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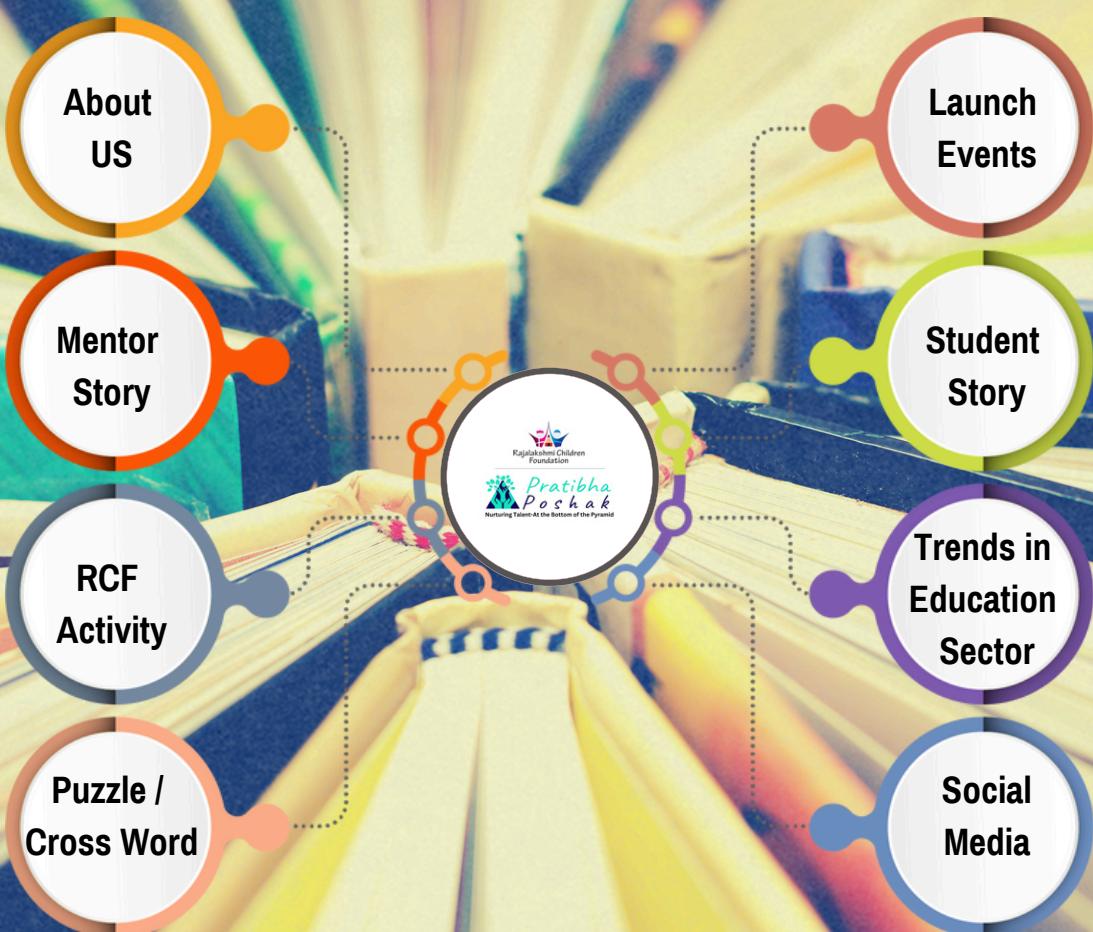
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Rajalakshmi Children  
Foundation



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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 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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Students from Sirsi and Yellapur block joined the Pratibha Poshak family for the first time . On 2024 October 8 & 9 42 bright and talented students became part of Cohort 3 of Pratibha Poshak. These students hail from the Haliyal, Joida, Mundagod, Sirsi, Siddapur, Yallapur, Ankola, Bhatkal, Honnavar, Karwar, and Kumta education blocks. They will attend the daily online interactive sessions in Physics , Math , Chemistry , English and Analytical and reasoning Skills. In addition seasoned professionals who have a passion to nurture young kids will mentor these students for a period of four years. To enable them to attend classes students have been provided tablet PC's, equipped with parental controls.

After 22 tests in various blocks across Belagavi, Chikkodi, Bagalkot, Hubli-Dharwad, Gadag, Sirsi, Haveri, Vijayapura and Uttara Kannada districts , the selection and induction of students for Cohort three has been completed , bringing the total strength to 236 students.

We would like to thank the DIET Office in Kumta and Mahalingappa Bhuma High School in Sirsi for providing us the event venues and supporting our cause of empowering underprivileged government school students.

We hope to continue to make a difference in many students' lives and fostering self-learning.

