

# **North South Foundation**

## **Review 2009**



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## Celebrating 20<sup>th</sup> year of Promoting Excellence in Education

It was December 1988 when North South Foundation was born in our basement as a brainchild of Dr. N. Bhaskara Rao and me following detailed discussion. Twenty years is a long time for any non governmental organization, and I believe we have accomplished a great deal and a lot more is awaiting us. The table below highlights some of the NSF accomplishments, primarily in numerical terms.

While the charter of NSF was quite broad, our initial focus was to eliminate money as a barrier for advancement, especially for children who have demonstrated academic excellence. Consistent with this vision, the Foundation began providing college scholarships in India for those who excel among the poor. Whereas in the US, the Foundation began to encourage academic excellence among the children of Indian-American community through educational contests such as the spelling bee, vocabulary, math, geography, essay writing, public speaking, and brain bee.

	<b>1994</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>India</b>				
Chapters	3	5	10	17
Scholarships*	110	154	300	500
Cumulative Scholarships	310	1,040	2,400	4,000
* - includes renewals				
 <b>US/Canada</b>				
Contests	2	2	9	16
Chapters	16	18	46	69
Children Participating	800	800	3,200	8,200
Cumulative Participation	1,600	5,600	13,160	40,570
Scholarships for Champions	6	7	24	36
Cumulative Scholarships	12	43	101	233

It is gratifying to know that NSF has been able to serve thousands of talented children, both in India and US. For example, more than 4 thousand college scholarships were provided in India since 1990, while more than 40 thousand children benefited from the contests in the US. The credit goes to the thousands of dedicated volunteers, donors, and parents. We are very grateful to all of them. Regarding educational contests in India, we did some pilot spelling bee contests in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh. We are now looking for volunteers to administer contests in India. If you are or someone you know is interested, please send an e-mail to [nsfcontests@gmail.com](mailto:nsfcontests@gmail.com). We see this as a great opportunity to improve educational skills of children in India.

In closing we wish to thank all stakeholders including donors, parents, volunteers, well wishers, and beneficiaries.

*Ratnam Chitturi,*

On behalf of the National Team, North South Foundation

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## What is North South Foundation

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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, and 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 with less than 5 percent overhead. 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.

The Scholarship program in India is designed to encourage excellence among the poor. It is targeted at qualified, needy students entering college. Over 4,000 scholarships have been awarded to date. Our plan calls for 500 scholarships in 2008-2009. Each scholarship is \$250 per student per year. Awards are made following strict selection criteria based on merit and need. Students are selected from 19 centers in India: Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bathinda, Bhavnagar, Bhubaneswar, Kochi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Jamshedpur, Jodhpur, Kanpur, Katihar, Kolkata, Mau, Madurai, Nagercoil, 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 studies, attend college. Educational contests in the US are designed to encourage academic excellence among Indian American children. The spelling, vocabulary, math, essay writing, public speaking and geography bees are conducted annually in two steps. Children initially participate in any of 69 centers in the US. Winners of these contests are invited for the national finals. National top three rankers are awarded scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$250, redeemable in the winners' freshman year of college. Brain bee is conducted only at the national level. More than 40,000 children benefited from NSF bees. Please contact us if you would like to open a chapter in your area.

Accomplishments of NSF Children: Many NSF children have scored top ranks in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, National Geographic Bee, and MATHCOUNTS. Top colleges in the US have accepted numerous NSF children. 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 2008

The year 2008 saw following notable accomplishments:

- NSF had 9 new chapter openings during 2008: Colorado Springs, and Denver from CO; Plano and Richardson from TX; Salt Lake City from UT; Evansville from IN; Champaign and Springfield from IL; and Nashville from TN.

- This year's Indianapolis regional champion Sameer Mishra (West Lafayette, IN) won the 81st annual Scripps spelling bee in Washington, D.C. He won a scholarship of \$40,000.

