

# Rotary

Club of Mohali Midtown District 3080

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Inspiring good deeds

Shubh Karman

# New Beginning

New Rotary Year (2023-24)

Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk installed as the President (For Rotary Year 2023-2024)

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### President & his board of directors (For Rotary Year 2023-2024)



Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk President



Rtn. Manjit Kaur Secretary



**Rtn. Iqbal Singh** Vice President



**Rtn. Ravijit Singh** Immediate Past President



Rtn. Dilpreet S. Boparai President Elect



Rtn. Manraj S. Pawar Joint Secretary



Rtn. Gurcharan S. Arora Treasurer



Rtn. Harcharan S. Marwah Sargent of Arms



**Rtn. Dr. Aditya Sharma** Dir. International Service



**Rtn. Harjeet Singh** Dir. Community Service



Rtn. Kuldip S. Dhody Dir. Youth Service



**Rtn. Aameep Sinha** Dir. Vocational Service



Rtn. Manjit S. Kohli Dir. Club Service



### Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk President (For Rotary Year 2023-2024)

### Message from The President

I feel nostalgic to forward 'Shubh Karman' the Club's Newsletter. The Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown was started in turbulence times of Covid-19 pandemic. The Club pioneered under the dynamic leadership of Charter President Rtn. Gurcharan Singh Arora. In the very first year, the Club achieved a rarest of rare distinction and provided a Major Donor, besides multiple PHFs. The Club's newsletter 'Shubh Karman' was also launched in its very first year. In the second year, the Club achieved more heights and adopted one of the remotest and inaccessible village 'Tanda' at the outskirts of City Beautiful Chandigarh and brought out immense infrastructure developments. It will be a herculean task for our team to match these high standards. Once it's determined by the members they can achieve any target. We will try to bridge human relationships with the Villagers of our adopted village.

It is not a hidden secret that all the clubs are facing acute difficulties in retention of members. This is not peculiar to our club or RD 3080 but is a worldwide phenomenon. RI President Robert McInally has given Rotary theme this year, 'Create Hope in the World' by working for peace and mental wellbeing. Not any Rotarian individually or even a club alone can achieve this by working at their own level but we all have to work together to achieve the goal as envisaged by RI President. Club has achieved milestone and launched its own website <u>www.RotaryMohaliMidtown.org</u> and e-directory at installation ceremony. Our endeavour would be to make our club one of the Vibrant Club of the Tricity and also to make it all PHF Club.

#### Message from The Immediate Past President

"Rotarians are very much more favourably disposed toward action than they are toward words,"

These inspiring words from the founder of Rotary Paul P Harris were my guiding cannon as I took up the responsibility of being the President of my Club. Now, as I pass on the baton of Premiership to my very able Rotarian President Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk I am reminded that change is the only constant and that the story of Rotary will be written again, as our founder said, so that we keep up with the times.

Donation is the act of sharing our resources, while service involves sharing our time, attention and compassion. Rotary Midtown Mohali has always upheld the raging flame of service in all its members and all its projects. Through our mega-scale projects we have touched and transformed innumerable lives.

Through all our decisions we have continued to remain close together as one mind and spirit, dedicating ourselves to the service of the downtrodden. As our Club opened its doors to new members, we not only grew in numbers but also in connections and camaraderie.

In the course of the last year, I witnessed so many of us rise up to the mantle and demonstrate our initiative and drive to include, support and nurture all within the Club and numerous outside the Club, with the spirit of Rotary. On this day, my thoughts turn towards the Rotary Foundation and the exemplary work that it does to tackle problems that are both global and local. The steadfast dedication to quality education, improvement in environment and alleviation of poverty, are goals that ring deep and loud in the hearts of all of us.

Today, on the cusp of the tenure of the new leadership, I welcome my successor by sharing that this is going to be most exciting, most rewarding and the most enriching year of his life. My best wishes and constant support are always by his side.



## IPP Rtn. Ravijeet Singh

### Know your President

**Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk** is a leading Advocate of Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.

He is Standing Counsel of various Leading Universities / Educational Institutions of Haryana above all his 'Alma Matter' Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra.

