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Rotary Quotes Inspire Us



**By building peace within,  
we become more capable  
of bringing peace to the  
world. Building peace is  
the essence of Rotary.**

**R. Gordon R. McNally- Past President of  
Rotary International (2023-24)**



PP Rtn.  
Sukhpreet  
Singh Giani

## From Editor's Desk

### Igniting Change, One Thought at a Time

Welcome to this milestone edition of our newsletter. As we navigate the midpoint of our Rotary year, this issue serves as both a reflection on our recent impact and a visionary look toward our future leadership and global standing.

#### • Inside This Issue

• **A Future Visionary:** We are thrilled to officially welcome Rtn. **Kuldeep Singh Dhody** as our **President Nominee**. His dedication to the Rotary spirit promises a legacy of continued growth and innovation for our club.

• **The President's Perspective:** Our President offers a stirring call to intellectual arms. In a world of echoes, he argues that the "resurrection of critical thinking" is the ultimate cure for societal blindness. True progress, he suggests, begins when we prioritize depth over TRP and questioning over compliance.

- **Mastering the Global Impact:** We recap the insights from our 102nd club meeting featuring **PDG Madhukar Malhotra**. As a seasoned expert on **Global Grants**, his generous offer to mentor our club in larger-than-life projects opens a new door for our humanitarian reach.
- **Looking Ahead: Rotary 2026-27:** We introduce the upcoming Rotary International theme, championed by **RI President-elect Olayinka Hakeem Babalola**. As we prepare to align with his vision, we look at how our local actions can resonate on the global stage.
- **The Guest Column:** In a thought-provoking piece, **Ardhayaa Aameep Sinha** (son of our Club President) tackles the monumental question: "*Will India be the next superpower in the upcoming 50 years?*" It is a refreshing, youthful take on our nation's trajectory.
- **Service in Action:** We highlight our recent visit to **Kartar AASRA**, where members came together to provide essential kitchen items, ensuring that the flame of service continues to warm the lives of those in need.

As you flip through these pages, I hope you find not just information, but inspiration. Whether it is through a global grant or a simple kitchen utensil,

we are proving that Rotary is the bridge between a challenging present and a brilliant future.

**Happy Reading! Enjoy, and share the e newsletter!**



Rtn.  
Aameep  
Sinha

President Writes

## Murder of critical thinking and the Rise of Self-Centered muck enduring Citizens.

*“An Outcome when Boardrooms capture the ballot”*

The murder of critical thinking rarely announces itself with violence and arrives quietly through distraction, convenience and rewards. It slowly seeps into class rooms, Newsrooms, workplaces and our homes. By the time society realizes their loss they've already been reduced to mute spectators of their own democracy helplessly enduring the muck created by decisions taken far away in air-conditioned boardrooms.

Since independence a leader and a politician has travelled a long and troubling path from public servant to private interests, from conscience to convenience and from being amongst the public to the spreadsheet of projections and business outcomes. So, the elections are held, ballot and EVM's remain, slogans multiply but the soul of the democratic thinking slowly bleeds. The silent assassination of the critical

thought which is not merely the ability to argue but it is the courage to question power, to resist manufactured narratives and to connect cause to consequence of its systematic murder. Digital ecosystems ensure that algorithms feed citizens to their comfort, outrage is monetized to create an environment where thinking deeply becomes exhausting and risky. Thus, the citizen has been slowly reshaped from an engaging participant to a passive consumer of narratives and a self-centred survivor. So, the questions **are this just?** becomes **how does this affect me?** till the issue Knocks directly one's own door.

This is not accidental but systematically manufactured and executed plan as self-centred population is easier to manage than a conscience one, divided citizens do not unite against structural injustice but they compete among themselves for continuous ever shrinking opportunities. They endure muck of corruption, inequality, poor governance not because they want it but because they feel powerless to change it.

This is how the boardrooms have achieved stability, profit, predictability and political leadership has begun to mirror corporate leadership, the language of democracy is retained but its purpose is inverted.

