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The legacy of Tarlochan Singh Kohli Memorial....Honouring the students

The Monday meeting was called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtn Nidhi Kapoor, marking the beginning of a meaningful evening. The meeting commenced with PRIP Rajendra K Saboo pinning three newly inducted members: Rtn Aradhana Gahkar, Rtn Shabana, and Rtn Ankur Garg. Unfortunately, the fourth inducted member, Rtn Sony Goyal, was absent from the meeting.

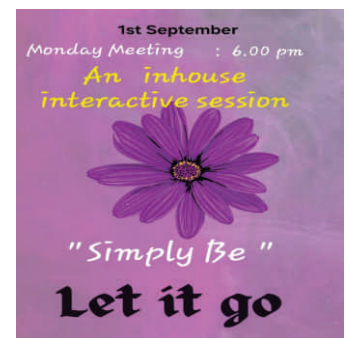
The highlight of the evening was the presence of Chief Guest Mrs. Joginder Kaur kohli. Sardar Satbir Singh Kohli passionately followed his father's footsteps in contributing



to the education of children, a legacy that continues to inspire and support young minds. This year, the Awards Committee, comprising Chair Rtn Ruchit Uppal, Mrs. Joginder Kaur Kohli, and PP Manmohan Kohli,

distributed certificates and cheques to 25 deserving students. These students were selected for their exceptional merit and achievements, showcasing their hard work and dedication to their studies. Rtn Upneet Lali presented

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by PP Rtn. Neenu Vij
Inspired by : "Micchami
Dukkadam" A way to Simply
BE and Change karmas.

Fellowship Host
1st Sept..6 pm
Rotary House



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Chandigarh Clubs E-Waste Project



Rotary Club Chandigarh's President Abha J Sharma & Vice President Rtn. Rajinder Kaur have taken a pioneering initiative to promote e-waste awareness and



Creative designer is PP Rtn. CJ Singh ji.

8 have already been installed at our following schools:

Bhawan Vidyalaya Sector 27
Bhawan Vidyalaya Sector 33
Bhawan Vidyalaya, New Chd.
Guru Harkishan Public School
MDAV School, Sector 22-B
Sacred Heart School
AKSIPS -45
AKSIPS -41

responsible disposal. The project is supported by Rtn. P J Singh and Rtn. Dr. Rajinder Kaur. As part of this effort, 10 e-waste collection boxes are ready for installation in Interact schools, aiming to educate students about the harmful effects of electronic waste. This initiative will inspire school

children to become environmentally conscious and promote sustainable practices. The club plans to place these boxes in schools, fostering a culture of responsible e-waste disposal and environmental stewardship.

Rs. 50,000
donated by Rtn PJ
Singh and Vice
President Rtn
Rajinder Kaur for
this project.



CELEBRATIONS

Birthday Greetings:

4 Sept Rtn Dr Upneet Lalli 9464541238
4 Sept. Rtn. Vineeta Arora 9872855512
5 Sept Rtn Amit Jain 9814125627
7 Sept Rtn Partap Aggarwal 9814087402

Anniversary Greetings:

1 Sept. Rtn. Dr. Jagat Bhushan 9855442735
& Dr. Harpreet
4 Sept. Jasvinder Batra 9815925255
& Tanou Batra

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The legacy of Tarlochan Singh Kohli Memorial....



a citation to Mrs. Joginder Kaur kohli, honoring her presence and contributions to the community. The ceremony was a celebration of the Kohli Education Scholarship, which aims to support and encourage young minds in their pursuit of education. Mrs. Joginder Kaur kohli felicitated the students, acknowledging their achievements and inspiring them to continue striving for excellence.

The vote of gratitude was proposed by PP Anil Chadha, who expressed

heartfelt thanks for the noble and purposeful donation. He also extended his appreciation to Rtn Upneet Lali for the delicious snacks served during the meeting. The gesture was met with applause, reflecting the members' appreciation for the thoughtful act. The meeting concluded on a note of gratitude and camaraderie, with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to the community.

MEDIA COVERAGE

बच्चों को शिक्षित और सशक्त बनाना मकसद

Helping Hands

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ चंडीगढ़ ने 26

जर्जरतम बच्चों को

'जिलेयन सिंह कोहली

मेमोरियल एजुकेशनल

स्कारलरशिप' से नवाजा।

विशेष रिपोर्ट: अमित

चंडीगढ़ के बाद से एजुकेशन को

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जिलेयन सिंह कोहली। यह

एजुकेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट को किसी

न किसी रूप में बहाल करने में

जुटे रहे। रॉक: उनको कोहली या

सरदार के बच्चे को उन्नत मिले।

इस बीच से उनके कोहली एन.

