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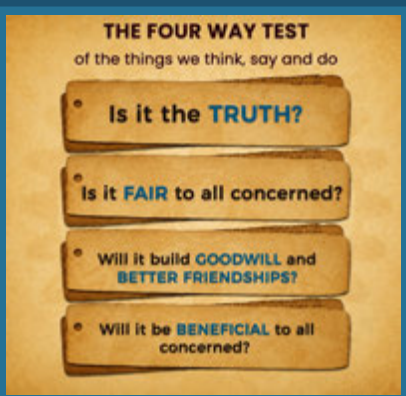
Date : 13th November 2026

Time : 6:30pm

Venue : Hotel Shivalik View,

Sector 17, Chandigarh





DIWALI CELEBRATION – LIGHT, LAUGHTER & TOGETHERNESS

Diwali is a celebration of light, hope and togetherness, reminding us that the true beauty of festivals lies in the bonds we share and the happiness we spread.

Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown celebrated the festival of lights with great enthusiasm and festive fervour at the Press Club, Chandigarh. The evening commenced with the rendition of the National Anthem, followed by the auspicious Lakshmi Aarti, invoking divine blessings of prosperity, peace and happiness for all.

The celebrations soon came alive with laughter, music and spirited participation as a series of entertaining games, beautifully curated and coordinated by Ann Jyotie Sabharwal and Rtn. Brig. J.S. Sabharwal, brought out the childlike enthusiasm in members.

The Songs Game saw Rtn. Anup Sharma and Ann Deepti (Sangam Jodi No. 1) emerge winners, followed by Rtn. Suman Gupta and Rtn. Shashi Jain (Sangam Jodi No. 2).

In the Best Dressed Couple/Ramp Walk category, Ann Neeru Khattar and Rtn. Raj Khattar won the first prize, while Ann Surinder Chandoak and Col. Chandoak were runners-up.

The Cards Game winners were Rtr. Mukti and Rtr. Ishita, followed by Rtn. Amarjit Singh and Ann Sunita.Tambola added another dimension of excitement, with Ann Saroj Jain, Mrs. Surinder Chandoak and DG Dr. Rita Kalra winning the First, Second and Third Houses respectively. Top, Centre and Bottom Line prizes went to Ms. Chetna Kapoor, Ms. Shivali and Ann Kadam Bhambri.

The joy doubled with cake-cutting celebrations for members' birthdays and wedding anniversaries. A sumptuous spread of snacks, delicious food and delectable sweets further enhanced the festive mood. President Rtn. Renu Chopra and Rtn. Salil Chopra added a personal touch by presenting Diwali gifts to all members as tokens of love and appreciation.



Special appreciation goes to Rtn. Suresh Dhawan and Ann Madhu Dhawan, along with Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia and Ann Nandita Sisodia, for their valuable contribution to organising the memorable evening.

Reflecting Rotary's enduring spirit of Service Above Self, the Rotaractors also set up a stall featuring Diwali decorations crafted by SOREM. The initiative raised funds for the Socktober Project, beautifully combining festive celebrations with a meaningful cause.

It was truly an evening of camaraderie, celebration and compassion, capturing the essence of Diwali — illuminating lives, strengthening friendships and spreading happiness!

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Glimpses of Weekly Meeting























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Week Gone By

ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Supporting Young Learners at Sushiksha Remedial Classes

In keeping with Rotary's commitment to community welfare, education and the well-being of underprivileged children, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown organised a community service initiative at Sushiksha Remedial Classes, Sector 35, run by Rtn. Anne Nandita Sisodia.

The initiative focussed on addressing the essential needs of young learners while promoting health, hygiene and personal dignity. Shirts, shoes, face masks and sanitary pads were distributed among the students, providing practical support and reinforcing the importance of care, confidence and self-respect.The distribution of shirts and shoes aimed to ensure greater comfort for the children in their daily lives and educational pursuits. Face masks were provided in view of the approaching Diwali festivities and the anticipated increase in dust and air pollution, encouraging students to take precautions for their health and well-being.A significant aspect of the initiative was the distribution of sanitary pads to ten girl students. This thoughtful gesture sought to promote menstrual hygiene, encourage awareness about personal health and help young girls approach menstrual health with confidence and dignity.

The programme reflected Rotary's holistic approach to community development, recognising that meaningful educational support extends beyond the classroom. By addressing basic necessities and promoting health awareness, the initiative sought to create a more supportive environment for learning and personal growth.



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Project Annapurna – Sharing Happiness Through Service

Samarpan, Majri Chowk, Panchkula

"Tradition preserves our values, and compassion brings them to life."

Living up to Rotary's enduring motto, Service Above Self, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown organised Project Annapurna at Samarpan, Majri Chowk, Panchkula, bringing smiles and festive cheer to 110 children.

