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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Message from the President

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends, and Well-Wishers,

As we move forward in this Rotary year, I am proud to see the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon translating its vision into meaningful action.

The past month has reflected the spirit we want Team Horizon to be known for — service with purpose, fellowship with warmth, and initiatives that create lasting impact. From youth leadership and education to blood donation, environmental action, community engagement and technology-led initiatives, our members have stepped forward with enthusiasm and a strong sense of responsibility.

Our RYLA initiatives have given young minds opportunities to learn about leadership, resilience, service and responsible citizenship. Our plantation and community projects have strengthened our commitment towards the environment, while our health and blood donation initiatives have demonstrated Rotary's ability to respond to real community needs.

What makes these achievements particularly meaningful is the collective effort behind them. Every member who participates, contributes an idea, builds a partnership, mobilises resources or simply gives their time strengthens our club.

As President, I want Chandigarh Horizon to continue being a club where ideas are encouraged, members are empowered, partnerships are built and service remains at the centre of everything we do.

We have started strongly, but this is only the beginning. The real measure of our success will be the consistency of our efforts and the lives we are able to positively influence throughout the year.

I thank our mentors, leadership team, members, partners and the wider Rotary family for standing with us and contributing to this journey.

Let us continue to work together with energy, humility and purpose — and ensure that wherever Team Horizon serves, we Create Lasting Impact.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn. Avinash Taneja

President 2026-27

Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon, RID 3080



Avinash Taneja

President 2026-27, Rotary Club of
Chandigarh Horizon

FROM THE CHIEF MENTOR'S DESK

Message from the Chief Mentor

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

A Rotary club establishes its identity not through words, but through the consistency and quality of its service. It is encouraging to see the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon steadily building that identity through action.

Over the past weeks, Team Horizon has demonstrated enthusiasm across youth development, health, environment, education and community service. More importantly, these initiatives reflect a willingness among members to participate, collaborate and take responsibility.

For a young club, this momentum is important. But our next challenge is equally significant — **to convert momentum into continuity and individual projects into sustainable programmes.**

This is where the values of Rotary and the strength of The Rotary Foundation become particularly important. The Foundation enables Rotarians to transform goodwill into structured, sustainable and measurable interventions. As our club grows, I encourage every member to deepen their understanding of The Rotary Foundation and recognise the extraordinary possibilities it creates for service locally and globally.

Strong clubs are also built through strong leadership pipelines. We must continue creating opportunities for members to lead, learn and contribute. Leadership in Rotary is not about designation; it is about accepting responsibility and enabling others to succeed.

I congratulate President Rtn. Avinash Taneja and Team Horizon for the energy with which this Rotary year has begun. I also appreciate every member whose time and contribution have helped strengthen our collective efforts.

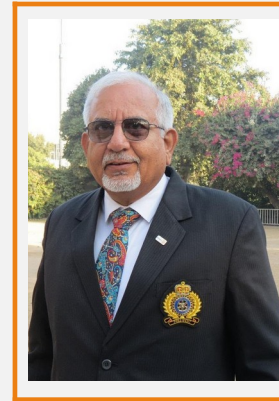
There is much more ahead of us. Let us remain focused on meaningful service, stronger fellowship and sustainable initiatives while continuing to uphold the values that have made Rotary one of the world's most respected service organisations.

Yours in Rotary Service,

PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall

Chief Mentor & Foundation Chair

Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon, RID 3080



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Chief Mentor & Foundation Chair,
Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon

FROM THE CHIEF EDITOR'S DESK

Message from the Chief Editor

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Changemakers, and Friends,

This edition of **Horizoners** captures something far more important than a calendar of activities — it captures a club finding its identity through action.

Over the past month, Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon has been visible across multiple dimensions of service: **youth leadership, education, health, environmental responsibility, technology, fellowship and community engagement**. From RYLA and plantation initiatives to blood donation, AI literacy and our participation on wider Rotary platforms, Team Horizon has demonstrated that a young club can think ambitiously and act decisively.

But telling these stories matters almost as much as creating them.

As Public Image Chair and Chief Editor, I believe Rotary's public image should never become an exercise in publicity alone. **Our communication must document impact, inspire participation and build credibility**. Every photograph should represent a story. Every story should represent action. And every action should ultimately represent a life or community positively affected by Rotary.

Our engagement with youth deserves particular attention. The world they are entering is being transformed rapidly by Artificial Intelligence, automation and new technologies. Through initiatives around AI literacy, leadership and youth wellness, we have an opportunity to ensure that Rotary does not merely observe this transformation but actively prepares young people to navigate it responsibly.

At the same time, technology can never replace the human foundations of Rotary — compassion, fellowship, integrity and service. That balance between **innovation and humanity** is where I believe Rotary can make an extraordinary contribution in the years ahead.

As you turn these pages, I invite you not merely to look at what Team Horizon has accomplished, but to imagine what we can build next. Our charter gave us an identity. Our projects are now giving that identity meaning. The Horizon is expanding — and we are only getting started.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash

Chief Editor | President Elect 2027-28 | Public Image Chair

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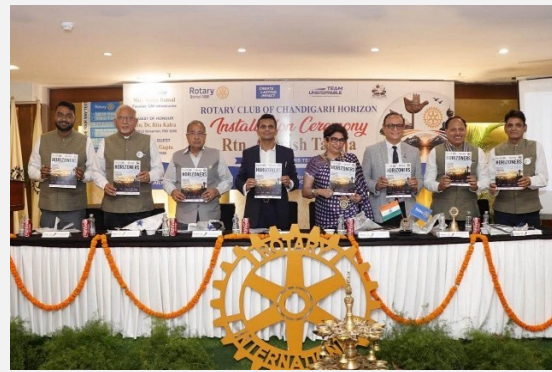
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PART TWO

Club News & Impact

Twenty-three stories of service, fellowship and impact from Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon — July & August 2026

LEADERSHIP & INSTALLATION

01 Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon Installs New Leadership for 2026-27

CHANDIGARH, 13 JULY 2026 — Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon (RID 3080) today installed Rtn. Avinash Taneja as President for the Rotary Year 2026-27 during a grand Installation Ceremony held at Hotel Aroma, Chandigarh. The event witnessed the formal installation of the new leadership team, the induction of seven Rotarians, and the official launch of the club's inaugural monthly magazine, Horizoners.

The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome address by Chief Patron & Foundation Chair PP Rtn. Vijay Dhall, while Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash flawlessly anchored the evening as the Master of Ceremony.

The grand event was graced by Shri Mohit Bansal, Founder, GMI Infrastructure, as Chief Guest; Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, District Governor, RID 3080, as Guest of Honour; and Rtn. M.P. Gupta, District Governor Elect, RID 3080, as Special Guest. The ceremony also marked the gracious presence of prominent dignitaries including Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, Rtn. Pardeep Sisodia (RID 3080), Rtn. Uma Gupta, Dr. Manish Rai (Director, Rotary Blood Bank Society, Chandigarh), along with representatives from sister concerns and the Chandigarh Traffic Police.

A key highlight of the evening was the formal installation of the Core Team and Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2026-27. The visiting dignitaries presented the official installation kits and pinned the new team members:

- President: Rtn. Avinash Taneja
- Secretary: Rtn. Rajpal Midha
- Treasurer: Rtn. Surinder Khanna
- Vice-President: Rtn. Manjula Walia
- Chief Patron & Foundation Chair: Rtn. Vijay Dhall
- President-Elect (2027–28): Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash
- Director (Club Services): Rtn. Rupender Kumaria
- Director (Vocational Services): Rtn. Rajat Malhotra
- Director (Youth Services): Rtn. Manjeet Singh
- Director (International Services): Rtn. Gurminder Multani
- Director (Community Services): Rtn. Varun Walia
- Internal Auditor: Rtn. CA Uma Kant Mehta

In a special gesture, Chief Guest Shri Mohit Bansal was bestowed with a prestigious "Honorary Membership" of the Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, formally welcomed into the fold with a ceremonial pinning by District Governor Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra. In appreciation of his passion for sports, Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash presented Shri Bansal with a rare, prized cricket ball duly signed by the New Zealand national cricket team and the Prime Minister of New Zealand.

While speaking on the occasion, Shri Mohit Bansal lauded the club's vision, emphasizing that organizations driven by service and ethical leadership create lasting change. In a powerful gesture of support for the club's environmental goals, he announced that GMI Charitable Trust would provide 1,000 saplings, including securing the land and labor, for the club's upcoming Tree Plantation Drive.

Furthering the evening's momentum, two Letters of Intent (LOIs) were signed and exchanged with the GMI Charitable Trust and the Kaira Hope Foundation to collaborate on impactful community initiatives aligned closely with Rotary International's Seven Areas of Focus.

Addressing the gathering, newly installed President Rtn. Avinash Taneja unveiled the club's ambitious roadmap for 2026–27, reaffirming his commitment to youth empowerment, healthcare, environmental sustainability, and community development under the theme "Together, We Create Lasting Impact."

District Governor Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra congratulated the new leadership team and appreciated the club's remarkable progress, encouraging members to continue setting new benchmarks. District Governor Elect Rtn. M.P. Gupta urged members to work with unity, innovation, and purpose, emphasizing that active participation is the foundation of a vibrant Rotary club.

