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Celebrating District Awards

Date : 10th July 2026

Time : 6:30pm

at Hotel Shivalik View

Sector 17, Chandigarh

FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP

Join us as we begin a new Rotary year
with renewed energy, meaningful
fellowship, inspiring ideas, and a shared
commitment to Service Above Self.

Chief Guest - Debjeet Banerjee
Head CSR JAQUAR
FOUNDATION

Distribution of District
Awards

Date: 10th July 2026

Time: 6:30 PM onwards

Venue: Shivalik View Hotel, Chandigarh

Followed by fellowship, sponsored by awardees of district award function.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

of the things we think, say and do

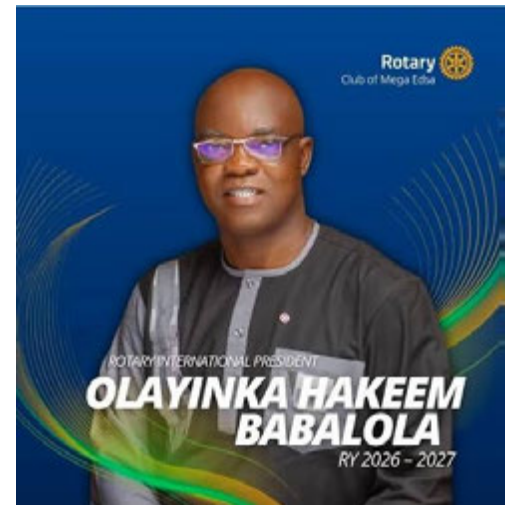
Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all
concerned?

RI President 26-27 Olayinka Hakeem Babalola Leading Rotary to Create Lasting Impact



The Rotary world welcomes Olayinka Hakeem (O.H.) Babalola of Nigeria as the President of Rotary International for the Rotary Year 2026–27. A distinguished Rotarian, engineer, business leader, and humanitarian, President Babalola brings over four decades of dedicated Rotary service and an unwavering commitment to creating sustainable change in communities across the globe.

A member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Rivers State, Nigeria, President Babalola began his Rotary journey as a Rotaractor in 1984 before joining Rotary in 1994. Throughout his remarkable journey, he has served Rotary in numerous leadership capacities, including District Governor, Rotary International Director, RI Vice President, and a key leader in Rotary's global End Polio Now initiative. His contributions have earned him several prestigious recognitions, including the Service Above Self Award and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

Professionally, President Babalola enjoyed a successful career spanning 25 years with Shell in the oil and gas sector before founding companies focussed on infrastructure development and leadership consulting. His extensive experience in organizational leadership, strategic planning, and people development complements his vision for Rotary's future.

For the Rotary Year 2026–27, President Babalola has unveiled the inspiring presidential message: "Create Lasting Impact." The message encourages Rotarians to move beyond temporary solutions and focus on projects that bring sustainable, measurable, and enduring change. It emphasizes strengthening clubs, empowering members, engaging younger generations, growing Rotary's public image, and expanding humanitarian service that leaves communities stronger for generations to come.

President Babalola firmly believes that every Rotary project should leave behind a legacy rather than merely complete an activity. His vision calls upon every Rotarian to lead with compassion, innovation, and purpose while working together to address pressing global challenges through meaningful partnerships and impactful service.

As Rotary enters another exciting year under his leadership, President Olayinka Hakeem Babalola inspires Rotarians worldwide to transform goodwill into lasting change.

His life of service reminds us that true leadership is measured not by titles held, but by the positive impact we leave on the lives of others. Together, Rotarians across the globe are invited to embrace his vision and Create Lasting Impact—one project, one community, and one life at a time.

