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"I don't care how much power, brilliance or energy you have, if you don't harness it and focus it on a specific target, and hold it there, you're never going to accomplish as much as your ability warrants." — Zig Ziglar (American motivational speaker)



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**Message from
Dr. Sudha Kidao
Managing Trustee,
FFEIT**



Dear Friends!

Wishes from FFE to you for good health and abundant happiness in 2023 and beyond!

It has been a busy quarter for the FFE team with 8700+ students renewing their scholarships and an unprecedented number (20,000+) of new student applications being submitted. The financial need of students and their families due to the rising costs of education, combined with the reality that more families have been driven to dire financial circumstances due to COVID, has arrived at FFE's doorstep. FFE is committed to serving its mission of transforming lives of high potential students from financially constrained backgrounds through scholarships and other assistance, as envisioned by FFE's Founders, Dr. Prabhu and Mrs. Poonam Goel.

FFE's 'Beyond Scholarship' program, that provides holistic support to students, including relevant skills for employability and an impactful mentoring program, has helped students overcome their unique challenges and embark on exciting and prosperous career paths. Data reveals that this assistance has been integral to their success. All of FFE's programs have been made possible, thanks to the generosity of our donors, alumni, volunteers (including Facilitators and Mentors) and our growing partner base of corporates, individuals and NGO's. Support to FFE through the alumni 'Pay Forward' model is an example of creating the culture of 'giving' that transcends geographical boundaries and paves the path towards sustainability.

FFE continues to seek your support as we expand our programs. When you give to FFE, you ensure a brighter future for our students, who will in turn positively impact their families and communities.

We are grateful that you are part of the FFE family and community, and that you have entrusted FFE with helping students on their educational journeys through financial and other assistance. Your support makes so much possible.

We look forward to your continued engagement with FFE in 2023.

Sudha Kidao
Managing Trustee, FFE India Trust

Message from Ram Kolavennu, COO, FFEIT



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the graduating batch from the last quarter of 2022. We are indeed proud of a brand new batch transitioning from being FFE Scholars to becoming FFE Alumni.

Nothing makes our work more meaningful than to see more students starting their professional journeys in the new year!

I'm proud to share that 96% of the graduating engineering students have secured jobs, with a small percentage also enrolled in post-graduation courses. As well, the average salaries of the batch of FFE Scholars who graduated between 2021–22 has been at an all-time high at Rs. 9,66,962 per annum.

As admissions slowly fall back into the pre-COVID rhythm, the last quarter of 2022 witnessed the highest number of scholarship applications in FFE's history. A staggering 20,000+ applications were received, leaving us with tough decisions and also filling us with the drive to grow our donor base in the coming year to help us serve more students than ever before.

Our outreach efforts to especially target female applicants has garnered fantastic results. For the first time, we received more scholarship applications from girls than from boys. This is testament to our belief that if given the chance, the girls of our country will reach for the stars and become future leaders!

Congratulations to the graduating scholars and wishing them the best for their careers!

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in spreading the word about FFE's Scholarship and 'Beyond Scholarship' programs.

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2023!

Ribbon Communication Pvt. Ltd. (Sonus Networks India Pvt. Ltd.) visits FFE

A team of 25 employees from Ribbon Communication Pvt. Ltd visited the FFE office on 14th October 2022 as part of their CSR initiative that supports FFE's Scholarship program. Two Bangalore-based scholars met the Ribbon Communication's team; all sponsored students were provided backpacks by them.



During the visit, FFE's COO, Mr. Ram Kolavennu explained FFE's Scholarship and Beyond Scholarship programs to the visiting partner team and discussed the impact of partnerships like the one with Ribbon Communication, has on the next generation of our country.

A window to their future: Scholars connect with their donors from Lady Hardinge Medical College, Alumni Association of North America (LHMCAANA)

