

Cultural Centre Inauguration	
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Ray Klingensmith (third from left), Rotary International President Elect (2010-11), looking at a loom on display at a cultural centre, which he inaugurated in the city on Tuesday.

A cultural centre to showcase the country's rural art forms and lifestyle was inaugurated at the urban luxury resort Heritance Madurai by the Rotary International President Elect (2010-11) Ray Klingensmith here on Tuesday.

Guests would get an opportunity to draw rangoli, weave using a loom, learn to wear a sari, make flower garland, cook ethnic dishes and learn pottery. This centre would replicate the village life of India, one of the very few countries left with a vibrant and prosperous rural community, said S. Thiagarajan, Chief Executive Officer, ETL Infrastructure Services, whose subsidiary, ETL Hospitality, runs the resort.

India's high growth rates were fuelled partly by its high savings rate, which was perhaps next only to Japan. While urban areas had 27 per cent savings rate, rural area had 40 per cent.

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