RTN. DR. RITA KALRA - DISTRICT GOVERNOR, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3080 (2026–27)



Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra is a distinguished leader whose life beautifully reflects Rotary's motto—Service Above Self. A renowned medical professional, accomplished administrator, and dedicated humanitarian, she has assumed the mantle of District Governor of Rotary International District 3080 for the Rotary Year 2026–27, bringing with her a vision of compassionate leadership, innovation, and impactful service. A senior HCMS Class-I Officer, Dr. Kalra served with distinction as Hospital Administrator and Principal Medical Officer of Civil Hospital, Panchkula. Under her dynamic leadership, the hospital earned recognition as one of the first and finest quality-accredited public sector hospitals in the country. Her academic credentials include a medical degree from MGMC Indore, specialized qualifications in hospital management and maternal and child health, and an MBA in Hospital Administration. Born and raised in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh, Dr. Kalra has consistently demonstrated excellence in both her professional and social endeavors. Her commitment to community welfare naturally found expression through Rotary, where she has inspired countless Rotarians through her integrity, empathy, and unwavering dedication to service.

A member of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown since 2009, she has earned the trust and admiration of Rotarians across District 3080 through years of committed leadership. Her election as District Governor reflects the confidence of the Rotary fraternity in her ability to lead the district into a new era of growth, collaboration, and meaningful change.

Known for her inclusive approach and forward-thinking vision, Dr. Rita Kalra has championed leadership development, youth empowerment, innovation, and community transformation. Her initiatives emphasize fellowship, service excellence, and preparing Rotary leaders to address emerging societal challenges.

As District Governor, she leads with the belief that Rotary's greatest strength lies in its people. Her inspiring journey, supported by her husband Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, serves as a testament to the power of dedication, teamwork, and selfless service.

Under her stewardship, District 3080 moves forward with renewed energy, united purpose, and a shared commitment to creating lasting impact in communities. Her leadership promises a Rotary year marked by innovation, compassion, and transformative service—empowering Rotarians to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those they serve.

RTN. RENU CHOPRA - CLUB PRESIDENT

President, Rtn. Renu Chopra.

Born and educated in Delhi, Rtn. Renu completed her schooling and graduation before embarking on an illustrious career in the Government Education Department. Over a distinguished span of 39 years, she served with dedication and distinction, retiring as a Principal in 2016. Even after retirement, her passion for education, social service, and community development has remained as vibrant as ever.

Inspired by Past District Governor Rtn. Shaju Peter, Rtn. Renu joined Rotary in 2012 and was inducted into the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown by Past District Governor Rtn. Raman Aneja. From that day onward, Rotary has become an integral part of her life, providing her with a meaningful platform to serve humanity and contribute to lasting community impact.

Raised in a family deeply rooted in Army values, Rtn. Renu is one of four sisters. She exemplifies the virtues of discipline, integrity, compassion, and selfless service. Her interests include reading, counselling, social work, and active community engagement. Standing firmly beside her in every endeavour is her husband, Rtn. Salil Chopra. Who is a postgraduate in English and Russian from Panjab University, along with an MBA and a successful businessman with interests in Lucknow and Chandigarh.

Together, Rtn. Renu and Rtn. Salil form one of Rotary's most admired couples. Their unwavering commitment to Rotary's ideals has been recognised with the honour of being named the "Best Rotarian Couple" on two occasions.

They are blessed with one son and two daughters who are well settled in Australia, Canada, and Lucknow, and take immense pride in their five grandchildren.

As they continue their Rotary journey together, they remain steadfast in living Rotary's timeless motto, "Service Above Self."



**INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF RTN. DR. RITA KALRA - DISTRICT GOVERNOR,
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3080 (2026-27) &
RTN. RENU CHOPRA - PRESIDENT ROTARY CLUB CHANDIGARH MIDTOWN**



Installation Ceremony Marks the Dawn of a New Rotary Year

The Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown commenced the Rotary Year 2026-27 with a graceful and memorable Installation Ceremony on 1st July 2026, celebrating leadership, service, and a renewed commitment to Rotary's ideals.