Another significant moment of the evening was the induction of seven new Rotarians, reflecting the growing strength and expanding reach of Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon. The new members were formally welcomed into the Rotary family and encouraged to actively contribute their professional expertise, ideas and time towards the Club's service initiatives. Their induction represented not merely an increase in membership, but the addition of new energy, perspectives and leadership potential to the Club as it begins an ambitious Rotary Year focused on creating measurable community impact.

The programme concluded with the presentation of mementoes to the Chief Guest, DG, and DGE, Dr Sanjay Kalra by designated members. Dr. Manish Rai, Director, Rotary Blood Bank Society, Chandigarh, and three officers of the Chandigarh Traffic Police were also felicitated for their support, followed by warm fellowship and a collective pledge by the newly installed leadership to strengthen Rotary's mission of 'Service Above Self.' The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Director (Vocational Services) Rtn. Rajat Malhotra.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

02 An inspiring visit to Rotary Blood Bank Society

16 JULY, 2026, CHANDIGARH — Members of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon visited the Rotary & Blood Bank Society Resource Centre, Chandigarh, gaining firsthand insight into how voluntarily donated blood is collected, tested, processed, separated into components and safely stored for patients in need. The visit highlighted the Blood Bank's vital role in ensuring a safe, reliable and timely supply while promoting regular voluntary blood donation across the community.

Members also learned that blood is available 24×7 without the requirement of replacement donation. BPL card holders and cancer patients receive blood free of cost, while others can access blood and blood components at government-approved rates. The visit reinforced the importance of building a culture of lifelong voluntary blood donation and strengthened the Club's commitment to supporting initiatives that save lives and improve community healthcare.

The interaction also helped members understand how a single blood donation can support multiple patients through the separation of blood into different components. The Club looks forward to strengthening its association with the Blood Bank through continued donation drives, awareness initiatives and greater community participation.

A truly inspiring example of Service Above Self—where every voluntary donation has the potential to become someone's lifeline.

ENVIRONMENT

03 Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon Launches Mega Tree Plantation Drive



MOHALI, JULY 22, 2026 — Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon (RID 3080), in collaboration with GMI Charitable Trust, launched the first phase of its Mega Tree Plantation Drive at GMI Business Park, Sector 102A, SAS Nagar (Mohali), marking the beginning of an ambitious environmental initiative aimed at supporting the plantation of 1,000 trees across the region.

The initiative reflects Rotary's commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible community action. Going beyond a one-day plantation activity, the drive seeks to create a lasting green impact by encouraging Rotarians, volunteers, residents, organisations, and other stakeholders to actively participate in protecting and expanding the region's green cover.

The programme was led by Rtn. Avinash Taneja, President, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, under the guidance of PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall, Chief Mentor, while Rtn. Varun Walia served as the Project Chair and coordinated the initiative.

District Governor Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra (RID 3080) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and joined Rotarians and community members in the plantation drive. The event was also attended by Dr. Sanjay Kalra, District Chair – International Service; Rtn. Pankaj Kapoor, District Chair – Blood Donation; and Sh. Mohit Bansal, Founder of GMI Charitable Trust, whose vision of planting 1,000 trees provided the inspiration and momentum for the initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, DG Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra appreciated the collaborative efforts of Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon and GMI Charitable Trust in advancing environmental conservation. She highlighted the importance of community participation in addressing environmental challenges and encouraged citizens, particularly young people, to take greater responsibility for protecting nature and building a sustainable future.

President Rtn. Avinash Taneja reaffirmed Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon's commitment to undertaking meaningful and measurable service initiatives that create a lasting impact in the community. He emphasised that environmental protection is a shared responsibility and that sustained action at the grassroots level can make a significant difference.

PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall, Chief Mentor, stressed that planting trees is an investment in future generations. He highlighted the need not only to plant saplings but also to ensure their continued care and growth so that plantation initiatives translate into genuine, long-term environmental benefits.

Project Chair Rtn. Varun Walia highlighted the importance of collective participation in achieving the larger plantation goal and expressed confidence that the initiative would inspire greater community involvement in environmental conservation.

Rotarians, members of GMI Charitable Trust, volunteers, and community members enthusiastically participated in planting saplings, transforming the occasion into a collective pledge towards a cleaner, greener, and healthier environment. The participation of people from different sections of the community reinforced the message that meaningful environmental change requires sustained collaboration rather than isolated efforts.

An important focus of the initiative is survival beyond plantation. Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon recognises that the true measure of an environmental project is not simply the number of saplings planted, but how many grow into healthy trees. The drive therefore seeks to encourage continued care, monitoring and community ownership of the planted saplings. By involving local residents, partner organisations and volunteers beyond the plantation day, the initiative aims to build accountability around their protection and nurturing, turning the target of 1,000 trees into a measurable and sustainable environmental outcome.

The drive also serves as a platform for strengthening environmental awareness, particularly among the younger generation, and demonstrating how partnerships between civil society, businesses and community organisations can translate environmental intent into action. Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash, President-Elect and Public Image Chair, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, emphasised that addressing environmental challenges requires sustained behavioural change alongside plantation activities. He highlighted the need to inspire individuals and institutions to adopt greener practices, participate actively in conservation efforts and recognise environmental stewardship as a collective responsibility. Through continued advocacy and community engagement, the club aims to ensure that the initiative inspires action well beyond the sites where the 1,000 trees are planted.

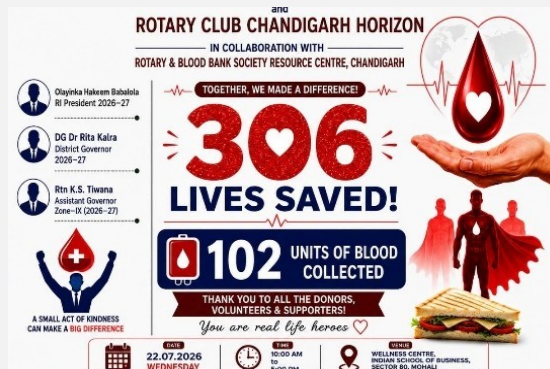
The Mega Tree Plantation Drive forms part of Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon's broader commitment to community service, environmental sustainability, and creating lasting impact. The club intends to continue plantation and environmental awareness activities at multiple locations across the region, while encouraging greater participation from residents, institutions, businesses, and young people.

Through its collaboration with GMI Charitable Trust, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon aims to turn the vision of 1,000 trees into a growing green legacy for the community—one that contributes to cleaner air, improved biodiversity, a healthier ecosystem, and a more sustainable future for generations to come.

Plant today. Protect tomorrow. Create lasting impact.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

04 102 Units of Blood Collected as Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon and Indian School of Business Organise Mega Blood Donation Camp



MOHALI, 22 JULY 2026 — Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon (RID 3080), in collaboration with the Indian School of Business (ISB), Mohali Campus, the Rotary & Blood Bank Society Resource Centre, Chandigarh, and sponsor partner IdeaClan, organised a Mega Blood Donation Camp at the Wellness Centre, ISB, Sector 80, Mohali. The initiative witnessed an enthusiastic response from the community and resulted in the collection of 102 units of blood, contributing significantly towards supporting patients and strengthening the availability of safe blood in the region.

The camp was led by Rtn. Avinash Taneja, President, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, under the guidance of PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall, who served as the Project Chair. The initiative was organised with the objective of promoting voluntary blood donation, creating greater awareness about its importance, and helping bridge the continuing gap between the demand and availability of safe blood.

Blood donation remains one of the most direct and meaningful forms of community service. A single donation can support patients undergoing surgeries, accident and trauma victims, individuals receiving cancer treatment, women facing complications during childbirth, and people living with conditions that require regular blood transfusions. Through the camp, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon sought not only to collect blood but also to encourage more people to become regular voluntary donors.

The camp brought together Rotarians, faculty members, students, healthcare professionals, security personnel and other staff, volunteers, corporate representatives, and members of the wider community. Their participation reflected the true Rotary spirit of “Service Above Self” and demonstrated how institutions, businesses, service organisations, and individuals can work together to address critical healthcare needs.

The medical team and representatives from the Rotary & Blood Bank Society Resource Centre, Chandigarh, ensured that the donation process was conducted systematically, with appropriate screening and donor care. Volunteers and members of the participating organisations assisted throughout the camp, helping create a smooth and welcoming experience for donors.

VOICES FROM THE EVENT

Rtn. Mohit Singla, District Secretary, District 3080, commended Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon for undertaking the initiative and expressed his appreciation to the donors who voluntarily came forward to contribute towards this life-saving cause.

Rtn. Pankaj Kapoor, District Chair – Blood Bank, interacted with donors during the camp and highlighted the continuing need to strengthen voluntary blood donation across the region. He noted that Rotary District 3080 is working extensively to help bridge the gap between the demand and supply of blood units and to ensure that safe blood is available to patients when they need it most.

Rtn. Avinash Taneja, President, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, reaffirmed the club's commitment to undertaking meaningful healthcare and community service initiatives that deliver tangible benefits to society. He emphasised that the success of the camp belonged to every individual who chose to donate blood and become part of the effort to save lives.

PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall, Project Chair, expressed his gratitude to the Indian School of Business (ISB), Mohali Campus; the Rotary & Blood Bank Society Resource Centre, Chandigarh; sponsor partner IdeaClan; healthcare professionals; security personnel and support staff; volunteers; Rotarians; and every donor who contributed to making the initiative a success. He highlighted that partnerships between institutions and community organisations can substantially increase the reach and impact of humanitarian initiatives.