He was born in Chandigarh, had his schooling at Karnal, did his Graduation and LL.B. from Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. He started his journey as an Advocate under his father S. Jagjit Singh Virk, a leading Advocate at Kurukshetra and shifted to Punjab & Haryana High Court in 1990.





He is happily married to Sukhwinder Kaur Virk a Home Maker. The couple is blessed with two sons.

Tarundeep Singh Virk, the had his schooling from Chandigarh, is a graduate from Panjab University, Chandigarh and holds a degree in LLB, Punjabi University, Patiala. He is presently settled in Canada.

The younger one, Geetinder Singh Virk holds Masters in Community Education & Disabilities Studies from Panjab University, Chandigarh and is also associated with UNICEF and does his bit of community service with International Portage Association (INPA), Chandigarh as a Volunteer. Geetinder is working with Apple Incorporation at Mohali.



# Glance of Installation Ceremony

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Installation ceremony of "Team 2023-24" of Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown was organised on July 7' 2023 at "The Millenium" at Hotel Aquamarine in Chandigarh. Rtn. Amarjit Singh Virk leading civil and criminal lawyer and standing counsel for a number of prominent universities and educational institutions Punjab and Haryana High Court was installed as the President. Rtn. Amarjit has been the Charter secretary of the club in the year 2021-22. He brings with him a heart of gold, a passion for Rotary and excellent planning and execution skills and no wonder he was the best secretary of the zone in his year.

The installation started with the welcome of the Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan, and PP Rtn. Balram Gupta Former Director (Academics), Judicial Academy, Chandigarh.

Chairperson for the Installation Ceremony PP Rtn. Harjit Singh in his welcome address apprised the august gathering of how in a short span of two years, the club has made a mark for itself in the district.

Outgoing president Rtn. Ravijit Singh presented his annual report. He shared project that no only made an impact but also brought difference in the life of beneficiaries. From heart surgeries, providing artificial limbs, hearing air to blood donation camps; the club impacted lives of many. The village adoption project at Village Tanda left the audience spell bound as the club made a transition for the villages by improving the washrooms in the school, providing solar powered street lights, revamping the cremation ground among many other activities. Master of Ceremony PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani made a special mention of the fact that for two consecutive years (since charter), the club has been bagging the award for the best club, best president and best secretary among others awards.

Rtn. Amarjit Singh presented his vision for the year, and even expressed that he has got one additional day to serve as 2024 being a leap year. He also laid a special emphasis on member retention and involvement and said, "My focus will be on changing the mindsets of members from 'why should I continue in the club' to 'why shouldn't I continue'," He presented a detailed calendar of projects for the year. Guest of Honour PP Rtn. Balram Gupta Professor Emeritus; Distinguished Professor of Practice; Senior Advocate and Honorary Chief Academic Advisor, Chandigarh Judicial Academy excellently linked Judiciary and Rotary. Dr Balram Gupta said, "Judges and Rotarians are social engineers and social architects. Judges render service by removing the sense of 'injustice,'. The same is true of Rotarians. The basic structure of Rotary is founded on service to communitythat's humanity." He reminded that Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, was a lawyer. "Rotary and judiciary have a common culture; for both you need to be good human beings," Dr Balram Gupta added. He appealed "Let this union of Rotary and judiciary work in unison for the good of humanity," and reminded "Both Rotary and judiciary is full of good human beings." Chief Guest for the evening Mr. Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan appreciated the work done by the club and said, "Rotarians are a true mix of success & service.

The club launched its E-directory and website www.rotarymohalimidtown.org.

Club Secretary Rtn. Manjit Kaur proposed a vote of thanks.

