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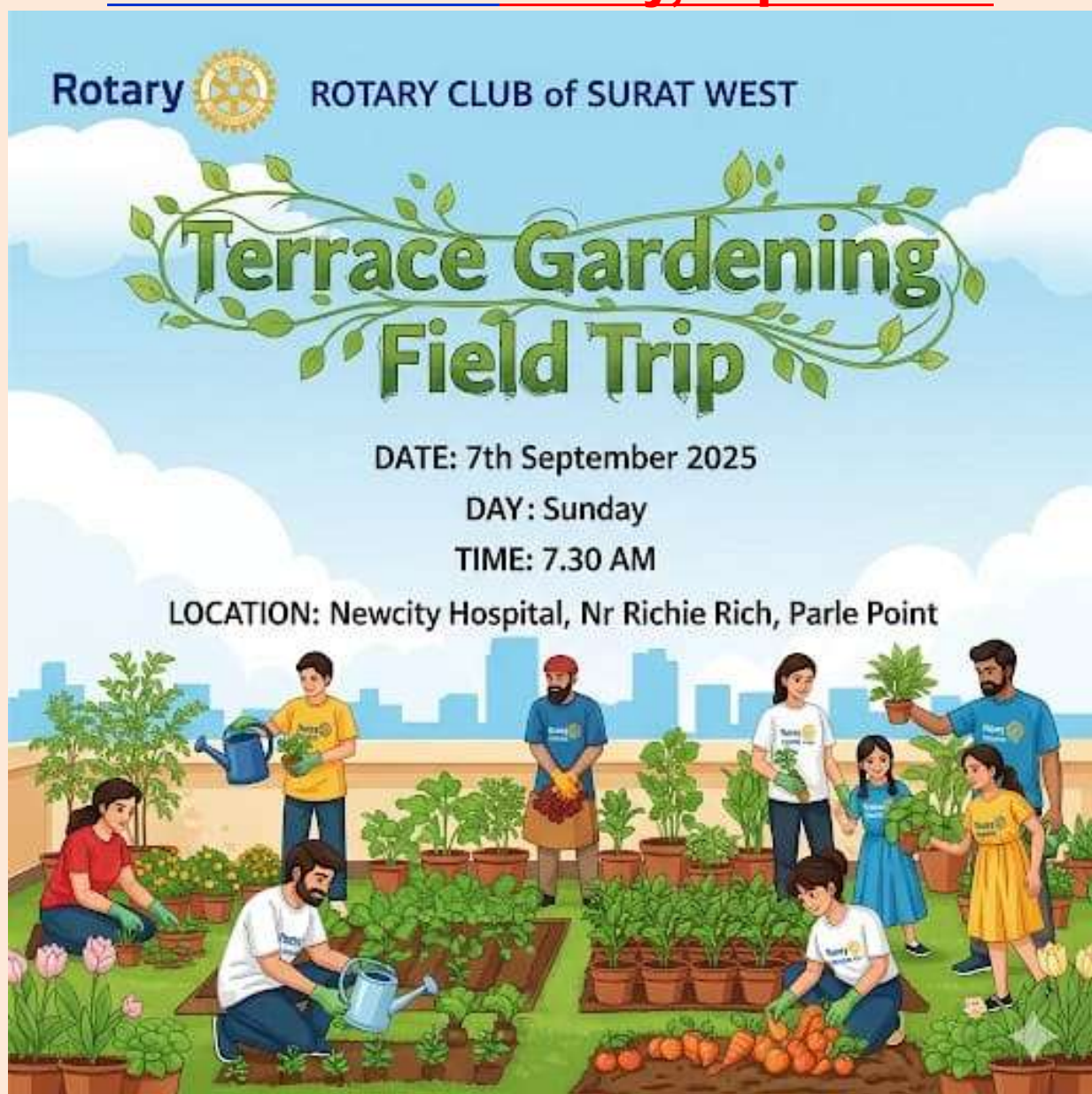
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### **NEXT MEETING- Sunday, September 7**



