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From rolling ‘Beedis’ to holding ‘Pens’

The experience of the field visit conducted by the Rotary India Literacy Mission staff was so enriching that it not only justified our mission but also motivated and inspired us to take up these kind of activities in the most deprived part of the communities.

Five-year-old Meeta thinks it is a game she must master quickly to be a winner. From the time she wakes up, until she goes to bed, Meeta watches her mother and all the girls and women in her neighborhood consumed in a frantic race: Making beedis- traditional hand-rolled Indian cigarettes.

This is the normal scenario in Dhulian a small town in Murshidabad. To create each beedi, the maker painstakingly places tobacco inside a dried leaf known as 'Tendua' sourced from a local tree; tightly rolls and secures it with a thread; and then closes the tips using a sharp knife.

For anything between 10 and 14 hours, regardless of how long it takes, Meeta

mother and others must all roll at least 1,000 beedis to earn a paltry sum of money to spend a day.

The major obstacle for this project is the huge child labour problem. Most of the children participate in bidi making work to support their family economically and after these children reach their teen the boys tend to migrate or start doing odd jobs to earn livelihood and the teen girls still continues with the bidi making work from home and while maintaining the household.

A study released nearly three years ago estimated a scandalous number of over 1.7 million children are working in India's beedi rolling industry. Children are knowingly engaged by manufacturers due to belief that children's nimble fingers are more adept at rolling cigarettes.

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From rolling 'Beedis' to holding 'Pens' (Form Page ...1)

The labyrinthine, congested lanes of dU are home to an assembly line of humans functioning like robots: Young girls and women alike can be seen rolling cigarettes in groups out in the open. Some sway, some rock back and forth appearing entranced, while others have developed odd muscular motions as they push their work speed to the edge of human limits.

Due to this pressure to work and earn the livelihood from the tender age the children start dropping out from school or his/her studies get badly affected. Though the children and community are interested in the project but after mainstreaming the main issue will be monitoring and controlling the drop out.

Well to tackle this problem the NGO Marfat is focusing on ways to

reduce the child labour problem or the dependence on children as work force in this area.

For Asha Kiran, RILM and its partner organization Marfat is going to work for 650 children in Dhulian Town in Murshidabad District.

Marfat had made a plan to screen 758 children in these 13 locations in 3 day from which RILM have selected 650 children for Asha Kira bridge course.

All the proposed centres are located in such areas where there is a huge need and interest for education. The total numbers of children that are identified for Asha Kiran are and, the details are given below:

Sl. No.	Centre no.	Place	Number of Children proposed for screening	Number of Children Identified
1.	Centre no. 1	Jeolmari- Hatichitra road Ward no. 3	49	43
2.	Centre no. 2	Jeolmari- Hatichitra road Ward no. 4	51	45
3.	Centre no. 3	Laxmi Nagar ward no. 2	54	42
4.	Centre no. 4	Krishnapur ward no. 1	57	47
5.	Centre no. 5	Taribeyn ward no, 11	61	54
6.	Centre no. 6	Taribeyn ward no. 21	57	49
7.	Centre no. 7	Naiganj Hut Lalpur ward no. 17	64	55
8.	Centre no. 8	Hijal Kalitola ward no. 7	64	55
9.	Centre no. 9	River side Lalpur ward no. 19	67	55
10.	Centre no. 10	Notun Bazar ward no. 8	62	57
11.	Centre no. 11	Buri para ward no. 6	61	54
12.	Centre no. 12	Kamat ward no. 12	54	46
13.	Centre no. 13	Gaji Nagar mastarpara ward no. 9	56	48
TOTAL			758	650

Due to different schemes from the government for the minority section and for the bidi making labour's children the parents tend to enroll the children in school but due to immense work pressure and lack of proper guidance the children fall behind in class which results in huge drop out in this area.

The NGO Marfat also wants to start Adult Literacy programme. They believe this will create the much needed awareness about the importance of education, mainstream schooling and to on the evils of child labour so that the Parents will also work as the agents in the community to change this trend in the Society.

The project has fully taken off from the end of April. The Asha Kiran program is going to bring an useful impact on the children of this region as most of the identified children are first generation learners. The program is going to have a long term impact on the lives of these children and in turn the community if successfully implemented.