Today the elections have become branding exercises, manifestos resemble pitch decks, leaders are marketed like products, complete with the curated

images, emotional slogans and carefully manage outrage cycles. Leaders who were a picture of sacrifice, moral courage, approachable to the people are now treating leadership as a position to be occupied defended and monetized.

The ultimate cost of this transformation is paid by the common citizen with rising inequality, insecure employment, illusion of growth without dignity, polarization, erosion of social cohesion, normalization of injustice, selective outrage and a quiet acceptance of cruelty. They endure this muck not because conditions are acceptable but because the resistance feels futile.

This will harvest dangerous outcomes as the society without critical thinking does not collapse overnight but it slowly decays. Leadership will grow arrogant; institutions will hollow out and even those who benefit from the system will find themselves trapped in it unable to correct its course. The boardrooms will permanently capture the ballots; democracy will not disappear but we will become decorative.

The resurrection of the critical thinking of any society or the country cannot begin from parliament alone. It must begin from the minds and souls where education must teach questioning not compliance, media must value depth not speed and TRP, the citizens must claim the courage back and believe that critical thinking is not anti-national, anti-growth or anti progress, it is anti-blindness. It holds power accountable

whether the power wears a suit or uniform or a political slogan.

Until we the citizens move from endurance to agency, from consumption to consciousness, the boardroom will continue to rule the ballot and the muck will keep rising.

The big question we all are staring at is no longer **“who governs us but whether we still think enough to govern ourselves.”**



## Learning - Global Grants

102nd business meeting of our Club commenced with Rtn Gurcharan Singh Arora ji collaring President Rtn Aameep Sinha, who called the session to order, followed by the recitation of the National Anthem and the Four-way Test.

Following are the highlights of the meeting held at Hotel Aroma, Chandigarh:

A) At the very outset, President Rtn Aameep Sinha welcomed Mrs & PDG Rtn Madhukar Malhotra, Rtn Hassan Singh Meiji, Rtn Manmohan Singh Kohli, Rtn Jaspal Singh Sidhu, Rtn Ms Wadhavan and other dignitaries from Rotary Club, Chandigarh.

B) He then briefly reviewed the projects executed after the first business meeting, as given below:

1. January 13,2026: Meaningful time spent with the inmates of Kartar AASRA Old Age Home while celebrating Lohri, giving them a sense of belonging and feeling of being valued by society. Trustees of Kartar AASRA, Ms. Charankamal Kaur and S. Baljit Singh

expressed a further requirement of kitchen items worth Rs 15,000-20,000 for their newly renovated kitchen.

2. January 17,2026: Serving inmates of old age homes requires holistic care encompassing nutrition, health, mental engagement, and emotional well-being. Responding to their need, the following items were procured and donated:

a) Glen 4 Burner Ultra Slim Premium Gas

Stove (Auto Ignition)

b) Sujata Powermatic Maxima Juicer

Mixer Grinder (900 Watts)

C) Address by PDG Rtn Madhukar Malhotra on Global Grants (GG).

**102nd Meeting**

PP Rtn Sukhpreet Singh Giani briefly introduced PDG Rtn Malhotra sharing his journey as a Rotarian, rising to the position of DG 3080 & bringing in Global Grants in large numbers. He then invited PDG Rtn Malhotra to enlighten the members on getting the Global Grants.



D) While announcing his candidature for



the position of District Governor, PP Rtn Hassan Singh Meiji, an entrepreneur & a Rotarian from RC, Chandigarh shared information

about the execution of many civil projects abroad as well as his exemplary work done to empower women highlighting the Phulkari training and providing opportunities to become entrepreneur in the nearby town, Bassi Pathana. He also exchanged flags with us.

