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**MILES TO GO BEFORE I SLEEP**

## LEADING CHANGE



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USHERING IN LASTING CHANGE**

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THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

## DG Dinesh Mehta's Message



DG Dinesh Mehta

As we embark on another remarkable and Awesome Rotary Year, we prepare to welcome new leadership and embrace fresh opportunities to serve. Rotary's strength lies in its ability to adapt, evolve and inspire through the commitment of its members.

July 1st, 2024 marks the advent of a new Rotary year - the Awesome Year.

It was legendary American President Abraham Lincoln who said "If you give me six hours to chop down a tree, I will spend the first four hours sharpening the axe." This is what Rotary Learning Facilitates for all of us. It prepares us for the Leadership role we are about to take on in the new Rotary Year.

Let's begin the year with renewed energy and dedication. We now have goals and plans in place and it is now time to execute them to perfection.

Friends, only if there is Magic in Rotary, will you find it awesome to be a Rotarian and only through Awesome service will there be Magic in Rotary. I urge you, therefore to develop an Awesome Mindset for yourself to create the Magic in Rotary.

The District has designed an awesome 31 Ready Made Projects, which every Club is free to choose from. These are ...

- 1.The Eight MEGA Projects 2.
- 2.The First Lady led COLS CPR Project
- 3.TB MUKT RID 3142, An initiative of GOI
- 4.The unique 12 Amrit Mahotsav Challenges
- 5.The Mega Mental Health, unique, initiative
- 6.The Eight JDS led Events
- 7.The Annapurna Project

In addition, in our drive to create Magic in Rotary, we should strive to ensure that every Rotarian donates at least \$ 75 to the Rotary Foundation and enthuses at least one new member to ask to be invited to join Rotary

**The Key is not the Will to Win; everybody has that.**

**To be a Winner, you must Plan to win, prepare to win and expect to win and to remember that success is not final, failure is not fatal but it is the courage to continue that counts.**



**"The Best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others".**

**Mahatma Gandhi**

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## Annapurna Day Uplifts the Spirits of the Old, Young, and the Rotarians

By Team Navi Mumbai Jewels



“The cheer on the faces of children says it all”

July 1 marked the Annadan day under the “Annapurna” project held by various rotary clubs across district 3142. Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Jewels came together with Rotary Clubs, Navi Mumbai Hillside and Navi Mumbai Valley Golfers to spend an evening in the company of old and the infirm, and orphans sheltered by Girija Welfare Association at Kharghar.

Navi Mumbai Hillside Club was represented by President Dr. Priyeta Priyadarshini and her team while Navi Mumbai Valley Golfers were represented by President Mukul Gupta and his team.

President Prabhakar Dekatey of Navi Mumbai Jewels was accompanied in this noble mission by senior Rotarian PP Anil Govindani, and IPP Sateesh Naik. Also present were Rotarians Raghuvir Dighal and Anil Pandey.

Annapurna Day was a special day for the elderly and the children. Birthday celebrations among other activities marked the evening culminating in a community dinner. Visiting Rotarians carried home a truly uplifting and fulfilling feeling.



“Ever ready for a social cause”



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



**Rtn Prabhakar  
Dekatey**

I thank all my club members for reposing their faith in me as the President of Jewels Club for 2024-25. I will endeavour to do full justice to the job.

It's a great honour to be a part of an organisation that has relentlessly served in over 200 countries for the last 119 years.

I am inspired by the work of my predecessor Rtn Sateesh Naik and his team. Going further as Awesome President, we are planning to contribute our mite in all the five avenues of service, and support the district teams to serve in the 7 focus areas.

We will be continuing our work in the areas such as education, providing clean water, supporting education, and protecting the environment among others.

As President this year I am delighted by the 31 Awesome Ready Made projects made available for us.

I am happy to say that we have already made a small beginning with the Annapurna project on the first of July 2024 with friendly assistance and cooperation from two other neighbour clubs. I must say the sentiments we volunteers felt was simply amazing ... simply overwhelming!!

