

Rotary

Chandigarh Midtown



Golden Jubilee Year Installation

THE MIDTOWNER

A Special Bulletin, Golden Jubilee Year Installation

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown

1st July 2026 | Club No. 15228 | R.I. District 3080



R.I. President
Rtn. Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

District Governor
Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra

President
Rtn. Renu Chopra

Secretary
Rtn. Suresh Dhawan

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Installation Ceremony of 50th President of RCCM & DG RID 3080
Venue - Chandigarh Judicial Academy, Wednesday, 01/07/2026 at 4:30 PM

	Aide to Chief Guest	PP Hari OM Verma
	Aide to Guest of Honor	PP Dr. Balram Gupta
	Aide to PRIP	PP B.L. Ramsisaria
Counsellor - PP Ajit Gulati		Event Chair- Rtn Anup Sharma
		MOC - PP Nitin Kapur
Time	Activity	Responsibility
4:30 PM	Registration + Welcome	All PP plus Crochet buds
5:00 PM	Guests to be Seated	SAA
5:30 PM	Arrival of Chief Guest / Guest of Honour Welcome Bouquet	President J.S Bawa and PE Renu Chopra
5:32 PM	Vande Matram + National Anthem	Rtn. Anup Sharma
5:36 PM	Lighting of Lamp + Invocation	Neeru Khattar
5:40 PM	Collar Ceremony of Pres JS Bawa and DG	SAA PP Ajit Gulati & PP Ashok Puri
5:42 PM	Welcome Address by Event Chair	Rtn Anup Sharma
5:45 PM	Introduction of DG	Dr. Prarthana Negi Kalra
5:48 PM	Vision of DG 2026-27	DG Dr. Rita Kalra
5:58 PM	Collar Exchange, Charter Exchange, SAA Band Exchange, Invite Board for Picture	SAA PP Prem Anand
6:03 PM	Blessing by PRIP Raja K. Saboo	AV
6:05 PM	Felicitations of Hble Governor	DG Dr. Rita Kalra and PP Dr Sanjay Kalra
6:07 PM	Address by Chief Guest	Honble Governor of Punjab and Administrator UT Chandigarh
6:31 PM	National Anthem	Rtn. Anup Sharma
6:32 PM	The year gone by	IPP Jagwinder Bawa
6:38 PM	Introduction of President Renu Chopra	Dr. Kadam Bhambri
6:40 PM	Pining of Board of Directors	President Renu Chopra & DG Dr. Rita Kalra
6:45 PM	Oath Ceremony	PP B. L. Ramsisaria
6:48 PM	Vision for 50th year	President Renu Chopra
6:58 PM	Rotary Rising Anthem	Rtn. Anup Sharma
7:02 PM	Introduction of Guest of Honor	PP Dr Balram Gupta
7:05 PM	Address Guest of Honor	Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Alka Sarin, Judge Punjab & Haryana High Court
7:20 PM	Felicitations	Pres Renu Chopra and PP Salil Chopra
7:22 PM	Expression of Gratitude	Secretary Suresh Dhawan
7:25 PM	Birthday, Anniversary & Announcements	Secretary Suresh Dhawan
7:30 PM	Adjournment followed by High Tea Celebration of birthday and Anniversaries	



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carrying the Legacy Forward



Dear Friends,

On this historic day, as I accept the responsibility of serving as the 50th President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, I do so with

immense gratitude and a deep sense of honour.

Leading this remarkable Club during its Golden Jubilee Year is not simply an opportunity—it is a privilege that comes with the responsibility of carrying forward a legacy created by generations of dedicated Rotarians.

For fifty years, every President added a meaningful chapter to our journey. Every member contributed time, talent and compassion to build an institution that is admired not only for what it has accomplished, but also for the values it represents. Today, that torch has been entrusted to all of us.

The Golden Jubilee is not merely a celebration of our past. It is an invitation to dream bigger, think differently and create opportunities that will make a meaningful difference in the years ahead. This year, let us strengthen fellowship, encourage greater participation, welcome new ideas and ensure that every member finds joy and purpose in Rotary.

My vision is simple—to build upon the strong

foundation laid by those before us while creating opportunities for every member to contribute according to their strengths. Whether through service projects, professional excellence, youth engagement or community partnerships, every contribution matters and every member has a role in shaping our future.

As we begin this new Rotary year on 1st July 2026, let us remember that history is not created in a single day. It is built through countless acts of kindness, thoughtful leadership and collective effort. The Golden Jubilee gives us the opportunity to begin writing the next chapter of our Club's story with the same passion and commitment that have guided us for the past five decades.