- The last three years have seen tremendous growth in the academic contests held by NSF over 69 regional centers. We're thrilled to report that over 8300 contestants registered in various categories this year. Of these, Detroit, MI, had the highest registrations at 556, followed by Raleigh, NC at 348, and Atlanta, GA at 335. The Junior Spelling Bee continued to attract the most contestants in a single contest as it had 1522 contestants countrywide. The Math Bee contest at various levels attracted a record 2,954 contestants in 2008 and had the most number of contestants. We are indebted to all the new and existing regional coordinators and volunteers who worked hard to make the regional contests successful.

- The National Championship Finals were conducted at MIT, Boston, MA during August 30 - September 1 with an attendance of 870 contestants.

- NSF continued the green initiative at the 2008 National Finals also. The objective was to save plastic water bottles.

- Many regional centers held Spelling, Vocabulary, Geography, and

Math Bee workshops in 2008. The Bee Workshops are designed to encourage and prepare children to take part in NSF and other similar contests.

- NSF partnered with Friends of Shelter Associates (FSA) and raised \$30,000.00 in CT to help build toilets in slums in Pune.

**Matching Gifts:** Many companies encourage their employee contributions for education by matching their donations. 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 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 (individual companies allow for pay-roll deductions of the employees contribution 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 effort 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, HSBC and Pfizer.

**Educational Contests in the US:** The expenses for conducting the contests are covered by registration fees and local collections. The scholarships for National Champions are covered by contributions from individuals, non-profit organizations, and excess funds from registration fees.



### **Nagercoil Chapter: Bird's Eye View** *Ernest Vijay, Nagercoil Chapter Coordinator*

Nagercoil is a new NSF chapter started this year in India. It is a unique because 1) Our activities are sponsored by our employer RedEgg InfoExpert PVT Ltd and 2) We are a young group of volunteers - the team average age is 24 years. Our chapter was launched in May 2008, and we are happy to report a successful first year of operation.

Initially we collected the addresses of 122 Government and Government-Aided schools in Kanyakumari District to spread the news of scholarships. Letters were sent to the Head Masters of schools. Unfortunately, this process did not work in our favor as the letters were ignored by school principals as they were not sent through Chief Educational officer or the District Education Officer. Very few applications were received through this method.

Most of the applications were in response to subsequent newspaper adver-

tisements sponsored by our company. We picked top 30 among hundreds applications received. We selected 7 eligible students for the NSF scholarships. These applicants were invited for a personal interview at our company offices. Mr. Nagarajan (NSF Madurai) helped us in conducting the interviews. Throughout this process, other volunteer employees from our company helped with the tabulation, organizing of data, and other tasks.

We selected four deserving candidates and submitted their applications for approval through the Hyderabad office. Our recommendations were approved and we distributed the funds at a simple ceremony. We are very proud to bring NSF to Nagercoil and be able to support deserving students in our district.

Thank you donors and NSF organizers for this noble task.



## 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 everywhere. They also know that everyone can not be helped because of limited resources; therefore, they want their contributions go to the very best.

NSF currently has 19 centers for giving scholarships in India. The contact information is provided at the end of this booklet. Here is a brief synopsis of the entire process at a typical center.

**Get Ready:** Each center monitors its 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 about the scholarship program for the upcoming academic year.

**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 about four weeks to send in their applications, along with their academic scores and documents on their financial status.

**Form a Selection Committee:** While 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 first screens all applications based on academic qualifications and secondly on the financial need. 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. 45,000 in urban areas and Rs. 32,000 in rural areas. As NSF is the last resort for providing financial assistance to a needy student, those who are eligible for other scholarships or financial aid are not eligible for NSF aid. 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 informa-

tion 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 their family are expected to cover the remaining costs either through their own funds or other resources.

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



## Scholarships in India - Eligibility Criteria - 2008

### **Mission:**

Encourage academic excellence among the poor in India.

### **Criteria:**

- 1) Scholarships are offered in the professional fields such as engineering, medicine, agriculture and polytechnics (3-year diploma.)
- 2) NSF scholarship awards are made regardless of caste, creed, gender, religion, or region.
- 3) Merit: Top 5% in Common Entrance Tests or minimum of 95% of the top ranking score in Intermediate or equivalent exams with relaxation of 5% to rural and girl students.
- 4) Need: The applicant has to demonstrate that he or she cannot continue the desired course without the NSF Scholarship. The objective is to help prevent dropouts among those who excel.