We are fortunate to have a vibrant Jewels Club studded with gems who are not only well qualified, experienced professional men and women filled with empathy for others but also hold in their bosoms kindred hearts.

Together we will focus on planning our activities with all the guidance the District is ever willing to provide us, to make this journey meaningful, pleasant, and successful.

I am also delighted to mention that we have among us stalwarts like Rtn Dr Ashok Patil, Rtn Rakesh Jain, Rtn Anil Govindani, Rtn Dilip Gupte, Rtn Dr. Madan Tripathy, Dr Devidas Naik, Rtn Maruti Pawar and friends and advisors who have reached dizzying heights in their chosen professions and have committed to stand by us in our humanitarian work. I am sure that our family would only grow bigger and happier in the days to come.

Our monthly news bulletin, 'Jewels of Hope' would be a beacon for us to showcase Rotary work far and wide and connect with people in our immediate neighbourhood, and region.

We are hoping to join cause with at least 100 organisations during this year, in areas such as health, education, environment, financial inclusion, business and industry and bring momentum in the activities we undertake in the true spirit of service.

**It goes without saying that true service can only happen when there is collective effort. Good teamwork and coordination is a must at all times. In this regard, we would like our club to be a learning organisation without missing out on the joys and fellowships it provides us from time to time.**

I am exhilarated by the affection from you all... thank you very much from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Jewels, a very Big Thank You.



FIVE AVENUES OF SERVICE



## LONG HELD DREAM BECOMES REALITY

### Navi Mumbai Gets a Monument and a Landmark



District Governors past, present, and nominated accompanied by Presidents and club members from various clubs in district 3142 generously contributed through every means to erect the Rotary Monument at the famous landmark junction of Sanpada and Vashi on 15th June 2024.

## THE FOUR WAY TEST

By Team Navi Mumbai Jewels

The Four-Way Test was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he took over a struggling company. This 24-word test guided employees in sales, production, advertising, and customer relations, helping save the company. Rotary adopted it in 1943, and it has been translated into over 100 languages.

Taylor asked four men from different faiths if the test conflicted with their beliefs. They agreed that truth, justice, friendliness, and helpfulness aligned with their values and would lead to business success. They used the test to review company plans, policies, and ads, leading to honest advertising and better customer trust.

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## RI President Roots for Peace



**RI President  
Stephanie Ulrich**

Rtn Stephanie Ulrich, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, PA, became the second woman President of Rotary International on 1 July 2024.

During her term, she will guide the 119-year-old organization in future-proofing its mission as its 1.4 million members execute sustainable, community-driven projects globally.

Rotary has awarded over \$5.5 billion through its charitable arm, The Rotary Foundation, to support initiatives like disease prevention, peace promotion, clean water provision, education support, maternal and child health, economic growth, and environmental protection.

**"Embracing different viewpoints and creating peaceful, welcoming, and inclusive societies is at the heart of Rotary's work."**

Ulrich encourages clubs to assess their strengths and adopt diverse meeting formats to reflect their communities' demographics. Rotary's mission emphasizes peace-building, addressing conflict causes, and empowering peace-builders through Rotary Peace Centers and fellowships.

Ulrich will host a peace conference in Istanbul in 2025 and focus on eradicating polio, a goal nearing achievement with a 99.9% reduction in cases.

With a doctorate in leadership studies, Ulrich has been a Rotary member since 1991 and has led various international service projects. Rotary connects 1.4 million members from over 46,000 clubs worldwide to address pressing humanitarian challenges and foster lasting change.

**Peace is not a spectator sport.  
Get in the game. Play to win.  
Hopefully it's obvious that every  
Rotary project in all 6 areas of  
focus builds peace.**

### Rotary's Route to Peace

By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Rotary's Four Roles in Promoting Peace  
Rotary and its members are:

#### Practitioners

Our work fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies directly builds the optimal conditions for peaceful societies.

#### Educators

Our Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,700 peace fellows to become effective catalysts for peace through careers in government, education, and international organizations.

#### Mediators

Our members have negotiated humanitarian ceasefires in areas of conflict to allow polio vaccinators to reach children who are at risk.

