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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) InteractFest' 24"organised to Inspire Future Leaders



On December 14, 2024, Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown successfully organized a one-day Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program titled “InteractFest’ 24” at Shemrock School, Sector 69, Mohali. The event brought together 195 students from 12 schools across the tricity, all active members of Interact Clubs under various Rotary Clubs of Chandigarh tricity.

The program began with a warm welcome by Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall, President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown, who greeted the esteemed guests and enthusiastic participants. In his address, he encouraged the students to make the most of the enriching sessions and take steps toward becoming impactful leaders. Rtn. Mahesh Arora, Project Chairman, outlined the meticulously designed day's agenda, aimed at fostering leadership qualities, enhancing networking opportunities, and building communication skills.

Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, District Chair RYLA, emphasized the significance of RYLA in shaping future leaders. He spoke about how such initiatives by Rotary International instill confidence, vision, and core values, providing youth with a platform to develop essential skills for personal and professional growth.

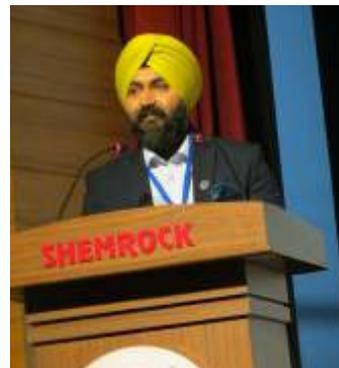
The event featured an impressive lineup of distinguished speakers who conducted insightful and impactful sessions:

- Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash delivered a motivational talk to inspire the young audience.
- Rtn. Dr. Manjeet Singh spoke about the importance of lifestyle management.
- Dr. Inderdeep Kaur, Medical Health Officer, Chandigarh, conducted an informative session on cleanliness and hygiene.
- DGN Rtn. Rita Kalra addressed the critical and timely topic of mental health.

Adding vibrancy to the program, students showcased their talents through cultural performances such as Gidda, Bhangra, and a thought-provoking Nukkad Natak that highlighted pressing social issues like women empowerment and drug abuse.

The Chief Guest, Prof. R.K. Kohli, inspired the audience with his motivational address, emphasizing the importance of leadership and personal growth. Sh. A.S. Bajwa, Trustee Chairman of Shemrock School, extended his blessings and lauded the efforts of the organizers and participants for their dedication to youth empowerment.

The event was graced by dignitaries from various Rotary Clubs, further underscoring its importance. Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown remains steadfast in its commitment to empowering the youth and fostering leadership through meaningful initiatives like RYLA.

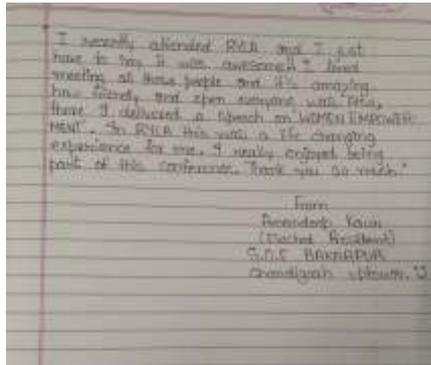


शैमरॉक स्कूल में भांगड़े पर घमाल

मोहाली। रोटररी क्लब चंडीगढ़ अपटाऊन ने सैक्टर-69 स्थित शैमरॉक स्कूल में एकदिवसीय रोटररी यूथ लीडरशिप अवार्ड का आयोजन किया। इस कार्यक्रम में चंडीगढ़, पंचकुला और मोहाली के 12 स्कूलों के 195 छात्रों ने भाग लिया।



जो विभिन्न रोटररी क्लबों के इंटरैक्ट क्लब के सदस्य हैं। यह पुरस्कार उन बच्चों को दिया जाता है जिन्होंने समाज कल्याण, सार्वजनिक सेवा आदि में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई हो। कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत रोटररी क्लब चंडीगढ़ अपटाऊन के अध्यक्ष रोटैरियन विजय कुमार ढल द्वारा अतिथियों और युवा प्रतिभागियों के स्वागत से हुई। इस दौरान छात्रों ने मंच पर रंगरंग काकाकम भी प्रस्तुत किए, जिनमें गिदद, भांगड़ा और नुक्कड़ नाटक शामिल थे। मुख्य अतिथि प्रोफेसर आरके कोहली ने नेतृत्व और व्यक्तिगत विकास के महत्व पर अपने प्रेरक विचार प्रस्तुत किए।



