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The Resilience of Tufteeq Ahmed Pincho: A Journey from Dropping Out to Dreaming Big

Tufteeq Ahmed Pincho, a determined 12-year-old hailing from the serene village of Kulhama in Bandipora, Jammu & Kashmir, is a living testament to the power of perseverance and the unwavering support of a community that believes in the transformative potential of education.

At just 12 years old, Tufteeq faced the heart-wrenching decision to drop out of school to assist his fisherman father and shoulder the responsibilities of caring for his younger siblings. The road to his dreams seemed blocked until Rotary India Literacy Mission, in



partnership with Child Rights and You (CRY) and the local partner, Jammu and Kashmir Association of Social and Economic Change (JKSW), intervened to alter the course of his life.

Together, they unveiled the Asha Kiran Centre in Kulhama, a beacon of hope designed to rekindle the educational aspirations of "drop-out" children like Tufteeq. The JKSW volunteers embarked on a tireless mission to persuade Tufteeq's father, involving multiple home visits and counseling sessions.

Slowly, Tufteeq was introduced to the welcoming embrace of the Asha Kiran Centre. He engaged in group activities, reveled in sports with newfound friends, and immersed himself in lessons tailored to his unique abilities. With

each passing day, his progress was nothing short of remarkable.

In a pivotal moment, Tufteeq's father was invited to visit the Asha Kiran Centre, where he witnessed his son passionately attending classes, actively participating in knowledge sessions, and forming lasting friendships.

Today, Tufteeq is a proud student of the government middle school in Kulhama, eagerly venturing to school each day with a renewed spark in his eyes.



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Dear Friends of Rotary India Literacy Mission

As you're aware, this year marks a significant milestone for us!

The Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) sets sail on its 10th year—a moment to ponder, rejoice, and gather wisdom. Looking back on our expedition, celebrating our triumphs, and exchanging valuable experiences is a splendid tribute to the unwavering toil and commitment from everyone engaged.

The pursuit of Total Literacy stands as a pivotal objective, particularly in a nation as diverse and populous as India. Bestowing the power of reading and writing upon non-literate adults can profoundly transform their lives and society at large. Our endeavors in reaching far-flung regions and collaborating with diverse stakeholders epitomize the dedication necessary to effectuate such positive change.

In each edition of Literacy Times this year, we'll spotlight an element that has defined RILM and its odyssey. Whether it's a cherished image, stirring poetry, or the thoughts, individuals, and places that have spurred us on.

RILM has diligently operated in the remote corners of the country, engaging with numerous stakeholders to empower 50 million non-literate adults and turn them into literate individuals. We earnestly seek your extensive support to turn this aspiration into a reality.

My heartfelt congratulations to everyone contributing to the realization of this dream. May your persistent efforts continue to yield even greater success in our collective pursuit of Total Literacy in India!

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Haryana Vidya Mandir

Illuminating Minds Through Literacy

Haryana Vidya Mandir School is a School where teaching and learning for Teachers and Students is not just only a task but it is also a journey of enlightenment. School was bustling with excitement and anticipation, for a special event that was about to take place event that would shine a light on the path of knowledge and transform lives.

Haryana Vidya Mandir opened its doors for the adult literacy program and gave a commitment to community development which had the power to change lives. The message was clear - education knows no age, and everyone deserves the opportunity to learn.

More than 175 students with hearts full of enthusiasm gathered for this orientation. They were driven by a common mission, one that transcended their own education and touched the lives of countless adult non-literates spread across

the country. Their goal? To contribute to the Grand Vision of achieving Total literacy in our country.

As the orientation session concluded, it was evident that something extraordinary was in motion. Haryana Vidya Mandir and its students

were not just participating in an event; they were igniting a spark. Together, they were unlocking boundless possibilities, proving that education had the power to transcend age and that

through collaborative efforts, they could turn this noble endeavor into a reality.

In the heart of Kolkata, Haryana Vidya Mandir had taken a step towards illuminating minds, not just within their classrooms but far beyond, into the wider community. The journey had begun, and the path of knowledge was now well-lit, guiding the way for many to follow.



Khalsa School

Illuminating Futures, One Kit at a Time

In the bustling city of Kolkata, where history and culture intersect, there stood a beacon of education and enlightenment-Khalsa Model Senior Secondary School. Known for its academic excellence and commitment to the community, Khalsa School is always a source of inspiration for the entire region.