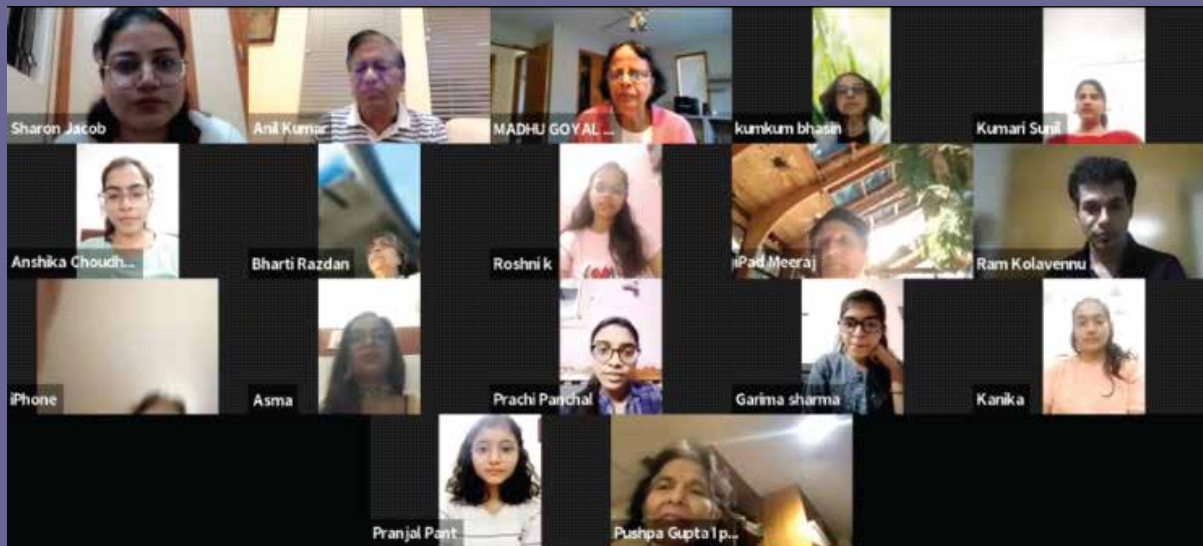
In the spirit of giving back to their Alma Mater, 12 LHMCAANA donors met with 16 FFE

scholars virtually on 5th November 2022. These empowered, successful women alumni have been sponsoring FFE scholars since 2021 and believe the best way to give back to their college is by supporting the next generation of students.

Four of the MBBS students shared their journeys of being FFE-LHMCAANA scholars to becoming budding doctors. First in their families to access higher education, their stories of overcoming socio-economic hardships and their relentless hard work to become the next generation of doctors were not only heart-warming but also inspiring!

The donors were thrilled to meet their scholars virtually, hear their stories and were eager to talk about more ways in which they could help empower these aspiring girls and mentor them to become strong women. Dr. Kumkum Bhasin said they would like to mentor the girls to become 'women with good self-worth'. Dr. Bharti Razdan emphasized the importance of scholars participating in non-academic and fun-filled activities to make their college experience well rounded.

Dr. Madhu Goyal thanked FFE for awarding scholarships to these and other high-performing students from low-income backgrounds and enabling them to pursue their educational dreams. The virtual meet ended with FFE-USA President, Minoo Gupta thanking the LHMCAANA donors for their generosity and continued support.



Alumni of Lady Hardinge Medical College of North America (LHMCAANA) interacting with FFE scholars sponsored by them studying at Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi.

FFE Raises \$1M at Silicon Valley 22 Gala in Palo Alto, California

On the evening of October 9th 2022, FFE hosted its annual Silicon Valley Gala at the Crowne Plaza, Palo Alto, California. Attended by over 260 guests, many from the Indian diaspora based in the greater San Francisco Bay Area, the Gala raised close to \$1Million. Attendees included FFE Founders, Dr. Prabhu and Mrs. Poonam Goel and their family members, Board members, donors and volunteers. The donations raised at the Gala will go a long way in funding the scholarships of many meritorious students from underprivileged backgrounds.

Jeff Applebaum, Stand Up Comedian emceed the evening and entertained the audience by throwing light on the immigrant Indian Engineers and life in the bay area.



**Chief Guest Dheeraj Pandey
Co-Founder, CEO and Chairman
DevRev.ai**

The Chief Guest for the evening was Dheeraj Pandey, co-founder, CEO & Chairman of DevRev.ai. He was also the founder, CEO & Chairman of Nutanix and currently sits on the Board of Adobe Inc. While Dheeraj's entrepreneurial spirit has been widely recognized with a number of prestigious awards, it is his philanthropy in partnership with his wife, Swapna, that inspires many people. He and his wife want to give back to society with special focus on education and to those who strive. This is also the essence of FFE's work that was highlighted by Dheeraj who shared his story during the event.

In addition, Dr Monica Asnani received FFE's 2022 Excellence Award to honor the Asnani family. This award honours the Asnani family who have been the largest donors. Another Excellence Award was given to Ranjith Kagathi, a FFE Alum & Free Spirit Award winner, for his exemplary voluntary services.



