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Meet our Chief Guest : Sh. Ashish Butail

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Sh. Ashish Butail, Member of Legislative Assembly a dynamic leader, dedicated public servant, and former Hon'ble Chief Parliamentary Secretary of Himachal Pradesh, as our distinguished Chief Guest.

Sh. Ashish Butail was born on January 9, 1980, into a family renowned for its deep-rooted legacy in public service, business, and philanthropy. He is a son of Smt. Beena Butail and Sh. Brij Behari Lal Butail, a veteran statesman who has served the people of Himachal Pradesh with distinction as both the Hon'ble Speaker of the H.P. Vidhan Sabha and as a Cabinet Minister.

His family's commitment to society traces back generations. His grandfather, Lala Bansi Lal Butail, and great-grandfather, Lala Kanhaiya Lal Butail, were prominent merchants and philanthropists from Pragpur who were also actively involved in the Indian independence movement, instilling in him values of leadership and service from an early age.

Sh. Butail received his early education at the prestigious Bishop Cotton School, Shimla, an institution known for building character and excellence. He then pursued his graduation, earning a Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com) degree from the Symbiosis College of Arts & Commerce, Pune.

A multifaceted personality, he is a successful tea planter and entrepreneur before dedicating his life fully to politics and public service, bringing a practical and business-acumen approach to governance. Sh. Ashish Butail's political career began with the Indian Youth Congress, where his leadership qualities were quickly recognized. His rise through the ranks of the Indian National Congress is a testament to his dedication and connect with the people: In 2011-2013 he was first elected President of the Lok Sabha Youth Congress Committee, Kangra (H.P.). In 2014 got appointed as Secretary of the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC), subsequently served as the Treasurer of the HPCC. And currently holds the pivotal position of General Secretary of the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee.

Sh. Butail's popular mandate was first established when he won his maiden election in December 2017, representing the Palampur constituency in the 13th H.P. Vidhan Sabha. As a legislator, he contributed significantly as a member of the Estimates Committee and the Rural Planning Committee.

His service was reaffirmed by the people of Palampur when he was re-elected to the State Legislative Assembly in December 2022. In recognition of his capabilities and dedication, he was appointed as the Chief Parliamentary Secretary on January 8, 2023. In this crucial role, he is attached to the Chief Minister and the Education Minister, overseeing key departments such as Urban Development, Elementary Education, and Higher Education. Driven by a vision to revolutionize the state's educational framework, Sh. Butail undertook a dedicated study tour to Singapore, a global leader in education. His mission was to research and understand their best practices, innovative teaching methodologies, and cutting-edge administrative systems. The insights gained from this visit are now being actively studied for implementation, aiming to incorporate breakthrough policies to enhance the quality and accessibility of education in Himachal Pradesh.

Despite his numerous responsibilities and accomplishments, Sh. Ashish Butail remains a soft-spoken and easily accessible representative, known for his unwavering commitment to his constituents. He has a special interest in social work, consistently striving for the welfare and development of society. An avid reader, he finds his favourite pastime in books, which reflects his thoughtful and informed approach to policy and governance.

On the personal front, he is happily married to Smt. Kanika Bhullar, and the couple is blessed with a daughter Anayita.

We are truly honoured to have a leader of his stature, vision, and humility grace our occasion.



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MAN WITH MISSION AND VISION

Dr Shiv Kumar Ji





Dr. Adarsh Kumar



प्यारे रोटेरियन साथियों, माननीय अतिथिगण और पालमपुर के सभी सुधीजन,

जैसे मंद मानसूनी हवाएँ हमारे चाय बागानों में नवजीवन का संचार कर रही हैं, ठीक वैसे ही धौलाधार की पर्वतशृंखलाएँ आज इस गरिमामयी अध्यक्षपद स्थापना समारोह के साक्षी बनकर हमारे उत्साह और आशाओं को नई ऊँचाइयाँ दे रही हैं। यह समारोह केवल एक औपचारिक पद—हस्तांतरण नहीं, बल्कि हमारे बंधुत्व की एक पवित्र परंपरा है। यह निरंतरता, समर्पण और स्वयं से परे जाकर की जाने वाली सेवा की अविच्छिन्न शृंखला का एक सशक्त प्रतीक है।