Visit our website to see all the recent updates: [\*\*Pratibha Poshak\*\*](#)





# TEACHER STORY

**Ananya Swaminathan** is a Mechanical Engineering major student at The University of Texas at Austin. She is the Founder and CEO of **CAD4Kidz**, which specializes in engineering and CAD (Computer-Aided Design) education. Ananya learned CAD at a young age, which drew her into the field of engineering. She realized that many schools and districts do not have the resources to teach CAD to students. So, she and her friends came up with CAD4Kidz, which enables students to visualize their ideas and create interesting projects. Their mission is to provide resources for any kid interested in learning about CAD to develop their design and engineering skills.

Ananya and her team began teaching the Pratibha Poshak kids the basics of TinkerCAD with simple projects like robots and rockets. They further taught them how to create a cricket stadium, and one of the Pratibha Poshak students independently created a kabaddi stadium using these skills, which was highly rewarding for Ananya and her team. Ananya shares her teaching philosophy: "It's crucial to tailor the curriculum to each student, recognizing their strengths



and addressing their challenges. While not all students will be interested in every topic, our goal is to make lessons as engaging and understandable as possible.

We wish Ananya the best of luck in her future endeavors, and Pratibha Poshak scholars are fortunate to have a mentor like her!

Connect with Ananya @ [LinkedIn](#)



Malesh Siddappa Karatannavar is a RCF Pratibha Poshak scholar residing in Kerur, Chikkodi taluka, Belagavi, and he is one of the brightest minds we have discovered. He is studying in the 10th standard at Karnataka Public School, Kerur, Chikkodi. He stays with his cousins, aunty, uncle, and grandparents in Kerur, while his father and mother, who are shepherds, live in other cities.

His favorite subjects include English, Social Science, and Maths. He scored 94% in his 9th standard and achieved a perfect 100 out of 100 in Maths. He wants to take Science after his 10th standard, aiming to crack NEET and become a doctor. Eventually, he aspires to serve the country by becoming an IAS officer – a Doctor cum IAS officer.

Coming from a less literate family, he struggled with subjects in the initial days. However, after joining Pratibha Poshak, he received excellent teachers



who nurtured, supported, and mentored him, making his education journey smooth and easy. He has participated in the Rural IT Quiz conducted by TCS and topped at the district level.

It's wonderful to see Malesh overcoming all odds and becoming a self-learner every day with the help of Pratibha Poshak teachers and mentors.





## Rajalakshmi Children Foundation Activities Report



Slowly but Steadily, and for Sure, the Unique method of Identifying Talented students in STEM from underprivileged backgrounds and then Nurturing them through Intensive educational Interventions, has started gaining recognition & support.

Having received an initial grant from **Emergent Ventures**, thanks to Shruti & Tyler, we are growing from strength to strength. Over last 6 months, Team RCF (Rajalakshmi Children Foundation) has been working on multiple fronts to further enhance the **PRATIBHA POSHAK** Initiative. Our efforts to grow organically have started bearing fruits with Collaborations and Associations with many Reputed Organizations.

We have become part of **VIDYAPOSHAK**, one of the best and most transparent NGO working in the field of Education (Poverty should not be a Barrier for Education). It's been an immense learning experience from Raghavendra Tikota, Vijay Kulkarni, Pramod Kulkarni, Ratna Hippuragi and all dedicated staff of Vidyaposhak.

On 25th October 2024, we formally forged partnership with Deshpande Foundation through their "Skill in Village" programme. Gururaj "Desh" Deshpande & Jayshree Deshpande have been kind enough to introduce us to few of the great Organizations – **Rayat Shikshan Sansthe**, Satara (more than 100 years of legacy), **Jnan Prabodhini** of Pune (more than 50 years old), Manavloka in Marathwada & CherYsh in Haliyal.

How do we measure the impact of our Intervention? By Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT)? We are in the process of finalizing the methodology of conducting the RCT, to be done by Researchers from **J-PAL** (Internationally Reputed through Nobel Laureates – Abhijit Banerjee & Esther Duflo)

We hope this study to be done over next 3 to 4 years will validate what we already know – There is Immense Talent at the Bottom of the Pyramid. Identification & Nurture of this Talent will bring out the full potential of these kids which otherwise may be a loss to the Society.

We continue to be Thankful to all those who believe in our work and Pray for more Strength, to be consistent in our Efforts.

We also remain grateful to our dedicated RCF Team that's growing year on year. This year we welcome **Sri MM Sindhur**, Retd Joint Director & DDPI, Department of Education, who joined as Head of Operations.



# Trends In Education Sector

## **100 engineering colleges in Karnataka to be 'adopted' by corporates by next year**

Karnataka Information Technology Minister Priyank Kharge confirmed 100 engineering colleges are set to be 'adopted' by an equal number of corporates by next year (2025-26), as the government makes efforts to rope in industries to boost the employment prospects of students. Citing an example, he quoted a big automobile company as saying that it is ready to provide jobs but students are not employable as they lack training.

