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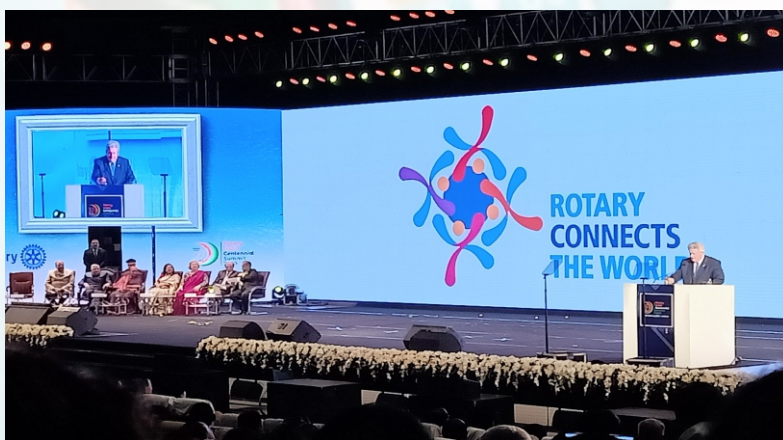
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**Rotary  
India  
Centennial  
Summit  
2020**

## Total Literacy in India by 2025: Rotary India Centennial Summit



Rotary in India kicked off its Centennial celebrations in Kolkata by showcasing its activities at a star-studded summit. The event saw the participation of some 4,000 delegates from 32 countries, including Rotary International President Mark Maloney, President Nominee Shekhar Mehta and several present and incoming RI Directors and Trustees.

Rotary began its journey in India from the city of Kolkata on Jan. 1, 1920 inspired by the organization's motto, "service above self". In the last 100 years, Rotary has grown from one club to 4000 with 1.5 lakh Rotary members in India.

The Summit was graced by the presence of Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu, Governor of West Bengal Jagdeep Dhankar, Union Ministers Gajendra Singh Sekhawat, Minister of Jal Shakti and Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The Chief Minister of West Bengal was represented by Amit Mitra, Minister for Finance & Excise, Commerce & Industries, Government of West Bengal. Eminent speakers representing their field of work took part in six areas of sustainable development. Rajashree Birla, Aditya Birla Group, Sandeep Talwar, CMO, Akshay Patra Foundation, Magsaysay Award winners – Rajendra Singh, Indian Water Conservationist and Environmentalist and Anshu Gupta, Founder Goonj Foundation shared their experiences from the field.

The summit plenary sessions on Fighting Disease, WASH and Environment, Polio, Growing Local Economies, Peace, Membership and Basic Education and Literacy focused on relevant aspects of the subject matter, the problems in the subjects and how to overcome them.

### A Skill Development program for 30,000 women of India

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Sri Hrushikesh Senapaty

The Basic Education and Literacy session started with the video presentation which showcased various literacy project pictures implemented by Rotarians across the country. Apart from focusing on various projects supporting education and literacy, the session also laid much emphasis on the T-E-A-C-H program. The session was graced by **Sri Shankar Maruwada**, Co-Founder, Ek-Step and Dr. Hrushikesh Senapaty, Director, NCERT.

## MoUs

During the session, two major partnerships were forged under the T-E-A-C-H program of RILM. The partnerships are:



**Apollo Hospital and Apollo Medskills Ltd.** for implementation of Project Dignity – a skill development program of Rotary India Literacy Mission.



**Brahma Kumari** for implementing Adult Literacy program of RILM – The partnership focuses on making \_\_\_\_\_ adults literate.



Sri Shankar Maruwada

## House of Friendship – T-E-A-C-H booth:

Showcasing T-E-A-C-H projects at the Rotary India Centennial Summit' House of Friendship was a significant milestone for RILM. The overwhelming response generated over the three days at Kolkata proved that RILM is moving in the right path. The T-E-A-C-H booth experienced many footfalls of Rotarians including RI top senior officials. Apart from the Rotary world, Hon'ble Vice President of India, Sri Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Health Minister of India, Sri Harsh Vardhan and Hon'ble Water Minister of India, Sri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.