सरदार सिंह कोहली ने पांच साल

पहले रोटी क्लब चंडीगढ़ के साथ

'जिलेयन सिंह कोहली मेमोरियल

एजुकेशनल स्कारलरशिप' शुरू



की भी रॉक: मुझों को शिक्षित

और सशक्त बनाना मकसद

ने नवाजा। क्लब प्रिजेंट अभा

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26 deserving school students get scholarship

Chandigarh, Aug 25: Twenty six

brilliant and deserving students

from three schools

were awarded S. Tarlochan Singh

Kohli Memorial Educational

scholarship of

Rs.10,000 at a

function organised

by Rotary Club

Chandigarh here

today.

Rotary Club

President Abha

Sharma applauded the family of late S. Satbir

Singh Kohli, who had taken it upon himself to

perpetuate the memory of his late father S.

Tarlochan Singh Kohli, and instituted the

scholarship about five years back with Rotary Club

Chandigarh, to perpetuate the legacy of educating

the young minds.

Mrs. Jagmohan Kaur Kohli wife of late S. Satbir

Singh Kohli, gave away the prizes to the deserving

children which included 14 girls and 12 boys from

Government Senior Secondary School, Saketvi

village, Government Model Senior Secondary

School, Sector 16, and Dev Samir Sr Secondary

School, Sector 45.

Each student was given the first instalment of

Rs.5,000 each through bank transfer and the

remaining 50 percent of the amount shall be

credited to the respective bank accounts of the

students in December 2025.

With Best Compliments from
Rtn Jagesh Khaitan

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Projects

AKSIPS 45 Smart School, Chandigarh, hosted the Installation Ceremony of its Interact Club and Early Act Club for the 2025-26 academic session. The event was graced by Chief Guest Ms Abha Joshi Sharma, President, Rotary Chandigarh, and Mr. Jasdeep Kalra, Executive Director of AKSIPS group of Smart



Schools. Rotarians Shivya Sehgal, Teena Virk, Jatinder Kapur, Arun Aggarwal, and

Arvind Mehan were also present.

The ceremony began with an inspiring address by President Rtn Abha Joshi Sharma, encouraging the new members to participate enthusiastically



in Rotary Club's youth programs and uphold the ideals of service and leadership. Mr. Jasdeep Kalra congratulated the club members, expressing pride in their commitment and wishing them success in community-driven endeavors.

The highlight of the event was the Installation and pinning ceremony, where new office bearers took oath and were entrusted with their responsibilities. The ceremony marked the beginning of a new era for the Interact Club and Early Act Club, with members eager to make a positive impact in their community. With the guidance of experienced Rotarians, the young members are poised to excel in their service-oriented endeavors.



Rotract Club of Chandigarh Installation ceremony on 24th August.



Installation of Rotract Club of Legis Social.



Rotary Club Chandigarh organized a successful Blood Donation Camp at Rayat Bahra Dental College, Kharar, on August 28, 2025. With 75 volunteers registering and 60 units of blood donated, the camp was a testament to the community's spirit of giving. Supported by Rotary Blood Bank Society Resource Center, the initiative highlighted Rotary's commitment to community service and promoting voluntary blood donation. The club expressed gratitude to Rayat Bahra Dental College, led by Dr. Akash, and appreciated the efforts of Rtn. Dr. Manish, Rtn. Arun Agarwal, and Rtn. Rosy Katyal in making the event a success.



Senior Citizens Meet Up

26 Aug a successful organized a meet with 40 Senior Citizens, where they enthusiastically shared their experiences with Psychologist Shabana Azam and received dedicated attention from Dr. Bhavneet and her team of doctors. We extend our heartfelt thanks to PP Neena Singh, Chair Committee for Mental Health, for facilitating this event, and Rtn. Rosy Katyal



for graciously sponsoring refreshments. Rotract Puneet's initiative to connect with them through our "SnehaMitra" program was commendable, and we appreciate his Rotract club's commitment to regular interactions. Rtn. Ramesh Bhatia's warm conversation with the senior citizens was also appreciated. The event was honored by the presence of PP Vijay Wadhawan and Vice President Dr. Rajinder Kaur. This event showcased our commitment to serving the senior citizens and promoting their mental well-being.



Rotary International President Nominee Yinka Babalola visited us in January 2020 at the Medical VTT Mission in Zimbabwe



Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, has been selected to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27.



