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Francesco Arezzo
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
2025-26

Ravi Prakash
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
RI DISTRICT 3080

Abha Sharma
CLUB PRESIDENT

Arun Aggarwal
CLUB SECRETARY

A Heartfelt Farewell: President Rtn Jatinder Kapur's Thanks Giving Speech



On 30 June 2025, President Rtn Jatinder Kapur stood before his fellow Rotarians, friends, and guests, his heart overflowing with love, gratitude, and deep appreciation. Serving as the leader of Rotary Club Chandigarh had been an absolute privilege. With love and admiration, he expressed his heartfelt gratitude to his Board and Club officers, who had become like a second family to him.

He thanked the club's partners, donors, and well-wishers for their kindness and generosity. Every member of the Rotary family had brought their unique sparkle and passion to the club, making a difference in the community. President Rtn Jatinder Kapur extended his

gratitude to the staff members of RVTC, Vidya Sadan, and Bal Bahar for their selfless service and commitment.

He thanked his loving family and spouse, Neelam Kapoor, for their unwavering support and love. Reflecting on his term, President Kapur's eyes shone with tears of joy and gratitude. He had gained a deeper understanding of true leadership, lasting friendships, and the joy of giving back to the community.

The Past President's musical night had been a highlight of the



year, bringing Rotarians together in a celebration of music and camaraderie. As he passed on the baton to the next President, Rtn Abha Sharma, he did so with immense pride, love, and confidence.

"Thank you all," President Rtn Jatinder Kapur said, his voice filled with emotion, for allowing me to be a part of this incredible journey. May our bond never break, and may our service to humanity continue to be guided by love, compassion, and kindness. He



said, he is confident that the club will continue to thrive under PE Rtn Abha Sharma's leadership, serving with compassion, courage, and commitment.

May our journey never really end, but only begin anew, with new energy, fresh purpose, and boundless love. I'm honored to have been a part of this Rotary family." With that, President Rtn Jatinder Kapur concluded his speech, leaving behind a legacy of love, service, and dedication.

The Thanksgiving evening culminated into a memorable musical evening by our Guest Dr Naveen Jindal (PhD) Chairman of Ambala Musical Society at Sip n Dine with members dancing and singing together.

**LET'S
MAKE
SOMEONE'S
LIFE
BETTER
TODAY**

NEXT MEETING

"Sufiana Shaam"

Invoking the Divine and A Treat of Sufi Poetry by **Karan Verma** A Dynamic vocalist, composer & song writer on 7th July at Rotary House at 6 pm.
Fellowship by Rtn Madhu Lali

GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO THE CLUB MEMBERS BY PRESIDENT Rtn JATINDER KAPUR