- **Rotarians and Spouses most welcome.**

## **Forthcoming District Events**

**Sunday, September 14**

**Program:** Intercity Meet Cluster 3  
Membership, Service Projects and Public  
image seminar

**Venue:** Agrawal Pragati Trust,  
Near Avadh Utopia, Dumas Road, Surat

**Time:** 9.00am to 4.00pm

## **Birthday Greetings**

*Ann Nima Amit Desai- **September 3***

*Ann Rekha Vivek Goel- **September 4***

*Rtn. Ajay Varshney.....- **September 7***

*Rtn. Rajesh Agrawal...- **September 9***

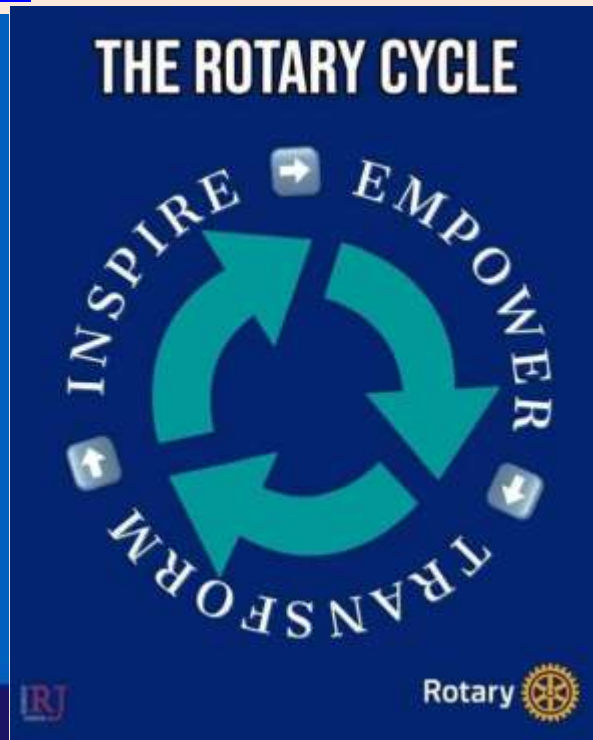
*Rtn. Rajesh Nandwani-**September 10***

*PP. Krunal Mehta.....- **September 13***

## **Forthcoming Programs**

**\*Wednesday, September 3:** \* **Meeting of Club Board of Directors on Zoom platform**

## **Rotary Wisdom**



**"The most truly generous persons are those who give silently without hope of praise or reward."**

Carol Ryrle Brink

Rotary

**"Rotary is one of the best sources of establishing friendship because it offers an occasion to know people, and once we know people, generally we learn to like them."**



Trikarapur Rotary RI District 3202

**- Paul P. Harris (Founder of Rotary)**

**Leadership is doing what is right when no one is watching.**

- George Van Valkenburg

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## Peace through education

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**W**hen I stepped into the role of Rotary International president, the moment came swiftly and unexpectedly. It got me thinking how the world can change in an instant, and how Rotary has the power to be a steady force for good in that change. This month, Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month, we have a clear call to action: to strengthen the foundation of learning in every community we serve.

Millions of people worldwide remain unable to read. Millions of children lack access to basic education. And yet, we know the solution: sustainable, inclusive and equitable education, especially for girls and marginalised youth. Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It is the key to human dignity, economic mobility and peace. Every book opened, every classroom supported, and every teacher trained becomes a building block of peace.

This year, our message is *Unite for Good*. "Unite" speaks to the strength we find in each other. When we unite our talents and resources — not only among our clubs but across partners, organisations, and communities — we expand our reach. And when we do so consistently over time, we create lasting change. Rotary service cannot be measured only in annual goals. Our work in education must extend beyond a single year. Literacy projects take time to take root, grow and bear fruit.