ट्राइसिटी के छात्रों को दिया युवा नेतृत्व पुरस्कार

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क्लब चंडीगढ़ अपटाऊन के अध्यक्ष रोटैरियन विजय कुमार ढल द्वारा अतिथियों और युवा प्रतिभागियों के स्वागत से हुई। उन्होंने छात्रों को कार्यक्रम सत्रों का पूरा लाभ उठाने और अपने व्यक्तिगत गुणों को निखारने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया। प्रोजैक्ट चेररमैन रोटैरियन महेश अरोड़ा ने दिन के कार्यक्रम की रूपरेखा प्रस्तुत की, जिसे विशेष रूप से पारस्परिक कौशल, नेटवर्किंग और संचार कौशल विकसित करने के लिए डिजाइन किया गया था।



Shemrock School hosts Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

MOHALI: Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown organised a one-day Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) programme at Shemrock School, Sector 69, bringing together 195 students from 12 schools across the tricity, all members of Interact clubs under various Rotary clubs of Chandigarh. Rtn Vijay Kumar Dhall, president of Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown, greeted the guests and the participants, and encouraged the students to take advantage of the sessions. Rtn Mahesh Arora, project chairman, elaborated on the day's programme designed to foster leadership qualities, networking opportunities and communication skills. Rtn Sanjay Kalra, district chair RYLA, emphasised RYLA's importance in shaping future leaders by instilling confidence, vision, and values. He highlighted how such initiatives by Rotary International provide a platform to the youth for developing skills for personal and professional growth. Students displayed their talent via cultural performances, including gidda, bhangra, and a nukkud natak on pressing social issues like women empowerment and drug abuse. Chief guest professor RK Kohli emphasised the importance of leadership to the audience. AS Bajwa, the school's trustee chairman, appreciated the efforts of the organisers and participants. The event was attended by dignitaries from various Rotary Clubs. Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown remains steadfast in its commitment to empowering the youth.

Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown Celebrates the Chartering of Seven Early Act Clubs, Empowering Young Leaders for a Service-Driven Future

The Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown proudly announces the successful chartering of seven EarlyAct Clubs, a monumental achievement in fostering leadership, service values, and community involvement among young minds. This initiative marks a significant milestone in shaping the future leaders of tomorrow by nurturing a spirit of service and responsibility in the youth.





Interact Club of SOE Bakarpur donated Classroom Signboard

The Interact Club of SOE Bakarpur, sponsored by Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown, donated a classroom signboard to the School of Eminence, Bakarpur, on

December 16, 2024. The signboard serves as a marker to indicate the classroom, enhancing the school's infrastructure and organization”.

Examinations Underway for Girl Students at RCC Uptown Computer Centre

On December 19th, 2024, examinations were conducted for the girl students at the RCC Uptown Computer Centre, located at Village Kajheri, Sector 52, Chandigarh. This initiative, aimed at empowering young women with valuable digital skills, saw active participation from the students as they demonstrated their learning and progress.

We commend all the students for their dedication and hard work in this educational endeavor.



International Mathematics Day Celebrated with Young Minds

On the vibrant occasion of International Mathematics Day, the enthusiastic students of the Interact Club at Govt. Senior Secondary School of Eminence, Bakarpur, hosted an engaging and fun-filled event on December 23, 2024, to celebrate the significance of mathematics in everyday life.

Driven by their passion for learning and leadership, the Interactors organized a series of

interactive activities, including puzzles, brain teasers, and problem-solving sessions. These activities not only highlighted the elegance and versatility of mathematics but also inspired critical thinking and creativity among participants.

The initiative was a testament to the students' dedication to making learning enjoyable and their commitment to fostering a love for mathematics among young minds.



“Nukkad Natak titled “Calendar Badlo, Sanskar Nahi” organised on 24th Dec. 2024”

Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown, in collaboration with **Sanskar Bharti, Chandigarh**, and the **Chandigarh Traffic Police**, organized a thought-provoking **Nukkad Natak** titled “**Calendar Badlo, Sanskar Nahi**” on **December 24, 2024**. The event aimed to raise awareness about preserving cultural values, promoting traffic safety, and addressing the critical issue of substance abuse.

The performances were held at Katani Dhaba, 3B2 Mohali, and Phase 7 Market, Mohali, attracting enthusiastic participation from the community. The initiative garnered widespread appreciation, with over 200 attendees across both venues.

Through engaging performances and impactful messaging, the Nukkad Natak effectively connected with the audience, reinforcing vital social values and fostering a sense of shared responsibility



Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown Joins District-Wide Cleanliness Drive and Awareness Campaign

As a tribute to Chote Sahibzade and Mata Gujri Ji, Rotary Clubs from Districts 3080 and 3090 organized a Cleanliness Drive and Awareness Programme on 25th December 2024. The initiative brought together over 50 Rotarians, forming 10 teams representing clubs from Chandigarh, Mohali, Derabassi, Kharar, Sirhind, and Fatehgarh Sahib.

