



Q1- 2026 NEWSLETTER



Pic: Bengaluru scholars meet 2026



Mission and Vision

Vision: Empowering communities to break the cycle of generational poverty through STEM education

Mission: A future where all young people have equal access to the STEM knowledge and skills needed to achieve academic success, career success, upward mobility, and a lifetime of economic self-sufficiency for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Marching Towards Our Vision

1506 STEM scholars funded

50K+ Students reached via our STEM Events since 2021

In the first quarter of 2026, SSF strengthened scholar engagement through regional meets in Tamil Nadu and Bengaluru, leadership sessions, donor interactions, and impactful partnerships. These initiatives continued to build confidence, connection, and opportunity for scholars.

The period also featured strong STEM and career-readiness programs, including the Women Start-A-Thon Finale, Netscout All Girls Hackathon, MILT training, U.S. STEM Scholarships, and continued success of the IBM SkillsBuild × SSF I Can Become Program.



Pic: Netscout Hackathon 2026

100 SINGAR NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In January, SSF proudly supported 78 nursing scholars from Tamil Nadu through the 100 Singar Nursing Scholarship Program, generously funded by Mr. Singaram. The beneficiaries included 77 scholars from Government Nursing College, Madurai and 1 scholar from Theni, helping them continue their healthcare education journey.



January 2026 Highlights



SSF – WWT IGNIS HACKATHON

Shooting Stars Foundation successfully conducted the WWT IGNIS Hackathon, a national-level STEM initiative aimed at fostering innovation, creativity, and problem-solving among school students. The event witnessed strong participation, from students registering from different schools across cities, reflecting growing interest in STEM learning at an early stage.

The hackathon provided a structured platform for students to explore technology-driven solutions, collaborate with peers, and apply their knowledge in a practical environment.

2580
Registration

800
Schools

489
Ideas

16
Prototypes

7 Finalists



Guided by mentors and evaluators, students gained hands-on experience, strengthened critical thinking, and improved their presentation and problem-solving skills. The initiative not only encouraged innovation but also inspired young learners to pursue future opportunities in STEM with confidence and curiosity.

IBM SKILLSBUILD I CAN BECOME PROGRAM

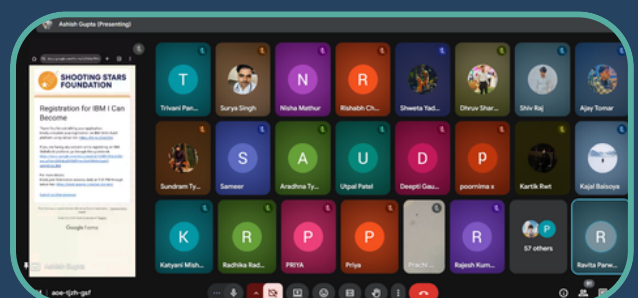
Shooting Stars Foundation continued its partnership with IBM SkillsBuild through the I Can Become Program, empowering students from non-technical backgrounds with future-ready skills and career readiness. Learners gained access to 1,000+ courses in AI, resume building, interview preparation, design thinking, sustainability, and professional skills, along with globally recognized IBM digital credentials.

1127
Colleges

2466
Registrations

2059+
Learners

1300+
Courses done



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SSF SCHOLARS MEET CHENNAI



Shooting Stars Foundation brought together scholars and alumni from across Tamil Nadu on February 1st, for a meaningful day of connection, reflection, and shared learning. The meet was graciously hosted at the residence of Mrs. & Mr. Singaram and was attended by them, along with Latha Narayannan, Subha Singaram, and members of the SSF team.



Pic: Three
SSF
Chennai
region
alumni
motivating
scholars
with their
stories at
the event



SSF SCHOLARS MEET BENGALURU

SSF hosted a vibrant meet in Bengaluru on February 8th, with an enthusiastic turnout from SSF Scholars and alumni across the region. The event focused on engagement, inspiration, and strengthening connections within the scholar community.