A defining highlight of the evening was the celebration of women in leadership with the installation of Dr. Rita Kalra as the District Governor of Rotary International District 3080 and Rtn. Renu Chopra as the President of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown for the Rotary year 2026-27. Their installation marked the beginning of an inspiring chapter, reflecting Rotary's vision of inclusive leadership and meaningful service.

The ceremony was graced by Sh. Gulab Chand Kataria, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh, as the Chief Guest. Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Alka Sarin, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, attended as the Guest of Honour. The occasion was further enriched by the esteemed presence of PRIP Raja Saboo, whose continued guidance and inspiration remain invaluable to the Rotary family.

The proceedings commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by a soulful invocation. A tribute to the nation was paid through the rendition of Vande Mataram, setting a solemn and patriotic tone for the evening.

The installation formalities reflected Rotary's values of leadership and continuity. Four new members were inducted into the club, strengthening the Midtown family and reaffirming its commitment to growth and service. The newly constituted Board of Directors was ceremonially pinned by District Governor Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, while the oath of office was administered by Rtn. B.L. Ramsisaria, formally entrusting the Board with the responsibility of leading the club during the year ahead.

Adding another milestone to the occasion, a special Golden Jubilee Year Installation Bulletin was officially launched, commemorating the club's remarkable journey of five decades of service and fellowship.

In her address, President Rtn. Renu Chopra shared her vision of carrying forward Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, through impactful community projects, meaningful partnerships, and greater member engagement. The ceremony concluded on a note of optimism, enthusiasm, and renewed dedication, setting the stage for an inspiring and action-oriented Rotary year.

The evening concluded with a delightful High Tea, providing members and guests an opportunity for fellowship and celebration.







रीता कालरा ने रोटरी डिस्ट्रिक्ट गवर्नर और रेनू चोपड़ा ने रोटरी क्लब चंडीगढ़ मिडटाउन की प्रेसिडेंट के रूप में संभाला कार्यभार

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WEEK GONE BY

INTERACT CLUB INSTALLATION CEREMONY AT KUNDAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CHANDIGARH

The Interact Club Installation Ceremony for Session 2026–27 was successfully held at Kundan International School, marking the beginning of a new chapter of leadership, service, responsibility, and teamwork.

The event was graced by *Director Youth Service, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain; Dr. Abhiruchi; Director Community Service, Rtn. Maneesha Gupta; and Ann Prof. Deep Shikha whose presence inspired and motivated the young Interactors. Parents of the newly inducted members also attended the ceremony, making the occasion even more special and encouraging for the students.

The ceremony commenced with a plantation drive, symbolizing the club's commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable development. The dignitaries, parents, and student leaders planted saplings as a gesture of responsibility towards nature.

The newly inducted Interactors were then formally installed and presented with their official badges, signifying their commitment to the ideals of service, leadership, fellowship, and community engagement. A free blood pressure check-up camp was also organized for the invites to promote health awareness and well-being. The Club President, Surya Prakash Lohtiya (Class XII Humanities), addressed the gathering and shared the club's vision and future plans under the guiding motto, "Service Before Self." The esteemed Rotarians encouraged the young members to become responsible citizens and active contributors to society through meaningful device initiatives, Rtn. Dr Shashi Jain explained in details the significance of Interact Club.

The ceremony concluded on a note of enthusiasm, pride, and commitment as students, parents, and mentors came together to celebrate the spirit of service and leadership. The newly installed team pledged to uphold the values of the Interact Club and work towards creating a meaningful impact in society.



SEWING & CUTTING COMPETITION AT GPS SINGHPURA, ZIRAKHPUR

RCCM organized cutting and sewing competition amongst 10 students of Govt primary school Singhpura with prizes and distribution of Refreshment to participants. This was supported by teachers Navdeep and R'ann Sudha Puri and Ms Vaishali IC of school.



HAR BACHE KA ADHIKAR – SWACHCH PANI AUR PRAKASH PROJECT

As part of the ongoing Har Bache Ka Adhikar – Swachch Pani aur Prakash project, our club took another meaningful step towards creating a better learning environment for students at GMSSS, Sector 35D, Chandigarh. LED tube lights were formally handed over to the school, reinforcing our commitment to providing brighter, energy-efficient classrooms that enhance visibility while promoting sustainable energy conservation.

