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A Soulful Beginning



The Rotary Club of Chandigarh's first meeting of the year 2025-26 was a grand success, held on July 7, 2025. The event began with Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn Nidhi Kapoor calling the meeting to order and lighting the lamp, invoking the blessings of PRIP Rajendra K Saboo and senior members. President Rtn Abha J Sharma and Secretary Rtn Arun Aggarwal led the meeting, setting a positive tone for the year. PRIP Rajendra K Saboo released the Rotary bulletin and committee booklet, marking an important milestone for the club. President Abha J Sharma welcomed all in the club at the onset.

The highlight of the evening was the captivating performance by

Sufi singer Karan Verma, accompanied by Asim Singh Halwarvi on the harmonium and Sidhant on the tabla. Karan's soulful renditions of Sufi compositions and ghazals enthralled the audience, showcasing his passion and dedication to music. With nearly 17 years of experience, Karan has carved a niche in the Indie rock scene and studied under notable mentors, including Gilles Denizot at KM Music Conservatory in Chennai, founded by Dr. A. R. Rahman. He was also mentored in Indian classical music by Murtaza Khan Tapas, son of Padma Vibhushan Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan.

Karan announced his debut album "Parichay," blending rock, Sufi, ghazals, and funk, emphasizing

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Rotary
CLUB CHANDIGARH

President Rtn. Jatinder Kapur
and the Board of Directors 2024-25
invite you to the
Installation of
President Rtn. Abha Joshi Sharma
and her Board of Directors 2025-26



CHIEF GUEST
Shri Gulab Chand Kataria
Hon'ble Governor of Punjab

GUEST OF HONOUR
Rtn. Ravi Parkash
District Governor 3080

with the First Lady **Ann Shalini Garg**



IN THE BENIGN PRESENCE OF
PAST ROTARY INTERNATIONAL RESIDENT
**Rtn. Rajendra K. Saboo
& Ann Usha Saboo**

MONDAY
**14 JULY
2025**

6 PM
CII CONVENTION CENTRE
SECTOR 31A, CHANDIGARH

Rtn Prem Mahindru
Secretary 2024-25

Rtn Arun Aggarwal
Secretary 2025-26

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A Soulful Beginning...Contd



the need to preserve human art and live music. Asim Singh Halwarvi, a composer and sound artist from Chandigarh, brought his expertise in Western classical piano and Hindustani classical music to the performance. Asim has showcased his compositions in India, Canada, Mexico, Spain, Hungary, the Netherlands, and Iran, demonstrating his versatility and talent. He completed his Master of Music degree at Codarts University of the Arts with a focus on electro-acoustic music composition.

Sidhant, a talented tabla player from the Jaipur Gharaana, electrified the audience with his seamless beats and infectious energy. He started learning tabla at the age of 7 from his Guru, Pandit Fateh Singh Gangani, and his father, Pramod Gangani. Together, Karan, Asim, and Sidhant unite classical roots with contemporary rhythms, delivering a unique experience that transcends genres and captivates hearts.

The meeting concluded with a fellowship session, featuring delicious snacks courtesy of Rtn Madhu Lal, who brought samosas and kachoris from a famous shop in Ambala. The large attendance reflected the club's enthusiasm and commitment, making the meeting a resounding success. Rtn Ruchi Singhal delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all involved. Overall, the meeting set a positive tone for the new Rotary year, filled with promise and potential. The club's dedication to service, music, and community was palpable, making the evening truly unforgettable. With its rich cultural performances and strong sense of community, the Rotary Club of Chandigarh is poised for an exciting year ahead.



President Abha J Sharma and Rotary Spouse Sanjay Sharma wish all the members of Rotary Club Chandigarh a year of service, dedication and commitment, congratulate IPP Jatinder Kapur and R'n'n Neelam Kapur for the successful 2024-25.



CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

13 July	Rtn Karan Singh Bhandari	9876062209
14 July	RtnPromila Nain	9316133602
14 July	Rtn Pankaj Katia	9815156234

Anniversary Greetings:

11 July	KumarShray& Neha Nupur	9507036476
12 July	Rtn Dr Kuldeep Dhawan & Dr Sarita	9779984700

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Annadaan 3.0



Rotaract Club Legis Social kickstarted its tenure with ANNADAAN 3.0, a community service initiative under the District Umbrella Project 'Annapurna'. A heartwarming fodder donation drive was

organized at Gaushala, Sector 45, Chandigarh, where 150 kgs for fresh fodder were distributed to over 50 cows. President Abha J. Sharma of Rotary Club Chandigarh and Rotarian Shivya Sehgal, Director Youth Service, participated to encourage the volunteers. This initiative showcased compassion and community spirit, setting a wonderful tone for the

tenure. The event demonstrated the Rotaract club's commitment to serving the community and caring for vulnerable animals. With such initiatives, RAC Legis Social is sure to make a positive impact in the community. Kudos to the club for their selfless service and dedication to making a difference. ANNADAAN 3.0 has indeed begun on a high note.



UPCOMING PROJECTS



Blood donation camp on 14 July 2025 at 1100 hrs onwards camp venue;

Sri Chaitanya Institute
SCO - 206 -207, Sector -34, CHD

The *chintan* Series

ROTARY COLLOQUIUMS BY YOUNG PEOPLE

CHINTAN is Rotary Club of Chandigarh's quarterly endeavor to contemplate on diverse issues both national and international. Designed largely as a platform for young people, CHINTAN will bring forth perspectives of the generation, which in near future, will inherit the good and bad of today. CHINTAN will thus facilitate an interaction between those who have the onus on them to leave the world a better place and those who aspire to have the world, a beautiful place.



Calgary June 2025 Rotary International Convention Closing session some briefs

The now Past Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick emphasized the importance of relationships among members. She stated that Rotary's most powerful asset is its members and that the organization is only as strong as the people who stand beside them. This highlights the sense of fellowship and rejuvenation that concluded the convention.



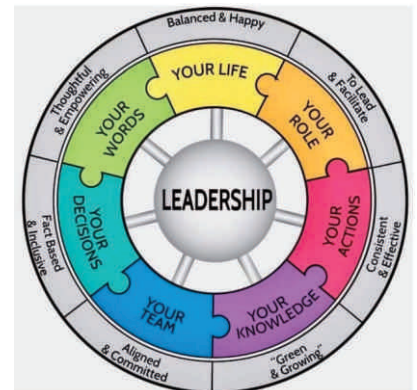
concluded with a focus on fellowship and rejuvenation.

- Past Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick emphasized the importance of relationships among members.
- Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo discussed his commitment to the 2025-26 presidential message, "Unite for Good."
- The convention featured Rotary's future leaders and highlighted the organization's strength in its members and their relationships.

Key Points:

- The 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada,

WHAT IS ROTARY

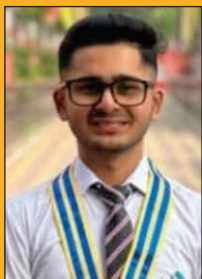


Rotary International is a global humanitarian organization made up of professionals and community leaders who unite to create lasting change in the world. It's best known for its local clubs, called Rotary Clubs, which are found in almost every country. Here's a detailed breakdown of what Rotary is all about :

Overview

- Founded: 1905 by Paul P. Harris in Chicago, Illinois
- Motto: "Service Above Self"
- Membership: Over 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs worldwide in over 220 countries & geographical areas
- Structure: Rotary International (global organization), Rotary Clubs (local branches), and Rotary Districts (regional groupings)

Credit by PDG Madhukar Malhotra
(From Family of RC what's app group).



President - Interact Club PML SD School Sector 32 ,Itr Hitesh Kumar,has been selected for the Youth Camp under the Rotary Exchange Program theme Discover and Enjoy Baravia from 13 - 27 July 2027,at Munich Germany ,RID1841.He was encouraged by the then Director Youth Services of our club and now PE Teena Virk and motivated by PP AP Singh .

This opportunity reflects the club's commitment to youth development and international collaboration through Rotary's global initiatives.

Releases



Official release of the club committee booklet and first bulletin of term 2025-26 was done by PRIP Rajendra K Saboo on 7 July 2025 at the Rotary Club Chandigarh.