Pic: Nearly 15
SSF Alumni
from the
Bengaluru
region
motivating
the current
scholars with
their stories
at the event



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LUMINOUS CSR PARTNERS MEET 2026

SSF engaged with its CSR Partner Luminous Power Technologies in Gurugram as part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen partnerships and improve program delivery. The meeting focused on sharing field insights, reviewing outcomes, and identifying opportunities to enhance coordination and overall impact.



This engagement reflects SSF's commitment to building strong, long-term partnerships that support sustainable growth and meaningful impact. By working closely with partners, the Foundation continues to enhance implementation quality and create better outcomes for the communities it serves.

Pic: SSF
Alumna Kritika
Kumari and
SSF Staff
Ravita Parvani
attended the
event
representing
SSF



ALL INDIA WOMEN START-A-THON 2025-26 FINALE



SSF successfully concluded the All India Women Start-a-thon, a nationwide initiative to empower women entrepreneurs and foster innovation. The program saw strong participation, with thousands of registrations and diverse startup ideas progressing through evaluations, mentoring, and pitch presentations.

The grand finale celebrated top winners whose creativity and determination stood out. The initiative marked an important step in promoting women-led entrepreneurship and encouraging more women to pursue leadership roles in innovation and business.

**10,295
Registrations**

**2600+
Ideas**

**605
Video Pitches**

**5
Winners**

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NETSCOUT ALL GIRLS HACKATHON – 2026

SSF organized the Netscout All Girls Hackathon, creating a dynamic platform for young women to actively engage in technology and innovation. The hackathon encouraged collaboration, problem-solving, and hands-on learning, enabling participants to apply their skills to real-world challenges. It also played a key role in promoting inclusion and increasing the participation of girls in STEM fields, inspiring confidence and curiosity among young learners.

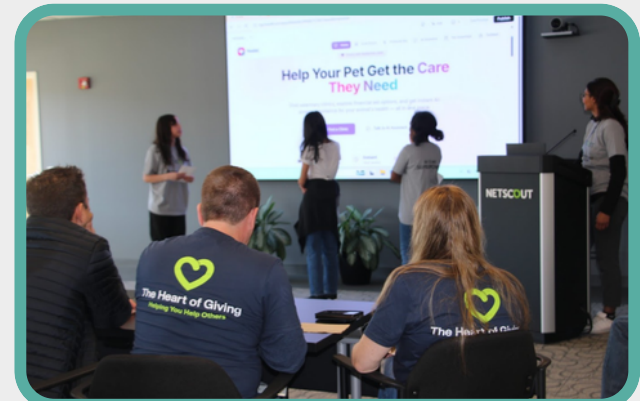


SSF continued to deliver structured learning sessions across multiple regions, focusing on skill development, career readiness, and active participation. Together, these initiatives reflect SSF's commitment to creating inclusive opportunities and driving long-term impact through education and innovation.

95
Registrations

85
Participants

595
impact hours



DONOR RAJESH MEETS HIS SCHOLARS

Continuing his meaningful annual tradition, donor Rajesh visited India and spent time with his scholars, creating an opportunity for connection beyond financial support. These interactions allowed students to share their progress, aspirations, and experiences in a more personal and engaging setting.



RAMNATH MEETS SSF IIT SCHOLARS

SSF US Board Member Ramnath S. Mani met ssf scholars during his visit to IIT Kharagpur, creating an opportunity for meaningful interaction and engagement. The session highlighted the importance of mentorship and direct connection between students and experienced professionals.



1ST SSF US STEM SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

SSF awarded scholarships to outstanding college students in the United States, supporting their academic journeys in STEM fields. The selection process followed a transparent, merit-based approach, evaluating candidates on academic performance, financial need, and community involvement.



ROONEY CHIRUTHA
MOORPARK, CA



CHARRIA GILL
RICHMOND CA



SHREENIDHI KUNTA
PLANO, TX



JISELE RICHARDSON
LOOMITA, CA

The initiative recognizes students who demonstrate both academic excellence and a commitment to positive community impact. By providing financial support, SSF helps reduce barriers to higher education and enables students to stay focused on their goals.

