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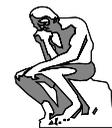
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Celebrating 17th year of Encouraging Excellence in Education

When North South Foundation (NSF) was established in 1989, our vision was to eliminate monetary barriers for meritorious children with potential to excel. Consistent with this vision, the Foundation began providing scholarships in India for the academically brilliant, but economically poor students in order to fund their college education. The Foundation began encouraging academic excellence among the children of Indian-American community in the US through educational contests such as the spelling bee, since 1993. Over the years new contests have been added, which now include vocabulary, math, geography, essay writing and brain bee. The Foundation has come a long way in the last 17 years. The following table provides some statistics:

	1994	1999	2004	2005
India				
Chapters	3	5	10	17
Scholarships*	110	154	300	350
Cumulative Scholarships	310	1,040	2,400	2,750
* - includes renewals				
US/Canada				
Contests	2	2	9	14
Chapters	16	18	46	60
Children Participating	800	800	3,200	5,380
Cumulative Participation	1,600	5,600	13,160	18,540
Scholarships for Champions	6	7	24	27
Cumulative Scholarships	12	43	101	128

It is gratifying to know that the NSF has been able to serve thousands of talented children both in India and North America. A major share of the credit goes to the thousands of dedicated volunteers, donors, and parents. We are grateful to all of them. The Foundation plans to introduce public speaking as another contest in 2006 to further improve the communication skills of Indian American children. We are getting queries to start educational contests in India. We had embarked on a pilot spelling bee contest in Orissa for the last two years. There was also a pilot spelling bee workshop in Andhra Pradesh this year. We are looking for volunteers to administer contests in India. If you are or someone you know is interested, please send an e-mail to contests@northsouth.org. We see this as a great opportunity to improve the educational skills of children in India. In closing we wish to thank all stakeholders including donors, volunteers, well wishers, and beneficiaries.

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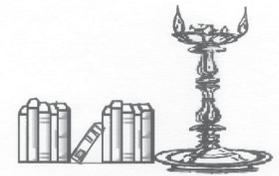
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North South Foundation is a non-profit organization established in Illinois in 1989. It received tax-exempt status under the IRS Section 501(c)(3).

Our Mission is to promote excellence in human endeavor, to develop human resources, to help people achieve success regardless of religion, gender, caste, geographic origin by giving hope to those who may have none.

The Foundation is all-volunteer driven. While organizing events, we strive to get discounts from our vendors and sponsorships for our awards. These measures keep our expenses down and channel donated funds more towards helping the needy. Our overhead is five percent or less.

The Scholarship program in India is designed to encourage excellence among the poor. It is targeted at qualified, needy students entering college. Over 2,500 scholarships have been awarded to date. Our plan calls for more than 150 new scholarships this year. Each scholarship is \$250 per student per year. Awards are made following strict selection criteria based on merit and economic qualification. Students are selected from 17 centers in India: Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhavnagar, Bhubaneswar, Kochi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Jamshedpur, Jodhpur, Kanpur, Katihar, Kolkata, Madurai, Mau, Pune, Sibsagar and Trivandrum. These centers are run by dedicated volunteers who are committed to the noble cause of

helping the poor who excel at academics attend college. Donors can sponsor designated college scholarships or sponsor awards in their alumni high school.

Educational contests in the US are designed to encourage academic excellence among Indo-American children. The NSF spelling, vocabulary, math, essay writing, public speaking and geography bees are conducted annually in two steps. Children initially participate in regional contests. There are more than 60 centers in the US and Canada. **Please contact us if there is no regional contest in your area.**

Winners of these contests are invited for the national finals. National top rankers are awarded scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$250, redeemable in the winners' freshman year of college.

Children can enter into most of the contests starting from grade 1. Some contests are open for up to 12th grade. Children are grouped by grade to participate in a particular contest. The contests help focus students' attention on the PSAT and SAT exams. Brain bee is conducted only at the national level.

Accomplishments of NSF Children: Many NSF children have scored top ranks in the Scripps National Spelling Bee over the years. Sai Gunturi won the Scripps Howard Championship in 2003, while Samir Patel bagged 2nd place in 2005. Top colleges in the nation have accepted numerous NSF winners. More

importantly, these contests help children improve their communication skills, self-confidence and empower them to become better citizens for tomorrow.

Role Model Award: The Foundation has awarded its inaugural Role Model

Award, 'Vishwa Jyothi' to Rajiv Vinnakota in 2003 and Nipun Mehta in 2004. It helps to showcase human values and academic excellence to the children of Indian American community.

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Highlights During 2005

The year 2005 saw several notable accomplishments and one sad departure.

- NSF had a record number of 60 chapters with 10 **new chapter** openings during 2005; Irvine, CA; Sacramento, CA; Jacksonville, FL; Rockford, IL; Indianapolis, IN; Kalamazoo, MI; Lansing, MI; Minneapolis, MN; Jackson, MS and Columbia, SC.

- Building on the success of the pilot **Math Bee** in 2004, NSF opened Math Bee for all centers in 2005. The Math Bee contest at various levels attracted a record 2,100 contestants in 2005. Overall, the contests have seen an exponential growth as a total of **5,300 contestants** participated in the 2005 regional contests. We are indebted to all the new and existing **regional coordinators** who worked hard to make the regional contests successful.

- NSF introduced Geography and Essay Writing as pilot contests in several regional centers. The Geography contests were subdivided to Junior (Grades 1-3) and Senior (Grades 4-8) while the Essay Writing was divided into Junior (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8) and Senior (Grades 9-12) levels. The combined Geography contests at the pilot centers attracted 250 contestants while the Essay Writing Contest had 470 contestants. Kudos to

Sumana Sur (CA), Meledath Govindan (MA), Vasanthi Nagareddi (MA), Rema Govind (IL), Ramesh Rajagopalan (CT), Vasavi Levendel (CA) and others for jumpstarting and bringing them to fruition in record time. Thanks especially to Sumana and Vasavi for diligently preparing the Geography and Essay Writing contest material in a short span of time.

- An unprecedented 1,312 regional rankholders and other top scorers in the regional Spelling, Vocabulary, Math and Essay contests were invited to the National Finals. The **National Championship Finals** were conducted at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL during August 5th-6th with a record attendance of **776 contestants**.

- Dr. Asok Ray** of Chicago, IL whose vision inspired the Essay Writing contest made a very generous endowment that enabled the Senior Essay Writing contest at the Finals. **Dr. Ravindranath Kambhampati** was very kind in sponsoring the first prize for five of the contests by instituting the '*Dr Janaki Kambhampati Memorial Award*' in memory of his wife.

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- The keynote speaker at the 2005 Finals was **Dr. Eboo Patel**, founder and Executive Director of the Interfaith Youth Core, a Chicago-based international organization that brings young people from different religious communities together to build understanding and cooperation in social action projects. Dr. Patel was recently named “one of thirty social visionaries under thirty changing the world” by Utne Magazine. Dr. Patel gave a stirring speech to the parents and contestants alike impressing upon the audience to follow the twin Indian values of achievement and service.

- The Editor of this Review, **Srirama Krishna Dronamraju** (KS) and his team of volunteers, **Visweswara Rao Durga**, **Pavan Kumar Petluru**, **Subbarao M**, **Krishna Sandepudi**, **Srinivas Karuturi**, did a superb job in collecting and presenting material for 2005 Bee Book which was given out to each National Finalist.

- Our ever reliable admin, **Kishore Chavali** and volunteer **Murali Kothapalli** were joined by **Sunil Idnany** and together, they were able to update and maintain the **Online registration** systems for the ever expanding universe of both Regional and Final contests.

- The web team consisting of **Jaya Suresh**, **Nabanita Chakraborty** and **Ramanand Achanta**, did a fantastic job in creating a user friendly web fromat and content for nationals.

- Congratulations to **Mahendra Akkina** on getting married in 2005! He spent his post wedding month generating test word reports with diacritical markings online and html files to project vocabulary words on screen for the Finals. He had single-handedly worked on the technical tools earlier

that enabled him to generate the contest report that were emailed to all the test centers. All the instructional material are provided to coordinators through web links. As in previous years, **Kesav Rao Tadipatri** and **Ratnam Chitturi** took great pains to maintain and verify the content of the contest materials. To ensure consistency across the large number of chapters, we were able to reach all judges/pronouncers/volunteers across the country by teleconferencing. **Pavankumar Petluru** of San Antonio, TX joined the contest coordination team and helped immensely in the technical portion of the contests.

- Lansing, MI, held a DAS fundraiser show on Aug 26 for the first time. The Boston chapter sponsored the third **Tristate (MA-NH-RI) Walk-a-thon**. The **Detroit, CT and Chicago chapters** also held their annual Walk-a-thons.

- The **Dollar-A-Square (DAS) program**, which empowers children in US to help raise funds for scholarships for poor children in India, has had a great amount off success as a total of \$8,149 was raised by 98 kids as of November 2005. Continuing on with the tradition from past years, children and contestants who had participated in DAS program were recognized at the National Finals by Madhavi Nathan Oliver, the director of the DAS program.
- Shiva Vishnu Temple of Livermore, CA, has selected North South Foundation as one of 21 non-profit organizations to receive their **Grant-in-Aid Award** for 2005.

- Dr. Murali Gavini**, the founder of the educational contests and a pillar of the organization has decided to retire from the Foundation activities after more than a decade of stirring service. He leaves a strong legacy behind him.

- NSF-India now has 17 chapters throughout the far reaches of India. The Foundation plans to award **400** scholarships in India during 2005-06 needing \$100,000 in funds.

Matching Gifts: There are many companies that encourage giving for education by matching a dollar for a dollar gift to their employee contributions. This is a nice way to double your contributions to the Foundation. Please find out if your employer does this. The Foundation has received matching funds from several well-known companies including Abbot Labs, BP, Cisco, Compuware, Dun & Broad St, Fleet Boston, Monsanto, National Semiconductor, Omgeo, Oracle, Pitney Bowes, Pfizer, Reader's Digest, Reebok, Sun Micro Systems, Symphony Corporation, Tudor Investment, and Verizon. In addition the Foundation is grateful to all the corporate employees contributing to **United Way** who have **designated** their company's matching gift for North South Foundation scholarships. For further information, please call 630-323-1966.

