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The Agaman of the CHINTAN Series 1.0: A Resounding Success



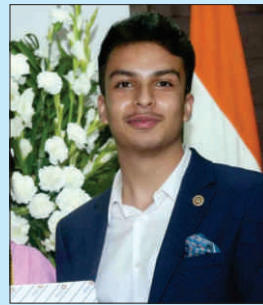
Sanvi Singla



Aarav Bhatia



Lakshman Vinayak



Ruhaan Bains



Anhad Kohli

The Rotary Club's launch of the CHINTAN series marks a significant step towards youth engagement and thought leadership. This innovative platform encourages critical reflection and public expression among young minds, and its debut edition was a resounding success. Four talented young participants, all students from prominent schools and children, grandchildren of our club members, delivered powerful presentations on the theme "What Legacy is the Warring World Leaving for Tomorrow's Generation?"

The dynamic and confident Aarav Bhatia, son of Rtn Dr. Aman Bhatia, from St. Kabir

School, opened the session with a thought-provoking reflection on the ideological roots of global conflict. He highlighted how expansionism and unchecked belief systems can breed division and unrest, drawing on historical and contemporary examples to support his arguments. The talented and charismatic Lakshman Vinayak, son of Rtn Nidhi Kapoor, grandson of PP Rtn Vinod Kapoor studying in Ashoka University, examined the geopolitical rhetoric surrounding war, questioning whether we are fighting the right wars for the right reasons. The articulate and insightful Ruhaan Bains, son of Rtn Nagina Bains, grandson of PP Rtn Manmohan Kohi from

Vivek High School, delivered a stirring critique of the numbing effects of constant exposure to violence, emphasizing the importance of healing, truth, and responsible storytelling. The bright and enterprising Sanvi Singla, daughter of Rtn Ruchi Singla, from Strawberry Fields High School, brought a psychological lens to the discussion, highlighting the invisible scars left by war and the need for peacebuilding.

The CHINTAN platform aspires to be a mirror into the minds of tomorrow, providing a space for young individuals to express themselves and shape the world. The success of the debut edition is a testament to the potential of young minds and the

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"We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others."

- Arch C. Klumph, 1929



Monday Meeting
HAPPY

Hariyali Teej
May the festival of Teej bring joy, prosperity and peace in your life

Teej Celebrations

28th July, 6 PM onwards
Rotary House
in association with
IWC, Chandigarh

dress code
Traditional attire in
Red/Yellow/Green

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importance of encouraging critical thinking and public expression. Rtn Ruchi Singla, moderator of the maiden CHINTAN series, aptly noted, "In a world weighed down by cynicism and conflict, CHINTAN is a reminder that a new narrative is not only possible - it is already being written in."

The evening was made even more special with the visit of the talented and accomplished Anhad Kohli, a 16-year-old rifle shooting prodigy and granddaughter of PP Man Mohan Singh Kohli and PP Ajit Butail (RC Shimla). Anhad's achievements are impressive, including a bronze medal at the Junior Olympics and 8 Gold, 8 Silver, and 6 Bronze medals in various competitions. She credits Rotary values and the spirit of service for her success and proudly wears the Paul Harris Pin. Anhad's visit was a testament to the club's commitment to nurturing young talent and promoting Rotary values.

Rtn Dr. Roma Uppal extended a heartfelt vote of gratitude to all participants, the moderator and organizers for their contributions to the success of the CHINTAN series. The evening was filled with warmth and camaraderie, thanks to the delicious fellowship hosted by PP Rtn Manmohan Kohli and Rtn Ritu Kohli. The CHINTAN series promises to inspire a new generation of leaders and thinkers. By providing a platform for young voices to be heard, CHINTAN is helping to shape a more informed, empathetic, and courageous generation of leaders. As the world grapples with complex challenges, initiatives like CHINTAN offer hope for a brighter future. The echoes of the



successful debut edition still resonate, and the club looks forward to continuing this meaningful conversation.



CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

23 July	Rtn Gurvinder Singh Saggu	9820079311
25 July	Rtn P J Singh	9815330910
26 July	Rtn Dr Aman Bhatia	9041026212

Anniversary Greetings:

26 July	Rtn Dr Gautam Munjal & Madhuri	9872540550
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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Initiative under the Community Mental Health program



Organized a visit to a Senior Citizens Home and a medical camp on July 18, 2025, in collaboration with Dr. B.R Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences, Mohali. President Abha Joshi Sharma, along with Vice-President Rtn. Rajinder Kaur, Secretary Rtn Arun Aggarwal, Chairperson PP Rtn Neena Singh, and other members, showed affection and love to the seniors. Rtn. Dr. Ranjit Powar, a professional counselor, engaged the inmates

in an interactive talk, while Rtn. Pradeep Khumbat skillfully recorded the event accompanied by Ann Neeru Khumbat. A team of doctors led by Rtn. Dr. Bhavneet provided medical check-ups and distributed medicines to those in need. The event was a huge success, bringing joy and healthcare to the senior citizens. The club's efforts showcased their commitment to community service and mental health initiatives.

