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“SIRJAN” - NEW BEGINNING
PELS / SELS 2026-27
DATE : 3RD-4TH APRIL 2026
TIME : 9:30 AM ONWARDS
VENUE : HOTEL PARKPLAZA
ZIRAKHPUR, PUNJAB

WATER WASTAGE & POLLUTION HUMANITY'S GREATEST LOSS By Prof AD AHLUWALIA

At the weekly meeting of the club held on 27th March, members had the privilege of attending a deeply insightful and thought-provoking talk delivered by Prof. A. S. Ahluwalia on the pressing issue of water conservation and sustainability. The session served as a timely reminder of the paradox we live in—while water is indispensable for our survival, our actions often contribute to its wastage and pollution.

Prof. Ahluwalia began by highlighting the growing trend of installing RO purifiers without assessing the actual quality and source of water supply. He emphasized that in cities like Chandigarh, where the primary source of water is canal-based and relatively clean, the excessive use of RO systems can do more harm than good by stripping essential minerals from water and leading to unnecessary wastage. Instead, he advocated for the use of simple and appropriate water purification methods suited to the local context.

Another important concern raised was the increasing dependence on packaged drinking water in single-use plastic bottles. He cautioned that such practices not only contribute to environmental degradation but may also pose health risks, as plastic contaminants can leach into the water, especially when exposed to heat.

The discussion also extended to environmental disturbances caused by human interventions, such as the widening of roads in mountainous regions. Prof. Ahluwalia explained how such activities disrupt the ecological balance, leading to increased water runoff, reduced groundwater recharge, and ultimately contributing to water scarcity and pollution.

Drawing a compelling comparison between Rajasthan and Maharashtra, he pointed out that while both regions face water scarcity, their responses differ significantly. Maharashtra often witnesses farmer suicides during drought-like conditions, whereas Rajasthan, despite its arid climate, rarely reports such tragedies. This, he noted, is because the people of Rajasthan have traditionally learned to conserve and value water—

“राजस्थान के लोग पानी को सहेजना जानते हैं.”

He also addressed the everyday apathy of citizens towards water wastage. Simple acts, such as ignoring leaking pipes in public spaces, collectively contribute to the larger problem of water scarcity. He urged everyone to adopt a more responsible and proactive attitude.

Responding to a query from a member, Prof. Ahluwalia clarified a common misconception regarding ritual practices. While immersing ashes in rivers does not significantly pollute the water, the disposal of flowers does, as it affects the oxygen levels and disrupts aquatic ecosystems.

The session concluded on a reflective note, leaving members with renewed awareness and responsibility. It was a talk that not only reinforced what we already knew but also encouraged us to rethink our habits and take conscious steps toward preserving this vital resource.





The Rotary Peace Summit held at Plaksha University, Mohali on 21st March 2026 was a dignified and inspiring gathering that brought together thought leaders, educators, and Rotarians committed to fostering harmony in an increasingly complex world. The serene and intellectually vibrant setting of the university provided the perfect backdrop for meaningful dialogue on peace and coexistence.

The proceedings commenced with an address by District Peace Chair Rtn. AP Singh Dhiman, who set the tone for the summit with his insightful opening remarks. He highlighted the urgent need for peace-building initiatives in today's fragmented global landscape and emphasized Rotary's pivotal role in nurturing dialogue and understanding at the grassroots level.

Prof. Rudra Pratap, Vice Chancellor and Guest of Honour, delivered a compelling address underscoring the transformative power of education in promoting peace. Reflecting on ongoing global conflicts in regions such as Iran, Israel, Ukraine, and Russia, he spoke about how these disturbances are not isolated events but have far-reaching consequences that impact economies, societies, and individual lives across the world. His words reinforced the idea that education must go beyond academics to instill values of empathy, tolerance, and global citizenship.

The keynote address by Mr. Sarvesh Kaushal on "The Civilisational Ray of Peace in the Cacophony of Conflict" was deeply thought-provoking. He eloquently articulated how, despite the noise of discord and division, the essence of peace continues to shine through human civilization. His address urged the audience to rediscover and uphold these enduring values in their personal and collective journeys.



WEEK GONE BY

SCHOLARSHIPS TO 4 DESERVING STUDENTS OF PSGSSS, BANGOWANI SUPPORTED BY RTN. HARINDERJIT KAUR

A proud and heartwarming moment was witnessed as four deserving students from PS Government Senior Secondary School, Bangowani (District Gurdaspur) were awarded scholarships by Rtn. Harinderjit Kaur in recognition of their hard work and determination.

These students come from humble backgrounds, where three of their fathers work as masons and one serves as a security guard. Despite financial challenges, the students remained focussed on their studies and demonstrated exceptional perseverance. Their achievements stand as a shining example of how dedication and strong willpower can help overcome difficult circumstances.

Notably, two of the students have successfully cleared the NEET examination, paving the way for their admission into higher education in the field of medicine. This remarkable accomplishment reflects their commitment to academic excellence and their aspiration to build a brighter future for themselves and their families.

Through this thoughtful initiative, Rtn. Harinderjit Kaur has not only provided financial support but also encouragement and motivation to these young achievers. Such acts of generosity truly embody the spirit of Rotary—uplifting communities through education and opportunity.

The scholarships will help these students continue their academic journey with confidence and renewed hope. Rotary Chandigarh Midtown remains committed to supporting education and empowering deserving youth to realize their dreams and contribute positively to society.



PROJECT ANNAPURNA AT SAMARPAN

Project Annapurna was successfully conducted today at Samarpan, spreading warmth, care, and nourishment among 130 children. The program began on a serene note with a heartfelt prayer, followed by a short, meaningful story that inspired and engaged the young minds present.