पिछला वर्ष रोटेरियन अध्यक्ष सुरेंद्र मोहन जी के दृढ़ नेतृत्व में असाधारण संकल्पशक्ति और उपलब्धियों भरा रहा। हमने अपने सामूहिक प्रयासों की ठोस छाप देखी — समुदाय के स्वास्थ्य की पहलों को मजबूती देने से लेकर युवाओं का सशक्तिकरण, पर्यावरणीय स्थिरता को समर्थन देने से लेकर भाईचारे के मजबूत बंधन बनाने तक। अध्यक्ष सुरेंद्र मोहन जी और सचिव डॉ. राजेश सूद जी के हाथों में यह ध्वज केवल अधिकार का चिह्न नहीं, बल्कि प्रगति और एकता को साकार करने का एक साधन था। उनके अविरत समर्पण और भविष्य की मजबूत नींव रखने के लिए हम उनके गहन आभारी हैं।

आज, यही ध्वज अध्यक्ष रोटेरियन अजय सूद जी और सचिव रोटेरियन राघव शर्मा जी के सक्षम हाथों में सौंपा जा रहा है। हम उनमें केवल एक नेता ही नहीं, बल्कि एक ऐसे दूरदर्शी व्यक्तित्व को देखते हैं जिनमें रोटरी की आत्मा बसती है। सेवा के प्रति उनका जुनून, उनकी रणनीतिक दृष्टि और पालमपुर की संस्कृति के प्रति गहरा लगाव उन्हें आगे की यात्रा के लिए एक आदर्श मार्गदर्शक बनाता है। हमें पूर्ण विश्वास है कि उनके मार्गदर्शन में हमारा क्लब नवाचार और करुणा के साथ नई चुनौतियों का सामना करेगा।

परंतु, रोटरी की शक्ति किसी एक व्यक्ति के कंधों पर नहीं, बल्कि प्रत्येक सदस्य की सामूहिक ऊर्जा में निहित है। प्रत्येक समिति, प्रत्येक स्वयंसेवक और हमारे सभी सहयोगी परिवर्तन की इस महान यात्रा के अनिवार्य अंग हैं। इस नए वर्ष में प्रवेश करते हुए, आइए हम सब संकल्प लें कि अपने नए अध्यक्ष और कार्यकारिणी को हम अपना पूर्ण समर्थन देंगे। आइए अपने विचार साझा करें, अपने हाथों से सेवा में जुट जाएँ और अपना हृदय इस मिशन में समर्पित कर दें।

पालम का यह अंक संक्रांति की भावना को दर्शाता है। इन पन्नों के भीतर आपको बीते वर्ष का सिंहावलोकन, आने वाले वर्ष की योजनाओं की एक झलक और उन सदस्यों के परिचय मिलेंगे जिन्होंने रोटरी क्लब पालमपुर को एक विशिष्ट पहचान दी है।

आइए हम साथ चलें, न केवल एक ऐसे क्लब के रूप में जो मात्र जुटता है, बल्कि एक ऐसी शक्ति के रूप में जो रूपांतरित करती है। आइए हम केवल शब्दों में नहीं, बल्कि उन कार्यों में आशा का सृजन करें जो पालमपुर की घाटियों और उससे भी आगे गूँजें। हमारा समर्थन अडिग है। भविष्य उज्ज्वल है।

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A Legacy of Leadership: The Stewards of Our Club

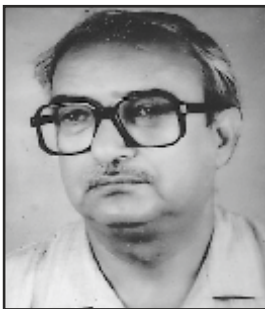
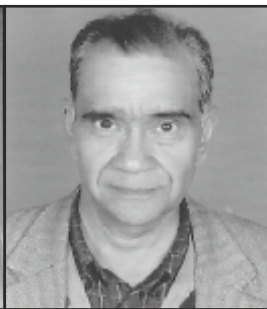







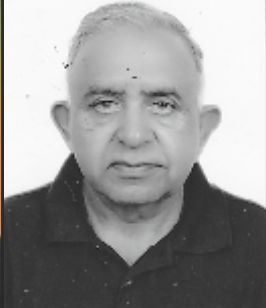










Every great story has its heroes. The story of the Rotary Club of Palampur since 1978 is no different. It is a narrative not written by a single author, but sculpted by the vision, dedication, and unwavering service of the leaders who have held its highest trust.