Needless to say, the Centennial Summit was not only a celebration of achievements through service by Rotarians during the last century but also an opportunity to discuss and envision the tasks for the next century.





# T-E-A-C-H in Action

## Initiatives taken by Clubs



### Teacher Support



Teacher Training by RC Ichalkaranji Central, RID 3170

RC Ichalkaranji Central, RID 3170 organized teacher training which focused on the method of teaching and handling differently-abled children. 35 teachers were trained at the training session.



Teacher Training by RC Ichalkaranji Central, RID 3170

RC Ichalkaranji Central, RID 3170 organized teacher training program focusing on standard children psychology and ways of developing brainpower of children with parents. 22 teachers were given training in this program.



Teacher Training by RC Ichalkaranji Central, RID 3170

RC Ichalkaranji Central, RID 3170 organized teacher training program focusing on soft skills and proper usage of the English language for a specific purpose. 35 teachers were trained.



Teacher Training by RC Ramteerth, RID 3170

RC Ramteerth, RID 3170 organized a teacher training session on Science subjects in association with Infosys Samarpna Trust. The participating teachers were handed over science kits during the training.



Teacher Training by RC Bijapur, RID 3170

RC Bijapur, RID 3170 conducted Teachers Training Programme for Teachers of government schools of Vijayapur district in association with District Institute of Education.



Teacher Training by RC Golaghat, RID 3240





**RC Golaghat, RID 3240** conducted a teacher training workshop where the focus was on proper handling of textbook in the classroom and a modern approach towards teaching the English language.



Teacher Training by RC Ahmednagar Priyadarshini, RID 3132

**RC Ahmednagar Priyadarshini, RID 3132** arranged a two-day teachers training program independently with the help of experts based on the syllabus suggested by RILM covering topics like Classroom Management, Life Skills, Creative pedagogy, Soft skills for teachers, Critical thinking and problem solving, Leadership and Personal development of students, Career guidance, Human Rights. Group activities and quiz were also conducted. Best teacher male and Best Teacher female, 3 Best school groups were chosen and prizes awarded.



Teacher Training by RC Ahmednagar Priyadarshini, RID 3132

**RID 3132, RC Ahmednagar Priyadarshini** conducted a 2-day Teacher Training workshop for 60 teachers from 9 government schools. The training was conducted on the following topics: Classroom management, Life Skills, Soft skills for teachers, Creative pedagogy, Critical thinking and problem-solving, Leadership and Personal development of students, Career guidance and Human Rights.



Teacher Training by RC Mumbai South, RID 3141

**RC Mumbai South, RID 3141** conducted online English training classes for 15 teachers.



Teacher Training by RC Adambakkam, RID 3232

**RC Adambakkam, RID 3232** conducted an Adult Literacy session where special coaching classes were given to teachers of Thanthai Periyar Higher Secondary School on how to use computers, MS Office, sending emails. This was conducted by Rtn Varadharajan from the Academic Center for Excellence. This was done to orient the teachers towards promoting a digital mode of teaching the students.



Teacher Training by RC Coimbatore Manchester, RID 3201

**RC Coimbatore Manchester, RID 3201** conducted teacher training for 3 days, where more than 60 teachers were trained. The training was on Effective ways of Teaching, Cybersecurity and role of a teacher.



Teacher Training by RC West Coast, RID 3141

**RC West Coast, RID 3141** conducted 2 days teacher training for 900 teachers- in two batches of 450 teachers in association with RILM teacher training partner Indian Career Education and Development Council. The training was given on simple lesson plan methodologies.







**Teacher Training by RC Dahisar, RID 3141**

**RC Dahisar, RID 3141** organized two-day Teacher's Training exercise with a school in Parli, Mumbai. The training was conducted in association with Indian Career Education and Development Council. The workshop was very motivating and informative.



**Teacher Training by RC Ujjain, RID 3040**

**RC Ujjain, RID 3040** organized a teacher training program in coordination with District Education Office. The training focused on motivating teacher towards using E-learning while teaching.



## E-learning



**E-learning facility installed by RC Ramteerth, RID 3170**

**RC Ramteerth, RID 3170** installed E-learning kits in 7 govt. schools benefitting 2,850 students from the 7 schools. The

hardware was provided by RILM's hardware partner Egate and Software from software partner Digilearn.



