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1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
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## Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate Competition

Date: 29th March 2024  
Venue: Hotel Shivalik View  
Sector 17, Chandigarh

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## "Holi Celebrations"

A Vibrant Celebration: Rotary Chandigarh Midtown Club Celebrates Holi in Style!

The joyous festival of Holi brings with it vibrant colors, delicious treats, and the spirit of togetherness. On March 25th, the Rotary Chandigarh Midtown Club embraced this spirit with a spectacular Holi party hosted by Rtn. Ritu Singal near the residence of Rtn. Devi Prasad Khandelia. The event meticulously planned by Rtn. Ritu Singal, was a vibrant explosion of colors, music, and merriment. This celebration held a special significance for Rtn. Singal, as her daughter had recently secured admission into AIIMS Delhi. To mark this joyous occasion, she sponsored a captivating singer who enthralled the audience with their mesmerizing Vrindavan-style music and songs.

The soulful tunes transported everyone to the heart of Vrindavan, creating a truly immersive Holi experience. The infectious energy of the music had everyone on their feet, dancing and swaying to the rhythm. Gone were the inhibitions, replaced by a sense of carefree joy as people reveled in the spirit of the festival.

But the merriment wasn't limited to music and dance. The Club organizing committee had meticulously curated a delightful spread of traditional delicacies, Sweet and savory treats like Gujyas, along with a delectable array of other dishes, that tantalized the taste buds. Of course, no Holi celebration is complete without the playful throwing of colors. The vibrant hues of Gulal adorned every corner, painting the atmosphere with joy and camaraderie. People immersed themselves in the playful revelry, splashing colors, flower petals and exchanging warm embraces. Laughter and joyous screams filled the air as friends and fellow Rotarians painted each other with vibrant hues, creating beautiful memories.

Rtn. Devi Prasad Khandelia who gave the space for the party added a special touch to the day by gifting everyone Mashal oil packs. But the festivities didn't end there. As the day grew livelier, a musical chair for couples brought out the competitive yet jovial spirit in everyone. Couples laughed, teased, and cheered, making memories that would linger longer.

Of course, no celebration is complete without drinks to toast to the joyous occasion. Refreshing drinks flowed freely, adding an extra sparkle to the already effervescent atmosphere.

As the clock ticked on, and the echoes of laughter intertwined with the melodies of the music, it became evident that this Holi celebration wasn't just about colors or music; it was about forging bonds, celebrating life, and embracing the spirit of unity in diversity. The meticulous planning, the thoughtful touches, and the infectious energy made it an event that will be fondly remembered by all who attended.

We were joined by Rtn. Dr. MP Singh (President Rotary Classic Chd.), Rtn. Ritesh Wadhwa from Rotary Club Lucknow, Dr. Sushant from PGI and PDG Rtn. Yoginder Diwan.







## Glimpses of Holi Celebrations, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown







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## Week Gone By

### Sushiksha Sessions by Rotary Uncle

Rotary Susiksha Pathshala Session was held at Govt. Middle School, Sector 21, Panchkula (Haryana) along with grandchild of PP Rtn Salil Copra & Rtn Renu Chopra, Lavyaansh Chopra. Children spoke on water saving, necessity of having clean water and clean toilets. Eclairs and chocolates were distributed by Lavyaansh to speakers and winners respectively.

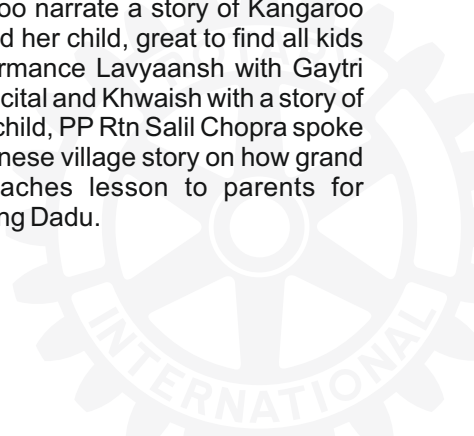


It is a Great Moment of pride for PP Rtn. Salil Chopra when he see besides his grandson Lavyaansh & even grand daughter Ms Khwahish Pander along with Rtn Renu Chopra at Rotary Susiksha Pathshala and each one played excellent role Khwahish spoke on Selfish Crocodile, Renu on Guru Sikhsha and intelligent Shishye, Lavyaansh on Gaytri Mantra. It was well learnt lessons to children of modern Bharat.