The programme was filled with warmth, joy and togetherness as the children celebrated the spirit of Diwali. Adding an inspiring dimension to the occasion, Rtn. Salil Chopra narrated the heartwarming story of "Tum Chalo, Hum Chalein", followed by another meaningful story that conveyed valuable lessons of unity, cooperation and collective responsibility. His storytelling captivated the children and left them with an uplifting message.

The celebration concluded with a wholesome meal of Rajma, Rice and delicious Kheer, which the children enjoyed with great enthusiasm. Beyond sharing food, the initiative was an opportunity to share happiness, strengthen human bonds and create cherished memories.

President Rtn. Renu Chopra, PP Salil Chopra and Secretary Rtn. Suresh Dhawan graced the occasion. The project was graciously hosted by Rtn. Salil Chopra and President Rtn. Renu Chopra.

Project Annapurna beautifully reflected Rotary's commitment to caring, sharing and bringing happiness to young lives, proving once again that even the simplest acts of kindness can create lasting smiles.





A STEP TOWARDS A GREENER TOMORROW – ROTARY INITIATIVE ON E-WASTE MANAGEMENT



In a meaningful contribution towards environmental protection, Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia handed over discarded office electronic equipment, including a computer, monitor and keyboards, to Rotary Chandigarh Horizon Club President Rtn. Avinash Taneja and Rtn. Vijay Dhall.

The handover was made in response to the Club's request as part of its initiative to promote responsible e-waste management and environmental awareness.

The initiative aims to discourage indiscriminate dumping of obsolete electronic equipment and encourage its proper collection, recycling and disposal through appropriate channels. Improper disposal of e-waste can release harmful substances into the environment, posing risks to soil, water and human health. The initiative highlights the importance of collective participation in protecting our planet. By adopting responsible disposal practices, individuals and institutions can help reduce environmental pollution and conserve valuable resources.

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MORAL VALUES, ETHICS AND EDUCATION – A SESSION AT SAMARPAN

A meaningful session on moral values, ethics and education was organised for the children of Samarpan at Majari Chowk, Old Panchkula, with the objective of nurturing good habits, positive values and a spirit of togetherness.

The session began with an engaging discussion on the importance of performing Namaste with respect and humility. Two inspiring slogans, “Salah Mat Do, Saath Do” (Don’t just give advice, extend your support) and “Tum Chalo, Hum Chalein, Hum Chalein, Sab Chalein” (You take the lead, we will follow, and together we shall move forward), formed the central theme of the interaction.

Stories illustrating these messages were narrated to the children, encouraging them to practise empathy, cooperation, mutual respect and collective responsibility in their daily lives. The session was warmly appreciated by all 90 children, their mothers and teachers, who participated with great enthusiasm.

The programme concluded on a heartwarming note with Langar served to everyone present by the organiser and Rtn. Renu Chopra, reinforcing the values of sharing, compassion and community service.





KHUSHIYON KI DIWALI, SABKI DIWALI



Rotaract Club of UIAMS Spreads Joy Through Three Community Service Projects

Embracing the true spirit of Diwali, the Rotaract Club of UIAMS undertook three meaningful community service projects under the initiative “Khushiyon Ki Diwali, Sabki Diwali,” bringing warmth, happiness and festive cheer to different sections of society.

Project SAATHI – Mehnat Ki Thand, Apnepan Ki Garmi celebrated the dedication of auto-rickshaw drivers who work tirelessly to keep the city moving. Recognising their contribution and the challenges of the approaching winter, the Rotaractors distributed new sweaters to the auto-rickshaw drivers. This thoughtful gesture was a heartfelt expression of gratitude for their relentless hard work and a reminder that their efforts are valued.

Under Apno Wali Diwali – Diwali with Our Guards and Gatekeepers, the club celebrated the festival with 19 hostel guards and gatekeepers stationed at Panjab University’s hostels and gates. Sweets were distributed, festive greetings were exchanged, and moments of joy were shared with those who work diligently to ensure the safety and security of the university community.

Project Likhawat 2.0 brought smiles to underprivileged children at Dhanas through the distribution of fruits and stationery kits as Diwali gifts. The initiative combined festive generosity with encouragement for education and healthy living.

Through these three projects, the Rotaract Club of UIAMS reaffirmed that the true joy of Diwali lies in sharing happiness, recognising unsung heroes and spreading kindness among all.

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Celebration Time







Celebrating Birthday's & Anniversary's

	Birthday – Spouse
Nov 08	R'Ann Veena Bindra
Nov 10	R'Ann Dilpreet

	Birthday - Rotarian
Nov 10	PP Ajit S. Gulati
Nov 12	Rtn. Devjeet Singh



	Wedding Anniversaries
Nov 06	Rtn. Arun K. Verma and Mini Verma
Nov 11	Rtn. Shashi Jain and Naresh Jain
Nov 12	PP Kanan Diwan and PDG Yoginder Diwan

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