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

The meeting commenced with an update on ongoing projects, presented by our President to the club members. This was followed by an insightful session with Prof. Rudra Pratap, founder Vice Chancellor of Plaksha University. PP Neena Singh introduced the speaker befittingly, highlighting his impressive background and achievements.

Prof. Pratap emphasized the relevance of university education in today's rapidly evolving technological landscape, driven by artificial intelligence, automation, and digital platforms. Drawing historical parallels, he noted that societies often underestimate the pace of change, citing examples like the Wright brothers and the Internet. Despite these rapid changes, the demand for higher education continues to grow globally, especially in Asia and India. Universities, he suggested, play a vital role in blending technical skills with human



capabilities like leadership, creativity, and ethical reasoning. Prof. Pratap highlighted that universities serve as engines of innovation and regional growth, incubating startups, generating research, and preparing students to navigate transitions with purpose. With AI-related programs surging, universities are crucial in cultivating leaders who can solve complex problems and

steer society towards sustainability.

Plaksha University, he added, is reimagining technology education in India by integrating deep tech learning with entrepreneurship, interdisciplinary problem-solving, and social purpose. This approach underscores the importance of universities in shaping the human response to an uncertain but opportunity-rich future.

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Monday 15th September

Reduce Reuse & Recycle  
A Greener Environment

**Mr Gautam Sharma**  
Waste Management Expert

Rotary House, 107A sector 18A Chandigarh at 6 pm

Monday 15th September  
6 pm

Fellowship Host

**Rtn Dr Ranjit Powar**  
9872010595





RJ Garbage Bank 4:23 pm  
to me, RAJAVALLI

Greetings!

Dear Rtn Aabha,

I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and the Rotary Club of Chandigarh for organizing the online workshop with RJ Garbage Bank. It was a huge success, and the student community was highly receptive and engaged throughout the session.

The students had loads of questions, and the interaction was truly lovely. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and interest in learning about waste management and sustainability.

I also appreciate you sharing some pictures from the event on Instagram [https://www.instagram.com/p/DOVtLij7Ry/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRlODBiNWFlZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/DOVtLij7Ry/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRlODBiNWFlZA==)

Thank you again for your efforts in making this workshop a reality. Your dedication to empowering the next generation is truly commendable. Waiting to get details about the students for whom the E-certificates should be given. Eagerly waiting for further collaboration on setting up a Green point in your geography.

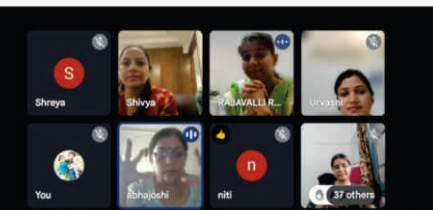
Best regards,  
RJ Garbage Bank



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“We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Rotary Club of Chandigarh for taking the time to attend the online session through Google Meet, proudly presented by RJ Garbage Bank. Your active participation, encouragement, and interest in our journey towards responsible waste management and sustainable living means a lot to us. It is through the support of respected organizations like the Rotary Club that we are motivated to continue spreading awareness, inspiring communities, and building a greener future for generations to come. Together, we can create a cleaner environment and a better tomorrow.”

23 hours ago

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## Is University education relevant to the unfolding future...

The session was followed by a felicitation ceremony for teachers, recognizing their invaluable contributions to education. We also expressed gratitude to Rtn Pratap Aggarwal for providing a delightful fellowship experience. The meeting was a resounding success, offering valuable insights into the role of universities in today's fast-paced world. We're grateful

to Prof. Pratap for sharing his expertise and vision with us, and to PP Neena Singh for introducing him so eloquently.

The meeting concluded on a high note, with members leaving inspired and motivated to make a positive impact in their respective fields. We're already looking forward to our next meeting. A heartfelt vote of thanks was given by Rtn Justice Shabihul Hasnain.

## MEDIA COVERAGE

सिटी लाइफ 11-09-2025

### टीचर्स ही स्टूडेंट्स को बदलावों से निपटने के लिए तैयार करते हैं...



Award Ceremony

रोटरी-18 के रोटरी क्लब चैंडिगढ़ में सम्मानित करने के लिए टीचर्स को सम्मानित किया गया।

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### रोटरी क्लब ने भेजी राहत सामग्री



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Chandigarh Bani  
Sep 08, 2025

## रगत घाही

### रोटरी क्लब ने हड़ पौडों लड़ी डेसी राहत समर्थन

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## CELEBRATIONS

### Birthday Greetings:

- 15 Sept Rtn Kulbir Dogra 9815100111
- 17 Sept PP Rtn Amrit Pal Singh 9814009815
- 17 Sept Rtn Abhinav Chaudhary 9855300009

### Anniversary Greetings:

- 15 Sept Rtn Gurvinder S. Saggu 9820079311 & Taranjeet
- 17 Sept Rtn. Tanu Mehtani & Sanjay 9888729484

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## E- Waste Segregation and green environment Heartwarming Experience with Bhawan Vidyalaya

Session on Waste Segregation and  
Green Mind at Bhawan Vidyalaya  
Sector 33, Chandigarh



At the event an autistic student wanted to stand with President Abha J Sharma during her speech, showcasing the school's commitment to creating a supportive environment. The buddy system, where classmates take turns caring for him, is truly commendable.

