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Sector 17, Chandigarh



RAKTDAAN MAHAKUMBH: RCCM CONTRIBUTES 56 UNITS OF BLOOD

Two Camps, One Mission: Saving Lives Through Voluntary Blood Donation

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown enthusiastically participated in two blood donation camps organised at Sector 22, Chandigarh, and Panjab University, Chandigarh, as part of Raktdaan Mahakumbh, an ambitious district-wide initiative envisioned by District Governor Dr. Rita Kalra. The campaign reflects Rotary's unwavering commitment to humanitarian service and its mission to save lives through voluntary blood donation.

The blood donation camp at Sector 22, Chandigarh, was inaugurated by Rtn. M. P. Gupta, District Governor-Elect. The occasion witnessed enthusiastic participation by club members, who came forward to support this noble cause. Their collective efforts resulted in the collection of 27 units of blood, making a meaningful contribution to the campaign.

The club extends its sincere gratitude to President Rtn. Renu Chopra, Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia, Rtn. Naveen Agarwal, Rtn. Anup Sharma, Secretary Rtn. Suresh Dhawan, Rtn. Brig. Dr. J. S. Sabharwal, R'Ann Jyotie Sabharwal, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain - Director Youth Services, Rtn. Maneesha Gupta - Director Community Service, Rtn. Aman Garg, Rtn. Rashdeep Singh; and the enthusiastic Rotaractors for their valuable support and participation.

The second camp, held at Panjab University, Chandigarh, further strengthened the club's contribution to this life-saving mission. The camp received active support from President Rtn. Renu Chopra, Rtn. Arjan Singh, IPP Rtn. J. S. Bawa, PP Rtn. Dr. Balram Gupta, Rtn. Dr. I. S. Dua, Director Club Service, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, Director Youth Services, Rtn. Brig. Dr. J. S. Sabharwal, R'Ann Jyotie Sabharwal, and the Rotaractors. Their participation and encouragement helped the camp collect 29 units of blood.

With 27 units collected at Sector 22 and another 29 at Panjab University, the club achieved a combined contribution of 56 units of blood through these two camps.

These initiatives exemplify the spirit of Service Above Self and demonstrate how collective action can make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need. Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown remains committed to supporting District 3080's vision of making Raktdaan Mahakumbh a landmark achievement in voluntary blood donation and community service.

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?





WEEK GONE BY

SESSION ON MORAL VALUES AND EDUCATION AT GMS, SECTOR 21, PANCHKULA

A meaningful and inspiring session on moral values and education was conducted for Class VIII students at Government Middle School, Sector 21, Panchkula, focussing on unity, self-worth, positive thinking and the strength of togetherness.

The session began with a discussion on the traditional Indian greeting "Namaste," highlighting its significance as a gesture of respect and goodwill that reflects the values we should practise throughout our lives. Students were also encouraged to take pride in both India and Bharat, recognising that being Bharatiya is a matter of honour and identity.



An interesting story using numbers 1 to 9 illustrated the importance of zero. While an individual may feel small and vulnerable when standing alone, coming together can multiply strength and create remarkable possibilities. The students were encouraged to understand that unity enables us to rise above challenges and achieve greater heights.

The session emphasised that true success comes from inspiring others through hard work rather than pulling them down. Students were motivated to support one another, work collectively and cultivate strong moral values.

The key message was simple yet powerful: Stay united, lift each other up, and grow together to become confident, capable and unstoppable individuals.

MORAL VALUES AND EDUCATION AT GOVERNMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL, VILLAGE KUNDI



A meaningful and heartwarming session on Moral Values and Education was conducted at Government Middle School, Village Kundi, with the aim of nurturing empathy, respect, gratitude and compassion among young minds. The session began with a discussion on the significance of Namaste as a gesture of respect and humility. The children were also encouraged to embrace the thought that every day is

Teachers' Day, as every day offers opportunities to learn, grow and become better human beings.

