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## TRAGIC INCIDENT AT PEHALGAON

Monday meeting was the condolence meeting to pay tribute to the departed souls of the innocent people who was killed in the indiscriminate firing open by terrorist in Pehalgaon, Srinagar last week. Kashmir, a paradise on the earth, which is the integral part of India and is burning in fire for more than 40 years and number of people and families lost their life. A meeting started with opening remarks from President Rtn. Jatinder Kapur who briefed the members on the sad incident that took place last week wherein innocent life of 26 persons lost. He requested PDG Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra to share his feelings as he was in Srinagar with his family when the incident took place.

Mr. Malhotra shared his journey of life in Kashmir a way back more than 50 year

radicalization in the religion took place with change in the mind of Muslim from Sufi concept to fundamentalism by formation of Madrasa. How the position go on deteriorating in the state and how it comes on track in last few years which boosted tourism in the state. After this sad incident, the mindset of local people change who come on the streets when entire valley was shut down to support the government in maintaining the peace and harmony amongst them and voice against the terrorism.

PRIP Rtn. Rajendra K Saboo shared his views on the insurgency in the state and



how people of India suffered from such situation. He also recalled the time that in spite of best efforts by the enemy, India showed their dominance during 1965, 1971 and Operation Vijay. How the infiltration of terrorists took place and how peacefully handled the position from last so many years to maintain the

peace in the state.

Past President Rtn. Arvind Mehan shared his views that it is not the time to take



revenge. Every person is shaken by the tragic incident and in this bad time we should maintain peace in the community. He shared the poem which was written by one of his friends as under:-

*Blood splattered  
On green meadows  
A stunned valley lashed with  
vicious strokes  
Bestial, ghastly, hellacious  
Perhaps we just don robes of  
humanity  
Over our brutal, sadistic  
selves  
Lives snuffed out with  
precision  
Headlines screamed in  
horrificed wonder  
Screens couldn't believe their  
eyes  
Already choked with mindless  
violence*

*Blood curdling visuals  
shaming insaaniyat*

*A savage felling down of  
gleeful tourists*

*Bodies lying in the silence of  
Death*

*Wounded like axed trees in a  
sylvan haven*

*The sky whimpered with their  
collective pain*

*Pahalgam cursed by its own  
beauty*

*A damsel slaughtered  
barbarically*

*The brooks will keep flowing  
with the stench of death*

*And the deodars will shriek  
with hellish nightmares*

*The snows will weep with the  
grieving bride*

*And Kashmiriyat will suffer  
perennially.*

Past president Rtn. Manmohan Kohli shared his views and recalled the time when the members of our club assembled in past on various incidents that took place at

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old when Sheikh Abdullah was given the responsibility to lead the state by the Congress. He also explained how the

WE MEET EVERY MONDAY AT ROTARY HOUSE AT 6:00 PM

**NEXT** MEETING

Official Visit of our esteemed Dist Governor Rtn Rajpal Singh along with his wife Rtn Inderbir Kaur on Monday 12 May 2012 at 12 PM afternoon at Rotary House, 107A Sector 18, Chandigarh

-INTERACT CLUB of Bhavan Vidyalaya, Chandigarh in collaboration with the



School Cabinet and Human Excellence Cell, celebrated Labour Day on 1st May to honour the hard work of the support staff. The event started with a special assembly, where students delivered speeches, expressing appreciation for the tireless work done by the support staff. A beautiful poem was also recited by a student of class VI. Director Edu and Sr Principal, Mrs. Vineeta Arora felicitated each member of the housekeeping staff with a gift as a token of gratitude. Fun games were organised for the support staff, followed by snacks. The event ended with a heartfelt thanks from all teachers and students reminding us to always treat every worker with dignity and gratitude.



-The student members of the EARLYACT CLUB, Bhavan Vidyalaya, Junior School sector 33D Chandigarh showed great creativity and enthusiasm in creating a "Drug Menace Wish Tree" as part of the

Early Act Club activity. They wrote heartfelt wishes and messages and hung them on a wish tree, highlighting the importance of staying healthy and safe. This engaging project helped them think critically about the risks of

substance abuse and the value of making positive choices. It was wonderful to see them come together to promote a supportive and healthy environment.

