



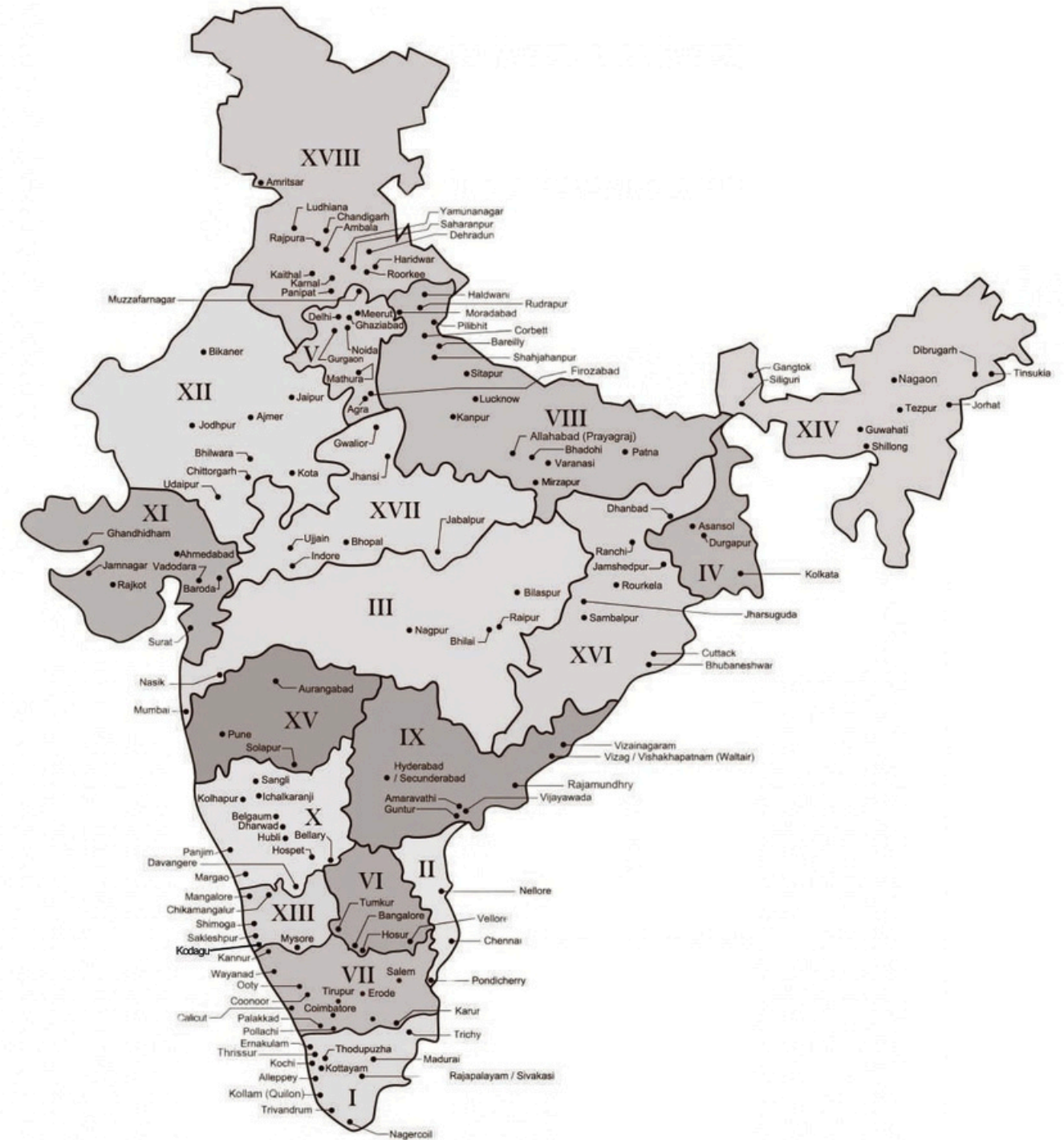
**BUILDING
POSSIBILITIES &
EQUITABLE FUTURES**



AREA-WISE TABLING CENTRES OF ROUND TABLE INDIA



Friendship becomes
nation-building when it is
put into action.