This page is a hall of honor. It is a tribute to the past presidents who accepted the gavel and with it, the weight of responsibility. They are the architects of our legacy, the captains who have steered our ship through calm waters and challenging storms. Their individual tenures, distinct yet connected, form the unbroken chain of progress that defines who we are today.

Look into their eyes in these photographs, eyes that sparkled with the same Rotary spirit that fuels us now. They are not just portraits from the past; they are a timeless reminder that true leadership is about planting trees under whose shade you may never sit.

We stand on the shoulders of these giants. We are the beneficiaries of their labor. We are the keepers of their flame.

Join us in saluting the extraordinary ordinary individuals who have served as **President of the Rotary Club of Palampur** since its inception.

				
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RTN. PROF. N. K. SHARMA (1984-1985)	RTN. PROF. JAGDEV KATOCH (1985-1986)	RTN. ER. C.P. MAHAJAN (1986-1987)	RTN. DR. N.K. KASHYAP (1987-1988)	RTN. DR. V.K. SUD (1988-1989) & (1992-93)
				
RTN. DR. R.G. SUD (1989-1990)	RTN. NAVIN SAREEN (1990-1991)	RTN. M.M. BHANDARI (1991-1992)	RTN. R.P. VERMANI (1993-1994)	RTN. DR. P.K. SHARMA (1994-1995)
				
RTN. AR. AJAY SHARMA (1995-1996)	RTN. Y.R. BAKSHI (1996-1997)	RTN. KAPIL SOOD (1997-1998)	RTN. SURINDER SOOD (1998-1999)	RTN. (COL.) JITENDER KUMAR (1999-2000)



RTN. JITENDER BANTA
(2000-2001)



RTN. ER. Y.P. NAGPAL
(2001-2002)



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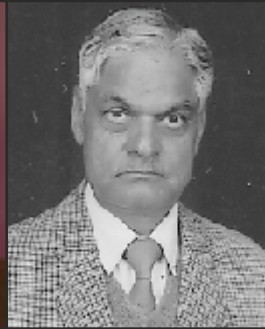
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(2004-2005)



RTN. VINAY SHARMA
(2005-2006)



RTN. ER. SUNIL NAGPAL
(2006-2007) & (2009-2010)



RTN. CHANDER SHEKHAR
(2007-2008)



RTN. J.N. AWASTHI
(2008-2009)



RTN. R.K. SHARMA
(2010-2011)



RTN. B.C. AWASTHI
(2011-2012)



RTN. MANOJ KANWAR
(2012-2013)



RTN. ER. S.S. NARANG
(2013-2014)



RTN. DR. JITENDRA PAL
(2014-2015)



RTN. SANJEEV BAGHLA
(2015-2016)



RTN. DR. RAKESH KAPILA
(2016-2017)



RTN. ER. AJAY SHARMA
(2017-2018)



RTN. CHANCHAL SHARMA
(2018-2019)



RTN. DR. VIVEK SHARMA
(2019-2020)



RTN. DR. ADARSH KUMAR
(2020-2021)



RTN. RAKESH VIJ
(2021-2022)



RTN. VIKAS VASUDEVA
(2022-2023)



RTN. RISHI SANGRAI
(2023-2024)



RTN. SURINDER MOHAN
(2024-2025)



Ashish Butail



MESSAGE

Member Legislative Assembly
Palampur Constituency

Respected Rotarians of Rotary Club Palampur,

Jai Hind & Warm Greetings!