Volunteers: The Foundation is looking for volunteers in many areas of its endeavors. The success of any public foundation depends on its volunteers. It is the collective efforts of volunteers that made this Foundation what it is

today. Volunteerism is like an elastic band. You only need to spare as little as you can afford or extend as much as you love to contribute. You will get the satisfaction of promoting excellence in education among the most impoverished in India and children in our community in the US. Some corporations also encourage their employees to become volunteers by providing financial contribution. The Foundation received such contributions from Allstate, Pfizer, American Express, The Standard, JPM Chase and Lucent.

How are projects funded at the Foundation?

Scholarships in India: This was the first project initiated by the Foundation in 1989. Money is raised from major events such walk-a-thon and other means. Money designated for this purpose is only used for this purpose.

Educational Contests in the US: Dr. Murali Gavini began this program in 1993. The expenses for conducting the contests are covered by registration fees and local collections. The scholarships for the National Champions are covered by contributions from individuals and organizations. Excess funds from educational contests are used for scholarships in India.



City	State	Coordinator	Sponsor
Cambridge	MA	Meledath Govindan	AID - Boston chapter
Rockville	MD	Murali Gavini	AID - Maryland chapter
Detroit	MI	Srinivas Gudeti	Indian Grad Student Assoc @ Univ of Michigan, Dearborn
Grand Rapids	MI	Yamuna Iyer	INDIA - LINK
Kalamazoo	MI	Tarun Gupta	North South Foundation
Lansing	MI	Samdhya Shanker	North South Foundation
Minneapolis	MN	Shanti Godishala	North South Foundation
Rochester	MN	Silali Banerjee	North South Foundation
St. Louis	MO	Raja Rajsekharan	North South Foundation
Jackson	MS	Sreelakshmi Maddali	North South Foundation
Raleigh	NC	Satish Maroju	Hindu Samaj of North carolina
Greensboro	NC	Sarika Mohan	North South Foundation
Manchester	NH	Karthi Chandra	Indian Assoc of Newhampshire
Edison	NJ	Padmamukhi Gutta	Telugu Fine Arts Society
Mawah	NJ	Subba Lakshmi Marellapudi	North South Foundation
Rockland	NJ	Subba Lakshmi Marellapudi	North South Foundation
Princeton	NJ	Sunitha Krosuri	North South Foundation
Cherry Hill	NJ	Damodar Rao Gedala	Jain Temple Society
Marlboro	NJ	Sangita Sancheti/Ashok Mittal	North South Foundation
Long Island	NY	Brahashita Gupta	Sishyaa Education Center
Cincinnati	OH	Madhava Rao Dasari	Cincinnati Telugu Foundation
Cleveland	OH	Viji Raghavan	North South Foundation
Columbus	OH	Bhaskara Rudraraju	North South Foundation
Portland	OR	Prasanna Paralkar	North South Foundation
Allentown	PA	Raj Saraswati	Hindu Temple Society
Harrisburg	PA	Beena Krishnamurthy/Sreedharane Krishnan	HARI Sunday School
Philadelphia	PA	Saroja Sagaram	North South Foundation
Columbia	SC	M. Subbarao	North South Foundation
Memphis	TN	Ravi Dasari	India Association of Memphis
Dallas	TX	Ananda Murthy/ Vimala	DFW Hindu Temple & NetIP
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Austin	TX	Vasumathi Guthikonda	Indian Community Center
San Antonio	TX	Pavan Kumar Petluru	India Association of San Antonio
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Madison	WI	Srinivasa Rao Mogallapu	North South Foundation

2005 Nationals Host Committee

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- Sushant Satpathy, Coordinator, Hinsdale
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2005. He is Captain of the NASA Fellows Science & Math Bowl and PAGE Academic Bowl Teams. He is also a good artist, loves to draw and his artwork has won first place in many competitions. He loves to play Tennis, Basketball, and Chess.

He is a Brown belt in Karate. He is a philatelist and likes playing violin.



2005 SENIOR ESSAY WRITING BEE WINNERS

Shazeen Harunani is fifteen years old and is in 10th grade in Rockford, IL.



Aarti Iyer is fifteen years old and is in 10th grade at John Cooper School in Houston, TX. Aarti is a World Affair Council Student Ambassador and an educational columnist.

2005 Educational Contests

NSF conducted contests this year in the following centers around USA and Canada with the help of coordinators and sponsors.

City	State	Coordinator	Sponsor
Calgary -Canada	AL	Narayana Murthy Nadella	Indian Student Association @ University of Calgary
Phoenix	AZ	Sampath Karikalan	Association for India (AID) - Phoenix chapter
Los Angeles	CA	Nimmi Raghunathan	Jain Center Of Southern CA
Milpitas	CA	Kishore Chavali	Indian Community Center
San Diego	CA	Anuradha Kumar	Indian Student Association @ Univ of San Diego
San Ramon	CA	Anand Gundu	Ma Ammachi Amma Center
Palo Alto	CA	Sumana Sur	Sanskriti, Stanford University
Bakersfield	CA	Kanna Meyappan	India Asso. of San Joaquin Valley
Irvine	CA	Kumar Ramajayam	North South Foundation
Sacramento	CA	Ramesh Srinivasan	North South Foundation
Fort Collins	CO	Bharathi Mandavalli	North South Foundation
Stamford	CT	Pradeep Caplash	North South Foundation
Hartford	CT	Ramesh Rajagopalan	North South Foundation
Fort Lauderdale	FL	Radhika Satchidanand	North South Foundation
Jacksonville	FL	Vinay Ahuja	Hindu Society
Atlanta	GA	Vasanthi Ramachandran	India American Cultural Association
Hinsdale	IL	Murali Yelamanchili	Chinmaya Mission of Chicago
Peoria	IL	Ravi Errabolu	India Association of Peoria & Indian Student Association @ Bradley University
Chicago	IL	Kumar Kotlo	North South Foundation
Palatine	IL	Shivakumar Rajgopal	North South Foundation
Rockford	IL	Madhu Kottapalli	North South Foundation
Indianapolis	IN	Sivakumar Vavilala	North South Foundation
Kansas City	KS	Pratibha Trivedi	North South Foundation
New Orleans	LA	Palani Ponnapakam	North South Foundation

Volunteerism at North South Foundation

*Ramesh and Mallika Govindan**

North South Foundation (NSF) is a non-profit organization that provides scholarships to qualified, and needy students in India to facilitate their college education. In order to raise funds, NSF organizes academic contests and annual Walk/Bike-a-Thons for Indian American children in the United States. These contests include the Spelling, Vocabulary, Math, Geography, and Essay Writing Bees. There are age-wise regional contests for each category, and the winners from those contests then advance to the national finals, after which a national champion is named in each division.

At the Walk/Bike-a-Thons, children participate in the Dollar-A-Square (DAS) program, in which they go around their neighborhood requesting donations to support NSF. At the Walk/Bike-a-Thons, families turn in the money they had raised, walk or bike around the park areas, and enjoy a fun picnic in the park. Through these annual fun events participants can help less fortunate children fulfill their dreams of college education.

Our involvement in the NSF began in 2001 when the spelling bee was first held in Massachusetts. There was just a spelling bee with about 20 participants from the region. This year, over 200 contestants participated in different levels of all the five contests. The participation in the Walk/Bike-a-Thons

and the DAS program has increased, too, with over 100 families joining the event, usually held at the Hopkinton State Park. With proceeds from the competitions and fundraisers, the NSF has been successful in providing scholarships for the needy and eligible students in India.

The DAS program has provided many bright, but poverty stricken young adults with a chance for new future. Our goal at the NSF is to remove their financial obstacles. To do this we must persuade our friends, families, and neighbors to contribute to the cause. We were surprised by how supportive our American neighbors were. For the past several years we have been collecting around \$400-500 dollars from just our neighborhood! This year we had a picnic dinner at our house featuring Indian food. Many neighbors came and donated \$25 or more! This small gesture produced enough funds (\$500) to send two under privileged Indian teenagers to college. This year the Massachusetts chapter collected over \$7,000, enough to fund scholarships for 28 children.

If you are still unsure whether to join this organization then think, "Where would I be without a college education?" For more information on North South Foundation or to become a youth volunteer/contest participant visit: www.northsouth.org or contact us at govindan@verizon.net.

* Ramesh is 14 years old and Mallika is 12 years old.

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2005 MATH BEE LEVEL 4 WINNERS



Keshav Puranmalka is fifteen years old and is in 9th grade in Naperville Central School in Hinsdale, IL. Keshav was placed 2nd in ICTM. Keshav's hobbies include reading.

Bharat Kusuma is sixteen years old and is in 10th grade at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in Chicago, IL. He enjoys playing tennis and plays the clarinet and baseball for his school.



Yasaswi Raparla is sixteen years old and is in 10th grade at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Rockville, MD. He is the President of National Junior Honor Society and has contributed to local newspapers. He enjoys debating and essay writing. Yasaswi learns the Carnatic music on violin (student of legendary Lalgudis). Yasaswi is a nationally rated chess player and was

the captain and champion of Chess team in middle school.

2005 BRAIN BEE WINNERS

Mangala Iyengar is seventeen years old and is in 12th grade at East Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, NC. Mangala participated in the Department of Energy National Science Bowl this year. She is also an avid debater and recently attended the National Forensics League Championships in Philadelphia. In her spare time, Mangala sings Carnatic music, volunteers at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Hospital, and teaches younger students about Hindu Culture at the Chinmaya Mission Balavihar. Mangala aspires to become a biomedical researcher. **Mangala won 1st rank in Brain Bee and 3rd rank in Senior Essay Writing National finals.**



Arka Mallela is in 8th grade. Arka was qualified to participate in the "TIP" (Talent Identification Program) offered by the Duke University in 2004. Arka achieved a Black belt in Yoshukai Karate after five and a half years of training and became a Life Scout at a very young age of twelve and has completed several requirements to become an Eagle Scout. He has been playing violin for about five years.