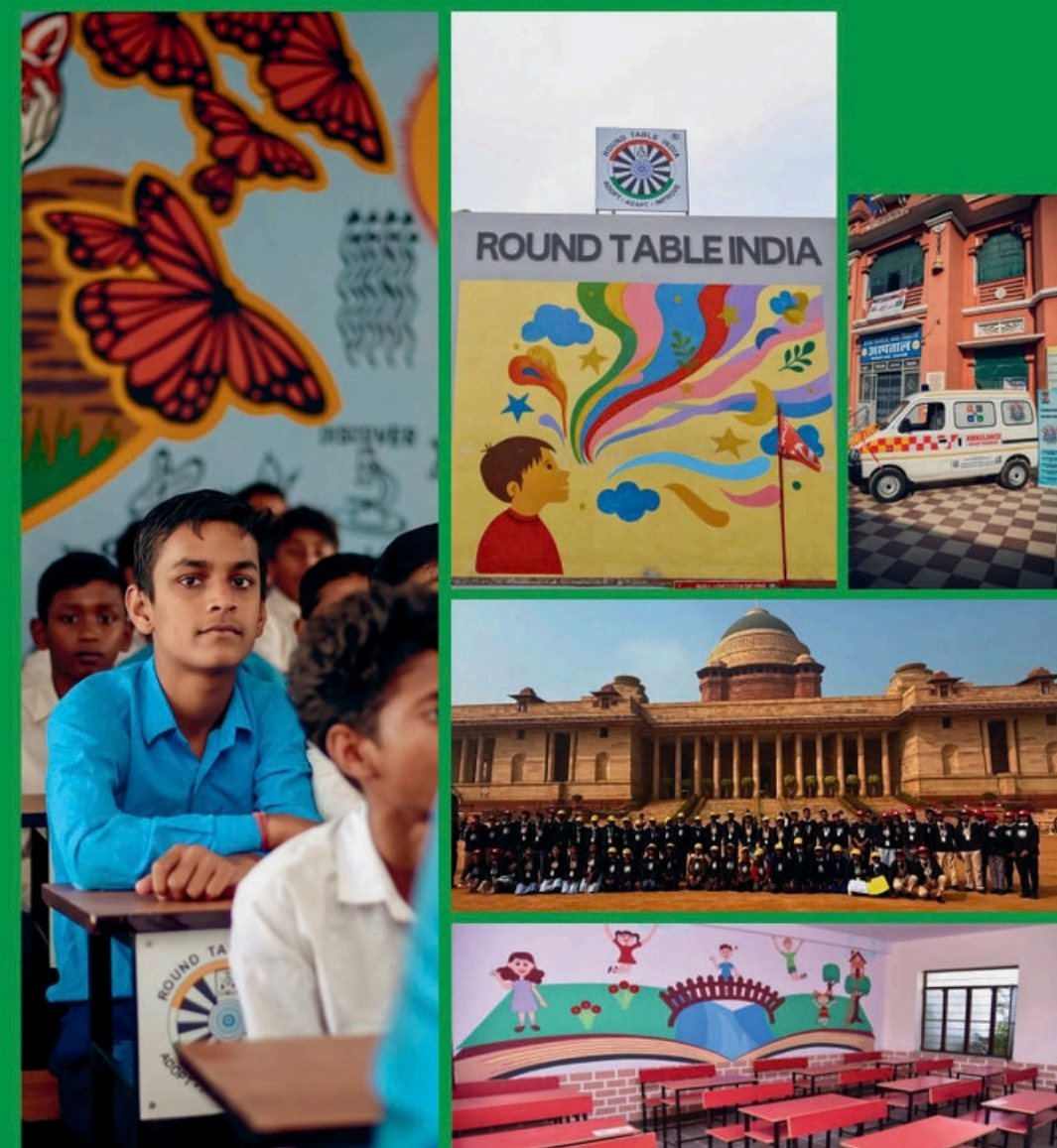
**SERVICE
THROUGH
FELLOWSHIP**

**FOR
INDIA,
SINCE 1962.**

Together we build, together we rise

Round Table India is a fellowship of young leaders who believe nation-building begins with action. Since 1962, we've brought together professionals and entrepreneurs committed to creating real change, not from a distance, but from the ground up. With zero administrative overheads and full transparency, every rupee raised goes where it matters most, into impact that lasts.

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OUR VISION

Create a nation where opportunity reaches every community, and purpose guides every citizen.

OUR MISSION

To design and execute scalable, zero-overhead community projects with accountability, collaboration and impact at the core.