**FFE Founder Dr. Prabhu Goel with
Dr. Monica Asnani, FFE's 2022 Excellence
Award Winner**



**FFE Alumni- Thanga Prakash Anandarajan,
Ranjith Kagathi Ananda and Bismay Mishra.
(l-r)**

Foundation For Excellence Raises \$300,000 at its 2022 Annual Gala in New York

It was a scintillating evening of hobnobbing and camaraderie among Entrepreneurs, Investment Bankers and Executives who were among the 250 guests who attended the New York Gala hosted by the Foundation For Excellence on Nov 18th 2022.

The MC for the evening was FFE scholarship awardee and alumnus, Bismay Mishra, who shared his family background and how the FFE scholarship funded his Engineering education. He in turn, helped educate the next generation of his family.

One of the highlights of the evening was a fireside chat between Anu Aiyengar, Co-Head of Global M&A at J.P. Morgan and Darshan Bhatt, Board member of FFE. Anu shared her views on the current financial environment and predicted her outlook for the next few years. FFE NYC board member, Anita Balaji, who introduced Anu Aiyengar.



Chief Guest Anu Aiyengar, Global Head of M&A at J.P. Morgan in a fireside chat with Darshan Bhatt (FFE Board member)

Anita has been involved with FFE since she was a student. Her family have been donors, volunteers and facilitators of the organization.

FFE's Founding President Venk Shukla lead the appeal for funds with a good dose of humour. The event mobilized. over \$300,000 in donations, On a lighter note, Indian- American immigrant mom and popular stand-up comedian, Zarna Garg, amused the audience with ironic snippets from her world of motherhood, and observations on American Life.

FFE-USA President, Mino0 Gupta chronicled the foundations' significant achievements since its inception; with over 28,000 students helped from over 600 colleges in 28 states throughout India, FFE continues

to create lasting impact. Mino0 reiterated that 100% of donations from individual donors are directed towards scholarships. She also highlighted the importance and popularity of FFE's skills training program for students, that has enhanced the marketability of FFE scholars for future employment.

The attendees included FFE's Founder, Dr. Prabhu Goel, long term FFE supporter Ron Mehta, Ashutosh Aman, Hari Chenglath, Shobit Arora and Hemali Dassani. Karishma Patel and her team of volunteers ensured guests could register seamlessly and participate wholeheartedly in the event.

FFE is thankful to Boston Consulting Group, ROC Capital, Kirkland & Ellis and Global Education for their sponsorship and support of the Gala.



FFE Founder Dr. Prabhu Goel addressing the guests



FFE-USA President Mino0 Gupta presenting FFE's accomplishments to the audience

Donor-Scholar Meet with Mr. Kanu Patel

On 1st December 2022, Mrs. Vimala & Mr. Kanu Patel interacted virtually with 135 BPharm scholars they have been sponsoring through FFE. It was Mr. Patel's vision that inspired FFE to start annual grants to its first BPharm cohort of scholars, who are now in the final year of college and interviewing for jobs. The interaction was attended by the donors, scholars, and mentors to students from different companies and hosted by FFE's team.

Mr. Patel gave an inspiring speech and emphasised how honesty, integrity, courage, self-awareness and whole-heartedness are key to building character. He also motivated scholars to work hard, remain ethical and build trust. 2 students under his sponsorship shared their 4-year of journey as FFE scholars, and the role of skills training and mentoring that has helped them.

The session concluded with mentors from Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, and Biocon sharing their experience of being mentors to FFE scholars and how the mentorship program can help scholars prepare for their professional journeys.

Donor-Scholar Meet: Siva & Royan Foundation Scholars

FEE facilitated a virtual session for the donors of Siva and Royan Foundation (SRF) and nine scholars supported by them on 11th Dec, 2022. Two FEE alumni who were previously supported by SRF also participated. Students shared the academic progress they have made over the last year, the challenges they faced, training and mentoring sessions they recently attended and their career aspirations. The two alumni also shared their journey that was inspiring for current scholars.

Students elaborated on their interest to upskill through participation in FFE's courses that have enabled them to become job ready. Through their interactive conversations with the students, Mrs. Karpagavalli & Mr. Meenakshi Sundaram from SRF shared vital tips and gave much needed career guidance to these students.

FFE remains grateful to Mrs. Karpagavalli & Mr. Meenakshi Sundaram for their time and continued support to FFE and its scholars.



