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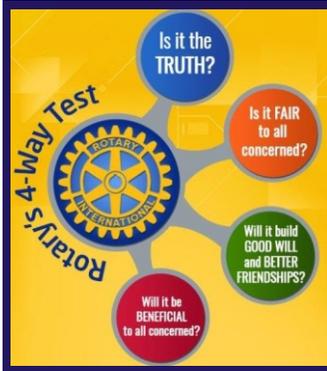
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Date : 04th March 2026

Time : 11:00 AM Onwards

Venue : Central Club

Sector- 9, Chandigarh

### SHRI VISHNU KUMAR GUPTA MEMORIAL DEBATE COMPETITION

The Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown successfully organized the prestigious Vishnu Kumar Gupta Memorial Debate Competition on February 27, 2026, at Hotel Shivalik View, Sector 17, Chandigarh. The event brought together bright young minds for an intellectually stimulating evening marked by powerful arguments, healthy competition, and warm Rotary fellowship.

The competition commenced with an engaging Preliminary round judged by Rtn. Arjan Singh, Rtn. Dr. Inderjeet Dua, and Rtn. Col J.S. Chandok. A total of 28 teams participated enthusiastically, debating the contemporary topic, **“Social Media Promotes: Awareness or Anxiety?”** The discussion sparked insightful perspectives, with participants demonstrating remarkable clarity of thought and confidence.

After rigorous evaluation, eight outstanding teams advanced to the Final Round.

The Final Round was adjudicated by an eminent panel comprising Dr. Shashi Wahi Khullar, Ms. Pooja Tuli, Mr. Amit Kumar Grover, and Mrs. Parminder Duggal. The finalists debated the compelling topic, **“Is a College Degree Necessary for Entrepreneurship?”** The arguments presented reflected deep research, analytical reasoning, and exceptional oratory skills, making it a challenging task for the judges to select the winners.

A significant highlight of the event was the generous contribution of ₹1,00,000 by Mr. Vijay Kumar Gupta in loving memory of his late father, Vishnu Kumar Gupta. This meaningful gesture will further support the club's community and youth development initiatives, reinforcing Rotary's enduring spirit of service.

The seamless execution of the event was the result of dedicated teamwork. Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri guided youth participation with vision and encouragement, while Rtn. Bhavmit Tiger Chandok ensured smooth coordination. Rtn. Suman Gupta efficiently managed logistics, and Rtn. Manisha Gupta, Rn. Shashi Jain, R'Ann Nandita Sisodia and Rtr. Aman Garg extended valuable support throughout.

The awards ceremony celebrated excellence in debating. **Kannav and Akansh Negi were declared Best Team** and awarded the trophy. **Kannav secured the 1st Individual Prize** along with ₹3,000 and a trophy. **Manvinder Singh was named 1st Runner-up**, receiving ₹2,000 and a trophy, while the Third Prize winner was awarded ₹1,000 and a trophy. All participants were presented with certificates in recognition of their efforts.

The evening concluded with a delightful fellowship and hi-tea session, strengthening bonds among Rotarians, participants, and guests. The event beautifully reaffirmed the club's commitment to nurturing young talent, encouraging critical thinking, and fostering community engagement.



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## WEEK GONE BY

### SHITIJ - DISTRICT CONFERENCE (RID 3080) 2026, BHEL, HARIDWAR

The Rotary District Conference “SHITIZ” was held on 28th February and 1st March 2026 at the BHEL Convention Centre. The conference brought together Rotarians from across the district for two days filled with inspiration, knowledge sharing, fellowship, and entertainment. A strong contingent of twelve members from Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown proudly participated in this prestigious event.

The conference commenced on a spiritually uplifting note with the melodious chanting of Ganga Aarti bhajans, creating a serene and devotional atmosphere. The soulful hymns transported the audience to the sacred ghats of the Ganga, making everyone feel blessed and spiritually connected. This divine beginning set a perfect tone for the conference that celebrated service, values, and community spirit.

The Chief Guest, Acharya Balakrishan of Patanjali, delivered an insightful and inspiring address. He spoke at length about the immense potential of herbal medicines and the importance of preserving India’s ancient knowledge systems. Acharya Balakrishan also highlighted the establishment of Gurukuls under the Bhartiya Shiksha Board, an initiative aimed at integrating traditional Indian values with modern education. He emphasized the need to nurture young minds with cultural roots and moral values to build a “Sarv Shreshth Bharat.” His address was both thought-provoking and motivating for all present.