PDG Rtn Malhotra shared his rise in Rotary starting as a member after shifting from Mumbai to Club President and then as District Governor. He took keen interest in Global Grants & providing services in Africa for Cataract Operations, etc. He is considered authority on Global Grants having managed 40 out of total 50 so far in this region. He outlined the process starting with the requirement of an International partner, identifying a self-sustaining project, submitting the necessary applications, quickly responding on queries raised by RI, etc. He being an expert on Global Grants, offered his support to our club in case we embark upon a Global Grants project.

E) President Rtn Aameep Sinha announced the nomination of Club Secretary, Rtn Kuldip Singh Dhody as the President (N) for RY 27-28 & asked him to speak a few words before proposing vote of thanks.

Rtn K S Dhody shared his journey from being a member in January 2022 to the current responsibility as a Club Secretary. He expressed gratitude to the nomination committee & members for

placing their trust in him for the next level of responsibility in the RY27-28.

Rtn K S Dhody announced the Birthdays & Marriage Anniversaries wishing each one of them happy times & long togetherness. They were invited to cut the cake.



He expressed profound admiration for PDG Rtn Malhotra for his thought provoking address on Global Grants, outlining its eligibility, requirements and process.



He further appreciated the mission of Women empowerment & other achievements by Rtn Meiji.



***& The President Nominee is.....!*****Rtn. Kuldip Singh Dhody**

We are honoured to feature a member whose life and career embody the highest standards of the Rotary four-way test. Rtn. Kuldip Singh Dhody is not only a veteran of the Indian automotive industry but a committed leader within our club, and he has been declared as the President Nominee for the club.

**A Legacy of Service and Leadership**

Rtn. Dhody has been a pillar of our club's administration, consistently stepping up to guide our collective efforts. He served with distinction as the Vice President for the 2024-25 Rotary Year and has continued his dedicated

service as our Club Secretary for 2025-26.

Beyond his administrative roles, his heart for service is most visible in his involvement with Project Drishti. Through this initiative, Rtn. Dhody has played a pivotal role in facilitating free eye surgeries, transforming the lives of those in need by restoring their vision—a true embodiment of Rotary's mission to provide humanitarian service.

**Professional & Academic Milestones**

A Gold Medallist in Mechanical Engineering (1968) from GNDEC, Ludhiana, Rtn. Dhody's professional journey spans over 50 years. From his early days at Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd and Ashok Leyland to his tenure as Executive Director at SML Isuzu Ltd, his career has been a masterclass in management and industrial excellence.

**The Dhody Family**

Rtn. Dhody and his wife, Mrs. Gurdeep Kaur Dhody, share a beautiful partnership of 53 years, celebrating their Wedding Anniversary this February 4th. Their legacy of excellence continues through their sons: Manmeet Singh, and Amarpreet Singh.

We are fortunate to have Rtn. Dhody's wisdom, his professional acumen, and his compassionate spirit guiding our club. We look forward to Rtn. Dhody taking over the role of the club president in July 2027.

**Theme 2026-27**

Rotary International President-elect **Olayinka Hakeem Babalola** has

His message calls on Rotarians to move beyond temporary "change" and focus on work that endures globally, locally, and personally.



introduced the 2026-27 presidential message: **"Create Lasting Impact."**

Announced at the International Assembly in January 2026, the theme marks a strategic shift toward sustainable change. President Elect Rtn. Babalola, the second African to lead Rotary, emphasized that true service begins within, stating:

"To make this vision a reality, we must acknowledge and unleash the change within ourselves. We must focus not only on outcomes, but on impact."





**Ardhayaa  
Aameep  
Sinha**

## **Will India be the next superpower in the upcoming 50 years?**

### *Guest Column*

**What's Happening around the world right now and how is it affecting India's Growth**

US has been feeling threatened by big trade deals that countries are making amongst themselves excluding USA from it thus creating a situation where countries like India, China have the power to govern global trade without any interference of the US thus would threaten the US Dollar as the world currency. Countries of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, UAE) want to shift from USD which has lately suggested a new reserve asset, called the Unit. The Unit is set to be supported by gold (40%) and a (60%) basket of local fiat currencies of the participating states, which give reserve holdings the opportunity to be diversified by both gold and

government bonds instead of basing them on bullion. Lewis, N. (2025, December 12). This system resembles the historical financial systems but fits into the current financial reality, with the rising financial markets not having the deep gold-backed bond markets that this system would theoretically support.

