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From the Editors Desk

Dear Rotarians,

October heralds our focus on *Economic and Community Development*, a pivotal tenet of Rotary's mission. This month, we unite to amplify our efforts in poverty alleviation, championing sustainable solutions that enhance local economies. By fostering entrepreneurship, skill development, and financial literacy, we strive to dismantle systemic barriers to economic growth. Our initiatives aim to empower communities, creating job opportunities and strengthening infrastructure. Through innovative partnerships, Rotary is not merely a catalyst for change but a beacon of hope, guiding communities toward self-sufficiency and prosperity. Together, let us commit to nurturing resilience and inspiring lasting societal transformation.

Serve to change lives!

Yours in Rotary,

Soumya Roy

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Empowering Communities through Basic Education and Literacy

Priyanka Dutta

Rotary International, guided by its motto "Service above Self," emphasizes the transformative power of education and literacy as fundamental components in creating a better world. As one of Rotary's Areas of Focus, Basic Education and Literacy is not merely about providing the ability to read and write; it represents a commitment to uplifting individuals and communities, fostering sustainable development, and enhancing quality of life globally. Rotary's mission, based on its principles of truth, fairness, goodwill, and mutual benefit, aligns closely with the essential goals of educational access and literacy, which empower people to improve their social, economic, and personal circumstances.

Education equips individuals with the tools to make informed decisions, solve problems, and participate fully in society. Literacy, as a cornerstone of education, is essential for accessing knowledge, understanding rights, and achieving self-sufficiency. In many underserved regions, limited access to quality education and low literacy rates keep communities trapped in cycles of poverty. By supporting Basic Education and Literacy, Rotary clubs worldwide work to break these cycles, enabling individuals to become catalysts of positive change within their communities.

For example, Rotary initiatives like building schools, providing scholarships, and training teachers ensure that children and adults alike gain access to quality education. Programs such as literacy workshops and resource donations help reduce illiteracy, while teacher training ensures that the education delivered is both effective and sustainable. Rotary also promotes community literacy programs, which improve access to education for marginalized populations, including women and children, who often face the most barriers.

The impact of these initiatives is far-reaching. Educated individuals are better able to secure employment, contribute to the economy, and actively participate in civic duties. By promoting basic education and literacy, Rotary helps create a generation of educated individuals capable of addressing global challenges like health, environmental sustainability, and peace-building. As more people become literate and educated, they gain the power to make informed choices, leading to a world that is fairer, healthier, and more prosperous. Rotary's work in this area underscores its commitment to fostering peace and goodwill, showing that with basic education and literacy, communities everywhere can achieve brighter futures.



Rtn. Priyanka Dutta is a devoted Rotary member whose commitment to community service reflects her dedication to creating meaningful change. Actively engaged in various Rotary initiatives, she channels her passion into activities that promote social welfare and humanitarian causes. Beyond her Rotary involvement, Priyanka is the founding member of *eMotion*, an NGO dedicated to raising awareness about essential civic hygiene and environmental responsibility, supporting those in need, and offering compassion to marginalized 'Sabar' girls and destitute children. Committed to understanding Rotary on a deeper level, Priyanka has also completed the RLI 1 and RLI 2 courses, equipping herself to make an even greater impact.

RCCE activities in the month of September, 2024

