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District Conference 2026 – A Memorable Gathering of Fellowship and Inspiration



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PRID Dr Mahesh
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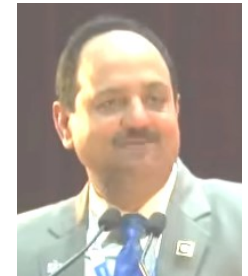
Baba Ram Dev



Rtn Dr Raj Bahadur



Arif Akhtar



DG Rtn Ravi
Prakash

The District Conference was successfully held at BHEL Convention Centre, Haridwar, hosted by Rotary Haridwar and Co-hosted by Rotary Roorkee Midtown, under the dynamic leadership of District Governor Rtn. Ravi Prakash, ably assisted by District Executive Secretary Rtn. Pankaj Pandey and team of Rotarians who worked tirelessly with full dedication, to make the conference a grand success, bringing together Rotarians from across the district for two days filled with fellowship, inspiration, and meaningful engagement. The conference served as an excellent platform for members to interact, exchange ideas, and strengthen their commitment to Rotary's ideals of service.

The conference was honoured by the gracious presence of distinguished leaders and eminent speakers. Past RI Director Rtn. Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi, who was Rotary International President's Representative, addressed the gathering and shared valuable insights on Rotary's global vision and

service initiatives. The event was also graced by eminent dignitaries. RI Director Elect Rtn. Gurjeet Singh Shekhon, whose presence and guidance were highly appreciated by the Rotarians present. The conference also had the presence of renowned Swami Baba Ramdev, who inspired the attendees on health, discipline, and the importance of serving society.

Mr. Arif Akhtar, General Manager (CSR), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), delivered a valuable, informative and inspiring talk on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives available across the country. He highlighted various CSR grants currently being implemented in our district through PP Rtn Deepak Sood, District Chair for CSR.

Rtn Prof Dr Raj Bahadur of Rotary Chandigarh Tricity was the guest speaker on 01st March. He gave a very interesting and informative presentation regarding osteoporosis and other orthopaedic ailments. He was introduced by PDG Rtn Dr Manmohan Singh.



Rtn Rambir Chohan and Rtn Sunita (extreme left) with our club placard on the stage with other club members



L-R: President Kulbir Bhatia, Past AG from Mongolia, PRID Dr Mahesh Kotbagi, Dr Raj Bahadur and Dr VJS Vohra



L-R: PP AP Singh, PP CJ Singh, PDG Dr Manmohan Singh, Dr Raj Bahadur and PP Dr VJS Vohra

The district conference provided opportunities for meaningful discussions, networking, and the exchange of ideas among Rotarians from different clubs. Participants gained valuable perspectives on strengthening Rotary projects and expanding the impact of community service initiatives.

Adding vibrancy to the conference was an exciting entertainment programme featuring well-known personalities. RJ Naved, popular for his humorous prank shows, Arun Gemini, an internationally acclaimed humour poet, and Angad Singh Ranyal, a renowned stand-up comedian, entertained the audience and created moments of joy and laughter. The evening was further enlivened with lively music and energetic dance performances.

The District Conference concluded on a high note, leaving participants inspired and motivated to continue their commitment to Rotary's guiding principle of Service Above Self.

Rotary Chandigarh Tricity had eleven registrations: President Rtn Kulbir Bhatia, PP Rtn Dr VJS Vohra, PP Rtn Deepak Sood, PE Rtn Amritpal Bhambra, Rtn Anupam Jain, Rtn Purnima Sood, Rtn Indu Vohra, Rtn Rakesh Jain, Secretary Rtn Rinku Prasad, Rtn Rambir Chouhan and Rtn Sunita Rani.



Tricitizens Holi Party WITH FLOWER PETALS



Rotary Chandigarh Tricity celebrated the vibrant festival of Holi in a graceful and eco-friendly way during its regular meeting held on 7 March 2026, with the joyful sprinkling of colourful flower petals.

President Rtn Kulbir Bhatia called the meeting to order and highlighted the various service activities undertaken by the club in Chandigarh, Haridwar and Patiala.

In view of 8 March being International Women's Day, President Bhatia invited the First Lady Rtn Harpreet Kaur to take charge of the meeting. She led the celebrations with great enthusiasm, organizing Holi songs, dance, and fun games that filled the gathering with festive spirit.



The celebration also included a cake-cutting ceremony by all the ladies present, along with birthday boy Rtn Rambir Chohan, making the occasion even more special.

The meeting concluded on a cheerful note with members enjoying the festive camaraderie and spirit of Holi, followed by fellowship and dinner.

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Rotary Chandigarh Tricity donates Sewing Machines to Model Jail, Burail



On March 7, 2026, a day before International Women's Day, Rotary Chandigarh Tricity donated Singer Sewing Machines, equipped with more than 200 inbuilt fashion designs, to upgrade the Sewing & Tailoring Vocational Training Course being run by the Chandigarh Administration at Model Jail, Burail.

The initiative will benefit more than 40 female inmates, who will undergo training on these modern machines to develop employable skills and rebuild their lives after release.