**E-learning facility installed by RC Venugram-Belgaum, RID 3170**

**RC Venugram-Belgaum, RID 3170** installed E-learning kit in a government school benefitting 310 students. Both the hardware and software were provided by Oxysmart.



**E-learning facility installed by RC Hubli-East, RID 3170**

**RC Hubli-East, RID 3170** installed E-learning kit at Rotary High School, Bengeri, Hubballi benefitting 440 students. Hardware provided by Oxysmart and software by Digilearn.



**E-learning facility installed by RC Belgaum Midtown, RID 3170**

**RC Belgaum Midtown, RID 3170** installed projector-based E-learning kit at a government school benefitting more than 600 students. Software content was provided by Digilearn and hardware by Oxysmart.

**RC Kurundwad, RID 3170** has set up E-learning kit to a government school where software was provided by Classroom and Hardware by Oxysmart. The project is benefitting more than 500 students.







**E-learning facility installed by RC Kurundwad, RID 3170**

**RC Jamkhandi, RID 3170** has set up an E-learning system at Dr BR Ambedkar Residential Girls School. The project is benefitting more than 150 students. The hardware was provided by Oxysmart and software by Digilearn.



**E-learning facility installed by RC Jamkhandi, RID 3170**

**RC Ranebennur, RID 3170** has set up an E-learning system at Rotary English Medium High School benefitting 429 students. Hardware was provided by Oxysmart and Software by Digilearn.



**E-learning facility installed by RC Ranebennur, RID 3170**

**RC Haveri, RID 3170** installed an E-learning system at JP Rotary School where Hardware and software were provided by Oxysmart and Digilearn. The project is benefitting 200 students.



**E-learning facility installed by RC Harveri, RID 3170**

**RC Bombay, RID 3141** provided E-learning kits to 12 government schools benefitting more than 2,000 students.



**E-learning facility installed by RC Bombay, RID 3141**

**RC Mumbai, RID 3141** South installed E-learning kits in 10 government schools benefitting more than 500 students.

**RC Ujjain, RID 3040** installed TV-based hardware kit in 47 government schools. The project was funded by National Thermal Power Corporation under RILM's E-Shiksha project. The TV was provided by Sony and Software was approved by Rajya Shiksha Kendra, Madhya Pradesh.



**E-learning facility installed by RC Ujjain, RID 3040**



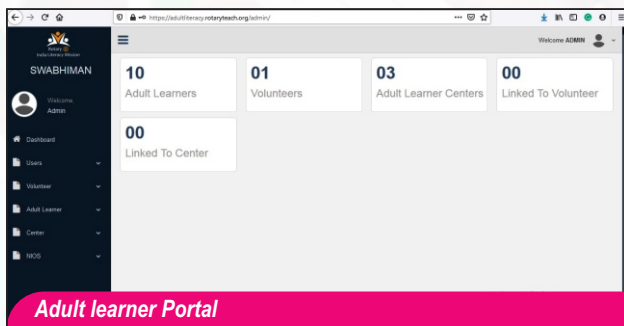
## Adult Literacy

### Adult Literacy Portal Launched

A new restructured Adult Literacy portal has been launched by RILM at the Basic Education and Literacy session during the Rotary India Centennial Summit 2020. The portal will act as a repository for all information as far as Adult Literacy is concerned. The clubs who all are implementing the adult literacy program, they will be able to enroll their adult learners for the NIOS examination. The portal will act as a database of all the adult learners who all are being imparted







literacy through the RILM's Adult Literacy program. The portal will reside on Rotary TEACH website: [www.rotaryteach.org](http://www.rotaryteach.org) and will go live soon..

