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## \*Aaj Diwali Aisi Bhi\*

Weekly meeting of Rotarians was held on 21st October 2024 at by Rotary Club Chandigarh. A beautiful and colorful Rangoli made by students of Vidya Sadan welcomed everyone. This meeting was unique as the Rotary Club Chandigarh in collaboration with Inner Wheel created some precious memories for those who yearn the company of their loved ones on every special occasion. The Rotary Club Chandigarh and Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh celebrated Diwali with the Senior Citizens of "Old Age Home" Sector-15 Rotary Club. They were warmly welcomed by President Jitendra Kapoor, Secretary Prem Mahendru and Inner Wheel President Madam Medha Diwan and Secretary Pratibha Sharma. Honourable PRIP Rajindra K. Saboo and Mrs Usha Saboo ji, the chief Guests for the day expressed their



gratitude and affection to Senior Citizens. Inner wheel members showed their love by gifting hampers to them. To lighten up mood, Neeru Malhotra, member of Innerwheel Club, enlivened the atmosphere by playing Antakshari in her beautiful voice. Games which were played by Inner wheel

members was an epitome that age is just a number and there is a child hidden behind every wrinkled face which has many tales to tell. Light moments were shared by Senior citizens of Old age Home as well as Rotarians over old songs. We left their 'home' with moist eyes and smiles on our lips with mixed emotions. Vote of

thanks was given by Innerwheel Secretary Madam Pratibha Sharma. The meeting culminated with a sumptuous dinner organized by Rotary Club Chandigarh for all Senior Citizens of Old Age Home. No meeting is complete without extending best wishes and greetings for those who celebrate their special day.



### NEXT MEETING

Mr. Preet Mohinder Singh General Manager The Punjab State Cooperative Agricultural Development Bank Ltd. talks to us on Digital Frauds- How to deal with on 4th November 2024 at Rotary House 6 pm.

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

## TB Elimination in Chandigarh

Ganga Acrowools Limited contributed Rs. 2,50,000/- towards TB elimination in Chandigarh under CSR scheme. This campaign was started by Rotary Club Chandigarh in association with Health Department, Chandigarh with the efforts of Rtn. Anil Chadda to promote this project.

## Induction of new members



- Mr. Dilpreet Singh Spouse :- Mrs Jyoti Singh Two Children:- Dr. Dig Vijay Singh , Mr. Sarab Vijay Singh proposed by IPP Rtn. Anil Chadda under the classification of Management Consultant -web series holding the position of Head skills to Jobs India /South Asia Amazon Web Series Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Dilpreet Singh was inducted in the meeting by Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra



- Mr. Kumar Shray Spouse:- Mrs Neha Noopur Children:- Kumar Shrayansh who was proposed by PP Rtn AP Singh. having the Classification:- Industrial - Plastic Related Mfg.and holding the Position:- Proprietor, M/s Anil Industry Shitalpur, Baddi-Nalagarh -Road, Baddi He was inducted in the meeting by PRIP Rtn. Rajendra K Saboo.

## Aaphai tau hum hai



On 22nd. October,2024 HE Shri Gulab Chand Kataria , Governor Punjab and Administrator UT flagged off the army trucks carrying 7000 boxes of one kg each Diwali mithai to the jawans on the borders which will be airlifted by the Indian Air Force to Leh tomorrow to be further sent to the border posts along the LOC to be shared with the jawans as a gesture of gratitude for their service and sacrifice keeping us safe . The event was successfully conducted in the presence of esteemed members from



District 3080, inner wheel club led by Past Rotary International President Rtn. Rajendra K Saboo. This is the on-going project of conceptualized and implemented by Rotary Club Chandigarh on behalf of Rotary District 3080.

This is the 8th. Year in row, the project was successfully completed under the leadership of our president Rtn.



Jatinder Kapur with contribution from members from Rotary club Chandigarh, Clubs/members from District 3080, Inner wheel club, Interact Club Bhavan Vidyalaya, Rotary Club Bombay and many other generous donors to promote this project. As per the provisional figures, a sum of over Rs. 43.00 lacs were collected under this project. Kudos to all the participants for the generosity to contribute towards

this project.