FFE-Amazon Future Engineer (AFE) Scholars Meet

In a first, 20 FFE scholars under the FFE-Amazon Future Engineer (AFE) program banner had an interactive meeting with the global AFE team at Amazon, Hyderabad on Dec 15th, 2022. Amazon global leaders, AFE team and FFE management participated in the meeting. The engagement started with an informal and fun filled introduction of the scholars who shared their journeys as FFE-AFE scholarship awardees and their future aspirations. The event concluded with a visit to the Amazon office which the scholars heartily enjoyed.

B. MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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Similarly, the BPharm Mentoring program for FY 2022–23 for 52, 3rd year BPharm scholars was initiated. Eighteen women volunteers from Biocon Biologics registered as Mentors, boosting its "Women in Mentoring" program. Mentors from Amneal Pharmaceuticals and Solara APS have also registered, with Dr. Reddy Laboratories, Ltd. mentor nominations in the pipeline. A detailed orientation session was held with each corporate partner, which was followed by mentor nominations and sign-up.

To measure the impact of the Mentoring program, FFE tracks the completion of the Mentoring modules within the recommended timeframe and collects regular feedback from both Mentors and Mentees. FFE is thankful to the 1500+ corporate employee volunteers, FFE's alumni mentors and individuals for their participation in FFE's one-of-a-kind Mentorship program.

MENTEE TESTIMONIAL

Mentee: Darpa Narayan Mahato

4th year - Electronics and Telecommunication, Jadavpur University, Kolkata



"My mentoring journey with my Mentor Abhijeet Sir was excellent. Sir was very polite and encouraged me to express myself freely. He focused and worked upon my problem-solving skills which I feel is extremely important while working on any project. The Mentoring content provided by FFE was easy to understand and had very useful content. I would like to once again thank my Mentor as well as FFE for this golden opportunity to learn".

MENTOR TESTIMONIAL

Mentor: Abhijeet P Palnitkar

Program Manager- Intel India

"I found my Mentee to be very serious about the program and ready to receive new inputs. The most relevant topic for helping the Mentee grow as a professional was problem solving and decision making."



C. SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

FFE's Skill Training Program empowers scholars with the required soft and technical skills to become job-ready to enter the workforce and bridge existing gaps in the academic curriculum.

Cohort	Training Programs	No. of scholars	Supported by
2021-22 (2nd Year Engineering Scholars)	AMCAT Baseline Assessment	2636	Unrestricted Funds
	English Training-Enguru	2178	MSDF & Capgemini
2020-21 (3rd Year Engineering Scholars)	AMCAT Midline Assessment	1412	MSDF
	Coursera	715	
	Hi Touch English	566	
2019-20 (4th Year Engineering Scholars)	Mock Interviews	1273	Capgemini
Pharma (2nd year Scholars)	AMCAT assessment	72	Mr. Chirag Patel & Mr. Kanu Bhai Patel (Amneel Pharmaceuticals)
	English Training - Enguru	60	
Law (2nd year Scholars)	AMCAT assessment	61	Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurthy
	English Training - Enguru	40	

FLY – Finding the Leader in You (FLY) is a leadership course conducted by CMI – the Competitive Mindset Institute, Inc. This workshop is designed to teach non-cognitive skills for personality and character development of students, particularly 2nd year Engineering scholars.

79 2nd-year scholars pursuing Engineering (71), BPharm(4) and Law(4) participated in the FLY program in the last quarter.

The Engineering scholars come from the following streams - Computer Science Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Information Technology, Civil Engineering, Mathematics & Computing, Aerospace Engineering, Printing Technology, Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

C. SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Civil Service session by FFE Alumni – On 16th October, 2022, a session was conducted for Civil Service/UPSC aspirants on the topic, "Civil Service Information session - Making dreams a virtual reality". This session was presented by 3 FFE alumni, Ms. Sanjita Mohapatra - Asst. Secretary GOI- New Delhi, Mr. Sonu Bhatt - Asst. Commissioner (UT), Faridabad and Mr. Madhusudhan Reddy - District Collector, Sivagangai, Tamil Nadu. The sessions included the journey of these officials, motivation, and strategy to perform well in the civil services exam, civil services, and the scope and opportunities available. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A discussion.,

BPharm Career Guidance session – On 3rd November, 2022, a career guidance session was conducted for all BPharm scholars by Dr. Ramgopal Rao S, Senior Academy Manager – Biocon Academy. The session was attended by 113 participants who were given an insight into the skills needed to realise their dream jobs and the various opportunities available in the pharma industry.