I sincerely thank every member for the trust and confidence placed in me. I look forward to working alongside each one of you as we celebrate this memorable year with enthusiasm, fellowship and purposeful service.

Together, let us preserve the values we have inherited, embrace the opportunities before us and leave behind a legacy that the next generation of Rotarians will proudly celebrate.

The first fifty years have given us a proud legacy. The next fifty years begin with us.

With warm Rotary regards,

Rtn. Renu Chopra

President 2026–27

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown

EDITORIAL



Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia

Celebrating a Golden Milestone

Every milestone is an opportunity to pause, reflect and look ahead with renewed purpose. For Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, 2026–27 is one such defining moment as we celebrate our **Golden Jubilee Year**—a celebration of fifty years of fellowship, service and shared values.

This Golden Jubilee year carries a unique distinction. It marks a proud celebration of women's leadership in our Club. As **Rtn. Renu Chopra** assumes office as the **50th President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown**, our own **Dr. Rita Kalra** takes on the responsibility of leading Rotary International **District 3080 as District Governor**. It is a matter of immense pride that two accomplished women from our Club will lead with vision and purpose at both the Club and District levels, making this Golden Jubilee year truly memorable.

This commemorative edition has been thoughtfully curated to celebrate this historic milestone. Within these pages, you will find inspiring messages, memorable photographs, significant milestones and treasured moments that together tell the story of a Club built on service, fellowship and shared purpose.

As we celebrate this special year, we express our heartfelt gratitude to every Charter Member, Past President, Rotarian, Rotary family and well-wisher whose contribution has enriched our journey.

We hope this Golden Jubilee edition not only rekindles cherished memories but also inspires every reader to be part of the next chapter of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown.

Happy Golden Jubilee!

CHIEF GUEST

Golden Jubilee Year Installation



Hon'ble Shri Gulab Chand Kataria
Governor of Punjab & Administrator,
Union Territory, Chandigarh

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown is deeply honoured to welcome Hon'ble Shri Gulab Chand Kataria as the Chief Guest for its 50th Installation Ceremony and Golden Jubilee celebrations.

A veteran statesman with over five decades of distinguished public service, Shri Kataria has earned widespread respect for his integrity, administrative acumen, and unwavering commitment to nation-building. Throughout his illustrious political career, he has held several key constitutional and ministerial responsibilities, making significant contributions in the fields of education, home affairs, rural development, public welfare, and governance.

Before assuming the office of the Governor of Punjab and Administrator of the Union Territory of Chandigarh, Shri Kataria served the people of Rajasthan through multiple terms as a Member of the Legislative Assembly and held important portfolios in the State Government. His calm leadership, decisive approach, and people-centric governance have made him one of India's most respected public figures.

As Governor, he has consistently championed quality education, youth empowerment, environmental sustainability, innovation, and social harmony. His vision of inclusive development resonates strongly with Rotary's ideals of selfless service and community welfare.

His gracious presence at this historic Golden Jubilee Installation Ceremony is a matter of immense pride for Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown. It reflects the shared commitment of public institutions and Rotary towards building stronger communities, empowering citizens, and creating a brighter future through service.

The members of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown extend a heartfelt welcome to Hon'ble Shri Gulab Chand Kataria and express their sincere gratitude for gracing this landmark occasion with his esteemed presence.



GUEST OF HONOUR

Golden Jubilee Year Installation



Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Alka Sarin
Judge
Punjab & Haryana High Court

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown is privileged to welcome Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Alka Sarin as the Guest of Honour for its 50th Installation Ceremony during the club's Golden Jubilee Year.

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Alka Sarin is a distinguished member of the Punjab & Haryana High Court, widely admired for her profound legal knowledge, impeccable integrity, and unwavering commitment to the cause of justice. Throughout her illustrious judicial career, she has exemplified the highest standards of fairness, independence, and dedication to upholding the rule of law.

With decades of experience in the legal profession, Justice Sarin has contributed significantly to the administration of justice through her thoughtful judgments and balanced approach. Her work reflects a deep understanding of constitutional values, human rights, and the principles of equity, earning her immense respect within the legal fraternity and beyond.