Our Founding

Louis Marchesi
establishes Round
Table International

1927





Round Table India is
established

1962

Freedom through
Education is launched

1998





RTI Scholarships is
launched

2026

Our Impact



- 15 million
LIVES TOUCHED
- 140+ cities
ACROSS INDIA
- 350+ tables
ACROSS INDIA
- 17,000+ tablers
TILL DATE

Our Focus Areas


EDUCATION


HEALTHCARE


COMMUNITY


FLIGHTS OF
FANTASY

A Message from our National President

Sixty-five years ago, a small circle of young men decided that fellowship was not enough – that the friendships we build must also build something for others. From that conviction, Round Table India was born. We have never wavered since.

We are an organisation of entrepreneurs, doctors, lawyers, engineers and beyond, we are Indians who give a part of our weekends, our wallets and our hearts to our country. We do this because we believe in enabling an equitable growth story for India.

This book is a record of what we have done and a vision for what comes next. By 2030, we have committed ourselves to new targets carried forward on the strength of this fellowship. These are not aspirations. They are accountabilities.

The chair at our table is pulled out and waiting. Have a seat.

With fellowship,
Tr. Rachit Bansal
National President (2025-26)





From the Vice President's Desk

Today, Round Table India celebrates 65 years of service, impact, and fellowship. If we have grown into the organisation we are today, it is only by “standing on the shoulders of the giants” who came before us. Leaders. Visionaries. And most importantly Tablers. Their dedication laid the foundation for the legacy we have today.

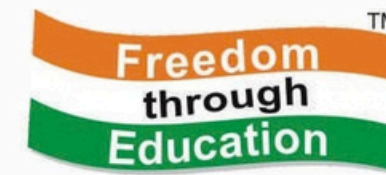
Round Table India has always been an organisation that honours its past, nurtures its present, and invests in its future, constantly seeking to multiply the good that each one of us can do. When I think of Round Table India, the phrase that immediately comes to mind is “Connecting People, Creating Possibilities.” Few things embody that spirit better than this book.

While it would be impossible to capture 65 years of impact, service, fellowship, and memories within a single volume, this compendium is a humble attempt to showcase some of the remarkable work undertaken by generations of Tablers across the country. More than a collection of stories, it is a celebration of the people, projects, and partnerships that have shaped our journey and continue to inspire the path ahead.

Tr. Vishnu Prabhakar
National Vice President (25-26)



Our Projects



A long term National Project of
Round Table India

Freedom through Education

Freedom Through Education (FTE) is the heart of Round Table India's mission, to ensure that every child has access to safe, inspiring, and functional learning spaces that translate into better learning outcomes.

Since 1998, FTE has been transforming the under privileged communities across India by building quality school infrastructure where it is needed most. Round Table India has built 10,040 classrooms, impacting over 11 million children.

Round Table India has been building more than One Classroom Every Day since over last 10 years

4,000+
PROJECTS

3.78 Million
SQ. FT. BUILT

10,000+
CLASSROOMS

500+ Crores
OUTLAY IN PROJECTS

Creating Ecosystems for Learning



Round Table India has put in colossal efforts to build quality school infrastructure across the nation. We identify government and community schools that lack adequate infrastructure, many of which have land available but no financial resources to take up major construction. RTI steps in to build fully equipped school and hand them over to the school administration for immediate use.

Beyond funding, RTI members offer their time, expertise, and personal commitment, ensuring that every project is built with care, transparency, and the highest standards.

RTI runs a series of experiential and inclusive programs that nurture confidence, creativity, and personal growth. These initiatives ensure that learning goes beyond the four walls of a classroom and touches every aspect of a child's development.