Rotary Susiksha Pathshala Session was held at Govt Middle School, Sector 21, Panchkula (Haryana) where Grand children of PP Rtn Salil Chopra and the Rotary Uncle himself spoke on different moral stories and screened life after 30 years, what you sow now would reap in this life itself. How a person saved life of child's mother and how child becomes doctor and saves life of that donor.



A Family of True Rotarians Master Lavyaansh Chopra, Khwahish Pander & Tanaksh Chopra, the youngest of all joining PP Rtn Salil Copra (The Rotary Uncle) too narrate a story of Kangaroo Mom and her child, great to find all kids at performance Lavyaansh with Gaytri Matra recital and Khwaish with a story of mother child, PP Rtn Salil Chopra spoke on Japanese village story on how grand child teaches lesson to parents for neglecting Dadu.



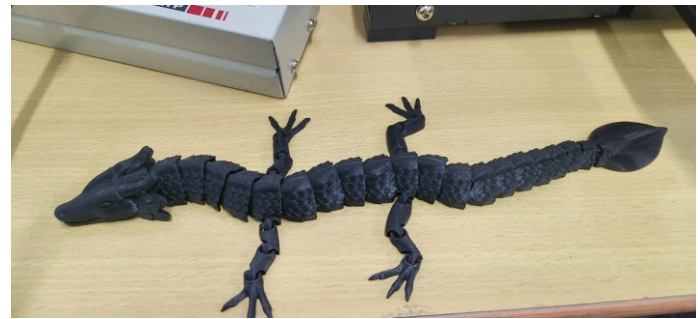


## Sushiksha Sessions by Rotary Uncle

Rotary Susiksha Pathshala with Video on water saving , caution - life without water & Gayatri Mantra by Lavyaansh Chopra, Grandson of PP Rtn Saliil Chopra. A story on Bhola Manas and King was resided in front of the students. These sessions are a great inspiration and seeing our young blood joining the brigade in serving mankind is the best feeling for parents.



## The 3D Printing Workshop at GHS Daria School



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On March 20th, GHS Daria School transformed into a hub of innovation as Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, Itinker Foundation, and Carmel Convent School joined forces to host an electrifying 3D printing workshop. Led by Mrs. Meenakshi Jindal, Mr. Aman (Itinker Foundation ) and First Lady Dr. Kadam Bhambari (Rotary Chandigarh Midtown Club) the students started on a journey of discovery. Under Mr. Aman's expert guidance, students delved into the realm of 3D printing, tackling tasks designed to ignite their creativity. From designing dream houses to envisioning practical solutions, the workshop was a blend of learning and hands-on exploration. Witnessing live printing of a small boat and an array of 3D-printed toys brought by Itinker, students were mesmerized by the possibilities. They were encouraged to continue their journey at home, with the potential to share their designs online and even earn from their creations. Over the course of two immersive hours, around 30 students from Grade 9 immersed themselves in the world of 3D printing, navigating through the complexities of CAD and even designing their dream houses. The workshop wasn't just about learning; it was about practical application and problem-solving. As the workshop concluded, students left with a renewed sense of empowerment and a spark of inspiration. In a world filled with endless opportunities, the 3D Printing Workshop at GHS Daria School was just the beginning—a stepping stone for students to shape the future with their boundless creativity and innovation.



## *Start of Signature Project "Hunar" Vocational Centre at Vill Bir Ghaggar*

Project Hunnar - Vocational Centre of Excellence at Rotary Chandigarh Midtown's adopted Village Bir Ghaggar was officially launched by performing **Hawan and Bhoomi Poojan** at the location. In a beautiful collaboration between Rotary Club Twin Cities Centralis Chehalis and Rotary Chandigarh Midtown under Global Grant 2349087, we're bringing a wave of social-economic and cultural development to Village Bir Ghaggar.

✦ This project is all about empowering our young girls and youth with vocational skills that matter. From computer training to sewing and tailoring, beautician training, to becoming a home care assistant - we've got it all covered! We are also introducing an open-air theatre for yoga and health education to strengthen community connections. The launch was joined by online partners from Rotary Club Twin Cities Centralis Chehalis on Zoom and notable attendees like Chandigarh Midtown President Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri, PP Rtn. BL Ramsisaria, PP Rtn. Ashok Puri and A'nn. Sudha Puri, PP Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, PP Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, Rtn. Bhupinder Kumar, RCC President and MC Rakesh ji, Architect Nishant Chhatwal and many of our beloved villagers. Designed with innovation at its heart, the centre utilizes traditional materials like mud walls and sustainable solutions like solar power and a rainwater harvesting.