The LED lights were presented to the School Principal, Ms. Grover, in the presence of Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, Dr. Abhiruchi, Rtn. Maneesha Gupta, and School Coordinator Ms. Raman. The event was further enriched by the enthusiastic participation of Rotaractors from various Rotaract Clubs, reflecting the spirit of service across generations.

Continuing our commitment to environmental stewardship, a tree plantation drive was also organized on the school premises. Saplings were planted as a symbol of our collective responsibility towards nurturing a greener and healthier future. The plantation activity witnessed active participation from Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, Dr. Abhiruchi, Rtn. Maneesha Gupta, the School Principal, faculty members, Rotaractors, and students, making it a truly collaborative initiative.

Through this combined effort of promoting clean energy and environmental conservation, Rotary continues to empower communities and inspire positive, sustainable change.



HONOURING OUR HEALING HEROES ON NATIONAL DOCTORS' DAY

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown celebrated National Doctors' Day on 1st July by paying tribute to the dedication, compassion, and invaluable service of the medical fraternity. Club President Rtn. Renu Chopra expressed heartfelt gratitude to doctors for their selfless commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of society.

On this special occasion, the club felicitated distinguished medical professionals, including DG Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, Rtn. Dr. Ramneek, Dr. Ruchir Kalra, Dr. Prarthna Kalra, Dr. Monica Kaushal (Gynecologist), and Dr. Prachi Jain (ENT Specialist). Each was honoured with a token of appreciation in recognition of their exemplary contribution to healthcare and community service.

The celebration reflected Rotary's commitment to acknowledging professionals who make a meaningful difference through their dedication and expertise. The event was marked by warmth, appreciation, and fellowship.

Joining President Renu Chopra in the felicitation were Rtn. B. L. Ramsisaria, Rtn. Amarjit Singh, PP Ashok Puri, PP Salil Chopra, IPP Rtn. J. S. Bawa, Rtn. Nitin Kapoor, Rtn. Prem Anand, Rtn. Suresh Dhawan, and R'Ann Indu Anand, R'Ann Shivani Kapoor, R'Ann Sarabjit Bawa, and R'Ann Madhu Dhawan, making the occasion a memorable tribute to the doctors who continue to serve humanity with compassion and excellence.



PROJECT HUNAR - VILL. BIR GHAGGAR



Project HUNAR – A New Beginning for Empowering Communities Through Skills

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown marked a significant milestone on 1st July 2026 with the inauguration of Project HUNAR – Centre of Excellence in Vocational Skilling at Village Bir Ghaggar. A transformational initiative aimed at empowering youth and women through skill development, the centre was formally inaugurated by District Governor Dr. Rita Kalra, along with Mrs. Urmil Kumari, Municipal Councillor, Club President Rtn. Renu Chopra, and Director Vocational Services PP Ashok Puri.

The inauguration was made even more auspicious as it coincided with the Purnahuti of a 51-Kundi Yagya, symbolizing prosperity and new beginnings. Adding a meaningful environmental dimension to the occasion, 51 saplings were planted under the Udgam initiative, reaffirming Rotary's commitment to sustainability and a greener future.