5) Income Limit: poor is defined as any family that earns less than Rs. 45,000 per annum in urban areas and Rs. 32,000 per annum in rural areas.

6) The student must pursue the desired course in a government college or in a private college that has government fee structure. The student must have come through government or government aided schools.

7) Rank of first attempt and first year students are preferred.

8) Applicants who are eligible for other scholarships or aid are not eligible. NSF is the last resort for help.

9) Short listed candidates will be interviewed for final selection; preference is given to rural and girl students among those eligible.

10) Renewals require continued demonstration of superior performance, conduct, and need.



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## **Bhubaneswar Chapter: Poverty is a Barrier for Higher Ambitions**

*S. C. Choudhury, IRS, Bhubaneswar Chapter, India*

During 2007-08, a total of 71 Scholarships have been awarded by the Bhubaneswar Chapter. Nine were for degree students and rest for diploma engineers. 71 NSF Scholarships were distributed at meetings held during 2007-08 in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Rourkela.

Bhubaneswar chapter has received 120 new applications with majority of them from four Govt. Diploma Engineering Colleges in 2008-09. The students were interviewed by the selection committee consisting of S.C.Choudhury, IRS(Chair); Dinabandhu Nanda, Superintending Engineer(Retd.); Ashit Kumar Mohanty, Retd. DGM, SBI; Ganeshwar Parida, Retd Asst Engineer; Nityanand Sahu, Retd Reader(Oriya); B.B. Sahu, Senior Lecturer and HOD (Mechanical), UGIE, Rourkela; and U.C. Panigrahi, Advocate. While scrutinizing the applications and interacting with the students, it has been observed that most of the really meritorious but poor students opt for Diploma Engineering as it is less expensive than the Degree Engineering courses in the State. Very few of them go for Degree course under lateral entry route after completing Diploma course. Some students are found to have opted for Diploma course even after completing Intermediate Science course with good marks. The main reason behind this decision, it is understood, is poverty.

**Making Students Stand on Their Feet:** While administering the NSF Scholarship Program, the chapter coordinators have to interact with students,

their parents, and guardians. During the process it was observed that the students are being excessively spoon fed by their parents and guardians. They have been drilled into their head that they will only study. Cram up the contents and reproduce them for the examinations. So much so, they do not know anything beyond their textbooks. They are unable to fill up application forms, meet the Principal to get an application form counter-signed, or even to write a resume of one page. Their creativity is stymied. In their college, they would, no doubt, face many problems of interaction and adjustment with classmates, seniors, and juniors.

In later life, in their careers they would find similar difficulties in handling their colleagues, in mixing with their colleagues, and compete with them.

The chapter coordinators should make conscious efforts to draw out their students for social interaction and also encourage to better independent decision, take initiative in their class works or life. These students may be encouraged to take part in sports or cultural activities in their colleges. They should also cultivate at least one hobby of their own like singing, playing tabla, remembering cricket statistics, or just telling jokes. This would give them scope to develop their personality to the level called "Efficiency Plus". NSF chapter coordinators should aim at developing a complete man who is technically equipped and socially ready to face the world and contribute positively to the society.

## Visiting NSF Scholars in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

*Ramasundar Ramani, Boxboro, MA*

I have been a volunteer with NSF for the past 8 years. I went to India this summer for my regular biannual visit with my family. During my visit to my birth city, Coimbatore, I had the privilege to meet and interview three young students who are studying Bachelor of Engineering in the local Engineering colleges in Coimbatore. The students are, R. Kathiresan, S. Abinaya, and V. Sathya. Although they come from different towns in the Southern State of TamilNadu, they have three things in common. All three scored more than 90% in their high school final exams. All three come from families who had a combined average annual income of less than \$500. All three are recipients of the \$250 a year scholarship award from NSF. I was in Coimbatore to interview them on behalf of North South Foundation. The interview itself lasted 7 minutes. It made a life time worth profound impact on me and my kids who were there with me. The consistent message that I got from all three students is, "We could not even dream of studying Engineering degree without the annual scholarship from NSF; Please tell all the kids in the USA, our sincere thanks."

