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Celebrating a Legacy of Service: Happy 91st Birthday, PRIP Rajendra K Saboo Sir!



Today, we gather to celebrate a remarkable milestone – the 91st birthday of our beloved Father Figure, PRIP Saboo Sir. A stalwart of the Rotary world, PRIP Saboo Sir has been a beacon of light and inspiration to us all. With a remarkable 64-year journey with Rotary, starting from 1961, he has demonstrated unwavering commitment to service and humanity.

As a Rotary Icon and living legend, PRIP Saboo Sir has guided our Rotary family

with wisdom, grace, and humility. His presidency theme, "Look beyond yourself," has been a guiding principle for us all. Our club motto, "Service above Self," is a reflection of his values and dedication to putting others first. His selfless service has touched countless lives, and his legacy continues to inspire us to make a difference.

The celebration was made even more special with a musical tribute. PRIP Rajendra K Saboo Sir's favorite songs were played and stellar performances by Rtn Roma

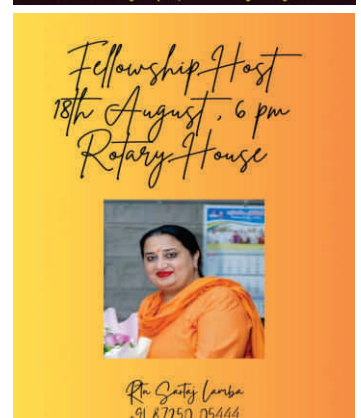
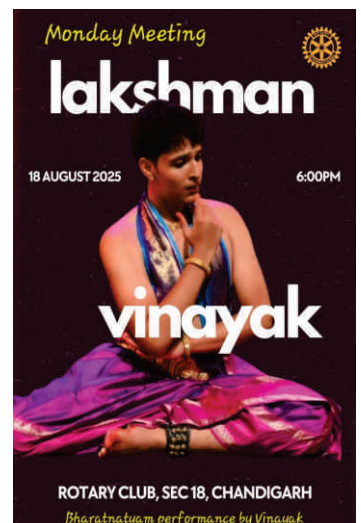
Uppal, Rtn Dr Ruchit Uppal, PP Arvind Mehan, Rtn Lalita Grover, and Rtn Nidhi Kapoor, who engaged the crowd in a delightful music game.

PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo Sir's speech was filled with affection, love, and abundance of his experiences as a Rotarian and his medical mission projects. He generously donated \$200,000 to the district foundation. PDG Manmohan Singh, PDG Dhyani Chand, PDG Madhukar Malhotra and PDG Parveen Goyal were present, showcasing their love and

appreciation for him.

The celebration continued with PRIP Saboo Sir donating two hampers of 50 packets each for the MILK bank project, which was graciously accepted by Rtn Bhavneet Bharti. As a token of appreciation for PRIP Saboo Sir's selfless service, our President Rtn Abha Joshi Sharma called for a standing ovation, and the hall echoed with celebrations.

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The evening was filled with warmth and joy, followed by a delightful fellowship hosted by Rtn Aman Bhatia. A lovely program curated by PP Neenu Vij added to the charm of the celebration. As a heartwarming start of the evening, PRIP Saboo Sir sent off balloons into the air, symbolizing the soaring spirit of service and compassion that he embodies.

We're reminded of the valuable lessons Saboo Sir has shared with us: empathy, humility, striving for excellence, and respect for relationships. His life's work is a testament to the power of selfless service, and we're grateful for his legacy. We salute you, Saboo Sir, for being a true



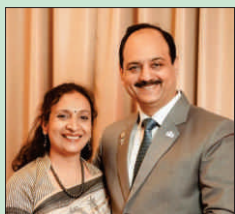
champion of service and a beacon of hope for generations to come. Your dedication to humanity is an inspiration to us all, and we look forward to continuing your legacy. Happy birthday!

Rotary
District 3080

CONGRATULATIONS!
Gratitude & Heartfelt Appreciation to

PRIP RAJENDRA K. 'RAJA' SABOO & USHA JI
for their
EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION
of US \$2,00,000
Rupees One Crore Seventy Four Lakhs
to THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
The District looks up to you - today & always!
Shalini & DG Ravi Prakash
on behalf of All Members of RI District 3080

A moment of pride for RID 3080! PRIP Raja Saboo ji & Usha Saboo ji have gifted USD 200,000 to The Rotary Foundation — a powerful statement of his faith in Rotary's mission to change the world. Now it's our turn to rise, connect with TRF, and be the force humanity needs!



An announcement

1 lakh contribution to club for supporting deserving and needy children from MDAV School, sector 22 was also made.

Projects : RYLA

The Rotary Club Chandigarh's RYLA event "Freedom — find your voice. Define your freedom" was a resounding success, held on August 14, 2025, for MDAV Public School's Interact Club students. The event featured three inspiring guest speakers: Brigadier Ashish Popli, Mr. Puneet Verma, President of TiE, and Ms. Nidhi Kapoor, who shared their valuable insights through engaging



talks and interactive sessions.

The students showcased their talents and creativity through poem recitations, patriotic speeches, and a soulful song, highlighting their

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CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

11 Aug	PRIP Rtn R K Saboo	9814096755
11 Aug	Rtn Varun Rao	9915000007
12 Aug	Rtn Dr Ruchit Uppal	9041360301
13 Aug	Rtn Geetika Rao	7265000007
14 Aug	Rtn Sangeet Sharma	9876610996
14 Aug	Rtn Rajnish Malhotra	8146623411

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Projects Installation



Bhavan Vidyalaya, New Chandigarh, celebrated the Installation Ceremony of its Interact and Early Act Clubs.