As the proud representative of our beloved Palampur in the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, it gives me immense joy to join you on this special occasion celebrating new leadership. While we install our President Rtn Ajay Sood and Secretary Rtn Raghav Sharma today, I wish to specially acknowledge the Rotarians – the graceful force multiplier behind every service initiative.

Your silent yet powerful contributions – be it in health camps, environmental drives preserving Palampur's pristine beauty, or nurturing youth through vocational projects. The way you balance familial responsibilities with community leadership sets an inspiring example for our society.

Under President Ajay Sood and Secretary Raghav Sharma's leadership, I am confident your collective wisdom will strengthen our fight against malnutrition in remote panchayats, expand skill development programs for SHG women and enhance elderly care initiatives in our constituency.

The state government stands committed to supporting your noble endeavours. I personally assure all possible cooperation from my office for your upcoming projects.

Let's continue working together to make Palampur a model of Gramin Vikas and Swasth Jeevan – where every Rotarians' compassion creates ripples of change.

With deep respect & assurances of continued support,

Ashish Butail

Meet our RI President 2025-26



Francesco Arezzo

Francesco Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice and owns an agricultural enterprise that produces extra virgin olive oil in Sicily.

Arezzo is a graduate of the University of Padua and a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations, as well as the Italian and European lingual orthodontics associations. He is a dentistry graduate of the University of Cagliari, where he also received a master's in lingual orthodontics.

He has served as vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the Ragusa delegation to the National Trust for Italy.

Arezzo is also the owner of an agricultural enterprise and producer of extra virgin olive oil in the Monti Iblei region of Sicily. He has been vice president of the administrative council of the consortium controlling and regulating quality production of oil in that region. He owns two boutique hotel settlements there. He enjoys modern art and opera.

A Rotary member for 36 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, chair of the 2023 Melbourne Convention Committee, learning facilitator, and district conference presidential representative, among other roles.

He is married to Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. His daughter Raffaella spent a year in Florida as part of a Rotary Youth Exchange. Francesco and Anna Maria are Benefactors and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

Presidential Message 2025-26



Francesco Arezzo

August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead, and to bring lasting change.

Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.

Remember, there is now great flexibility in fashioning nontraditional club models. I'm inspired when I see these innovative clubs thrive by offering new and prospective members more ways to connect and serve.

In Korea, the growth of satellite clubs has created opportunities for nearly 1,000 new members to find their place in Rotary. In Romania, the close collaboration between Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors has built a pipeline of future leaders. In India, some Rotarians gather around a shared interest — whether it's professional development or a passion for service — and those connections deepen their commitment and their joy in being part of Rotary. And we've seen cause-based clubs thrive in regions as diverse as Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe.

There's a common thread: Where clubs are growing, membership is a priority and there is a willingness to try something new. Rotary is not limited to one structure or tradition. We are a global network of people of action, and that means there is room for many kinds of clubs, many ways to serve, and many paths into our organization.

This spirit of innovation is also guiding our efforts to reach new communities. In places where there has never been a Rotary club — or where a club once existed and faded — Rotarians are finding ways to grow Rotary. They are identifying areas of potential and building clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities.

Every member plays a part in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, support a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you are helping our organization grow stronger and more vibrant.

No one owns a Rotary club. It is a gift we pass on to the next generation. When we nurture that gift, when we invite others to share in it, we ensure that Rotary continues to be a force for good.

Let's prioritize membership growth — not just in August but every month of the year. Together, through friendship, creativity, and shared purpose, we will grow Rotary and Unite for Good.

District Governor Message 2025-26



Rtn. Rohit Oberoi

It gives me immense joy to convey my heartfelt congratulations to Rotary Club of Palampur on the occasion of your Installation Ceremony and the release of your club magazine Palam. This publication is not only a reflection of your vibrant club spirit but also a testimony to the vision, commitment, and dedication of your members.

I warmly congratulate President Rtn. Ajay Sood, Secretary Rtn. Raghav Sharma, and their dynamic team of office bearers for the Rotary year 2025-26. With the strength of the HUM Parivaar behind you, I am confident that your leadership will take the club to even greater heights of service and fellowship.

