ICT as a Tool for Achieving Literacy for All

What is ICT?
Information and communication technologies (ICT) are often associated with high-tech devices, such as computers and software, but ICT also encompasses more “conventional” technologies such as radio, television and telephone technology.

Definition of ICT
The term, information and communication technologies (ICT), refers to forms of technology that are used to transmit, store, create, share or exchange information. This broad definition of ICT includes such technologies as: radio, television, video, DVD, telephone (both fixed line and mobile phones), satellite systems, computer and network hardware and software; as well as the equipment and services associated with these technologies, such as videoconferencing and electronic mail.

What Role can ICT Play in Promoting Literacy?

The five key ways in which ICT can support literacy are outlined below.

1. Enhancing Learning
2. Broadening Access to Literacy Education
3. Creating Local Content
4. Professional Development of Teachers
5. Cultivating a Literacy-conducive Environment