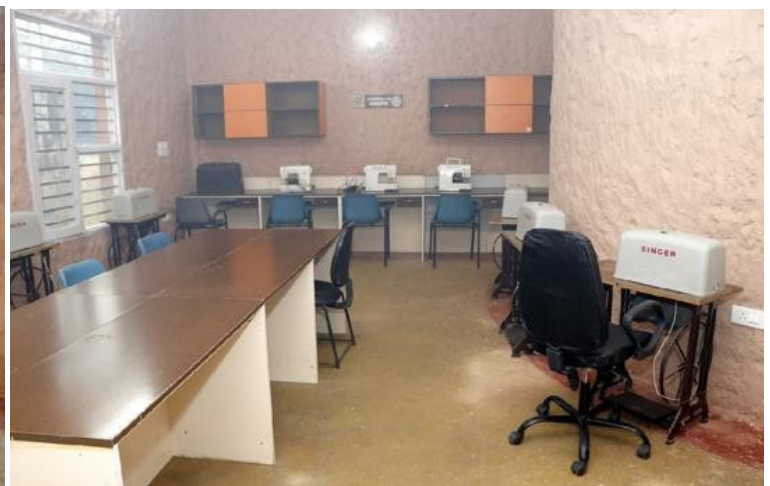
Implemented under Global Grant GG2349087, Project HUNAR is a collaborative initiative of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown and Rotary Club Twin Cities (Centralia-Chehalis), USA. The centre has been established with the vision of creating sustainable livelihood opportunities by equipping beneficiaries with practical, employment-oriented skills.

The vocational centre offers comprehensive training in computer education, sewing and tailoring, beautician courses, and food preservation, enabling participants to become financially independent and self-reliant. To provide a holistic learning environment, the centre is also equipped with a well-stocked library, solar power facilities, and other essential infrastructure that will support quality education and skill enhancement for years to come.

The Club expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Rtn. Anil Puri (Rotary Club Twin Cities Centralia-Chehalis), District Governor Dr. Rita Kalra, Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, Rtn. Ashok Puri, Rtn. Amarjit Singh, and President Rtn. Renu Chopra for their unwavering guidance, commitment, and leadership in bringing this impactful Global Grant project to fruition.

The inaugural ceremony witnessed the gracious presence of Rtn. B. L. Ramsisaria, Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. Balram Gupta, Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, Rtn. Amarjit Singh, Rtn. Nitin Kapoor, Rtn. Prem Anand, IPP Rtn. J. S. Bawa, Rtn. Suresh Dhawan, and R'Ann Indu Anand, Sarabjit Bawa, Shivani Kapoor, Madhu Dhawan and Shashi Gupta, along with several fellow Rotarians from across the district.

Project HUNAR is more than just a vocational training centre—it is a beacon of hope, dignity, and opportunity. By empowering individuals with employable skills while promoting environmental responsibility, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown continues to uphold Rotary's enduring motto of "Service Above Self", creating lasting impact and transforming lives within the community.





INTERACT CLUB INSTALLATION CEREMONY AT GOVT. HIGH SCHOOL MANIMAJRA



The Interact Club Installation Ceremony for the Rotary year 2026–27 was successfully held at Govt. High School Manimajra marking the beginning of a new chapter of leadership, service, responsibility, and teamwork.

The event was graced by the President Rtn Renu Chopra, Director Youth Service, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain; Director Community Service, Rtn. IS Dua Director Public Image, staff and students of the school. Their presence inspired and motivated the young Interactors.

The newly inducted Interactors were then formally installed and presented with their official badges, signifying their commitment to the ideals of service, leadership, fellowship, and community engagement. The Club President

addressed the gathering and shared the club's vision and future plans under the guiding motto, "Service Before Self." The esteemed Rotarians encouraged the young members to become responsible citizens and active contributors to society through meaningful device initiatives.

Dr Shashi Jain explained in details the significance of Interact Club.

Prof. Dua shared with students the life story of Savitribai Phulle who was the pioneer in women education and first female teacher of the country. She defied societal backlash to dismantle caste based barriers and empowered the generations of women. Then President Rtn Renu Chopra blessed and gave her best wishes to the newly elected team.

The ceremony concluded on a note of enthusiasm, pride, and commitment as students and mentors came together to celebrate the spirit of service and leadership. The newly installed team pledged to uphold the values of the Interact Club and work towards creating a meaningful impact in society.