1	PRIP Rtn R.K.Saboo	Father Figure - Guiding with wisdom and inspiring us with humility. We beam with pride as we honour our respected Saboo Sir, nicknamed Raja, a global leader with local roots. Thankyou Saboo Sir.	18	Rtn Jagesh Khaitan	Silent Donor wherever and whenever required. Thank you Jaigesh ji for your generous contribution to TB Elimination, Heartline, Breastfeeding enclosure in Children ward OPD, Civil Hospital Mohali and for every project and each contribution.
2	R'ne Usha Saboo	Super guide and mentor with motherly kindness and compassion. Graceful ambassador of Rotary values. Always helped whenever we reached to her. Thank you Usha ji for all the support during the year.	19	Rtn G.S.Chawla	Thank you Chawla ji for TB Elimination Contribution and Human Milk Bank CSR support
3	Rtn Prem Mohindru	Secretary of the Club, most meticulous, dependable and dedicated rotarian. Right arm and the all motivator of the President.	20	Rtn Sushil Gupta	Sweaters to EWS Student and generous contribution for Sweet to Jawans every year. Thank you sushil ji
4	Rtn Baldev Garg	Treasurer : Managed funds with integrity and diligence, very calm while presenting Budgets and reports.	21	Rtn Dr B.B.Goel	Thank you Rtn. Dr BB Goel for supporting the RVTC tailoring class pass out students with Sewing Machines.
5	Rtn Abha J.Sharma	Future looks bright under the guidance of our President Elect. Co-Chair Health Education Centre, support for Human Milk Bank.	22	Rtn Vijay Wadhawan	Leading with empathy - a proud moments for our Heartline Project chair
6	Rtn Arun Agarwal	Jt.Secretary as a Role of Club Executive secretary, silent torchbearer of our club's success, multi-tasker bewhind the scenes, dependable, diligent and dedicated. Updation of club reports on time.	23	Rtn Dr.Manish Rai	A true hero behind every drop that saves life. Thanks Dr.Manish Chair Blood Resource Centre
7	Rtn Gurvinder Saggu	Director and soul of Community Service, tuching lives and transforming communities with Heart Line surgeries.Distribution of diet kits to TB patients under TB elimination .Program	24	Dr.Rajesh Rana TB Elimination Cell, U.T.Chandigarh	Frontline warrior in the fight against TB , Thank you Dr.Rana for supporting to take up TB Elimination project in U.T.Chandigarh
8	Rtn Sartaj Lamba	Director, Club Services building fellowship, fun, flawless planning the programmes and always smiling.	25	Rtn Harvinder Kaur Babbi ji	Thanks you Babbi ji for every welcome drink - a symbol of your humble service in every meeting
9	Rtn Rosy Katyal	Sgt at Arm of the club. Makes every meeting matters, Behind the scene ensuring every bell rings ontime.	26	Rtn PJ Singh and Dr.Rajinder Kaur	Thank you PJ ji and Rajinder ji for Organising Blood Donation camp at their factory and Contributions to Distt. And RI
10	Rtn Jaspal Sidhu	Asst.Governor, Being bridge of strength between our club and the District Governor.	27	Rtn Brijesh Kumar	Support in Bal Bahar Administration
11	Rtn Anil Chadda	Immediate Past President. A guide, helpful and pillar of strength during the year.	28	IW Sunila Garg	Nurturing youngest hearts at Bal Bahar
12	Rtn Teena Virk	Director Youth Services - Inspiring leaders of tomorrow with passion and purpose. Tireless work in nurturing and making new clubs Early Acts - Rotaract - President Nominee	29	Rtn Dr.Bhavneet Bharti	Chairperson Human Milk Bank
13	Rtn Shuchita Luthra	Vice President. No vice for presidentship. A strong second-in-command and always ready to serve.	30	Rtn Hasan Mejie	Bosch Skill Development centre at Mehar Baba Charitable Trust, Bassi Pathana
14	Rtn PDG Madhukar Malhotra	Once a Governor, always and inspiration. Thank you PDG Madhukar ji	31	Rtn Ashok Khanna	Thanks you ashok ji for organising Blood Donation Camp
15	Rtn Parveen C Goyal	For guilding with humility and serving with heart. Salute to PDG Praveen Chander Goyal	32	Rtn Neenu Vij	Rotary Vidya Sadan
16	Rtn Manish Gupta & R'ne Archana Gupta	Your giving spirit powers our service. Thank you for your Financial Support for Vidya Sadan and Bal Bahar	33	Rtn Dr. Seema Gupta	Rotary Vidya Sadan
17	Mr. Navjot Singh & Mrs. Bhavna Singh of Gopal Sweets	Celebrating those who give without hesitation and service without expectation. Thank you Navjot ji and Bhavna ji for Support for Sweets to Jawans and RYLA Contribution	34	Rtn Manmohan Singh Kohli	Thank you Manmohan ji for organising Blood Donation Camp
			35	Rtn.Dr Ravjit Singh	Participated in the Medical Mission at Murena, Gwalior
			36	Rtn Dr.Aman Bhatia	Participated in the Medical Mission at Murena, Gwalior
			37	R'ne Seema Mahindru	Thank you Seema ji for the unwavering support to the secretary of the club
			38	R'ne Neelam Kapoor	Your presence in almost all the meetings made the President's journey all the more special. Thanks Neelam ji you have been the Life line for the club President.
			39	R'ne Aradhana Gakhar	Your architectural skills helped in the upgradation of Bal Bahar
			40	Sanjay Arora	Chief Engineer, MC Chandigarh

CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

9 July	Rtn Aarti Goyal	99140 43499
9 July	Rtn Dr Kuldeep Dhawan	9779984700
11 July	Rtn Surya Gupta	9888888528

Anniversary Greetings:

7 July	Rtn Dr Ruchit Uppal & Swati Behl	9041360301
8 July	RtnBaldev Kumar Garg & Santosh	9814108944

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Rotary Year 2025-2026

The new Rotary year 2025-2026, themed "Unite for Good," began on July 1, 2025. Led by President Francesco Arezzo, it emphasizes uniting people to create positive change and make a difference globally, fostering community, service, and collaboration among Rotarians worldwide for a better future.



Rtn. Francesco Arezzo an orthodontist will serve as Rotary International President for 2025-2026. During his term, Rotary announced a renewed partnership with the Gates Foundation, committing up to \$450 million to support polio eradication.

Francesco Arezzo, RI President

Wishing a very successful Rotary Year 2025-26 to our DG Rtn Ravi Prakash and Team HUM for creating milestones in uniting people and taking District 3080 to greater heights. The collar exchange between the PDG Rtn Rajpal and DG Rtn Ravi Prakash was held on 29th June 2025 at Jagadhri.



