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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.



Nurturing Talent-At the Bottom of the Pyramid



In May, we took over 160 Pratibha Poshak Scholars to Bengaluru for a three-day Pratibha Sammelan event. On the first day, our scholars visited the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium and the Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum, where they engaged in various activities. On the second day, they had the opportunity to interact with representatives from Sitara Akka, Reap Benefit Foundation, and OutLawed, and experiential learning activities. On the final day, our scholars visited the Google Bengaluru Office to experience a corporate environment and observe the workplace. Having recently completed their 10th standard exams with exceptional results, these students have secured admission to various reputed colleges, with the majority opting for Science, and have received approximately 65+ lakhs in scholarships and support for 2024-25.





# MENTOR STORY

Rakhi Agrawal is a Data Scientist currently living in Berlin, Germany. She completed her M.Tech. in CSE from IIT Bombay and her B.Tech. in CSE from G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology. Rakhi has been mentoring Pratibha Poshak students, teaching topics such as general knowledge, school subjects, basic math puzzles, and aptitude questions.

In her few months of mentoring our scholars, she has realized how talented they are and how they maintain a positive outlook towards the present and future. Although this is not her first experience in teaching or guiding, it is her first time mentoring school students who face daily challenges yet remain highly aspirational. Rakhi believes in engaging in conversations and exercises that answer their questions or help them excel, whether related to their studies or by providing direction and encouragement through her own life experiences.



From her personal experience, Rakhi recalls how a new math teacher in the 8th standard transformed her approach to mathematics. She understands the value of having a good mentor at the right time, especially during school years when making the right choices is crucial. Rakhi likes Gardening, Cooking, Reading, Trekking, Yoga. You can read or connect with Rakhi via [LinkedIn](#)





# STUDENT STORY

Smita Poojar is from Dharwad, and she is currently studying in the 10th standard at Presentation Girls High School, Dharwad. She lives with her mother, sister, and grandmother, whose pension supports the family. Her sister is currently studying commerce at GSS School, Belgaum. Her favorite subject is chemistry and she is really good at it. After the 10th standard, she wants to take science with JEE and aspires to become a software engineer. She also likes drawing, so as a side hustle, she wants to become an artist as well. Earlier she was not academically inclined, but after experiencing the joy of learning in the Pratibha Poshak classes. Thereafter, her interest in studies improved, and she started liking the science subject. Her English got better, and she became confident, and this is all because after joining the Pratibha Poshak program, for which she is



thankful to everyone here at Pratibha Poshak and Rajalakshmi Children Foundation. As she likes art, she wants to learn animation as well. It's inspiring to listen to her having multiple options in her life ahead like becoming an engineer as well as working as an artist and we are proud to have her in our Program.

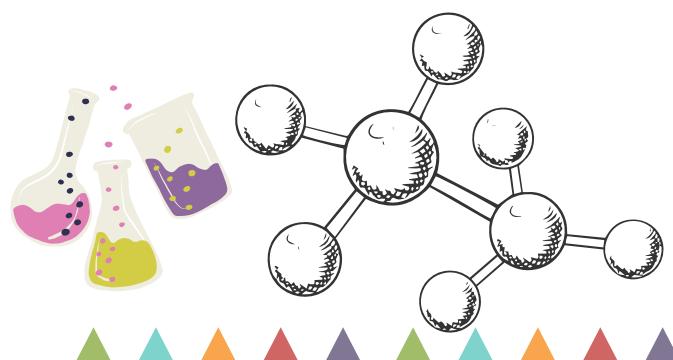


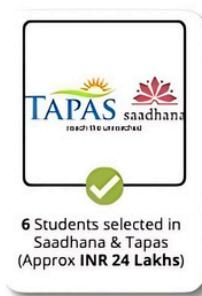
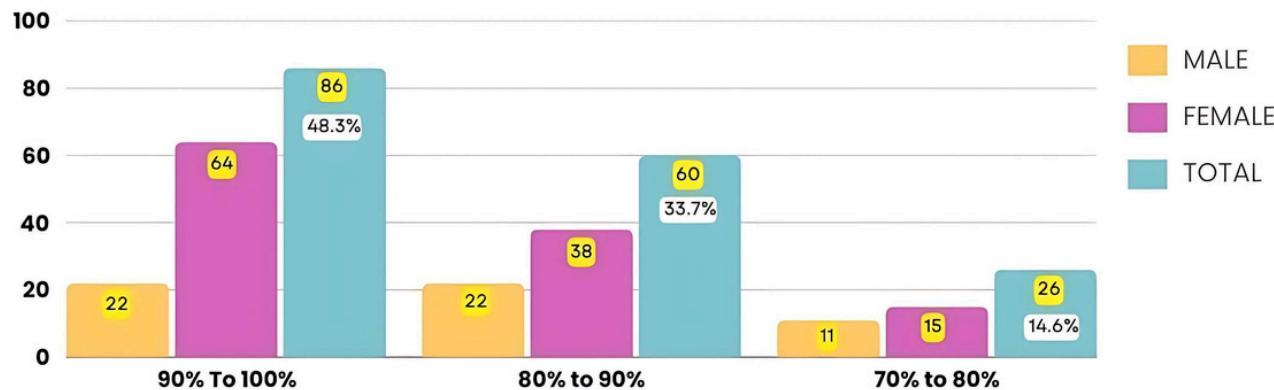
# Rajalakshmi Children Foundation

