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CLUB SECRETARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The last Monday of the year marked an important business meeting for Rotary Club Chandigarh. The meeting commenced with the National Anthem, followed by a warm welcome from President Abha J Sharma, who outlined the agenda for the day.

The members present approved and passed the balance sheets for FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26, with the exception of PP Vinod Kapoor who conveyed his dissent. The board of PE Teena Virk for 2026-27 was announced, comprising of five directors: PP AP Singh (International Service), Rtn Arun Aggarwal (Community Service), Rtn Lalita Grover (Vocational Services), Rtn Shivya Sehgal (Club Services), and Rtn Prem Mahindroo (Club Services).

During the meeting, PP AP Singh raised an important point regarding the Rotary main WhatsApp group and Rotary family WhatsApp group. He suggested opening the main Rotary WhatsApp group to all members, as it pertains to Rotary matters. However, PDG Madhukar Malhotra clarified that the Rotary main WhatsApp group would only have messages put in by the President or Secretary, as per the rules framed at the incorporation of the group.

A significant proposal was put forth, and passed, to nominate PP Hassan Meije as a candidate for District Governor in the upcoming years. The meeting concluded with a delicious fellowship hosted by PP Anil Chadha.

The meeting was a testament to the club's commitment to transparency,

accountability, and collective decision-making. We're proud of our members' active participation and look forward to a successful year ahead! The discussion on the WhatsApp groups highlighted the importance of communication and clarity on protocols. We're grateful for the guidance provided by PDG Madhukar Malhotra and look forward to continuing our Rotary journey together.



Happy New Year
Monday 5th January
6pm

SPIRITUALITY
An unspoken language of all religion


Panel Discussion

Panelists
Rtn Justice Shabihul Hasnain
Rtn Ranjit Powar
Rtn Nidhi Kapoor

Rotary House, # 107a , sector 18,
Chandigarh

Happy New Year
Monday 5th January
6pm

Fellowship Host



PP Rtn Jatinder Kapoor

Rotary House, # 107a , sector 18,
Chandigarh

GML Coverage



Blood Donation Camp 27 December 2025

Organized by Rotary Club Chandigarh

A Voluntary Blood Donation Camp was successfully held on 27 December 2025 at Sector 80, Mohali, in association with Mehak Transport Service, Mohali.

A total of 100 volunteers registered, and 90 donors generously contributed to this noble cause, under the technical guidance of Rtn. Dr. Manish Rai.

Warm regards,
Team Blood Centre-37
Chandigarh



Members Update



With Best Compliments from
Rtn Jagesh Khaitan

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CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

8 Jan PE Rtn Teena Avninder Virk 9872670095

Wash Session Report

Date - 22 December 2025 (Monday)

Time: 09:10 am to 02:30 pm

School Name - Government Model High School Sector 12, Chandigarh

Principal Name - Mrs. Meenakshi Soni

Coordinator Name - Ms. Laxmi ma'am

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

Number of Students Covered : 845

Facilitators- Ms. Vinita shah, Ms. Pooja, Mr. Vishrut and Mr. Inderpal

Brief About the Session

1. A total of 09 sessions were conducted on clean drinking water, personal hygiene, proper toilet habits, and sanitation, with content designed according to the students' age and understanding level.
2. To make the sessions engaging, interactive teaching methods such as PowerPoint presentations, placards, activities, handwashing and oral hygiene demonstrations, and educational poems with dance were used.
3. Students were guided to adopt healthy eating habits, and the harmful effects of junk food were explained to encourage better food choices.
4. Students actively participated by asking questions, which were clearly addressed by the facilitators. They were advised to carry paper soap and a handkerchief daily.
5. It was observed that most junior students carried handkerchiefs, while fewer senior students did. All students were motivated to develop this habit regularly.
6. Continuous emphasis was placed on making paper soap and a handkerchief part of their daily routine.



The Interact Club of AKSIPS 41 Smart School organized a meaningful community outreach visit to the Old Age Home, Sector 15, Chandigarh, where students donated and distributed woollen sweaters to the elderly residents.

The visit was aimed at spreading warmth, care and companionship among senior citizens, especially during the winter season. The students personally handed over the sweaters to the elderly and spent quality time interacting with them, listening to their stories and seeking their blessings. The students also presented a small cultural programme including singing and dancing, which filled the atmosphere with happiness and smiles. The elderly residents were deeply touched by the love and enthusiasm shown by the students and appreciated their thoughtful gesture. These activities by the School continue to instil values of compassion, service and humanity in young minds.

Blood Donation Camp Held December 29th, 2025

Darshan Darvesh Memorial, in association with Rotary Club Chandigarh, organised its 26th Blood Donation Camp at Blood Centre-37.

The camp was conducted under the guidance of PP Rtn. Manmohan Singh Kohli and his family and was inaugurated by District Governor Nominee (2026-27) M. P. Gupta and Abha Sharma, President of Rotary Club Chandigarh.

74 volunteers from Aroma Hotel and staff of RBBSRC generously came forward to donate blood for this noble cause.

SUMMARY (01.07.2025 TO 31.12.2025)			
S. No.	NO. OF CAMPS	CAMP ORGANISED BY	NO. OF DONORS
1.	11	ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH	596
2.	4	ROTARY CLUB PANCHKULA	280
3.	3	ROTARY CLUB ROPAR CENTRAL	194
4.	2	ROTARY CLUB BADDI	158
5.	1	ROTARY CLUB UPTOWN	114
6.	1	ROTARY CLUB BADDI ROTARY CLUB NALAGARH MIDTOWN	112
7.	1	ROTARY CLUB KHARAR	106
8.	2	ROTARY CLUB KALKA HERITAGE	101
9.	1	ROTARY CLUB AMBALA	87
10.	1	ROTARY CLUB ROPAR	74
11.	1	ROTARY CLUB BADDI ROTARY CLUB SILVERCITY MOHALI	64
12.	1	ROTARY CLUB OF PANCHKULA ROTARY CLUB OF PANCHKULA MIDTOWN ROTARY CLUB OF PANCHKULA GREENS ROTARY CLUB OF TRICITY PANCHKULA	40
13.	1	ROTARY CLUB MORINDA	26
14.	1	ROTARY CLUB NEW CHANDIGARH	23
15.	1	ROTARACT CLUB OF IGNITE PANCHKULA GREENS	14
16.	1	ROTARY CLASSIC CHANDIGARH	13
TOTAL CAMPS		33	TOTAL DONORS 2002

Shared by Dr. Manish. Our club collection is 596 units

SOLAR LIGHTS PROJECT: BUNGA VILLAGE

Installation of 30 nos Solar lights got done during this Month as another milestone added in the development of the village. The CSR grant has been sponsored by Rtn. Jagesh Khaitan. Thanks to PP Vinod Kapoor ji for constantly urging us to get it done. Club Secretary Arun Agarwal coordinated with District representatives. Another happy project during the completion of six months of tenure of TEAM 2025-26.



Rotary International President Representative PDG Parveen Goyal at District conference of District 3262

PDG Praveen Goyal and Ann Basu Goyal represented Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo and his spouse Anna Maria at the RID 3261 Conference in Raipur. They delivered two addresses on Rotary's global vision and role in a changing world. The conference saw vibrant fellowship, discussions on sustainable service, and a record 1200 delegates. Highlights included community projects in water, sanitation, and youth empowerment. Challenges like membership growth and innovation were also discussed.

The event emphasized peace, harmony, and leadership rooted in service and integrity. It showcased Rotary's commitment to lasting impact and a purposeful future.

