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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3080

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT  
2024-25

RAJPAL SINGH  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
RI DISTRICT 3080

JATINDER KAPUR  
CLUB PRESIDENT

PREM MOHINDRU  
CLUB SECRETARY

## BUSINESS MEETING

The annual meeting of Rotary Club Chandigarh for the year 2024-25 was held on Monday, 30th December, 2024. The meeting was presided by Immediate Past President Rtn Anil Chadda due to travel schedule of President Rtn. Jatinder Kapur. The agenda of the meeting was well circulated amongst the members by email as per the bylaws of the club. The meeting called to order at 6.30 PM with singing of national anthem followed by one minute silence to pay respect to the departed soul of Ex-prime minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and Smt Kavita Aggarwal, mother of Rtn. Arun Aggarwal. The quorum of the meeting as per bylaws of the club was complete and after theregular announcements, the items as per agenda of the meeting were taken as under:-

-Balance sheets for the rotary year ended 30th. June, 2021 were put before the members which was unanimously passed by members.

-Balance sheets for the rotary year ended 30th. June, 2022 were put before the members which was unanimously passed by members.

-Balance sheets for the rotary year ended 30th. June, 2023 were put before the members which was unanimously passed by members.

-Balance sheets for the financial year ended 31st. March, 2024 were put before the members and the financials were read out. During discussion on the financials, the following questions were raised: -

I. Tax deducted at source is pending for refund from department of last many years. It was explained that this matter had already been escalated before the tax consultant for necessary action.

II. The club must ensure to file the annual accounts with Registrar of societies regularly for complying with the requirements under income tax act for claiming the exemption under Income tax Act. It was explained that the necessary action will be taken to comply with the requirements.

III. The balance sheet for every financial year ended 31st. March produced in the annual meeting as per the time specified in the bylaws of the



club. Hence there should be annual meeting before 30th. June. It was explained that the matter will be put up in the board meeting for necessary compliance.

After due discussion, The annual accounts ending 31st. March, 2024 were unanimously passed. The points noted during the discussion will be put up before the board meeting for necessary compliance.

-The nomination committee of past president nominated Rtn. Teena Avninder Virk as candidate for president Rotary Club Chandigarh for the year 2026-27 in their meeting held in October, 2024. There was no nomination filed by any candidate for the post of president Rotary Club Chandigarh for the year 2026-27. Hence forth, Rtn. Teena Avninder Virk unanimously declared elected as President Rotary Club 2026-27.

-The nominations of directors and office bearers for the year 2025-26 were placed before the members and the following persons unanimously do hereby declared elected as under:-



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**NEXT MEETING**

Let us all celebrated LOHIRI  
Sunder Munder Hi OYE  
Attraction : Bon Fire, Mungfali,  
Rewari, Performances, All  
Entertainment, Etc. at 13 January,  
2025 at Rotary House at 6 pm

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



## Sweater distribution to the children of Baal Bahaar by Inner Wheel

**PROJECTS**



Inner wheel club distributed woolen cloths to the children of Baal Bahaar, Sector 8, Chandigarh. This is a continuing programme of Rotary club Chandigarh wherein a creche have been setup for the children of Working house maids ,wherein day to day care of children are undertaken besides an education programme amongst the children. Inner wheel club regularly supporting this cause on various occasions.



## NEWS

-It is to share that owners of “Gopal Sweets” Chandigarh contributed Rs 1.00 Lac to our Club for our Club Project “Heart Line” on B'day of their grand daughter. **Rtn AG Jaspal Singh Sidhu**



-On 5th. January,2025 Rotary Chandigarh Midtown organized a traditional Bon Voyage event for Incoming District Governors, Rtn. Ravi Prakash and Rtn. Shalini, as they embark on their journey to the International Assembly. Rtn. Nitin Kapur President, Rotary Chandigarh Midtown request the members for participation on behalf of the club. The event was organized at Aggarwal Bhawan, Sector 16, Panchkula. On this occasion Rtn. Rita Kalra, District Governor Nominee 2026-27 welcome all the participants and District Governor Elect



Rtn. Ravi Parkash and Rtn. Shalini. The event was presided by District Governor Rtn. Rajpal Singh and graced by PRIP Rtn. Rajendra K Saboo , RI officers and large number of rotarians from District 3080 and the event was followed by delicious lunch.