The program was flagged off from Landran, where teams actively engaged with the community by visiting various langar stalls to promote cleanliness, collect waste, and raise awareness under the impactful slogan, "Say No to Plastic."

Key Activities:

- Distribution of dustbins and over 1,000 large garbage bags to facilitate waste collection.
- Placement of more than 100 banners featuring cleanliness slogans along the route to Fatehgarh Sahib.
- Active participation and financial contributions from eight Rotary Clubs across both districts.

The project concluded on 30th December 2024 with a closing ceremony at Fatehgarh Sahib, graced by the presence of District Governor Rtn. Rajpal Singh Ji and district officials from District 3090. The event's highlight was a comprehensive waste collection and disposal drive conducted at various langar stalls, carried out in close collaboration with the local administration.

This impactful initiative showcased Rotary's unwavering dedication to environmental sustainability and community service, inspiring individuals and communities to prioritize cleanliness and actively reduce plastic waste.



“Nukkad Natak titled “Calendar Badlo, Sanskar Nahi” organised on 25th Dec. 2024”

Continuing with the joint drive of Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown, Sanskar Bharti and Punjab and Chandigarh Traffic Police to raise awareness about preserving cultural values, promoting traffic safety, and addressing the critical issue of substance abuse, the performances took place at Inner Market, Sector 15, Chandigarh and Sector 34, Chandigarh, drawing enthusiastic participation from the community. The program

was met with great appreciation, with over 200 people attending at both the places.

Traffic Inspector Dr. Parvesh Sharma emphasized the importance of abiding by traffic rules. The audience also took an oath to follow traffic regulations.

The initiative successfully engaged the audience, reinforcing important social messages and fostering a sense of collective responsibility.





Nukkad Natak titled “Calendar Badlo, Sanskar Nahi” organised on 26th Dec. 2024”

Continuing with the joint drive of Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown, Sanskar Bharti and Punjab and Chandigarh Traffic Police to raise awareness about preserving cultural values, promoting traffic safety, and addressing the critical issue of substance abuse, the performances took place at Inner Market, Sector 17, Chandigarh and Sector

22, Chandigarh, drawing enthusiastic participation from the community. The program was met with great appreciation, with over 200 people attending at both the places.

The initiative successfully engaged the audience, reinforcing important social messages and fostering a sense of collective responsibility.

Nukkad Natak titled Calendar Badlo, Sanskar Nahi” organised on 27th Dec. 2024”



Continuing with the joint drive of Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown, Sanskar Bharti and Punjab and Chandigarh Traffic Police to raise awareness about preserving cultural values, promoting traffic safety, and addressing the critical issue of substance abuse, the performances took place at Inner Market, Sector 19, Chandigarh, drawing

enthusiastic participation from the community. The program was met with great appreciation, with over 150 people attending at both the places.

The initiative successfully engaged the audience, reinforcing important social messages and fostering a sense of collective responsibility.

Ration Distribution for TB Patients under TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan Organised

On Saturday, 28th December, 2024, Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown took a meaningful step in supporting the TB Mukta Bharat initiative by distributing essential nutrition to TB patients.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated Rotarians who contributed to this impactful project:

- Rtn. Surinder Khanna
- Rtn. Arun Kamboj
- Rtn. Amrik Singh Vraich
- Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall

Together, we remain committed to advancing the mission of a healthier, TB-free future for our communities.





Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown Joins Cleanliness Drive at 3 Langar places at Airport Road, Mohali

On 29th December 2024, Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown actively participated in a Cleanliness Drive at three prominent langar locations along Airport Road, Mohali. The initiative involved posting banners to raise awareness and distributing garbage bags to

encourage proper waste disposal, contributing to a cleaner, more sustainable environment.

Through this effort, the Rotary Club continues to support environmental cleanliness and promote community responsibility in keeping public spaces tidy.



Career Guidance Workshop Organized at Shivalik International School, Naraingarh

On 30th December 2024, Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown successfully conducted a Career Guidance Workshop at Shivalik International Sr. Sec. Public School, Naraingarh, following an invitation from the school. The workshop, led by Rtn. Surinder Khanna, received an enthusiastic response from students, with over 80 students from Class 10 in attendance. The session, which ran from 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM, was designed to provide valuable insights

into various career options and help students make informed decisions about their future.

Rtn. Surinder Khanna and Rtn. Manmohan Luthra represented Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown, at the workshop. The workshop was the first of its kind at the school and was warmly appreciated by Principal Ms. Isha Sharma and Chairman Mr. Virender Piplani, who commended Rotary's contribution to shaping students' futures.