#### Advocates

Rotary members have an integral role as respected, impartial participants during peace processes and in post-conflict reconstruction. We focus on creating communities and convening groups that are connected, inclusive, and resilient.

Recent Rotary peace initiatives have demonstrated the organization's continued dedication to global peacebuilding. During the 2024 Rotary International Convention in Singapore, key themes included fostering understanding and celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Rotary Peace Centers program. Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally highlighted the organization's longstanding commitment to peace, dating back to WWW I era.

Additionally, the Rotary Presidential Peace Conference held in London in February 2024 brought together over 650 Rotarians from 50 countries. This event focused on promoting positive peace and included discussions on various peacebuilding strategies and conflict.

The organization's Disaster Response Fund raised over \$15 million to provide humanitarian relief.



## INTELLIGENCE - IT'S WAYS

Intelligence is the ability to comprehend, reason, and solve problems, enabling the acquisition and practical use of knowledge. While intelligence is vital, it alone is insufficient for effective leadership. Moreover, intellectual capacity alone may hold little value in various life situations. The 4 Intelligences of a Leader: wisdom, character, social, and spiritual intelligence.

### Wisdom Intelligence

This involves understanding people, events, and situations deeply to make optimal decisions. Wisdom can be acquired through experience. The ancient Greeks believed wisdom could be horizontally gained by experience or vertically bestowed by higher powers.

### Character Intelligence

Character entails moral excellence and self-mastery, developed over time through choices and actions. For example, George Washington's principles of conduct shaped his character and contributed to his prominence. Character is formed by adhering to high principles and committing to self-improvement.

### Social Intelligence

Coined by Daniel Coleman, social intelligence includes social awareness (understanding others) and social faculty (acting on that understanding). It's about reading others and connecting with them effectively, enhancing relationships and influences.

### Spiritual Intelligence

This involves building a relationship with the divine to attract His favor, which translates into influence and opportunities in life.

Effective leadership combines these four intelligences with mental capacity to achieve strategic advantages.

## 7 Characteristics of Winning Team Dynamics

1. Shared Purpose
2. Trust and Openness
3. Willingness to Correct Mistakes
4. Diversity and Inclusion
5. Interdependence and a Sense of Belonging
6. Consensus Decision Making
7. Participative Leadership

## Social Intelligence is the Key that Maintains Sense in Group Dynamics



Dr Madan Tripathy

Social intelligence is increasingly gaining importance as one of the most crucial types of intelligence for group dynamics and effective collaboration.

It involves understanding the self through self-assessment and gaining a better understanding of those around.

Proponents of Emotional Intelligence also advocate understanding the ground realities on both sides before choosing an approach or response.

In group settings, social intelligence fosters better communication, cooperation, and conflict resolution. Individuals with high social intelligence can read social cues, empathize with others, and adapt their behavior to

Social intelligence enhances teamwork by promoting inclusivity and understanding diverse perspectives. It enables leaders to motivate and inspire their teams, ensuring that everyone feels valued and heard.

## MISCONCEPTIONS OF INTELLIGENCE

1. Intelligence is a Single Trait
2. Intelligence is Fixed
3. IQ Tests Measure All Intelligence
4. High Intelligence Equals Success
5. Intelligence is Inherited and Immutable
6. Intelligence is Linked to Academic Performance Only
7. Intelligence is Visible
8. Intelligence Determines Worth

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## Taking a Leaf from Rural Practices to Tackle Urban Waste Management

By Dr Devidas Naik



**Rtn Dr Devidas Naik**  
Retd. BARC Scientist

From a chemist's perspective, all matter has value. Waste is essentially useful things in the wrong place. In rural areas, waste generation is minimal and households manage their waste effectively. There is much to learn from these village practices, especially as urban areas with higher population densities and living standards produce more waste.

This higher consumption rate leads to a higher generation of materials that are often discarded as waste.