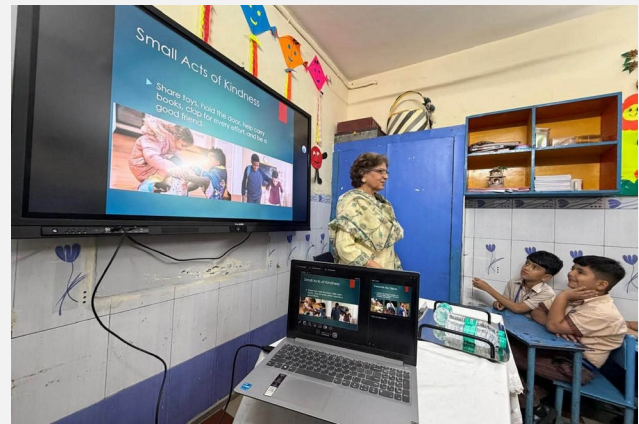
Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash, President-Elect and Public Image Chair, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, highlighted the importance of transforming blood donation from a one-time act into a sustained community movement. He emphasised that while technology and medical advancement continue to transform healthcare, there remains no substitute for human blood, making every voluntary donor an indispensable part of the healthcare ecosystem. He appreciated the overwhelming response of the donors and reiterated the club's commitment to using awareness, partnerships and community mobilisation to encourage more citizens, particularly young people, to become regular voluntary blood donors and help ensure that no life is lost due to the unavailability of blood.

The collection of 102 units represents more than a numerical achievement. Every unit donated has the potential to become a lifeline for someone facing a medical emergency or undergoing critical treatment. More importantly, the participation of first-time and regular donors helps strengthen a culture in which voluntary blood donation becomes a continuing community responsibility rather than an occasional activity.

Through initiatives such as the Mega Blood Donation Camp, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon continues to advance its commitment to healthcare, humanitarian service, and community welfare. The club remains focused on building partnerships and undertaking service projects that address genuine community needs and create measurable and lasting social impact.

102 units. 102 acts of service. One shared purpose — saving lives through the spirit of Service Above Self.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

05 Awareness session on Children with Learning Disabilities

24 JULY, 2026 AT CHANDIGARH — Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, in collaboration with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, successfully conducted an awareness session on Children with Learning Disabilities at Star Public School, Sector 52, Chandigarh. Attended by more than 25 students, the session was designed to build greater understanding about learning disabilities and developmental conditions, the challenges faced by children with special needs, and the important role that peers, schools, families, and communities can play in creating an inclusive environment. The initiative also sought to address common misconceptions and encourage young students to view differences with sensitivity, understanding, and respect.

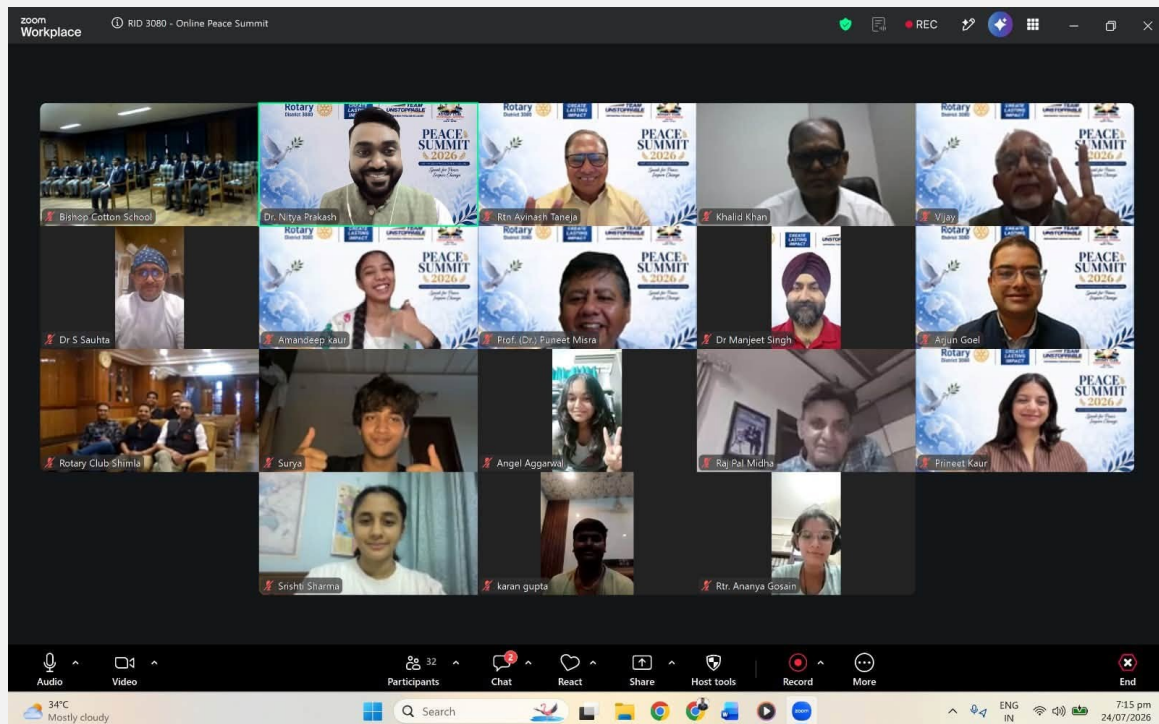
Rtn. Manjula Walia led the session through an engaging PowerPoint presentation and interactive discussion. She shared inspiring success stories of children with Down syndrome and autism, demonstrating how appropriate support, encouragement, education, and opportunities can enable children with diverse needs to realise their potential. The interaction encouraged students to ask questions and understand why inclusion is not merely about providing assistance, but about ensuring dignity, equal opportunity, acceptance, and meaningful participation for everyone.

The programme placed particular emphasis on the role of young people in building a more compassionate society. Students were encouraged to avoid labelling, bullying, or excluding children who may learn, communicate, or interact differently. Instead, they were encouraged to practise patience, friendship, empathy, and support in their classrooms and communities. By introducing these values at an early age, the initiative aimed to help develop a generation that recognises diversity as a strength and understands that every child deserves to feel respected, valued, and included.

The session concluded with all participating students taking a pledge to be kind, supportive, respectful, and inclusive towards children with special needs. Refreshments were served to the participants, bringing the programme to a warm conclusion and strengthening the spirit of fellowship and collaboration between Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon and Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown.

DISTRICT INITIATIVE

06 Rotary District 3080 Hosts Inspiring Online Peace Summit to Promote Dialogue, Inclusion and Hope



CHANDIGARH, JULY 24 — Rotary District 3080 successfully organized the Online Peace Summit 2026 on the theme “Peace Begins with Us – Building Bridges, Inspiring Hope,” jointly hosted by Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon and Rotary Club Shimla. The summit brought together more than 150 participants, including Rotarians, educators, professionals, and students from Bishop Cotton School, Shimla, Kundan International School, and several other educational institutions, reaffirming Rotary’s commitment to fostering peace through dialogue and youth engagement.

The summit commenced with a warm welcome by Master of Ceremonies Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash, followed by the National Anthem and the Welcome Address by Rtn. Avinash Taneja, President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon. PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall, District Secretary for Peace and Project Chair – Peace Summit, shared the vision and objectives of the initiative, emphasizing Rotary’s commitment to building a culture of peace through understanding, collaboration, and service. The event was also graced by the presence of Rtn. Nitin Garg, District Chair – Peace Summit, and Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, District Chair – International Service, whose participation reflected Rotary District 3080’s collective commitment to advancing peace and strengthening international understanding.

Delivering the keynote address, Mr. Vikas Verma from UNDP highlighted the importance of inclusive development, sustainable peace, and the responsibility of young people to become active changemakers. He encouraged participants to strengthen communities by fostering empathy, dialogue, and collective action.

Addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest, District Governor Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra inspired participants with her message that peace begins with individual actions rooted in compassion, respect, and service. She encouraged everyone, particularly the youth, to become ambassadors of peace and contribute towards creating a more inclusive and harmonious society.

One of the major highlights of the summit was the panel discussion on “Building a Culture of Peace – Challenges and Opportunities,” moderated by Dr. Nitya Prakash. The distinguished panel featured Dr. Puneet Misra of Lucknow University, Mr. Khalid Khan of M&M, and Mr. Nipun Taneja, Co-Founder of AdSparkx and CEO of **Viblets.ai**. The discussion explored the role of educational institutions, workplaces, and communities in promoting peaceful dialogue, resolving conflicts constructively, and empowering young people to become responsible global citizens.

The summit also featured an inspiring Youth Peace Speech Session, where young leaders shared powerful perspectives on peace, inclusion, and responsible citizenship. Master Rehan Pansari from the Interact Club of Bishop Cotton School, Shimla, Ms. Aman Deep Kaur, and Ms. Prineet, representing the Rotaract movement, delivered impactful and thought-provoking speeches that reflected maturity, conviction, and a deep commitment to creating a more peaceful and inclusive world. Their inspiring presentations received widespread appreciation from the audience, and all three speakers were jointly honoured with the Best Peace Speech Award in recognition of their exceptional oratory and message of peace.