-My home town Moga is organizing 25th Hockey tournaments in memory of my father Late Sardar Malkiat Singh Sidhu (Former Punjab Minister).I feel like sharing with you. **Rtn. Jaspal Singh Sidhu**

-RI exchange rate against US dollar for the month of January,2025 is Rs. 86.00

-Another opportunity for a long term youth exchange student to Rotary District 4490 in northeast Brazil, having 3 huge States: Ceará, Maranhão and Piauí .Teresina is the capital city and has about 1.0 million Inhabitants.

### January 2025 RI Exchange Rates

Dear ARRFCS,

With you a wonderful and Joyful New Year 2025!

Please find below January 2025 RI Exchange Rate for various currencies used in South-Asia region:

| Country     | Monetary Unit | Currency Per US \$1.00 |
|-------------|---------------|------------------------|
| India       | INR           | 86.00                  |
| Nepal       | NPR           | 137.00                 |
| *Sri Lanka  | LKR           | 293.00                 |
| Pakistan    | PKR           | 278.00                 |
| *Bangladesh | BDT           | 120.00                 |

\*Indicates rate change from the previous month

Best Regards,  
Hema

The Rotary District has more than 1900 Rotarians. The last date of submitting the application is 10th January, 2025. Rtn. **AP Singh Dhiman**, District Chair, Rotary Youth Exchange/NGSE

-District Conference of RID 3080 named “DISCON” scheduled to be held on 8th and 9th. March,2025 at Palm Banquet, Zirakpur. Rotary Club central is hosting this event. The registration charges are Rs. 4500/- for single and Rs. 8000/- is for couple. Members are requested to register for this event.



**Project Shishu**



On 31st of December 2024, Under PROJECT SHISHU, ROTARACT CLUB CHANDIGARH, in collaboration with ROTARACT CLUB SGGS COLLEGE CHANDIGARH, under the leadership of their respective presidents, Moin Khan and Harshvardhan, donated 10 baby kits to newborns and pregnant ladies in the pediatric ward at Civil Hospital, Sector 45, Chandigarh. Each kit contained essential baby care items to support families during their significant phase of lives, bringing warmth and care.

The event was graced by the presence of Rotary Club Chandigarh Secretary, Rtn. Prem Mahindru. Volunteers from Rotaract Club of Chandigarh and Rotaract Club of Sri Guru Gobind Singh College

enthusiastically participated, ensuring the initiative's success. Project Shishu concluded the year on a note of compassion and service, emphasizing the power of collaboration and kindness in

making a positive impact.  
**Blanket and ration distribution**

The INTERACT CLUB of St. John's High School, in collaboration with their school NSS branch and social justice group, successfully conducted a blanket and ration distribution drive on December 22, 2024 at Nayagaon. This initiative aimed to support underprivileged families during the winter season. Students distributed over 150 blankets and essential food supplies to needy households, demonstrating compassion and social responsibility. The beneficiaries expressed heartfelt gratitude, and the drive highlighted the importance of youth-led community service. Such initiatives continue to foster empathy and a sense of civic duty among students.

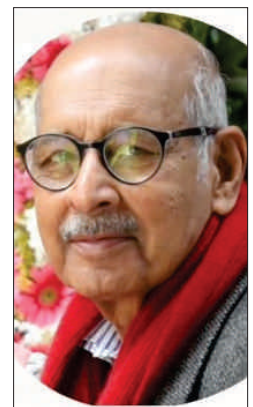


**Obituary**

-Shri Sudhir Kumar Dewan husband of Rtn Reema Dewan left for heavenly abode and his cremation will take place on 4th. January, 2025 in Cremation ground Sector 25 Chandigarh . We pray to Almighty to give peace to the departed soul and enough courage to all of us and the family to bear this irreparable loss ❀ Om Shanti Om ❀



-It is very sad and shocking for all of us that our beloved and dynamic Rotarian of our club and distinguished member Rtn O P sukhija left for heavenly abode at 7 pm on 3rd. January, 2025 . His cremation will take place at 3pm on 4th. January, 2025 at Cremation Ground sector 25 Chandigarh. We pray to Almighty to give peace to the departed soul and enough courage to all of us and the family to bear this irreparable loss.