DG Rtn Ravi Prakash and Rtn Shalini

From the editors desk

Pope Francis said "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just." - This aligns perfectly with Rotary's mission to foster understanding, goodwill, and peace.

As an editor, I look forward to receiving articles, thoughts and stories from members to make this year memorable.

*Please do email at sartajlamba@gmail.com
Happy reading!!*

Member's Achievement

Rtn Dr. Ruchi Singla, CEO of RAS Intellect, was a panelist and



awardee at the International Women Parliament in Dubai, speaking on India's innovation ecosystem and women entrepreneurs' transformative role.

Rtn Abha Sharma is new Rotary president

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SIXTH WOMAN PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH TAKES OVER

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 1

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inauguration day with the 35 children of Vidya Sadan, whose eye check up was conducted and later were treated to pizza and gifts. A woman of many talents, Abha's passion is not limited to architecture alone, since she is a prolific poet too and a spiritual seeker too deeply involved in conducting meditation sessions.

Abha Sharma new Rotary UT president

Chandigarh: As the leadership of Rotary International changes world over on July 1, Rotarian Abha Joshi Sharma has taken over the club leadership of the Chandigarh unit. With a career of 36 years as an architect with the Government of Punjab, including four years as senior architect with the Chandigarh Administration, Sharma is the sixth woman president of the club.

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Coverage in media

"ROTARY - SERVICE THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE"

As a Rotarian, I'm driven by the motto "Service Above Self". We're a collective force spreading hope, creating magic, and uniting for good. Our club is a kaleidoscope of thousands of projects and activities, each contributing to a bigger picture.

I'm blessed to lead a club that showcases compassion, dedication, and fellowship. Our efforts, no matter how small, count and make a difference. I thank the almighty for this opportunity to serve.

Inspired by Rotary's core values - Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity, and Leadership - we're united by a common vision for the future. With 1.2 million members, we tackle big challenges and reach communities in need.

As Walt Disney said, "The greatest moments in life are not concerned with selfish achievements but rather with the things we do for the people we love and esteem." What we do for others is what truly makes us feel good.

Let's continue to serve with compassion, courage, and commitment. Together, we can create a brighter future and make a lasting impact. Service Above Self isn't just a motto - it's a way of life. Let's keep shining!

Rtn Abha Sharma, President

Auspicious Beginning of New Rotary Year



1. Rotary year 25-26 started with seeking divine blessings at the Temple and the Gurudwara at sec 8 in Chandigarh. Afterwards President for the new rotary year Rtn Abha Sharma & Mr Sanjay Sharma Secretary Rtn Arun Aggarwal, Vice President Rtn Dr Rajinder Kaur, Rtn Rosy Katyal director community services and Rtn Lalita Grover director Vocational Services recieved blessings on behalf of entire Team, from our respected PRIP Rtn Raja Saboo and Mrs Usha Saboo at their residence.

2. "Annapoorna" day was celebrated with children of Rotary Vidya Sadan where eye check up camp was organised for them. 3 of them were



detected with weak eyesight and shall be given free

spectacles. Suitable medicines were prescribed according to their eye problems. This was amazingly conducted by Rtn. Vinod Chaddha and his team of Opthamalogist and technicians. IPP Jatinder Kapoor also graced the occasion. Rotractor Harshit and Harpreet were present with other Rotractors too and were equally involved.



After this the children's performances were very enjoyable too.

All children and teachers, the plumbing workers doing repair work for the RVS were treated to a Happy Pizza meal from Domino by Team 2025-26. The Rotractors Distributed chocolates among them.



Rotary wheel in Sintra Portugal



Visited by Rtn Parveen Aggarwal Credits Family of RC Chandigarh (What's app group)

UNITE FOR GOOD



The Concept of haiku...by PP Neena Singh ...A Poet and Rotarian

Haiku, the traditional Japanese form of poetry, distills profound moments into just three lines—typically following a 5-7-5 syllable pattern. English language syllabic tones are longer so we use lesser syllables. But more than a formula, composing haiku is a path.

Rooted in nature and the seasons, haiku invites readers to pause, reflect, and find meaning in simplicity. Though brief, each haiku offers a window into the poet's perception, often capturing contrasts—between the fleeting and the eternal, solitude and connection, or stillness and movement. Its power lies in suggestion, not explanation, evoking emotion and



insight through minimal words.

In today's fast-paced world, haiku encourages mindfulness and presence. It reminds us to notice the quiet moments of

change, to honor diversity, and to foster harmony with both nature and each other. By embracing haiku, we celebrate not only creativity but also the shared human experience that transcends borders.