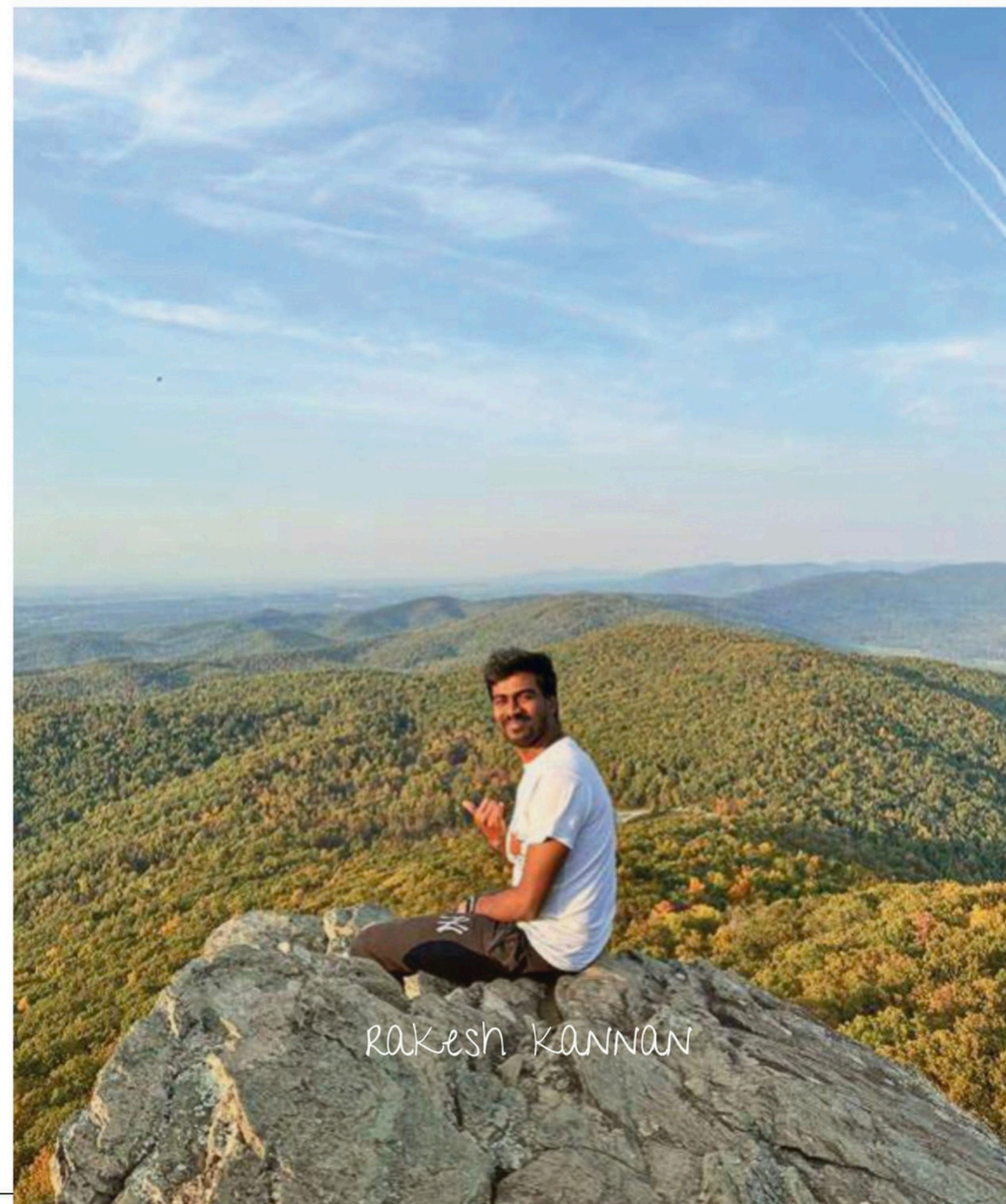
Freedom through Education Assist

FTE Assist strengthens the learning ecosystem by supporting children with tools, activities, digitisation and experiences that enhance their educational journey. The programme helps students build confidence, curiosity and essential life skills, while also improving the environments in which they learn.

Through libraries, playgrounds, furniture, sanitation facilities and infrastructure upgrades, FTE Assist creates safer, more engaging and inclusive spaces that enable children to thrive.



FROM MINJUR TO SILICON VALLEY



Rakesh Kannan

The distance between Minjur, a quiet town on the outskirts of Chennai, and Silicon Valley cannot be measured in miles alone. For Rakesh Kannan, it has been a journey shaped by determination, the quiet sacrifices of his parents, and a classroom that transformed just in time to change the course of his life.

Rakesh understood the weight of financial hardship long before he understood the world of technology that would one day become his calling. His parents, though stretched thin, refused to let circumstance define their son's future, enrolling him in a school in the suburbs of Chennai when he entered the 4th grade. A consistent topper with an instinctive curiosity for science, Rakesh was gently nudged towards engineering – a path his parents believed could carry him further than they had been able to go themselves.

That belief did not go to waste. After finishing school in 2013, Rakesh earned his B.Tech and soon joined the Research & Development wing of a leading technology company in Bengaluru. Today, he holds a postgraduate degree in Computer Science and Engineering in the United States, working with one of the world's foremost technology giants.