**CELEBRATIONS**

**Birthday Greetings:**

**8 Jan** PN Rtn Teena  
Avninder Virk 9872670095

**Anniversary Greetings:**

**6 Jan** PP Rtn D P Singh 9814015859  
& Sukrita

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## Grants available for projects

The Rotary Foundation offers grants that support humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams.

### Global Grants

Global grants fund large international humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams that have sustainable and measurable results in one or more of Rotary's areas of focus. The application asks about your grant's objectives, participants, sustainability, budget, and financing. Make sure that the grant falls within Rotary's global grant guidelines, is technically feasible, your and your partner club are qualified to address this need, and issues aren't already being addressed by another organization.

### District Grants

District grants fund smaller-scale, short-term projects that address immediate needs in your community or abroad. Each district chooses the activities it will fund. Districts may apply up to 50 percent of their District Designated Funds to a district grant each year. Grant applications need to be authorized by the district governor, District Rotary Foundation committee chair, and district grants subcommittee

chair and submitted to the Foundation for approval. Clubs work directly with their district to get funding. Your district governor or Rotary Foundation chair should be able to tell you when to submit a request and whether you'll need to meet additional district requirements.

### Disaster Response Grants

Disaster response grants support disaster relief and recovery efforts through grants from the Rotary Disaster Response Fund. Districts that have been affected by natural disasters can use Rotary disaster response grants to launch their own projects or work with established relief organizations to help their communities recover. Once qualified for Rotary grants, districts in an affected area or country may apply for a maximum grant of \$25,000, based on the availability of funds. A district may apply for subsequent grants after it successfully reports out comes from previous grants. The district governor and district Rotary Foundations chair can apply.

### Programs of Scale Grants

Programs of scale grants support Rotary member-led, evidence-based programs that have already demonstrated success. Scaling proven programs will benefit more people and foster policy development and

sustainable programs. Each year, Programs of Scale will support a competitive grant process resulting one award of US\$2 million from The Rotary Foundation that is distributed over a three- to five-year period to a club- or district-sponsored program showing success and readiness to expand to help more people in more places. While the programs must be sponsored by a qualified club or district, the programs will be implemented with experienced partners who are also committed to long term success and sustainability.

### Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge

Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge is an invitation-only program for target countries that provides longer-term resources to implement large-scale, high-impact programs to reduce severe disease and death from malaria, lower respiratory infections, and diarrhea — the top killers of children under 5 years. The program focuses on vulnerable populations and improving accessibility and quality of sustainable community health systems. For the first Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge, the countries invited to participate are Nigeria, Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Mozambique. Each country submits one country-level application.

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## BUSINESS MEETING

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Rtn. Arun Aggarwal  | Club Secretary |
| Rtn. Prem Mahendru  | Director       |
| Rtn. Rosy Katyal    | Director       |
| Rtn. Suchita Luthra | Director       |
| Rtn. Anil Chadda    | Director       |
| Rtn. Baldev Garg    | Treasurer      |

-Rtn. Vinod Kapoor seeks the time to raise and discuss some points relating to business of our club which was allowed. The following points were were raised for discussion: -

I. That decision taken by president during his/her tenure as president on the business of the club should be accepted by the following president/presidents unless there is any conflict of interest. It was also proposed that the decision should be discussed in the board meeting.

II. During the election of District Governor nominee in his/her tenure, the power to cast the vote should be given to president of the club rather than any other

member.

III. The contribution made by any donor should be utilized only for the purposes for which it has been raised. A proper system of transparency should be made to share the information amongst the members.

IV. The minutes of the board of directors should be circulated within the stipulated time amongst the members of club.

Since all these points does not fall in the agenda of the meeting circulated amongst the members, hence will not form the part of the minutes as decision taken as per bylaws of club. However these points had been forwarded to President to put up in the incoming board meeting for discussion and if appropriate it should be again put up in the next business meeting subject to authorization of the board.

Rtn. Anil Chadda thanked all the members for interactive discussion during the meeting and the meeting was adjourned to next Monday.