### Training of Brahmakumari Volunteers

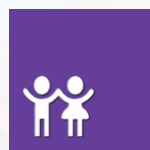
As RILM has entered into a partnership with Brahmakumari's to implement Adult Literacy program, a training program was conducted by RILM for the volunteers of Brahmakumaris. These volunteers will teach non-literate adults. PDG Ramesh Chander, Chair Adult Literacy National Committee, PDG Ravi Langer- Adult Literacy National Committee member and advisor and Dr. Aapga Singh, COO, RILM had conducted the training program. More than 500 volunteers from Brahmakumaris had attended the training program. During the training, the volunteers were briefed about the literacy scenario of India and adult literacy data in India. The trainers also focused on the Swabhimaan program, the structure of the program along with the usage of the adult literacy toolkit.

### Adult Literacy Centers Started:

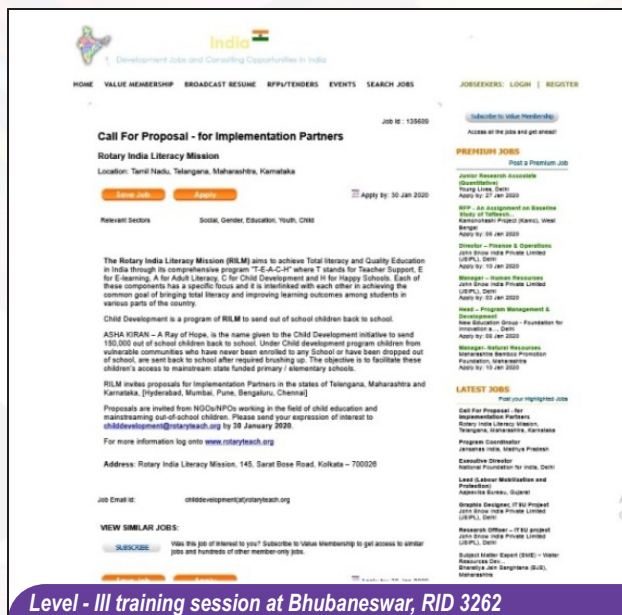
**RC Green Land Silchar, RID 3240** in association with RCC Sanatan Unnayan Sangstha, has inaugurated three Adult Literacy Centre at the remote area of Elgin bagan area, Chengduar Basti and Chengduar Bagan area, 25 km from Silchar. More than 30 participants have enrolled their names in each of the centre.



**RC Allahabad East, RID 3120** has started their Swabhimaan centers with more than 10m adult learners.



## Child Development



For the second phase of the Asha Kiran program, RILM had published a call for proposal advertisement on [www.devnetjobsindia](http://www.devnetjobsindia) and on RILM Facebook for implementation NGO.

The focus areas of implementation commencement are Karnataka, Telengana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Delhi and West Bengal. In response to this advertisement RILM has received several expression of interest and 30 proposals from various NGOs all over the India.

### Desk Appraisals of NGOs Asha Kiran proposal:

The Child Development team reviewed the proposals submitted by various NGOs for Asha Kiran project Implementation. This process is called Desk level review or desk appraisals. Under this process RILM validates all parameters like rationale, geographical area wise need, budget viabilities etc. mentioned in the proposals.







## Happy School



*Happy School made by RC Ichalkaranji, RID 3170*

**RC Ichalkaranji Central, RID 3170** transformed New High School Shivakwadi and Modern Vidhyaniketan Alate into Happy Schools by fulfilling all the criteria for a Happy School. More than 400 students are benefitting from this project.



*Happy School made by RC Bangalore Orchards, RID 3190*

**RC Bangalore Orchards, RID 3190** converted 9 government schools into Happy School by providing all basic amenities under the Happy School project. The project is benefitting more than 1,000 students.



*Happy School made by RC Gandhimanagar, RID 3201*

**RC Gandhimanagar, RID 3201** converted Government High School, Gandhimanagar into a Happy School by providing all basic amenities to the school. More than 300 students are benefitting from this project.



*Happy School made by RC Ahmednagar Priyadarshi, RID 3132*

**RC Ahmednagar Priyadarshi, RID 3132** transformed Panchasil Vidya Mandir into a Happy School after facilitating the schools with all basic amenities like Desks and Benches, gender specific toilet, furniture and other basic requisites for a school. More than 400 students are benefitting from this project.



*Happy School made by RC Hanamkonda, RID 3150*

**RC Hanamkonda, RID 3150** converted 13 government schools into Happy Schools by fulfilling all basic criteria for Happy School. More than 2,000 students are benefitting from this project.



