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Embracing Forgiveness and Service

This Monday evening was a truly special one for our Rotary family, filled with significant events and moments of reflection that reinforced our dedication to service and community welfare. We were honored to welcome three distinguished individuals into our fold: Rtn. Justice Shabihul Hasnain ji, Rtn. Sony Goyal, and Rtn. Ardaas Sandhu. Their induction was a proud occasion, and we eagerly look forward to their active involvement and valuable contributions to our ongoing projects.

During the meeting, Rotary President Abha Sharma delivered a heartfelt appeal to all members, urging us to contribute Rs 1000 per head in support of the flood-affected populations in Punjab. She emphasized the importance of collective effort during times of crisis and encouraged every member to extend their support.

We also observed a moment of silence to mourn the passing of PP Surinder Pal Kaur's daughter-in-law, who recently succumbed to cancer. The entire club



came together in somber reflection, offering condolences to her family and reaffirming the compassionate and empathetic spirit that is at the core of our Rotary principles.

A highlight of the gathering was the engaging interactive session conducted by Past President Rtn. Neenu Vij, centered around the theme of "Forgiveness," inspired by the traditional 'Michhami Dukkadam'. Through thought-provoking questions, Rtn. Neenu encouraged members to share their insights on the importance of forgiveness, its benefits, and how it can

bring peace to individuals and communities. The discussion underscored the significance of forgiveness in promoting healing, restoring relationships, and fostering harmony within families and society.

The session left a lasting impression, inspiring members to reflect on their own capacity for forgiveness and its role in building a more peaceful and empathetic world. It served as a powerful reminder of the importance of embracing forgiveness within ourselves and our community, encouraging us to cultivate harmony and compassion in our daily lives.



Is university education relevant to the unfolding future in 21st century?

We welcome Prof. Rudra Pratap
Vice Chancellor, Plaksha University

Prof. Rudra Pratap has been associated with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bangalore for over 25 years, and is credited for establishing the globally recognized Centre for Nano Science and Engineering at IITB. Prof. Pratap was also an invited professor at EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland in 2004-05. Prior to joining IITB in 1998, he taught at the Sibley School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Cornell University, for 2.5 years.

Monday at 6:00 pm
8th September

Thank you, TEACHERS!
Let's Celebrate Education

Fellowship Host
8th Sept..6 pm
Rotary House

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Motivating Rotractors of Rotary club Chandigarh to help in packing Flood relief material. Rotract club of Chandigarh has volunteered for 150 boxes of Candles also. President Abha J Sharma got these arranged from SOREM.

Present was PP CJ Singh and Rotarian member from Rotary club Chd central at RVTC on 6 Sept.



Punjab Flood Relief

Meeting on Punjab Flood Relief Held at Rotary House, Sector 18, Chandigarh.

A meeting to discuss flood relief efforts in Punjab was conducted this evening, September 4th, 2025, at Rotary House, Sector 18, Chandigarh. The session was chaired by District Governor Rtn. Ravi Prakash Ji.

PDG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra

PDG Rtn. Praveen Goyal

AG Zone 5 and all

Presidents

District 3070 shared their requirements and our district RID 3080 promptly responded to the same by arranging following relief items:

- * Tarpaulins-1000
- * Sanitary Pads-16500
- * Toothbrushes-2000
- * Toothpaste-2000
- * Mosquito Repellent cream-2000
- * Water Purification Tablets
- * Candles (pack of 12)-1000



* Matchboxes (pack of 6)-1000

* Torches-500

The first consignment of collected relief materials are scheduled to be dispatched to the Jalandhar camp site of District 3070 on September 6th, 2025.

APPEAL FOR RELIEF TO PUNJAB FOR THE FLOOD AFFECTED PEOPLE

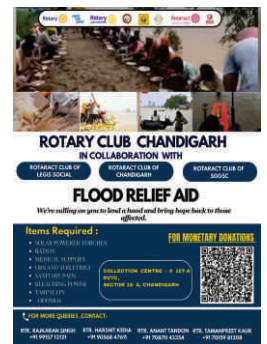


Dear Fellow members,

You are well aware about the havoc floods have created in Punjab. It was proposed at the club meeting on Monday the September 1st for contribution of Rs 1000 per member. The attending members including the ones who had joined the same evening gave total support to the proposal. The young Rotractors of our club have also risen to contribute their mite to assist the distressed families. They have approached the club to join in this campaign to help the FLOOD VICTIMS financially and in Kind.

I am sure we shall have total support from all Rotary Family for the much needed service project. Lets all wholeheartedly support the cause.