We feel immense pride and gratitude in sharing that the Rotaract Club of Chandigarh, supported by our Rotary Club Chandigarh, has been recognised by Rotary and Rotaract District 3080 for its dedicated efforts in the Immediate Past Rotary Year 2024-25. It has received 12 Awards in the District Award Function held on 24th Aug 2025



- Best Rotaract Club (Community Based), Zone-2
- District Editor Recognition
- District Director Health & Hygiene Recognition
- Most Resilient President, RID 3080
- President's Recognition Award, Zone-2
- Best Secretary, Zone-2
- Best ISD in RID 3080
- Exceptional Support in Saanjh 2.0 - RIDE
- Best Community Fundraiser – D3 (Donate Dosti Dance)
- Best Community Project – Happy Schools
- Rotary District Recognition of best Literacy Project – Umeed ki Awaaz
- Innovation & PR Award – Mahadan 10.0

MEMBERS UPDATE

Discipline to compassion: Lessons from Babuji



RK SAHOO

WHENEVER I receive compliments, I often say – "I chose my parents well!" But the greatest compliment I have received is from my parents. From that, I learned the value of human relationships, ethics, and a philosophy that has shaped my life.

My earliest memories of Babuji are defined by strict discipline. He rarely interacted with us children except to give instructions or reprimands. I was not the most compliant child, so I was the most feared by others. His arrival home from work was announced by a bell for his attendants – a signal to bring him water and maintain distance. A rigorous routine of exercise and studies had to be followed. At the time, I knew he was strict and distant, but over the years, I came

to understand his steady, powerful presence. He was uncompromising in matters of time, money, and principles. Despite loving us, I had to take public transport to school, even in harsh weather – something that engaged me for the next 10 years. In 1955, when I was 15, he sold his house for Rs 75,000 in a failed business venture. He didn't begrudge me, but he expressed his disappointment in my abilities. "We will find the money," he said when I planned another venture. That was his way of teaching – through trust and strong support.

His integrity was legendary. Once advised by the then Chief Minister of Odisha to "allow" a bribe to get a contract, he refused. He was a principled man, a man who stood by his word. Many senior businessmen of his time acknowledged that no one in the organisation could match his honesty and loyalty.

Admired and revered by all, he was a disciplined man – early to bed, up before dawn, never missing his walks. He even advised strangers against drinking, smoking, and drinking. After his passing, his followers remember about his fatherly reminders about regular exercise. In his advanced years, he often remarked on having outlived most of his friends. Later in life, his affection grew more visible, especially for his grandchildren. He loved visiting Chandigarh and Bhubaneswar, where my younger sister is settled, though Calcutta always remained dear to his heart.

Spiritually, he followed Swami Abhayananda and Pandit Ram Kinkarji. He loved watching Ramkrishna and Mahabharat episodes, often watching them. He once even asked for those episodes on a Silver Air flight.

Babaji lived a life of simplicity, integrity, and service. He exemplified the philosophy of the Bhagavad Gita – "High Karmaas Karmahin" – excellence in action is yoga. To me, he remains a true hero and a guiding force I feel within me every day.

(The writer is Chandigarh-based and is a Rotarian. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar, Odisha.)

deeply rooted in family values. After my brother's untimely death, his compassion and strength became our family's anchor. Personally, I regret that I never got to know him better. I was a child, and he was a man, but I wish I had known him better.

He encouraged progressive ideas, granting freedom and respecting others' choices. When I proposed an inter-caste marriage, he didn't oppose it. He supported me and my wife, and we have a beautiful family.

He always stood by me, whether in business, social causes, or Rotary. When I became Rotary International President, he said with joy, "Babuji has added two more years to my life."

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WE CARE



Such a happy time spent today with PP Surinder Mam. A spontaneous call in the evening and she was so happy to receive us. Gup shup and remembering good Rotary moments of working together. She would be glad and happy to meet Rotarian friends to visit her.



Heartiest congratulations to PP Neena Singh for the esteemed award

DIL SE... New Members Welcomed with Open Arms

A warm hug and heartfelt welcome to our new members! We're beyond thrilled to have you join our loving community. Your presence will bring fresh perspectives, new ideas, and a spark of enthusiasm that will make our club even more vibrant. We're so grateful for the love, energy, and contributions you'll share with us.

As you join our family, we want you to know that you're valued, appreciated, and loved. We're here to support you, uplift you, and celebrate your successes. We can't wait to get to know you better, learn from your experiences, and grow together.

Your contributions, whether big or small, will make a real difference in our community. We're honored to have you on this journey with us. Let's spread love, kindness, and positivity together, and create a ripple effect of goodness that touches hearts and lives.

This week we welcome
Rtn Aradhana Gakhar,
Rtn Shabnam Azam,
Rtn Ankur Garg and
Rtn Sony Goyal