Pranay Udutha is a rising 8th grader at Palmer Middle School in Kennesaw (Atlanta), GA. He received State Recognition and Commendation Medal from Duke University's Talent Identification program for achieving high scores in SAT in

Olympiad for elementary schools, and has obtained special recognition for achieving one of the highest score in the tests. Nihal is an avid sports enthusiast – he enjoys playing basketball, swimming, Taekwondo, and tennis. Nihal believes that “giving and volunteering” is important. He shared his NSF prize money with the less fortunate children in India. When he grows up he plans to contribute to science and technology.



Jay Shah is eleven years old and is in 5th grade Gomes Elementary in San Ramon,



CA.

Chanukya Malla is a 10 year old, and is in 4th grade in Detroit, MI. Chanukya received a Gold Medalist in Math Olympiads for Elementary and Middle Schools 2005 and was in the top 20 in North America for Kumon Math-2 years in a row. He is part of the school Word masters team (Nation-wide vocabulary test for elementary schools) which was placed 1st in the Nation. He is an active member of the Boy Scouts since 2nd grade. Some of Chanukya’s hobbies include playing soccer and tennis.



2005 MATH BEE LEVEL 3 WINNERS



Matthew Vengalil is thirteen years old and is in 7th grade at Parcels middle school in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He achieved the first place in math in the Midwest Talent Search competition. He was on the school’s Social Studies Olympiad team which ranked number one in the state of Michigan. He enjoys reading,

playing piano and soccer and is an active member in his school’s choir. His hobbies include collecting interesting and unique coins from both India and the United States.

Arjun Puranik is thirteen years old and is in 7th grade in Plum Grove Junior High School in Rolling Meadows, IL. Arjun has secured the first place for the past 3 years at the Illinois Math League competition. Arjun qualified for the National Mathcounts competition in Detroit in May 2005, where he was the Illinois State topper. He plays the piano and has given many recitals. He also enjoys playing tennis and has been ranked within the top 20 in the Chicago area and top 50 in the Midwest.



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How are the Candidates Selected for Scholarships in India?

This is a question often asked by many potential donors. They want to know that their hard-earned money is helping the most deserving pupil, not just any deserving. They know the need is there everywhere. They also know that everyone can’t be helped because of limited resources. So they want their contribution go to the very best.

about the scholarship program for the upcoming academic year.

NSF currently has seventeen centers for giving scholarships in India: Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhavnagar, Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Jodhpur, Jamshedpur, Kanpur, Katihar, Kochi, Kolkata, Madurai, Mau, Pune, Sibsagar, and Trivandrum. Here is a brief synopsis of the entire process at a typical center.

Go to Press: The aim is to get the word out to all eligible students. The announcement is sent to all local newspapers, and other media including TV and radio. The content is disseminated both in English and in the local language. The media does this free of charge as a community service. This announcement normally is made between June and August to coincide with the examination results. All eligible students are encouraged to write to the local center for application forms. Students have two to four weeks to send in their applications, along with their academic scores and documents on their financial status.

Get Ready: Each center monitors their local Common Entrance Test (CET) schedules. Shortly after the examinations have taken place, the local NSF center (or the NSF USA at the request of the local center) prepares a formal press release (announcement)

Form a Selection Committee: While the applications are being received, a Selection Committee gets established. Selecting the right people to be on this Committee is one of the most crucial elements in the process. Committee

members within each center are selected based on their credentials and respect in the community. Usually three to five members are appointed based on their respective integrity, honesty, character, trust, and reputation.

Selection Process: The Selection Committee screens all applications based on academic qualifications first, and on the financial need second. To be eligible, a student must score among the top five percent, which is relaxed to ten percent in the case of rural and girl students. The annual family income should not exceed Rs. 38,000 in urban areas and Rs. 26,000 in rural area. Of those eligible, a short list of the most deserving candidates is made for an in-person interview. Each student and a parent are interviewed and verifications are made as to the genuineness of their application. Candidates are reimbursed for one-way travel to the local NSF center. The interview process and the verification process are quite extensive, as every effort is made to be sure the aid is going to the most-needy and deserving among the poor.

Communication with Central Office and NSF USA: After a center finalizes its choice of candidates, the information is sent to the national coordinator. Here, the list is further verified to ensure the norms are being uniformly implemented

across all centers, and the information is in turn relayed to NSF USA. Following the confirmation of the finalists, funds are disbursed to the selected candidates. Return receipts for the funds received by the students are sent back to the central office. Finally, an award ceremony is often scheduled where the press is invited. This not only helps the student in being recognized, but also makes more people become aware of NSF.

Renewals: The student must maintain high academic standards for the scholarship to be renewed for each year of study. The scholarships currently cover 100% of tuition fee in most states. The student and family are expected to cover the remaining costs either through their own funds or other scholarships.

NSF is growing every year. The average award is about \$250 per student per year. In order to establish a new NSF center, it is necessary to be able to support 10 scholarships. Therefore, if the award is given for four years, then at least \$10,000 per year is needed to establish and maintain a new center.

In a nutshell this is the entire NSF scholarship process. The Foundation welcomes any new ideas or thoughts for improving this process.

A How to Do Primer for Spelling & Vocabulary Bee in India

Sandip K. Dasverma

While the spelling and vocabulary contests run by North South Foundation (NSF) in the US are now more than a decade old, the Indian

spelling bee in Orissa is only 3 years old. It was initially started by Sandip K. Dasverma under the banner of Diocese of North India, Cuttack. Now it is being

Last year, he won 1st place in junior vocabulary and was placed fifth in the MB3 at the national competition in Phoenix. **Anand won 1st rank in SVB and 3rd rank in the MB-3 National Finals.**



scholarship from a local university.

Soham Chakraborty is thirteen years old and is in 8th grade at Shaker Heights Middle school in Cleveland, OH.



2005 MATH BEE LEVEL 1 WINNERS



Shyam Narayanan is seven years old and is in 2nd grade at Pleasant Ridge Elementary in Kansas City, KS. Shyam got 99.99 percentile in Uniform Non-verbal Intelligence Test (UNIT). Shyam won the Superior Solo Piano Performance award in MAMA festival (August 2004) and won Gold medals in Desi Olympics in Kansas City. Shyam's hobbies are

swimming, bicycling, piano, martial arts, jogging, computers and typing.

Aakash Pattabi is eight years old and is in 2nd grade at Barksdale Elementary in Austin, Texas. Aakash is a speed-reader, reading at 300 words per minute - and is a big fan of the Harry Potter series. He competes intensively on everything with his twin brother Vikram (who was placed in the top 10 of this year's math bee). He enjoys playing the piano, loves playing chess, basketball and swimming.



Niranjana Balachandar is eight years old and is in 2nd grade at Hightower Elementary school in Plano, TX. Niranjana is a budding and avid painter and sketch artist. Niranjana is also playing to learn mridangam, a south Indian classical drum.

2005 MATH BEE LEVEL 2 WINNERS

Nihal Satyadev is eleven years old and is in 5th grade in Tustin Ranch, CA. Nihal has been the winner of the founder's gold medal, for the last two years, in the Math

Nikhil Koganti is fourteen years old and is in 8th grade at Rice Middle school in Dallas, TX. Nikhil won 2004 Collin County Spelling Bee Championship; Scripps Howard Dallas Morning News Competition and was placed 5th in The Dallas Morning News Spelling bee for the North Texas Region. Nikhil's hobbies are Tae Kwon Do and reading.



2005 JUNIOR VOCABULARY WINNERS



Krithika Varagur is eleven years old and is in 6th grade at John Adams Middle School in Edison, NJ where she is an all A and Honor Roll student. She learns Indian music and dance, participates in her school's choir, and is a member of the jazz band where she plays the Trumpet. She got 1st rank in her grade in the AMC8 (American Mathematics Competition). She has participated in NSF bees since she

was 8, and has also gone to the national finals every year. Krithika won the 2nd place in the 2004 Junior Vocabulary Bee.

Anirudh Dasarathy is eleven years old and is in 5th grade at Birchwood School in Cleveland, OH. Anirudh achieved Black belt in Karate, plays Carnatic music on violin.



Sathvika Ramaji is twelve years old and is in 7th grader at Glades Middle School in Miramar, Florida. She is a voracious reader and is categorized as a highly-gifted student by the Broward County School System. Sathvika was the school Spelling Bee champion for the last 2 years.

Sathvika is learning Bharatnatyam and Carnatic music and attends Balavihar and Tamil language classes over the weekends. She also plays the Piano and the Clarinet. She is very interested in art and won the 3rd place in the Caribbean Art Competition.

2005 SENIOR VOCABULARY WINNERS

Anand Oza is thirteen years old and is in 7th grade at Takoma Park Middle School, in Silver Spring, Maryland. In Mathcounts, Anand was invited to the national competition in Detroit in 2005. Anand achieved a perfect 800 score in Math SAT. Anand is an avid reader, plays chess, video games, tennis, table tennis, and basketball. Anand has competed in the NSF Bees since he was in the third grade.



run under the auspices of K. P. Das Memorial Spelling Bee and Vocabulary Trust. From the beginning, the contest has been assisted technically by the NSF USA.

To adapt to the local conditions, the Cuttack team has developed their own list of dos and don'ts. For example, the team had to deal with the following issues:

1. Unlike in North America, the Indian program has to be school based and not based on volunteers among the parents and civil society.
2. Transport is both expensive and a big hindrance for a distance of even 15 miles.
3. Indian English and American English are different both in spelling and pronunciation.
4. People in India are accustomed to getting things free, so even a Rs 10 to 20 entry fee can be questioned.
5. The number of participants is usually high because, unlike in the US (only Indo-Americans), everyone is eligible to participate, though the kids first need to be motivated.

I will now describe the process (last year) which is the main area of interest to the readers here:

1. We sent a letter to every school we targeted giving a date by which to send the list of willing participants with a Rs 15 fee per child.
2. Except a few schools, which were under control of the diocese, we had to pursue the school English teachers or the Head Masters, incessantly.
3. About 6 English medium schools (3 from Cuttack and 3 from Bhubaneswar) and 3 Oriya medium

schools (from Cuttack) sent in about 500 applications.

