



IMPACT REPORT 2026

EDUCATE
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Transforming Potential into Purpose



Pandiyan scored 1180 out of 1200 in his 12th standard and stood first in the district getting a prestigious admission to Madras Medical College. With parents being daily wagers, this would have only been a distant dream. Thanks to Shooting Stars Foundation, Pandiyan has now graduated MBBS and is working as a primary doctor in a tribal area in Tamilnadu.

Pandiyan

Ramya's father is blind and her grandfather is a farmer. Her grandfather's income was the only financial support for the entire family. So pursuing a professional degree was a far-fetched dream for her. But, she graduated Engineering with the help of Shooting Stars Foundation scholarship program as well as constant support from her SSF mentor. Ramya is now pursuing a masters in the US on her own.



Ramya



Aarthi

After losing her mother at a young age and with her father remarrying, Aarthi and her younger sister were left to navigate life largely on their own. They grew up in hostels and later lived together in a rented house, with little support from extended family. Financial constraints forced Aarthi to pause her education after Class 12 and work to support herself. Determined not to give up, she enrolled in a BCA program on her own, received an SSF scholarship, and persevered through financial struggles, depression, and constant discouragement. Today, Aarthi has transformed her life and is working as an Analyst at Accenture, Chennai- a testament to resilience, courage, and the power of opportunity.

Why we exist

India is home to over 254 million young people between the ages of 15 and 24, yet only about 15% pursue higher education. For many academically gifted students, the dream of becoming an engineer, doctor, nurse, or other professional ends not because of a lack of talent, but because of financial hardship. Shooting Stars Foundation exists to bridge this gap. We support deserving students from families earning less than ₹3 lakh per annum—including children of farmers, daily-wage labourers, single-parent households, and orphaned backgrounds—who have already earned admission to Government, Aided, or Semi-Aided institutions in Engineering, Medicine, Nursing, Paramedical Sciences, Law, and other professional courses. At the very moment when hope begins to fade and dreams seem out of reach, SSF steps in with scholarships, mentorship, career readiness, and holistic support, empowering students to complete their education, build meaningful careers, and break the cycle of generational poverty for themselves and their families.



SSF Family Meet 2025, Chennai



**SHOOTING STARS
FOUNDATION**

OUR VISION

To create a world where every young person - regardless of background - has the opportunity to pursue their full potential through education, innovation, and empowerment.

OUR MISSION

To break the cycle of generational poverty by empowering under-resourced youth with access to quality STEM education and mentorship — unlocking pathways to meaningful careers and lifelong impact.



**SHOOTING STARS
FOUNDATION**

- **Total scholars to date - 1600**
- **Females - 946 | Males - 654**
- **BE / BTech - 930+ | MBBS - 400+**
- **First Generation Graduates - 900+**
- **Children of farmers - 500+**





Shooting Stars Alumni

Our alumni are placed in globally recognized companies like Nvidia, Microsoft, Sony (USA), Tata Consultancy Services, Samsung, Astrazeneca, Toshiba, BOSCH, Hitachi, Cognizant, PWC, Mistral solutions, Accenture, Collins Aerospace, Mercedes Benz, Larsen and Toubro (L&T), Siemens, Natwest, Deloitte, Texas Instruments etc,

700+ Alumni until 2025 | 90% Placement Rate till 2025

The average annual salary package of our alumni is 6-9 Lakhs per annum.



NISHA RANI

National Institute of Technology Sikkim
Class of 2026
SSF Scholar ID: A-9974

A first-generation graduate from an agricultural family, Nisha is driven by her aspiration to become independent and support her family. With the support of the SSF Scholarship, she was able to continue her education without adding financial burden on her parents, allowing them to focus on her siblings and their well-being. Nisha has secured a role as a Graduate Engineer Trainee at Larsen & Toubro, with an annual package of **₹6 LPA**, marking a proud milestone in her journey.



PLACED: LARSEN & TOUBRO



NISHU PANDEY

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

Coming from an economically challenging background, with her father working as a contract-based security supervisor, Nishu pursued her education with strong determination and purpose. With the SSF Scholarship support, she has been able to focus on her academic journey and career aspirations. She secured a role with MathWorks, Bangalore, as a Software Engineer (Engineering Development Group), with an annual package of **₹23 LPA**.

Adding to her remarkable achievements, Nishu has also been selected as a Sub-Lieutenant in the Indian Navy, reflecting her commitment to both professional excellence and service to the nation.



**PLACED: MATHWORKS
SUB LIEUTENANT (INDIAN NAVY)**



NAGA ARUN KUMAR

Sona College of Technology
Class of 2026
SSF Scholar ID: A-9869

The first graduate in his family, Arun comes from a humble background, with his father working as a labourer. Determined to uplift his family's circumstances, he pursued Mechanical Engineering despite financial constraints. With the support of the SSF Scholarship, he has been able to continue his education and move closer to his goals. He has secured a position as a Graduate Apprentice at Robert Bosch GmbH, Bangalore, with an annual stipend of **₹4.6 LPA**, marking a significant step forward in his journey.



