# **Half Yearly Meetings 2025**



















Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India

13th and 14th of September, 2025 Freemasons' Hall, Janpath, New Delhi





### Message from our RGM

My dear Brethren,

We got together in February at the time of my installation. Seven months have passed and we shall be meeting again on 13th and 14th September for the Half Yearly meetings of the Region. Half year is the time to look back at the period gone by and take stock of things. It is also the time to plan for the remaining part of the year.

Brethren, this time the responsibility of organisation of meetings is with our Dy RGM, RW Bro PK Sharma, who is a very capable organizer, a very successful executor and a great motivator. I am confident that, under his leadership, the organising committee shall leave no stone unturned not only to hold the meetings very successfully but also to make them enjoyable for all delegates.

Brethren, in general the work-load in the Half-yearly meetings is not much. This time I have laid a lot of stress on holding side events and programs. We held some workshops and seminars in February which were well attended and appreciated. On Saturday morning we shall be having a charity program, health check-up camps and workshops. We have invited the students of Amrit Masonic Special School to interact with us. I have formed an independent committee for this purpose under the chairmanship of RW Bro KS Rekhi, whose organizational capabilities are excellent.

As always the dinner and lunch are going to be sumptuous with varied cuisines. There will be lot of fun and activities for the ladies too. On the whole, there's going to be something or the other for all delegates and the spouses.

Dear brethren, I exhort you to register in large numbers and attend the meetings.

Please plan in such a way that you are in Delhi early on Saturday to participate in various activities and events.

Fraternal regards,

Puneet Sohal





### Appeal by R.W. Bro. P.K. Sharma,

Dy. RGM & Chairman, Organising Committee, HYM 2025

First of all I am grateful to RW Bro Puneet Sohal, RW The Regional Grand Master of Northern India for posing faith in me to head the Organising Committee for Half Yearly Meetings. It is indeed my proud privilege to invite & request you to attend the Half Yearly Meetings of the Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India on Saturday, 13th September & Sunday, 14th September, 2025 at Freemasons Hall, Janpath, New Delhi.

After a very successful Annual Meeting in the beginning of this

year wherein our Right Worshipful, The Regional Grand Master was installed, I once again look forward to your support & cooperation to make our forthcoming meeting an equally memorable event in line with high standards set by our region. Now with our new & dynamic RGM at the helm it multiplies our responsibilities with few new Events & Programs being part of our Half Yearly meeting. As a tradition Ritual Working Competition and other Trophies & Certificates will be awarded in this meeting, I request Lodges to participate in maximum numbers with their officers & Master Masons.

For the success of all events of this meeting, it will be our endeavour to make this meeting a success with support from Chairmen, Co-Chairmen & members of various Sub-Committees and above all, you my dear brethren who have extended valuable support always. The Steering Committee will try to organize the event in the best way possible and we will make sure to take special care of all our Brethren and their Spouses travelling from distant centres and make their stay comfortable. While we attend the masonic meetings, there are Events and Games organized by Ladies Committee for your Spouses on both the days.

I call upon you all to Register for the event at the earliest so as to help us plan better and make proper arrangements & I am sure brethren with your support and help, together we will be able to make Half Yearly Meeting a huge success.

"The Best Preparation for tomorrow is doing your Best Today"

R.W. Bro. P.K. Sharma Chairman – Steering Committee





#### REGIONAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN INDIA

On Saturday the 13th September, & Sunday the 14th September, 2025 VENUE: Freemasons Hall, Janpath, New Delhi

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **REGISTRATION & DISTRIBUTION OF KITS**

11th September 2025 3.00pm to 6.00pm 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025 10.00am to 6.00pm

13<sup>th</sup> September 2025 10.00am to 3.00pm and 7.00pm to 8.00pm

#### SATURDAY, THE 13th SEPTEMBER, 2025

9.00 am onwards Events: Charitable Project (Limb donation camp), Workshop &

**Exhibitions (Details will be updated shortly)** 

1.00 pm - 2.00pm Lunch

3.00 for 3.30 pm Half Yearly Meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge of

Northern India.

7.30 pm Fellowship & Dinner

#### **SUNDAY THE 14th SEPTEMBER, 2025**

9.30 am Half Yearly Convocation of the Regional Grand Chapter of

Northern India.

11.00 am Tea/Coffee

11. 30am Half Yearly Meeting of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge

of Northern India.

