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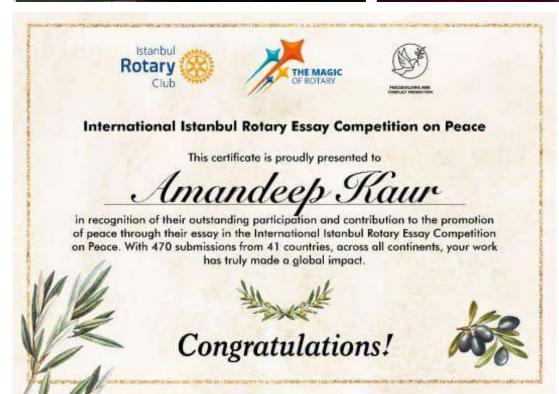
### **Recognition from District Governor**

Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown is honored to receive esteemed recognition from District Governor Rtn. Raj Pal Singh. We were awarded a prestigious trophy for our Mega Eye Check-up Camp and blanket distribution projects, along with a

certificate acknowledging our impactful initiatives, including the Traffic Awareness Drive, providing nutrients to TB patients, the installation of an Interact Club, and Annapurna Day. This recognition inspires us to continue our commitment to service and community betterment.







## Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown Unveils First Peace Pole in District 3080

A landmark moment in Rotary's peacebuilding efforts, Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown proudly unveiled District 3080's first Peace Pole, inscribed with the universal message: "May Peace Prevail on Earth," on 6th February 2025 at Amity University Campus, Mohali.

The occasion was graced by Chief Guest Prof. R.K. Kohli, District Governor Rtn. Raj Pal Singh, Keynote Speaker Sh. Vikas Verma, District Peace Chair Rtn. A.P. Singh, and Club President Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall.

Adding to the significance of the event, the ceremony was attended by Presidents of Peace Builder Clubs, dignitaries from District 3080, Presidents of Tricity clubs, distinguished Rotarians, faculty members, and enthusiastic students of Amity University.

This symbolic installation reaffirms Rotary's unwavering commitment to global peace and harmony, serving as a reminder that peace begins with collective action and a shared vision for a better world.













## Rotary Peace Summit Spreads the Message of Harmony and Compassion

The first Rotary Peace Summit of Rotary District 3080 was successfully held at Amity University, Mohali, reinforcing Rotary's commitment to global harmony.

### Inaugural Address: A Call for Global Peace

Chief Guest Prof. R.K. Kohli, Vice Chancellor of Amity University Punjab, emphasized the urgent need for inner calm, harmony, and environmental preservation to ensure sustainable peace. Expressing concern over rising global conflicts, he urged collective efforts to reduce discord and promote unity.

Rotary District Governor Rtn. Raj Pal Singh reiterated Rotary's historic role in peacebuilding, including its contribution to the formation of the United Nations after World War II. He highlighted Rotary's initiatives such as humanitarian service projects, youth exchange programs, and peace and conflict resolution efforts to foster global understanding.

### **Keynote Address: A Vision for Sustainable Peace**

Mr. Vikas Verma, Regional Head (North) for UNDP, underscored the importance of eradicating poverty, hunger, and disease to create a sustainable

environment for peace. He urged society to shift discussions from entertainment, cricket, and politics to peace and coexistence, making it a central topic in every household.

### Panel Discussion: Perspectives on Peacebuilding

A thought-provoking panel discussion, moderated by Prof. Charanjit Singh of Shoolini University, featured distinguished speakers:

- Buddhist Monk Lama Yeshe (UK) guided the audience through breathing exercises for inner peace, demonstrating how to manage anxiety, fear, and anger.
- Dr. Upneet Lalli, Deputy Director, Institute of Correctional Administration, emphasized restorative justice, highlighting efforts to humanize law enforcement and prison systems.
- Dr. Nitya Prakash, Global CEO of Quality NZ Education, advocated for inclusive and affordable education, stressing that empowered youth can drive positive global change.
- Dr. Rita Kalra, District Governor Nominee and Principal Medical Officer of Civil Hospital Panchkula, highlighted Rotary's youth programs,



such as Rotaract, Interact, and youth exchanges, which nurture young leaders dedicated to service and community building.