PLACED: ROBERT BOSCH GMBH



NATHISHA M

Government College of Technology, Coimbatore
Class of 2026
SSF Scholar ID: A-9787

A first-generation graduate, Nathisha has overcome personal and financial challenges after the loss of her father, with her mother supporting the family through self-employment.

With the SSF Scholarship support, she has been able to continue her education in Information Technology and pursue her goal of becoming an engineer. She has secured a role as a Systems Engineer at TCS, with an annual package of **₹7 LPA**, marking a significant milestone in her journey.

PLACED: TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES



AKSHATA PAWAR

PES University, Bangalore
Class of 2025
SSF Scholar ID: A-5618

Akshata Pawar's biggest goal has always been to make her parents proud by building a successful career as a software engineer. Coming from a modest background, with her father working as a labourer and her mother a homemaker, financial support was crucial in helping her continue her education. With the support of the SSF Scholarship scholarship, she completed her degree and has now secured a position as an Analyst at Deloitte India, Bengaluru, with an annual package of **₹7.6 LPA**. She used her first salary to support her family's needs and now hopes to improve their lifestyle, take them on a trip, and contribute towards building a house.



PLACED - DELOITTE

AKSHIKA DHANKHAR

Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women

Class of 2026

SSF Scholar ID: A-9667

A first-generation graduate, Akshika has overcome personal challenges, including the loss of her mother, while pursuing her education with determination. With the SSF Scholarship support, she was able to focus on her academic goals and her aspiration to use technology for meaningful societal impact. She has secured a role as a Software Engineer at Flipkart, Bangalore, with an annual package of **₹32 LPA**, marking an exceptional milestone in her journey.



PLACED: FLIPKART

RAHUL JAMBULKAR

Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi | Class of 2026

SSF Scholar ID: A-9798

Coming from a humble background, with both parents working as labourers, Rahul pursued his education with resilience and determination. With the SSF Scholarship support, he has been able to continue his academic journey and work towards his goal of building a career in technology while giving back to society. He has secured a role as a Member of Technical Staff at Oracle, Bengaluru, with an annual package of **₹35 LPA**, marking an exceptional milestone in his journey.



PLACED: ORACLE

SARANYA SELVARAJ

Government College of Technology, Coimbatore

Class of 2026

SSF Scholar ID: A-9636

A first-generation graduate from a humble background, with her father working as a labourer, Saranya pursued her education with determination despite financial challenges at home. With the SSF Scholarship support, she has been able to continue her studies and move closer to her goal of securing a stable career and supporting her family. She has secured a role as a Graduate Engineer Trainee at Tata Consulting Engineers, with an annual package of **₹4.5 LPA**, marking an important milestone in her journey.



PLACED: TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES



KUSUMA KUMARI

National Institute of Technology, Surathkal

Class of 2026

SSF Scholar ID: A-9821

Daughter of a daily wage labourer, Kusuma is pursuing her dream of becoming a software engineer. With the SSF Scholarship support, she was able to overcome financial barriers and focus on her academic and career goals. She has secured a role as a Data Analyst at HCL Technologies, with an annual package of **₹18 LPA**, marking a proud milestone in her journey.

PLACED: HCL TECHNOLOGIES



KRITHIKA M

SN College of Engineering

Class of 2026

SSF Scholar ID: A-9618

After losing her father in 2020, Krithika has been raised by her mother, who has been striving to support her education as a single parent. With the SSF Scholarship support, Krithika has been able to continue her studies and work towards her goal of becoming an independent professional. She has secured a role as a Programmer Analyst Trainee at Cognizant Technology Solutions, with an annual package of **₹4.5 LPA**, marking an important milestone in her journey.

PLACED: COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS



KAVIYASRI K

Government College of Engineering, Salem

Class of 2025

SSF Scholar ID: A-5117

Kaviyasri K overcame personal and financial challenges to complete her education, with her father deceased and her mother working as a labourer. With the support of the SSF Scholarship, she achieved her goal of becoming economically independent. Today, she is working as a Graduate Engineer Trainee at Sona Comstar, Chennai, with an annual package of **₹5.25 LPA**. She used her first salary to support her family's debts and expenses, and now hopes to build a home for them.

PLACED: SONA COMSTAR

INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI

Our alumni has found their wings, and a few of them are based out of the country

- Harika Jindham - Software Engineer, Sony USA
- Aishwarya - Research Fellow, Nanyang Tech University, Singapore
- Kotha Roopa- M.S. Computer Science, Webster University, USA
- Tina - MBA, Aura International School of Management, France
- Shashi Kattaverpilai - Cyber security, University of Missouri, Kansas and more



Yogabalaji began his journey in a government school, deprived of basic facilities like laboratories, playgrounds, proper classrooms, and toilets. When he faced uncertainties about his college education due to family finances, SSF stepped in to sponsor his Engineering degree. In 2020, he was nominated for the esteemed Padma Shri award for his outstanding work in creating awareness in rural villages, providing essential supplies, formulating COVID-19 policies, and implementing digital solutions. Today, Yogabalaji works as a data scientist in Mu Sigma and volunteers for several events at SSF



SSF Medical Students, 2025



SSF Paramedical Students, 2025