Now is the time to think boldly and creatively. New types of clubs can help us engage educators, students and advocates in new ways. Let us use this month to welcome new members with a passion for education and empower existing ones to lead service projects that reflect local needs. Whether you're building libraries, distributing textbooks or mentoring students, your actions matter.

Education is also peacebuilding. Every scholarship we provide, every early childhood programme we support, every adult literacy class we fund is an act of peace. And Rotary has been building peace in this way for more than a century.

Let us not forget that the fight for literacy is not only about access, it's about equity. It is about ensuring every learner, regardless of background, has the opportunity to reach their potential. And it is about standing together — across borders, languages and generations — to say that education is a right, not a privilege.

Let's *Unite for Good* by committing to literacy that lasts. Let's dream of a world where every child learns to read. And then, as people of action, let's work together to make that dream a reality.

Together, we can change lives, starting with the power of education. Together, we *Unite for Good*.

**Francesco Arezzo**  
President, Rotary International

**Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, Nigeria, has been selected to become Rotary International's President for 2026-27.**



**Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. His term will begin on 1 July 2026.**

The Board, guided by the RI code of policies, conducted a special session to select the organization's leader after the **resignation of RI President-elect SangKoo Yun**, who decided to step back from his Rotary responsibilities and focus on his recovery from recent cancer treatment.

**Babalola began his Rotary journey in 1988 as a Rotaractor. He joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi six years later.** His leadership roles include serving as district governor (2011-12), RI vice president (2019-20), and member of the RI Board (2018-20). He was also an active leader and participant in RI committees such as the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2017-23) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee (2013-present, adviser 2016-present).

**An attorney, Babalola received a university degree in engineering in 1988.** He has worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions in Shell PLC and carrying out projects on four continents. He is the founder of two companies: Riviera Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery company, and Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational performance advisory group. Babalola's professional affiliations include the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety Professionals, and the Association of Change Management Practitioners. He is a member of Jericho Business Club, an organization in his home city that provides input to governments on economic and social policy.

**Babalola and his wife, Preba, live in the city of Port Harcourt.** He supports The Rotary Foundation with a named endowment and as an Arch Klumph Society member. A trustee of ShelterBox UK and director of the Safe Blood Africa project, he is a recipient of the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the RI Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

**The president of Rotary International serves a one-year term, presiding over the Board of Directors and providing inspirational leadership for the organization.** As the spokesperson for the global network, the president visits clubs around the world to promote Rotary's values and represent the organization at major events. Rotary chooses its president from members who have demonstrated extensive leadership experience within Rotary, including service as a club president, district governor, and member of the Board.



## Notebook Distribution and RYLA Project: August 26



**RYLA & Notebook Distribution Program at The Vipinchandra Ramchandra Pal SMC Primary school no 199, Vadod, Pandesara, Surat, was a great success.**

Around 1000 notebooks were distributed. The academic year has already begun & the students were in much need of the notebooks. **PP Rtn Setu Gandhi**, as the event chair, played an instrumental role in procuring the books & coordinating with school administration to execute the task seamlessly.

The **RYLA Event** was marked with concurrent training sessions on various topics, in 4 different classes of 7th & 8th Standard. Interactive Sessions were conducted by our Rotarians -**President Rtn Dr Parag Shah (Study & Memory skills)**, **First Lady Dr Sejal Shah (Skin / Hair / Menstrual Self Care)**, **PP Rtn Sonal Shah (Discipline & Etiquettes)** & **PE Rtn Dr Vijay Shah (Prevention of Illnesses)**.

More **than 200 students benefited** from the program.

**Project Chair Rtn Gaurang Goel**, played a pivotal role in organizing & coordinating the same.

**The event was attended** by PGD Devendra Shastri, Rtn Dr Parag Shah & Ann Dr Sejal Shah, Rtn Anirudh Garg, Dr Vijay Shah, PP Rtn Shilpa Shah, PP Rtn Setu Gandhi, PP Rtn Sonal Shah, Rtn Gaurang Goel, Ann Ritu Goel, Mr Anupriya Sethia, Mr Vinit Sethia & Kokilaben Shah.