4. The preliminary word lists (1,000 words each for spelling and vocabulary) were received from NSF. They were checked for variation in spelling, retyped, copied and sent to each student to study. This is both time consuming and expensive. Some words were replaced as they were very American.

5. There was usually a shortage of good pronouncers, and even English teachers did not have good pronunciation skills. Luckily we had a few top class pronouncers in Prof Gopa Das, Nita Das, Farley North, Stanley Wright and Mariamma Jachak at New Stewart School.

6. The team conducted some demo competitions in new schools, where it was not done in 2003. This year it will be done through a demo VCD, which is available to others at cost.

7. We could have used a few of the parents as judges. But some parents questioned the fairness of such competition. As a result, we strictly forbade the parents or their friends, being in the room of their wards.

8. Because of the large number of applicants, contests were held in multiple rooms concurrently with no more than 50 in any room. A child can only participate in spelling or vocabulary, but not both. The contests were done in both Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.

9. Each kid was given 3 random words in the beginning (Phase 1, oral), a list of 20 words dictated to them for writing (Phase 2, written) and again 3 random words at the end (Phase 3, oral.) The cut off for the semifinals was decided after both the Cuttack and

Bhubaneswar competitions were over. Roughly 20% were invited to the semifinals. The score sheets were signed by each judge and pronouncer, and were later archived, just in case. Phase 2 and 3 included some words from outside the list given to children earlier. These words were also obtained from the NSF data base and were kept under wraps by Prof Gopa Das who gave out the lists only at the last moment. She had made the necessary correction and duplication of the list with due assistance from Nita Das.

10. For the next level of contests called semifinals, 78 kids were invited for spelling and some 52 for vocabulary. They included at least one person from each participating school so they can carry the flavor of the final to their fellow students. Semifinals were held in multiple rooms simultaneously.

11. The same format was used at the semifinals consisting of three phases. Again the confidentiality of the test words was very carefully maintained by Prof Das.

12. The top 30 during the semifinals were selected for the finals, which also followed the same format of three phases. Semifinals were held in the morning with the finals scheduled in the afternoon.

13. In the finals there were two ties which were eliminated by a tie breaker for which additional words not in the list were used.

14. Awards amounting to Rs 22 thousand were given away: Rs. 3,000 for 1st prize, Rs 2,000 for 2nd prize and Rs 1,000 for the third prize in each of Vocabulary and Spelling Bee.

15. Five consolation prizes each of Rs. 500 (total 10) was also given in each category.

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Fundraising Events

The river of giving flows once again...

Education is truly a gift for a lifetime. North South Foundation is able to give this gift to so many under privileged children growing up in India through you - the donors - who donated all through the year and at specific fundraising events. This year NSF held six major fundraising events around the country. NSF is grateful to all the participants, contributors, and the many volunteers whose enthusiasm and tireless efforts have made these events a success. Everyone who donated in

2005 has indeed started a ripple effect, which will improve the life of more and more underprivileged Indians.

Hopkinton, MA - June 26, 2005

Close to fifty families from New Hampshire and Massachusetts participated in the annual fundraising event held at Hopkinton state park. The event kicked off with a hike around the park. After the hike, children did art in the woods or played in the field.

2005 WINNER BEES

2005 JUNIOR SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Anjitha Radhakrishnan is eight years old and is in 3rd grade and at the Academy of Notredame in Manchester, NH.



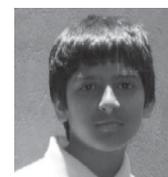
Apoorva Rangan is eight years old, and is in 2nd grade at Challenger Elementary in San Jose, CA. She is an avid reader, accomplished pianist, flute player, and is very interested in Carnatic Music. She has completed California Music Teachers Association Piano Certificate of Merit - Level 3, and was placed first in US Open Piano Competition.



Akshay Aitha is eight years old and is in 3rd grade at Dougherty Elementary school in Milpitas, CA. From his early childhood, Akshay developed a special interest towards reading books. He started reading at the age of three. Amazingly he has read thousands of books so far. He read all the volumes of Harry Potter in a span of one month. His hobbies include reading, coin collection, playing soccer, swimming, karate, and Pokemon cartoon.

2005 SENIOR SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Nilesh Raval is thirteen years old and is in 7th grade at Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, a magnet school, with a concentration in Math/Science in Lansing, MI. Nilesh was a semifinalist in the 2004 Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge. Nilesh plays tuba in his school's band. He has received recognition for being a good role model by the State of Michigan. He holds a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Nilesh is an aspiring Ophthalmologist. This was Nilesh's first appearance at the North South Senior Spelling Bee.



Srikrishna Raghavan is thirteen years old and is in 7th Grade at Branch Crossing Junior High school in The Woodlands, TX. Srikrishna is a straight A student. Sri attended the Duke University Talent Identification Program this past summer. He participates in math competitions, represents his school at science fairs, plays chess in his spare time with his younger brother and is a very accomplished soccer player as well.

role in fundraising in increments of one dollar (one square in a sheet of 100 squares). The funds raised as part of DAS contribute to North South Foundation's mission to provide scholarships to poor but meritorious children in India.

“Great job with this year's finals too, as usual. I have attended the NSF events 3 years in a row and it keeps getting better every year with increasing participation and scale! I was awestruck by the army of ‘Red shirt’ volunteers. Let us keep up the great work and continue to dream bigger each year. I am particularly delighted that we continue to add contests that matter and bring the diversity of talent in the community to the forefront - Math Bee in 2004, Geography Bee Pilot in 2005, Essay Writing Contest and the proposed Public Speaking contest to be added in 2006,” was some feedback received from Kalyan Subramanian, a parent from Phoenix, AZ.

“Thanks for giving me an opportunity to volunteer. The whole event was very educative. In fact, I gained some knowledge by volunteering. Would love to volunteer for NSF again in future,” said Sudha Saxena, a volunteer from Chicago.

Arindam Chakrabarti, a judge at the contests said - “I greatly enjoyed being involved in the National Finals and seeing so many extremely smart and talented children. I was also especially moved to see that your Foundation brings together some of the nicest and most talented people in the Indian-American community, and all of them

share a deep and abiding passion to help uplift India to her rightful place in the comity of nations, and to give to our people true Independence — control over their lives and destiny — something I think 1947 promised but did not achieve yet, through education and empowerment.”

The National contest categories consisted of Junior and Senior Spelling Bees for children below 9 and 15 years, respectively. The Junior Vocabulary (word-meaning) contest is meant for children below 13 years, while the Senior Vocabulary contest is for children below the age of 17. The spelling and vocabulary were held in 3 phases with the last one involving elimination rounds that made it quite exciting.

The Math Bee that was introduced last year was a popular contest as it attracted massive registrations throughout the regional contests. The Math Bee was held in two phases, one written and another lightning round with questions displayed on a screen for 60 seconds. The Level 1 in Math Bee is meant for Grades 2 and lower, the Level 2 for grades 3-5, the Level 3 for grades 6-8 and Level 4 for Grades 9 and 10. The Senior Essay Writing that was introduced this year was open to grades 9-12. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of all these contests will receive North South Foundation scholarships of \$1000, \$500 and \$250 respectively, redeemable in the freshman year of their college.

For more information, please send an email to contests@nouthsouth.org

Everyone enjoyed a sumptuous lunch, donated by local restaurants. The Harry Potter quiz was a big hit and since it was too hot to play games, children hit the water at a nearby beach. This 5th annual walk raised \$7,500. Of this amount, \$2,500 was collected by DAS participants.

Hamden, CT – June 26, 2005

On this bright and summery Sunday morning, the CT-NSF volunteer team was up early, making sure that they had everything set up for the Walk/Bike-a-thon event held on the sprawling greens of Brooksvale Park in Hamden, CT. The day was filled with events ranging from some serious thinking to pure fun, from somewhat strenuous physical level to barely moving your fingers for the Bingo. In other words, if you were just 2 yrs. old or 100 yrs old you'd find that there was something exciting waiting for you at the event. The event at its 7th year raised close to \$2,820.

Downers Grove, IL – June 19, 2005

The 15th NSF Walk/Bike/Games-a-thon of the Chicago chapter was held in the beautiful McCollum Park in Downers Grove, IL. There were close to 200 people who participated in the successful event, which raised a little over \$6,000. Many local restaurants donated food for the event and NSF organized games like Volley Ball and Tennis. The chess tournament was another popular event which drew a lot of participants young and old.

Lansing, MI - Aug 26, 2005

The NSF Lansing chapter's annual Fundraiser was held on August 26 at

Spartan community center MSU. Eighteen kids aged 4-10 presented a character building play “The Enchanted Forest.” The moral of the play was the NSF's motto “Helping those who need to help themselves.” Kids were highly excited to wear their animal costumes and performed par excellence. This was followed by a talent show and kids sang songs ranging from Carnatic compositions to Hindi film songs. There were a couple of Hindi film dance performances and violin, cello and dulcimer recitals. In all, the kids raised \$1,000. The Lansing chapter has succeeded in generating a lot of enthusiasm and goodwill toward the North South Foundation. This event was special in the sense that people realized that NSF not only focuses on the academic aspect of excellence, but also encourages the all round extra curricular development of the children. The idea of one kid doing something for another underprivileged kid in the spirit of giving was well enforced by this event. Rekha Sambamurthy along with many other local volunteers spear headed this new type of fundraising. The event was sponsored by the Kumon Learning Center at Okemos.

Canton, MI - September 11, 2005

The fifth annual walkathon of NSF Metro Detroit Chapter was held in Heritage Park, Canton. It was a nice sunny day with perfect weather. Twenty families participated in the event which included a workshop on public speaking. Some of the topics given to talk were, ‘Who is your role model and why so?’ and ‘What do you want to

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Dollar – A – Square: Fundraising Campaign for Kids by Kids

Bharati Pastapur

The Dollar-A-Square (DAS) is a fund raising program “for the children by the children”. DAS, which was started in 2003, is now in its 3rd year. Children as young as three years have been collecting donations to help children in India attend school. Kids who had participated in DAS were recognized during the national finals. This year alone 98 kids raised \$8,149 through this program. Every child is encouraged to join this great team!

