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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 in India, to amplify their potential by connecting them in peer cohorts with creative teachers and caring mentors across the globe.



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RCF Pratibha Poshak selection tests for our third cohort (2024) have begun. Over the past two years, we have discovered over 400 highly talented underprivileged children who are now excelling academically. This year, we plan to add 250 more students to the program, meticulously picked from nearly 50 education blocks of the 9 educational districts of the Belagavi Division. Selection tests are being conducted in 20+ centers for 2000+ students shortlisted based on their NMMS scores. Additionally, this year we have reached Sirsi & Bijapur educational districts. Senior students mentored by RCF are volunteering in the selection process.



TEACHER STORY

Santosh M, a resident of Belagavi, studied at MES College in Sirsi. Currently, Santosh teaches Mathematics to the talented students of RCF's Pratibha Poshak program. His approach to teaching is unique and engaging. He believes that Mathematics and Physics are like two sides of the same coin—impossible to separate. According to him, these subjects require deep thinking and analysis, which he enjoys immensely. Santosh finds joy in making these subjects interesting by giving real-life examples, helping students connect with them in meaningful ways. Santosh is interested in writing poems, listening to and reading the news, engaging in creative activities, making YouTube videos, and thinking scientifically. He is also passionate about sharing valuable information regarding career opportunities and scholarships, particularly for unemployed individuals. Reflecting on his educational journey, Santosh expresses immense gratitude to his professors from PU College in Hansbhavi and MES Degree College in Sirsi. These educators not only taught him subjects like Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics but also supported him financially and morally when he needed it the most.



Coming from a very poor background, Santosh had to work part-time jobs late into the night to support his education. After completing his B.Ed. and M.Sc., he dedicated 25 years of his life to teaching Mathematics and Physics. Over the years, he took on various responsibilities, such as being an academic coordinator, exam coordinator, and cultural coordinator. Santosh's life story is one of resilience, dedication, and a profound love for teaching. He continues to inspire and guide his students with his passion for education and his commitment to making a difference in their lives.



STUDENT STORY

Veeresh Siddappa Hampannavar is a bright student from Melavanki, Gokak. He is a Pratibha Poshak scholar and currently studies in the 10th standard at Government High School Melavanki. Veeresh lives with his family, which includes his father, mother, younger sister, younger brother, and grandmother. His father works as a hairdresser, and his mother is a housewife. His younger brother is in the 6th standard, and his sister is in the 9th standard.



Veeresh's favorite subjects are Maths and Science, especially Physics and Chemistry. He enjoys solving problems using Maths because it helps him think creatively. He has even conducted an experiment to convert electric energy to kinetic energy using simple tools. Additionally, he developed a shooting game after learning basic programming from Dr. Ravindra Guravannavar.

After completing his 10th standard, Veeresh plans to study Science and eventually become a software engineer. He dreams of giving back to the community by helping underprivileged kids. In his free time, Veeresh loves drawing and often creates cartoons. Veeresh's dedication to his studies and his passion for learning make him a promising young scholar with a bright future ahead.



Rajalakshmi Children Foundation Activities Report



The Rajalakshmi Children Foundation (RCF), in collaboration with Sitara Akka, has launched a career counseling program specifically designed for Pratibha Poshak scholars studying in the 10th standard. Sitara Akka is a social enterprise dedicated to helping students from low-income communities build self-direction and achieve their goals. Founded by Shriya Shankar in January 2019, when she was just 18 years old, Sitara Akka began as an initiative to educate orphan girls in a children's home in Bengaluru.

This new program aims to support Pratibha Poshak scholars in turning their dreams into reality by providing them with essential life skills and guidance. The initiative is a live example to RCF's ongoing commitment to empowering underprivileged children, helping them become self-learners and transform their lives. Through this collaboration, RCF and Sitara Akka are making a significant impact on the lives of these young scholars, offering them the tools and support they need to succeed. To learn more about Sitara Akka and its mission, click here.

Volunteer Champion



Girija B N, is the Vice Principal at a Government PU College for Girls, Bagalkot. Madam has dedicated her life to the noble profession of teaching. With a Master's degree in Arts, Girija Ma'am's journey in education began with a dream during her 10th standard. Since starting her career as a language teacher in 1997, she has served in various schools, leaving a lasting impact on countless students.

In July, the Rajalakshmi Children Foundation (RCF) conducted the Pratibha Poshak selection test in Bagalkot. With Girija Ma'am's generosity in providing a venue, RCF was able to host over 250 students for the exam, marking a significant success. Her support and involvement were instrumental in making this event possible.

RCF Team extend gratitude to Girija Ma'am for her unwavering support and for being an integral part of our mission to 'IGNITE MINDS'. Her dedication to education and her commitment to fostering young talent are truly inspiring. Girija Ma'am's contributions exemplify the spirit of selflessness and excellence in education.

Trends In Education Sector

‘Karnataka’s new education policy will be comprehensive and futuristic’

Starting from the academic year 2024-25, Karnataka will offer undergraduate courses in three new formats as recommended by the State Education Policy Commission. The changes include elective courses related to majors, a focus on Constitutional principles in value education, and the continuation of the two-language policy. Students will have options for majors and specializations, with an emphasis on practical skills, industry interaction, and internships to enhance employability. The curriculum will also include value education to instill principles of equality, liberty, and fraternity

12 Emerging Education Trends

The education sector is rapidly evolving, driven by technological advancements and new research-led learning approaches. Key trends include the integration of AI, which offers personalized tutoring and automated grading, and neuroeducation, which applies neuroscience principles to enhance learning. Other notable trends are the rise of online coding platforms for K-12 students, AI-powered note-taking tools, and the increasing importance of skill-based education and lifelong learning. These trends reflect a shift towards more personalized, technology-driven, and practical education methods

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