Team RILM and senior Rotarians had come to visit. Their mission? To distribute adult literacy kits as part of the "Diksha" program, a vital component of RILM's broader Adult Literacy Initiative.

As the distribution began, it was not just kits that were handed out; it was a promise of hope and empowerment. Each kit contained the tools and resources needed to teach an adult to read and

write, an invaluable gift that would change lives forever.

What was truly remarkable about this day was the commitment made by Khalsa School's students. Over 25 young minds, driven by a profound sense of responsibility, pledged to personally transform at least one non-literate adult into a literate individual.



But Khalsa School was not alone in this endeavor. Across the nation, more than 30 schools and over 2,500 student volunteers have united under the common mission of achieving total literacy in India. It was a movement, a shared vision, and a promise to the future.



Students at Lake School for Girls in the Vanguard of Literacy Mission

The Lake School For Girls, an institution dedicated to nurturing young minds, recently played host to an inspiring visit from Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM). During this encounter, the students of the school displayed an incredible enthusiasm for education and a shared vision of making India completely literate.

Ankita Bhuiyya, a Class IX student, emerged as an inspiration during the visit. She shared her remarkable journey as a first-generation learner, underlining the significant impact of RILM's 'Diksha' program on her life. Through this program, Ankita has been empowered to teach her entire family to read and write, breaking barriers that have persisted for generations.

Ankita's heartfelt testimony showcased her deep desire to motivate her friends and peers to participate in the mission to make India completely literate. Her words were a powerful reminder of the transformative power of education and the potential for young minds to lead the way in social change.

Following an impactful motivational session, RILM distributed Adult Literacy kits to more than 20

students from the Lake School For Girls. These students had already identified adult non-literates from their local communities and were eager to embark on their mission to educate and empower those around them.

The 'Diksha' program, initiated by Rotary India Literacy Mission, has been instrumental in reaching out to over 2,500 student volunteers across 30 schools nationwide. These young champions of literacy are on a collective journey to bridge the education gap and uplift communities, one individual at a time.

The Lake School For Girls students, like Ankita, are a shining example of how education can be a catalyst for change. Their enthusiasm is the driving force behind our mission to make India Totally Literate.

The Lake School For Girls and its students have demonstrated that education is a powerful force for positive change. Their involvement in the 'Diksha' program exemplifies the spirit of collective action and underscores the transformative potential of education in shaping a more literate and enlightened India.



Rotary India Literacy Mission's 'Vidya' Program Empowers Adult Learners, Touching Lives Across the Nation

In a heartwarming testament to the transformative power of education, Selaha Sikari, a 42-year-old mother of three from Hasnabad, North 24 Parganas, has become a symbol of hope and determination.

Selaha is among the adult learners benefiting from the newly launched centers, the result of a partnership between Rotary India Literacy Mission and the local NGO CRSDF. Their collaborative initiative, the 'Vidya'

program under the Adult Literacy initiative, aims to equip 360 adult non-literates with the gift of literacy.

For Selaha, the dream of reading and writing has come alive. **"I have never imagined, one day I will also read and write like my children,"** she exclaims with a sparkle of excitement in her eyes. Her own education had been sacrificed during her childhood due to the challenging circumstances her family faced. Today, she is filled with hope,

aspiring to read newspapers and become informed about the world around her.

The 'Vidya' program has been a resounding success, reaching out to over 50,000 adult

learners across India through a network of 2,000+ centers. The program is designed to empower individuals with the essential skills needed to lead more informed and fulfilled lives. It embodies the spirit of **"learning knows**

no age" and is a testament to the enduring commitment of the Rotary India Literacy Mission to uplift communities through the transformative power of education.

Selaha's story, like many others, is a testament to the potential of human determination and the positive impact of education. We will continue our efforts to bring literacy to every corner of our nation, one learner at a time.



Rotary India Literacy Mission Extends Heartfelt Gratitude to Nation's Dedicated Teachers

In a heartfelt expression of appreciation, Team Rotary India Literacy Mission has come forward to express their sincere gratitude to the tireless educators across the nation through Nation Builder Award. These

teachers, with their unwavering passion for teaching, have not only shaped the minds of countless students but have also served as a beacon of inspiration for others.



Teachers from every corner of the country have played an integral role in the development and progress of the nation. Whether in bustling urban centers or remote rural villages, these educators have

consistently gone above and beyond to ensure that the flame of learning burns brightly.