The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Rtn. Arjun Goel, president of Rotary Club Shimla. Participants collectively reaffirmed Rotary’s vision of promoting understanding, compassion, and lasting peace through meaningful dialogue, youth leadership, and community service.

The Online Peace Summit 2026 stands as another significant initiative of Rotary District 3080, demonstrating its unwavering commitment to nurturing young leaders, strengthening partnerships, and advancing Rotary’s global mission of building peace through service.

The summit further demonstrated the power of digital platforms in bringing together diverse voices across geographical boundaries for a common purpose. By connecting experienced professionals, Rotarians, educators, students, Rotaractors, and Interactors on a single platform, the initiative created meaningful opportunities for intergenerational dialogue and exchange of ideas. Participants were encouraged to carry the conversations beyond the summit and translate the principles of empathy, mutual respect, constructive dialogue, and peaceful conflict resolution into their schools, workplaces, communities, and everyday interactions.

More than an event, the Online Peace Summit 2026 emerged as a collective call to action, reinforcing the idea that sustainable peace cannot be achieved through institutions alone but requires active participation from individuals and communities. Through continued collaboration between Rotary Clubs, educational institutions, youth organisations, development professionals, and community leaders, Rotary District 3080 seeks to strengthen a culture in which young people are empowered to become advocates for understanding and harmony. The summit reaffirmed the belief that when dialogue replaces division and service inspires collective action, individuals can become powerful catalysts for lasting peace.

A defining strength of the Online Peace Summit 2026 was its emphasis on transforming conversations about peace into practical responsibility. The summit encouraged participants, particularly young people, to recognise that peace is shaped by everyday choices—how we communicate, respond to differences, resolve disagreements and stand against prejudice and exclusion. The summit carried a clear message: peace is not merely an aspiration to be discussed, but a responsibility to be practised every day.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

07 111 Units of Blood. 333 Lives. One United Community.

MOHALI, JULY 25 — Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon proudly organized a Mega Blood Donation Camp at Mann Malwa Property Consultant, Mohali, in collaboration with the Rotary & Blood Bank Society Resource Centre, Chandigarh. Thanks to the overwhelming support of our donors and volunteers, we successfully collected 111 units of blood, with the potential to save 333 lives.

We were honoured by the gracious presence of Hon'ble Rajya Sabha MP Sardar Satnam Singh Sandhu Ji, Sardar Charanjeet Singh Kalewal Ji (Member, SGPC & Senior BJP Leader), and our District Governor Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, whose encouragement inspired everyone present.

The initiative was led by our President Rtn. Avinash Taneja with active support from our Chief Mentor PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall. Rtn. Varun Walia, Director – Community Service, served as the Project Chair, while Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash, Co-Founder, President-Elect & Director – Public Image, coordinated the club's public image and media outreach for the initiative. Rtn Dr Rajpal Midha, secretary and Rtn Gurminder Multani, Director International services also remained actively involved during the camp. The club also extends its sincere gratitude to Shri Kuldeep Singh Mann Ji for hosting the camp, the Rotary & Blood Bank Society Resource Centre, Chandigarh, Idea Clan our memento partner, our medical professionals, volunteers, and every generous blood donor who made this initiative a grand success.

“Every blood donor becomes a silent lifesaver. We are grateful to every volunteer and donor who came forward to strengthen our community through this noble cause.”

— Rtn. Avinash Taneja, President

“Service Above Self is meaningful only when it reaches people in need. This response reflects the spirit of Rotary and the commitment of our members.”

— PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall, Chief Mentor

Beyond the impressive collection of 111 units, the camp served as an important platform for creating awareness about the continuing need for voluntary blood donation. Participants were encouraged to understand that blood cannot be manufactured and that a dependable supply is possible only when healthy individuals voluntarily come forward to donate on a regular basis. The initiative therefore went beyond a single-day collection drive and sought to strengthen a culture of responsible and regular blood donation within the community.

The presence and participation of Rotarians, healthcare professionals, volunteers, community leaders, and donors from different walks of life demonstrated the strength of collective action. The medical team from the Rotary & Blood Bank Society Resource Centre, Chandigarh, ensured systematic screening, safe collection, and appropriate donor care throughout the camp. Volunteers assisted donors at different stages, helping ensure that the entire process remained organised, comfortable, and efficient.

The achievement of 111 units of blood carries a much larger humanitarian significance, as donated blood and its components can support patients facing medical emergencies, major surgeries, accidents, cancer treatment, complications during childbirth, and other critical healthcare situations. With the potential of these donations to benefit as many as 333 lives through the separation and use of different blood components, every donor became an important part of a larger chain of hope and life-saving service.

The Mega Blood Donation Camp further strengthened Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon's commitment to healthcare and community welfare as key areas of service. Building upon the success of this initiative, the club aims to continue collaborating with healthcare institutions, community organisations, businesses, volunteers, and citizens to organise impactful service projects across the region. Through sustained partnerships and active community participation, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon remains committed to transforming the philosophy of "Service Above Self" into measurable action that creates lasting impact.

Every unit donated represents hope, compassion and a second chance at life. Together, we continue to create lasting impact through service.

Service Above Self.

10 Things to Keep in Mind While Donating Blood

1. Sleep well the night before.
2. Eat a healthy meal 2–3 hours before donating.
3. Stay well hydrated before and after donation.
4. Avoid alcohol for at least 24 hours beforehand.
5. Don't donate if you're unwell or have fever/infection.
6. Declare medications and medical history honestly.
7. Carry a valid photo ID for registration.
8. Relax during donation and report any dizziness immediately.
9. Rest and take refreshments after donating.
10. Avoid strenuous exercise/heavy lifting for the rest of the day.

Before donating blood, ensure you are well-rested, have eaten a healthy meal 2–3 hours beforehand and are adequately hydrated. Avoid alcohol for at least 24 hours and do not donate if you are feeling unwell or have a fever or active infection. Always disclose your medical history and medications honestly and carry a valid photo ID. During donation, stay relaxed and inform the medical team immediately if you feel dizzy or uncomfortable. After donating, rest briefly, take refreshments, drink plenty of fluids and avoid strenuous exercise or heavy lifting for the rest of the day.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

08 Restoring Vision, Enriching Lives | Service Above Self

MOHALI, JULY 25 — Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, in association with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, successfully organised a Free Eye Check-up Camp at Mann Malwa Property Consultant, Mohali, benefiting 57 citizens through comprehensive eye examinations, vision screening, and expert consultations by Dr. Rajan Sharma and his team.

The camp was graced by Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Sardar Satnam Singh Sandhu, Sardar Charanjeet Singh Kalewal, Member SGPC & Senior BJP Leader, and District Governor Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, whose presence further encouraged our shared commitment to community service.

The project was coordinated by Rtn. Gurminder Multani, Director – International Service, under the leadership of Club President Rtn. Avinash Taneja and the guidance of Chief Mentor PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall. Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash, Director – Public Image & President-Elect, coordinated the event's media outreach and publicity, while also supporting the overall event coordination. Rtn Dr Rajpal Midha, secretary and Rtn Varun Walia, Director Community Services remained actively involved during the camp. The club also expresses its sincere gratitude to Shri Kuldeep Singh Mann for hosting the camp.

The Free Eye Check-up Camp reflected the club's focus on preventive healthcare and early detection, particularly as many vision-related conditions can be managed more effectively when identified at the right stage. By making professional eye examinations and expert consultations easily accessible to the community, the initiative encouraged citizens to prioritise regular eye care and greater awareness about visual health. The enthusiastic participation of beneficiaries, medical professionals, Rotarians, and volunteers demonstrated how collaborative community initiatives can deliver meaningful healthcare support at the grassroots level while reinforcing Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon's commitment to creating lasting impact through service.

Together, we continue to strengthen communities through meaningful healthcare initiatives and Rotary's spirit of Service Above Self.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

09 Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon Successfully Organises Half-Day RYLA in Joint Venture with Kaira Hope Foundation



CHANDIGARH, 28 JULY 2026 — Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, in joint venture with Kaira Hope Foundation, successfully organised a Half-Day Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) programme at Maharishi Dayanand School, Village Darya, Chandigarh. The programme aimed to inspire young minds, nurture leadership qualities, strengthen communication skills and promote social responsibility among students.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, Rotarians and distinguished guests. The programme commenced with a warm welcome followed by the National Anthem, creating a patriotic and inspiring atmosphere.

Students showcased their confidence and talent through an impressive Declamation Competition on Swachhta, highlighting the importance of cleanliness and civic responsibility. A thought-provoking Nukkad Natak (Street Play) carrying a strong social message, followed by vibrant cultural performances, captivated the audience and received enthusiastic applause. The performances reflected the creativity, confidence and leadership potential of the young participants.

A major highlight of the programme was an interactive session by Rtn. Avinash Taneja, President, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, who demonstrated powerful memory techniques through a live memory exercise. By accurately recalling objects suggested by students in both sequential and random order, he inspired them to develop concentration, confidence and leadership skills. He also shared practical tips to strengthen memory through simple daily habits.

Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall, Chief Mentor, highlighted the significance of RYLA in developing leadership qualities, communication skills, teamwork, self-confidence and a spirit of service among youth. Principal Sh. Vinod Kumar thanked Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon and Kaira Hope Foundation for organising the inspiring programme and encouraged students to actively participate in such leadership and personality development initiatives.