### The 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Implementing the 3Rs—Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle—can significantly alleviate the waste problem. Small pieces of materials collectively create mountains of waste, commonly found as:

- Used plastic items
- Thermocol (Styrofoam)
- Paper, both large and small pieces
- Old cloth materials
- Cotton threads
- Fruit peels
- Hair
- Coconut shells
- Glass
- Used flowers
- Vegetable and other food waste

Separating these items at the point of generation allows for efficient treatment.

### Thermocol Disposal

Thermocol is widely used for packaging, insulation, and crockery items. It is made of expanded polystyrene, containing 97-98% air. Its light weight and low scrap value hinder recycling efforts.

### Incineration

When properly incinerated at high temperatures with sufficient oxygen, polystyrene produces only water and carbon dioxide. However, at low temperatures or with insufficient oxygen, harmful compounds such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, and styrene monomers are generated.

### Disposal Methods

- Volume Reduction by Thermal Compacting: Heating thermocol above its glass transition temperature makes it soft and compactable as the air escapes.

Granulation and Remolding: Thermocol can be broken into small pieces and remolded into new items.

Both methods require transporting large volumes of thermocol to processing units.

**Dr Devidas Naik is a Retd. BARC Scientist. He has carried out substantial work in the areas of Environment studies.**



All I want is a room somewhere





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### Indian Scenario

In some Indian states, electronic goods dealers collect back thermocol used in packaging. Thermal compactors are used in places like Panjim and Ranjangoan near Pune.

### Volume Reduction Using Acetone

Thermocol collapses when exposed to acetone, achieving a significant volume reduction. A process has been developed where thermocol is inserted into an acetone-filled bottle. The material collapses rapidly, and the resulting dough-like substance can be molded into various shapes. After about five hours, the material hardens, making it suitable for creating items like trays or decorative pieces.

### Paper Waste Management

In India, old paper items are often reused or recycled. However, small paper pieces, such as tickets and receipts, contribute to litter. These small pieces can be collected, soaked in water for two days, and then pulped by hand. Adding a binder like Fevicol or multani mitti, the pulp can be molded and dried to create sturdy items.

By adopting simple, effective waste management practices from rural areas and integrating scientific methods for recycling materials like thermocol and paper, urban communities can make a significant impact on their surroundings. Every small effort counts in creating a cleaner, more sustainable environment.



Young saplings have a field day - Getting a Head Startt





## Empowering Communities and Fostering Global Change

Rotary International, a global network of 1.2 million members, is dedicated to humanitarian service and the promotion of goodwill and peace. As part of its mission, Rotary focuses on seven key areas to maximize its impact worldwide. Here are some of the latest initiatives in these focus areas:

### 1. Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention

Rotary's peacebuilding efforts continue to expand through its Peace Fellowship program, which trains leaders in peace and conflict resolution. Recently, Rotary has partnered with the Institute for Economics and Peace to launch the Positive Peace Academy. This free online platform educates members and the public on methods to foster peaceful societies. Additionally, Rotary clubs globally are hosting peace conferences and workshops to address local conflicts and promote understanding among different community groups.

### 2. Disease Prevention and Treatment

Rotary has made significant strides in its fight against polio through the PolioPlus program, working in collaboration with the World Health Organization and other partners. As of 2024, the initiative has reduced polio cases by 99.9% worldwide. Beyond polio, Rotary is addressing other health concerns such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, and COVID-19. Rotary clubs are supporting vaccination drives, providing medical supplies, and funding health clinics in underserved areas. The Rotary Action Group for Family Health & AIDS Prevention is also actively working on projects to reduce the spread of infectious diseases.

### 3. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

Access to clean water and sanitation is critical for health and well-being. Rotary clubs are implementing projects that provide sustainable water sources, construct sanitation facilities, and promote hygiene education. A notable initiative is the WASH in Schools Target Challenge, which aims to improve water, sanitation, and hygiene conditions in schools. This program has been successful in several countries, improving the learning environment and reducing disease among students.

### 4. Maternal and Child Health

Rotary's efforts in maternal and child health focus on reducing mortality rates and improving healthcare services for mothers and children. Recent initiatives include partnerships with organizations like UNICEF to provide prenatal care, immunizations, and nutrition programs. Rotary clubs are also investing in training healthcare workers and building medical facilities to ensure that mothers and children receive the care they need. The Maternal and Child Health Rotary Action Group (MCH RAG) is actively involved in these projects, offering expertise and resources.