A wholesome and delicious meal comprising rice, chana paneer, and halwa was lovingly served to all the children, bringing smiles and joy to their faces. The presence of esteemed members including Rtn. Prem Anand, Rtn Suresh Dhawan, Rtn Brigadier J.S. Sabharwal, R'Ann Jyotie Sabharwal, and PE Rtn. Renu Chopra added immense value to the initiative. Their gracious participation and willingness to devote their time truly exemplify the spirit of selfless service that Rotary stands for.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each one who contributed to making this project a success. A special thanks to the Pander family for their generous sponsorship, which made this noble initiative possible.

Projects like Annapurna not only fulfill a basic need but also reinforce our commitment to humanity, compassion, and community service. Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference.



PROJECT SAKHA - DISTRIBUTION OF NUTRIANTS TO TB PATIENTS

Under the impactful initiative Project SAKHA, our club successfully organized a TB nutrient distribution drive for 40 tuberculosis patients across the villages of Hallomajra and Behlana. This project marks a significant step forward as we proudly extend our outreach by adopting Behlana, reinforcing our commitment to community health and care.

The distribution drive was thoughtfully planned to not only provide nutritional support but also to create awareness among the beneficiaries. A total of 15 patients personally received their nutrient kits during the visit. They were guided on the correct usage of the supplements and educated about the vital role nutrition plays in their recovery journey. The remaining 25 nutrient packets, along with Proteinex, were responsibly handed over to the DOT Incharge at the Hallomajra dispensary to ensure systematic distribution to the remaining patients.

Tuberculosis patients require enhanced nutritional intake to strengthen their immunity and support faster recovery. Through this initiative, we aim to bridge that gap and contribute meaningfully to their well-being. The project was graciously supported by our dedicated team members, including President Rtn. J.S. Bawa, Treasurer Rtn. Naveen Aggarwal, and Rtn. Renu Chopra, who took time out of their busy schedules to be present and encourage the beneficiaries. Their presence added immense value and motivation to the entire effort.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all members and supporters who contributed towards making this initiative a success. Together, we continue to serve humanity with compassion and dedication, striving to make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of those in need.





CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION AT ASHA KIRAN

Asha Kiran – Sector 46, Chandigarh : We are running a Home Care Nursing Training Program for girls, where currently 16 students are undergoing training, and 19 girls have successfully passed out from the recent batch.

A certificate distribution ceremony was organized for the students who completed the course on 6th March. The program is structured into 4 months of theoretical training and 2 months of practical training conducted at Government Medical Hospital, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

On this occasion, certificates were awarded to all 19 students. Each student was also provided with a kit containing a first aid box, thermometer, and stethoscope.

The event was graced by our esteemed dignitaries : DGE Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, President Rtn. J.S. Bawa, Rtn. Vinod Jawa, Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria, Rtn. Salil Chopra, PE Rtn. Renu Chopra, Rtn. Manisha Gupta, Ms. Divya from Sanjeevani Cancer Care, Ms. Poonam (Instructor).

During the event, we shared the journey of this course, which was initiated 25 years ago by Prof. B.D. Gupta, former Head of Department at PGI. Rotary has proudly continued this noble initiative over the years.

DGE Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra addressed the students, motivating them to move forward with confidence and achieve success in their careers. Ms. Divya from Sanjeevani Cancer Care guided the students on opportunities for online training in cancer awareness and counselling, encouraging them to serve society with greater impact.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Rtn. Salil Chopra.

“Nurture the people you care for with a smile. A single smile can bring happiness to patients and support their recovery from the very first moment.”



RTN. DR. RITA KALRA
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2026-27
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“Registration Includes Hotel Stay, High Tea, Dinner, Manthan Session And Breakfast At Respective Hotels”

Registration Without Stay	Before 25th April	After 25th April
9th May Delegate Single	Rs 2,000/-	Rs 2,500/-

“Registration Includes High Tea, Manthan Session And Dinner”

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS OF DGE RTN. DR. RITA KALRA

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REGISTRATION DETAILS**

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RECOGNITION FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS

Talez Patisserie & Kitchen and Burger Bae Win Top Honours at TOI Food & Nightlife Awards 2026 Chandigarh, April 2026: In a significant achievement for the city's evolving F&B landscape, hospitality entrepreneurs Himanshu Chopra, Ankita Chopra, and Rtn. Salil Chopra were honoured with two prestigious awards at the TOI Food & Nightlife Awards 2026, held on 31st March 2026 at JW Marriott, Chandigarh.

Their flagship premium dining venture, Talez Patisserie & Kitchen, was awarded "Best Bakery – Premium Dining", recognising its excellence in artisanal offerings, elevated dining experience, and consistent quality.

Simultaneously, their fast-growing casual dining brand, Burger Bae, secured the title of "Best Burgers – Casual Dining", reflecting its strong customer connect, standout product quality, and rising popularity among the city's younger audience.

Winning across two distinct categories — premium dining and casual dining — highlights the group's versatility in building differentiated F&B concepts that cater to diverse market segments while maintaining high standards of execution.

Speaking on the occasion, the founders shared that these recognitions reinforce their commitment to innovation, consistency, and delivering memorable food experiences. They further emphasized their focus on strategic expansion and strengthening their brand presence in the coming years.

The TOI Food & Nightlife Awards are among the most respected recognitions in the hospitality industry, celebrating excellence across restaurants, cafes, and nightlife destinations.

With this dual win, Talez and Burger Bae continue to set benchmarks in Chandigarh's dynamic culinary scene.



Celebrating Birthday's & Anniversary's



	Birthday - Rotarian
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