Chief Guest Rtn. Anil Chadha, District Chair – RYLA, appreciated the confidence, creativity and talent displayed by the students. He congratulated the school management, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon and Kaira Hope Foundation for organising a meaningful youth development programme that motivates the next generation of leaders.

The prizes for the winners and refreshments for all participants were generously sponsored by Kaira Hope Foundation, whose support added immense value to the event and encouraged enthusiastic student participation.

The programme concluded with prize distribution, a vote of thanks and a joyful celebration in which students, teachers, the Chief Guest and Rotarians came together, reflecting the true spirit of fellowship, leadership and service.

Among those present were Club Secretary Rtn. Raj Pal Midha, Director Rtn. Surinder Khanna and Project Chair Rtn. Anita Midha, whose dedicated efforts contributed significantly to the successful organisation of the programme.

RYLA, which stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, is one of Rotary International's flagship youth leadership development initiatives, designed to empower young people through experiential learning, mentorship and meaningful engagement. Rather than limiting leadership to theory, RYLA provides participants with opportunities to practise communication, teamwork, problem-solving, decision-making and social responsibility in an interactive environment. By bringing students together with Rotarians, educators and community leaders, the programme helps young participants recognise their potential, develop a service-oriented mindset and understand that leadership begins with confidence, character and the willingness to contribute positively to society.

The Half-Day RYLA programme went beyond conventional classroom learning by providing students with an opportunity to express themselves, interact with community leaders, and discover their individual strengths. Through declamation, theatre, cultural activities, memory exercises, and interactive sessions, the programme encouraged students to think independently, communicate confidently, work collaboratively, and understand their responsibilities towards society. The enthusiastic response from the students demonstrated the importance of creating more such platforms where young people can develop leadership skills through participation and practical experiences.

Through initiatives such as RYLA, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon continues to invest in youth leadership and character development while strengthening its engagement with schools and local communities. In partnership with Kaira Hope Foundation and educational institutions, the club aims to create sustained opportunities that equip young people with confidence, communication skills, empathy, discipline, and a spirit of service. The programme reaffirmed Rotary's belief that empowering young minds today is essential to building responsible citizens, compassionate leaders, and stronger communities for tomorrow.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

10 Meet Team Horizon: Featured Leader

Meet TEAM HORIZON

*** FEATURED LEADER ***

Dear Friends, Rotarians & Community Leaders,
Meet a man who has built bridges across continents — our Director (International Services):

Rtn. Gurminder S Multani
Director (International Services) 2026–27
Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon

WHO HE IS

- 26+ years of experience in travel, immigration & overseas investment
- Worked with Galileo, Abacus, Reliance General Insurance, IPBM & Settleeze
- Former Director, Investment Promotion Board of Govt of Madagascar
- Vice-President of BNI Premier-Chandigarh
- Active contributor to artificial limb distribution through NGO collaborations

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Best Salesperson of the Region — Reliance General Insurance Co. Ltd.
- Director, Investment Promotion Board of Govt of Madagascar — International Liaison & Investment
- Distinguished career across aviation technology, insurance & overseas investment
- State-level sports representative — competitive spirit on and off the field.

HIS VISION

- Forge International Rotary partnerships across Asia & Africa
- Champion overseas investment benefiting local communities & MSMEs
- Deepen reach in disability support & prosthetic limb distribution.

HIS MOTTO
“The world is your constituency — serve it without borders, connect it without barriers.”

CONNECT WITH HIM FOR

- Travel, immigration & overseas investment guidance
- Cross-border Rotary partnerships & global fellowship
- NGO collaborations for disability & prosthetic support

Warm regards,
Rtn. Avinash Taneja
Charter President,
Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon

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Meet TEAM HORIZON

*** FEATURED LEADER ***

Dear Friends, Rotarians, and Community Leaders,
Please join me in meeting another Rotarian whose dedication to literature, mental health, and women's empowerment enriches our club

Rtn. Manjula Walia
Vice-President & Membership Chair
Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon

I. WHO SHE IS

- A retired banker, she has devoted her post-retirement years to social service and literature — serving as Secretary of SOREM, Treasurer of NGO Samvedna, and as an author, translator, and poet with Abhivyakti literary society.
- She is a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF).

II. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Awarded Most Active Rotarian 2024–25 and Best Rotarian 2025–26, Zone 6 District 3080.
- Her translation of Devdutt Pattanaik's works was appreciated by Sahitya Ak, India Today Group.
- Set up a computer center for underprivileged girls in Village Kajerhi, several now employed.

III. FUTURE VISION

- Mental health support for all
- Education for every child, especially girls
- Women's empowerment through skill development
- Senior Citizens Hobby classes

V. HER MOTTO
“True grace lies in lifting others—empowering minds, enriching lives, and writing stories of change.”

IV. CONNECT WITH HER FOR

- Mental Health Advocacy
- Literary Translation & Writing
- Women's Empowerment
- Girl Child Education

Warm regards,
Avinash Taneja
Charter President,
Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon

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Meet TEAM HORIZON

*** FEATURED LEADER ***

Dear Friends, Rotarians & Community Leaders,
Meet a man on a mission to restore mobility and dignity to thousands:

Rtn. Rajat Malhotra
Director (Vocational Service) & Project Coordinator —
Prosthetic Rehabilitation Initiative

WHO HE IS

- Social entrepreneur & humanitarian with 36+ years of business leadership
- Driving prosthetic rehabilitation through NGO, CSR & hospital collaborations
- General Secretary, CRAWFED — representing 100+ RWAs across Chandigarh
- General Secretary, GGDSD College Alumni Association & National Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Force

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Leading the flagship Prosthetic Rehabilitation Initiative
- Organised prosthetic fitment camps for underprivileged amputees across the region
- Facilitated employment for specially abled persons with reputed companies
- Represents interests of 100+ RWAs across Chandigarh as CRAWFED General Secretary

HIS VISION

- PAN-India Prosthetic Rehabilitation Network through Rotary — expanding to Asia
- Physiotherapy, skill development & employment for persons with disabilities
- Sustainable CSR & Rotary partnerships for large-scale humanitarian impact

HIS MOTTO
“Rehabilitation is not complete until a person can stand on their own — in every sense of the word.”

CONNECT WITH HIM FOR

- Prosthetic rehabilitation camps & disability welfare
- CSR partnerships for specially abled person support
- Vocational training & employment integration

Warm regards,
Rtn. Avinash Taneja
Charter President,
Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon

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As part of its “Meet Team Horizon” initiative, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon proudly highlighted two of its distinguished leaders — Rtn. Manjula Walia – Vice President & Membership Chair, Rtn. Gurminder S. Multani, Director – International Services, and Rtn. Rajat Malhotra, Director – Vocational Service. Rtn. Manjula Walia brings massive experience in social work and community service and has won several accolades in Rotary. Rtn. Multani brings over 26 years of experience across international business, immigration, aviation, investment promotion and global engagement, with a vision to strengthen international Rotary partnerships and expand humanitarian collaborations. Rtn. Malhotra, a social entrepreneur and humanitarian with more than 36 years of business leadership, is spearheading the club's Prosthetic Rehabilitation Initiative, working towards restoring mobility, dignity and livelihood opportunities for persons with disabilities. Through the “Meet Team Horizon” series, the club celebrates the experience, leadership and service commitment of its members while showcasing the people driving its mission of creating lasting impact in the community and beyond.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

11 Rotary Clubs Organise Menstrual Hygiene & Health Awareness Session for School Girls



MOHALI, AUGUST 1, 2026 — Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, in collaboration with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, organised a Menstrual Hygiene & Health Awareness Session for about 50 girl students at G.D. Goenka Public School, Sector 69, Mohali, under Rotary District 3080's theme of empowering women through awareness and education.

The session aimed to create awareness about menstrual health, hygiene practices, nutrition, and emotional well-being, while encouraging girls to speak openly about menstruation without fear or stigma, and focused on building confidence and empowering young girls with scientifically accurate information.

The session was conducted by Dr. Ritika Gupta, a renowned Gynaecologist, who served as the Resource Person. She explained the physiological changes during adolescence, the importance of maintaining menstrual hygiene, proper use and disposal of sanitary products, healthy dietary habits, and when to seek medical advice. Dr. Gupta also addressed several questions from the students, helping dispel common myths and misconceptions associated with menstruation.

Rtn. Nandita Sisodia, Project Chair, coordinated the programme and expressed gratitude to the school management, Dr. Ritika Gupta, and all participants for making the session highly informative and impactful.

Rtn Avinash Taneja, President and PP Rtn Vijay Dhall of Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon reiterated the club's commitment to promoting adolescent health, women's empowerment, and preventive healthcare through meaningful community service initiatives. The school management appreciated the initiative and thanked both Rotary Clubs for conducting an educational session that will help young girls make informed choices about their health and well-being.

"Together, we can empower our girls for a healthier, more confident tomorrow."

YOUTH & EDUCATION

12 Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon in Collaboration with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown Organises Financial Literacy Session for Students



MOHALI, AUGUST 1, 2026 — With the objective of empowering young minds with essential financial knowledge, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, in collaboration with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, organised an inspiring session on "Learn Money Before You Earn Money" at G.D. Goenka Public School, Sector 69, Mohali.