A special appreciation is due to Rtn. Kapil Sood, District Chair – Disaster Management, and his committed team, for their outstanding contribution during the recent Himachal Pradesh floods. Under Operation HUM 4 Himachal, Rotary Club of Palampur set a sterling example of compassion and service by mobilizing relief materials and extending timely support to countless affected families. This noble work will remain a shining chapter in our district's history.

I also take pride in acknowledging the contributions of Rtn. Gopal Sood, Zonal Chairman, along with many other distinguished Rotarians of your club who are actively serving in the District Team. Their presence and participation are a source of strength and inspiration for all of us.

Rotary Club of Palampur has always exemplified the true spirit of Rotary—Service Above Self. I extend my best wishes to Team HUM Palampur for a successful and impactful year ahead, filled with meaningful projects, stronger bonds, and shared achievements.

With warm regards and Rotary greetings,

Past District Governor Message

Sunil Nagpal
District Governor 2019-20



SUNIL NAGPAL

On the Installation Function of Rotary Club Palampur – 23rd August 2025 It gives me immense pride and joy to extend my heartfelt greetings to all members of Rotary Club Palampur on the occasion of your Installation Function. As we bid farewell to the outgoing team led by President Rtn. Surinder Mohan and Secretary Dr. Rajesh Sood, I wish to acknowledge and celebrate their remarkable contributions throughout the Rotary year 2024–25. Their leadership was marked by purposeful service, impactful community projects, and vibrant fellowship activities.

From club assemblies to festive celebrations, they infused energy and unity into every initiative. Their efforts have rightly earned them accolades and recognition from the District, and I congratulate them on a truly successful year.

Rotary Club Palampur holds a special place in my heart. Chartered in 1978 under the visionary leadership of Dr. Shiv Kumar, the club has built a legacy of service through enduring projects like the Rotary Eye Hospitals at Maranda, Pragpur, and Dhusara; the Mother & Child Hospital at Thakurdwara; the School for Special Children at Saliana; and the Rotary Bhawan – a multipurpose community centre and so many other permanent projects. These initiatives continue to reflect the spirit of Rotary and the club's unwavering commitment to humanity.

As we welcome the new leadership team for 2025–26, led by President Rtn. Ajay Sood and Secretary Rtn. Raghav Sharma, I am inspired by their immediate and compassionate response to the monsoon disaster in Himachal Pradesh. Their swift action in providing essential commodities to affected communities, in collaboration with local administration, exemplifies Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." I extend my best wishes to the new team for a year filled with meaningful service, strong fellowship, and impactful projects. May you continue to embody the message of Rotary International President 2025–26, Francesco Arezzo, as we UNITE for Good.

With Rotary regards,



Meet Our President 2025-26



AJAY SOOD

Rtn. Ajay Sood was born on October 28, 1972, into the esteemed family of Late Sh. K.C. Sood and Smt. Nirmal Sood. A second-generation Rotarian, Ajay draws inspiration from his father, a Charter Member of the Rotary Club Palampur. He completed his schooling at DAV School, Palampur, and pursued his undergraduate studies at DAV College, Kangra, and later graduation from GGDS College, Baijnath. He went on to earn his Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA) from IEC, Palampur in 1994-95.

An avid sports enthusiast during his student years, Ajay represented his institutions at both junior and senior state levels in Handball. He played in the Inter-College Handball Championship (1990-91) and also represented his college in the Inter-College Table Tennis Championship (1994-95). Ajay's leadership journey began early—he was elected Joint Secretary of the Students' Central Association in 1993-94 and served as President of the Rotaract Club, Baijnath in 1992-93. Inspired and guided by Dr. Shiv Kumar, he joined Rotary in 2003.

Professionally, he manages the well-known Sood Enterprises in Palampur, continuing the family legacy with dedication and integrity. Known for his soft-spoken nature, organizational skills, and commitment to community service, Ajay is actively involved in several social initiatives. He serves as the Joint Secretary of the Blood Bank Society, Palampur, which is widely recognized for its humanitarian contributions. He is also the Treasurer of both the Go-Sadan and Crematorium Committee in Palampur and holds a government-nominated position on the Rogi Kalyan Samiti at Civil Hospital, Palampur.