"You have to choose your path early, when you are young; then you will be able to reach your destiny sooner," he reflects.

His school and its educators played a role as formative as his parents. He recalls not just their academic guidance but the gestures that stayed with him – like the days leading up to his 10th Board exams, when the staff joined the students in play to ease their nerves. "They taught us well and that's why our school has always achieved great results," he says. Yet the school he first walked into looked very different from the one that eventually shaped him. "We used to study in a small hut; snakes would come slithering inside the class often, forcing the students to throw away their books in panic," he recalls. "Thanks to **P&G Shiksha** and **Round Table India**, we got access to proper classrooms, auditorium and science and computer labs."

The arrival of the computer lab, in particular, marked a turning point. "I had never used a computer. I was thrilled to see and lay hands on one when the computer lab was set up. The smart classes made learning fun and helped us become more creative in our field of interest."

That first encounter with a computer, in a classroom that had once been a hut, would eventually carry him to laboratories halfway across the world.

From Education to Empowerment

Freedom Through Education began with a simple belief: every child deserves access to a safe and inspiring place to learn. Over the years, that commitment has grown beyond building classrooms to supporting the full journey of a child's development.

Today, through scholarships, skill development initiatives, and career-focused opportunities, Round Table India is helping students continue their education, develop employable skills, and build sustainable livelihoods. By extending support from access to education to access to opportunity, FTE is empowering young people to shape brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

RTI Scholarships

For many students, completing school is only the first step. The transition to higher education often brings financial barriers that place college aspirations out of reach. The RTE Scholarship was created to bridge this gap, enabling deserving students from FTE schools to pursue undergraduate and professional education with confidence.

By supporting students beyond the classroom, the scholarship ensures that the impact of Freedom Through Education does not end at school graduation. It creates pathways to higher learning, wider opportunities, and the possibility of long-term social and economic mobility.

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RTI has truly changed our school and given students a new vision for education. It has supported us throughout our school years and continues to guide us beyond graduation. The scholarship support has reduced our financial burden and helped me focus on my studies and future goals. What I cherish most is the respect, love, and encouragement from the Tablers of RTI. RTI is more than a scholarship program—it is a family that inspires students to achieve their dreams.



Kajal Soni
Mirzapur



Skill Development & Livelihoods



11
CENTRES

15+
JOB FOCUSED COURSES

75%
PLACEMENT RATE

Launched in 2026, the partnership between Round Table India and GMR Varalakshmi Foundation (GMRVF) is designed to create classroom-to-career pathways for FTE schools with industry-relevant vocational training, certification, and employment opportunities.

The training programmes combine technical instruction with essential workplace and life skills, helping learners build confidence, employability, and economic independence. As one of RTI's newest national initiatives, this partnership reflects a broader vision: ensuring that access to education ultimately leads to meaningful livelihoods, sustainable incomes, and the opportunity for every student to realise their full potential.



GMRV SKILL CENTRE, HYDERABAD

CASE STUDY

NEW HORIZON-DR. SHYAMA
PRASAD MUKHERJEE SCHOOL,
BARODA

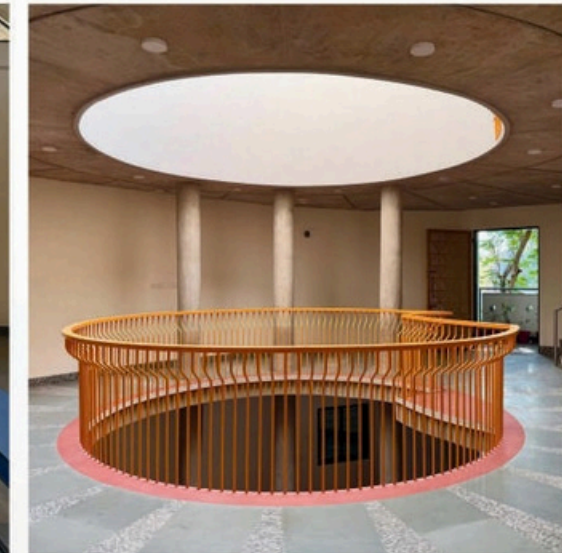


A SPACE THAT INSPIRES LEARNING



New Horizon School embodies Round Table India's belief that education is about more than access—it is about creating environments where children can thrive. Built under the Freedom Through Education initiative and supported by Baroda Young Turks Round Table 201, the school reimagines what quality public learning infrastructure can look like for 1,600+ learners. Through a collaborative design approach that engaged educators, students, and local stakeholders, the project reflects the aspirations of the community it serves.