T-E-A-C-H in Action

Initiatives taken by Clubs



Teacher Support



Teacher Training program conducted by RC Anantapur

Teacher Training program organized by **Rotary Club of Gauhati South**, RID 3240 on 13th May 2017 at Jyotinagar Govt. Primary School. D.L.C.C. Rtn. Bibhas Das Purkayastha was the resource person. He primarily dwelt on two aspects namely using creativity and innovative methods of teaching by teachers while teaching mathematics to young learners. The entire discussion was very interesting, informative and full of lively interaction between trainers and the participants. Altogether 20 teachers from Govt. Primary School of Jyotinagar and neighboring areas like Noonmati, Goneshnagar etc. participated.

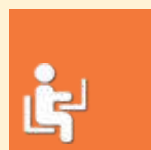
RC Villupuram organised the Teacher Support program on 18th April 2017 in collaboration with DIET, Ariyur, Villupuram District for 40 teachers of Koliyanur Panchayat Union schools. The District Elementary Schools officer, DIET Principal and Faculty conducted the "Personality Skill Development". RILM district Communication officer Rtn.Venkateswara Gupta, RILM TEACH Volunteer Management Chair



Teacher Training program conducted by RC Jodhpur Padmini

Rtn.N.P.Ramasamy, President of RC Villupuram Rtn.Kangeyan, office bearers and members attended the inauguration at Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Villupuram.

Excel Group of Institutions led by its Chairman Rtn. Dr. A. K. Natesan, DLCC, RC Komarapalayam, **RID 2982** organized the State level In-Service Programme under the auspices of RMSA to the key resource persons of English Subject was conducted from 4th May 2017 to 6th May 2017 at in Excel Engineering College for enhancing and updating teaching methodologies and strategies to Teachers those who are engaging English Subjects in Government High & H.S. Schools. CEO of Namakkal District Mr. Gobi Das coordinated the program. Namakkal District Program Coordinator Mrs. Tamarasi and RMSA Additional Project Coordinator Dr. Ranganathan conducted program in presence of RMSA Director Mr. Kannappan and Joint Director Mr. Kumar.



E-learning

Rotary Club of Jamshedpur West RID 3250 provided 6 e-learning kit at Government Utkramit Bhatia Basti Middle School. 200 students benefitted from this project.



E-learning set installed in a Govt. school by RC Jagannath Dham

Rotary Club of Greenland Silchar, RID 3240 purchased one E-learning module from RILM approved vendor JIL Information Technology and installed the same at Government Girls H.S. & M.P. School Silchar, Assam on 9th May. The module was officially inaugurated on 20th May 2017 in presence of Mr Dilip Kumar Paul Deputy Speaker Assam Legislative Assembly, Mr Kamalendu

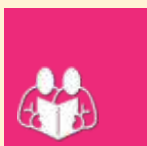


Choudhury District & Sessions Judge Cachar and Rtn. N. K. Purkayastha AG Zone XI. Rtn Dr Prosenjit Ghosh and Rtn Sandip Singh Walia along with ten other club members were present. Total project cost was of Rs. 45000/-, 1100 students benefitted from this project.

Rotary Club of Udamplet, RID 3202 donated 2 E-learning kit at Rotary Primary School, Udumalpet 500 Students benefitted from this project.

Rotary Club of Lucknow Khaas, RID 3120, had taken the noble initiative of installing an e-learning kit at Kranti Vidya Mandir on the 17th of May'2017.

Rotary Club of Calcutta Megacity, RID 3291, installed 2 E-learning kit on the 18th May comprising of hardware Eprashala and software Eframe at Hemchandra Institute and Lake Girls School respectively.



Adult Literacy

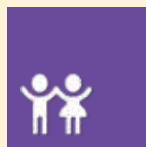
Rotary Club of Bettiah Central, RID 3250 inaugurated a Swabhimaan centre at Ridhurwa village, Bihar. 35 women have already enrolled and started taking their classes. A senior person from the village has volunteered to teach these adults. This was a joint project with Inner Wheel Club of Bettiah.

Rotary Club of Greenland Silchar, RID 3240 closed their 3rd Swabhimaan centre on 14th May at Chencoorie village which was inaugurated on 30th January 2017. After three months classes which were taken by Ms Sumitra Rabidas, examinations were conducted and all the successful candidates were given certificates. In this centre 34 adults were made literate.