The students were interactive, intelligent, and enthusiastic, making the session enjoyable. Discussiond were held on e-waste, waste segregation, and green environments, followed by a

meditation session that left everyone calm and focused.

The students' ability to transition seamlessly from an active session to meditation was remarkable.

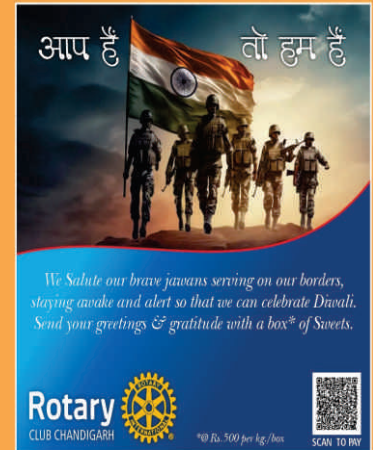
Kudos to Bhawan Vidyalaya for fostering a culture of inclusivity, compassion, and environmental awareness!

Their dedication to providing a nurturing environment for all students is truly inspiring. It was an opportunity for all attending to have interacted with such talented and empathetic young minds.

## APPEAL

Contribution towards Sweets  
to the Jawans under

### "AAP HAIN TAU HAM HAIN"



\*Rs. 500 per kg./box. Send Your Contribution to "Chandigarh Rotary Club Service Trust at Union Bank of India, Sector 3C, Chandigarh Branch, Acc No. 52916122030371 IFSC Code: UBIN0337191. Your contribution is exempted u/s 80G of Income Tax Act.

Dear Rotarian,

As we are approaching DIWALI The Diwali Sweets project for the 10th year is once again endeavouring to send "Sweets to the Jawans" under the name "Aap Hain Tau Ham Hain"- A unique project conceptualised by our Respected PRIP Saboo ji and Ann Usha ji. We offer our tribute to our jawans at the borders through a heartfelt expression of gratitude and respect for the soldiers who protect our nation's frontiers. This tribute emphasizes the importance of recognizing their selfless service and the debt of gratitude owed to them

– To convey to them that we remember and pray for them. We celebrate Diwali with our Jawans on the border who are not able to join their families. This year we have set the target of sending 8000 Boxes to the Jawans deputed on the borders of Leh and Ladhakh. Each box costs around Rs. 500/- and we humbly request you for your contribution.

We request you through this APPEAL to contribute graciously for this Cause



## SOME ROTARY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month for Rotary. This is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus. We all know how critical reading and writing are for success in life - for gaining information, communicating, making agreements, and so forth.

Enhancing Basic Education skills and Literacy are essential in reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace. Improvements can reduce maternal death, improve childhood survivability, and reduce poverty. They can also enable success in business or a profession.

### SEPTEMBER

"We can teach children to love. We can teach them to respect themselves and others. We can teach them to set goals and work toward them. And in return, they can pass on these life-affirming values to the next generations."  
- PRIP Hebert G. Brown 1995-96



### BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH



TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary. Be a People of Action



### PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD

There are many Rotary projects around the world supporting basic education and literacy. Here are a few examples, some of which were exhibited at the 2019 RI Convention in Hamburg.



**Guatemala Literacy Project.**  
Rotary clubs in Guatemala and North

America partner with a nonprofit organization, the Cooperative for Education, to provide textbooks for children. They also support the Culture of Reading Program, and Computer Program. <http://www.guatemalaliteracy.org/>



**Books for Africa.** The project collects, sorts, ships, and

distributes books to students of all ages in Africa. The goal is to end the book famine in Africa. <https://www.booksforafrica.org/index.html>



**WASH in Schools.** This program provides information on water, sanitation and hygiene in the school setting. It

helps to improve school attendance and enhance health. And it is fun for the children. <http://washinschools.info>



**Souns for Literacy LLC.** A letter-sound program, with touchable

symbols. Souns is an early literacy program the way children are introduced to the symbols of printed language. The goal is to ensure basic literacy. It is especially helpful for special needs children. <http://www.souns.org/>



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