Mr Atal Bihari Vajpayee was an Indian politician who served three terms as the Prime Minister of India: first for a term of 13 days in 1996, then for a period of 13 months from 1998 to 1999, and finally, for a full term from 1999 to 2004. As a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), he was the first Indian prime minister who was not a member of the Congress party to have served a full five-year term.

On 11 June 2018 Mr Vajpayee was admitted to AIIMS, New Delhi in critical condition. He died on 16 August 2018 at the age of 93. This is a huge loss which has left a void that would be difficult to fill. On 17 August, he was cremated with full state honours at Rashtriya Smriti Sthal near Raj Ghat, where his pyre was lit by his foster daughter Namita Kaul Bhattacharya.

Vajpayee's death was a national grief with tributes pouring in through social media platforms. Thousands of people, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi took part in the funeral procession. In keeping with the military honours, the three service chiefs placed wreaths on the body of Vajpayee before the foreign and Indian dignitaries paid their respects and floral tributes to Mr Vajpayee, fondly known as Atal ji.

In our weekly meeting on August 17, 2018 President Rtn Ashok Puri addressed the meeting by reciting, “Om Shanti Om Shanti.” He shared his personal meeting in 1991 with Atal ji who helped his sister-in-law to get migration for USA, where his brother PP Rtn Anil Puri is settled. He had very fond memories of how Atal ji took keen interest to get the work done from the USA embassy.

PP Indrajeet Sengupta recalled his interesting association with Atal ji way back in 1965 when he was a Member of Parliament and Indrajeet was a student in Delhi, and staying in a hostel. Atal ji did not have the MP’s accommodation at that time, and being a friend of the hostel warden, Atal ji was staying with him. But as the warden’s house was to be renovated Atal ji shifted to the hostel, where he stayed for 20 days with Indrajeet in his room and shared the same wash room too!
Independence Day Celebration at Faidan and Maloya

Flag hoisting on 15th August 2018 at Sewing and Tailoring Centre, Village Faida by President Ashok Puri and Coordinator of Centre, in the presence of First Lady R’ann Sudha Puri, PP Vinod Jawa, PP Kanan Diwan, PP Prem Anand, Secretary Salil Chopra and Rtn Renu Chopra. Cultural program was given by children. Light refreshments were served.

Organ Donation Camp

Under its Project "Being Immortal", Rotary Chandigarh Midtown in association with PGI, Chandigarh organised Organ Donation Camp at Veridic Technologies, Panchkula. 60 young IT Professionals attended this Camp. Ms. Rajinder Kaur, Department of Hepatology, PGI Chandigarh addressed the gathering and informed about the facts, myths and procedure involved. She also apprised the gathering about the noble help which this donation can extend to the persons in need.

PE Salil Dev Bali, Chair of the project and Rtn Shuchi Thakur inspired the young audience to come forward and commit themselves for the cause. This resulted in 17 Donors getting themselves registered by filling the forms on the spot. Also present on the occasion were President Ashok Puri, PDG Yoginder Diwan, PP BL Ramsisaria, PP Kanan Diwan, PP Deepak Sood and PP Vinod Jawa. They also interacted with the audience and made the camp successful.

Installation of Interact Club

Installation of Interact Club of Govt Sr Secondary School Manimajara was held on 18.08.2018.

Secretary Salil Chopra gave a talk on swachta, water saving and ‘no to plastic’. Rtn Renu Chopra spoke about moral education.

Rtn Kulbir Bhatia and Rtn Ravinder Jain discussed the action plan with the students of the school. Rtn Indu Luthra was also present.

The Principal appreciated the efforts of Rotary and complimented Rotarians for their support.

Medical Mission to Uganda

PRIP Raja Saboo and PDG Shaju Peter – another successful mission in Uganda. Celebrating 20 years of our medical mission to Africa.

First prize in photography

Awarded to Rtr Dr Ruchir Kalra, presented by Rtn Dev Jeet Singh and eminent photographer Vinod Chauhan, in competition organized by Rotaract Clubs of 3080.

Swachta at Railway Station

Rtn Salil Chopra, PP Gurdeep S Deep with R’ann Maniki and 5 Rotaractors conducted swachta and water saving campaign at Railway station in Chandigarh, sending the message through the passengers to their destination.
Over 100 units collected
Blood donation camp organized on 15.08.2018 in collaboration with Canara Bank, our Rotaract Clubs Chandigarh Midtown and Le Corbusier at Sector 34, Chandigarh

Teej Celebration
First Lady R’ann Sudha Puri, PP Rtn Kanan Diwan, Rtn Renu Chopra, Rtn Indu Luthra and R’ann Dipali Adokar with her daughter Punanri with inmates of Nari Niketan Sector 26 Chandigarh, organised jointly with Inner Wheel Chandigarh

Flags exchanged in USA
IPP Dr Rita Kalra and Rtn Dr Sanjay Kalra attending weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Providence RI

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Vishesh Khoji Banane Ka Gaan, Yatrika Dari

Punjab Kesri dated 14.08.2018. Another service above self by PP Dr VJS Vohra for the benefit of disabled persons. Thanks to PE Salil Dev Bali who is the Advocate in this PIL

Acknowledgement with thanks
TB Awareness Project
PP Rtn BL Ramsisaria Rs 5000
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Birthday of Spouses
R’ann Malabika Sengupta August 26
R’ann Asha Vats August 27
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Birthday of Rotarians
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Rtn Rakesh Jain August 27
Rtn Vijay K Gupta August 29

President Ashok Puri’s Thought of the Week
Empathy has the power to change a community, a nation and ultimately the whole world. Never under estimate the power of kindness in an individual life.

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