The highlight of the session was a thought-provoking story from the Mahabharata, associated with Rishi Ved Vyasa. The story conveyed a powerful message that every life—whether that of a soldier, a king or even a tiny ant—is equally precious to those who love them. Every individual is someone's child, someone's parent or a cherished member of a family. This realisation beautifully illustrated that no life is insignificant and that compassion must extend to every living being.

The children were deeply touched by the story and its message. However, the most unforgettable moment came at the end, when the students, filled with excitement and affection, spontaneously accompanied the speaker to the school gates to bid farewell.

This unexpected gesture was profoundly emotional, reaffirming that true education goes beyond textbooks; it touches hearts, inspires kindness and leaves lasting impressions.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF INTERACT CLUB AT GURU GOBIND SINGH COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, CHANDIGARH



Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown marked a significant milestone in its youth service initiatives with the installation of the first Interact Club at Guru Gobind Singh Collegiate School, Chandigarh, on 1 October 2026. The occasion celebrated the spirit of leadership, service, and fellowship among young students.

The ceremony was graced by President Rtn. Renu Chopra, Secretary Rtn. Suresh Dhawan, IPP Rtn. Jogwinder Bawa, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, Rtn. Suman Gupta, and Rtn. Dr. Harinderjit Kaur. Special appreciation was extended to Dr. Harinderjit Kaur for her valuable efforts in making the establishment of the club possible.

The Principal of the school, along with the visiting Rotarians, pinned the newly appointed President and the Board members, formally inducting the team into their leadership roles. President Rtn. Renu Chopra addressed the gathering and highlighted the diverse activities that Interactors could undertake to serve society, develop leadership skills, and promote community welfare. The Director of Youth Service congratulated the new team and emphasised the importance of the Interact Club in nurturing responsible, compassionate, and socially conscious young citizens. The official Charter was also handed over to the school, marking the formal beginning of this new chapter.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by the school authorities, expressing gratitude to Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown for its support and encouragement. The initiative promises to inspire young minds to lead with purpose and serve with compassion.

MORAL VALUES AND EDUCATION SESSIONS AT MAHESHPUR SCHOOLS

In lieu of the session missed on 26 September due to participation in the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), sessions on Moral Values and Education were conducted at two schools in Maheshpur: Prakash High School and Government Middle School.

At Prakash High School, the session was held with Class IX students, focussing on faith, self-reliance and personal responsibility. The students were encouraged to understand that while faith in God provides strength and guidance, we must also use

our own abilities and efforts to manage everyday responsibilities. God may be sought for support in difficult and extraordinary circumstances, but routine tasks require us to make the best use of our own hands, feet and minds.

At Government Middle School, the discussion covered the importance of greeting others with Namaste, maintaining cleanliness in classrooms and school premises, and practising honesty and compassion. A touching story about a student who stole a watch illustrated how a teacher's understanding and sensitivity can protect a child's dignity while guiding them towards better values.



RYLA 2026 – NURTURING YOUNG TALENT AND LEADERSHIP AT KUNDAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, CHANDIGARH

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown organised RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) 2026 on 29 September 2026 at Kundan International School, Chandigarh, bringing together enthusiastic students from six schools: Kundan International School, GGMSSS Sector 20, DAV Model School Sector 15, GMSSS Sector 16, Gurukul Global School, Manimajra, and Bhavan Vidyalaya, New Chandigarh.

The programme was honoured by the presence of District Governor Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra as the Chief Guest, whose gracious presence added prestige to the occasion. President Rtn. Renu Chopra, Director Youth Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, Major General (Retd.) Arun Verma, Rtn. J. S. Bawa, and several Rotarians and R'Anns also graced the event.

The young participants showcased their creativity, confidence and communication skills through Fancy Dress, Music, Declamation and Painting competitions. Their enthusiasm and talent reflected the spirit of RYLA, which encourages self-expression, leadership and holistic development among young people. Prizes were awarded to the first- and second-position holders in each competition, while participation certificates were presented to all students.

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown extends heartfelt gratitude to the judges for their valuable time, thoughtful evaluation and encouragement. Special appreciation goes to Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain for her constant guidance and support. The club also sincerely thanks the Principal of Kundan International School, Mrs. Kalpa and her team for their wholehearted cooperation, meticulous coordination and excellent arrangements.