What is DAS? Each child gets a pledge sheet with 100 squares and each square is worth one dollar. The children fill one square for every dollar they raise. By going around the neighborhood and asking friends and other parents, children can easily fill in the squares. One complete sheet means at least \$100 that provides nearly half of a scholarship. For those children who complete one sheet, NSF offers free access to an online educational game. It is something educational and fun; but most of all it develops a giving heart in your child.

Why they did it and how they did it? Children do it to help kids like themselves in India through various ways. This helps them discover compassion in themselves. It also makes them feel good, knowing that being children does not prevent them from making a positive impact on the society. Many kids give up their pocket money, and tooth fairy

money to fill the squares. Some ask for donations in lieu of birthday gifts. Some others collect cans and conserve nature while helping another child! Here’s an extract from one of the kids who wrote to Dr. Chitturi, the founder of NSF:

“I collected this amount on my birthday by providing an option to the guests to contribute to DAS in lieu of gifts. I am glad that I am able to contribute towards scholarships for needy students in India. I intend to continue to be involved in the DAS program and other fund raising activities conducted by NSF.”

How to begin? Give a DAS pledge sheet to your children and talk to them about DAS. You can start off their collection by giving them some money and checking off the squares on the pledge sheet. Soon they would be full.

Two pledge sheets get you access to both spelling and vocabulary games. By just adding another half you can help a poor child in India go to college for one year.

Learn more about DAS on <http://www.northsouth.org/dollarsquare.asp>.

Remembering Meghna Mahapatra, a DAS kid: NSF family is very sad to have recently lost Meghna Mahapatra, a young DAS participant from Michigan,

This year the Foundation held its national finals at Northwestern University (NWU), Evanston on Saturday, August 6th and Sunday, August 7th, 2005. The National Finals were co-sponsored by the South Asian Student Alliance (SASA) of NWU. Over *seven hundred seventy finalists from over sixty North South Foundation centers throughout the US participated in the event.*

This is the 6th year for North South Foundation’s Brain Bee, a neuroscience contest. Mangala Iyengar, a rising senior from Chapel Hill, NC won this year’s Brain Bee Championship without missing a question throughout the competition. Mangala will be invited to the 2006 International Brain Bee conducted by Prof. Norbert Myslinski of the University of Maryland, Baltimore in March 2006. Prof. Myslinski himself conducted this year’s Brain Bee contest along with Bhakti Nagalla, a past North South Foundation and International Brain Bee champion.

In the path of challenging children of their educational potential, North South Foundation, this year introduced yet another program, “Senior Essay Contest”, for high school students. Tenth graders Shazeen Harunani from Rockford, IL and Aarti Iyer from Houston, TX won the first and second place, respectively, while the Brain Bee champion Mangala Iyengar won the third place.

This year’s keynote speaker at the award ceremony for these contests was Dr. Eboo Patel, founder and Executive Director of the Interfaith Youth Core, a Chicago-based international

organization that brings young people from different religious communities together to build understanding and cooperation in social action projects. Dr. Patel was recently named “one of thirty social visionaries under thirty changing the world” by Utne Magazine. Dr. Patel gave a stirring speech to the parents and contestants alike impressing upon the audience to follow the twin Indian values of achievement and service.

Enrichment activities were offered during the 2-day event. On Saturday afternoon everyone enjoyed a parent spelling bee conducted by the students as the grand finale of an interactive panel discussion on teaching kids spelling and vocabulary. Kids had fun watching their parents sweat it out at the bee. On Sunday afternoon, there was an interactive panel discussion on teaching problem solving techniques in math. A panel of experts in mathematics answered numerous questions on math competitions and preparing children for these contests. There was an enthusiastic sharing of views and experiences among the moderators and audience. Supervised babysitting (including a magic show and balloon animals), a chess/game room for the kids freed parents to enjoy some of the above activities, lectures, and competitions offered during the two days.

Continuing on with the tradition from past years, children and contestants who had participated in North South Foundation’s Dollar-A-Square (DAS) program were recognized at the Finals by Madhavi Nathan Oliver, the founder of the DAS program. As part of the DAS program, participating children throughout the country take an active

2005 National Math Bee Levels 1 & 2 Winners

Rank	MB Level 1	MB Level 2	Rank
1	Shyam Narayanan	Nihal Satyadev	1
2	Aakash Pattabi	Jay Shah	2
3	Niranjana Balachandar	Chanukya Malla	3
4	Vivek Miglani	Aditya Viswanathan	4
5	Sachchit Murali	Anirudh Dasarathy	5
6	Nivedh Rajesh	Tejas Sundaresan	6
7	Dipayana Banerjee	Krishna Hegde	7
8	Rupesh Chinta	Akshat Shekhar	8
9	Rupayan Neogy	Shantan Chemerla	9
9	Vikram Pattabi	Virup Gubba	10

2005 National Math Bee Levels 3 & 4 Winners

Rank	MB Level 3	MB Level 4	Rank
1	Matthew Vengalil	Keshav Puranmalka	1
2	Arjun Puranik	Bharat Kusuma	2
3	Anand Oza	Yasaswi Raparla	3
4	Anubhav Sinha		
5	Sudarshan Mohanram		
6	Akshar Wunnava		
7	Arka Mallela		
8	Anita Mehta		
9	Mahadev (Dave) Nair		
10	Manoj Maddali		

2005 National Finals

EVANSTON, IL: Nilesh Raval, a 13-year-old tuba player from Saginaw, MI and Anjitha Radhakrishnan, an 8-year-old from Nashua, NH won the 13th Annual North South Foundation Senior and Junior Spelling Bee Championships, respectively. Krithika Varagur, from Edison, NJ won the Junior Vocabulary contest, while precocious Anand Oza; from North Potomac, MD who had won the Junior vocabulary crown just last year took the senior crown on his first

attempt. In the second year of the Math Bee contests, 7-year old Shyam Narayan, a pianist from Overland, KS and 11-year old Nihal Satyadev from Tustin, CA won the first places in Level 1 and Level 2 contests, respectively, while two contestants from the Midwest, 7th grader Matthew Vengalil from Grosse, MI and 9th grader Keshav Puranmalka from Naperville, IL got the top ranks in Level 3 and Level 4 contests, respectively.

to a tragic accident. We offer our heartfelt condolences to her family. The Lansing, MI chapter had a fundraising event, in August, in which children participated in a play called, "Enchanted Forest" to raise money for helping poor children go to college in India. Meghna had a role in the play.

DAS Coordinators: There are several adult DAS coordinators motivating

children in various chapters. A DAS coordinator helps publicize DAS at events like the bees, walkathons and other events where NSF sets up information booths. If you are interested in becoming a DAS coordinator for NSF, please contact Bharati Pastapur at 913-780-2617 or email to address bharati_pastapur@yahoo.com

2005 DAS Kids

Abhinav & Rishikesh Narayanan
Manas Sarma
Priya Venki
Sanjay Venki
Nivedha Ram
Naveen Ram
Sean Savarirayan
Tara Jawahar
Divya Muthusamy
Akshara Tejaswi



Meghna 1999-2005

Debnil Sur
Monishaa Suresh
Madhuri Satish
Sanjana Lakshmi
Arun Jandaur
Kshitij Srinath
Akshayraj Aitha
Megha Katti
Pooja Phull
Anita
Neil
Pranav Phull
Avani Yaganti
Viswanath Valiveti
Shruti Vaidyanathan
Srinivas Panchamukhi
Prasanthi Kandula
Pradeep Kandula
Prakash Kandula
Sangita Murali
Priyatham Vennapusa
Prashanth Vennapusa
Sai Nikit Rani
Nishika Rani
Sowmya Kuruganti
Hriday Chawla
Drishti Chawla
Iris Oliver
Ethan Oliver
Maya Jay
Ramesh Govindan*
Mallika Govindan*
Nyshidha Gurijala
Birdget Kodenkandath
Abhishek and Subisha
Shivakumar

Rohit Krishna
Amartya Chakraborty
Sanjay Batchu
Neha Sundaram
Priyanka Akunuri**
Apurva Chavali
Dhivya Sridar
Karthik Munugala
Netra Murthy
Sreeman Kota
Anushka Murthy
Ramya Mohankumar
Purva Shanker
Antonia Iyer
Tanvi Joshi
Abhijeet Das
Namrita Murali

Natasha Ghose
Alyssa Ghose
Deva Kota
Meghna Mahapatra
Raveena Mishra
Ritwik Biswas
Ravi Betzig
Harini Acharya
Dev Acharya
Kartikeya Kandula
Akshay Prabhushankar
Navya Prabhushankar
Aishwarya Pastapur*
Kavya Shivashankar*
Prashant Godishala
Vishal Yelisetti
Shravan Dakshinamurthy
Vignesh Dakshinamurthy
Malavika Perinchery
Anirudh Udutha
Pranav Udutha
Tejas Srinivasan
Rajit Krishnamurthy
Vibhav Shrishail
Anish Thilagar
Lasya Thilagar
Shyam Vasudevan
Mayank Dubey
Vivek Miglani
Satyanarayana
Devabhaktuni
Aditya Dommaraju
Sharavan Dommaraju
Prasanna Rajasekaran
Sarvesh Rajasekaran
Swapna Kalapatapu