### Music as a Bridge to Peace

A special highlight of the summit was the performance by Rotary Peace Scholar and renowned cellist from Brazil, Maestro Diego Carneiro. Through his soulful compositions, he demonstrated the power of music in fostering harmony and understanding.

### A Commitment to Future Peace Initiatives

Rotary District Peace Chair Rtn. A.P. Singh

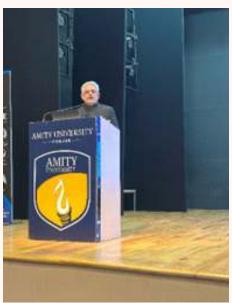
announced that this summit is the first in a series of peacebuilding events to be organized across Rotary District 3080 under the Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP) India Chapter.

### **Cultural Finale**

The event concluded with a vibrant Bhangra and Gidha performance by university students, symbolizing unity in diversity.

The summit was jointly organized by six Rotary Clubs: Rotary Club Chandigarh, Chandigarh Uptown, Chandigarh Midtown, Classic Chandigarh, Chandigarh Central, and Chandigarh Shivalik.















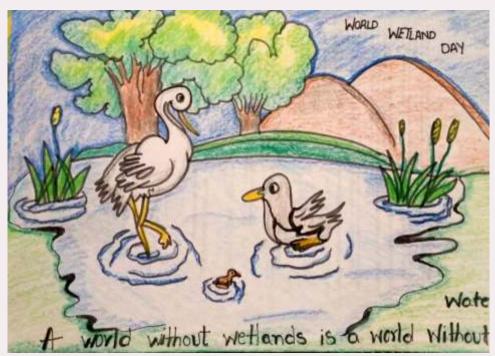








# Interact Club of SOE Bakarpur Marks World Wetlands Day Awareness "Protect Wetlands, Preserve Life!"



The Interact Club of SOE Bakar Pur successfully organized a Poster Making Competition as part of its World Wetlands Day Awareness Campaign. The initiative highlighted the vital role of wetlands and reinforced the commitment to conserving these ecosystems for a sustainable future.

• Awareness Campaign Concluded

on: 2nd February

 Every action counts—Save Wetlands, Save Our Planet!
 #WorldWetlandsDay
 #ProtectNature
 #InteractClub#RotaryForEnvironment



## Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown Hosts Flag Exchange Ceremony with Rtn. Diego Carneiro

Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown Strengthens Global Bonds Through Flag Exchange

Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown proudly exchanged club flags with Rtn. Diego Carneiro from Rotary on the Ridge, Satellite-Frostproof, FL, USA, during the Rotary Peace Concert at Tagore Theatre, Chandigarh, on 7th February 2025.

During his three-day visit to Chandigarh, Rtn. Carneiro, on a mission of peace, delivered a powerful message of harmony and unity through his captivating musical performance.

The occasion was graced by District Governor Rtn. Raj Pal Singh, District Governor Nominee Rtn. Rita Kalra, Assistant Governor Rtn. Salil Chopra, and other esteemed dignitaries from the district, making it a truly memorable event that reinforced Rotary's commitment to global peace and fellowship.











# Diego's Enchanting Performance at the Rotary Peace Monument, Sukhna Lake

The evening culminated in a mesmerizing performance by Diego Carneiro from Brazil at the Rotary Peace Monument, Sukhna Lake, marking the grand finale of the Rotary Peace Summit on 8th February 2025.

This event, jointly organized by six Peace

builder Clubs, served as a fitting conclusion to a remarkable series of peace-building initiatives, leaving the audience inspired and deeply moved.