Welcoming Rtn. Satya Dev Kohli to the Rotary Family



The Rotary Club proudly celebrated the induction of Rtn. Satya Dev Kohli as a valued new member, marked by the ceremonial pinning. This meaningful tradition signifies his commitment to the Rotary ideals of "Service Above Self" and his dedication to making a positive impact in the community. Welcome to the Rotary family, Rtn. Kohli!

Rtn. Hari Om Verma Honored by Punjab Governor for Outstanding Social Service

In a proud moment for the Rotary community, Rtn. Hari Om Verma was honored by the Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh for his exemplary contributions to social service. The prestigious award was presented at a formal ceremony held in Chandigarh, recognizing his relentless dedication to community welfare and impactful initiatives that have touched countless lives.

Rtn. Verma's initiatives, ranging from empowering marginalized communities to spearheading sustainable development projects,

have earned him this esteemed accolade. Speaking at the event, the Governor lauded his selfless service and commitment to creating a positive societal impact, calling him a "beacon of hope and inspiration." The recognition highlights Rtn. Verma's tireless efforts to uphold Rotary's values of service above self and reinforces the role of individual action in driving meaningful change.

This honor is a proud moment not only for Rtn. Verma but also for the entire Rotary Chandigarh Midtown family, who continue to support and celebrate leaders like him in their mission to make the world a better place.



Rtn. Anita Sood promoted to the position of Lecturer.



The Rotary Club takes immense pride in congratulating Rtn. Anita Sood on her well-deserved promotion to the position of Lecturer. Your hard work, dedication, and expertise have truly paid off. We wish you great success in this new role and are confident that you will inspire and guide many minds on their path to learning and growth. Best wishes from the entire Rotary family!

Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash Delivers a Powerful Talk on Leadership'

Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash was invited to speak on the topic of "Leadership" at the RYLA Fest '24, organized by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown. The event, held on December 28th, 2024, at Gurukul Global School, Sector 13, Manimajra,

Chandigarh, saw an enthusiastic gathering of young minds eager to learn from Dr. Prakash's insightful perspectives on effective leadership. We commend Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash for his valuable contribution to inspiring the next generation of leaders.



Birthday and Marriage Anniversaries

The Rotary Club extends its warm wishes to all members who recently celebrated their special days. We hope your birthdays were filled with joy and laughter, and your anniversaries were marked

with love and cherished moments. May the year ahead bring you continued happiness and wonderful memories. Best regards from your Rotary family!



Birthday

Date	Rotarian
14-12-2024	Rtn. Sandeep Kumar Sharma
22-12-2024	Rtn. Manjula Walia
27-12-2024	Rtn. Ajay Gupta

Marriage Anniversary

Date	Rotarian
06-12-2024	Rtn. Amit Chahal Ann. Mrs. Rekha Chahal
14-12-2024	Rtn. Manbir Singh Ann. Mrs. Mandeep Kaur

◆ Happy New Year 2025! ◆

Wishing you and your family a year full of happiness, peace, and prosperity. May this new year bring new opportunities, good health, and endless joy.

आप और आपके परिवार को नववर्ष की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं। यह नया साल आपके जीवन में सुख, शांति और समृद्धि लेकर आए। नए अवसरों और खुशियों से भरा रहे आपका जीवन।

ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਅਤੇ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਨਵੇਂ ਸਾਲ ਦੀਆਂ ਲੱਖ ਲੱਖ ਵਧਾਈਆਂ। ਇਹ ਨਵਾਂ ਸਾਲ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਗੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਖੁਸ਼ੀਆਂ, ਚੈਨ ਅਤੇ ਤਰੱਕੀ ਲਿਆਵੇ। ਹਰ ਦਿਨ ਖੁਸ਼ਹਾਲੀ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਧੂ ਮੌਕੇ ਲਿਆਵੇ।

Obituary

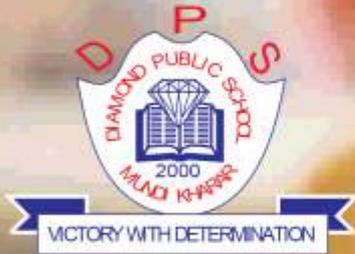


With deep sorrow, we acknowledge the passing of Shri Narendra Pratap, beloved father of our esteemed fellow Rotarian, Rtn. Rajendra Pratap, who left us on December 6th, 2024.

On behalf of the Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Rtn. Rajendra Pratap and his family. May the cherished memories of Shri Narendra Pratap's life continue to provide them with comfort and strength during this time of loss.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with the family in their time of grief.

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