During the Rotary year 2023-24, he served as Secretary of Rotary Club Palampur, earning the title of Best Secretary in the HP Zone. Under his tenure, the club received the Overall Best Club Trophy in District 3070.

Ajay is happily married to Mrs. Priyanka Sood, a dedicated government school teacher. They are blessed with two talented sons, Achyut and Arihant.

Meet Our Secretary 2025-26



RAGHAV SHARMA

Raghav Sharma is a young energetic management professional, son of renowned social worker, Former MLA, Late Dr Shiv Kumar and Dr. Mrs Vijay Sharma. He did his Graduation and Master's in Computer from reputed institutions in India. With the zeal of learning he did his Executive MBA from IMT Ghaziabad and MBA in Health Care Management from Symbiosis Pune. He is certified in Healthcare Management from India's best business school i.e. Indian School of Business. Also holds NABH certification in Digital Health Management.

He worked as an IT and Management professional in a top multinational companies for more than 14 years where he lead multidimensional teams across the globe. Apart from his core competencies he is a certified Microsoft Solution Developer, Microsoft Certified Professional and Microsoft Specialist in technologies. He is a brainbech certified in Adobe applications. Managed team of software developers and management professionals till a decade. During his tenure he handled clients of a various regions i.e. North America, Europe and Asia Pecific. Raghav is top performing professional and has achieved many awards in his career. He set an example of being Employee of the Month for more 16 times in an organization. Twice received "Outstanding performance award", "General Manager Special Achievement Award". He has also been awarded as the most Precious award from the company that is "Stand Out Award of the company". After serving as IT professional more than a decade he is presently working as General Manager – Administration of The Palampur Rotary Eye Foundation. Following the footprints of his illustrious father, taking up new challenges in the work, his personal interest created better infrastructure and facilities in the foundation. Raghav is always keen to work more and his consistent zeal to make things perfect has given a new shape to Rotary Women and Child Care Thakurdwara.

Taking inspiration from his father and elders in his family, he has joined many organizations to serve the society. Raghav is a member of various organizations i.e. The Palampur Rotary Eye Foundation, The Palampur Rotary Helpage Foundation, Rotary Club Palampur, Sanatan Dharm Sabha Punjab, G.G.D.S.D Education Society Baijnath, Dhauladhar Charitable Trust and Shani Sewa Sadan. Raghav is happily married to Garima Sharma who is one of the source strength of his achievements and they are blessed with two children Krishiv and Kiyaan.



GRATITUDE MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT



My Dearest Rotary Family,

As the sun sets on my tenure as President of Rotary Club Palampur, I stand before you with a heart overflowing with gratitude. These twelve months have been nothing short of transformative - not just for our club, but for me personally.

Our Shared Achievements include several plantations drives, health camps with thousands of beneficiaries, organization of district assembly, fellowship projects, Rotaract clubs and good member ship growth.

I am thankful to my incredible team, club secretary Rtn Dr Rajesh Sood, Our Rotarians, whose compassion turned plans into impact, the board members who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and every member who showed up, whether for meetings or service projects

As I pass the gavel to President Ajay, I do so with complete confidence. His vision combined with Secretary Raghav's energy promises an even brighter chapter ahead. While I may be stepping down from this role, my commitment to service continues undiminished.

I must say that "Rotary isn't just something we do - it's who we become when we serve together."

With warmest regards and eternal Rotary spirit,

Rtn. Surinder Mohan
Immediate Past President





Message of the President 2025-26

My Dear Rotary Family,

As I stand before you today, adorned with the badge of President that carries the weight of your trust, I am filled with profound gratitude and deep responsibility. This is not my journey alone – it is our shared commitment to service that will light the path ahead.

First, I must bow to three guiding forces, our Charetred President Late Dr Shiv Kumar ji for his everlasting heavenly blessings, our founding Rotarians who built this legacy brick by brick, the outgoing leadership team that has handed us a thriving club and my fellow members, whose collective strength makes everything possible

Our Vision this year would be rooted in Service, reaching for impact. But remember friends – the true measure of our success won't be in projects completed, but in lives touched. That child who gets glasses through our vision camp, that elderly citizen who feels cared for, that young professional who discovers Rotary's values – these are our real trophies.