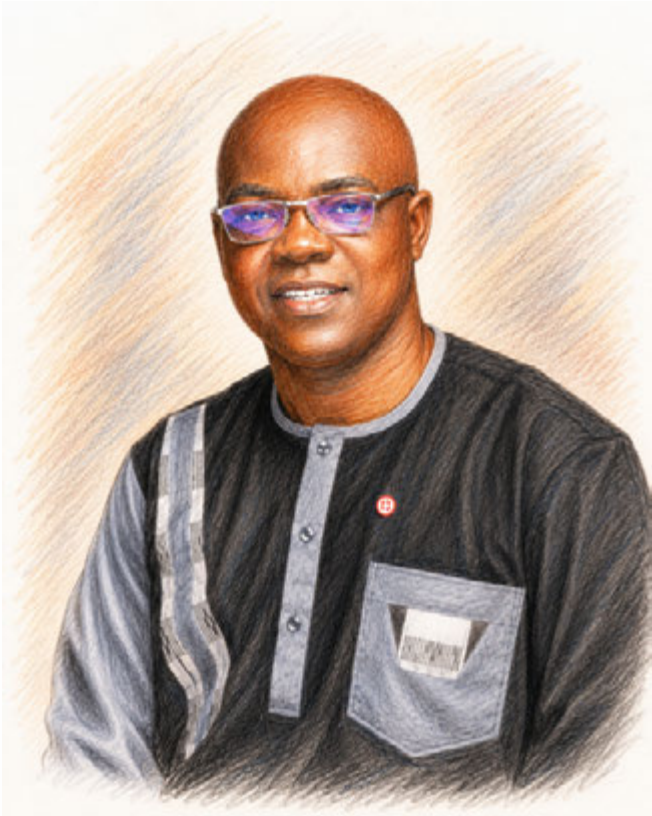
Apart from her judicial responsibilities, Justice Sarin has consistently encouraged initiatives aimed at legal awareness, women's empowerment, access to justice, and the strengthening of institutions that serve society. Her commitment to ethical leadership and public service resonates closely with Rotary's ideals of integrity, fellowship, and Service Above Self.

Her gracious presence on this historic occasion adds immense dignity and prestige to our Golden Jubilee celebrations. We are deeply honoured to have her inspire our members as Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown embarks on another chapter of service, leadership, and community engagement.

The members of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown extend their heartfelt welcome to Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Alka Sarin and express their sincere gratitude for gracing this landmark celebration with her esteemed presence.

MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT

Golden Jubilee Year Installation



Rtn. Olayinka Hakeem Babalola
R.I. President 2026-27

"Before we change the world, we must allow Rotary to change us."

These words carry deep wisdom for every Rotarian. Change begins within ourselves — our mindset, our values, our commitment to service.

When we strengthen ourselves, we strengthen our clubs. When we strengthen our clubs, we strengthen our communities. And together, we create the kind of lasting impact that endures long after our work is done.

Our shared vision remains clear:

- ✓ A world free of polio
- ✓ A world at peace
- ✓ A world where every person has access to education and opportunity

Let us walk this path together — with growth, fellowship, and unwavering dedication to service.



SPECIAL PRESENCE

Golden Jubilee Year Installation



PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo
Past President,
Rotary International

*“ Look
beyond
yourself ”*

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown is deeply privileged to welcome Past Rotary International President Rajendra K. Saboo, one of the most distinguished and respected leaders in the global Rotary movement, whose presence makes our Golden Jubilee Installation Ceremony truly historic.

PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo served as the President of Rotary International for the year 1991–92, becoming one of the few Indians to lead Rotary’s worldwide network of service. His presidential theme, “Look Beyond Yourself,” continues to inspire Rotarians across the globe, reminding us that true leadership lies in selfless service, compassion, and the ability to make a lasting difference in the lives of others.

An eminent industrialist, philanthropist, and humanitarian, PRIP Saboo has devoted his life to advancing Rotary’s mission of promoting peace, goodwill, literacy, health, and community development. His visionary leadership has strengthened Rotary’s international presence and encouraged countless service initiatives that continue to transform communities around the world.

Throughout his remarkable Rotary journey spanning several decades, PRIP Saboo has received numerous national and international honours in recognition of his outstanding contributions to humanitarian service, ethical leadership, and the promotion of global understanding. His wisdom, humility, and unwavering dedication have made him a mentor and role model for generations of Rotarians.

For members of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, his presence during our Golden Jubilee Year is both an inspiration and a blessing. It serves as a reminder that Rotary’s greatest strength lies in its people—leaders who dedicate their lives to serving humanity with compassion, integrity, and purpose.

We are immensely honoured to welcome PRIP Rajendra K. Saboo to this milestone celebration and express our heartfelt gratitude for gracing this historic occasion with his inspiring presence. His association with our Golden Jubilee celebrations will remain a cherished chapter in the history of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR - RID 3080

Golden Jubilee Year Installation



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra

District Governor 2026–27
Rotary ID - 3080

“Together, let us build a Rotary culture that is ethical, inclusive and humane, where every act of service creates lasting impact.”

Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra is an inspiring leader, accomplished medical professional, and passionate humanitarian who has dedicated her life to serving society. A doctor by profession, she served with distinction in the Health Department, Government of Haryana, and retired as the Senior Medical Officer, District Hospital, Panchkula after an exemplary career spanning several decades. Her exceptional contribution to healthcare and public welfare earned her prestigious honours from the Government of Haryana, presented by the Hon’ble Governor and the Hon’ble Chief Minister. Beyond her medical profession, she has remained deeply involved in community service and humanitarian initiatives, earning admiration for her compassionate leadership and unwavering commitment to improving lives.

A dedicated Rotarian, Dr. Kalra has served in numerous leadership roles at the club, district, and national levels, including several National Committees of Rotary International. A generous philanthropist, she believes in giving back to society, and every member of her family is a Paul Harris Fellow, reflecting their shared commitment to “Service Above Self.” As District Governor 2026–27, she envisions a Rotary that is ethical, inclusive, and humane, guided by the Four-Way Test. Her priorities include strengthening clubs, expanding membership, empowering women and youth, nurturing fellowship, and promoting sustainable service projects. She also encourages meaningful contributions to The Rotary Foundation, believing that the greatest gift is “the gift of the heart, the mind, and the soul in service to humanity.” With compassion as her strength, integrity as her guiding principle, and service as her life’s mission, Dr. Rita Kalra leads Rotary District 3080 with a vision to inspire every Rotarian to Create Lasting Impact and build stronger, healthier, and more compassionate communities.

“The wellness of the world depends on our wellness. Let us begin this year with clarity of vision, purity of thought, and unity of purpose.

*Together, we will make District 3080
a beacon of hope and service.*



PRESIDENT

Golden Jubilee Year Installation



Rtn. Renu Chopra

50th President (2026–27)

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown

*Let us together
celebrate 50 years
of service and
step forward with
renewed commitment
and enthusiasm*

Rtn. Renu Chopra hails from a well-respected and service-oriented family that has always upheld the values of compassion, integrity, and community service. A distinguished educationist, she retired as a Principal from the Chandigarh Education Department after an illustrious career spanning several decades, during which she inspired and mentored countless students while promoting excellence in education.

Deeply committed to social service, Rtn. Renu has been an active and dedicated member of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown for many years. She has served the club with distinction in numerous capacities as a member of the Board of Directors, contributing significantly to its growth, service initiatives, and organizational excellence. Her leadership is marked by humility, dedication, and a genuine desire to make a meaningful difference in society.

A generous philanthropist by nature, Rtn. Renu believes that true happiness lies in giving back to the community. She has consistently supported Rotary's humanitarian initiatives and has led by example through her spirit of service and generosity.

Rotary is not just a personal commitment for her—it is a family tradition. Every member of her family is a Paul Harris Fellow, reflecting their collective dedication to Rotary's ideals and their unwavering support for the mission of "Service Above Self."

As the 50th President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown during its prestigious Golden Jubilee Year, Rtn. Renu Chopra brings with her a wealth of experience, a compassionate heart, and an inspiring vision. Her leadership promises to strengthen fellowship, expand meaningful service projects, and create a lasting impact in the community while honouring the club's proud legacy of fifty years.



Celebrating 50 Glorious Years of Service A Legacy of Excellence The Golden Journey of Rotary Chandigarh Midtown

The story of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown is one of vision, leadership and dedicated service. **Chartered on 18 May 1977** under the inspiring leadership of our Charter President, Rtn. Dr. B. D. Gupta, the Club began its journey with a handful of committed Rotarians who believed that meaningful service could transform lives and strengthen communities.

Fifty years later, that vision has grown into one of the most respected and admired Rotary clubs in Northern India. Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has earned recognition not merely for the number of projects undertaken, but for the quality of its leadership, the continuity of its service and the lasting impact it has created across generations.

Over the decades, our Club has been honoured by the presence of some of India's most distinguished personalities. Among those who have visited and graced our programmes are **Former President of India Giani Zail Singh, Former President of India Pranab Mukherjee, Former Union Minister Sushma Swaraj, Former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Former Lieutenant Governor Dr. Kiran Bedi, Governors, Chief Justices, Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament** and many other eminent public figures.

A landmark moment in our journey came with the celebration of our 1000th Weekly Meeting, graced by the **Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Justice A. S. Anand**. Such occasions reflect the esteem and credibility that Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has earned over the years.

The Club has also enjoyed the privilege of welcoming several Rotary International Presidents, Rotary International Directors and senior Rotary leaders, reinforcing its reputation as one of the flagship clubs of Rotary International District 3080.

