

# Stepper Motor

A **Stepper Motor** is a special type of motor that rotates in **small, fixed steps** instead of rotating continuously like a normal DC motor.

## 1. Step-by-step movement:

- Each signal given to the motor makes it move a fixed angle (called a *step*).
- Example: If one step =  $1.8^\circ$ , then 200 steps =  $360^\circ$  (one full rotation).

## 2. Precise control:

- Because it moves in steps, we can control exactly how far it turns.
- No need for sensors to track its angle (open-loop control).

## 3. Speed & direction control:

- By changing the speed of signals, we can control motor speed.
- By reversing signal sequence, it rotates in the opposite direction.

## 4. Applications:

- 3D printers (for moving the nozzle/bed).
- CNC machines (for cutting/drilling).
- Robotics (precise arm movement).
- Camera control (panning/tilting).

## **Difference from DC Motor:**

- **DC Motor:** Rotates continuously when power is applied.
- **Stepper Motor:** Moves in fixed steps when signals are applied.