

## Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India

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## **UBD 2025 CELEBRATIONS IN THE NORTHERN REGION**

My Dear Brethren,

Next month, on 24<sup>th</sup>, we, in the Northern Region, will be celebrating the Universal Brotherhood Day with events and activities in the true spirit of Masonry and Brotherhood.

I would like that our programmes must increase our visibility as well as highlight the relevance of Freemasonry to a common man. Involvement and participation of maximum number of Lodges and brethren shall be appreciated.

These activities need not be restricted to 24<sup>th</sup> June. They may be planned over a number of days that week as per the convenience and availability of the beneficiaries and the participants.

Senior officers of the Region and GLI, including myself, will be participating in the celebrations in various cities around the Region.

There are a few suggestions for the events and activities. The Lodges/Centres can select one or more from the list. You are free to undertake any other significant project also. In such a case please share your ideas and proposal with us. The Region shall provide assistance, guidance and financial support (depending upon the merit of the event/activity).

## The list is as follows:

- 1. Blood donation camp.
- 2. Limb donation camp.
- 3. Eye check-up camps followed by cataract surgery camp at an Eye hospital in the city. The Lodges in the NCR of Delhi can avail the facility at our own Masonic Eye Centre at Janpath in New Delhi.
- 4. Medical camps:
  - a. Cancer awareness and detection camps (prostate and breast) for Masons and their family members

- b. General medical check-ups for general public
- 5. Distribution to poor and needy:
  - a. Food
  - b. Bicycles
  - c. School uniforms and stationery items
  - d. Laptops or other items to schools
- 6. Walkathon at a prominent street in the city/town on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Placards, banners and t-shirts shall be used. **All Centres must organize this event**.
- 7. Adoption, development and maintenance of a public space park, street, a square or an Institution in the city. Signage and Boards with text of masonic ideals and virtues shall be displayed prominently. A plaque shall be put mentioning the name of the Lodge/Society/Fraternity behind the project. Such projects can be inaugurated on the occasion of UBD by some important dignitary of the city.
- 8. Painting or other competitions for students of schools in the city.
- 9. Divine Service (to be conducted by MW the Grand Master or his representative). Non-masons and prominent citizens should be invited to this Ceremony.
- 10. Sports activities for masons and their families. The Centres/Lodges may sponsor such events for local schools or clubs.
- 11. Seminars and webinars.
- 12. Get-together with fellowship, dinner and cultural programmes on Saturday or Sunday. Ladies and some non-masons may also be invited.

Dear brethren, I look forward to your whole-hearted and meaningful participation in the UBD Celebrations this year.

Thanks & regards,

8<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

Puneet Sohal,

RGM.