*** denotes one scholarship**

NSF Scholarship Recipients In India



T. Eswara Rao
Medicine, AP



B. Venkateswararao
Engineering, AP



A. Lakshmi
Engineering, AP



K. Haseen Basha
Engineering, AP



D. Balaji Naik
Engineering, AP



R. Harish
Polytechnic, AP



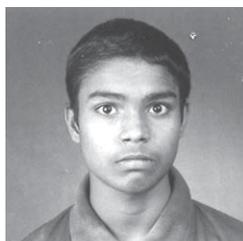
N. Raja Kumari
Polytechnic, AP



S. Saritha
Polytechnic, AP



V. Rajendra Prasad
Polytechnic, AP



K. Gopi Krishna
Polytechnic, AP



B. Suneetha
Polytechnic, AP



T. Suneetha
Polytechnic, AP

2005 National Spelling Bee Winners

Rank	Senior Spelling	Junior Spelling	Rank
1	Nilesh Raval	Anjithaa Radhakrishnan	1
2	Srikrishna Raghavan	Apoorva Rangan	2
3	Nikhil Koganti	Akshayraj Aitha	3
4	Sameer Mishra	Shiva Kangeyan	4
5	Sameer Kailasa	Mayank Ganesan	4
6	Mouctika Paluri	Iris Oliver	6
7	Krithika Varagur	Suryateja Rao	7
8	Kavya Shivashankar	Keval Yerigeri	
8	Vignesh Dakshinamurthy	Sanjay Kottapalli	8
10	Akshat Shekhar	Sonia Gupta	8
		Shravanrama Dronamraju	8
		Vivek Miglani	8
		Roshini Srinivasan	8

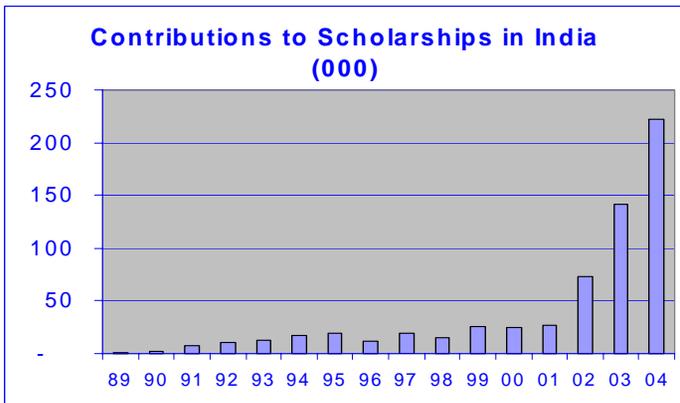
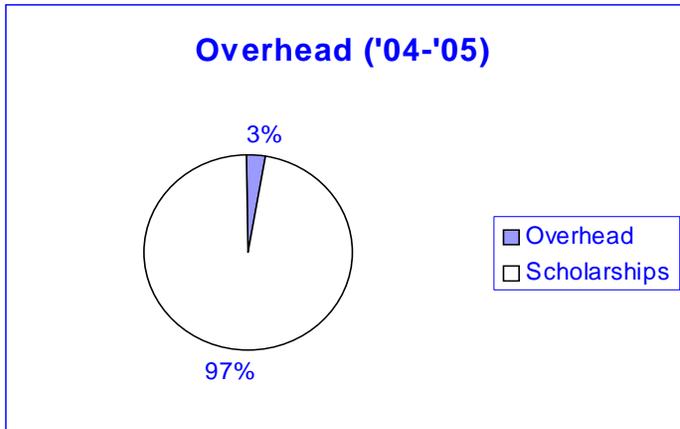
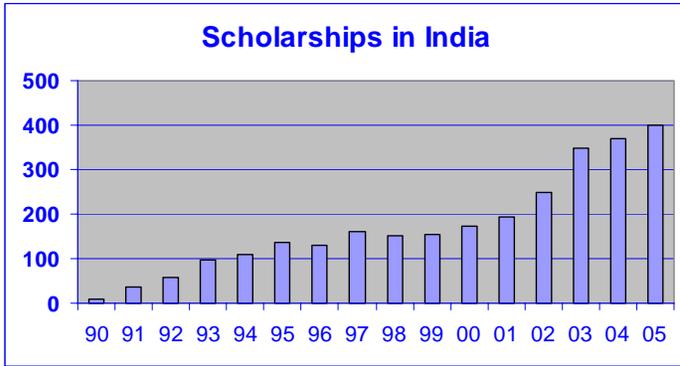
2005 National Vocabulary Bee Winners

Rank	Senior Vocabulary	Junior Vocabulary	Rank
1	Anand Oza	Krithika Varagur	1
2	Shaswat Samudra	Anirudh Dasarathy	2
3	Soham Chakraborty	Sathvika Ramaji	3
4	Aditya Kalluri	Siri Yelamanchili	4
4	Rohit Thummalapalli	Ashley Thakur	5
6	Krishna Suri	Aamani Paturi	5
7	Pranav Mahadevan	Vikas Vavilala	7
8	Srikrishna Raghavan	Bhavya Thota	8
9	Sivakumar Sundaram	Sai Gourisankar	9
9	Shazeen Harunani		

2005 National Brain & Essay Writing Bee Winners

Rank	Brain Bee	Essay Writing	Rank
1	Mangala Iyengar	Shazeen Harunani	1
2	Arka Mallela	Aarti Iyer	2
3	Pranay Udutha	Mangala Iyengar	3

Financial Highlights
Fiscal Year: May 1, 2004 to April 30, 2005



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S.K. Akbar
Polytechnic, AP



K. Bharathi
Polytechnic, AP



V.R. Reeshma
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Medicine, Kerala



Fasil, V.K.
Engg., Kerala



V. Praveen Kumar
Engg., Kerala

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NAME	Rk	Yr	SP	OCC	NAME	Rk	Yr	SP	OCC
T Harish	66	01	Me	Agri	P.S.Rakesh	705	02	Eg	Agri
G SravanKumar	118	01	Me	Agri	PoojaPonnappa	4695	02	Eg	Agri
G Venu	400	01	Me	Business	KSSravanthi	2607	02	Eg	Business
BArunKumar	521	01	Me	Agri	S MohanKumar	74	02	Eg	Farmer
K Siva Kumar	394	01	Me	Shop	AsimaKhanum	6602	02	Eg	Mechanic
NSanjivKrReddy	46	01	Me	Farmer	G.Chandana	1118	02	Me	
B.ObulReddy	140	01	Me	Farmer	HBGovardhan	748	02	Me	Agri
MNagaPrasad	342	01	Me	Farmer	RSuneel	328	02	Me	Expired
SLavKrReddy	514	01	Me	Farmer	MV.MuniReddy	492	02	Me	Expired
B Hari Krishna	500	01	Me		SAparna	31	02		
M Koteswar	262	01	Me		D.S.Pradeep		02	Eg	Agri
Ppurushotham	66	01	Me		Sajal Mapui	975	02	Eg	Agri
Akarunakar Rao	128	01	Me		Arun Karan	1010	02	Eg	Agri
YRPallavi	427	01	Me	Agri	NabaKrsamanta	1225	02	Eg	Agri
BVRadhika	665	01	Me	Agri	Nizam Shah	927	02	Eg	Mechanic
BANagaraju	682	01	Me	Agri	Sanam Mitra	6132	02	Me	
BPSrividhya	1400	01	Me	Agri	SantoshKrPandit	246	02	Me	Farmer
SDSudarshan	845	01	Me	Coolie	Shyamal Roy	552	02	BA	
TG Venkatesh	760	01	Me	Farmer	AnsilKrVasoya	81%	02	BA	Labourer
BAManjunath	1098	01	Me		PriteshGadhiya	87%	02	Me	Labourer
BTReetha	1027	01	Me		Alpesh Patel	92%	02	Me	ClthVend
Arnab Maity	333	01	Me	Agri	Rahul Chauhan	84%	02	Me	Dia.Cutter
SD Karmarkar		01			SuhilRafalia	91%	02	Me	Farmer
Rohit M Gajera	90%	01	Me	Farmer	DeepsinhParmar	87%	02	Me	Labourer
SandeepMevda	95%	01	Me		Mehul Jethva	83%	02	Me	
Sameer J Dal	84%	01	Me		ParagD Chawla	89%	02	Me	
Bharat L Goti	86%	01	Me		MB Goswamy	83%	02	Eg	
PareshPMasani	71%	01		Expired	G Arun Kumar		02	Eg	Business
Rneelakandan	97%	01	Me	Agri	S Narmada	90%	02	Eg	Coolie
KSellam	96%	01	Me	DW	Krisnamurthy S	991	02	Me	Kirana
Jayaprakashnath	418	01	Me	Farmer	Svivekanandan	99%	02	Me	DW
SMariaSubison	16	01	Me	Fishermm	N.Mohan Raj	98%	02	Eg	
R.V.Praveen	24	01	Me		AshokKrBhoi	22	02	Eg	Agri
Chandan Modak	27	01	Me	Agri	DebasishBehera	916	02	Eg	Agri
Aleti Gopi	86%	02	BS		P Panigrahi	1255	02	Eg	DW
SRaghunathReddy	93	02	Eg	Agri	SubashMahapatra	983	02	Eg	
SureshKakarala	258	02	Eg	Agri	SantoshAKadam	92%	02	Me	
P Harish	132	02	Eg	Farmer	SalehaDaliat		02	Me	
R Rajesh	192	02	Eg	Labourer	KakotiSangeeta	16	02	Eg	Agri
N Sweta	982	02	Eg	Tailor	Sohanlal Gujar	522	02	Eg	Agri
G Srinivas	181	02	Eg		Rugraj	913	02	Eg	Expired
G Srikanth	223	02	Eg		R.S.Paroda	83	02	Eg	Farmer
MGuravaReddy	357	02	Eg		Nidh Sharma	1219	02	Me	Mechanic
J Manjusha	745	02	Eg		Pankaj Agarwal	78	02	Me	
DVReddy	842	02	Eg		Mohd.Hashim	17	02	Eg	
V Swapna	380	02	Me	Agri	K.Sureshbabu	357	03	Eg	Merchant
M.Saraswati		02	Me	Barber	B.Satyavathi	844	03	Eg	Labourer
A Limitha	149	02	Me	Farmer	MVL Mydhili	2214	03	Eg	Mother
G KishorKumar	345	02	Me		M.Anishbabu	220	03	Eg	Farmer
A Gangadhar	756	02	Po	Farmer	B.Anil Kumar	3370	03	Eg	Business
C Rakesh	643	02	Po		Ch.Phaneendra	382	03	Eg	MtherHW
Sk M Subani	834	02	Po		K.Venkatesh	629	03	Eg	Farmer

How RMTS test is conducted:

1. A central agency (in our case IMA, BBSR) plans out the program schedule (date of test), prepares the question papers, application forms and then writes to the Orissa State Govt. Mass Education department.