**-Report by President Rtn. Dr. Parag Shah**



## RI Director's Foreword



**K.P. Nagesh**  
Rotary International Director  
Zones 4 & 7  
2025-27

## Don't tone down the target— scale up the effort

### Existent Members of the Rotary Family

In the immortal words of Sir Winston Churchill, "The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty." This profound wisdom serves as our guiding beacon as we navigate the complexities of our ever-evolving world.

When confronted with increasingly challenging terrain, our response must not be to diminish our aspirations, but rather to fortify our determination and ascend to greater heights. It is precisely during these pivotal moments of adversity that Rotary's inherent strength shines most brilliantly, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to climb higher when the ascent demands our greatest effort.

I am privileged to present to you a revolutionary paradigm for organizational excellence.

The 1-2-3 Principle—building Bridges Across Generations. This strategic framework represents a sophisticated approach to amplifying our collective influence and extending our reach across multiple generations of service-minded individuals.

### The Architecture of Impact

#### Our Rotary Clubs

Culture and custom vibrant, inclusive, and profoundly impactful Clubs that stand as luminous beacons of hope within our communities, embodying the highest ideals of service above self.

#### Two Rotarist Partnerships

Establish meaningful, collaborative alliances with two distinct Clubs, acknowledging these extraordinary young leaders not merely as harbingers of tomorrow's potential, but as today's formidable catalysts for transformative change.

### Three Interact Initiatives

Meet and guide three Interact Clubs, nurturing foundational values and cultivating leadership capabilities that will profoundly influence generations yet to come.

As the distinguished Maya Angelou so eloquently articulated, "If society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." This principle transcends conventional material objectives; it embodies a living, breathing conviction that spans generations while exponentially magnifying our collective capacity to serve humanity with distinction.

President John F. Kennedy's wisdom resonates deeply within our vision: "We express our gratitude; we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." Our aspirations are never established beyond reach, only our commitment to their realization may occasionally fall short of our noble intentions.

Through unified purpose and steadfast dedication, we possess the extraordinary power to kindle hope, transform countless lives, and inspire enduring positive change throughout our global community. As wisely shared, "Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution."

Together, united in our shared commitment to service excellence, we shall transform the seemingly impossible into the inevitable.

Years in Rotary Service.

**K.P. Nagesh**  
Rotary International Director  
2025-27

## ROTARY PREMIER LEAGUE 2025-26

Unite. Play. Lead

**Rotary** **END POLIO NOW**

**JULY – DECEMBER 2025**

The RPL is a first-of-its-kind national cricket championship uniting Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, senior club members and CSR partners through the spirit of sportsmanship and fellowship.

**TEAM COMPOSITION**

Each team must have a minimum of 12 players, including an Impact Player (Rotaractor only). The team must include players from the following categories:

CATEGORY	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
INTERACT	1	2
WHEEL WHEEL	1	2
ROTARACT	2	4
CSR PARTNER	-	2
Rotary	5	8

• All Impact Players must be 18 years or older  
• Impact Player (Rotaractor only) can either bat or bowl occasionally

**PLAYING WITH PURPOSE TO ERADICATE POLIO FOREVER**

### ROTARY DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

**August and September, 2025**  
Rotary Districts will convene to conduct District Level Cricket Tournaments. Rotaractors from the Clubs of the Districts Max 2 teams from the district will qualify for the Zone Tournament.

### ROTARY ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP

**October and November, 2025**  
Each Zone will host 2 tournaments among grouped RI Districts. The top 4 teams per zone—ranked by points and net run rate—will advance to the National Tournament.