Nestled amidst mature trees, the campus has been thoughtfully designed to respond to its natural surroundings while offering a bright, engaging, and climate-responsive learning environment.



With six classrooms, an amphitheatre-style learning space, an activity room, a library, and a science laboratory, the school embraces natural light, cross ventilation, vaulted roofs, and a central atrium to create spaces that encourage curiosity and collaboration. Built using sustainable principles, regional materials, and passive cooling strategies, it stands as a lasting investment in both education and the environment.

More than a school building, New Horizon School is a reflection of Round Table India's commitment to ensuring that every child learns with dignity, confidence, and the opportunity to imagine a brighter future.

CASE STUDY

ROUND TABLE INDIA-DR. CYRUS POONAWALLA
HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR COLLEGE,
NAIGAON, PURANDAR TALUKA



BUILDING A SCHOOL, SHAPING A REGION



52 kilometres from Pune lies Purandar, a historic town best known as the birthplace of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj. Despite its rich legacy, many communities in the region face gaps in educational infrastructure.

When Round Table India visited Shri Siddheshwar Devasthan Trust's School in Naigaon, the need extended far beyond a few additional classrooms. The existing facilities were struggling to meet the aspirations of a growing student population, and it became clear that what was required was not an expansion, but a transformation. Recognising this, Round Table India partnered with the Viloo Poonawalla Foundation, an organisation committed to advancing education, healthcare, sanitation, and community development.



The result is an educational complex spanning over 15,000 square feet. The new campus includes 12 classrooms, a laboratory, library, computer and science room, and modern facilities. An expansive central courtyard creates space for assembly, recreation, and community interaction. Bright colours, open spaces, and a welcoming environment help create a school that students are proud to call their own. More than a construction project, this initiative represents an investment in the future of Purandar.

What began as a request for classrooms evolved into the creation of a model educational institution – one that demonstrates how quality infrastructure can elevate learning outcomes, inspire communities, and set new benchmarks for schools across the region.



Healthcare Enhancement for Active Living

Project H.E.A.L. is Round Table India's national initiative to strengthen healthcare infrastructure for communities that rely on government, government-aided, and charitable hospitals. Launched in response to the COVID-19 crisis, the project focuses on creating or upgrading essential medical facilities so that critical care becomes more accessible, reliable, and responsive.

Since its inception, Project H.E.A.L. has completed 120 major interventions.

CRITICAL MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT



MOTHER & CHILD
CARE



INFRASTRUCTURE
SUPPORT



AMBULANCE
PROVISION



SANITATION
FACILITIES



SPECIALISED
WARDS



Enabling the Foundations of Care

H.E.A.L. focuses on both movable and permanent healthcare infrastructure, depending on the needs of the institution. Each project is planned in collaboration with hospital authorities and the concerned stakeholders to ensure relevance, sustainability, and maximum impact.

Tablers also run health-related community service efforts including mobility enhancement interventions for the physically challenged, health camps, awareness drives, and community screenings, adapting their work to local needs.

Project H.E.A.L. has supported hospitals across the country with infrastructure that directly improves patient care. Some of our highlighted projects:

- Second Line Healthcare Centre, Ernakulam
- New ICU Wing, Pune
- Renovation of Mother & Child Care Ward, Ranchi
- Hospital Extension with ICU Unit, Mirzapur
- Hospital Extension with ICU & OT, Ahmedabad
- Renovation of 12-bed Post-Delivery Care Ward, Jodhpur
- Renovation of 20-bed Post-ICU Ward, Bikaner
- Renovation of Ward at Osmania Hospital in partnership with Cognizant, Hyderabad
- Renovation of Maternity ward at Sub Division Hospital, Kalka, Panchkula





CASE STUDY

GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL OF
THORACIC MEDICINE, TAMBARAM

BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO PUBLIC HEALTHCARE



Built nearly a century ago, the Government Hospital of Thoracic Medicine in Tambaram has long stood as one of India's foremost institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis, thoracic diseases, and HIV. For generations, it has provided care to thousands of patients, becoming a vital pillar of the area's public healthcare system.

Recognising the need to preserve and strengthen this legacy, Round Table India undertook one of its largest Project H.E.A.L. initiatives in partnership with Cognizant Technology Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.