A committee was formed in the club under the chair of Rtn. Anil Chadda to manage detailed activities under this project start from the selection of vendor, a campaign to collect the funds, design of promotional activity and dispatch of sweets to the jawans. Our District Governor Rtn. Raj Pal Singh promoted the project in entire district 3080 and other community which enhances the contribution towards this project. Congratulations to the entire team consisting of Rtn. Madhukar Malhotra, Rtn. Charanjit Singh, Rtn. Jaspal Singh Sidhu, Rtn. Arun Aggarwal , Ann Parveen Vij and Rtn. Anil Chadda.

## WORLD POLIO DAY



ALUMNI ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH, led by PRIP Padmashri R.K. Saboo marked the 'WORLD POLIO DAY' on the 24th of October at the Sukhna Lake Chandigarh, to celebrate 13 yrs. of 'POLIO FREE INDIA' and to pledge continuation of efforts to rid the world of the remaining 1% polio, prevalent in a few nations.

It was an invigorating walk the talk by nearly 150 children from Interact Clubs of 10 city schools and a couple of Rotaract Clubs. District Rotaract Board of Directors members Aman and Prerna joined the walk. ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH, under the leadership of President Jatinder Kapoor was represented by eminent Rotarians PJ Singh, Dr. Rajinder Kaur, Secretary Prem Mahindru, Jt. Secretary Arun Aggarwal, Teena Virk, Director Youth Services, PP Vijay Wadhawan, PP Arvind Mahajan, PP Jaspal Sidhu, Rtn. Gurvinder Sagoo, Deepika Prashar and Rtn. Pankaj Katia.

INTERCT CLUBS THAT PARTICIPATED in the campaign are St. John's High School, Sacred Heart Senior Secondary, Bhavan Vidyalaya, sec. 27, AKSIP-45, AKSIP-41, DAV- sec. 15, Shri Guru Harkishen Public School , SD Public School, sec. 32, MDAV- sec. 22 And DPS- sec. 40. While Rotaract Clubs participated in the campaign are Legis Social and SGGS College and Besides Members of NGO Viraste Karmyogi

**YOUTH SERVICES**

**Bhavan Student Exchange Programme to Knoxville, USA**



A Delegation of 12 students and 2 teachers to visit Webb School, Tennessee, USA

Chandigarh 19 October 2024: - Bhavan Vidyalaya Chandigarh is delighted to continue its transatlantic partnership with Webb School, Knoxville, Tennessee, USA. As a part of the Rotary Exchange Program, established in 2012 this fall, a 12-member student's delegation accompanied by 2 teachers will embark on a 10-day cultural and academic exchange program, starting October 19, 2024.

The program aims at offering a comprehensive experience, bridging cultural divides and cultivating world citizens through academic interactions, workshops, collaborative projects, group discussions, and reflective journaling at Webb School. Additionally, students will explore Knoxville's natural and historical treasures—including the Tennessee Museum, Smoky Mountains, and

Dollywood theme park—and engage with the local community through a Rotary meeting.

Bhavan Vidyalaya Chandigarh and Webb School, Knoxville, have fostered a strong bond through the Rotary Exchange Program since its inception in 2012. This partnership has facilitated multiple reciprocal visits, including Knoxville delegations to the school in 2014, 2019 (7 students, 2 chaperones), and 2022 (10 students, 3 teachers), as well as the Bhavan's delegation to Knoxville in 2019 (7 students, 1 chaperone).



Mrs. Vineeta Arora, Director Education cum Senior Principal, spoke on the occasion of the delegation's departure, saying she was delighted to continue the partnership with Webb School. She added that this partnership offered valuable opportunities for growth and reinforced their dedication to global education, cultivating global citizens and lifelong learners.

A delegation from Webb School, Knoxville is scheduled to visit Bhavan Vidyalaya Chandigarh in August 2025, further strengthening ties. This ongoing partnership promises lasting connections between students, teachers, and families from both institutions, nurturing a legacy of global understanding and collaboration.