2. The mass education dept sends out a circular to the 314 Blocks development officers, who send it to the Sub Inspectors of Schools (SI) attached to the blocks.

3. The SIs send it to the Middle school Head Masters and the middle school teachers take the initiative to organize it.

4. The students pay a nominal Rs. 10 entry fee.

5. After the first two years we noted the word is not going out and participation decreased. So we started to have a civil society promoter, normally some one's father or brother (and a retired person) to help us out and to give a push to the schools. This approach tried from this year is bearing fruit.

6. The participation went up 3 fold from 1,500 to 4,800 this year, with about 1,000 plus students attributed to efforts of Non Resident Oriyas.

7. From 14 out of 30, participation has gone up to 29 out of 30 districts. Only one district Kandhamal, one of the most interior, is still unrepresented.

8. There is a regional distribution of scholarships as also other affirmative actions, like equal distribution of scholarships between West, South and Coastal Orissa. 40% reservation for

Adivasi / Harijon students, which is in proportion of their state population.

Lessons learned:

1. Civil society's participation has been successful. The creation of a network of education lovers is proving both beneficial and necessary.

2. The nominal scholarships have made a difference in the lives of children. We have found kids who did not have shirts to come to the camp, and so they had to borrow them. They worked as wash boys in tea shops.

3. A fear existed that average students (class performance) are not good for RMTS. This has been proved wrong and facts proved otherwise. The RMTS tests the logical mathematical mind of the student and not the ability to remember tricks to solve problems. They are tested for the process & approach to unknown problem. Results are sometime startling. Kids who were not at all expected to be good in math were being successfully unearthed, and subsequent performance has confirmed the correctness of test results.

4. Girls have done equally well as the boys. Both 2003 and 2004 girls topped.

5. Affirmative action is used to select 40% of tribal and Harijon students – once in the camps, they have proved to be not inferior in any way to others.

End Note:

If you're interested in contributing to this effort or starting such a project in your own state - please contact us.

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topic challenged the contestants to take the lead and articulate how the leadership would translate into activities for the betterment of humanity. The winners of the essay contest were:

- First Place: \$1,000 won by Shazeen Harunani from Rockford, IL
- Second Place: \$500 won by Aarti Iyer from Houston, TX
- Third Place: \$250 won by Mangala Iyengar from Raleigh, NC

See pp. 37-38 for their photos and brief bios.

The essays were reviewed by a total of seven judges over two days. This Leadership-In-Writing Essay contest is the brainchild of Dr. Ray, an Orthopedic Surgeon from Chicago.

Indima Foundation has been intimately involved in charitable, health-related and educational activities in India, US and Mexico. It has donated in excess of one million dollars over the years. In the US, it has actively participated in Katrina relief, Apna Ghar Shelter for abused women and children, and the Heartland Foundation, which treats indigent, poor people in Chicago

area. This essay writing project was inspired by one of the sponsors, who won a very small prize for writing an essay, which completely changed his career and fulfilled his long cherished dream of helping the under-privileged in India, literally with his own hand. Indima Foundation believes that everyone is unique, and is born with specific, but different gifts. Everybody does not learn the same way, but they have their own talents. An essay contest like this, more so than any other type of contest, will encourage creativity.

Doors will open for the one who is rewarded and inspired to excel. The founder of Indima Foundation wishes to provide, through the Leadership-In-Writing essay contest, the same opportunity to anyone who wants to participate at the high school level. The Foundation believes and desires that NSF essay contest be kept open to all and reward the flower that did not yet have the opportunity to bloom. For further information, you can write to Dr. Asok Ray at 2 Marissa Ct, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. For the 2006 contests you can register online at www.northsouth.org during January for regionals or June for national finals.

Rural Math Talent Search (RMTS) in Orissa

Sandip K. Dasverma

Dr. Swadhinananda Pattanayak, the Director of the Institute of Mathematics and Applications (IMA) in Bhubaneswar, has been conducting the annual Orissa Mathematics Olympiad for several years. He screens candidates to represent Orissa at the national level. The winning candidates have an

opportunity to represent India in the International Math Olympiad. Dr. Pattanayak observed that though 90% of Orissans live in villages, not a single child among the 30 being selected each year from the Orissa Olympiad is from rural area. Purpose of RMTS is to remedy this situation.

Recipients of NSF Scholarships in India -Current

NAME	Rk	Yr	SP	OCC	NAME	Rk	Yr	SP	OCC
P.Anupama	7505	03	Ph	Pvt.Job	S.K.Jaleel	2692	04	Po	Labour
B.Laxman	7	03	MS	small gen.	K.Sateesh	2826	04	Po	Farmer
T.Saraladevi	178	03	Me	Agri	Shaik Gousiya	3142	04	Po	Tailor
U.Pavankumar	59	03	Eg	Hotel wrkr	J.Nageshwara Rao	3734	04	Po	Farmer
BVReddy	124	03	Eg	Agri	M.Srinivasulu	72%	03	Po	Driver
N.Sreenivasarao	1401	03	Po	Farmer	A.V Kumar	92%	04	Ag	Farmer
P.Durgaprasad	1418	03	Po	Labourer	K.RamaKrishna	87%	04	Ag	Farmer
DV Ramireddy	961	03	Po	Farmer	N.SitaRamaMurthi	86%	04	Ag	
P.Goutham	1594	03	Po	Indl.Wrkr	T.Venkateshwarlu	86%	04	Ag	Farmer
G.L.Narayana	770	03	Po	PostOffice	Ch.Phanikrishna	86%	04	Ag	Farmer
Emamkhasim Shk	03	03	Po	Driller	MLVV Lakshmi	86%	04	Ag	Farmer
B.Rekha	03	03	Po	Ag.Wrkr	R.Naseeruddin	86%	04	Ag	Farmer
Swamysagar	342	03	Po	Clerk(pvt)	D.RamMohana	85%	04	Ag	PressRep
RVenkateswararao	2920	03	Po	Service	V.SrinivasaRao	83%	04	Ag	labour
S Ganesh	90%	04	BS	Elctrician	N.Sireesha	82%	04	Ag	Farmer
S M Kumar	85%	04	BS	Labourer	A.SudeerKumar	81%	04	Ag	Farmer
P Deepa	82%	04	BS	Painter	P.RatnaKumari	81%	04	Ag	Farmer
PVenkatesh	949	04	Eg	Clerk	B.Naveena	80%	04	Ag	Farmer
VRSubramaniam	3531	04	Eg	Coolie	P.ArunaKumari	90%	04	Ag	Farmer
SShahjahan	1905	04	Eg	Tailor	B.R Chaitanya	79%	04	Ag	Farmer
PChinnathai	93%	04	Po	DW	R RaghuRam	79%	04	Ag	Marchant
D Krithika	94%	04	BS	Driver	M Sailaja	81%	04	BS	Farmer
P Thenmozhi	87%	04	BS	Teastall	S Sridevi	81%	04	BS	Kooli
K Sharmila	88%	04	BS	Coolie	A Srilatha	84%	04	BS	AutoDriver
R Brindapriya	89%	04	BS	Coolie	B Bhavani	86%	04	BS	Agri
K Lakshmi	84%	04	BS	Coolie	B V Bharathi	86%	04	BS	Agri
BRAmarnath	5449	04	Eg	weaver	B Anitha	87%	04	BS	Farmer
G Prasanna	88%	04	BS	AplmSale	MVenkateswarma	89%	04	BS	Farmer
DebajyotiMitra	278	04	Eg	Ex-Milt	U Y Varalakshmi	90%	04	BS	Farmer
AnjanSaha	28	04	Eg	Labour	E. Trisanthi	93%	04	BS	Farmer
AKBiswas	1864	04	Eg	Unempld	T Unsath Jahan	81%	04	BS	ArabicTer
SribasRoy	146	04	Me	Priv Tutor	Farah Naaz	82%	04	BS	Business
S Manna	498	04	Me	Labour	Salma Shaheen	83%	04	BS	Private
AnindyaNandy	89%	04	BS	Unempld	M Chandrakal	84%	04	BS	LorryDriv
AsitMaity	84%	04	BS	Agri	V Sowmya	86%	04	BS	Business
AK Das	87%	04	BS	Foodstall	M MuraliMohan	80%	04	BS	Farmer
SampaBairagi	79%	04	BA	Hawker	T PraveenBabu	82%	04	BS	Sec.grd
SouravAdhikari	96%	04	Me	Farmer	EBBBhushan Reddy	83%	04	BS	Agri
K.Muralidhar	98	04	Eg	Clerk	K Anjineyulu	83%	04	BS	Kooli
M.Santhosh	137	04	Eg	kooli	T Rama Rao	84%	04	BS	Farmer
V.AnilKumar	904	04	Eg	Clerk	T V Sudhakar	85%	04	BS	Farmer
J.VeerRaju	1073	04	Eg	Weaver	M Ravi	85%	04	BS	Labour
A.SreeRamya	6758	04	Eg	Seperated	G V Babu	85%	04	BS	Agri
KVKSV Rao	245	04	Eg	FatherExp	D Naganna	86%	04	BS	Farmer
PLN Manohar	216	04	Eg	Business	A Nayudu	86%	04	BS	Farmer
MK Prasad	245	04	Po	Farmer	K Srinivasulu	86%	04	BS	Farmer
AK Susanth	274	04	Po	Farmer	J Ramprasad	87%	04	BS	Farmer
MRBNSR Guptha	830	04	Po	Kooli	B K Reddy	87%	04	BS	Kooli
M.RamaKrishna	1211	04	Po	Sml Bus.	M Peddanna	88%	04	BS	Labour
ChSriRama Reddy	1320	04	Po	Kirana	P Kiran Kumar	91%	04	BS	Labour
V.Kasivishwanath	1681	04	Po	Agri	G S K Reddy	92%	04	BS	Kooli
M.Anupama	2194	04	Po	Agri	K Ravi Sankar	89%	04	BS	Petty Bus