### 5. Basic Education and Literacy

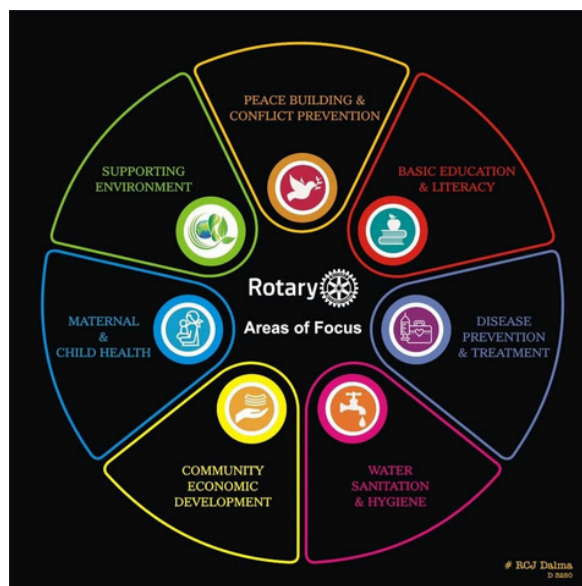
Education is a cornerstone of Rotary's mission. Rotary clubs support various educational initiatives, including scholarship programs, literacy campaigns, and the construction of schools. The Rotary Literacy Project has been particularly impactful, providing books, training teachers, and establishing libraries in underserved communities. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Rotary has also facilitated online learning by supplying digital devices and internet access to students in need.

### 6. Community Economic Development

To promote sustainable economic growth, Rotary clubs engage in projects that create jobs, support local businesses, and provide vocational training. One such initiative is the Rotary Community Corps (RCC), which empowers local leaders to address economic challenges in their communities. Additionally, Rotary clubs are investing in microfinance projects that offer loans to small businesses and entrepreneurs, helping them to become self-sufficient and contribute to the local economy.

### 7. Supporting the Environment

In recognition of the growing environmental challenges, Rotary has made supporting the environment its newest area of focus. Clubs worldwide are undertaking projects to combat climate change, protect natural resources, and promote sustainable practices. Initiatives include tree planting campaigns, clean-up drives, and the promotion of renewable energy sources. The Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) plays a crucial role in guiding and supporting these environmental efforts. Rotary International's commitment to these seven focus areas demonstrates its comprehensive approach to addressing global challenges. Through its network of dedicated members and strategic partnerships, Rotary continues to make a significant impact, improving lives and fostering peace and development worldwide.



ROTARY'S 7 AREAS OF FOCUS



## HEIGHTS OF HUMILITY

In a world that often glorifies fame and accolades, some individuals stand out not just for their achievements but for their remarkable humility. These stories remind us that true greatness often lies in recognizing one's limitations and maintaining a grounded perspective, no matter how high one rises.

One such luminary is cricketer Rahul Dravid, who was honored with a doctorate degree by the University of Bangalore. In an act that resonated deeply with many, Dravid graciously returned the degree, stating, "My wife is a doctor; she has spent countless, sleepless nights and days to earn her degree. My mother is a professor of arts, who waited fifty long years for her degree with perseverance. I worked hard to play cricket, but I didn't study that much, so how can I accept this degree?" His words underscored the immense value of earned knowledge and dedication.

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### Rahul Dravid

Albert Einstein, the legendary physicist, exhibited similar humility when the Israeli government offered him the Prime Ministership in 1952. Einstein declined, saying, "I am an inexperienced student of physics. What do I understand about the governance and administration of a state?" His refusal highlighted his deep respect for the complexities of political leadership, acknowledging his own limits despite his unparalleled intellect.

Another poignant example comes from the world of mathematics. Grigori Perelman, the Russian mathematician renowned for solving the Poincaré Conjecture, returned the prestigious Fields Medal in 2006, along with a substantial monetary prize.

