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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 and remote rural areas and urban slums in India, and 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





Rajalakshmi Children Foundation orchestrated a spectacular two-day extravaganza, "Pratibha Sammelan," in Belagavi, unveiling the extraordinary talents of Pratibha Poshak students. The event seamlessly intertwined sportsmanship, creativity, and mindfulness, leaving an indelible mark on all participants. The spirited commencement featured friendly cricket and volleyball competitions, fostering teamwork and a vibrant spirit of healthy competition among the students.

Diverging into the realm of creativity, the event showcased the artistic prowess of the children through various activities, including an inspiring drawing session. Immersed in a world of colors and self-expression, the young artists unveiled their unique perspectives, turning the art exhibition into a celebration of creativity and a testament to the foundation's commitment to nurturing diverse talents.

A pivotal highlight of "Pratibha Sammelan" was a rejuvenating meditation session guided by the esteemed Dr. Aruna Pawase. In a world characterized by constant distractions, Aruna provided a transformative experience in mindfulness, emphasizing the intrinsic value of cultivating inner peace and mental well-being. Additionally, an educational excursion to the Commando Center and MLIRC Museum, meticulously organized by Capt. Suresh Ji and the dedicated RCF team, offered students a valuable opportunity to delve into military history and broaden their horizons. In conclusion, "Pratibha Sammelan" exemplified the holistic educational approach of Rajalakshmi Children Foundation, where student dedication, team support, and the contributions of special guests converged to create a resounding success.





MENTOR STORY

Chandrika, an alumna of Vijayanagar College, discovered a unique calling in mentoring rural youth through Pratibha Poshak. Chandrika holds an MA in Economics from a prestigious university and has worked in various mid-level leadership positions at multinational corporations such as Capgemini and Sri Ram Finance. Chandrika is also a talented musician with proficiency in vocal and light music. She is a loving mother of two daughters who are currently in high school. Her involvement transcends traditional teaching, reflecting a heartfelt commitment to nurture and empower the next generation. A devoted homemaker, Chandrika found joy in mentoring while volunteering with Pratibha Poshak. She passionately mentors students on diverse topics such as social skills, English grammar, and life skills, impacting their educational journey profoundly. Despite challenges faced by students from rural backgrounds, Chandrika admires their unwavering commitment and passion for learning. "Every time I open up a challenge, their attitude is ever ready," she shares.

Chandrika's mentoring becomes a two-way street of learning and growth. She witnesses the competitive spirit of students who, despite hardships, actively participate, reflecting the symbiotic nature of mentorship. "In fact, I too learn while teaching them," she reflects. Chandrika cherishes stories showcasing students' determination, confidence, and articulation skills. "Their confidence is appreciable while articulating the given topic. I am blessed to teach them," she expresses with gratitude. Her guiding philosophy is powerful: "Investing in the education and empowerment of rural children is crucial for societal progress.



These bright young minds deserve the very best opportunities to flourish and contribute to the world." Chandrika's commitment to mentorship is a profound calling, evolving into deep relationships with her students. The student-teacher dynamic has transformed into guru-shishya bonds, where learning is a shared experience. The impact is evident as these students become an integral part of Chandrika's extended family. Reflecting on her journey, Chandrika shares a personal story encapsulating her commitment to mentorship. "I embarked on teaching these children casually, never anticipating the profound impact. Their dedication ignited a passion within me, transforming my teaching into a cherished calling."





STUDENT STORY

Navya Yarnal, a ninth-grader at GNS School, Gokak is not just a diligent student but a young leader with a passion for mathematics and science. Navya's journey with education has been a testament to her dedication and love for learning. She thrives on the challenges presented by math and science, finding joy in unraveling the mysteries of numbers and understanding the world around her through the lens of science. Her enthusiasm for these subjects is not merely confined to the classroom; it extends to her everyday life, where she sees math as a tool to solve real-life problems and science as a gateway to comprehending her surroundings, especially the fascinating world of chemicals.

What sets Navya apart is not just her academic prowess but her eagerness to take on responsibilities. She has become an integral part of school events and math competitions, showcasing her leadership qualities. Her commitment to these extracurricular activities doesn't stop at participation; she takes the initiative to create notes, ensuring that her peers benefit from shared knowledge and insights.

One of the driving forces behind Navya's educational journey is the support she receives from the RCF Pratibha Poshak program. In a recent interview, Navya expressed her gratitude, highlighting the significant impact of the program on her academic and personal growth.



She acknowledged the role of RCF's mentorship programs in guiding her toward her goals and providing valuable insights into the path she aspires to tread. Navya's dream is to become a doctor, a noble aspiration fueled by her desire to make her parents and teachers proud. She credits RCF for playing a pivotal role in her understanding of mathematical concepts and acknowledges the mentorship programs for steering her in the right direction. The guidance received from teachers, mentors, and RCF staff has made her feel like a cherished member of the Pratibha Poshak family.





Rajalakshmi Children Foundation

Rajalakshmi Children Foundation Activities Report

In a commendable effort to bring about positive change in the lives of children, Rajalakshmi Children Foundation took a bold step on November 19th by initiating a mission to ensure access to clean and safe sanitation facilities. This endeavor, conducted in collaboration with 10 Government schools, unfolded as a week-long cleanliness campaign designed to instill hygiene practices and promote overall well-being among the younger generation.

The foundation recognized the importance of providing children with a safe and hygienic environment. Therefore, the campaign kicked off with a thorough deep cleaning of toilet facilities in the 10 participating Government schools. This step was crucial in ensuring that the children had access to sanitary facilities that met acceptable health standards.



Understanding that maintenance is an ongoing process, Rajalakshmi Children Foundation distributed cleaning kits to the schools involved in the campaign. These kits, equipped with essential cleaning supplies, were intended to empower the school staff and children to actively participate in the upkeep of their surroundings.

The foundation went beyond mere physical cleanliness by conducting training sessions on hygiene practices. Expert educators and volunteers engaged with both students and staff, imparting knowledge on the significance of personal hygiene, sanitation, and cleanliness. To acknowledge the efforts of those who actively participated in the campaign, felicitation ceremonies were organized, creating a sense of pride and motivation among the participants. Recognizing the importance of community involvement, the campaign extended its reach to families and communities surrounding the schools. Awareness programs were organized to emphasize the collective responsibility of maintaining a clean and healthy environment for the children. The foundation's commitment to lasting impact was evident in its focus on sustainability. Through workshops and awareness campaigns, the children were educated on the long-term benefits of maintaining a clean environment, instilling a sense of responsibility that extends beyond the duration of the campaign. Rajalakshmi Children Foundation's initiative serves as an inspiring example of how collective efforts can bring about transformative change, one school, one child, at a time.



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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