The Guest of Honour, Kanwar Shamsher Ji, CSR Head of the Jaquar Foundation, reaffirmed the foundation’s commitment to partnering with Rotary in meaningful community projects. He emphasized that education and healthcare remain the primary focus areas of the Jaquar Foundation and assured continued collaboration with Rotary to create a lasting impact in society.

District Governor Elect Rtn. Rita Kalra had the honour of introducing RI Past President Dr. Mahesh Kotaghi, whose presence added great prestige to the conference. Dr. Kotaghi addressed the audience twice during the conference and shared powerful insights about Rotary’s responsibility towards society. He strongly emphasized the importance of reaching out to the specially abled and underprivileged sections of society and encouraged Rotarians to undertake projects that are meaningful, sustainable, and impactful. He also spoke passionately about the concept of Peace Houses, advocating global friendship, harmony, and collaboration among communities.

Adding further perspective, RI Director Elect Zone 4 Rtn. G.S. Sekhon spoke about the pressing need to strengthen Rotary membership. He highlighted that membership numbers have remained stagnant for over a decade and encouraged clubs to actively work towards growth and engagement to expand Rotary’s reach and impact.

The conference also ensured that the spirit of fellowship and joy remained high. The audience was thoroughly entertained by a lineup of talented artists including popular RJ Naved, stand-up comedian Angad, and renowned Haryanvi Poet Arun Gemini. Their performances filled the hall with laughter and applause, leaving everyone with “stomach-aching laughter” and a desire for the performances to continue even longer.



A special highlight of the conference was the institution of the “Raja Saboo Selfless Service Awards,” initiated by Rtn. Raja Saboo to honour individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to service. Four awards were presented, and it was a matter of immense pride that Rtn. Salil Chopra received this prestigious recognition for “Sushiksha Ki Pathshala.” Additionally, four Shreya Awards were presented to outstanding contributors, one of which was awarded to Shri Rajesh Mehra Ji, Director and Promoter of the Jaquar Group, acknowledging his remarkable contributions and leadership.

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown was well represented at the conference by President Rtn. J. S. Bawa, Rtn. Nitin Kapoor, Rtn. Anup Sharma, Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri, Rtn. Harjinder Kaur, Rtn. Vinod Jawa, Rtn. Amarjeet Singh, Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. Renu Chopra, Rtn. Rakesh Gupta, DGE Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, and Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra.

President J S Bawa received Major Donor Recognition on behalf of PP Ashok K. Puri and R'Ann Sudha Puri from RIPR PRID Dr. Mahesh Kotabagi and RIDE Gurjit S. Sekhon at District Conference.

The conference SHITIZ proved to be a memorable gathering that blended inspiration, learning, recognition, and fellowship. It reinforced Rotary’s commitment to service above self and motivated all participants to continue working towards impactful initiatives for a better and more compassionate world.



Evening Fellowship at the District Conference  
President Rtn. JS Bawa, Rtn. Amarjit Singh &  
Rtn. Dr. Harinderjit Kaur

Lucky Draw won by Rtn. Dr. Harinderjit Kaur

Raja Saboo Selfless Service  
Award to Rtn. Salil Chopra



### FROM THE DESK OF - RTN. DR. BALRAM K GUPTA

The Rotary has entered its 121<sup>st</sup> year on February 23, 2026. Its age is its strength. One has to experience Rotary. To know what Rotary is. To know how it brings smiles to so many. Peace to many more. Each year adds to its vitality.

Judiciary is a global institution. To settle human disputes. To do justice in different and difficult situations. Judges by rendering justice act as the 'Healers' of wounded humanity. Both Rotary and Judiciary provide balm. Ultimately, they provide Peace to humans. Their goal is common. The ultimate aim is also common.

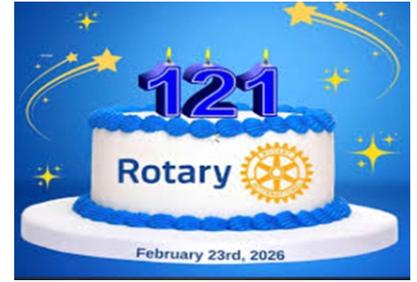
The Rotary service is multicolored tapestry. The judiciary is also multicolored. It renders justice of different hues. The judiciary has different lamps of justice. The tapestry of Rotary merges with lamps of justice. Both illuminate each other.

Fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the Fundamental Duty to renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women. Both Rotary and Judiciary joined hands in handling these basic foundations of human beings. Luxury and lies have huge maintenance costs. Truth and simplicity are self maintained without any cost. Smiles cost nothing. But they illuminate life's pathways wonderfully.