PROJECT SAKHA - DISTRIBUTION OF NUTRIENTS TO TB PATIENTS AT HALLOMAJRA



Project SAKHA was conducted successfully at the Government Dispensary, Hallomajra, with the objective of supporting tuberculosis patients through the distribution of nutrient kits to aid their recovery and well-being. In total 40 nutrient kits were distributed. 22 kits were given to the patients and balance 18 kits were handed over to the Incharge of the dispensary for further distribution.

The project was graced by the presence of President Rtn. Renu Chopra, IPP Rtn. J.S. Bawa, Rtn. Suresh Dhawan, Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. Vinod Jawa, Rtn. Naveen Agarwal and Rtn. Maneesha Gupta, whose participation reflected the club's continued commitment to community health and service.

Rtn. Salil Chopra counselled the patients to take their medication and nutrients so they become healthy again. The initiative reinforced Rotary's dedication to improving lives through compassionate action and meaningful community outreach.

DONATION OF CEILING FANS TO SOREM, SECTOR 36, CHANDIGARH

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown continued its commitment to community service by donating five ceiling fans to SOREM, Sector 36, Chandigarh.

The fans were generously donated by our President, Rtn. Renu Chopra, whose thoughtful contribution will help create a more comfortable environment for the beneficiaries.

This small yet meaningful initiative reflects Rotary's dedication to supporting organizations that work tirelessly for the welfare and well-being of society.

Together, through acts of service and compassion, we strive to make a positive difference in the lives of others.



THE INTERACT CLUB INSTALLATION CEREMONY AT VEDIC GSSS, MANIMAJRA

The Interact Club Installation Ceremony for the Rotary year 2026–27 was successfully held at Vedic Girls Senior Secondary School, Manimajra marking the beginning of a new chapter of leadership, service, responsibility, and teamwork.

The event was graced by Director Youth Service, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain; Director Club Service Rtn. IS Dua, Principal staff and students of the school. Their presence inspired and motivated the young Interactors.

The newly inducted Interactors were then formally installed and presented with their official badges, signifying their commitment to the ideals of service, leadership, fellowship, and community engagement. The Interact Club President addressed the gathering and shared the club's vision and future plans under the guiding motto, "Service Before Self." The esteemed Rotarians encouraged the young members to become responsible citizens and active contributors to society through meaningful initiatives.

Rtn. Dr Shashi Jain explained in details the significance of Interact Club.

Prof. Dua deliberated on the importance of financial independence for girls, character building, focus on career and ethical values. The Principal assured that she will also encourage and guide the Interactors for taking up community service projects.

The ceremony concluded on a note of enthusiasm, pride, and commitment as students and mentors came together to celebrate the spirit of service and leadership. The newly installed team pledged to uphold the values of the Interact Club and work towards creating a meaningful impact in society.



PROJECT RAAHAT

RAAHAT 3.0: 4,000+ Lassi Packets Bring Cool Relief to Chandigarh's Frontline Heroes Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown & Rotaract NMIMS Beat 45°C Heat Wave with 10-Day Humanitarian Drive Amid a blazing Chandigarh summer with temperatures crossing 45°C, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown in collaboration with Rotaract Club Chandigarh Midtown and Rotaract Club NMIMS launched Project Raahat 3.0 – Lassi & Chabeel Distribution.

Over 10 days, the teams distributed 4,000+ chilled Amul lassi packets to traffic police, delivery partners, construction workers, auto drivers and sanitation staff across Tricity. Two mega Chabeel Seva camps in Mohali and Chandigarh served 5,500+ people with sweetened water, ensuring frontline and daily-wage workers stayed hydrated during the heatwave.

The drive was made possible with generous support from PP Rtr. Sanjay Pahwa, Charter President RCCM 1983, who donated ₹30,000, and Amul for bulk lassi packets. "In this weather, a cold lassi isn't a luxury — it's life-saving," said Event Chair Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri. Event Co-Chair PP Rtr. PHF Aman Garg added, "To serve alongside people who care so deeply fills my heart. This project will always be a home for all of us." Raahat 3.0 reaffirmed the Rotary commitment to Service Above Self.