RILM's National Committee on Adult Literacy Convenes in Kolkata to Strategize #MakeIndiaTotallyLiterate Campaign

In a remarkable display of unity and determination, a two-day-long conversation unfolded in Kolkata, capturing the hearts and minds of participants as they discussed the future of adult literacy in India. The event, hosted by the National Committee on Adult Literacy of Rotary India Literacy Mission, brought together members from diverse regions of the country to share their insights and strategies towards the #MakeIndiaTotallyLiterate initiative.

The participants, representing a mosaic of backgrounds and experiences, united under a common goal: to empower every Indian with the gift of literacy. Over the course of two days, the attendees engaged in a dynamic exchange of ideas, strategies, and challenges faced in their respective regions. Their discussions covered everything from innovative teaching methods to

resource mobilization and the significant hurdles that lay ahead.

The second day of the event was marked by concrete action plans. Delegates formed working groups, each dedicated to a specific aspect of the Rotary India Literacy Mission, such as adult literacy programs and fundraising strategies. Their collective efforts were a testament to the commitment of those present to translate their ideas into real-world impact.

The two-day-long conversation in Kolkata was not just splendid; it was a catalyst for a nationwide revolution. With unwavering determination and shared goals, the attendees left ready to transform India's future and ensure that the #MakeIndiaTotallyLiterate mission becomes a resounding success.

University Student Becomes a Beacon of Hope in the Mission to Eradicate Adult Illiteracy

In an inspiring tale of determination and altruism, Shubham Madane, a university student at Savitribai Phule University in Pune, has become an Akshar Sathi, a dedicated teacher on a mission to eradicate adult illiteracy and contribute to the dream of making India Totally Literate.

Hailing from the small village of Gadarwadi, where his parents work as farmers, Shubham's journey is one of both resilience and ambition. He has observed firsthand the challenges faced by the non-literate population in his village, and it was this stark reality that fueled his passion to make a difference.

Shubham shared his motivation, saying, "I've always wanted to be a part of my country's development. When I learned about the Adult Literacy program of Rotary India Literacy Mission, I joined the mission with a burning desire to create a positive change through my actions."

Determined to address the issue of illiteracy in his community, Shubham started teaching a group of adult learners from his locality. His commitment and selflessness quickly garnered the support of key individuals and organizations.

District Literacy Director Rtn. PP Mamata Kolhatkar, along with Adult Literacy Chair Rtn. Niranjana Mathure of Rotary International District 3131, recognized the significance of Shubham's work and offered their wholehearted support. The Rotary Club of Pune Deccan Gymkhana provided sponsorship for an Adult Literacy Center, empowering Shubham to expand his efforts.

Shubham Madane's story serves as a testament to the difference one individual can make in the journey toward eradicating illiteracy. With his actions, he illuminates the path for many others to follow, creating a ripple effect of positive change in India's quest for universal literacy.



Rotary India Literacy Mission and NIDAN Join Forces to Transform Thousands into Literate Citizens

Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) continues its unwavering commitment to enhancing literacy and education across the country, leaving an indelible impact on the lives of thousands. In a recent collaboration, Team RILM partnered with NIDAN, a local NGO, to bring the light of education to **2,000 adult non-literates in 16 villages** spanning Belaganj and Tikari blocks in **Gaya, Bihar**.

The mission's significance was palpable during the center's launch event, where the Director of NIDAN, Ranjan Kumar, expressed his excitement and pride in being a part of this transformative initiative. He emphasized the importance of collective action, saying, "What we feel, everybody must join hands with Rotary India Literacy Mission to Make India Totally Literate. We are proud that we have become a part of this initiative."

With a concerted focus on both urban and rural areas, RILM has been working in collaboration with central and state governments to drive literacy

initiatives throughout the country. RILM, in its ongoing effort to raise literacy rates, identified a significant number of non-literate adults through literacy data collected from Panchayat and household surveys.

The collaboration between RILM and NIDAN exemplifies the strength that arises when organizations and individuals unite to combat illiteracy and provide opportunities for education.



South 24 Pgs, West Bengal Responds Enthusiastically to Rotary India Literacy Mission's Call



A wave of enthusiasm and dedication is sweeping through South 24 Pgs, West Bengal, as Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) experiences an extraordinary response from the region. The mission recently extended its reach to Kultali, South 24 Pgs, to provide training to 50 Akshar Sathis, equipping them with the skills needed to survey and identify adult non-literates in their local communities.