The project transformed 11 inpatient wards, creating cleaner, safer, and more dignified spaces for patients undergoing extended treatment. The intervention extended beyond refurbishment. By installing solar panels and solar-powered street lighting across the campus, the project introduced sustainable infrastructure that reduces operational costs while improving the hospital environment for patients, caregivers, and healthcare workers alike.

More than a renovation, this initiative is an investment in the future of public healthcare. It reflects Round Table India's belief that quality infrastructure is fundamental to quality care.

Flights of Fantasy

Flights of Fantasy is an experiential learning programme that gives children the opportunity to explore, aspire, and dream beyond their everyday surroundings. Conducted for over a decade, Flights of Fantasy is a memorable, uplifting experience that encourages students to discover their potential through exposure, interaction, and adventure.

One of Round Table India's most cherished initiatives, it is designed to give less privileged children an experience many only dream of. For children who have rarely stepped outside their neighbourhoods, these journeys are transformative. They open windows to new possibilities, spark curiosity, and plant the belief that their dreams can take them far, quite literally.

Experiential Learning

UNLOCKING CHILDREN'S
POTENTIALS AND ASPIRATIONS

10,000+ Students

TAKEN ON FLIGHTS OF FANTASY
JOURNEY OVER THE LAST 10
YEARS

Honing Possibilities

INSTILLING A SENSE OF HOPE
AND WONDER IN OUR ENTIRE
COMMUNITY

Giving Wings to Dreams



At its core, Flights of Fantasy is about exposure and inspiration. The programme takes children from Round Table India-supported schools and partner institutions on carefully planned trips to new cities and destinations. These journeys may include air travel, train rides, or local explorations, combined with visits to cultural landmarks, science centres, museums, planetariums, and natural attractions. Each experience is designed to be joyful, safe, and enriching, blending learning with wonder, and fun with discovery.

Why It Matters

For many participating children, Flights of Fantasy marks a defining moment:

- Their first time on an airplane
- Their first visit to a metro city
- Their first exposure to science exhibits, heritage sites, or the sea
- Their first belief that the world is bigger, and that they belong in it

Beyond the excitement of travel, the programme builds confidence, broadens worldviews, and encourages children to dream bigger about their futures.



Community Development

Strong communities are built through timely action, sustained care, and collective responsibility. Round Table India's community development initiatives respond to local needs with practical, high-impact interventions that strengthen lives beyond education and healthcare.

Each effort is a thread in a larger fabric of nation-building. They reflect a simple conviction: that real change is a steady accumulation of everyday acts done with purpose.



Everyday Acts of Nation Building

When disaster strikes, Tablers are among the first to mobilise. From the devastating Kerala floods to the submerged streets of Chennai and Pondicherry, and the swollen rivers of Assam, Round Table India's **Disaster Management** efforts have stood firm, distributing relief, rebuilding schools and homes.

Equally vital is the commitment to the planet that sustains us. Through **Go Green**, Tablers champion environmental stewardship – planting trees, driving sustainability initiatives, and nurturing a greener tomorrow for the generations to come. In parallel, **RTI Kitchen** addresses food security through meal drives and essential supply distribution for vulnerable populations.

Knights in Khaki honours and supports the service of police personnel, standing alongside those who stand guard for the nation. What began as a gesture of gratitude has grown into a movement – its 48th edition, hosted in Mysuru, marked nearly five decades of unwavering solidarity with India's police forces.

Round Table India also nurtures creativity and inclusion through **Taare Zameen Par**, a nationwide arts initiative for underserved children. It also celebrates the abilities of children with speech and hearing impairments through the **Silent Olympiad**, a unique 49-year old platform that has empowered thousands of young participants over the decades.

Together, these initiatives ensure that meaningful nation-building happens and communities are supported through everyday acts of compassion, partnership, and action.



CASE STUDY

THE RIPPLE EFFECT: FROM CLASSROOM TO SERVICE



FROM FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION TO KNIGHTS IN KHAKI



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I currently serve with the Hubli City Police. The primary school where I received my education was built under Round Table India's Freedom Through Education initiative. It is truly a proud and emotional moment for me to be felicitated today by the very organisation that helped shape my early years.

Thank you.

