

Adult Literacy – Frequently Asked Questions (FaQs)

1. Who is an adult literate?

A literate adult is one who can:

- Read aloud at a speed of 30 words per minute
- Read and understand road signs, posters and news papers
- Understand and copy 7 words per minute
- Take dictation at the speed of 7 words per minute
- Read and write numbers from 1 to 100
- Perform simple arithmetic calculations

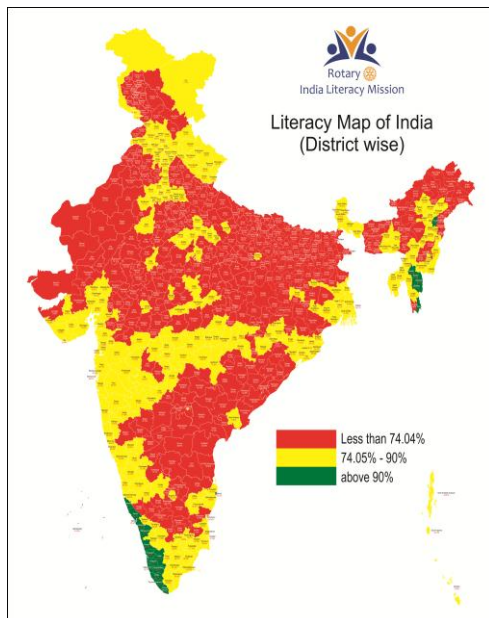
Source: National Literacy Mission Authority (NLMA), Government of India

2. Why it is important to implement adult literacy project?

Because:

- As per 2011 census, national literacy rate is 74.04%
- 12 states are below national literacy rate
- Approx 28 Cr adults are illiterate
- India is the home for world's one third (36.46%) adult illiterates

3. How does India's literacy map look like?



4. What are different models of AL?

There are four different models:

- **VIDYA**
 - Partnership with organizations having large membership or follower base. Adult is made literate by the volunteer of the organization.
- **SHIKSHA**
 - RILM partners with grassroot organizations (NGOs) for reaching out to schools by adopting the Diksha model practices.
- **DIKSHA**
 - Rotarians approach schools to motivate student volunteers to make an adult literate. Student volunteer teaches the adult at his/her home or near vicinity.
- **SWABHIMAAN**
 - Rotary Clubs/Districts make adults literate by teaching them in a group at an adult literacy centre.

5. What is the role of a Rotarian under Vidya model?

- a. Identify an organization that has a large follower or volunteer base in your area and/or national level.
- b. Collect information about their national leadership and explore if they would be interested to join hands with RILM to make India Totally Literate.
- c. Introduce them with RILM leadership to discuss partnership terms and conditions.

6. What is the difference in Shiksha and Diksha models?

- Diksha model when implemented through an NGO is known as Shiksha
- Rotarians can make adults literate at needy and poor places by contributing for Shiksha as reach under Shiksha is all India
- Cost per learner under Diksha and Shiksha is Rs.100 and Rs.250 respectively. However, Diksha requires the time and effort also and contribution for Shiksha is in multiple of 10 adult learners ie. minimum Rs.2, 500 to be donated to RILM.

7. How to approach school?

- a. To begin, collect information about the Rotary schools or schools/institutions run by Rotarians in your target area. Later, other schools/institutions can also be approached.
- b. Establish connect with the management and school authorities and convince them to get the Diksha model implemented in their school/institution.

8. How to make students interested in teaching?

- a. During the assembly, ask the question “Would you like to be a teacher?”. Majority of them feel happy and honoured to be in teacher’s role.
- b. Keep the student consent sheet ready in hand and handover to class teachers to take note of the names of the student volunteers immediately.

9. How much time does it take to make an adult literate?

- a. If RILM primer is used, it normally takes 45 to 60 days if daily teaching is done for 45 to 60 minutes.
- b. Also depends on the teaching and learning ability of the student volunteer and adult learner.

10. How many times in a year basic literacy assessment examination can be conducted?

- a. 4 times in a year, preferably in the months of January, April, July and October.
- b. Coming examination date shall be displayed on adult literacy portal and RILM website.

11. Where the examination can be conducted?

Either at school premise or adult literacy center

12. What is the procedure to conduct the examination?

- Obtain the Question & Answer booklets from RILM
- Keep them with utmost confidentiality
- On the date of examination, conduct the examination in a fair manner
- Post examination, evaluate the answer sheets
- Upload the result on adult literacy portal

13. How a learner or a student volunteer will get the certificate?

- Certificate of adult learner who successfully clears the basic literacy assessment examination can be downloaded from adult literacy portal after uploading the results.
- Student volunteer certificate shall be available for download from adult literacy portal when adult learner appears and clears the basic literacy assessment examination.

14. What is the cost of primer and Q&A booklet?

- Rs.100 per set of primer and Question & Answer booklet.
- If order is only for Question & Answer booklet then also Rs.100 shall be payable per Question & Answer booklet

15. How to obtain a set of primer and Question & Answer booklet?

- By placing an order online at <https://adulthoodliteracy.rotaryteach.org>, adult literacy portal.
- Payment @Rs.100 is to be done at the time of placing the order for the set.
- Primers would be sent first immediately after the order is received and Question & Answer booklets would be sent later before the date of examination.

16. What are various ways to mobilize funds for this project?

- Local donors, individuals and businesses
- Donation by the Rotarians for Shiksha, minimum Rs.2,500 for 10 adult learners through receipt books printed by RILM

17. What services are available on adult literacy portal?

- Adult learner detail upload
- Volunteer detail upload
- Adult literacy centre detail upload
- Examination centre detail upload
- Online order of set of primer and Q&A booklet for examination
- Uploading of the result of basic literacy assessment examination
- Downloading of the certificate of adult learner and volunteer

18. Who can upload the information on the adult literacy portal and is there any login required?

- Any Rotary Member
- Any Inner wheel Member
- Any Educational Institution
- Any NGO
- Any Individual
- Login is required to upload the information. Login would be generated once any of the above registers on the portal.

19. Why it is important to upload the information on adult literacy portal?

- To keep data of the wonderful work being done across India
- Good data helps in advocating efforts with the government
- Details of the work done helps in fund raising

- Proper data is must for impact assessment study

20. What are the recognition criteria for club/district for adult literacy?

LEVEL	CLUB	DISTRICT
STAR	500 adults	10,000 adults
SUPER STAR	1000 adults	20,000 adults
MEGA STAR	2,000 adults	50,000 adults
SUPREME STAR	3,000 adults	1,00,000 adults
SOVEREIGN STAR	5,000 adults	1,50,000 adults

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