1.00 pm Fellowship & Lunch

#### LADIES' PROGRAMME (VENUE – FRATERNITY CLUB LAWNS)

#### SATURDAY, THE 13th SEPTEMBER, 2025

5.00 to 8:00 PM Cultural Programme (Dress code – ROYAL ATTIRE)

#### SUNDAY, THE 14th SEPTEMBER, 2025

11:30 AM Dance performance by children of Amrit Masonic Special School

Felicitation of students of Class 10 of Amrit Masonic Special School for

their academic performance.

12:00 PM onwards Tambola (Dress code – PEACH)





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### **Half Yearly Meetings**

### **Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India**

13 & 14 September, 2025 at Freemason's Hall, Janpath, New Delhi

### Click here to Register

Mason Rs.3,500 Mason with Spouse Rs.6,500 Patron Rs.10,000 Governor Rs.15,000



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Y.M.C.A (600 mtr) 43644047, 43644000

Single : ₹4315/Double : ₹5210/-

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**HOTEL HANS (800 mtr)** 

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HOTEL ALKA

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Single : ₹4000/-Double : ₹5000/-

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**ROYAL PLAZA (1.4 km)** 

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Single : ₹8000/-

Double : ₹9000/- (+ Tax)



THE PARK (800 mtr)

23743000, 23744000

Single : ₹9500/-Double : ₹10500/-

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**HOTEL SALTSTAYZ (1.4 km)** 

8791883640, 9898384517

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#### **BLOOM ROOMS (600 mtr)**

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Standard King

Single : ₹5700/- (+ Tax) Double : ₹6200/- (+ Tax)

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Delux : ₹2240/- (Inc Tax) Premium : ₹3340/- (Inc Tax)





### A Taste of Delhi

#### Pocket friendly eateries which are the favourite of Delhiites

- Rajinder Da Dhaba Safdarjung Enclave. A legendary spot serving North Indian delights like kebabs, mutton korma, and butter chicken. Originally a roadside dhaba, it's now a bustling semi-open joint with quick service and hearty portions. Approx ₹600 for two.
- Indian Coffee House Connaught Place. A nostalgic, no-frills eatery offering South Indian staples like dosas, idlis, and filter coffee. The retro vibe and pocket-friendly menu make it a favorite among students and old-timers alike. Meals under ₹500 for two.
- Kake Da Hotel Connaught Lane. Known for its rich Mughlai fare—think saag gosht, keema kaleji, and butter naan. It's crowded, chaotic, and absolutely worth it. A full meal for two costs around ₹400.
- Fateh Ki Kachori Civil Lines. A humble street stall famous for its spicy kachoris topped with tangy chutneys. It's a local favorite for a quick, flavorful snack that hits the spot. Expect to spend ₹50–₹100 per person.
- Old and Famous Jalebiwala Chandni Chowk. Serving piping hot jalebis since 1884, this iconic sweet shop is a must-visit. The jalebis are thick, syrupy, and best enjoyed fresh off the pan. Around ₹30–₹60 per serving.
- Noora Nihari Sadar Bazaar. A hidden gem for slow-cooked nihari, served with soft khameeri rotis. The flavors are deep and comforting—perfect for meat lovers seeking authenticity. Meals under ₹200 per person.
- Parashar Foods Connaught Place. Famous for rajma chawal with a twist—served with papad and salad. It's a quick-service joint ideal for a filling lunch on the go. ₹100–₹150 per plate.
- Jung Bahadur Kachori Wala Chandni Chowk. This tiny stall dishes out crispy kachoris with spicy aloo sabzi. It's a classic Old Delhi experience, best enjoyed standing elbow-to-elbow with fellow foodies. ₹50–₹80 per serving
- Moolchand Parantha Lajpat Nagar. Legendary paratha stall near Moolchand Metro—stuffed, buttery, and served with curd and pickle. Open late. ₹100–₹200 per person.
- Shyam Sweets Chawri Bazar. Known for bedmi puri and nagori halwa—a breakfast combo that's spicy, sweet, and soul-warming. ₹80–₹120 per plate.
- Natraj Dahi Bhalla Chandni Chowk. Serving soft dahi bhallas and crisp aloo tikkis since 1940. Light, tangy, and refreshing. ₹60–₹100 per serving.
- **Bhogal Chole Bhature** Janpath. A humble eatery dishing out fluffy bhature with spicy chole. Perfect for a quick lunch near Connaught Place. ₹80–₹120 per plate.