# Celebrating 120 Years of Rotary : A Journey of Peace and Understanding

On February 23, recognized as World Understanding and Peace Day, Rotary Club members gathered at Sukhna Lake to mark Rotary's 120th Birthday with a heartfelt celebration. Beginning at the Regulatory End at 8 AM, members embarked on a refreshing walk along the scenic lake, carrying placards to promote Rotary awareness. As they engaged with fellow morning

walkers, they spread the message of goodwill, peace, and service, reinforcing Rotary's core values.

The celebration culminated in a delightful fellowship breakfast at Haldiram, Sector 26, Chandigarh, where members cherished shared moments of camaraderie.

While we have come a long way, our journey to foster peace, goodwill, and understanding across the world continues!





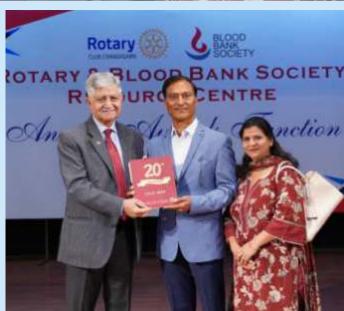


# Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown Honored for Outstanding Blood Donation Initiatives

Rotary Blood Bank Resource Centre honored Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown, Ramani Pricision Machine Pvt Ltd and Labat Asia Pvt Ltd with the prestigious Camp Organiser Award at its Annual Awards Ceremony. The award was presented by General V. P. Malik, Former Chief of Army Staff, in recognition of their outstanding contribution to blood donation initiatives.







## A Proud Legacy Continues!



A moment of immense pride for Rtn. Hari Om Verma as his granddaughter, Mannat Verma, has been appointed Vikramshila House Captain at Vivek High School, Sector 38! A true leader in the making!!!

Mannat has consistently excelled in academics and extracurriculars, achieving remarkable milestones:

- Represented India at the Round Square International Conference 2024 in Colombia, USA.
- Attended PASCH German JuKu Program in Frankfurt, Germany—a fully funded cultural and language exchange.
- **Heading to Oxford, UK, in April 2025** for the Round Square (RS) Conference, Inspiring Voices.
- **Founder of NGO Capabilia,** dedicated to supporting individuals with disabilities and promoting inclusivity.
- Mannat, you are truly carrying forward your grandfather's legacy of leadership, dedication, and excellence. Your journey has just begun, and we are confident you will continue to make your family proud! Many, many congratulations!

# A Proud Moment for All of Us!

Rtn. Hari Om Verma Joins CII State Council, Chandigarh for 2025-26

Heartiest congratulations to Ramani Precision Machines Pvt. Ltd., led by Managing Director Rtn. Hari Om Verma, on being elected as a member of the State Council of Chandigarh for the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Northern Region, for the year 2025-26. Wishing him great success in this prestigious role!

## Ration Distribution for TB Patients under TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan Organised

On February 27, 2025, at 9:00 AM, Rotary Club Chandigarh Uptown took a meaningful step in supporting the TB Mukt Bharat initiative by distributing essential nutrition to TB patients at PHC, Kishanpura, Chandigarh.

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

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

## **Celebrating Love and Generosity!**

**IPP Rtn. Arun Kamboj** and **Rtn. Bani Kamboj** marked their wedding anniversary with a generous contribution of ₹5,100 to the club. Their kindness and support are truly commendable!

Heartfelt congratulations to the wonderful couple—wishing them a lifetime of happiness, prosperity, and togetherness!







Birthday			Marriage Anniversary
Date	Rotarian	Date	Rotarian
07-02-25	Rtn Surinder Khanna	06-02-25	Rtn Arun Kamboj Rtn Bani Kamboj
10-02-25	Rtn Mahesh Arora	14-02-25	Rtn Rajesh Jain Rtn Yashika jain
19-02-25	Rtn Nitya Prakash	14-02-25	Rtn Dr. Jashwant Singh Ann Surinder Kaur
		18-02-25	Rtn Rajesh Bindra Rtn Poonam Bindra









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