Economic Growth in India is likely to persist in FY27 as India has experienced resilience in economic growth and the momentum is likely to persist in FY27 owing to strong domestic fundamentals, stable inflation and policy continuity, despite the increasingly uncertain world environment because of the increasing geopolitical tensions and financial instabilities due to tariffs imposed by USA on EU, Canada, Russia and any country trading with the growing powers of the East namely China and India. Al Habtoor Research Centre. (2024, May 23). The Survey estimates of the financial year of 2025-2026 estimates a potential growth rate of 7 per cent in India, which has been revised to be higher than 6.5 per cent which was estimated three years ago, due to the benefits of structural reforms, increased public investment, better logistics and tightening of supply-side conditions. Ani. (2026, January 29). This Survey observed that the economy is sustaining momentum and growth which probably be maintained through to FY27 because India still has a huge domestic market, robust macroeconomic structure and

rather limited exposure to external factors. Al Habtoor Research Centre. (2024, May 23).

### **How India has a chance to boost its economy and come forward as a major global power**

According to the World Bank, India is still doing exceptionally well in the global environment amidst global headwinds. India was the best-performing large economy, with growth of 8.2 percent in FY 2023-24 due to the improvement in public infrastructure expenditure and more household investment in housing. World Bank Group. (2024, October 29) In the supply side, a 9.9 growth in manufacturing and robust services performance counter-balance poor performance in agriculture. The report also mentions that there have been slow advances in employment in the cities especially in women, but the youth unemployment continues to be high. Moreover, the current account deficit became narrow, and the cash flow of foreign portfolio inflows drove the foreign exchange reserves of India to record at 670.1 billion dollars, which could pay over 11 months of imports. But the World Bank points out that to reach the goal of the country in terms of merchandise export, which is one trillion by 2030, it will be necessary to diversify exports and integrate itself more into global value

chains. World Bank Group. (2024, October 29).

### **Will India be the next superpower in the upcoming 50 years?**

India's Economic Rise by 2050 PwC estimates that by 2050, 6 out of the 7 biggest economies in the world will be made up of emerging economies with China (1), India (2), The fact that India has emerged as the second-largest economy in the world (when measured in PPP terms) demonstrates that the country has good long-term growth fundamentals, such as a huge and young population, rising domestic demand, and improved productivity. *The world in 2050*. PwC.

The group (E7) of emerging markets is projected to increase twofold quicker than the advanced economies (G7) on average. Consequently, the conventional economic giants like the United States and the European Union will experience a decrease in their share of the world GDP. It is predicted that the US will be in the third position, and the EU will take less than 10 percent of the world GDP in 2050. *The world in 2050*. PwC.

This comparative deterioration makes India stronger in the balance of power in the world. There are several long-term benefits to the projected superpower status of India like the demographics which give India the largest working-age population in the world over the next 50 years thus resulting in a continuous source of labor and consumers. Target markets will cease to serve as a source of

low-cost manufacturing, becoming increasingly significant as consumer and B2B markets as emerging markets grow up, which India has an incredible opportunity in. Economic momentum along with Strategic positioning has been another factor that has already proved to be resilient about global shocks which have been aided by structural reforms, public investment, and internal demand resulting in West ceding power to the East, India is gaining more geopolitically and economically through its participation in such institutions as BRICS, the G20, global value chains.

### **Conclusion**

I believe not only is India on track to become one of the biggest economies in the world, but it is also in a good position to become influential in terms of determining the economic and political outcome around the world in the next several decades. This is in contrast to most developed economies, which are experiencing demographic contraction and financial exhaustion, India is a long-term structural position in terms of a youthful workforce, a rapidly growing middle-income base and a high domestic demand base.