### **Shopping in and around Connaught Place**

Connaught Place (CP), located in the heart of New Delhi, is not only an iconic colonial-era commercial hub but also a paradise for shoppers of all tastes. Designed in a circular layout with inner and outer rings, CP offers everything from high-end brands to charming street bargains.

#### What to Shop

- Branded Clothing & Lifestyle: Visit flagship stores of Zara, H&M, Marks & Spencer, Levi's, and FabIndia.
- Books & Stationery: Explore Oxford Bookstore, Amrit Book Company, and People Tree for curated literature and artsy goods.
- Handicrafts & Souvenirs: At Cottage Emporium on Janpath or Khadi India, find textiles, carved goods, pottery, and home décor.
- Jewelry & Accessories: Check Janpath Market for chunky oxidized earrings, silver jewelry, and handcrafted bangles.

#### **Street Shopping Highlights**

- Janpath Market: Just off CP's outer circle, this vibrant bazaar is great for affordable fashion, boho jewelry, Tibetan handicrafts, bags, and shawls. Bargaining is a must!
- Palika Bazaar: An underground air-conditioned market known for electronics, knock-off brands, perfumes, and gaming consoles. Prices are low, but so is quality—be cautious.
- Shankar Market: A lesser-known spot near CP for exquisite Indian fabrics, from silks to block prints perfect for bespoke tailoring.

#### **Breaks Between Buys**

- Refuel at Wenger's Bakery (since 1926), Keventers for milkshakes, or try local chaat at Bittu Tikki Wala.
- Trendier cafés like The Big Chill, Social, or Farzi Café dot the area for longer, air-conditioned breaks.

#### **Tips**

- Best time: Late afternoon to early evening (avoid peak summer midday heat).
- Transport: Take the Rajiv Chowk Metro Station (Blue & Yellow Lines) it opens right into CP.
- Stay alert: While CP is relatively safe, keep an eye on your belongings in crowded areas, especially Palika Bazaar.

Connaught Place is a delightful blend of British-era charm and modern-day retail buzz. Whether you're after designer labels, budget bargains, or just soaking in the lively vibe—CP is a must-visit for every shopper in Delhi.















### **Hidden Treasures of Delhi**

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#### Ugrasen / Agrasen ki Baoli

A hidden 14th-century stepwell tucked away behind Connaught Place. With its steep red-stone steps and eerie, echoing chambers, it's popular among photographers and history buffs seeking a quiet, atmospheric retreat in the city centre



### Jahaz Mahal

Named the "Ship Palace" due to its reflection in the adjacent water body, this 14th-century structure in Mehrauli offers serene architectural charm away from the usual tourist trail

#### Satpula Seven-Arched Bridge/Dam

An ancient water-harvesting system built by Muhammad bin Tughlaq, featuring seven arched bridges. Located near Khirki Village, it's a tranquil ruin blending medieval engineering with leafy surroundings



#### **Tughlagabad Fort**

Often bypassed by visitors, this vast ruined fortress features formidable walls, buried bastions, a stepwell and hidden tunnels. Offers incredible sunset views and a sense of eerie solitude

#### Sanjay Van (Forest & Lake)

Spread over 780 acres near Vasant Kunj, this urban forest is a rare green lung in South Delhi. It's ideal for birdwatching, walking trails and discovering ancient ruins tucked in dense foliage







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#### Mehrauli Archaeological Park

A sprawling 200-acre zone dotted with over 100 historical monuments including the Jamali-Kamali Tomb, Rajon Ki Baoli and Balban's tomb. Packed with local history yet largely unexplored by tourists



#### Mirza Ghalib ki Haveli

The poet Ghalib's 19th-century residence in Chandni Chowk, now a museum. Preserved in Mughal style, it displays his handwritten poems and artifacts, evoking a quiet, reflective literary atmosphere

#### Rajaon Ki Baoli

A deep four-storey Lodhi-era stepwell built by masons—'Rajaon'. Its symmetrical plunge into the earth offers calm shade, intriguing architecture and peaceful solitude away from the crowds



# THE PLET

#### **Chor Minar**

The so-called "Tower of Thieves" in Hauz Khas: a 13th-century minaret with 225 holes where Alauddin Khalji reputedly displayed criminals' heads. Now surrounded by greenery, it's both eerie and historically captivating

#### **Sulabh International Museum of Toilets**

This unique and quirky museum in Mahavir Enclave traces sanitation through centuries and cultures - from Harappan era toilets to royal privies. Informative, social commentary driven and surprising in equal measure

