

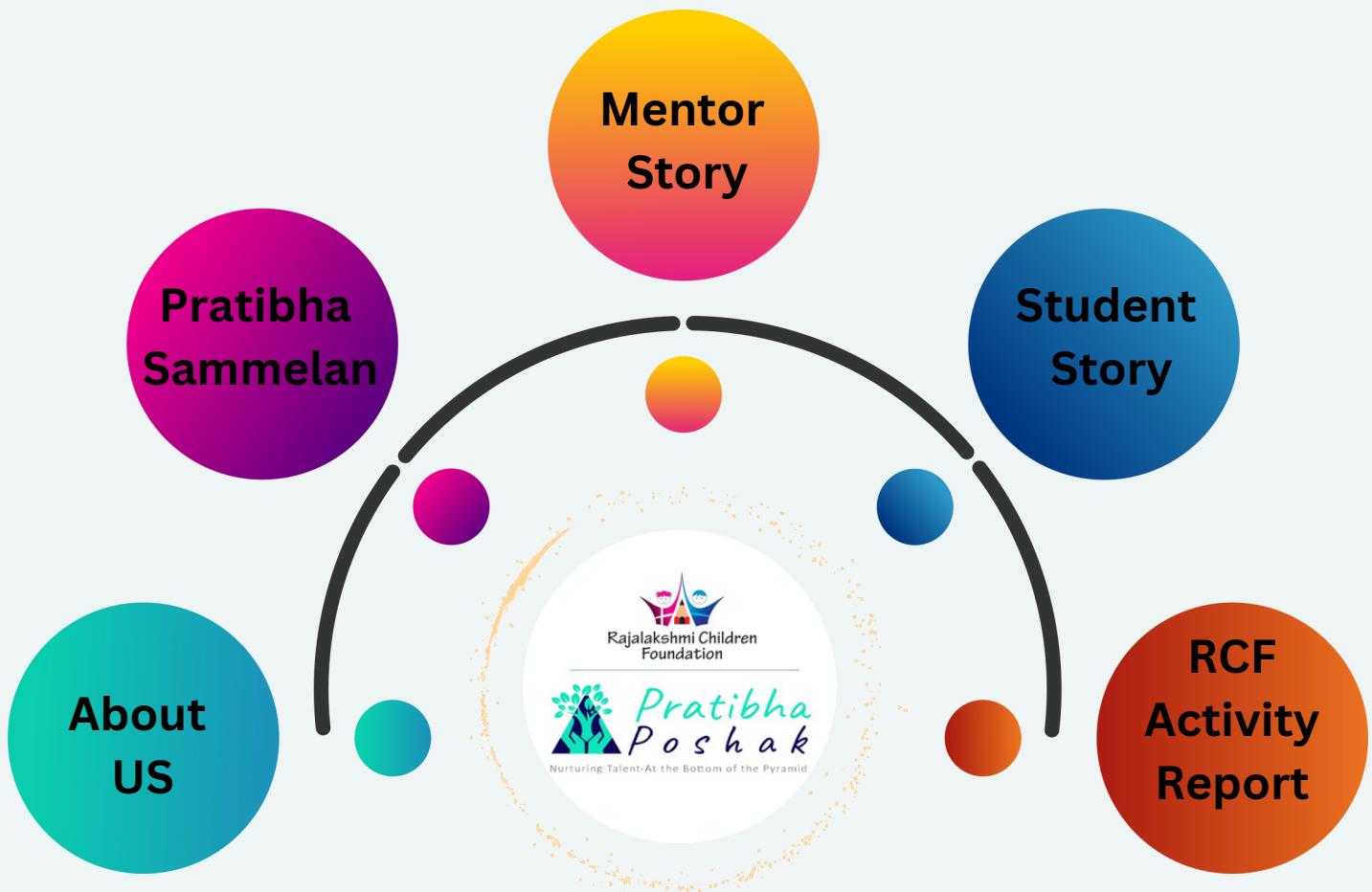
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# ABOUT US



## 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 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.





## PRATIBHA SAMMELANA III

We conducted a highly successful Pratibha Sammelan at the Deshpande Skilling Hubballi on 16th and 17th December 2023. Over the course of two days, more than 50 gifted students participated in a variety of activities that aimed to foster their creativity, talents, and education.

The first day of the event was packed with exciting activities that encouraged teamwork and creativity. The students participated in engaging team-building exercises, crafted intricate greeting cards, and put their mathematical prowess to the test in the Math Relay. The Tower Building Activity provided a hands-on approach to problem-solving, inspiring the students to think outside the box. The Talent Show was undoubtedly the highlight of the day, where the participants showcased their incredible skills in dance, music, and theatre, creating a mesmerizing atmosphere for the audience.

On the second day of the Pratibha Sammelan, the students visited the Dharwad Regional Science Centre, where they explored the marvels of science through interactive exhibits and hands-on activities. The science magic show was the highlight of the day, captivating the young minds with mind-bending experiments and demonstrations, inspiring them to view science as an exciting and accessible field.

We owe the success of the event to the generous support of Deshpande Skilling and their incredible team. The venue provided the perfect platform for the students to showcase their talents and abilities, creating an atmosphere of learning, camaraderie, and fun.





