AND IN LIFE.

Mohinder Paul Gupta
DISTRICT EDITOR



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