Leadership has always been one of our defining strengths. Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown proudly gave District 3080 its first District Governor from the Club, PDG Rtn. Shaju Peter, whose leadership brought honour to both the Club and the District. Continuing this proud tradition, Dr. Rita Kalra assumes the office of District Governor for Rotary Year 2026–27, becoming the second District Governor from our Club and carrying forward a rich legacy of Rotary leadership.

Our Club has also been privileged to have among its distinguished members the eminent jurist and **Member of Parliament, Mr. K.T. S. Tuls**i, whose active participation enriched the intellectual and professional character of the Club.



While leadership has been our strength, service has always been our identity. From the internationally acclaimed **Leper Colony** Rehabilitation Project, recognised by Rotary International, to the establishment of Rotary **Aasra Sarai, Happy Schools**, literacy initiatives, healthcare programmes, vocational training, disability empowerment, youth development, women empowerment, environmental initiatives and numerous Global Grant projects, the Club has consistently responded to society's changing needs with compassion, innovation and dedication.

Beyond projects and programmes, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has built something even more enduring—a culture of fellowship, ethical leadership and service that continues to inspire Rotarians across the District. Many initiatives pioneered by the Club have become examples for others to follow, strengthening its position as a leader within Rotary.

As we celebrate our Golden Jubilee, we pay tribute to every Charter Member, every Past President, every Rotarian and every family member whose dedication has shaped this remarkable journey. Their collective efforts have transformed a young club into an institution

respected for its traditions, admired for its standards and recognised for its contribution to Rotary and society alike.

The Golden Jubilee is not simply a celebration of fifty years. It is a celebration of people, values and a shared purpose that has united generations of Rotarians under one banner—Service Above Self.

With gratitude for our past and confidence in our future, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown proudly enters its next chapter, committed to creating an even greater impact for the generations to come.

Acknowledgement

*This commemorative account of our Club's journey draws upon the painstaking documentation and historical records meticulously compiled over several decades by our **Charter Member and Past President, Rtn. B. L. Ramsisaria**. His dedication to preserving the heritage of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown has ensured that the story of our Club, its milestones and its people will continue to inspire future generations. The Club places on record its sincere appreciation for his invaluable contribution to safeguarding our rich legacy.*

“A club is remembered not only for the projects it completes, but for the values it preserves and the lives it enriches.”

THROUGH THE PAGES OF TIME

Memorable Moments with Distinguished Visitors



1983 – A Historic Visit - Former President of India, Giani Zail Singh, visited Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown.



Distinguished Guest Speaker - Mrs. Sushma Swaraj addressing Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown as Chief Guest.



A Dream Turned Reality - Inauguration of Rotary Sarai - Aashra, reflecting the club's commitment to humanitarian service.



Celebrating 1000 Meetings - Chief Justice of India Justice A.S. Anand graced the Club's landmark 1000th Meeting Celebration.



A Moment of International Recognition
PP B.L. Ramsisaria receiving RI prestigious "Service Above Self" Award.



A Visit to Remember - Shri Pranab Mukherjee visited Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown during the presidency of Rtn. D. P. Khandelua.



A Proud Legacy of Leadership
PDG Shaju Peter led RI District 3080 during Rotary Year 2007-08



International Fellowship in Service - Distinguished IR leaders during their visit to Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown.



An Evening of National Eminence - Former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Dr. Farooq Abdullah, graced the Installation Ceremony as Chief Guest in July 2007.



An Honour for the Club - Justice Surya Kant (now Chief Justice of India) graced the Installation of PP R.K. Luther as Chief Guest in July 2011.



A Visit by RI Leadership - RI President K.R. Ravindran with members of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown during the Rotary Intercity Conference, 2015-16.



Dr. Kiran Bedi's visit to Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown during the Installation Ceremony, July 2022.



Installation Ceremony 2022 - Dr. Kiran Bedi graced the Installation of President Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra and the Board of Directors, marking another milestone in the club's journey.



A Moment of Commitment - Dr. Kiran Bedi with the newly installed leadership team during the Installation Ceremony, July 2022.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2026-27



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Dr. Rita Kalra



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Rtn. Renu Chopra



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Rtn. Suresh Dhawan



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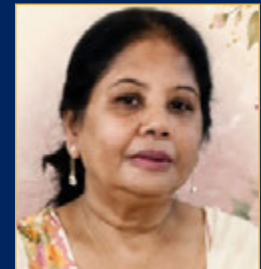
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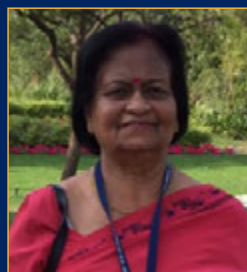
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