Medical webinar – A medical webinar titled, "Robotics in Surgery - Is it fancy technology or a patient centered advancement" for all medical scholars was conducted on 13th Nov. 2022. This webinar was presented by Dr. Uthaiah Kokkalera, Medical Director, Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery, Department of Surgery, Northridge Hospital Medical Center, USA. The invigorating session was attended by 456 participants.

IBM Skill Building Program – 120 IT & CS scholars attended the Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity course in November 2022 through the IBM Skill Building Program. This included 2nd and 3rd year engineering scholar



Dr. Uthaiah Kokkalera,
Medical Director,
Department of Surgery,
Northridge Hospital
Medical Center,
California, USA

Every skill you
acquire doubles your
odds of success.

-Scott Adams-

American author and cartoonist

SCHOLAR TESTIMONIALS: SKILLING

"I am Adi Narayana Reddy Mallala, currently in my 2nd year BTech (E.C.E) at the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh. I am thankful to FFE for all the care it has shown towards the scholars in all aspects, by not just providing scholarship but also helping us develop various skills by organizing diverse programs for the scholars' development.

Enguru, one of the training programs offered by FFE, helped me improve my ability to understand and communicate in English. Through this program, I have access to multiple learning levels and online interactive classes which helped me in expanding my vocabulary. Each level focuses on multiple aspects including listening, speaking and writing that has helped me improve my communication skills and has enhanced my vocabulary.

I am very thankful to FFE for its Skilling program. I am also enthusiastic to complete all the courses that have been provided for us and looking forward to participating in more such programs."

"I am Harsha Vardhan Reddy S, a 4th-year undergraduate student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at IIITDM, Kancheepuram. In my 3rd year, I got the opportunity from FFE for doing a course on Finite Element Analysis (FEA) which is a combination of 3 courses lasting one year. The course uses demand software such as FEA, LS-DYNA, crashworthiness analysis with RADIOSS-Hyper mesh, and Hyper Mesh Automation using TCL/TK. I discovered myself as a Mechanical Engineer at Skill-Lync while doing this course. All the projects I completed at Skill-Lync are extremely close to industry standards and will be very helpful during my interviews. The experience has been wonderful. If I had not found this opportunity, I wouldn't have been able to employ these abilities. Skill-Lync was supportive and responsive and clarified all of my questions through support sessions.

I want to thank FFE from the bottom of my heart for giving me such a wonderful chance. I'd also advise anyone else who gets the chance to make use of it fully."



Adi Narayana Reddy
BTech 2nd Year, ECE
IIIT, Chittoor



Harsha Vardhan Reddy
BTech 4th Year,
Mechanical Engineering
IIITDM, Kancheepuram

D. VOICE OF SCHOLAR

I. Current Scholar:

Vikash Prajapati
BTech 4th year,
IIT Varanasi



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Vikash Prajapati comes from a small village in Morena, Madhya Pradesh. His father is a daily wage earner and mother a homemaker.

With limited income Vikash's family faced many uncertainties and fell on difficult times. Determined to study, Vikash's struggles at home fueled his ambition and in 5th standard Vikash was admitted to Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyalaya. While in school, he was selected by the Dakshana Foundation (an NGO), who helped him prepare for competitive exams. With focused preparation and a strong will, Vikash was admitted to Indian Institute of Technology, Varanasi from where he was chosen for the FFE Scholarship program. His scholarship was funded by FFE's donor partner, RBL Bank Ltd.

"With the scholarship amount my father was able to repay the loan he had taken from our relatives for my college admission. I am very thankful to my donor, RBL Bank, whose timely help allowed me to continue my academic journey."

In his journey as an FFE scholar, Vikash participated in various training programs offered by FFE. Simultaneously, he continued to maintain a CGPA of 9.1 throughout his BTech course. Recognising his ability, Vikash was soon recruited by Amazon with an impressive salary package. He is now in his final semester and will embark on his professional journey on graduation,

By overcoming all the hardships and obstacles in his life, Vikash has set a shining example for many aspiring students like himself. He is grateful for the FFE scholarship and is excited to be joining the FFE Alumni network shortly which will allow him to network and also 'pay forward'. FFE is proud of Vikash's accomplishments and wishes him success ahead!

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela -

South African anti-apartheid activist and politician who served as the first president of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.

Alumnus

Aruna Kalkura
Bangalore Institute of Technology
(2013-2017)
SME at HSBC Global Banking,
HSBC India Pvt Ltd, Bangalore.