Rotary Club of Greater Tezpur, RID 3240 inaugurated a Swabhimaan centre in amaribari near rangapara which was run by ekal abhiyan of tezpur aanchal. More than 35 students had enrolled and after 6 months the examination will take place.



NIOS exam for Adult Learners organised by RC Bharuch



Child Development

For Asha Kiran, RILM had forged partnership with Marfat an NGO based in Kolkata. Marfat is going to work for 650 children in Dhulian Town in Murshidabad District. Marfat had made a plan to screen 758 children in these 13 locations in 3 day from which RILM have selected 650 children for Asha Kira bridge course.



Children are very happy at Kantapur Asha Kiran Centre

All the proposed centres are located in such areas where there is a huge need and interest for education

As on date total 9,156 children have been mainstreamed from 17 partner NGOs intervention areas.



Happy School

Rotary Club of Udamplet Gandhinagar, RID 3202 along with Inner Wheel club of Udamplet constructed separate toilets for boys and girls and also constructed new roof at Kodanthur tribal School-Annamalai Resove forest. 150 students have benefitted from this project.

Rotary Club of Kanpur Vinayak Shree, RID 3110 adopted 2 government schools, Prarambhik vidhyalaya kanya and Purav Madhyamik Vidhyalaya and transformed them into Happy School by providing benches and desks, constructed separate toilet blocks for both boys and girls, renovated the staff area, distributed schools bags and shoes, clean drinking water facility, provided paint for the schools, provided sports equipment's, hand washing stations and books for Library. More than 200 students benefitted from this project.

Rotary Club of Bettiah Central, RID 3250 distrivuted 100 school shoes to the children of Rajkiya Buniyadi School, Raidhurwa.





Benches & Desks provided to a Govt. school by RC Behrampur East

Rotary Club of Jamshedpur West, RID 3250 adopted a government school of Jharkhand, Rajkiya Prathamik Vidyalaya and provided handwashing station, drinking water facility, play materials to students, E-learning kit for students and books for the library.

Rotary Club Adipur Kutch, RID 3051 provided hand washing station, constructed separate toilets for boys and girls, clean and adequate drinking water facility and books for the school library. These services were provided to Kumar Government School Adipur.

IWC Solan Midtown, IWD 308 converted Govt. Primary School Oachghat into HAPPY SCHOOL by providing all the 9 components of Happy School such as :

- Painted, well maintained and secure school building.
- Adequate and functional separate toilets for boys and girls.
- Hand washing stations .
- Clean and adequate drinking water for both students and teachers.
- Library.
- Play material, games and sports equipments
- Benches, desks for students
- Well maintained space for teaching staff.
- Shoes and School Bags for students.



New toilet constructed by RC Kalol



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ACTIVITIES BY INNER WHEEL CLUBS IN INDIA



Teacher Support

160 teachers were trained by Inner Wheel Club of Jodhpur IWD 305.

Inner Wheel Club of Gandhidham in Gujarat IWD 305 organized a training program for the teachers of government schools where Child Psychologist, Dr. Shraddha Murarka created awareness among the teachers about adolescent psychology.

A training session was organized by Inner Wheel Club of Porbandar where 10 teachers were trained in innovative ways of teaching mathematics and science.

Inner Wheel Club of Dhule organized a training seminar where 537 teachers were trained.

Inner Wheel Club of Bulsar organized a training session where 65 teachers were benefitted.

400 teachers were trained Dondaicha by training experts. This was organized by **Inner Wheel Club of Dondaicha**.

Inner Wheel Club of Vapi organized training for 105 teachers.

Inner Wheel Club of Baroda organized training for 20 teachers.

Inner Wheel Club of Jawaharnagar organized training for 30 teachers.

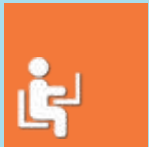
Inner Wheel Club of Vyara organized training for 160 teachers.

Inner Wheel Club of Bharuch organized training for 70 teachers.



Teacher Training program conducted by IWC Mapusa





E-learning

Inner Wheel Club Of Warangal, IWD 315 Constructed a computer room and donated 15 computers at Mogilicharla govt. school for E-Learning. 250 students benefitted from this program.

Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur, IWD 325 installed an E-learning kit at Saptarishi Gurukul school at Sapra village. The students already started using it and they find these audio visual classes very interesting. The club also appointed a computer teacher for the school. More than 100 students are benefitting from this project.

Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur, IWD 325 installed an E-learning centre at Langeratekri Primary School, Jugsalai.



E-learning set installed in a Govt. school by IWC Bombay Midtown

Inner Wheel club of Navsari, Dist 306 started a Swabhimaan Centre with 17 adults enrolled in it. The centre started at a school named Kalwach Prathmikshala in the village of Kalwach.

Inner Wheel club of Bettial started a Swabhiman centre at the Lauker Village. 25 adults have already enrolled in the center and they already started with their lessons.

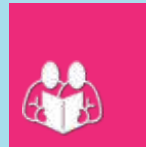
Inner Wheel Club of Gandhidham, IWD 305 opened a swabhimaan centre at the Ambedkar School with Specialized teachers. 53 adults have already been enrolled in the centre.

30 swabhimaan centre has been established by by **Inner Wheel District 312**

Inner Wheel District 324 has started 15 Adult Literacy centres.



E-learning set installed in a Govt. school by IWC Nigdi Place



Adult Literacy

Inner Wheel Club of Gudivada, IWD 302 has sponsored for 5 children for Asha Kiran project.

Inner Wheel District 319 has sponsored for 105 children under the Asha Kiran project.



Adult learner learning to write at an ALC by IWC Hazaribagh



Child Development

Inner Wheel Club of Ambala, IWD 308 has adopted Vivekanad Prathmic Pathshala and renovated renovate the existing building and construct new toilets for boys and girls. The new toilets have been provided with tiles and all the basic amenities. Hand wash station with 10 taps have been installed for group hand wash. Safe drinking water has been provided by using RO System. Old water coolers have been brought in working condition after necessary repairs. The building has been well painted and is giving a pleasing look. The school has a large play ground and sports activities are carried out. The school has a library and new books have added for the students. The school also has a staff room with toilets. Students come to school in their uniform. E learning equipment shall be installed within this month with the support of The Rotary Foundation.

Inner Wheel Club of Solan Midtown, IWD 308 converted



Children are very happy at Moyra Para Asha Kiran Centre





Happy School



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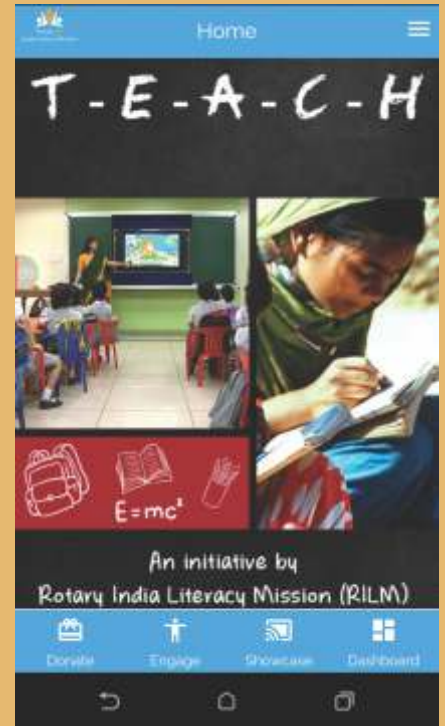
- Painted, well maintained and secure school building.
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- Shoes and School Bags for students.

They have also made a separate room for the children where they can eat their lunch.

Inner Wheel Club of Kolhapur, IWD 317 has adopted Kumar Vidya Mandir and provided hand washing station, Clean drinking water for the students, paint for the school building, books for library, uniforms and footwear for students, play material for the students, benches and desks and also furnitures for the staff room. The children and the teachers were both happy to receive these facilities from the club.

Inner Wheel Club of Mavelikara, IWD 321 has taken up two schools Government Model UPS at Chennithala and Holy Infant Jesus ups at Ulunthy and provided benches and desks for the school students, donated books for libraries and also painted the school building.

Inner Wheel District 324 has converted 15 schools into Happyschool.



One Click to view your Asha Kiran child

Each of the approximately 32,000 Donors has been tagged for long now

More than 32,000 children are enrolled in the Asha Kiran centre for the bridge course. These children are in process to get back to school. Each of them are tagged with 32,000 donors. You can now view your sponsored child with just 'ONE CLICK'.