The session was conducted by Rtn. Rupender Kumaria, Director Club Services, an accomplished financial expert and motivational speaker, who enlightened students on the importance of money management, financial planning, budgeting, saving, investing, and responsible spending at an early age. Through practical examples and engaging interaction, he encouraged students to develop sound financial habits that would help them achieve long-term success and financial independence, emphasising that financial literacy is an essential life skill and that learning how money works before entering the professional world enables young people to make informed financial decisions and become financially responsible citizens.

The programme received an enthusiastic response from about 50 students and faculty members and 2 Rotaractors, who appreciated the practical insights and interactive approach of the session.

Project Chair PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall and Rtn. Nandita Sisodia played a pivotal role in the successful organisation of the event, meticulously coordinating every aspect of the programme. Rtn Avinash Taneja, President and PP Rtn. Vijay Dhall reaffirmed Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon's commitment to empowering students with practical life skills through meaningful educational and awareness programmes.

The initiative went beyond introducing financial terminology by helping students understand the relationship between everyday choices and long-term financial well-being. Discussions around distinguishing needs from wants, setting financial goals, developing a savings mindset, understanding the value of investments, and avoiding impulsive financial decisions encouraged participants to think more consciously about money. The interactive format allowed students to relate financial concepts to real-life situations, making the learning relevant, practical, and easy to understand.

Through programmes such as "Learn Money Before You Earn Money," Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon continues to strengthen its focus on youth empowerment and skill-based education. By collaborating with schools, fellow Rotary Clubs, Rotaractors, and subject-matter experts, the club aims to equip young people with knowledge that extends beyond conventional academics and prepares them for real-world responsibilities. The initiative reinforced the belief that introducing financial literacy at an early age can help nurture a generation of informed, disciplined, financially confident, and responsible citizens.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

13 Rotary Clubs Organise Inspiring Session on "Memory Power: Your Secret to Success" for Students



MOHALI, AUGUST 1, 2026 — Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, in collaboration with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, organised an inspiring and interactive session on "Memory Power: Your Secret to Success" at G.D. Goenka Public School, Sector 69, Mohali.

The session was conducted by Rtn. Avinash Taneja, President, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, who shared scientifically proven memory enhancement techniques, explaining how concentration, visualisation, repetition, association and positive thinking can significantly enhance learning, academic performance, and overall personality development. He emphasised that a strong memory is not an inborn gift but a skill developed through regular practice, discipline, and the right techniques, and encouraged students to remain focused, believe in their abilities, and adopt smart learning strategies to achieve excellence in academics and life.

A major highlight of the programme was a live memory demonstration by Rtn. Avinash Taneja, who accurately recalled objects suggested by students, both in sequential and random order, leaving the audience amazed and inspiring them to develop concentration, confidence, and leadership skills.

About 50 students and faculty members, along with 2 Rotaractors, participated enthusiastically, engaging in discussions and seeking guidance on improving memory, focus, and retention.

Project Chair PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall played a key role in planning and coordinating the programme, while Co-Chair Rtn. Nandita Sisodia extended valuable support in ensuring its successful execution. The school management expressed sincere gratitude to both Rotary Clubs and the resource person for an informative and motivational session that will benefit students in their academic journey and future careers.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks and a renewed commitment by both clubs to continue organising impactful educational and personality development initiatives for the youth.

The session reinforced Rotary's commitment to equipping young people with practical skills that complement conventional education and help them become more confident and effective learners. By introducing simple techniques that students can incorporate into their daily study routines, the programme demonstrated how improved concentration, recall, and disciplined learning can positively influence academic performance and personal development. Through such collaborative youth-focused initiatives, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon and Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown continue to create meaningful learning opportunities that encourage students to recognise their potential, strengthen their abilities, and prepare themselves for future challenges with greater confidence.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

14 Rotary Clubs Organise Awareness Session on Learning Disabilities to Promote Inclusive Education



CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 1, 2026 — Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon and Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown jointly organised an impactful awareness session on "Children with Learning Disability" at DAV Public School, Sector 39-D, Chandigarh, with the objective of promoting awareness, understanding, support, and inclusion for children with learning disabilities.

The session was conducted by Rtn. Manjula Walia, an experienced educationist and Vice-President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon. Through an engaging and interactive presentation, she highlighted the different types of learning disabilities, early identification of symptoms, classroom support strategies, and the collective role of parents, teachers, and society in helping every child achieve their full potential. She emphasised that learning disabilities are not a measure of intelligence but a different way of learning, and encouraged educators to adopt inclusive teaching practices, foster empathy, and create a nurturing environment where every child feels accepted and empowered.

Participants appreciated the practical insights shared during the session and expressed their commitment to promoting inclusive education in their institutions.

The initiative reinforced the importance of creating educational environments where differences in learning are recognised, understood, and supported rather than becoming barriers to a child's growth. By sensitising educators and participants to early intervention, appropriate classroom strategies, and empathetic engagement, the session highlighted how timely support can significantly improve a child's confidence, participation, and educational journey.

The project was led by Project Chair Rtn. Gurminder Multani of Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon and Project Co-Chair Rtn. Nandita Sisodia of Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown. Their dedicated efforts ensured the smooth planning and execution of this meaningful awareness initiative.

RECOGNITION

15 A Proud Beginning for Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon!



Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon marked a proud milestone in the very first Rotary month of 2026–27 by receiving two prestigious recognitions from Rotary District 3080. The club was honoured with the Most Innovative Project Award for its AI Literacy in Youth initiative, recognising its efforts to bring practical Artificial Intelligence education to young people at scale. The recognition reflects the club’s commitment to combining Rotary’s traditional spirit of service with emerging technologies and future-ready learning.

Adding to the achievement, Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash, District Chair – AI & Youth Wellness, was recognised as a Star Champion for the SPARK AI Project. The initiative crossed 1,400+ AI SPARKS training registrations in July 2026, demonstrating the strong interest among young people in developing AI literacy and digital capabilities. The project seeks to make Artificial Intelligence more accessible and meaningful for students while encouraging responsible, productive, and innovative use of emerging technologies.

The club’s initiatives also received special recognition in the District Governor’s Monthly Newsletter, with a special feature on the First Peace Summit 2026 of Rotary District 3080 and coverage of the AI SPARK Project. Together, these initiatives represent two important dimensions of Rotary’s evolving impact—using technology to empower the next generation while simultaneously promoting peace, dialogue, understanding, and responsible citizenship.

These achievements in the opening month of the Rotary year provide strong momentum for Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon’s wider service agenda. Under the leadership of President Rtn. Avinash Taneja, with Rtn. Dr. Rajpal Midha as Secretary and PP Rtn. Vijay Dhall as Chief Patron & Foundation Chair, the club continues to work across Rotary’s key areas of focus, including peacebuilding, disease prevention, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, education, community economic development, and the environment. The recognitions stand as a testament to the club’s commitment to innovation, leadership, collaboration, and creating lasting impact.

*“The Future belongs to those who
believe in the beauty of their dreams.”*

ENVIRONMENT

16 Mega Tree Plantation Drive Held at F Block, Aerocity, Mohali

MOHALI, 9 AUGUST 2026 — Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, in collaboration with GMI Charitable Trust and with the active support of the Residents Welfare Association (RWA), F Block, successfully organised a Mega Tree Plantation Drive at F Block, Aerocity, Mohali. The initiative brought together Rotarians, residents, volunteers, and community representatives with a shared objective of enhancing the green cover of the neighbourhood and promoting greater environmental responsibility at the grassroots level.

The plantation drive forms part of the larger commitment of Rtn. Mohit Bansal, Founder of GMI Charitable Trust, to facilitate the plantation of 1,000 trees for a greener, healthier, and more sustainable community. Through this collaboration, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon and GMI Charitable Trust are working to transform this commitment into sustained environmental action by engaging local communities and encouraging residents to take ownership of the trees planted in their neighbourhoods.

During the drive, a total of 250 saplings and plants, including Phoenix Palm, Royal Palm, Gulmohar, Canna, Neem, Lemon, and Hibiscus, were planted at strategic locations along roadsides, green belts, and parks across F Block. GMI Charitable Trust provided 150 saplings for the initiative, while another 100 were contributed and arranged by the RWA and residents, making the plantation drive a genuine example of community participation and shared responsibility.

Residents Step Up

One of the most encouraging aspects of the initiative was the spontaneous involvement of the residents themselves. During the plantation activity, community members suggested increasing the number of Phoenix Palm and Royal Palm trees, particularly along the prominent 60-foot-wide road and within neighbourhood parks, to further improve the area's green landscape.

Responding immediately to the suggestion, the RWA and residents came together to arrange 100 additional saplings and plants. Rather than remaining spectators, residents actively participated throughout the plantation process, helping

identify suitable locations and supporting the on-ground activity. Their involvement transformed the drive from an organisational initiative into a community-led environmental movement.

The enthusiastic response also demonstrated an important principle behind sustainable plantation projects: meaningful environmental impact is created when local communities develop a sense of ownership. By participating directly and committing themselves to the future care of the plantation, the residents of F Block strengthened the prospects of the initiative delivering benefits well beyond the day of the event.