### ROTARY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**  
The top 4 teams from each zone—a total of 16 teams—will compete in the National Level Tournament in Mumbai, hosted by RI District 3041.

**12th-14th Dec. 2025** **Mumbai** **RID 3041**

### RULES & REGULATIONS

- Eight Overs Match**
- 3-Over Powerplay** (10 minutes, 100 runs)
- Bowling:**
  - 1 over minimum
  - 1 over maximum
  - 1 over minimum
  - 1 over maximum
  - 1 over minimum
  - 1 over maximum
- Batting:**
  - 10 minutes after powerplay, 10 runs
  - 10 minutes after powerplay, 10 runs
- Registration:**
  - 10 minutes after powerplay, 10 runs
  - 10 minutes after powerplay, 10 runs

### ZONE 4 & 7 DISTRICTS

Tournament I	Tournament II	Tournament III
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3041 Mumbai</li> <li>3042 Pune</li> <li>3043 Hyderabad</li> <li>3044 Chennai</li> <li>3045 Kolkata</li> <li>3046 Bangalore</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3047 Ahmedabad</li> <li>3048 Jaipur</li> <li>3049 Lucknow</li> <li>3050 Bhopal</li> <li>3051 Indore</li> <li>3052 Patna</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3053 Delhi</li> <li>3054 Chandigarh</li> <li>3055 Guwahati</li> <li>3056 Dispur</li> <li>3057 Shillong</li> <li>3058 Imphal</li> </ul>

### ZONE 6 & 8 DISTRICTS

Tournament I	Tournament II	Tournament III
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3059 Mumbai</li> <li>3060 Pune</li> <li>3061 Hyderabad</li> <li>3062 Chennai</li> <li>3063 Kolkata</li> <li>3064 Bangalore</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3065 Ahmedabad</li> <li>3066 Jaipur</li> <li>3067 Lucknow</li> <li>3068 Bhopal</li> <li>3069 Indore</li> <li>3070 Patna</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3071 Delhi</li> <li>3072 Chandigarh</li> <li>3073 Guwahati</li> <li>3074 Dispur</li> <li>3075 Shillong</li> <li>3076 Imphal</li> </ul>

### ZONE 9 & 10 DISTRICTS

Tournament I	Tournament II	Tournament III
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3077 Mumbai</li> <li>3078 Pune</li> <li>3079 Hyderabad</li> <li>3080 Chennai</li> <li>3081 Kolkata</li> <li>3082 Bangalore</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3083 Ahmedabad</li> <li>3084 Jaipur</li> <li>3085 Lucknow</li> <li>3086 Bhopal</li> <li>3087 Indore</li> <li>3088 Patna</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3089 Delhi</li> <li>3090 Chandigarh</li> <li>3091 Guwahati</li> <li>3092 Dispur</li> <li>3093 Shillong</li> <li>3094 Imphal</li> </ul>

### HOSTING & MATCH GUIDELINES

- Host districts will accommodate visiting teams in 0300 Roomed (Single Zone and National Championships).
- Teams will wear unique, colorful jerseys.
- Matches will use 1000 Light Series Balls and be officiated by certified umpires and scorers.
- Let's come together to make RPL 2025 a grand success and a benchmark for unity through sports in Rotary.



## Solar Trees



### THE THINK NEST

Korean **scientists** built “**solar trees**” that generate as much **power** as solar farms while **preserving** 99% of forests and **letting** nature and **clean** energy thrive **together**.