TREE PLANTATION DRIVE STRENGTHENS COMMITMENT TO A GREENER TOMORROW

As part of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown's ongoing commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability, a Tree Plantation Ceremony was organized at Government Senior Secondary School, Manimajra Town. The initiative aimed at promoting a greener environment while inspiring young minds to become responsible custodians of nature.

It was truly encouraging to witness the school's active Green Brigade Club, which enthusiastically leads environmental initiatives. The school also observes the first week of every month as Tree Plantation Week, reflecting its remarkable dedication towards ecological preservation.

The plantation drive was graced by the Principal, dedicated staff members, the enthusiastic Green Brigade students, and Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, Director Youth Service, who appreciated the school's sustained efforts in nurturing environmental awareness among students. Together, the participants planted saplings and reaffirmed their commitment to protecting nature and creating a cleaner, healthier, and greener future for generations to come.



SUSHIKSHA – NURTURING VALUES THROUGH STORIES

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown's flagship SUSHIKSHA initiative continues to inspire young minds through engaging storytelling sessions conducted by Rtn. Salil Chopra, affectionately known as "Rotary Uncle." With his unique ability to connect with children through simple yet powerful stories, he has been spreading the message of moral values, character building, compassion, responsibility and leadership across schools.

During the recent series of visits, Rtn. Salil Chopra interacted with students at Government Middle School, Village Ralli; Government Middle School, Village Kundi; Government Sanskriti Middle School, Village Abheypur; Government Middle School, Village Fatehpur; Government Middle School, Transport Nagar, Lucknow; Prathmik School, Village Bhaisa-II; and Government English Medium Basic School, Bijnor, Lucknow.

Each session was filled with inspiring stories carrying meaningful life lessons. At Village Ralli, children learnt the value of unity through the story of birds determined to dry the sea together, reinforcing the slogan: "Salah Mat Do, Saath Do." (Don't just advise—extend your support.)

At Village Kundi and Abheypur, the story of a courageous child who initiated the removal of a fallen tree blocking a road demonstrated how one person's initiative can motivate an entire community. The children enthusiastically repeated the inspiring message: "Tum Chalo, Hum Chalein; Hum Chalein, Jag Chale." (You take the first step, we shall follow, and together the world will move.)

A special session on water conservation highlighted the vital role children can play in protecting this precious resource. Teachers and principals appreciated the enthusiasm with which students participated and pledged to practise these values in their daily lives.

While visiting Government Middle School, Village Fatehpur, Rtn. Salil Chopra also observed that one classroom was inadequately lit and requested the school authorities to replace the existing lights to create a better learning environment for the children.

One of the most heartening moments came when children from previous sessions accurately narrated earlier stories along with their central messages, reflecting the lasting impact of the initiative.

The children were further inspired through stories highlighting the importance of honesty, discipline and good parenting. The inspiring account of Gayasuddin, whose truthfulness transformed even hardened dacoits, contrasted with the story of Sultana Dacoit, illustrating how childhood values and timely guidance from parents shape a person's character for life.

At Transport Nagar, Lucknow, discussions on healthy living, outdoor activities and cleanliness drew examples from Australia, encouraging children to adopt healthier lifestyles. Students also proudly shared how they assist their parents at home and receive their blessings.

Sessions at Village Bhaisa-II focused on cleanliness, personal hygiene and respect for every form of life through the touching story of a tiny spider during the Mahabharata, teaching that every living being has an important role in nature.

At Government English Medium Basic School, Bijnor, Rtn. Salil Chopra was delighted when a Class IV student perfectly recalled the story of Abu Bin Adam and its moral. Appreciating the child's attentiveness and understanding, he immediately rewarded the student with a chocolate amidst loud cheers from fellow classmates.

The concluding story of a father, son and a fish beautifully conveyed the importance of patience and discretion—teaching children that success often depends on knowing when to speak and when to remain silent.