Have you seen you sponsored child yet? If not then then download the T-E-A-C-H App today and reach your sponsored child with just 'ONE CLICK'

Simple Steps to download the T-E-A-C-H App

- ▲ Go to Play store
- ▲ Search for 'TEACH by RILM'
- ▲ TEACH is now ready for download.

In the TEACH app menu go to 'My Asha Kiran' and just with ONE CLICK on it, you will be able to view you Sponsored child and you will also be

Did you know?

1. 32,000 CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM
2. Of these more than 10,000 children have been mainstreamed in Government schools
3. You can view the child you have sponsored with just ONE click





Accessing education at destination – a dream come true for Tulasi

When the father of 10 years old Tulasi, a resident of Karangbhata village of Nuapada district decided to migrate to Bhubaneswar along with his family she was upset that she had to discontinue her education at source school and also that she won't be able to study at the work site.

Once the family reached at the Gold brick kiln site, Tulasi was either found sitting idle or roaming at the work site.

Meanwhile, RILM's enrolment drive through its Asha Kiran project was initiated at the worksites of Greater

Bhubaneswar. While surveying drop out school children, Aide et Action identified Tulasi who had left her schooling while she was studying in the 3rd standard.

As per the enrolment process, education facilitators mobilized Tulasi's parents as they were apprehensive about the unknown place and its nearby areas and was reluctant to send her to a nearby school. But upon sharing the objective on the Asha Kiran project, the remedial classes and the facilities a child receive on being enrolled, Tulasi's parents agreed to send her to school. As a result,

she was enrolled in Baghua Primary School and was given school uniform, study materials, mid-day meal by the school authorities.

Such initiatives have brought smiles on the faces of migrant children who earlier used to become school dropouts. Tulasi today is overjoyed over the fact that she has started going to the school again. She has also become friends to those children in area who are non-migrants. In the month of April, she passed out her annual exams and has been promoted to the 4th standard.

In FOCUS

Bring them back to school

An epic journey on a motorbike across 22 states, for 34 days covering 12,000 kms.

Rotarians, Prashanth Babu and Shoba S.Rao, will be starting their ride on the 13th of May'17, from the Rotary International Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. They will then proceed towards Philadelphia in the east coast, head down south to Florida and move west towards SFO and finally, ending their ride at the Rotary International Convention 2017, at Atlanta, Georgia.

An epic journey on a motorbike across the U.S.A spanning 22 states, over a period of 34 days and covering 12,000 kms (8000 miles) that two Rotarians from the Rotary Bangalore DownTown, Dist. 3190, will be embarking upon to:

Raise awareness about the plight of the children who drop out of schools either due to lack of funds, basic facilities like a toilet and so on.

- ▲ To acknowledge and fortify the efforts of Rotary International, Rotary District 3190, Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) and

Rotary Bangalore DownTown towards bringing children back to schools

- ▲ Strengthen RILM and Rotary Bangalore DownTown's efforts to curb the dropout rates and bring them back to school
- ▲ Prashanth Babu : from Rotary Bangalore DownTown (Dist.3190) is a successful entrepreneur, his association with all things Rotary dates back to the year 1993 via Globe Trotters Athletic Union. He served as the Charter President for the Rotaract Club of Bangalore East End in the year 2000. His zeal for serving humanity only increased with every passing year and it brought him back into the folds of Rotary Bangalore DownTown in the year 2012.
- ▲ Shoba S.Rao Starting out as an active Interactor, she went on to join the Rotaract Club of Bangalore East End. A novice

Rotarian having joined Rotary Bangalore DownTown (Dist.3190) in February 2016, she believes it is possible to change the world. She works for Visteon Technical and Services Center Pvt Ltd, as a Senior Software Design Engineer.

- ▲ All the expenses incurred for and during the ride will be borne by the two Rotarians. They believe strongly in sharing their combined good fortune to help those who have not had the same opportunities, and access to education that they and their child have had. They are often asked why they can't just donate the money spent on the trip to the cause. While it is the easier option, the simple answer is that these two Rotarians feel strongly that raising awareness towards the cause will result in a long term and sustained benefits to the project.