President Appreciates Community Participation

Rtn. Avinash Taneja, President, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, expressed his appreciation to GMI Charitable Trust, the office bearers of RWA F Block, residents, volunteers, and everyone who participated in the initiative. He particularly acknowledged the residents for voluntarily arranging the additional 100 Phoenix Palm and Royal Palm saplings and for demonstrating exceptional enthusiasm towards improving the environment of their neighbourhood.

He emphasised that Rotary's role is not simply to undertake service projects but also to bring communities together and encourage people to become active stakeholders in creating positive change. The overwhelming participation of residents, he noted, demonstrated how partnerships between service organisations and local communities can multiply the impact of environmental initiatives.

Plantation Must Be Followed by Preservation

PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall, Project Chair, highlighted that the true measure of a plantation drive is not merely the number of saplings planted but the number that are successfully nurtured into healthy, mature trees. He stressed that plantation represents only the beginning of the process and that regular watering, maintenance, protection, and community ownership are essential to ensure long-term survival.

He thanked GMI Charitable Trust, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, RWA F Block, and the residents for working together towards a common environmental objective. He also encouraged the community to remain actively involved in monitoring and caring for the plantation so that the initiative develops into a lasting green asset for Aerocity.

A Partnership for Environmental Sustainability

The initiative demonstrated the potential of partnerships between Rotary, charitable organisations, resident welfare associations, and citizens in addressing environmental challenges locally. While large-scale environmental issues require policy interventions, community-driven initiatives such as neighbourhood plantation and preservation can make a tangible contribution towards improving green cover, biodiversity, air quality, and the overall quality of urban life.

The residents of F Block expressed their appreciation to Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon and GMI Charitable Trust for bringing the initiative to their neighbourhood. They welcomed the collaborative approach and expressed their desire to see more such sustainable community projects undertaken in Aerocity in the future.

For Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, the plantation drive represents another step towards integrating environmental sustainability with meaningful community participation. The club remains committed to undertaking initiatives that go beyond symbolic action and create measurable, long-term benefits through partnerships with communities, institutions, and organisations across the region.

With 250 new plantations and, more importantly, a community committed to nurturing them, the Mega Tree Plantation Drive at F Block demonstrated that creating a greener future is a collective responsibility. Through sustained care and continued collaboration, the initiative seeks to leave behind not merely planted saplings, but a growing green legacy for future generations.

Together, we plant today, nurture tomorrow, and create lasting impact for generations to come.

ENVIRONMENT

17 Tree Plantation Drive Held at Children Traffic Park, Sector 23, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH, 10 AUGUST, 2026 — A tree plantation drive was organised today at Children Traffic Park, Sector 23, Chandigarh, promoting environmental awareness and furthering the vision of a greener Chandigarh.

DSP Parvesh Sharma, Chandigarh Traffic Police, actively participated in the drive alongside Rtn. Avinash Taneja, President, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon; PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall, Club Patron & Foundation Chair; and Sh. Jagdeep Singh, SIP, Abacus Academy, Chandigarh, along with other participants from Chandigarh Traffic Police & public.

Adding a personal touch to the occasion, the drive also marked the birthday of Sh. Rajiv Sharma, Chandigarh Traffic Police, blending environmental service with community fellowship.

Participants planted about 50 saplings and reaffirmed their commitment to nurturing trees and encouraging wider community participation in environmental conservation.

The organisers extended their gratitude to the Chandigarh Traffic Police and all participants for their valuable support in making the initiative a success.

The initiative also highlighted the importance of collaboration between civic authorities, service organisations, educational institutions, and citizens in building environmentally responsible communities. The active participation of Chandigarh Traffic Police personnel and members of the public demonstrated that environmental conservation is a shared responsibility that extends beyond any single organisation. By combining plantation with awareness and community participation, the drive sought to encourage individuals to make tree protection and environmental stewardship a part of everyday civic responsibility.

 Plant a Tree • Celebrate Life • Build a Greener Tomorrow

FELLOWSHIP

18 A Flag Exchange Is More Than a Rotary Tradition — It Is the Beginning of a Relationship.



NEW DELHI, 13 AUGUST, 2026 — At the Rotary Pavilion during Bharatiya Vyapar Mahotsav 2026, Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash, President-Elect & Public Image Chair, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, had the privilege of exchanging Rotary flags with fellow Rotarians from RID 3011, Rotary Club of Delhi, and other Rotary Clubs.

In Rotary, exchanging a club flag is far more than a ceremonial gesture. It signifies friendship across club and district boundaries, mutual respect, fellowship and a shared commitment to Service Above Self.

For Dr. Nitya Prakash, these exchanges were also an opportunity to initiate conversations around inter-club collaboration and joint projects spanning youth empowerment, education, technology, health, sustainability and community service.

The interaction at the Rotary Pavilion also reflected the strength of Rotary's global network, where relationships built through fellowship can evolve into partnerships capable of addressing shared social challenges. Conversations with Rotarians from different clubs and districts opened possibilities for exchanging ideas, sharing successful service models, connecting professional expertise, and exploring opportunities for collaborative initiatives. Such interactions strengthen Rotary beyond geographical boundaries and enable clubs to combine their resources, experience, and networks for greater community impact.

The flag exchanges at Bharatiya Vyapar Mahotsav 2026 therefore represented not an end in themselves, but the beginning of new relationships and possibilities. Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon remains committed to building upon these connections through sustained engagement and meaningful partnerships, particularly in areas where collective action can create measurable results. By connecting clubs, leaders, and communities around common goals, the club seeks to transform fellowship into action and relationships into lasting impact—demonstrating the true strength of One Rotary working together in service to society.

For Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, every flag exchanged represents a new connection—and every new connection carries the potential to create greater impact together.

We look forward to strengthening these relationships and collaborating with our fellow Rotary Clubs on meaningful initiatives in the months ahead.

Different Clubs. Different Districts. One Rotary. One Purpose.

NATIONAL PLATFORM

19 FROM ROTARY SERVICE TO THE NATIONAL BUSINESS STAGE



NEW DELHI, 13 AUGUST, 2026 — A proud moment for Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon as our President-Elect & Public Image Chair, Rtn. Dr. Nitya Prakash, represented Rotary International District 3080 and our Club as a distinguished speaker at the Bharatiya Vyapar Mahotsav (BVM) 2026 – Bharat-International Dialogues, held at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida.

Dr. Nitya Prakash joined an eminent panel of business, technology and industry leaders for the BVM-BSL Knowledge Session on:

“Automation & IT as a Catalyst for Operational Excellence.”

The discussion explored how AI, automation, digitalisation and emerging technologies are fundamentally transforming businesses, institutions, workplaces and the future of human productivity—and why technology must ultimately remain a tool for creating greater human and societal impact.

The session also provided an important platform to demonstrate how Rotary’s leadership can extend beyond conventional community service into conversations around innovation, economic development, responsible technology, and the future of work. By bringing a Rotary perspective to a forum attended by business leaders, entrepreneurs, professionals, and technology stakeholders, Dr. Nitya Prakash highlighted the importance of ensuring that technological advancement remains inclusive and human-centred. The engagement reflected Rotary District 3080’s growing emphasis on connecting service, youth empowerment, innovation, and leadership with the opportunities and challenges emerging in a rapidly transforming world.

The representation at BVM 2026 further strengthened Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon’s commitment to taking the ideals of Service Above Self to wider professional and public platforms. As technology increasingly influences education, employment, enterprise, and society, the club believes Rotarians can play an important role in bridging innovation with social responsibility. Participation in such national-level dialogues creates opportunities to build new partnerships, exchange ideas, expand Rotary’s public visibility, and translate meaningful conversations into collaborative initiatives capable of creating lasting impact far beyond the boundaries of a single club or district.

For Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, this representation went beyond being part of a prestigious panel. It was an opportunity to take Rotary’s voice, values and vision into conversations shaping the future of business and technology.

From serving communities to influencing conversations on national platforms, we believe Rotary must be present wherever leadership, innovation and impact converge.

One Club. One District. A much bigger canvas for impact.

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YOUTH & EDUCATION

20 RYLA – "Azadi @ 79: Lead, Inspire & Serve" Inspires Students to Lead, Serve and Create Lasting Impact



CHANDIGARH, 14 AUGUST 2026 — Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon and Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown jointly organised RYLA – "Azadi @ 79: Lead, Inspire & Serve" at Govt. Sr. Secondary School, Sector 39, Chandigarh, bringing together students, teachers and Rotarians to celebrate the spirit of Independence through leadership, service, patriotism and environmental responsibility.

The programme was held under Rotary District 3080 – Team Unstoppable, Empowering Through Inclusion, with the theme "Create Lasting Impact," and was sponsored by Kaira Hope Foundation.

Activities included a tree plantation drive ("Ek Ped Azadi Ke Naam"), Cultural Programme by students, installation of an Interact Club, an Independence Day quiz, an e-waste management awareness session, a stress management workshop, a "Memory Power – Your Secret to Success" session, cultural performances and an awards ceremony.

The tree plantation drives linked patriotism with environmental responsibility, with students planting saplings and pledging to nurture them. The newly installed Interact Club gives students at the school a platform to build leadership, teamwork and community service skills under Rotary's guidance.