To our Rotarinas – you are our secret weapon! Your compassion turns our plans into meaningful action. I specially invite your guidance in designing our women empowerment initiatives.

With Secretary Raghav's organizational brilliance and all your support, I promise to listen more than I speak, empower more than I direct and serve more than I lead

The gavel has been passed – now let's roll up our sleeves and write Palampur's next chapter of service together!

In Rotary's Bond,

Rtn. Ajay Sood
President

Message of the Secretary 2025-26

Dear Fellow Rotarians & Honored Guests,

As I formally assume the role of Secretary of Rotary Club Palampur today, I am filled with gratitude for the trust you have placed in me. This is not just a position—it is a responsibility I accept with humility and a deep commitment to our shared mission of Service Above Self.

My Promise to you would be efficient Coordination ensuring seamless communication between members, committees, and district leadership, transparent documentation with meticulous record-keeping to honor our club's legacy and member support, being your go-to resource for ideas, concerns, and collaborations

This Year's Focus shall be strengthening engagement with regular updates, timely reminders, and interactive sessions to keep our club vibrant, digital transformation streamlining processes for smoother operations and community Impact supporting President Ajay Sood's vision with well-organized, high-impact projects

To our Rotaract and Interact members, your energy inspires us! Let's work closely to bridge generations in service and to our senior Rotarians, I seek your guidance to uphold the values you've nurtured over decades.

Let's make this Rotary year one of unity, action, and meaningful change. My door (and inbox!) is always open, Please share your ideas, feedback, and aspirations freely.

In Rotary's spirit of fellowship,

Rtn. Raghav Sharma
Secretary (2024-25)



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THE PALAMPUR ROTARY HELPAGE FOUNDATION SALIANA

Dr Vivek Sharma

Secretary General, PRHF

In the year 1978, twenty-eight service minded citizens of Palampur joined hands to serve and alleviate the sufferings of the fellow human beings and formed Rotary Club with Dr. Shiv Kumar as its Chartered President and Er. Kuldeep Sood as Charter Secretary. The club members decided to adopt Leprosy Home in village Chowki and render Free Vaccination, Health Care and Environment Protection Programme. Since then quite a few permanent service projects have been taken up which are serving the community to the best satisfaction of all. In 1991, the Palampur Rotary Helpage Foundation with its members drawn from amongst Rotary, and the local community was got registered. The Foundation decided to create facilities for the dignified stay of Senior Citizens and also for the care, stay and education of parentless children and for this purpose Late. S.K. Bhardwaj Founder Sr. Vice Chairman of the Foundation generously donated land in Saliana.

Apna Ghar-Home of Senior Citizens

Deeply concerned with the situations The Palampur Rotary Helpage foundation accepted the challenge to create infrastructure for the dignified stay of Senior Citizens, who had the feeling unwanted in their families and also facilities for the care, stay and education of unfortunate children who had lost their children. With the support of the community, the task of establishing Home for the Senior Citizen and Home for the parentless children was taken up. Apna Ghar was completed and dedicated on 08-10-1994 by PRIP Rtn. Rajinder K Saboo. Presently nine senior citizens are residing in the Apna Ghar and available on self-supporting self-financing basis for the rest of their life.

Ramanand Gopal Hostel for Parentless Children

Bal Ashram was named in the sacred memory of Sh. Ramanand Gopal, Son of Sh. K.N. Sood who generously contributed a substantial amount. It was dedicated to the children on 14th November 1995 by Rtn. Horald Cowie (a friend of Rotary Palampur from Callgary, Canada) and Director, Overseas Development. At present, 36 children, both boys and girls, are staying there. Foundation is grooming the children with love and care to become self-reliant and useful citizens. The children are given the school Education and higher Education through GAV School Saliana and GGSDS College Rajpur respectively.