Placement News

**SEE IT. BELIEVE IT.
ACHIEVE IT.**

SWETA KUMARI

Attended SSF's Hello English & Aptitude skills training



SSF and my donor's encouragement and belief in my potential boosted my confidence and helped me persevere through challenges.



AI Engineer, Accenture
IIT Kharagpur

**SEE IT. BELIEVE IT.
ACHIEVE IT.**

SUMIT PATEL

Attended Aptitude training program, Hello english, & Communication and resume building program



"SSF and my donor have significant impact on my career building

1. helped me to be financially stable
2. helped me for various training and skillful program
3. helped me to be motivated throughout the journey"



SDE - 1,
Meesho (Bengaluru)
IIT Kharagpur

NISHU PANDEY

**Indira Gandhi Delhi
Technical University for
Women | Class of 2026
SSF Scholar ID: A-9714
vivo KanyaGyaan
Scholarship**



**Secured a role with
MathWorks, Bangalore,
as a Software Engineer
with an annual
package of ₹23 LPA.**

**Nishu has also been
selected as a
Sub-Lieutenant in the
Indian Navy.**

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GIRIDHARAN S

Credits the MILT Training Program and Hello English for the changes in him



The mentorship and regular guidance from SSF helped me stay motivated and prepared for various recruitment processes. Their consistent encouragement boosted my confidence and helped me succeed in securing a placement.



Software Engineer,
Visa (Bengaluru)
GCT, Coimbatore

**SEE IT. BELIEVE IT.
ACHIEVE IT.**

VARUN CHOUDHARY

Believes coding, problem-solving & communication drive success.



My SSF donor was very supportive and called me regularly and give me moral support as well as gave me guidance about how to approach the placement season and how to prepare for it.

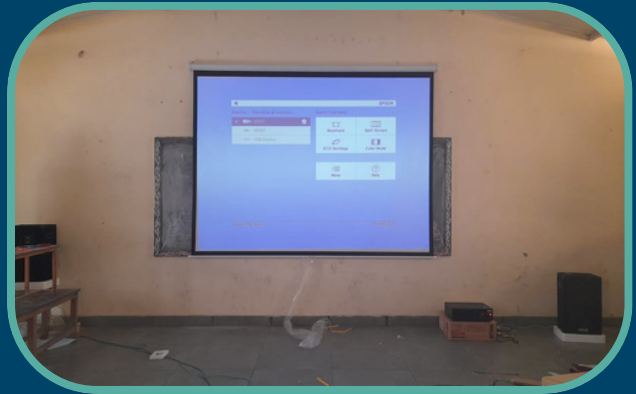


Software Engineer,
Nvidia (Pune)
IIT Kharagpur

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Q1 2026 SSF New Board Member Announcements



Upgrading computer labs to enhance digital learning for students – SSF with its CSR Partner Optiv



SSF India Team Leads – Learning & Bonding Day



Below – SSF Scholars during Q1 Meet

Join Hands with

At Shooting Stars Foundation, we believe every dream deserves a chance to shine. Through scholarships, mentorship, skill-building programs, and holistic support, we empower underprivileged youth across India to pursue higher education, secure meaningful employment, and become change-makers in their communities.

This year, your support has helped light up countless journeys— from remote villages to corporate boardrooms, from hardship to hope. But there are many more stars waiting to rise.

Adopt a Scholar – Give a student the wings to pursue education without financial barriers.

Volunteer with Us – Share your time, skills, and knowledge to guide our students toward a brighter future.

Partner Through CSR – Collaborate with us to create scalable, sustainable impact in education and skilling.

Sponsor STEM Events – Inspire young minds through hackathons, camps, and hands-on STEM programs.

Together, we can break the cycle of poverty through education and empowerment.

Be the spark. Help us ignite possibilities.



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FOUNDATION**

EDUCATE | ENABLE | EMPOWER