Through these enriching SUSHIKSHA sessions, Rotary Uncle continues to plant the seeds of integrity, compassion, leadership and responsible citizenship in young minds. His inspiring stories are not merely heard—they are remembered, repeated and, most importantly, practised, making SUSHIKSHA a truly transformative initiative in shaping the future generation.



We are so Proud of you

We are delighted to share that the story on Nandita Sisodia's initiative from our club has been featured in the Rotary International Blog, the July 2026 issue of Rotary Magazine, along with our District Magazine "Fragrance" (July 2026) and in रोटरी समाचार। It is indeed a proud honour for our club to have one of our projects showcased in these prestigious Rotary publications. Such recognition reflects the impact of our service and the dedication of our members.

Heartiest congratulations to R'Ann Nandita Sisodia and our Director, Public Image Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, for this remarkable achievement and for giving our club such excellent visibility.

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION

Helping Hand Turns a Student's Dream into Reality
Pradeep Sisodia

It is often said that every child has the right to dream. Unfortunately, for many talented students, financial hardship becomes a barrier that stands between them and their aspirations. This is the story of Shabkam Pandey, a bright young student whose dream of becoming an engineer was nearly crushed through timely support and compassion.

Shabkam comes from a humble family. His father, Mr. Vishnu Pandey, works as an office assistant in a private company. To support his family, he works tirelessly, but he understands that education and a better future for his son depend on his own efforts. Despite working long hours and taking on additional jobs, providing professional assistance for his son remained beyond the family's financial means.

From an early age, Shabkam understood the value of hard work, watching his father struggle to support the family. He resolved to build a better future for himself through education. His dream was to become a Computer Engineer and improve the quality of life for his family.

As he completed his schooling and the time came to apply for engineering studies, the reality of his financial situation became a serious challenge. The cost of higher education was almost insurmountable for his family. When he applied for a prestigious branch at risk of being short-staffed, his situation became even more dire.

During this difficult period, the family's situation came to the attention of Mrs. Nandita Sisodia, wife of the Pastur President, Vice President of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown (RCM). Having known the family for some time, she was deeply moved by Shabkam's determination and academic potential.

Rather than offering sympathy alone, Mrs. Nandita Sisodia decided to take action. She reached out to friends, neighbors, social organizations, and corporate entities to explore possibilities for educational assistance, scholarships, and programs, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives that could support a deserving student like Shabkam.

The journey was not easy. It involved numerous discussions, meetings, follow-ups, and persistent efforts over several weeks. There were several rejections along the way, but Mrs. Sisodia remained committed that a talented student's future should not be limited by financial circumstances. Her efforts eventually bore fruit.

Through sustained advocacy and coordination, educational assistance was secured under a CSR initiative, ensuring that financial backing would no longer stand in the way of Shabkam's aspirations. He was subsequently admitted to the Computer Science Engineering program at CUII/University of Delhi.

On June 3, 2025, Mrs. Sisodia personally accompanied the admission process, completed the required formalities, and ensured that all approvals and documentation were in place.

Shabkam, emboldened by Shabkam to begin his academic journey without delay. The sponsorship package, valued at approximately ₹ 20 LAKhs (Approx. US\$ 25K), covers tuition fees, accommodation expenses, and support for educational materials, providing comprehensive financial relief to the family.

For Shabkam and his parents, the sponsorship was more than financial assistance; it was the realization of hope. A dream that once seemed out of reach had suddenly become achievable. This story serves as a powerful reminder that when individuals are willing to invest time and effort to ensure that a deserving student receives an opportunity to succeed.

By helping one student pursue higher education, a brighter future has been created not only for Shabkam but also for his entire family. His journey stands as an inspiring example of how compassion, coordination, and community support can transform lives.

As Rotarians, we believe that service above self can create lasting change. Shabkam's story is a shining example of how a single act of kindness can open the door to a lifetime of opportunity.

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