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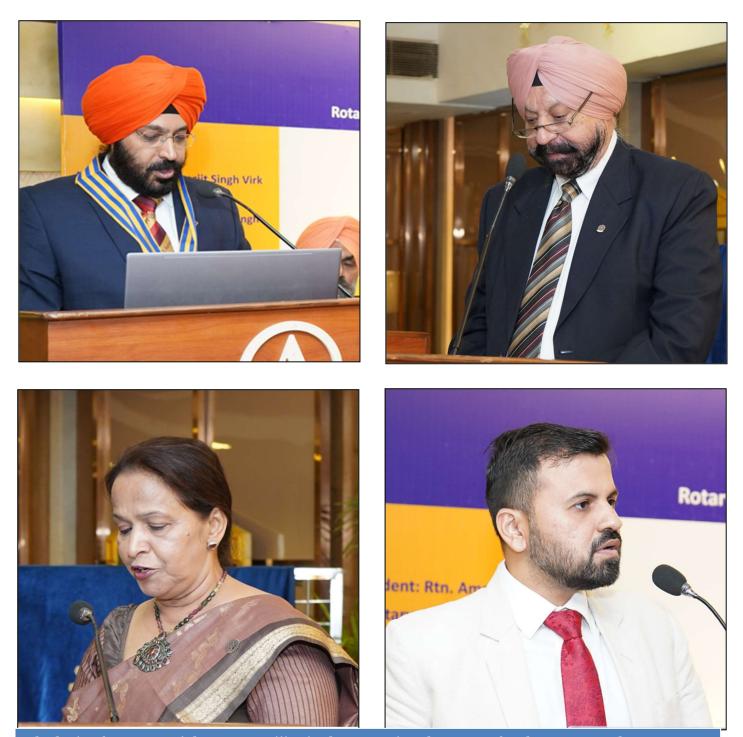


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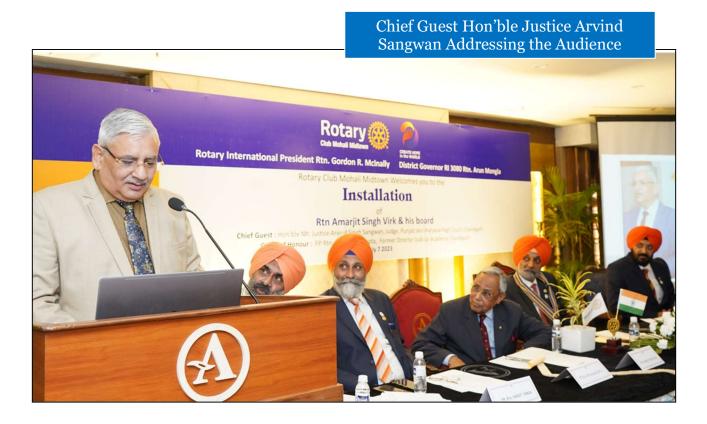


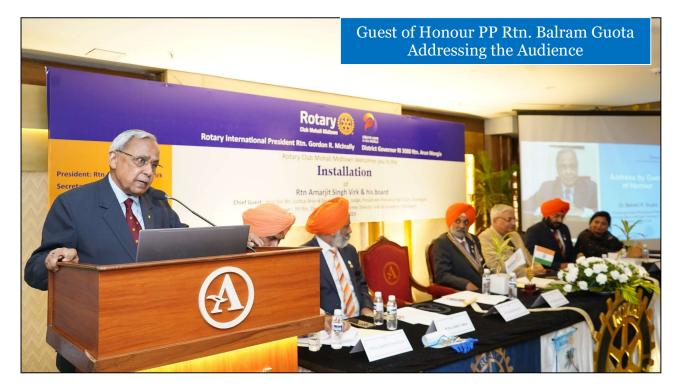
Master of Ceremony PP Rtn. Sulkhpreet Singh Giani





Clockwise from Top Right- IPP Ravijit Singh Presenting the report for the year gone by, Rtn Manjit Singh Kohli Introducing the President, Rtn. Dr. Aditya Sharma Introducing the Chief Guest, Rtn Poonam Introducing the Guest of Honor





## PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED



### Annapurna Project

On July 1'2023, the club kick started the year with the Annapurna project. The Club handed over industrial kitchen burners, and other essential items for kitchen that would be used to serve food to the residents of The Blind School Sector 26, Chandigarh. Ms Navdeep Kaur Kaler Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum Member Secretary, District State Legal Authority, Chandigarh was the chief guest. The project has been accomplished with the donation from the club members.

