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### Knowledge to Life

The beauty of a campus lies in its garden and the library. Being around a well-established library is one of the greatest virtues of life. Many thoughts were running through our mind. International literacy day lay ahead of us. We had to do something different; something very relevant. Something that would change the way people think. The usual sort of literacy day felicitations or read a book challenge wouldn't work out this time. We needed something unique.

A library is not a luxury, but one of the basic necessities of life. It might be saddening to write, but there are schools which haven't got this necessity yet. Along with me, my colleagues, along with all the students of our College also entrusted with the literacy day duties.

"Your old reads could be another person's new experience." - Everyone was excited by the whole idea. Yes! A library for a school. Let that be our campaign this time. This idea was going to rock. Our college management and faculty members agreed to join us. We all seemed to have some sort of collection that we read once and keep aside. We brought it all together. The results were amazing! It was not just story books, but different encyclopedias, student magazines and so on.

This was more exciting than treasure hunting. An escape from the regular days of assignments, seminars, internal exams and evenings of WhatsApp chit-chats and Instagram updates. The youth was fully energetic. We turned into groups and visited few libraries and few houses nearby. It was not at all in vein. Many agreed to help us. We got offers from abroad, they send books for us. It ended up in collecting over 10,000 books.

Words couldn't explain the glitter in the eyes of all the students and professors who came up to help us, when they brought in the books they collected. And I couldn't even begin to imagine what would be the school kid's happiness when they get a new Library! On this literacy day we have worked to open libraries in ten schools including a tribal school in the state of Kerala and that's indeed a great thing for us.

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