**Korean researchers have unveiled tree-shaped solar arrays that could transform renewable energy.** Unlike flat solar farms that demand massive deforestation, these vertical solar “trees” rise within forest canopies and are spaced 20 meters apart. **This design preserves 99% of existing forest cover, letting sunlight still reach plants and ecosystems below while generating power above.** Remarkably, the energy output rivals that of traditional solar farms, but without the devastating trade-off of lost biodiversity. **By blending with natural landscapes, solar trees present a powerful solution for clean energy growth that protects forests, wildlife, and climate at once.**

[Courtesy: PP Bankim Sitwala](#)



## Rotary members handover 100 pink autorickshaws to women

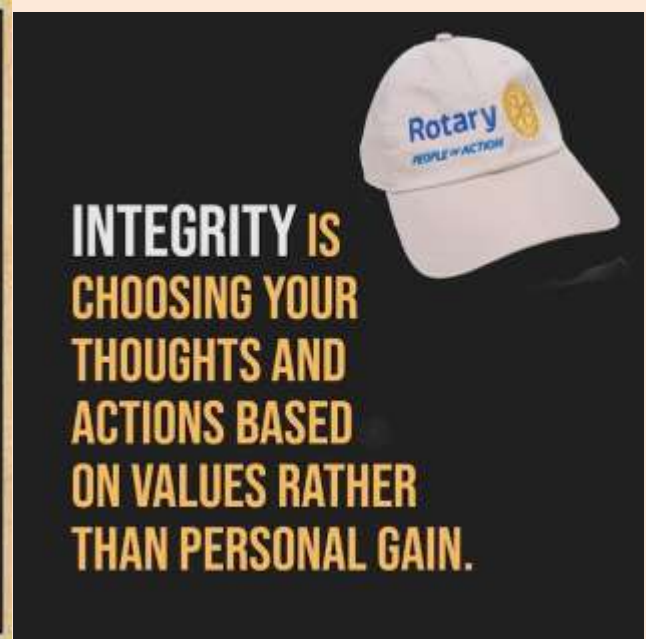
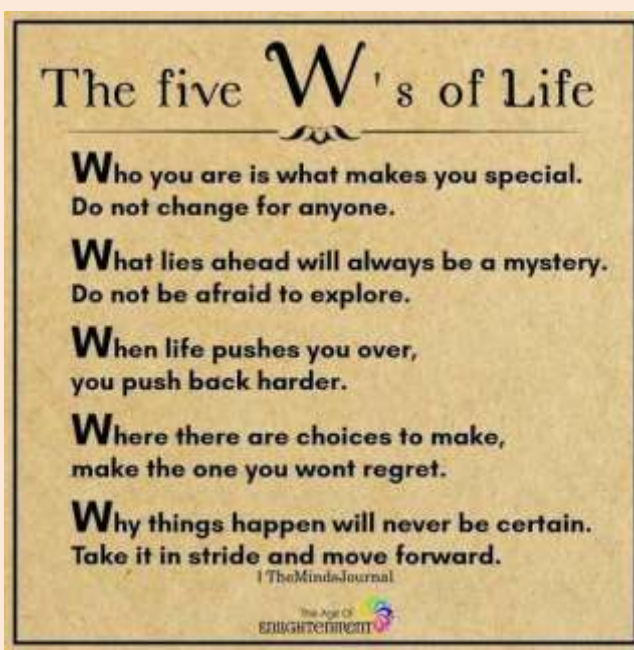


Members of Rotary District 3234(Chennai) on Sunday handed over pink autorickshaws to 100 women during a ceremony organised at the Chennai Trade Centre as part of its Pink Auto Project. According to a press release issued here, the initiative was aimed to equip them to get a stable livelihood and reclaim economic independence.

Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin commended the programme's alignment with the State's vision for inclusive growth and women-led development. **Minister for School Education Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi said that 1,000 schools would be adopted through Rotary's CSR initiative — Namma ooru, Namma school.**

Francesco Arezzo, Rotary International President (2025–26), called the initiative “a beacon of Rotary's global commitment to service above self”. Rotary District President Vinod Saraogi said, “the distribution was a declaration that when we invest in women, we invest in the future of our society.”

### Points to Ponder





## Pictures that make news



**ANNAMALAI'S DIG AT RAHUL GANDHI, STALIN, TEJASHWI** **NDTV**



## Laughter- The Best Medicine