**Diwali Celebrations**

-INTERACT CLUB AKSIPS 45 SMART SCHOOL celebrated Diwali with the residents of Senior Citizens Home, Sector 15, Chandigarh, spreading joy and companionship among the elderly. As part of the

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**CELEBRATIONS**

**Birthday Greetings:**

- 28 Oct** Rtn Sunil Talwar 9814022000
- 30 Oct** Rtn Lalita Grover 9815514551
- 31 Oct** Rtn Baldev Kumar Garg 9814108944
- 3 Nov** Rtn Dr Meenu Singh 9814117152

**Anniversary Greetings:**

- 1 Nov** PP Rtn Hassan Singh Mejie 9417010716 & Harkiran

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celebration, the students distributed winter essentials, eatables, and refreshments to the seniors. The interaction was filled with fun and entertainment, featuring activities such as Guess the Song, Riddles, Rangoli Making, and a soulful performance by the School Music Choir. This initiative not only provided an opportunity for the students to learn valuable lessons in empathy and community service but also brought smiles to the faces of the senior citizens, making them feel loved and appreciated. From, ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH, President Jatinder Kapoor and Past President Vijay Wadhawan joined the school interact members to encourage and applaud their effort.

- On the auspicious occasion of Diwali, the INTERACT CLUB, SRI GURU HARKRISHAN SR. SEC. PUBLIC SCHOOL, Sector 40-C, Chandigarh, organized a heartwarming visit to the \*Jyoti Sarup Kanya Asra Society, Kharar\*. The students, along with their club advisor, spent quality time with the children at the orphanage, bringing joy and warmth to their festive celebrations. As part of the initiative, the students distributed:

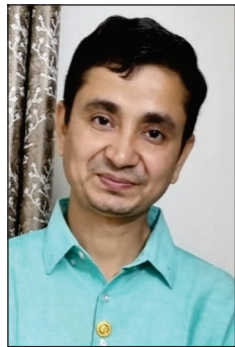


\*Candles and Diyas\*: Specially decorated by the students themselves

\*Sweets and Chocolates\*: To spread the festive sweetness

\*Gift Hampers\*: Carefully curated to bring smiles to the children

This thoughtful gesture by the Interact Club, brightened the day for the children at Jyoti Sarup Kanya Asra Society and instilled in the interactors the value of empathy, kindness, and sharing. The visit was a meaningful way to celebrate Diwali, creating moments of happiness and spreading the light of love and compassion.



## Know your member

Rtn. Kumar Shray

Kumar Shray was born & brought up in Patna. He is BCom (Accounts Honours) from Patna University and MBA International Business from University of Hertfordshire, London. He had worked in Metalor Technologies (UK) for 2 years and then in Bank of America & Future Group for short stints before continuing his passion of becoming an Entrepreneur. His father was a successful businessman so

becoming an Entrepreneur was childhood dream from the age of 10-11. He moved to Chandigarh in 2022. His classification is Industrialist - Plastic Industry. M/s Anil Industry, Baddi.

His wife Neha Noopur is a State Awardee Visual Artist & Hindi writer and His wife Neha Noopur is a Contemporary Artist, Honored with Bihar Kala Purashkar 2016-17 by Art, Culture & Youth Dept. Govt. of Bihar. Her artwork exhibits in solo and more than fifteen group shows all around the nation. She was Charter President of Inner Wheel Club of Patna Navya, Club Id: 6266, Dist: 325. They are blessed with one son Kumar Shrayansh studying in Class 9th at DAV sector 8 C. He is fond of Cricket and Gold Medalist in Olympiad

## News

A cheque of Rs 4,34,880/- handed over to Rotary Club Chandigarh by PDG Rtn Madhukar Malhotra and Rtn Vanita Arora Principal Bhavans Vidyalaya on behalf of Interact Club Bhavan Vidyalaya for their contribution towards project sweets to jawans.



A cheque of Rs. 2,00,000/- handed over to Rotary Club Chandigarh by President Inner wheel club Chandigarh for their contribution towards project sweets to jawans.

Rtn. Roma Uppal recognized as Paul Harris member and presented the PIN from Rotary International.