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NAME	Rk	Yr	SP	OCC	NAME	Rk	Yr	SPOCC
V V N S Prasad	89%	04	BS	Weaver	Rashmi R	1355	04	MeFarmer
D Ramesh	90%	04	BS	FatherExp	M K Singh	736	04	Eg Electr'n
K P Krishna	91%	04	BS	Tailor	Ms SGhosh	102	04	MeRetired
B Deepthi	80%	04	BS	Kooli	KshitishCh.Jena	1477	04	Eg Farmer
V Latha	80%	04	BS	Crpnt	UpendraKu.Patra	1239	04	Eg Business
S Prashanthi	81%	04	BS	Labour	Biswanath Dash	1196	04	Eg Farmer
N Lavanya	81%	04	BS	Farmer	RajendraSGupta	2443	04	Eg TVMech
T RamyaSri	82%	04	BS	Business	AshishVJaju	88%	04	Po Nil
K RamaDevi	82%	04	BS	Farmer	AkshayDMarne	86%	04	Po AutoDriver
P ShubhaRani	82%	04	BS	Agri	AjitMarutiKale	85%	04	Po Nil
V Sravanthi	82%	04	BS	Business	TruptiMNaik	86%	04	Po AutoDriver
S ShobhaRani	84%	04	BS	Farmer	NitaJHinge	85%	04	Po Farmer
M Balakrishna	85%	04	BS	Kooli	ManjariBPathak	85%	04	Po Nil
P Rajesh	87%	04	BS	Farmer	RajanRIndalkar	85%	04	Po Farmer
B Madhavi	88%	04	BS	Business	AmitPNingune	87%	04	Po Farmer
K VijayaLakshmi	88%	04	BS	Business	SarikaAPatil	80%	04	Eg Nil
G Keerthi	89%	04	BS	Pvt.Tutor	GaneshDParit	88%	04	Eg Farmer
S Chandramouli	90%	04	BS	Labour	NamitaSUPadhya	8009	04	Eg Clerk
G T Reddy	90%	04	BS	FatherExp	Khandra Kafle	86%	04	MeFarmer
M Swathi	90%	04	BS	Business	Ashish Thalia	186	04	Eg Operator
Ashwani Ekdote	91%	04	BS	Driver	Surendra Singh	4	04	MeFarming
K.Srikanth	3519	04	Po	Farmer	Ajay Pal Pachar	59	04	MeFarming
Ch.Balachary	3879	04	Po	Carpenter	Mukesh Agrawal	927	04	Eg Shopkeeper
B.Murali	76%	04	Po	Labour	Ameda Ram	22	04	MeFarmer
G.Sivaji	78%	04	Po	Farmer	MayankKumarJain	810	04	Eg Unemployed
Manjunath TA	309	04	Me	Business	VijendraChauhan	196	04	Eg Farmer
ViswanathaReddy	N307	04	Me	Farmer	ParsaRamBijrania	276	04	Eg Farmer
Nagaraju AS	300	04	Me	Farmer	SDChoudhary	93	04	Eg Farmer
Santhosh NK	325	04	Eg	Farmer	Tinu Sebastian	47	04	Po Labour
Usha K	94	04	Eg	Business	Vimal Raj R.N.	27	04	Po Farmer
Jagadeesh HV	1396	04	Me	Business	PSPriya	92%	04	Ph Millworker
Deepa S	670	04	Me	AutoDriver	Sayra Bano	265	05	Ph Blind
Divya R	581	04	Me	Farmer	V.R.Reeshma	208	05	Eg Unemployed
Raghavendra KR	76	04	Me	Farmer	V. Praveen Kumar	54	05	Eg Unsk'l'dWork
Shyam Pujar	48	04	Eg	Farmer	Khais Kuningatt	267	05	MeFarmer
Prathima M	1085	04	Me	RetiredEmp	V.K.Fazil	1353	05	Eg Expired

Eg = Engineering, Me = Medicine, Po = Polytechnic, Ag = Agriculture



2005 Scholarship Sponsors For NSF-US Champions

Junior Spelling Bee

1st Place	\$1,000	Hexco
2nd Place	\$500	NSF
3rd Place	\$250	Seema Travel, St.Louis,

Junior Vocabulary

1st Place	\$1,000	Dr. R. Kambhampati ¹
2nd Place	\$500	NSF
3rd Place	\$250	NSF

Math Level 1

1st Place	\$1,000	Sarode Foundation ²
2nd Place	\$500	NSF
3rd Place	\$250	NSF

Math Level 3

1st Place	\$1,000	Dr. R. Kambhampati ¹
2nd Place	\$500	NSF
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1. Dr. Janaki Kambhampati Memorial Award
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Scholarship Awards for Essay Writing

The North South Foundation (NSF) has introduced yet another challenge in 2005 – 'Leadership-In-Writing Essay' for high school students at the national level. It is intended to encourage the following traits in the participating contestants:

- Critical thinking
- Ability to organize one's knowledge into a coherent essay format
- Promote lucid and effective written communication

They are all essential qualities in a good leader. This type of essay writing has

Senior Spelling Bee

1st Place	\$1,000	Dr. R. Kambhampati ¹
2nd Place	\$500	NSF
3rd Place	\$250	TANA Foundation

Senior Vocabulary

1st Place	\$1,000	Dr. R. Kambhampati ¹
2nd Place	\$500	NSF
3rd Place	\$250	NSF

Math Level 2

1st Place	\$1,000	www.EzMathTrix.com ³
2nd Place	\$500	NSF
3rd Place	\$250	NSF

Math Level 4

1st Place	\$1,000	Dr. R. Kambhampati ¹
2nd Place	\$500	NSF
3rd Place	\$250	NSF

Senior Essay Writing

1st Place	\$1,000	Dr. Asok K. Ray
2nd Place	\$500	Dr. Asok K. Ray
3rd Place	\$250	Dr. Asok K. Ray

become a part of SAT, which will help students prepare for college entrance. This year, more than 470 children participated among all levels, although the contest was run on a pilot basis only at selected centers. At the national finals, the subject of this year's topic was:

- The United Nations and its involvement in multifarious global activities.

The topic was selected by the sponsor of the scholarships, Dr. Asok K. Ray, founder of Indima Foundation. The

Fiftieth Birthday Gift

Indra Ramdhani

I am a Guyanese of Indian origin, raised in a Hindu home, the fifth child in a family of eight. The wages my parents received were stretched to meet our basic needs. Our lives were simple, but in the eyes of my parents we were all equal. Like most Indians and people of Indian origin, my father was more protective of his daughters. Outside of family functions, our activities were screened and supervised. But despite this control, my father's vision of an educated family was a test of his love for something for which he had but a flavoring. To him, education was the answer for a better life economically, socially and spiritually.

Migrating to New York, I became aware of the social injustice permitted and practiced against girls in India, particularly the millions born to low and middle class families. I was shocked and saddened that in a culture and country

that filled my mind with mysticism and spirituality such atrocities exist. Like my parents, I believe that sons and daughters are immeasurable assets and that freedom can be attained through education. Stories of the Indian girls - their exploitation and cries for help in life, as well as the countless female fetuses severed before birth - touched the core of my being and I wanted to help. Through North South Foundation, I was able to sponsor four years of college education for one girl, and I am in the process of sponsoring others. We can all make a difference in the life of someone in need. For the little we give, our returns will multiply. The happiness I felt on my fiftieth birth anniversary celebration was the request I made for the invitees to make a small donation to NSF on my behalf instead of a gift to me. The response was humbling.

Fundraising Events

The river of giving flows once again... Continued from page 13

become when you grow up?' This was followed by games well enjoyed by kids. This event raised close to \$1,500. The event was coordinated by Srinivas Gudeti and ably supported by Dr. Raj Jayachandran. Compuware Corporation and DTE Energy sponsored the event by contributing to NSF

Other events:

The 2nd annual tennis tournament in Connecticut was once again a big success. Games were held over 6 weekends and the event brought

together old tennis pros and budding stars and raised close to \$1,000.

Workshops were conducted in many different centers including Massachusetts, Minnesota, Kansas, Ohio, Illinois, Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Michigan. While the main reason for conducting these workshops are to help the children prepare for the spelling bee, we were glad that some centers also raised money (\$1,500) for India scholarships through this program.

English Workshop in India

Anita Gade*

It was hard to believe that it was still hot and humid even though summer had ended a couple of months ago in southern India when we arrived there in July 2005. It reminded me of the dog days of summer in Connecticut. I was on my way to Vijayawada to stay with my paternal grandparents and conduct a spelling workshop in English at a local school. Vijayawada is a large town in Andhra Pradesh with a population of around two million. I was told that it had at least a hundred municipal high schools.

I couldn't wait to go to the local school, Sri Boyapati Siva Rama Krishnaiah Municipal High School to meet kids who would be attending my spelling workshop. The kids there learned English as a second language. We entered the school ground to meet with the authorities that had met my grandpa several times over the past few months in preparation for the spelling workshop. We discussed the plan with Mr. Samuel, the assistant principal. I was nervous about conducting the workshop for over 300 children. Moreover, as the medium of instruction was Telugu, I needed my father to translate everything in the course of the workshop to Telugu.

We introduced ourselves to the children saying that we were there to teach

spelling techniques in English language. This, we said was an opportunity for them to learn English language skills in the American way. To teach the English rules, I would read a rule off of the board followed by some examples. My dad would then step in by explaining the rule and examples in Telugu. This included a discussion of the simplest rules such as "I before E except after C" to complicated rules like "suffixes beginning with vowels." Later on during the course of the workshop, the sessions became more and more interactive.

We conducted a spelling bee after the completion of the workshop. Although only a handful got high scores, there was a perfect scorer- Nurjahan Begum from the ninth grade!

True to the ideals of North South Foundation, my dad insisted on distributing participation certificates to all the children. The top ten children in each grade received gifts and certificates. As for me, I was thankful to my dad and grandpa for making the workshop possible. I was also grateful for my association with North South Foundation. I hope that some day those kids from the municipal school in India would emulate the NSF spelling bee winners, and pursue their dreams of higher education.

* Anita is a 13 years old freshman at Fairfield Warde High in Fairfield, CT.



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