Judges find out the truth and do justice. Therefore, Truth and Justice are twins. Without truth, justice is impossible. Justice sans Truth is no justice. Truth is fundamental to justice.

The four way test of Rotary. Socrates also gave four way test for judges. Hear courteously. Consider soberly. Answer wisely. Decide impartially. Both tests are fundamental to Rotary and Judiciary. Both define Rotary and Judiciary. The ultimate object of both is common.

I would be entering my 50<sup>th</sup> year of Rotary journey in May, 2026. I have matched both Rotary and Judiciary. Matched their blood groups. Their DNA. My diagnosis is – They are Twins. My more than 60 years have been spent in nurturing and cultivating the coparcenary of Law and Justice. This would not have been possible without the role of Rotary, My hobby for the last almost 50 years.



Rtn. Dr. Balram K Gupta

### INVITATION FOR REGISTRATION

Dear Rotary Leaders !!

Warm greetings.

It is with immense pride and joy that we extend a heartfelt invitation to you for **PELS–SELS SRIJAN** scheduled for 3rd and 4th April 2026. This flagship leadership conclave of District 3080 is designed to energize, empower, and elevate our incoming teams as they prepare to create lasting impact in Rotary Year 2026–27.

We are deeply honoured that **RI President-Elect OlaYinka** will grace the occasion as Chief Guest bringing his global vision and inspiring presence. We are equally privileged to welcome RID Nagesh as Guest of Honor whose guidance continues to strengthen leadership across our zones. The event will also be blessed by the distinguished presence of PRIP Raja Saboo our Special Guest whose wisdom and legacy remain a beacon for generations of Rotarians.

A galaxy of Rotary celebrity facilitators from across India will join us to mentor, motivate, and mould our incoming leaders. Among them:- **RIDE Gurjeet Sekhon- RRFC Dr. Pramod Kumar- RRMCM Dr. Dushyant Choudhary- PDG Shaju Peter- Webmaster Narendra Rao- RISAOC Coordinator Daman Baweja**

Their collective experience and dynamic engagement will enrich our participants, helping them integrate Rotary values, innovate with confidence, and inspire their teams for an impactful year ahead.

Registration Details President/Secretary Elects

-PE/ SE : Rs 0.00

-PE/SE couple(with Stay):Rs 6500RI / District / Zonal Officers

-Single(Stay TwinSharing): 6500-Single(Stay No Sharing): 12000-Single (without Stay) : Rs 4000

-Couple (without Stay) : Rs 7500

-Couple: (with Stay) Rs 12000

Registration Includes Access To:- **General Sessions - Breakout Sessions - IT Lab - Grant Seminar 1.0- Inaugural Ceremony - High Teas - Luncheons - Gala Dinner & Cultural Evening - House of Friendship - The Rotary Foundation Lounge**

Important Note : Registration does not include the official blazer. Payment for the blazer must be deposited separately in the designated account mentioned in the poster or through the QR code circulated.

Your presence will add immense value to this celebration of leadership, learning, and legacy. Rtn. Dr Sanjay Kalra & DGE Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra in welcoming you and sharing two days of meaningful dialogue, fellowship, and vision-building.

With warm regards,

Rtn. Dr Rita Kalra - DG 2026-27 (RID 3080)

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT LINK - <https://zfrmz.com/9uSONIM3vo8mB26wnzt8>**



### APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS GLOBAL GRANT SUVIDHA GG2463569

Dear Members, We are pleased to share that our club's Rotary Global Grant Suidha project, with a total outlay of \$36,800, has been approved.

The project will provide essential facilities in the focus areas of Water & Sanitation and Basic Education & Literacy for Government schools in nearby villages around Chandigarh.

To move forward, our club is required to contribute \$12,600 as our share of the grant. All contributions may please be drawn in favour of Rotary Foundation India. The current Rotary Dollar Rate is Rs. 92/- I sincerely request each member to generously contribute towards this amount. Your support will directly help create safe sanitation, clean water access, and improved learning facilities for children in need.

Let us come together to make this meaningful project a reality.

Warm Regards,

Jagvinder S. Bawa, President

-Kulvinder S. Chhatwal, Secretary

-Amarjit Singh, Director International Service

### Celebrating Birthday's & Anniversary's

Wedding Anniversaries	
Mar 04	PP Dr. Balram Gupta and Shashi Gupta
Mar 06	Rtn. Vinod Sobti and Asha Sobti
Birthday - Rotarian	
Mar 02	Rtn. Dr. Anurag Sharma



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