SAHARA HOSTEL FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN THAKUR DAS KAROL ROTARY HOSTEL FOR BOYS

The expression "Mental Retardation does not need any elaboration. It is not just word , it is painful way of life . Mentally challenged person are considered as a burden not only on the whole family but also on society as a whole. Dr. Ram Kumar, contributed substantial funds in the sacred memory of his father Late. Shri Thakur Dass Karol and, in his name, the Home for less fortunate children was dedicated by Shri. Prabodh Saxena the then Deputy Commissioner, Kangra on 14th November 2002.

PT ANANT RAM ROTARY SEWA ASHRAM SCHOOL FOR SPECIALLY ABLED CHILDREN

Mentally retardation does not necessary limit the child development, communication and learning skills but growing up with such disabilities is difficult. Every such child grows up in his or her own special way Vidya Bhupinder Rotary Sewa Ashram, Thakurdwara near Maranda, school for mentally challenged children was started as a Day Care Centre. Later on The Palampur Rotary Helpage Foundation set up Pt Anant Ram Rotary Sewa Ashram at saliana on 11th April 2003 . There are 35 children in the age group of 5-15 years who are been looked after by specialist teacher and supporting staff. Efforts being made to develop rehabilitation potential in them depending on their specific needs and to help them unfold full potential.

On behalf of The Palampur Rotary Helpage Foundation We convey our heartiest , sincere greetings and facilitations for the valuable support from our generous Donors, Friends, well-wishers from all over the country and abroad. We appeal to all to contribute their bit in furtherance to carry on these community projects. Your valuable donations qualify for the Income tax exemptions under Section 80-G of the Income Tax Act 1961. For further details you are requested to contact at +91-8580747542 or prhf.saliana@gmail.com.



The Palampur Rotary Eye Foundation

The Palampur Rotary Eye Foundation a Charitable Voluntary Organization, engaged in the service of visually handicapped people in this part of the country for the last 35 years. The society is serving patients not only from the length and breadth across the state of Himachal Pradesh but also from neighboring states of Punjab, J&K and Haryana.

With the exclusive support of the local community, the Foundation has the privilege and honour of establishing three eye hospitals at Maranda (Palampur), Pragpur (Dehra) in Kangra District and Dhussara in Una District and one Women & Child Care Hospital at Thakurdwara with latest infrastructure. Since inception of the three eye care centers more than 31 lac patients have visited these Institutions for treatment out of whom 3 lac plus patients were operated upon for various eye ailments and their sight restored.

It was in 1981 the International Year of the Disabled, that the Society was formed. All the members of Rotary Club just 28 in number became the founder member and pledge themselves to serve the curable blind and resolved late Dr. Shiv Kumar as the founder Chairman. It was envisaged to create an institution with facilities for detailed investigation, treatment and surgery of all kinds of eye ailments. Late L. Balak Ram Sood of Raipur Tea Estate from Mela Mal Sood Charitable Trust donated 4000 sq. mtrs. of prime land on Pathankot Mandi National Highway at Maranda. For this generous donation, the foundation shall always gratefully remember late L. Balak Ram Sood of Raipur Tea Estate.

18th October, 1985 was a red letter day in the history of Palampur when Mela Mal Sood Rotary Eye Hospital was dedicated to the community with a great fanfare. The Hospital is serving the society since then with a great spirit and motto "Sponsor the rebirth of Light".

The institution is working under the Chairmanship of Sh K.G. Butail (Chairman) and leadership of Dr. Sudhir Salhotra, (Director). Various Cataract, Advance Vitreo and Refractive Surgery, Ophthalmology, Oculoplasty, Contact Lens Clinic and is charged as consultation person can get their cataract Retina Detachment Surgery 30,000 per patient. The Himcare, DHS and ECHS so society can be given



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Farm Technocrats Forum is a registered body register under **Society Registration Act 2006 (No. 25 of 2006)**. This society came in existence on **December 03rd, 2008** and having its headquarter at **Palampur**. The Forum rendered valuable services in the Agriculture and allied fields. The retired officers of the state department of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, state agricultural universities and banking sectors constitute the body of the organisation.

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