The training session held in Kultali became a milestone for the community, as individuals like Tazmira Gharami, a 23-year-old woman, stepped

forward to embrace the mission. Overwhelmed with joy, Tazmira shared her feelings, saying, "I can't express how happy I am. Now, I will be a part of making my country Totally Literate by transforming a group of non-literate and literate individuals from my community."

Rotary India Literacy Mission has embarked on a noble journey to transform 5 crore non-literate adults into literate individuals by the year 2027. The mission, driven by a profound commitment to education and empowerment, continues to inspire individuals and communities to join hands in this transformative endeavor.

The resounding response from South 24 Pgs, West Bengal, is a testament to the power of grassroots initiatives and the potential of individuals coming together to address the critical issue of adult illiteracy. As the mission expands its footprint and touches more lives, it becomes evident that the dream of making India Totally Literate is becoming an attainable reality, one committed individual at a time.



Transformative Collaboration in West Bengal: RILM and Kalikata Bidhan Manab Bikash Samity

Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) is forging ahead with its mission to bring the light of education to every corner of the nation. In a significant collaboration with Kalikata Bidhan Manab Bikash Samity, RILM has established three educational centers to impart the gift of literacy to 90 non-literate adults in Howrah, West Bengal.

The joint initiative reflects a collective commitment to transforming lives and making India Totally Literate. Through these centers, individuals who have been deprived of literacy will now have the opportunity to acquire essential reading and writing skills, opening doors to a world

of knowledge and possibilities.

This initiative has garnered valuable support from the Rotary Club of Salt Lake City Calcutta, which plays a pivotal role in realizing the mission's goals. Their involvement is instrumental in providing the necessary resources and support to ensure the success of the endeavor.

The combined efforts of RILM, Kalikata Bidhan Manab Bikash Samity, and the Rotary Club of Salt Lake City Calcutta underscore the transformative potential of collective action and reinforce the belief that literacy is the key to a brighter, more informed future for India.

Rotary India Literacy Mission Revolutionizes Education with Multimedia E-learning Content for Remote Students

Do you remember those school days when you didn't have the unique opportunity to study through television transmission?

Rotary India Literacy Mission, in an inspiring collaboration with NCERT and various SCERT departments across the country, is turning this nostalgic memory into a contemporary reality. The initiative aims to provide students with the ability to learn from the comfort of their homes, bridging the educational gap and making E-learning an inclusive approach.

One of the many beneficiaries of this groundbreaking collaboration is the state of Mizoram. Dr. Lalrozami, Program Coordinator from the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) in Mizoram, expressed their excitement, stating, "It's indeed a great partnership for us with RILM. Our students can now study and learn even from their homes through this content. This initiative has been creating a long-term impact for the students of our state."

Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) has developed multimedia content covering classes I to XII, specifically designed for students residing in remote areas. This initiative is not just an

opportunity; it's a leap toward making E-learning accessible to all. The multimedia e-content has already undergone rigorous vetting by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), ensuring the highest quality.

Recently, RILM took a significant step forward by handing over the entire Multimedia E-learning content, spanning from Class I to XII, to the Government of Mizoram. The content is now ready for telecast through various PM-eVidya channels within Mizoram and is also accessible via the Diksha Portal, managed by the Central Government.

This remarkable initiative is already making waves in several states, extending its reach to Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Punjab, and Madhya Pradesh.



What's New

Rotary India Literacy Mission has newly launched 'Dil Se Baat Karo, RILM Se Juro', one of the pathbreaking shows to engage a large number of various types of stakeholders to [#MakeIndiaTotallyLiterate](#). We have invited our Chief Advisor Shekhar Mehta and Ms. Roosha Dasgupta, a media professional, to speak on Adult Literacy and Quality Education in our country.

We have received an exceptional response from our audience and from this onwards, we will be interacting with a large number of stakeholders mostly with schools, universities, rotarians, celebrities, media personalities etc. Through this program, we will be organising different topic based discussions for more participation.

Stay tuned for more updates!



Dil Se Baat Karo... RILM Se Juro...
Let's Make India Totally Literate!

Shekhar Mehta
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'Annapurna' food project



Recently Team-RILM went to Kasba, Kolkata to support more than 100 underprivileged people in association with **Kasba Milan Sangha**.

We supported them with dry foods under our 'Annapurna' food project.

Let's Be a Part of Our Journey

We have been working on different verticals, and reaching the most interior pockets of our country, thus, we need your support to make sure that all parts of the country are getting



basic support to live their life. We need your financial support to operate seamlessly. You can contribute to us by scanning the link.

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