-On the occasion of May 1st, the students of the EARLYACT CLUB at Sacred Heart Sr. Sec. School Chandigarh, showed their appreciation for the hard work of the school's support staff by distributing Choco Pies to the peons and security guards. This thoughtful gesture brought smiles and warmth to the hearts of those who keep the school running smoothly. "We wanted to show our gratitude for everything they do," said Jiana, the President of the Early Act Club. "They work so hard, and we wanted to make their day a little brighter," said another member Miraya. The students collected donations and organized the distribution demonstrating their commitment to community service.

-To honour the unsung heroes of our everyday lives, Umeed – the INTERACT CLUB of SACRED HEART SCHOOL,\* CHANDIGARH, celebrated Labour Day with warmth and gratitude at GMSSS, Sector 26,



Chandigarh. The occasion was marked by a vibrant cultural presentation that included a soul-stirring medley of songs, a thought-provoking skit, lively stand-up comedy, an inspiring speech, and energetic dance performances. In a heartfelt gesture, the club members also presented tokens of appreciation to the support staff, acknowledging their hard work and dedication. The support members were visibly moved



by the celebration and deeply appreciated the students' efforts. Umeed once again lived up to its name—spreading hope, respect, and joy through meaningful action.

-On 2nd May 2025 THE INTERACT CLUB of Sri Guru Harkrishan Sr. Sec. Public School, Sector 40-C, Chandigarh, successfully organized an Inter-House Digital Art Competition for both the Senior and Junior Wings. The event aimed to blend creativity with digital skills, providing students a platform to express their ideas through art. The Senior Wing participants were given the theme "Say No to Drugs," emphasizing the importance of a drug-free lifestyle. The Junior Wing explored the heartfelt topic of "Happy Mother's



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-MHM Session Report Date - 02 May 2025 ( Friday ) School Name - Government Model High school Mauli Colony, Chandigarh Principal Name - Mrs. Parveen Malik Coordinator Name - Ms. Bhawna Ma'am Time - 09:00 am to 01:00 pm Topic: Menstrual Hygiene Management, Gender Sensitization for Boys, and Sanitary Pad Distribution



Drive for Girl Students Classes Covered: 6th to 8th Number of Students Covered: 533 Total No of pads distributed - 550 A total of four sessions were conducted, focusing on menstrual hygiene, the menstrual cycle, and gender sensitization. The female reproductive system was explained using scientific terms to help students gain a clear and accurate understanding of menstruation. Common myths and taboos surrounding menstruation—such as avoiding head baths or not touching pickles—were discussed and debunked through open conversation.

-On 01 May 2025 ( Thursday ) WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) was conducted in Government Model High school Mauli Colony, Chandigarh in the presence of Principal Name - Mrs. Parveen Malik and Coordinator Name - Ms. Bhawna Ma'am wherein Number of Students Covered: 1355 from Classes: 1st to 10th (Morning and Evening Shifts). The sessions were conducted in two shifts—morning



(09:00 AM to 12:50 PM) and afternoon (01:10 PM to 03:30 PM)—to ensure the participation of all students. A total of 12 sessions were organized, focusing on raising awareness about the importance of clean water, personal hygiene, toilet habits, and sanitation practices. The content was thoughtfully tailored to match the students' level of understanding. The team conducted an inspection of the school's toilet facilities, which were found to be clean and well-maintained. To help students develop better hygiene habits, they were advised to carry paper soap and a handkerchief with them regularly.

-We distributed food packets to TB Patients at Mauli Jagran civil dispensary today. We are providing the prescribed protein rich diet to 215 Patients here. In addition we are also covering an equal number of patients



at Daria, Manimajra, Kishangarh, Indracolony and Palsora TB centers. The distribution today was carried out in the presence of PP Rtn Vinod Kapoor, Pres Rtn Jatinder Kapoor and Rtn Gurvinder Saggu.

-On 30th of April, Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti was celebrated by ROTARACT CLUB of HSJ in collaboration with NSS & ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH. A BLOOD DONATION CAMP was organised, with RBBSRC sector 37, CHD. being the collecting organisation. Professor Meenakshi Goyal, Director Research and



Development Cell at Punjab University, Chandigarh, was the chief guest. She was accompanied by PU NSS head Parveen Goyal, UIET chairperson Dr. Sanjiv Puri and many other dignitaries from PU. The camp was successfully conducted at the Mechanical Engineering Department, UIET, Panjab University, and saw enthusiastic participation, with around 35 students participating in the camp and 26 units of blood were collected to support the noble cause of saving lives. Rotary Club Chandigarh provided snacks and gifts. Rtn. Dr. Manish Rai, Director RBBSRC and secretary MS. Niti Sarin along with Jt. Secretary RCC, Rtn. Arun Aggarwal and Rtn. Teena Virk, Director Youth Service, Rotary Club, participated for lending support and encouragement.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Birthday Greetings:

5 May	Rtn Harish Valecha	9888420120
9 May	Rtn Kanwaljit Singh Sekhon	9814014368
10 May	PE Rtn Abha J Sharma	9814861054

### Anniversary Greetings:

5 May	Rtn Dr Mangla Dogra & Dr M R Dogra	9876508019
5 May	PRIP Rtn Rajendra K Saboo & Usha	9814096755
6 May	Rtn Saakshi Katyal & Dr Vinod Katyal	9915000082
7 May	Rtn Anand Chhibbar & Geetanjali	9814006721
8 May	PP Rtn Arvind Mehan & Sadhana	9815815900
9 May	PN Rtn Teena Ayninder Virk & Ravinder Singh	9872670095
11 May	PP Rtn Kewal Seth & Veena	9814123095

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Day," creating touching digital tributes to their mothers.

Students from all houses participated with great enthusiasm and showcased remarkable creativity and imagination. The competition turned out to be a perfect blend of learning and fun, encouraging students to explore their digital skills in meaningful ways.

Principal Mrs. Shama Kukkal graced the event and interacted with the students, appreciating their efforts. She encouraged them to continue practicing and refining the areas that require more attention and understanding. She also emphasized the importance of being able to present one's thoughts clearly and effectively—an essential skill in today's digital world. This activity served as both an awareness-building and knowledge-enriching experience, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and digital literacy among students.

-On 1st May 2025, Labour Day was celebrated at SRI GURU HARKRISHAN SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, Sector 40-C, Chandigarh by the school's INTERACT CLUB & EARLYACT CLUB, jointly. A special program was organised. Students presented a group song and

delivered speeches to share information about the significance of this day. A slideshow was displayed highlighting the invaluable contributions and roles of the support staff working at the school. The staff members were honoured with various titles and tokens of appreciation as a gesture of gratitude. The Principal appreciated the hard work and dedication of the support staff and wished them a bright future.

-On 1st of May 2025, EARLYACT members of AKSIP 41 school, celebrated Labour Day with great enthusiasm. Performances and



handmade gifts were dedicated to the support staff as a gesture of gratitude and love. The event was led by Club President Sumedha, General Secretary Jahnavi, Club Incharge Ms. Nikita Chugh, and Coordinator Ms. Bhavna Sharma under the guidance and support of Principal Ms. Ritu Bali.

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Uri or at Pulwama and now at Pehalgaon. He further stated that the tourist who lost their life were from the well to do families and we can only console them in the bad time. Terrorism is a worldwide problem and almost every country is infected by such evils. He

recalled the time of his tenure when he was president when a patient from Srinagar was treated under the Heartline project.

In the last Immediate past president Rtn. Anil Chadda pay tribute to the departed souls of the innocent persons who lost their life in Pehalgaon. He expressed his anguish over the action of the terrorists in a civilized society. He recalled his time one year back when he was in



Srinagar on some professional assignment and the situation was peaceful even in the late-night hours. But the last week incident jeopardized the life of local people besides the members of family who were killed in the incident.

President Rtn. Jatinder Kapur sum up the meeting and thanked the members who come forward in the need of hour to pay tribute the departed souls. The meeting concluded and adjourned for the next Monday. **Rtn. Anil Chadda**

## NEWS

-Rtn Subash Marriya have been elected to the Governing Body of DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi which is running more than one thousand educational institutions including University, Medical, Engineering, Pharmacy, Aided schools, Colleges & Public Schools in all over India. DAV College Managing Committee is the biggest Nonprofitable organization in India. In addition to the above honor, he has been appointed Chairman / Vice Chairperson of so many DAV Public institutions in & around Chandigarh, Panjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh

--Greetings from Chicago. Today I visited the Rotary International HQ at Evanston. It was



a matter of great pride to see the names of Our Esteemed Saboo Sir and Usha ji and PJ Singh and Rajinder Ji in the Arch Klumph Gallery here. Sharing a few pics. I was asked to leave our Club Flag at the desk of RIP Stephanie A. Urchick as a memento. President Elect Rtn Abha Sharma.