*Happy School made by RC Secunderabad West, RID 3150*

**RC Secunderabad West, RID 3150** took up a target to convert 181 government schools into Happy Schools by providing all the required infrastructure like gender specific toilets, benches and desks, clean drinking water, Hand Washing stations, Play material, books for library etc. The club has already implemented the project in 15 schools and are seeking to finish the remaining project through a Global Grant.





# A bench to sit on... and many more!

Lakshmi is a student of class V, GKHPS Maruvemane School in Kolar District, Karnataka. She is super happy to get a bench to sit on and she breaks into a smile. The credit of her smile goes to Rotary Club of Bangalore Orchards, RID 3190. The club took a great initiative to convert this government school into a happy school under the T-E-A-C-H program.



Rotary Club of Bangalore Orchards stepped into this tiny school in suburbs of Bangalore. They constructed gender specific toilets and wash facilities, installed drinking water facility, renovated classrooms, supplied proper playing materials and age specific seating arrangements. The school has around 79 students and 4 teaching staff. Located in a tiny village, the facilities did not necessarily inspire children to come to school every single day. Happily though, that is no longer the scenario in this small school. It boasts of cheerful and committed students and teachers who work together to make the learning experience a fun-filled activity.

Happy School vertical of the T-E-A-C-H program have always been a favourite pick amongst the Rotarians and Rotary Clubs. Till today, RILM has successfully transformed 3,098 government schools into Happy Schools across the country. The projects have benefitted millions of students and teachers.

**Vision 2025:** To transform 1,500 schools into Happy Schools each year, thus achieving a total of 7,500 schools across India. The starting point could be creating 2,500 libraries every year, which would help identify the other needs of these schools and turn them to Happy Schools.

## Ambuja Cement Foundation & Malabar Hill Rotary Foundation jointly transforms 30 schools

Rotary Club of Malabar Hill through its Malabar Hill Foundation provided fund for painting 30 government schools located in Jiwati District, Maharashtra. The remaining components, like: Repairing of School Building, Renovation of school toilets, Providing Hand washing facilities, providing benches and desks were completed by implementation done through Rotary Club of Hirai Chandrapur with funding from Ambuja Cement Foundation under its 'Education' program. Thus, these 30 schools were transformed into Happy Schools.



### RILM Offers

Clubs interested in creating Happy Schools can avail exclusive offers laid down by RILM. The following partnerships will help clubs in most of the elements under the Happy School criteria.



#### 1. MAGNUM SADOSHIMA ISPAT PVT. LTD.

RILM forged partnership with Magnum Sadoshima Ispat Pvt. Ltd. focusing on providing benches/desks at schools. The partnership will provide the clubs:

- ▲ 1:1 Matching CSR Grant
- ▲ Special Prices for Bulk orders on Benches and Desks

**The Partnership has already benefitted:**

15 schools in District 3011, 9 schools in District 3261, 8 schools in District 3012



#### 2. KENT

RILM forged partnership with KENT focusing on providing/installing drinking water facilities in the schools. The partnership will help the clubs in availing 24% to 42% of discount in different product categories.

Interested clubs can write to : [happyschool@rotaryteach.org](mailto:happyschool@rotaryteach.org)





# Padho Bharat

Under the Padho Bharat initiative, which aims to create libraries across India, RILM through Rotary and Inner Wheel clubs have successfully set up 1, 202 libraries across the country using the 3.75 lakh books worth Rs. 5 Crore received as donation from Orient Black Swan. In the last 6 months, 337 libraries have been created.

Vision 2025: To create 2500 libraries every year.

20,000 books are available with RILM at Chennai; interested clubs can get in touch with RILM at [happyschool@rotaryteach.org](mailto:happyschool@rotaryteach.org)

**Star Performing Districts under Padho Bharat project:**

RID 3011: Created 75 libraries

RID 2982: Created 102 libraries

## RILM Offers



**Pratham Books:** RILM joined hands with Pratham Books under the Padho Bharat initiative. The partnership will help the clubs in availing 20% discounts on books to create libraries. These books are available in English and Vernaculars too. The E-platform, Story Weaver is also made free to be accessed in all E-learning equipped schools.