President
Abha Sharma



CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

8 Sept	PP Rtn Vinod Kapoor	9872400651
8 Sept	Rtn. Dr. Ranjit Powar	9872010595
9 Sept	Rtn. Parveen Aggarwal	9814008323
12 Sept	PP Rtn Abhilash Kapoor	9316111131
12 Sept	Rtn Apurv Bansal	9888133556
14 Sept	Rtn Dr Raman Abrol	9872813387

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7 Sept 25 evening Flood relief material being sent collectively from Zone 5 & 6 clubs to Rotary collection centre in Jalandhar organised by Rotary Club of Jalandhar.



Our club President spoke about membership at Public Image and Membership Development Seminar + Vistar at Dehradun. Our club has the largest membership in the district.



MEDIA COVERAGE

Gurus who never cease to inspire

RK SABOO

The Tribune - 4 September 2025

INDIA's second President, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, always regarded himself as a teacher. His life was a testament to the enduring values of knowledge, truth and character. The guru has taken many forms in my life. My wife and I are privileged to have met remarkable people who embodied the essence of teaching — not only through words, but by the example of their lives. In 2008, at the silver jubilee function of Bhavan Vidyalaya, Chandigarh, the 'Missile Man of India,' Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, told students: "Education is the most powerful tool to develop a great citizen and a great nation." His dream-driven philosophy will continue to inspire generations. His demise in 2015, soon after expressing his wish to revisit our school, left behind a poignant silence and a blazing legacy of inspiration.

In 2010, I travelled to Santiniketan, where Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore created an educational vision far ahead of its time. Established in 1901 in the Gurmukhi tradition, Santiniketan grew into Visva-Bharati University in 1921, symbolising universalism, humanism and cultural exchange. I also visited the Rabindra Bhavan Museum, where Tagore's manuscripts, letters and paintings are preserved. To quote Tagore, "The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence."

Among my most cherished memories is a meeting with Mahatma Gandhi in 1944 at Sodepur Ashram near Calcutta. I was just a child, and the experience left a lasting impression on me. In 2016, during our annual Rotary Retreat at Ahmedabad, my wife and I visited Sabarmati Ashram, where one could almost feel the Mahatma's presence. The ashram has preserved Gandhi's spectacles, walking stick, sandals, utensils, spinning wheel, writing desk, letters and documents, along with photographs and manuscripts related to the freedom movement. It is truly a living classroom of satyagraha, truth and simplicity.

During our visit to South Africa in 2017, my wife and I went to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. We saw the tiny, dark cell where he spent 18 years, with no visitors allowed except once for 30 minutes in a whole year. We took a tour of the Robben Island Museum and saw the Lime Quarry, the church which the prisoners visited every Sunday, the courtyard and the small garden tended by Mandela. His words still resound across the globe: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

These experiences have reinforced a truth that transcends time: teachers are not confined to classrooms. They are present wherever values, courage and knowledge are shared.

Teachers' Day is, therefore, more than a tribute to individuals. It is a celebration of the eternal spirit of the guru. Let's remember these lines which compare the guru with the divine trinity: "Guru Brahma, Guru Vishnu, Guru Devo Maheshwara; Guru Sakshat Parabrahma, Tasmai Shri Gurave Namah."

Creating 1 lakh Eco Champions by 2030



Rotary club Chandigarh on 7th sept had organised an online workshop from 2.30 to 5.00 pm on Waste Segregation in which there were about 60 participants (Interactors, Rotractors, Teachers and Rotarians). The program was conceived by PDG Madhukar Malhotra, implemented by President and Director Youth services of the club.

WITH DEEP SORROW

We share with heavy hearts the sad news of the passing of Rotary International President-Elect for 2026–27, Rtn. SangKoo Yun. Just a month ago, his resignation was accepted due to health reasons — and today we mourn the loss of a leader whose life was devoted to service above self and to Rotary's vision of a better world.



May the Almighty grant peace to his noble soul and give strength to his family in this hour of grief.

His vision, dedication, and ideals will continue to inspire and guide Rotarians everywhere.

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EVENING WITH FRIENDS



Evening with friends hosted by PRIP Rajendra K Saboo and R'nn Usha Saboo ji on 3 rd Sept 2025.



DIL SE... Law of Karma

Law of Karma
Nature's Justice Delivery System
How it works?

J.K. Kapur
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Law of Karma What is fate ? Fate is the sum total of your past Karmas. Nature puts you exactly in the reverse situation what you did negative in your past karma. Here you have a choice whether to respond or react. If you respond, you can neutralize the karma and if you react you will multiply it and in the reaction process recreate new karmas. If you respond intelligently and stop chain reactions, you will generate good karma of stopping multiplication of your bad karmas and also avoiding the multiplication of the karmas of the first person in addition to yours. In this way you can change and manage your fate.

-PP Rtn JK Kapur

