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## **ROTARY CLUB MEETING: EXPLORING THE SPIRITUAL ASPECTS OF CHANDIGARH**

The meeting was called to order, and President Abha J Sharma welcomed everyone to the Rotary Club gathering. She updated the club about the ongoing projects, setting the tone for a thought-provoking discussion on the spiritual aspects of Chandigarh.

The Multifaceted Genius of Dr. S. S. Bhatti: A Spiritual Perspective on Chandigarh

Dr. S. S. Bhatti, affectionately known as Chandigarh's Mr. Versatility, is a globally recognized polymath who has made significant contributions to various fields, including architecture, education, poetry, music, and spirituality. As the club explored the spiritual aspects of Chandigarh, it was fitting to delve into the life and work of this extraordinary individual who embodies the city's ethos.

Dr. Bhatti's work is characterized by an unwavering commitment to integrating art, science, spirituality, and humanism. He said architectural philosophy, is reflected in his seminal works, Chandigarh: An Irony of History and Architecture: Theory, Practice, Research, and Pedagogy, showcasing his unique approach to design, which harmonizes the built environment with the human experience.

Dr. Bhatt spoke as a poet of rare



refinement, a skilled Urdu ghazal singer and composer, and a calligrapher. His English poetic rendering of Japuji Sahib and his PhD thesis, Creative Mysticism: Guru Nanak's Pragmatic Spirituality, demonstrate his profound understanding of spirituality and his ability to bridge cultural and intellectual

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**Monday 15th December**  
6 pm

**Attitude & Altitude**

**Dr Rajendra P Setty**  
Paediatric Gastroenterologist & Biker

**Dr Vinit Kaura**  
Orthopaedic Surgeon & Ultra Marathoner

**Gurinder Dolly Brar**  
Trekker and Adventurer

Rotary House -107a Sector 18a .Chandigarh

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6 pm

**Fellowship Host**

**Rtn Rashmi Adlakha**

Rotary House -107a Sector 18a . Chandigarh

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divides.

Dr. Bhatti's work has been recognized and celebrated worldwide, with his writings influencing scholars and researchers across 133 countries. His lectures and writings continue to inspire professionals, artists, and seekers globally, offering insights into the intersections of culture, spirituality, and creativity.

He reminded us that true progress is not just about physical development but also about nurturing the human spirit. His philosophy encourages us to embrace a holistic approach to life, where art, science, and spirituality converge.

In Dr. Bhatti's words, "The city is not just a physical entity, but a living, breathing organism that reflects the collective consciousness of its inhabitants." His thoughts offer a profound perspective on the spiritual aspects of Chandigarh, inspiring us to create a world that embodies the harmony, beauty, and spirituality that the city represents.



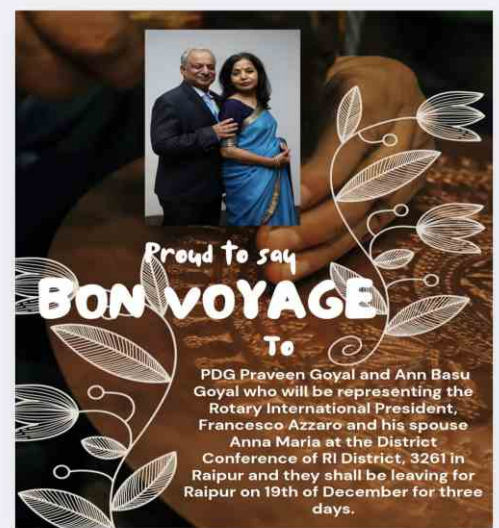
### An Evening with Friends Hosted by President-Elect Rtn. Tina Virk

President-Elect Rtn Teena Virk graciously hosted a warm and delightful evening at her residence, inviting Rotarian friends to share in fellowship and camaraderie. The gathering was marked by lively conversations, joyful moments, and a spirit of togetherness that truly reflected the essence of Rotary friendship. The hosts extended exceptional hospitality, ensuring that everyone felt comfortable and at home. The relaxed atmosphere provided an excellent opportunity for meaningful interactions, strengthening bonds and creating cherished memories.

The following members attended the evening

It was Attended by:

- PRIP Raja Saboo & Rtnne. Usha Saboo
- PDG Madhukar Malhotra & Rtnne. Neeru Malhotra
- PDG Praveen Goyal & Rtnne. Basu Goyal
- Justice Shabihul Hansnain & Rtnne. Nahid
- Rtn. Shabana Azam
- Rtn Amit and Anu Sharma
- Dr. Java & Rtnne. Vasvi



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### CELEBRATIONS

#### Birthday Greetings:

**17 Dec** PP Rtn Prem Mahindru 9812055523  
**17 Dec** Rtn Saakshi Katyal 9915000082  
**18 Dec** Rtn Dr Roma Uppal 9501101528

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## Wash Session Report

**Date - 8th December 2025 (Monday)**

**Time:** 11:20 am to 03:30 pm

**School Name -** Government Middle School, Bapu dham Sector 26, Chandigarh

**Principal Name -** Mr. Naresh Sir

**Coordinator Name -** Mr. Naresh Sir

**Topic for the Session:** WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Session

**Number of Students Covered :** 308

**Facilitators -** Ms. Pooja, Ms. Kirti and Mr. Inderpal

### Brief About the Session

1. A total of 5 sessions were conducted focusing on the importance of clean water, personal hygiene, toilet habits, and sanitation practices. The content was thoughtfully prepared according to the students' level of understanding.