Mahantesh Y B,
Civil Police Constable
Hubli-Dharwad City Police



CASE STUDY

CREATING CHILD-FRIENDLY
POLICE STATIONS IN SAMBHAL

FROM CAREGIVER TO PROTECTOR



For police personnel, long and unpredictable hours often make childcare a challenge. In Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, the absence of safe childcare facilities was a particular concern for officers with young children.

To address this need, Tata AIG partnered with Round Table India to establish dedicated childcare rooms in 15 police stations across the district. Designed as safe and welcoming spaces, the rooms feature feeding areas, sleeping spaces, air conditioning, toys, and colourful wall art that create a child-friendly environment.

The initiative has enabled police personnel to perform their duties with greater focus and peace of mind, knowing their children are close by and well cared for.



What began as a district-level intervention soon demonstrated its wider impact. Appreciated by senior police officials, the model has since inspired the Uttar Pradesh Police to replicate similar childcare facilities across districts in the state.

The project forms part of a broader Tata AIG–Round Table India partnership that has strengthened police infrastructure across multiple states through need-based interventions, improving workplace conditions for the men and women in khaki.

A simple idea—supporting working parents—has evolved into a model for police welfare with the potential to benefit thousands of families.



Our Supporters

Words of Encouragement

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I'd like to take a moment to spotlight this incredible organisation, Round Table India is a passionate group of changemakers dedicated to making a real difference. Their primary focus is Freedom Through Education an initiative to build classrooms for underprivileged children. But their efforts don't stop there, Round Table India also engages in meaningful community service activities including blood donation drives, food donation drives, environmental initiatives like Go Green, and the heartwarming Flights of Fantasy, where they give less privileged children a life-changing experience of enjoying their first flight. Let us come together and support Round Table India in building brighter futures for India!



Shri Shashi Tharoor
Hon'ble Member of the Parliament,
Lok Sabha



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थावरचंद गेहलोत
THAAWARCHAND GEHLOT
Governor of Karnataka

No.GOV/KAR/MSG/395/2025

MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my greetings and best wishes to "Round Table India" on the occasion of their featured supplement in "The Economic Times".

Round Table India has consistently exemplified a unique blend of youthful leadership, community service, and nation-building. Through its dedicated initiatives in education, healthcare, and infrastructure development—especially under the flagship Freedom Through Education program—Round Table India has brought meaningful change to the lives of thousands of underprivileged children across the country.

The collaboration with The Economic Times is a commendable step in amplifying the message of inclusive growth, civic responsibility, and youth-led transformation. This supplement highlights the impactful work being carried out at the grassroots and also inspires corporate and civic stakeholders to participate more actively in shaping a progressive India.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the members of Round Table India for their untiring efforts and noble mission. May this special edition serve as a beacon of inspiration.

(Signature)
15.10.25

(Thaawarchand Gehlot)

Our Partners

VILLOO
POONAWALLA
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GAR Varalakshmi
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Oath:
A Virtuous company



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Our Associated Organisations



Recent FTE Projects Across India

SCHOOL NAME	DISTRICT	STATE
Mandal Parishad Upper Primary School	Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh
Shankardev Shishu Niketan	Guwahati	Assam
Baijnath School	Munger	Bihar
Government Primary and Middle Secondary School	Tehsil	Chhattisgarh
Prembala Bai Chavan School For the Deaf	Delhi	Delhi
Valpoi Education Society	Goa	Goa
Bhadroli Buzarg Prathamik Shala	Gujarat	Gujarat
Government Primary School	Kalka	Haryana
Government Senior Secondary School	Sirmaur	Himachal Pradesh
Jharna Kund Primary School	Koderma	Jharkhand
Sri Sharada English Medium Higher Primary School	Bellary	Karnataka
Government Upper Primary	Kottayam	Kerala
Government Higher Secondary School	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
Shri Sambhajirao Palande Patil Pragati High School	Pune	Maharashtra
Mohan Massar Government Upper Primary School	Shillong	Meghalaya
Lonkhoho Private School	Mon	Nagaland
Biju Pattnaik Memorial Government High School	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
Government Primary School	Perungalur	Pondicherry
Government Senior Secondary School	Ludhiana	Punjab
Mahatma Gandhi Government School	Jaipur	Rajasthan
Government Junior High School	Sikkim	Sikkim
Government Higher Secondary School	Tirupur	Tamil Nadu
Zilla .Parishad High School	Attapur	Telangana
Saraswati Vidhya Mandir School	Mahant Shivala	Uttar Pradesh
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