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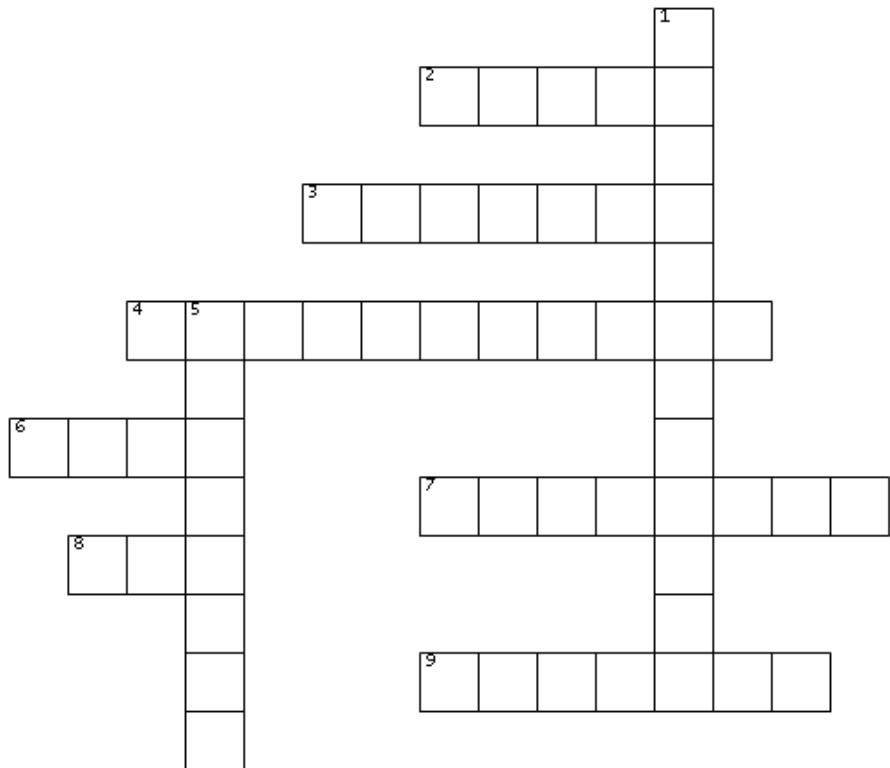
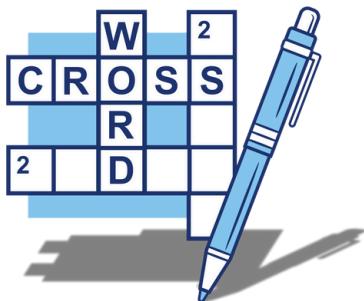
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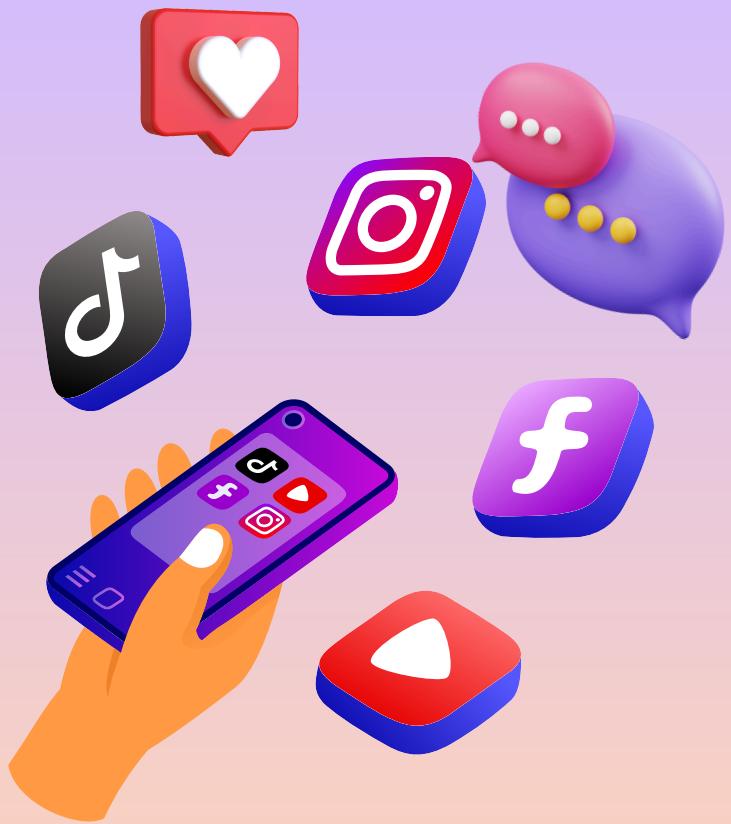
## **Can you solve this “Cross word” Puzzle?**

1. Stone dropped from a building undergoes
2. If GOAT is coded as IRFA, what will be TIGER?
3. Element is the same, but mass of an atom is different
4. Dogs have 39 pairs but humans have only 23 pairs
5. Most abundant in the universe
6. An important raw material in making computer chips
7. One tenth (1/10th) of a nanometer
8. The only even prime number
9. A word that has similar meaning

Send your answers to [contact@rajalakshmifoundation.in](mailto:contact@rajalakshmifoundation.in)



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