### Flood Relief Program

#### CM Punjab applauds the efforts

The incessant rain that started on July 8'2023 caused havoc in and around Mohali. The Club came forward to help the people affected by floods. The club Provided food for both the times i.e. lunch and dinner to over 750 affected residents each on July 10,July 11. July 12'2023 The club managed the food drive from donation from members. On July 11, while the drive was going on, Chief Minister Punjab S. Harbhajan S Mann visited the site at Phase VI, Mohali and stayed with the members for over fifteen minutes and appreciated the relief work being done by the club.



रोटरी चलब ऑफ मोहाली मिडटाउन के अध्यक्ष अमरजीत सिंह विर्क के नेतृत्व में रोटेरियन हरजीत सिंह, दिलप्रीत सिंह और जगदीप सिंह ने बाढ़ प्रमावित व्यक्तियों को सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए शेल्टर होम, फेज 6, दारा स्टूडियों के सामने और झुझार नगर के निवासियों, जिला परिषद कार्यालय में लंगर लगाया। पंजाब के मुख्यमंजी भगवंत मान जी ने शेल्टर होम का भी दौरा किया और रोटरी क्लब ऑफ मोहाली मिडटाउन द्वारा लगातार बारिश में बाढ़ प्रमावित व्यवितयों को भोजन उपलब्ध कराकर किए जा रहे मानवीय कार्यों की सराहना की।



CM Bhagwant Mann praises Rotarians for timely supply of food to flood affected at shelter home



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Mohali, July 10

The Rotarians of Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown under the leadership of President Amarjit Singh Virk, Harjit Singh, Dilpreet Singh Jagdeep Singh, in order to provide help to the flood affected persons served food at Shelter Home, Phase 6, Opposite Dara Studio & residents of Jhujhar Nagar, strained in Zila Parishad Office.

The chief Minister of Punjab, Bhagwant Mann ji also visited the Shelter Home and praised the humanitarian work being done by Rotary Club of Mohali Midtown by providing food to flood affected persons in the incessant rain.

### Know our Rotaract Leaders



Manpreet Singh Rawat President Rotaract Club of Mohali City



Preet Pattanayak President Rotaract Club of Khalsa College of Mohali of Technology and Business Studies

- Manpreet Singh Rawat attained his M.com from Khalsa College of Mohali of Technology and Business Studies.
- He was the Charter President of Rotaract Club of his college.
- Manpreet has a passion for traveling, learning about different cultures and community service. His love for nature has led him to study the environment and advocates for conservation efforts.
- He believes that community service is an essential part of his life and enjoys volunteering his time to help those in need.
- His enthusiasm for community service and travel makes him a valuable member of any team.

- Preet Patnayak is pursuing B.Com (Honours) from Khalsa College Mohali of Technology & Business Studies.
- He has a passion for serving others and was instrumental in conducting blood donation camps last year.
- He looks forward to making a difference in the lives of other based on the strong principles of Rotary.

### Mr. Pawan Verma

### inducted as a new member of the club.



Rtn. Pawan Sachdeva Classification: Playways Industries

Owner of of Deluxe Playways Industries Mohali Sr. Vice President Resident Welfare Association, Sector 85, Mohali.

### Forth Coming Events

- Installation of Interact Club of St. Soldier International Convent School, Phase 7 Mohali on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Club shall be organizing to provide cooked lunch to inmates of Khusht Asharam Chandigarh on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.
- Installation of Rotaract Club of Mohali City on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### Birthday wishes to our members.

- July 17 : Rtn. Manjit Singh Kohli
- July 18 : Rtn. Gurcharan Singh Arora
- July 20 : Rtn. Dr. Aditya Sharma
- July 26 : Rtn. Manpreet Kaur

#### PLEASE NOTE

This newsletter is not to be used commercially or for any non-Rotary solicitation. This is for each member's private use, which intent to inform the events happening in the club.

Although the editorial board has done all efforts have been made to mention correct information in the present newsletter, however, the possibility of an error cannot be ruled out. We are regretful for same.

For any issue, please feel free to contact the editorial board of the e-directory.

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