The event honored Shri R.K. Saboo Ji, Chairman of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Chandigarh Kendra, he is also Past Rotary International President, along with Chief Guests Rtn. Abha Joshi Sharma,

President of Rotary Club Chandigarh, and Rtn. Sonia Salaria, President of Rotary Club New Chandigarh. Guest of Honor PP Rtn. Jatinder Kumar Kapur, District Interact Chair 2025-26, was also present.

The ceremony began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by a semi-classical dance performance and a soul-stirring medley by the school choir. Malvika Raj Negi, former Interact Club President, delivered the Annual Report. Simranpreet was formally invested as the new President of the

Interact Club.

Chief Guests President Rtn. Abha Joshi Sharma and Rtn. Sonia Salaria delivered inspiring speeches, motivating students to embrace service and leadership. The event concluded with a vibrant Luddi and Bhangra performance. Shri



Madhukar Malhotra, Secretary of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Chandigarh Kendra; Mrs. Vineeta Arora, Director (Education) and Senior Principal; and Mrs. Inderpreet Kaur, Principal, Bhavan Vidyalaya, New Chandigarh, were among the dignitaries present. Eminent Rotarians, including Arvind Mehn, Rtn Arun Agarwal, Rtn. Kumar Shreya, Ann Neha, and Mr Sanjay Sharma, along with the Secretary and other members of the Rotary Club New Chandigarh, also attended the ceremony.



Heartline Project Heartline's 3-year-old patient Navidha underwent successful PDA device closure and is recovering well. She's eating fruits and in a happy mood, expected to be discharged today. Her mother and grandmother praised The Rotary Family for their life-changing support. It's wonderful to see Navidha on the road to recovery, thanks to organizations like Rotary Club providing accessible medical care to children in need.



HAVE YOU PROPOSED A NEW MEMBER THIS YEAR?

As a Rotarian, we have the collective responsibility to return our gratitude to the Rotarian who proposed our name and brought us into Rotary.

Each One.
Bring One.



Membership Development
alone can keep Rotary Fresh,
Strong, and Vibrant.

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Projects : RYLA

understanding of freedom and its significance. The event was graced by the presence of esteemed Rotarians, including President Rtn. Abha Joshi Sharma, District Chair RYLA Rtn. Teena Virk, Chairman RYLA Committee Rtn. Hassan Meji, Secretary Rtn. Arun Aggarwal, Director Youth Services Rtn. Shivya Sehgal, Vice President Rtn. Rajender Kaur, Rtn. Neena Singh, District Chair Interact Rtn. JK Kapoor, Chairman Interact Committee Rtn. Arvind Mehan, Rtn. Pankaj Katia, Rtn. CJ Singh, and PDG Rtn. Parveen Goyal.

The event commenced with Vandana and the National Anthem, performed by the



students, setting a patriotic tone for the occasion. The thoughtful vote of thanks by Chairman RYLA Committee, Rtn. Hassan Meji, brought the event to a meaningful conclusion. Overall, the RYLA event provided a platform for young leaders to express themselves, explore the concept of freedom, and develop their leadership skills.

MEMBERS UPDATE

Get Well Soon Wishes

Our vibrant and loving Rtn Babbijee has been admitted to Medanta for a collar bone fracture, thanks to her son Mr. Maninder Singh's prompt action. The Rotary Club Chandigarh family wishes her a speedy recovery. Sending love, best wishes, and positive vibes for her quick healing and return to full strength. May she recover soon and be back to her normal self!

Rtn Shivya's son Divyansh Sehgal, a student of class 5 of Delhi Public School, Chandigarh has authored a book titled "Looking at the world", which is a collection of 21 short poems, on emotions/ topics that we encounter everyday in our lives. The book has been published and he has been awarded 21st century Emily Dickinson Award. It is available now on Amazon and international platforms.

The members of the club wishes the young writer more accolades and accomplishments. Proud of him.

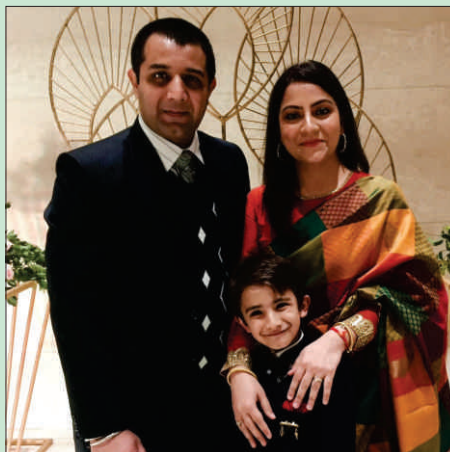


DIL SE... My Journey with Rotary A Path of Service and Leadership.....Rtn Shivya Sehgal

As a dynamic and spirited individual, I've always been drawn to extracurricular activities and community service. My journey with Rotary began as President of the Rotaract Club, Government College for Women, Ludhiana, in 2005-2006. This experience not only honed my leadership skills but also instilled in me a deep understanding of Rotary's mission and values. I was honored to receive the "Best Rotaractor" Award for that year.

My involvement with Rotary continued through various RYLA events, where I interacted with like-minded individuals and explored ways to make a positive impact. After a hiatus, I joined

Rotary in January 2024 and was thrilled to embark on this new journey. As Director of Youth



Services for 2025-2026, I'm learning and growing with each new challenge. By day, I'm a practicing lawyer at Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, balancing my career with family life alongside my husband Vaibhav Sehgal and our 9-year-old son.

Through Rotary, I'm excited to make a meaningful difference in my community and beyond. I'm looking forward to exploring new opportunities, collaborating with fellow Rotarians, and creating a lasting impact. My journey with Rotary has just begun, and I'm eager to see the positive change it will bring.