Aruna's journey is one of hardship, determination, hard work and success. This is his story as narrated by Aruna:

"I was born to a lower middle-class family in Udupi, Karnataka. My father is a farmer and mother is a housewife. My parents taught me the importance of education since childhood. I completed my education until my 2nd PUC (Grade 12) from a government school/college. Circumstances at home were stable up until I was in 7th grade but soon after we faced many challenges. We lived in rented accommodation and as a farmer, whatever my father earned was only enough to sustain our daily expenses, whether there had been a profit or not. I decided to take some financial pressure off my father and started earning for myself. During summer vacations in the months of April–May, I would take up work as an assistant cook and waiter at marriage and other functions. These jobs fetched me Rs. 100 per day, which I saved and used towards my studies.

My father has been a great inspiration in my life. He used to work 16–17 hours in a day and never made me feel sad for a single day. We had 2–3 cows that I looked after while my father would go to the fields to work.

With the support of my family, I scored 93% in 10th standard and opted for science in PUC. The biggest challenge was that my education until 10th was in Kannada but the PUC classes were in English medium. I had to put in extra hard work to learn the subjects in a language I wasn't familiar with. But I faced every challenge that came my way and my hard work paid off. I scored 94% in my 12th standard.

With this excellent score, I decided to pursue engineering. At this stage, a new challenge was before me – how was I to arrange the college fees? While I was enrolled in college, I lived in a hostel where one of my seniors suggested that I could apply for the FFE Scholarship program, that FEE awards scholarship only based on one's merit and financial background. Having heard this, I applied

for the Scholarship program. After going through telephonic and face-to-face interviews, I was awarded the scholarship and that day was one of the most memorable days of my life! Thanks to the FFE Scholarship program, I was able to focus on my education during the 4 years of my B.E degree without having to worry about the financial burden.

After completing my B.E degree, I received an offer letter from Smart Stream Reference Data India Pvt. Ltd. With my first salary, I gave some money to my mother, I made donations to FFE as a gesture and paying it forward. After working for 3 years in Smart Stream, I got a new offer from HSBC and am currently working as a Subject Matter Expert with them.

We stayed in a rented house for almost 20 years and my mother's only dream was to have her own house. I was able to make her dream a reality in February 2021 when I constructed our own family home in Udipi.

Trekking, going for walks early in the morning, running, working out in the gym are activities I enjoy. In November 2022, I completed the Mount Everest Base camp hike which is an almost 175 km trail where one has to hike in -20 degree centigrade with only 75%–80% oxygen. With the blessings of God and my parents, I completed this challenging hike. Holding the FFE name at the top of the Himalayas was one of the most beautiful things I have ever witnessed in my life.

My advice to youngsters is "Never stop dreaming, never stop believing in yourself, never ever give up, never stop trying and never stop learning". If you want to do good things, whatever may be the situation, nature will help you.



E. DONOR FEATURE

Manoj Kumar Singh Chief Regulatory Officer and CSR, Indus Towers Ltd.



“Indus Towers has always believed in playing an active role and taking responsibility in transforming the lives of communities by improving their socio-economic conditions. Committed to making social change, Indus Towers Limited through our Scholarship Program for Higher Education in association with Foundation for Excellence is supporting 100 underprivileged students across India. This scholarship will not only enhance their quality of life but also of those who are present in their ecosystem. We value this partnership to achieve the common goal of higher education for the most deserving. Although the program’s focus is providing financial support for qualified students, the assistance extends beyond finances and includes training, mentorship and advice from a vast network of donors and alumni.”

FACILITATOR FEATURE

Dr. Manish Barvaliya Scientist-E (Medical), ICMR- National Institute of Traditional Medicine, Belagavi, Karnataka

“I was an FFE scholar from 2001 to 2008 and have since been associated with various activities of FFE. For the last three years, I have been working as an FFE facilitator and during this time have guided around 36 FFE scholars for scholarships. I completed my MBBS. in 2009 and my M.D. in Pharmacology in 2012 from Government Medical College, Bhavnagar, Gujarat. Currently, I am working as Scientist E (Medical) in ICMR- National Institute of Traditional Medicine, Belagavi, Karnataka. I am associated with some NGOs along with whom I have conducted Medical Camps in Tripura. I have also been associated with awareness activities about blood, body, and organ donations. My wife earned her MPharm in Pharmaceutics and is devoting her time to rearing our three year old son. I served as Assistant Professor at Government Medical College, Bhavnagar from 2013 to 2021, and guided undergraduate and postgraduate students in research activities. I have published around 50 scientific research articles.”



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