## Activities Report



Rajalakshmi Children Foundation awarded 38 Pratibha Poshak Scholars The Vistar Zindagi Science Children Camp. This science camp was held at CEDOK in Dharwad from April 13th to April 23rd, 2024, our scholars participated in hands-on activities, workshops, and lectures from the best minds like Bharat Ratna Prof. C.N.R. Rao, Dr. Shivaprasad from IIT Dharwad, and Human Mindset Coach Mr. Mahesh Masal. They also interacted with scientists from ISRO, IIT, JNCASR, KLETU, and NCL. Rajalakshmi Children Foundation is proud to support these future scientists!





RCF PRATIBHA POSHAK SCHOLARS RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY INR 65+ LAKHS SCHOLARSHIPS/ SUPPORT IN 2024-25

## Varsha K receives Emergent Venture Grant from Mercatus Center, USA.

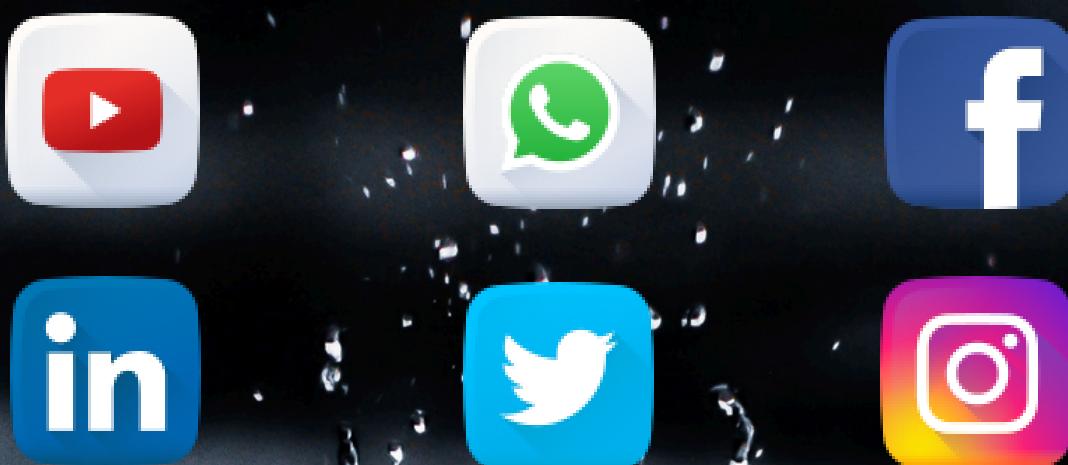
Varsha is a RCF Pratibha Poshak scholar from the first cohort. Pratibha Poshak is an Initiative of Rajalakshmi Children Foundation, to identify and nurture talented students from Bottom of the Pyramid. Varsha recently completed her 10th Standard in KANNADA Medium from Smt. Ushatai Gogte Girl's High School with 97.76% and topping the school. She is currently studying in PUC 1st year Science in prestigious PU College, in Belagavi. She got an opportunity to be a National Tinker Champ via The ShePreneur Program by DELL Technology.



EV Grantee: **Varsha K**

With the help of RCF, she learned about Emergent Ventures, a fellowship and grant program based out of George Mason University, Chicago, USA. She was awarded a grant to support her PUC education as well as to pursue excellence in Science. Along with exposure to Atal Tinkering Lab & support of teachers at Ushatai Gogate school, Varsha received guidance from Dr Ravindra Guruvannavar, Co-founder of Pratibha Poshak and its expert faculty. It's her all-round excellence and initiative-taking nature that was nurtured through Pratibha Poshak Initiative that earned her the EV Grant. Pratibha Poshak, teaches our scholars to become self-motivated learners and problem solvers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)

# 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.

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