# MENTOR STORY

Sowmya K S is a software engineer and Pratibha Poshak mentor based in Bangalore, Karnataka; she has been helping Pratibha Poshak students improve their spoken English skills since the inception of Pratibha Poshak. Sowmya's passion for mathematics and science is what led her to this noble cause, and her journey as a mentor is more than just a passion; it's a heartfelt commitment towards positively impacting her students' lives. She enjoys reading books and watching movies.

Sowmya says, "I am always surprised as to how passionate the students are. All of them are not only good at studies, but they are exceptionally talented as well. I have always learnt something new while interacting with them." about Pratibha Poshak Students. For Sowmya, being a mentor is all about helping students in any way possible, a mantra that reflects her sincere desire to positively contribute to her students' growth and development.

Sowmya's commitment to mentorship stems from her personal journey, where she received guidance and support from mentors and well-wishers.



Soumya believes in paying it forward and instilling a sense of confidence and passion in her students.

It's incredible to see how mentorship can shape bright and promising futures. Sowmya is a prime example of the profound influence mentorship can have. If you're interested in connecting with Sowmya or learning more about her inspiring work, you can find her on [LinkedIn](#).





# STUDENT STORY

Veeresh Chivatagundi is a 9th grade student at RES High School in Sampgaon. He lives with his father, who is a school teacher, his mother, a housewife, and his two sisters. One of his sisters is studying B.E. and the other is in her second year of PUC. Veeresh's favorite subjects are Maths, Kannada, and Science. He enjoys Maths because he finds problem-solving fascinating. After learning Maths from **Dr. Ravindra Guravannavar**, Veeresh finds it easier and more interesting. He wishes Dr Ravindra would have been his school teacher. Since he has studied most of his studies in Kannada medium, he likes the language. He also likes Science because he can perform experiments and learn about new things and inventions, which keeps him motivated and entertained. He states that he uses Maths and Science frequently in his day-to-day life, such as in school and when he goes to the market.

In the future, he wants to study Medicine and try for the Indian Administrative Service (IAS). Veeresh feels grateful for the support he receives from the Rajalakshmi Children Foundation Pratibha Poshak, and he praises his mentors for guiding him well. His English has improved significantly after joining the Pratibha Poshak program, and he credits **Kirti Shivakumar** for teaching him English. Veeresh says being a part of RCF Pratibha Poshak has positively impacted his life, and he wouldn't be where he is without it.



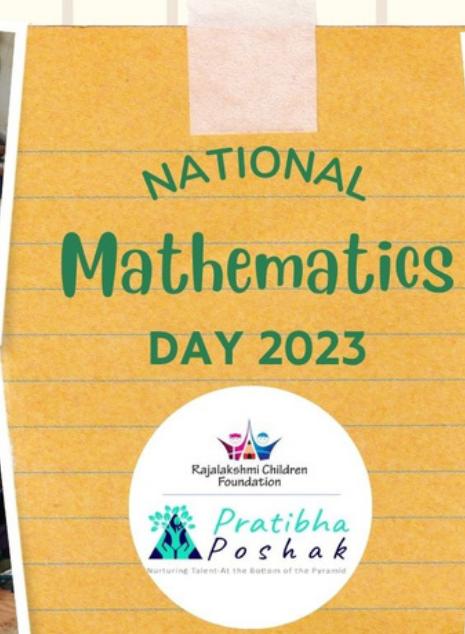
He says it feels like he's "ರೆಕ್ಕಿ ಬಂದ ಹಕ್ಕಿ ತರಾ ಕಾರಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ" after joining RCF, and he admires the way RCF teaches all subjects, helping him to understand instead of memorize. When asked what he would change in society if given the power to do so, he says he wants to implement experiential learning models in the entire education system. He believes that by providing children with exposure to various professions, they can broaden their horizons and not just aim for common professions.





# Rajalakshmi Children Foundation

## Activities Report



We celebrated National Mathematics Day at Government Kannada Higher Primary No. 24 Mahantesh Nagar in honour of the great mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. Students from various schools in Belagavi City participated in a range of activities, with a highlight being a hands-on 3D model creation workshop. During the workshop, students created shapes like cones, cubes, and cylinders, which helped them gain a better understanding of math and sparked their curiosity and creativity.

The aim of the celebration was to make Mathematics more enjoyable by connecting theoretical knowledge with practical applications. Creating 3D models allowed students to see and touch abstract mathematical ideas, making learning more meaningful. We also awarded prizes to students who excelled in the 3D model creation activity, not just as a reward but also to encourage them to keep exploring the fascinating world of Mathematics.

To give students a glimpse into Srinivasa Ramanujan's life and contributions, we showed the movie "The Man Who Knew Infinity". This film portrayed Ramanujan's journey, showcasing the challenges and successes of his remarkable career. This cinematic experience aimed to connect students with the human side of math, inspiring them to aim for greatness in their own Mathematics pursuits.

Overall, the Math Day celebration aimed to pay tribute to Srinivasa Ramanujan and encourage a new generation of students to discover the wonders of this timeless subject.



# 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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