Refreshments were served to all participants, adding warmth to the occasion. RYLA 2026 was a memorable celebration of young talent, confidence and leadership, reflecting Rotary's commitment to empowering the next generation and helping them discover their potential.



BLOOD DONATION CAMP AT KUNDAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, CHANDIGARH



Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown organised a Blood Donation Camp at Kundan International School, Sector 46, Chandigarh, reflecting Rotary's enduring commitment to community service and saving lives. The camp witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 32 volunteers, resulting in 23 successful blood donations.

The initiative highlighted the spirit of compassion and generosity, reminding everyone that a single unit of blood can make a life-saving difference. The camp was made possible through the invaluable support and dedicated efforts of Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia, to whom the club expressed its sincere gratitude.

The occasion was graced by President Rtn. Renu Chopra, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, Director Youth Services, R'Ann Nandita Sisodia and Rtn. Maneesha Gupta, Director Community Service.

The club extended heartfelt thanks to the Principal and staff of Kundan International School for their cooperation and to the medical team from Sohana Multi-Speciality Hospital, led by Dr. Ritesh Gulati, for their professional care and assistance.

The successful camp reaffirmed Rotary's belief that every drop counts and every donor can help save a life.

MORAL VALUES AND EDUCATION SESSION AT KUNDAN SENIOR SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOL



Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown organised an enriching session on Moral Values and Education for Class X students at Kundan Senior Secondary Public School, Sector 46, Chandigarh. The session was graced by the presence of Rtn. Suman Gupta and Ann Indu Anand, whose valuable contributions made the interaction meaningful and inspiring.

The session began with a discussion on the significance of Namaste as a gesture of respect and humility.

A thought-provoking video, Life After 39 Years, highlighted how our actions and deeds eventually return to us manifold, emphasising the importance of making positive choices in life.

Rtn. Suman Gupta spoke about the importance of respecting teachers and parents, while Ann Indu Anand narrated an inspiring episode from the Mahabharata, explaining how Lord Krishna guided Arjun to recognise and fulfil his duty.

The session was highly appreciated by students and teachers alike and received special praise from the Principal. It reinforced the importance of values, gratitude, responsibility and righteous conduct in shaping young minds.

INSTALLATION OF ROTARACT CLUB AT GURU GOBIND SINGH COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

The Rotaract Club of Guru Gobind Singh College for Women, Chandigarh, for the year 2026–27 was formally installed on 1 October 2026 in an atmosphere of enthusiasm and commitment to service. The समारोह commenced with the singing of the National Anthem.

The occasion was graced by President Rtn. Renu Chopra, Secretary Rtn. Suresh Dhawan, IPP Rtn. Jogwinder Bawa, Rtn. Dr. Shashi Jain, Rtn. Dr. Harinderjit, Rtn. Suman Gupta and Rtn. Aman Garg. DRR Miss Purandhti Gupta and fellow Rotaractors also attended, along with the College Principal, Coordinator and staff members.

President Rtn. Renu Chopra collared the incoming Rotaract President, while Rtn. Aman Garg presented a

report highlighting the club's achievements during the previous year. The incoming President shared her vision and plans for the new term. The Principal assured the club of the institution's full support and guidance.

The incoming President and her board of directors were pinned by the Rotarians, Principal and Coordinator. President Rtn. Renu Chopra also suggested meaningful service projects to inspire the young leaders. The Director of Youth Service blessed the team and wished them a productive and impactful year.

The समारोह concluded with a vote of thanks, marking the beginning of another promising year of leadership, fellowship and community service.



EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO RBBS RESOURCE CENTRE, CHANDIGARH

September 2026, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown organised an educational visit to the Rotary and Blood Bank Society Resource Centre (RBBSRC), Sector 37, Chandigarh, for thirty students of Kundan International School, Sector 46, Chandigarh. The visit aimed to familiarise young students with the importance of blood donation and the vital role of blood banks in saving lives.