**Aargus Global Logistics:** RILM came into a partnership with Aargus Global Logistics Pvt. Ltd. which will allow clubs to avail free of cost transportation of books from and to any location across India. 85,000 books have already been transported free of cost for Padho Bharat library project.




**Ratna Nidhi Open Library:** Through the Ratna Nidhi Open Library partnership, Ratna Nidhi will provide 5,000 used books to Rotary in a month under the Padho Bharat project. RC Dimapur, RC Indore Uptown and RC Mumbai South have already benefitted from the partnership.

For further assistance on RILM Happy School offers, write to : [happyschool@rotaryteach.org](mailto:happyschool@rotaryteach.org)



## SUPREME STAR CLUB NATION BUILDER AWARD 2019-20



### Have your Club / District implemented T-E-A-C-H projects in the RY 2019-20?

Upload your projects and get recognized by RILM.  
Also get a chance to be featured in the next edition of Literacy Times.  
Visit: [rotaryindia.org](http://rotaryindia.org) to upload projects.

For further assistance mail us at [communications@rotaryteach.org](mailto:communications@rotaryteach.org)

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# Rotary India Literacy Mission partners with Ratnanidhi Charitable Trust in organizing Mission Million Books Exhibition



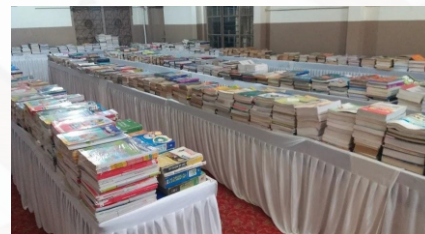
## Mission Million Books Nagaland



On 12th November 2019, Ratna Nidhi in association Indian National Fellowship Center, Rotary Club of Dimapur & Rotary club of Bombay North organized the fifth exhibition under Mission Million Books (MMB) project, which seeks to donate 1 million books to 10,000 schools and colleges in India for free. The project aimed at providing the underserved with access to quality educational materials for their growth

and advancement, and supports the Indian government's efforts to enable access to quality education for all. Through the exhibition, 12,000 educational books will be donated to 100 low income schools and colleges in Nagaland.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Shri. P.B. Acharya, Former Governor, Nagaland (Chief Guest), Shri. Temjen Ima Along, Minister of Higher & Technical Education & Tribal affairs



(Guest of Honor), Shri. Kamal Sanghavi, Rotary International Director (Guest of Honor), Shri. Shanavas. C, IAS, Principal Director, School Education (Special Guest), Shri. Nellayapan, Asst. Director, School Education (Guest of Honor) & Shri. Geoffrey Yaden, Chief Editor, Nagaland post (Guest of Honor), Shri Chandu Agarwal, Past District Governor and Rotary President Ashok Goyal, Dr.H.S.Palep, Trustee, Indian National Fellowship Center, Shri Hemendra Shah, President, Rotary Club of Bombay North.

## Mission Million Books Mumbai



On 13th January 2020, Ratna Nidhi in association with Rotary Club of Mumbai South and Rotary India Literacy Mission, organized the seventh exhibition under Mission Million Books (MMB) project at S.L. & S.S. Girls High School in Mumbai. This project seeks to donate 1 million

books to schools and colleges pan-India, free of cost. MMB is focuses on providing the underserved with access to quality educational materials for their development and growth and supplements the Indian government's efforts to educate young India.

The project partners for this exhibition were Rotary India Literacy Mission, SMART, Rotary District 3141 and Rotary Club of Mumbai South. The exhibition was inaugurated by Mr Harjit Singh Talwar- District

Governor 3141, Smt. Sonu Chowdhury- President Rotary Club Mumbai South, Rajiv Mehta- Trustee Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, Sandeep Agarwalla- Group Head TEACH, Dr Bal Inamdar and Mr Gurav- Principal of SNTD College. The ceremony was hosted by Mr Rajendra Agarwal and Smt. Shamika Ajaonkar- Principal, S.L. & S.S. Girls School.



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