# Project Hunnar # Vocational Training # Empowerment # Sustainability # Rotary International # Community Development # Skill Building # Solar Power # Rain Water Harvesting # Cultural Development

This Project was sowed last year under DG VP Kalra's theme for RY22-23 "Chalo Gaon Ki Aour" where in a pledge was taken to improve the standards of Village by making them smart and providing resources which will make people self independent.

Under this project A Rain Harvesting facility was setup at the village, Solar electrification of streets was done, school were upgraded, educational sessions were taken to enhance the skills of the students. A park has been created for the children to play and learn and named as "Chulbul Vatika". An Anganwadi has also been constructed for the children of working parents to come and learn while playing. This idea of Hunar - The Vocational Centre has been a dream of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown and is now getting completed by joint efforts of PP Rtn. Ashok K Puri of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown and PP Rtn. Anil K Puri of Rotary Club Twin Cities Centralis Chehalis (US).

It has taken months of hard work right from finding a location to structural planning, sustainability, with proper utilization of the place so that it becomes an asset for the Village Bir Ghaggar.





## Some Multilingual Puns (only in India) – Desk of Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta

\*\* When I saw a snake for the first time, I was सर्पि़rised. My Urdu is behtar than your English.

I wanted to marry a Photo Journalist, par PAPA RAZZI nahi hue.

Why is vegetarian food not very popular? Simply because it doesn't have मांस appeal.

Ghosts have their own ATMA-SPHERE.

Who called it family planning and not जननration?

I had sore throat once. It took me few vicks to recover.

God never tasted any cough syrup, because khuda-na-khasta.

Last night I had an extra spicy garlic chutney. This morning I learnt my lehsun. Visited a dentist named Simran. She asked "where are you feeling the pain?" Me: Jaw Simran Jaw!

I really don't care who takes bath daily. It स्नान of my business.

"Kya tujhe hammer se darr lagta hai?" "Ha-thoda."

Come on Pat-Anjali What Ayurveding for ?

## Projects Coverage in District GML

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HOME CARE NURSING BATCH STARTED

## Sewa Bhav

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown in association with Rotract Club Chandigarh Midtown, donated a wheel Chair to a needy person.

The person wanted to be independent and our club helped him out. The Wheel Chair was donated by Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri (President).



## Hands across the Globe

### From Floods to Flourishing Fields

How Rotary is Transforming Agriculture in Maharashtra Monsoon rains, a blessing for most of India, can turn into a curse for the farmers of Maharashtra. The relentless downpour often overwhelms the land, leading to flash floods and soil erosion. But amidst this challenge, an icon of hope shines brightly – the Rotary Club of Mumbai Down Town Sea Land.

Through a remarkable initiative funded by a \$50,000 global grant, the Rotary Club has expedited the construction of five crucial check dams in the Palghar district. These seemingly simple structures hold immense power to transform the lives of farming families. "The land here is rocky and hard," explains Chandraprabha Khona, a member of the Rotary Club who spearheaded the project in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka. "Most of the rainwater simply runs off the surface, taking precious resources with it." This is where the check dams come in. These strategically placed concrete barriers will help slow down the flow of rainwater, allowing it to permeate the soil and replenish groundwater reserves. This not only mitigates the risk of floods but also creates a vital water source for irrigation.

The impact of this project will be far-reaching. Farmers will be able to cultivate additional crops, extending their growing season beyond the monsoon months. The stored water will also ensure a reliable source for sanitation and replenishing borewells, a vital resource in the dry season. Chandraprabha Khona is confident that this initiative will lead to "an exponential jump" in farmers' income. With consistent access to water, they can diversify their crops, increase yields, and achieve greater financial security.

But the story doesn't end there. A significant contribution of nearly \$30,000 from Shabbir Rangwala, a past president of the Mumbai Club, exemplifies the power of individual generosity in fueling positive change.

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Down Town Sea Land's initiative shows the transformative power of community action. By addressing a critical challenge faced by local farmers, they are not just saving land and water, they are sowing the seeds of a more prosperous future for generations to come. This project serves as an inspiration to all, demonstrating how a well-planned initiative, combined with dedication and generosity, can create a ripple effect of positive change.







Rtn. Anupum Jain bestowed with an award by Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & Administrator UT, Chd Sh. Banwari Lal Purohit for empowering women through excellence in skill development as Guest of Honour in this function

## Celebrating Birthday's & Anniversary's

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**March 24 Rtn. Tej Mohan Singh**



**PP Rtn Salil Chopra**

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