Rtn. Dr. Manish Rai, Director, RBBSRC, warmly welcomed the students and briefed them on the significance of voluntary blood donation, the preservation of donated blood, and its availability for patients in need. The medical team guided the students through various facilities, explaining the functioning of specialised equipment and the processes involved in blood collection, storage, and preservation.

The visit was an enriching and informative experience for the students and accompanying teachers, helping them develop a deeper understanding of healthcare services and the humanitarian value of blood donation. Refreshments were generously provided to the students and teachers by RBBSRC.

The initiative was supported and encouraged by Rtn. Maneesha Gupta, Director, Community Service. Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown expresses its sincere gratitude to Rtn. Dr. Manish Rai and his dedicated team for their valuable time, guidance, and warm hospitality.



STITCHING AND TAILORING SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT SINGHPURA SCHOOL



As part of its community service initiatives during the Golden Year 2026–27, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown is conducting an ongoing skill development programme in stitching, sewing and tailoring for students of Classes X to XII at Singhpura School.

The training sessions are held after school hours under the guidance of an experienced teacher, enabling students to acquire practical skills alongside their regular education. The project aims to equip young learners with useful vocational skills that can

help them become self-reliant and explore future opportunities for employment or entrepreneurship.

The club has planned to conduct the programme in four batches, with the objective of training 50 beneficiaries, including school students and a few domestic workers residing in the neighbourhood. This inclusive initiative seeks to empower individuals through skill-based learning and create opportunities for a more independent and dignified future. Through this meaningful endeavour, the club reaffirms its commitment to education, women's empowerment and sustainable community development during its Golden Year.

MEDICAL CAMP AT MALOYA



In a heartfelt endeavour to promote community health and well-being, a medical camp was organised at Maloya, Chandigarh, by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown. The camp aimed to provide accessible healthcare and medical assistance to members of the local community, particularly those in need.

Despite the challenging weather and intense heat, the camp received an encouraging response, with 108 patients examined and provided medical care. The initiative offered an opportunity for residents to seek medical advice and receive essential healthcare support close to home.

Adding a thoughtful touch to the service initiative, medicines, biscuits and soya nuggets were distributed among the patients, combining medical assistance with

nutritional support. These small but meaningful gestures reflected Rotary's commitment to caring for the overall well-being of the community.

The club expressed its heartfelt gratitude to PDG Yoginder Diwan, PP Kanan Diwan and IPP J. S. Bawa for their continued encouragement and valuable support in making the initiative successful. Special appreciation was extended to Dr. Mrs. Anjali Aggarwal and Dr. Yogesh Aggarwal for generously contributing their professional expertise and providing compassionate medical services to the patients.

The medical camp was a meaningful expression of Rotary's enduring motto, Service Above Self, demonstrating how collective efforts, professional dedication and genuine compassion can make a positive difference in people's lives.

BASIC YOGA AND MORAL VALUES SESSION AT GES SINGHPURA



Rtn. Ashok Puri conducted another session of the Basic Yoga and Moral Values programme at Government Elementary School (GES), Singhpura, on 19 September 2026. The session focussed on the importance of correct sitting posture and deep breathing techniques, introducing students to simple yet effective practices for improving their physical well-being, concentration and mental calmness.

The students of Classes IV and V are learning these techniques with encouraging enthusiasm and are gradually becoming familiar with the practices. They are being motivated to incorporate proper sitting posture and deep breathing into their daily morning routine before coming to school.

The initiative aims to nurture healthy habits, self-discipline and mindfulness among young learners. With regular practice and continued guidance throughout the academic year, it is hoped that these simple exercises will become an integral part of the students' daily lives, contributing to their overall development and well-being.

PROJECT ANNAPURNA: SHARING FOOD, SPREADING COMPASSION



Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown carried out Project Annapurna outside Government Hospital, Sector 22, Chandigarh, reaffirming its commitment to serving the community with care and compassion.