EYE CHECK UP CAMP

The club organized an Eye Check-up Camp on July 22nd, 2025, at Govt Sr Sec School, Khuda Lahora, Chandigarh, with the National Association for the Blind. Thanks to Rtn Vinod Chadda's efforts, 165 students were checked, and valuable advice was shared on maintaining healthy vision. Secretary Arun Aggarwal and Rtn Kumar Shrey's visit added to the students' enthusiasm. We're humbled to serve the community and look forward to more opportunities!.



WINS & MHM SESSIONS at following Schools by our Team lead by Rtn. Manjula Sularia:

1. Government Model High School RC 1, Dhanas Chandigarh
2. Government Model High School RC 2, Dhanas Chandigarh
3. Government Model Senior Secondary School Sarangpur Chandigarh



YOUTH SERVICE

Interact Club members of Sacred Heart School, Sector 26, Chandigarh, spread joy and a love for reading at a local government school! They donated storybooks, encyclopedias, and activity books, and inspired students with motivational speeches and songs. The event was enthusiastically organized by Ms. Nalini and Ms. Kritika, with Principal's support and Rtn. Shivya Sehgal's presence. A heartwarming day filled with smiles and the magic of stories!



"HARI-CHAYA"

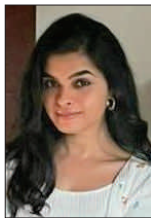


St. John's School, Sector 26, Chandigarh, celebrated a green initiative with the "Hari-Chaya" tree plantation drive. 49 Interact Club students planted 7 trees, including Amaltas and Gulmohar, in groups. The event was attended by school Principal and Rotary Club members, including President Abha Joshi Sharma and Director Youth Services Rtn. Shivya Sehgal. Students creatively named the trees after precious stones, symbolizing their value and hope for a greener future. A wonderful blend of environmental responsibility and creativity!



Rotarians Community and Environment around us : Watt's Been Up with Chandigarh Rooftops?

This season, Chandigarh didn't just bask in the sun—it started harnessing it. CREST's new pilot solar project in Sector 51 marks a shift: no upfront cost, lower electricity bills, and rental income from rooftops. One society alone could earn ₹30 lakh annually by leasing its terraces.



This model—RESCO (Renewable Energy Service Company)—removes financial and logistical

barriers. A private company installs and maintains the system; you pay only for the power you use at a reduced rate. Ownership transfers to residents after 15–20 years. It's a quiet energy revolution, turning passive consumers into active "prosumers."

At the core of this shift is net metering—surplus solar energy fed back into the grid earns credits, shrinking your bill and decentralizing energy production. For a sun-rich country like India, it's a logical, empowering shift.

In Chandigarh, rooftops are more than functional—they're symbolic. Solar panels, at first glance, may seem like aesthetic



intrusions on modernist architecture. But with evolving technologies—streamlined panels, integrated photovoltaics—solar can become part of the design language.

This transition isn't just technical. It's cultural. From monsoon reverie spaces to energy hubs, rooftops are being redefined. Policy clarity, civic engagement, and design innovation must work together.

Chandigarh once pioneered urban planning. Now, it can lead again—by reimagining its rooftops not just as surfaces for storage, but as platforms for sustainability.

The sun arrives daily, generously, without charge. The opportunity lies not just in harvesting it—but in designing around it, together.

—By Ar. Aashna Gakhar

Know your Rotary



What is Rotary's mission?

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

What are the goals of The Rotary Foundation?

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

More next week...

(From Family of RC What's App group).

Caption the Sketch Contest: Share Your Creativity



We're a thrilled to launch our new initiative - Caption the Sketch Contest! We're looking for creative captions in under 10 words to accompany this sketch of a student during one of the many RYLAs under the District Chair PE Rtn Teena Virk. Send your entries to sartajlamba@gmail.com. We look forward to reading your captions. Unite and create make this contest a success,

MEMBERS UPDATE



Rtn Upneet Lali was honored to be invited by UNODC to speak on Prison and Custodial Health in Guwahati, Assam. She also discussed mental health, gender issues, and infrastructure challenges.



Rtn Prem Mahindru and Rtn Aruna Kanda President Rotary Pinjore hills.

DIL SE... Memories



Refreshing memories of the Rotary Convention in Calgary, followed by a local club meeting in Drumheller! My wife and I then embarked on a dream vacation to the US, exploring Copley City, OH, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, and Niagara Falls. We enjoyed

golfing and a scenic tour of the Canadian Rockies, visiting Banff and Jasper. Felt like a young couple again! Thoroughly rejuvenated, I'm ready to serve Rotary with renewed enthusiasm.

With warmth, PP Rtn Anil Chadda



Attended an event with PDG Kuriachan at Kochi on 17 July 2025



Rtn Sartaj Lamba was delighted to meet PDG Shaju Peter and Rtn Maria Peter at their Villa at Ernakulam on 20 July. Warmth and laughter echoed in the air.