Perelman remarked, "We had a poverty-driven childhood in our family. We had to manage in a very calculative manner to save mother's earnings. Maybe that's the reason why I was able to develop a little skill in mathematics since childhood. Since that phase of poverty is not there any more in my life,

what do I do with so much money?" His decision underscored a profound detachment from material wealth and a deep connection to his roots.

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### Grigori Perelman Russian mathematician

Another example is Pope Francis, who, upon his election, chose to live in a modest guesthouse rather than the opulent papal apartments. He explained, "I need to live my life with others." This simple yet powerful choice exemplifies his commitment to humility and service, setting an example for millions worldwide.

These stories of humility from vastly different fields – sports, science, mathematics, activism, and religion – remind us that true dignity and respect come from recognizing our shared humanity.

They illustrate that being humble does not diminish one's stature but rather elevates it, creating a larger-than-life image that inspires others.

These remarkable individuals teach us that the greatest achievements are often those that reflect our deepest values and our ability to remain grounded.

**"It is unwise to be too sure of one's wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err."**

### Mahatma Gandhi

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## LONG STRIDES IN LITERACY AND VOCATION SKILLS

### Child Development

Beyond academics, Rotary's child development initiatives address the holistic development of children. This includes nutrition, health check-ups, and extra-curricular activities, ensuring that children grow up in a supportive and nurturing environment conducive to learning.

### Happy Schools

The "Happy Schools" initiative aims to create a conducive learning environment by improving the infrastructure of schools. This includes building classrooms, providing furniture, clean drinking water, and sanitation facilities, as well as playgrounds and libraries. A well-equipped and pleasant learning environment significantly enhances students' motivation and attendance.



### No longer boring

Rotary's commitment to education in India extends beyond literacy. Scholarships and financial aid programs are established to support meritorious and economically disadvantaged students in pursuing higher education. Rotary clubs across India collaborate with educational institutions to identify deserving students and provide them with the necessary resources to continue their studies.

Furthermore, Rotary has been actively involved in setting up libraries and science labs in schools, fostering a culture of reading and scientific inquiry. By creating resource-rich environments, Rotary aims to ignite a passion for learning and exploration among students.

### Building Skills for the Future

Vocational training and skill development are crucial components of Rotary's educational initiatives in India. The organization's skill-building programs are designed to address the employability gap and equip individuals with marketable skills. These programs include training in various trades such as carpentry, plumbing, tailoring, and computer skills.

Rotary also collaborates with industry partners to provide on-the-job training and apprenticeships. These initiatives not only enhance the employability of individuals but also promote entrepreneurship, enabling them to start their own ventures and contribute to economic growth.

Rotary International has made significant strides in promoting literacy, education, and skill-building in India, addressing the country's critical need for educational development and empowerment. The organization's multifaceted approach encompasses various initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of education, increasing literacy rates, and providing vocational training to equip individuals with the skills necessary for economic independence.

### Promoting Literacy

One of Rotary's flagship initiatives in India is the "Rotary India Literacy Mission" (RILM), launched with the vision of achieving total literacy and quality education in the country. The mission operates under the banner of "T-E-A-C-H," an acronym representing five key components: Teacher Support, E-Learning, Adult Literacy, Child Development, and Happy Schools.

### Teacher Support

Rotary understands that the quality of education largely depends on the quality of teachers. Therefore, RILM provides comprehensive training programs to enhance teachers' skills, methodologies, and knowledge. These training sessions focus on modern pedagogical techniques, classroom management, and subject-specific expertise.

### E-Learning

In an era where digital literacy is paramount, Rotary has implemented e-learning projects to bring technology into classrooms. By installing e-learning equipment and providing digital content, Rotary ensures that students, especially in rural and underserved areas, have access to a modern and interactive learning environment.

### Adult Literacy

Recognizing that education should not be confined to children alone, Rotary's adult literacy programs target illiterate adults, providing them with basic reading and writing skills. These programs often include vocational training components, empowering adults to improve their livelihoods and contribute more effectively to their communities.



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