As part of this humanitarian initiative, 75 refreshment boxes containing milk, sandwiches, muffins and bananas were distributed to people at the hospital. The thoughtful gesture brought comfort and nourishment to those in need, spreading warmth and kindness through a simple yet meaningful act of service.

Rtn. Aman Garg and Rtn. Rashdeep were present on the occasion, while several enthusiastic Rotaractors joined hands to support the initiative. Their collective efforts reflected the true spirit of Rotary—Service Above Self.

As Mother Teresa wisely said, **"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."** Project Annapurna beautifully embodied this message, demonstrating how small acts of generosity can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.



PROMOTING FINANCIAL LITERACY THROUGH BOOKS AND EDUCATION - RTN. NITIN KAPUR

A meaningful interaction with S. Satnam Singh Sandhu, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Chancellor of Chandigarh University, provided an opportunity to exchange valuable perspectives on the importance of books, education and financial management in today's world.

The discussion highlighted the role of education in shaping informed, responsible and empowered citizens. Emphasis was placed on nurturing a reading culture, promoting knowledge-driven growth and equipping India's youth with essential life skills, particularly financial awareness and prudent money management.

The meeting was especially encouraging as S. Satnam Singh Sandhu congratulated the author on the book **"Gullak – Practical Mantras for Financial Planning"** and appreciated the initiative of promoting financial literacy. His words of encouragement reinforced the importance of helping individuals develop healthy money habits, plan their finances wisely and make informed decisions for a secure future. The interaction was truly inspiring and reflected the shared belief that knowledge, education and financial awareness are essential pillars of personal growth and national development. His valuable insights and encouragement will serve as motivation to continue spreading the message of financial literacy and empowering people, especially the younger generation, towards a financially informed and confident future.



ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE GRADUATION – A STEP TOWARDS EXCELLENCE

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown proudly congratulates Rtn. Salil Chopra and Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia on successfully completing the three-day residential Graduation Course conducted by the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI).

The course provided an enriching opportunity to deepen their understanding of Rotary's values, leadership principles, organisational structure, and commitment to community service. Such learning initiatives play a vital role in strengthening leadership capabilities, encouraging innovative thinking, and preparing Rotarians to take on greater responsibilities within the organisation.

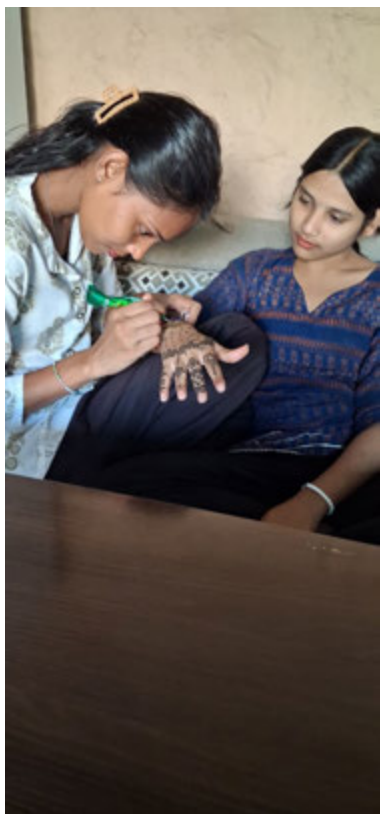
Their successful completion of this programme reflects their dedication to personal growth and their commitment to the ideals of Rotary. The knowledge and insights gained through this experience will undoubtedly contribute to more effective club functioning, stronger fellowship, and impactful service projects.

The club congratulates both Rotarians on this noteworthy achievement and wishes them continued success as they carry forward the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self.



VOCATIONAL COURSES AT HUNAR, BIR GHAGGAR

Glimpses of Computer Training, Beautician Course and Sewing and Tailoring Courses being run at HUNAR, Village Bir Ghaggar a Rotary Initiative by Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown.



ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

AS A ROTARIAN, I WILL:

- 1 Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- 2 Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 3 Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- 4 Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
- 5 Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities; report any suspected harassment; and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment

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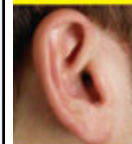
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