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# ABOUT US



## RAJALAKSHMI CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Rajalakshmi Children Foundation, established in early 2013, is a non-profit organization working for the health, education and overall development of underprivileged children. We are primarily working with government schools, where most of the children come from economically and socially disadvantaged families.



## PRATIBHA POSHAK

Pratibha Poshak is a talent search-nurture project initiated by Rajalakshmi Children Foundation. We identify exceptionally talented young kids from severely underprivileged families, remote rural areas and urban slums in India, to amplify their potential by connecting them in peer cohorts with creative teachers and caring mentors across the globe.



Nurturing Talent-At the Bottom of the Pyramid





On January 21st and 22nd, we organized our Third Pratibha Sammelana at Badami – a beautiful historical place located in the Bagalkot district of Karnataka. We invited 50+ Pratibha Poshak scholars from the Bagalkot, Badami and Jamkhandi towns and vicinities ' These kids are highly participative in our program and have been very regular in attending the online classes despite their regular school schedules. In this Pratibha Sammelan, with the help of the team of instructors /management team of the General Thimayya National Academy of Adventure, they enjoyed various adventure activities – rock climbing, rappelling, night trekking, and tent pitching. Over these two days , students learned about leadership, listening skills, and experienced the rush of adrenaline in these daring activities. Above all they conquered their fear and went home with a sense of achievement.





# TEACHER STORY

Mrs. Bharathi Rao resides in Silicon Valley of India, Bangalore, and has over 40 years of experience in teaching Mathematics in schools following the syllabi of Karnataka State Board, ICSE - Indian Certificate of Secondary Education, CBSE - Central Board of Secondary Education, GCSE - General Certificate of Secondary Education, and American and UK syllabi. She has worked in various capacities such as headmistress, academic supervisor, teacher educator, head of the department, educational content developer, educational broadcaster, online tutor in the USA, UK and UAE and even as a translator. She has taught in prestigious schools -Kumaran's Girls High School, Bangalore and Kingstree Senior High School, USA and also worked with children of rag pickers and several NGOs. Bharathi Rao Madam teaches Mathematics to Pratibha Poshak students



Madam's guiding philosophy is very clear: "Reach them to teach them", She knows the pulse of our students since she herself had received a poverty cum progress scholarship. Having studied in a Government Kannada medium school, her exemplary teaching skills enabled her to teach in the US and UK.





# STUDENT STORY

Laxmi Ulavi is a Pratibha Poshak Scholar residing in Bailhongal. Currently, she is studying in the 9th standard at Govt. High School Hannikeri. Her father is a farmer, and her mother a homemaker. Her younger brother is studying in the 7th standard. Initially she wanted to become an IAS officer. Inspired by our co-founder, Dr. Ravindra, she developed an interest in math and science subjects after joining Pratibha Poshak. Kindled by her keen interest in computer science, she aims to join IIT. As soon as she becomes capable, she wants to establish free tuition classes in math and science for underprivileged kids, starting from her town and gradually have such classes all over the country. She is one of the two scholars selected from her school.

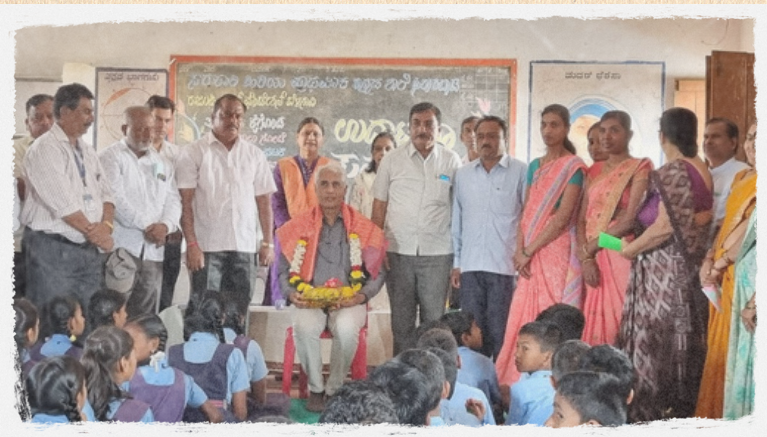


Despite her challenging financial background, she was the topper of the school last year and aims for the same this year too. Her parents, though uneducated, are very supportive and have big dreams for Lakshmi.





# Rajalakshmi Children Foundation Activities Report



Although our primary focus is currently on supporting the **Pratibha Poshak program**, we never miss an opportunity to improve the lives of school children when we can. Recently, we received a request from Government Higher Primary School Alarwad School to address several issues, including unsanitary washrooms, inadequate facilities for kitchen staff, and a classroom in dire need of repair. Dr. Kulgod promptly approved the request, and as a result, all of these facilities were upgraded and inaugurated on 10/01/24. It was heartwarming to see the joy on the faces of the children.



# OUR SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



Would you like to be a part of a movement that provides every child with the opportunity to excel? You can join us as a teacher, mentor, volunteer, or intern at Pratibha Poshak and lend a helping hand in nurturing under-resourced children to help them achieve their goals. Donations to RCF are tax-exempted under Section 80G.

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