With the world power drifting Eastwards, India has the strategic independence and economic openness that gives it an advantage compared to the Western economies as well as other rising powers. The increasing participation of India in multilateral

forums, e.g. BRICS, G20 and global value chains enables it to shape rather than conform to global trade policies, monetary debates and development agendas. The process of breaking the dollar reliance as well as the Indian effort to globalize the rupee and diversify trade relations adds to its global economic leverage.

In addition, the power of India is not just in manufacturing and services, but also in technology, digital infrastructure, pharmaceuticals, and renewable energy, which will characterize the development of the world in the future. Although the issues of inequality, lack of adequate infrastructure, and institutions capacity are present, the resilience of India to global shocks implies that it has a high ability to adapt.

Unless there is an acceleration in the pace of the governance reforms, export diversification, and investments in human capital, India will not only be a part of the new multipolar world order but will actively influence it. Thus, I suppose that the hegemony of India during the next several decades will be less coercive and more economical, more alliances, more innovations-oriented development, and it will be among the most decisive world powers of the 21st century.

## Serving old age home inmates



While the Trustees of Kartar AASRA are taking adequate care of Sr Citizens, still they look forward to support from philanthropic organisations. As indicated by them during Lohri celebrations, we procured the following for their kitchen under renovation:

1. Glen 4 Burner Ultra Slim Premium Gas Stove | Auto Ignition |
2. Sujata Powermatic Maxima Juicer Mixer Grinder|900 Watts.

These items were handed over to them on Jan 17th in the presence of Ms Charan Kamal Kaur (Trustee), Mr Baljeet Singh (manager), Mrs Ahluwalia, Mr Afsar (manager) and Miss Preeti.

All this was made possible with the support of a friend of Rotary who came forward to

perform this act of magnanimity. We are indebted to him as well as the Trustees & staff of Kartar AASRA for their support and hospitality.

## CAREER GUIDANCE: Vidya Valley School, Kharar, Mohali

On 28th January 2026 the club conducted a career guidance and motivation session “Unlock your Potential”. PP Rtn. Sukhpreet Singh Giani only explained the different avenues to be considered depending upon one’s potential but also made the session lively by giving example of Tristan da Cunha, a Group of islands in Saint Helena. Students too made it interesting by giving their perception of different career options. The talk delineated a totally different perspective of career options including, Armed forces, Sports & its related activities, Film making, AI, Teaching, etc apart from Medicine & Engineering. However, the prerequisites for embarking upon any career are CURIOSITY, COURAGE, CONFIDENCE & CONSTANCY and not Luck in its traditional sense as something pre-written. He defined the concept of “Luck as a meeting point of alertness & opportunities passing by”.

**PP Rtn. Ravijit Singh & Rtn. Dr. Prabhjot Kaur share their experience**



Chandigarh University recently hosted the Council of Architecture – MSME Collaborative Program under the Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP), bringing together aspiring architects and industry perspectives on a single platform.



The event, "Exploring Horizons: Avenues After Graduation in Architecture," focused on helping students explore diverse career

paths and entrepreneurial possibilities after completing their studies. Furthermore, among the esteemed panel of speakers featured two of our club members, namely - Dr. Prabhjot Kaur (Director, IEE Lifts Private Limited, and PP Er. Ravijeet Singh (CEO, RS Builders, Mohali).

*Beyond The Club*

*Forthcoming Events*

**103<sup>rd</sup> Club Meeting**

**Friday Feb 13 2026**

Details will be shared at Club  
What's app group.



*Greetings*



**Rtn. Aameep Sinha &  
Ann Prateeksha**

**Feb 2**



**Rtn. KS Dhody & Ann  
Gurdeep Kaur Feb 4**



**Rtn. Kulwant Singh &  
Ann Jagjit Kaur Feb**

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