2. To make the sessions engaging, visual aids such as PowerPoint presentations, placards, interactive activities, practical demonstrations on proper handwashing and oral hygiene, and educational poems with dance were included to reinforce key messages.

3. The team encouraged students to eat healthy food and explained the side effects of junk food so they can make better choices and avoid unhealthy eating habits.

4. Students participated actively by asking relevant

questions, which were addressed in detail by the facilitators. They were also advised to carry paper soap and a handkerchief daily to promote healthy habits.

5. It was observed that many younger students were carrying handkerchiefs, while only a few senior students had them. All students were motivated to follow this habit regularly.

## Project WINS

Today, Government Middle School, Bapudham Sector 26, Chandigarh conducted the WASH session, and it went very well. The session was coordinated by Mr. Naresh.

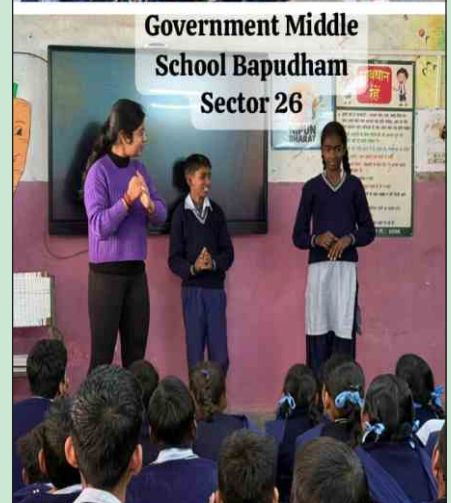
**Facilitators:** Mr. Inderpal, Ms. Pooja, and Ms. Kirti

**Total Sessions**

**Conducted:** 5

**Total Students Covered:** 308

The school operates in a double shift—Classes 6th to 8th in the morning and Classes 1st to 5th in the afternoon.





## Update about the RVTC

### Roof waterproofing work



The lobby roof which was leaking profusely at many places was seen and work for waterproofing was allotted to a suitable agency. The roof was thoroughly cleaned, junk material removed and water proofing was done efficiently.

Besides this Basement and Ground floor areas were affected by Termite and the same was also got done.



### A Special Medical Camp

is being organised by  
**ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH**

alongwith Dr. Tushar of Govt.  
Dispensary ,Attawa Village

DATE:13th December 2025

TIMINGS: 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

+ VENUE: GOVERNMENT DISPENSARY  
ATTAWA VILLAGE

**FREE MEDICAL TESTS (10:00 AM TO 11:00 AM)**

- BLOOD SUGAR
- BLOOD PRESSURE
- KIDNEY FUNCTION TESTS
- LIVER FUNCTION TESTS
- ALL TB-RELATED TESTS

**EYE CHECK-UP & COMPLETE BODY CHECK-UP**

AVAILABLE FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

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SENIOR DEPUTY MAYOR - CHANDIGARH



### WORLDWIDE MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

As of 30 November 2025

#### Global Rotary Totals

Start of year (1 July 2025)	1,124,681
Current (30 Nov 2025)	1,169,035
Net Growth	+44,354 mebers

#### Key Global Insights

- Positive membership growth for first 5 months of 2025-26
- Asia (Zones 4-7 & Asia Pacific) continues to be the largest contributor to global growth
- Africa shows strong acceleration and emerging leadership
- North America & Western Europe still facing declines, but stabilization signs visible

#### Top Performing Regions

- USA & Canada (Zones 26-33): comined negative growth in several districts
- Western Europe (Zones 13, 17,18): continued membership challenges

#### Takeaway Message

- Rotary is growing again worldwide, reaching oever 1.169 million members, driven by:
    - Strong leadership
    - Club flexibility engament & attraction of young professionals
- TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING A STRONGER ROTARY.  
SERVICE ABOVE SELF.**

## MEMBERS UPDATE...CONGRATULATIONS

Heartiest  
congratulations to  
Rtn Pawan Pahwa  
for being facilitated  
at PITEX 2025



Heartiest congratulations to Mr  
Pavan Khaitan son of Rtn  
Jaigesh Khaitan on being the  
Vice President of IPMA.