During the visit, jail officers Deputy Superintendent Grade-I Pramod Khatri and Deputy Superintendent Praveen Kumar escorted the Rotary members around the jail premises. The visiting Rotary team included President Kulbir Bhatia, PP Deepak Sood, PP Dr. VJS Vohra, PP Salil Bali, Rtn Purnima Sood, Rtn Anupam Jain, and Rtn Rakesh Jain, along with members of RCC Disability Empowerment, Ms. Poonam and her husband Mukesh Kumar, who are leading para table tennis players.

The visit provided an opportunity to observe several vocational and manufacturing units that help rehabilitate inmates by equipping them with practical skills. Inmates produce wooden furniture such as chairs, school desks, office tables, and cabinets, which are supplied to government offices, schools, and colleges in Chandigarh.

They also prepare a variety of food products including sweets like laddoos, balushahi, and besan barfi, as well as bakery items such as cakes and sandwiches. In addition, inmates are trained by professional instructors to create handicrafts including canvas paintings, waste-paper sculptures, waste-wood lampshades, painted planters, and scented candles, which see high demand during festivals.

The ITI unit inside the jail provides certified vocational training in Sewing Technology and Woodwork Technician courses.

All these products are marketed under the brand name "Srijan" and sold through the Nav-Srijan Prison Handmade Showroom, SCF 6, Sector 22D, Chandigarh.

The visit was an enriching experience for the Rotary members, highlighting how skill development and vocational training are playing a crucial role in the rehabilitation and empowerment of inmates.

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PP Deepak Sood creates valuable awareness on CSR



On 26 February 2026, at Hotel Aroma, the President of Rotary Mohali Midtown, Rtn Aameep Sinha warmly welcomed the Chief Guest, District Chair CSR PP Rtn Deepak Sood, along with his wife Rtn Purnima Sood. The event also had the presence of PP Rtn Dr VJS Vohra and PE Rtn Amritpal Bhambra from Rotary Chandigarh Tricity.

Rtn Deepak Sood delivered a highly informative and insightful talk on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). His valuable presentation was greatly appreciated by the members of the club, who found the session interesting, enlightening and inspiring. The meeting was followed by a warm fellowship and concluded with a delightful dinner in Hotel Aroma.



Computer donated to Government School



President Rtn Kulbir Bhatia and First Lady Rtn Harpreet Kaur extended their heartfelt thanks to Maj Gen RS Chopra for his generous donation of a computer in excellent condition to Govt School in Ramgarh Bhudda, Zirakpur, through Rotary Chandigarh Tricity.



Maj Gen RS Chopra handing over the computer to PP Dr VJS Vohra, his Co brother and sister-in-law Rtn Indu Vohra

Maj Gen Chopra also sent his good wishes to the students, encouraging them in their educational journey. Principal Mrs Anita Bhardwaj and staff of the school expressed their immense gratitude for this thoughtful contribution, which will support and enhance learning opportunities for the students.

Present on the occasion from our club were President Kulbir Bhatia, PP Dr VJS Vohra, Rtn Indu Vohra, Secretary Rtn Rinku Prasad, and Rtn Harpreet Kaur, who is also a senior teacher at the school.

Board Meeting



Board meeting of Rotary Chandigarh Tricity held on 26 February 2026 at Hotel Aroma, Chandigarh

Our Club Website – A Digital Milestone

<https://www.rotarychdtricity.org>



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As part of strengthening our public image and digital presence, our club website, www.rotarychdtricity.org, has been successfully developed and launched.

The website features several sections, including **Home, Board of Directors, Club Roster, Bulletins, The 4-Way Test, Gallery, and Contact Us.**

Through the Bulletins section, the website will regularly feature updates on our club meetings, service projects, as well as important club, district, and international events. Bulletins from the time of our club's charter have already been uploaded for members and visitors to explore.

Members are encouraged to visit the website and share it with friends and well-wishers to help promote Rotary and enhance our club's image and visibility in the community.

Rotary Chandigarh Tricity – Public Image Initiative



Rtn Dr Jaswant Singh Puri (centre) donating two boxes of 'gujas' to officials of Navjivini School for disabled children

In the Board Meeting of Rotary Chandigarh Tricity held on 26 February 2026, Rtn. Dr. Jaswant Puri was appointed as Chairman – Rotary Public Image. He has been actively undertaking several initiatives on behalf of the club and has ensured their coverage in the media, thereby enhancing the public image and visibility of Rotary.

On the occasion of Holi, as a project of Rotary Chandigarh Tricity, Rtn. Jaswant Puri organized a Holi Celebration for specially-abled children at Navjivini School of Special Education, Patiala. During the event, special Holi sweets were distributed to the children, and Holi greetings were extended to the students as well as the staff of the school.

This thoughtful gesture was highly appreciated by the Principal of Navjivini School, who acknowledged it as a meaningful Rotary project benefiting the students. The activity also received media coverage in a Punjabi newspaper published in Patiala.

Rtn. Jaswant Puri also maintains strong contacts with media organizations in Chandigarh, including **Doordarshan Chandigarh**, which will further help in promoting the activities and humanitarian work of Rotary in the region.