PP Rtn Vijay Kumar Dhall led the e-waste awareness session, highlighting responsible collection, recycling and disposal of electronic waste. Rtn Manisha Gupta conducted an interactive session on managing stress, sharing practical ways to build emotional resilience. Rtn Avinash Taneja, President, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, led the Memory Power session on sharpening concentration and learning habits. Rtn Nandita Sisodia coordinated the Independence Day quiz, and cultural performances added to the patriotic spirit of the day.

Rotary representatives said RYLA aims to equip young people with leadership skills, confidence, resilience and a spirit of service, helping them grow into responsible citizens and future leaders.

PP Rtn Vijay Kumar Dhall served as Project Chair, Rtn Nandita Sisodia as Project Co-Chair, and Rtn Anil Chadha, District Chair RYLA, provided guidance and support.

The programme stood out for bringing multiple dimensions of youth development together on a single platform. From environmental consciousness and responsible e-waste management to mental well-being, memory enhancement, leadership, and civic awareness, every activity was designed to give students practical knowledge that could be applied beyond the classroom. The combination of learning, participation, cultural expression, and service enabled students to experience the broader meaning of leadership—not simply as holding a position, but as taking responsibility, making informed choices, supporting others, and contributing positively to society.

The installation of the Interact Club was another significant milestone, creating a sustainable connection between the school and the Rotary movement. Through Interact, students will have opportunities to conceptualise and participate in service projects, develop teamwork and communication abilities, engage with community issues, and experience leadership through action. The initiative ensures that the impact of RYLA continues beyond the programme itself, providing students with an ongoing platform to practise the values of fellowship, service, integrity, and responsible citizenship.

RYLA – “Azadi @ 79: Lead, Inspire & Serve” ultimately transformed the celebration of Independence into a call for responsible citizenship and purposeful leadership. Through the combined efforts of Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, Rotary District 3080, Kaira Hope Foundation, and the school community, the programme demonstrated how young people can be empowered to become active contributors to the nation’s future. By connecting patriotism with service, sustainability, resilience, and leadership, the initiative reinforced a powerful message: the true celebration of freedom lies in using it responsibly to build stronger communities and create lasting impact.

The organisers thanked the school authorities, teachers, students, Rotarians and Kaira Hope Foundation for making the event a meaningful celebration of Independence, youth leadership and community service. The programme concluded with awards to deserving students and a vote of thanks.

"Lead with courage, manage challenges with resilience, inspire others and serve with purpose."

Let's Understand What is RYLA?

RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

It is a leadership development program organized by Rotary International for young people, typically between the ages of 14 and 30 (the exact age range varies by Rotary district).

RYLA programs usually include:

- Leadership training and skill development
- Team-building activities
- Public speaking and communication workshops
- Problem-solving and decision-making exercises
- Community service projects
- Networking with peers and mentors

The program is often held as a weekend camp or multi-day conference, and in many areas, participants are sponsored by a local Rotary club, so there is little or no cost to attend.

The goal of RYLA is to help young people become confident, ethical leaders who can make a positive impact in their schools, workplaces, and communities.

COMMUNITY

21 Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon Celebrates Independence Day with GMI Infra

MOHALI, 15 AUGUST, 2026 — On the proud occasion of India's Independence Day, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon was honoured to join Rtn. Mohit Bansal, CEO of GMI Infra and esteemed Honorary Rotarian of the Club, for the Flag Hoisting Ceremony at GMI Business Park, Sector 102A, Chandigarh. The celebration brought together members of Team GMI Infra and Rotarians in a shared expression of patriotism, unity, and commitment towards contributing to the nation's progress.

Representing Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon on the occasion were Rtn. Avinash Taneja, President, and PP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Dhall, Club Patron & Foundation Chair. Together with Rtn. Mohit Bansal and Team GMI Infra, they proudly saluted the National Flag and celebrated the ideals of freedom, responsibility, and collective progress. The ceremony, organised around the theme "Building Tomorrow, Together," served as a meaningful reminder that nation-building is a shared responsibility requiring the participation of individuals, institutions, businesses, and community organisations alike.

The Independence Day celebration also reflected the strong relationship between Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon and GMI Infra, built upon a common commitment to community development and meaningful service. The association has extended beyond fellowship into collaborative initiatives, particularly in the area of environmental sustainability, demonstrating how partnerships between Rotary and socially responsible businesses can translate shared values into tangible action for the community.

For Rotary, patriotism finds its strongest expression through service. While Independence Day celebrates the sacrifices that secured the nation's freedom, it also reminds every citizen of the responsibility to contribute towards building a stronger, healthier, more inclusive, and sustainable India. Whether through environmental conservation, healthcare, education, youth development, or community welfare, every act of responsible service contributes to the larger journey of nation-building.

The participation of Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon in the ceremony reinforced the belief that the business and social sectors can accomplish significantly more when they work together. Organisations such as GMI Infra can provide leadership, resources, and community connections, while Rotary brings its extensive culture of volunteerism, service, fellowship, and grassroots engagement. Such partnerships have the potential to transform ceremonial associations into sustained initiatives capable of creating measurable and lasting impact.

The Club congratulates Rtn. Mohit Bansal and the entire Team GMI Infra for organising a memorable and meaningful Independence Day celebration and for continuing to champion the spirit of "Building Tomorrow, Together." Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon looks forward to strengthening this association and undertaking further initiatives that serve communities, protect the environment, and contribute towards the shared vision of a progressive India.

Proud to Build. Proud to Serve. Proud to be Indian. Jai Hind!

RECOGNITION

22 Proud Moment for Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon!

CHANDIGARH, 15 AUGUST, 2026 — We are delighted to share that Rtn. Rajat Malhotra, Director – Vocational Services, Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon, was honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Shield by the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh, presented by the Hon'ble Mayor, UT Chandigarh, on the eve of Independence Day.

The recognition celebrates his valuable contribution towards social service and community welfare and reflects the spirit that lies at the heart of Rotary — Service Above Self.

The entire Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon congratulates Rtn. Rajat Malhotra on this well-deserved recognition. His commitment to serving society and creating meaningful impact is a matter of pride for our Rotary family.

This recognition is particularly significant as it acknowledges service at the city level and highlights the contribution individuals can make when professional leadership is combined with a strong sense of social responsibility. Rtn. Rajat Malhotra's work reflects Rotary's belief that vocational expertise can become a powerful instrument for community transformation when directed towards addressing genuine social needs and improving the lives of others.

As Director – Vocational Services, Rtn. Rajat Malhotra continues to contribute towards initiatives that connect skills, opportunity, dignity, and service. His involvement in community-oriented programmes, including efforts towards rehabilitation and empowerment of persons with disabilities, demonstrates how vocational service can extend beyond professional development to create greater independence and meaningful opportunities for individuals and families. The recognition by the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh further strengthens the importance of sustained grassroots engagement and collaboration between citizens, civic institutions, and service organisations.

For Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon, the honour is also an encouragement to continue building a culture where service is translated into consistent and measurable action. The Club takes immense pride in seeing its members recognised for their contribution to society and remains committed to supporting initiatives across healthcare, education, youth development, vocational empowerment, environmental sustainability, and community welfare. Rtn. Rajat Malhotra's recognition serves as an inspiration to fellow Rotarians and community members alike to continue serving with purpose and collectively create lasting impact.

COMMUNITY

23 RC Chandigarh Horizon Celebrates Hariyali Teej with Cultural Showcase at Samvedna Skill Centre



CHANDIGARH, 17 AUGUST 2026 — Samvedna Skill Centre in Village Kajheri, Sector 52, Chandigarh, celebrated Hariyali Teej today with an evening of cultural performances and recognition of women's skill-development achievements. The event, sponsored by Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon and Kaira Hope Foundation, brought together the Skill Centre's employees and their children, students, volunteers and invited guests for a spirited, enthusiastically attended programme.

As part of the celebrations, certificates were awarded to girls who successfully completed six months of training in Tailoring and Stitching at the Skill Centre, marking an important milestone in their journey towards self-reliance.

Employees of the Skill Centre and their children presented a lively cultural show, met with great enthusiasm by the audience. A particular attraction was a dance performance by Rtn. Anita Midha and a friend, which drew wide appreciation. Rtn. Manjula Walia, Project Chair, and Rtn. Poonam Wadhwa, Co-Project Chair, of Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon, participated actively, reflecting the Club's continued commitment to the initiative.

Rtn. Avinash Taneja, President, Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon, complimented Samvedna on its good work and congratulated the participants on a memorable performance. He noted that his association with Samvedna goes back almost three years, during which he has closely witnessed the impact of its work, and conveyed his best wishes for its future endeavours.

Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Prajakta Awadh, Founder and President of Samvedna, briefed the gathering on the NGO's projects and shared that nearly 400 girls have been trained across various vocational skills since its inception six years ago. She thanked all the participants and guests, and expressed gratitude to Rotary Club of Chandigarh Horizon and Kaira Hope Foundation for sponsoring the event.

The celebration beautifully demonstrated how cultural traditions can become platforms for empowerment, confidence, and community participation. Beyond the festivities of Hariyali Teej, the recognition of women completing vocational training highlighted the larger purpose of the Samvedna Skill Centre—equipping women and girls with practical skills that can strengthen their financial independence, self-confidence, and ability to create better opportunities for themselves and their families. Through its association with Samvedna and Kaira Hope Foundation, Rotary Club Chandigarh Horizon continues to support initiatives that combine skill development with dignity and opportunity, reinforcing its commitment to women's empowerment and sustainable community development.



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