What is the connection between these economically challenged, but gifted students in India and the American kids of Indian Origin in the USA? This beautiful relationship was a brainchild of Dr Ratnam Chitturi, for almost 20 years. North South Foundation was established with a vision of eliminating money as a barrier for advancement, especially for children in India who have

demonstrated academic excellence. In the USA, the foundation began encouraging academic excellence among the children of Indian-American community through educational contests such as spelling bee since 1993. Over the years, new contests have been added, which now include vocabulary, math, geography, essay writing, public speaking, and brain bee.

The surplus money from registration fees collected from contests is used to fund scholarships in India, to help students like the ones I met in Coimbatore. What better way to serve than encouraging academic excellence among the NRI children in the US and use the money raised to encourage academic excellence among the poor children in India go to college? I feel this is a perfect win-win situation. Over 3,500 such scholarships have been awarded to date. Our target for this year is to give 500 scholarships.

After the Interview, I dropped the three students in their respective dormitories. As I said goodbye to Kathiresan, he pulled a couple of milk chocolates and handed them to my kids and said "Sir, today is my birthday." He gave me an innocent looking smile, waved goodbye and said as he was leaving, "Please tell the kids in the USA, study well and continue to help kids like me achieve their dreams."

On that late summer day in Coimbatore, I saw the spirit of NSF, and I am proud to be a volunteer of North South Foundation.

## Dollar-A-Square Fundraising - For the Children By the Children

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 \$960 was raised by 8 kids as of November 2008.

### 2008 DAS Kids

Lasya Thilagar NH  
Prathima Akella\* CA  
Naveen and Nivedha Ram\* MA



Natasha Ghose\* MI  
Gautham Manickam, Harini and  
Naveena Shanmugam\* MA

\* denotes one scholarship

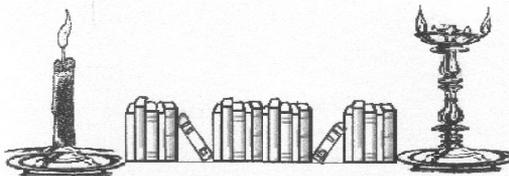
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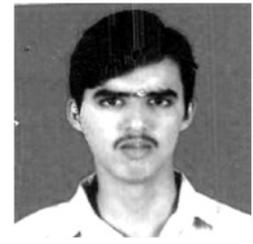
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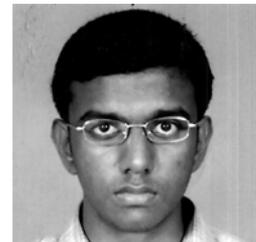
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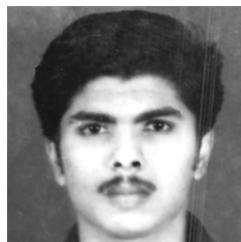
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M.Santhosh	137	04	Eg	Cooly	Pradeep Punia	1372	05	Eg	
V.AnilKumar	904	04	Eg	Clerk	Puneeth KT	483	05	Me	
J.VeerRaju	1073	04	Eg	Weaver	VRajendraPrasad	1170	05	Po	
A.SreeRamya	6758	04	Eg	Seperated	KRajendraPrasad	150	05	Eg	
Manjunath TA	309	04	Me	Business	RajendraKumar	58	05	Eg	
ViswanathaReddy	N307	04	Me	Farmer	Ranjan KumarDas	305	05	Eg	
Santhosh NK	325	04	Eg	Farmer	Santu Bag	368	05	Eg	
Usha K	94	04	Eg	Business	Satyabrata Roul	157	05	Eg	Tailor
Jagadeesh HV	1396	04	Me	Business	Shaik Akbar	93	05	Po	Labourer
Deepa S	670	04	Me	AutoDriver	Shankara C	4061	05	Eg	
Divya R	581	04	Me	Farmer	Sheetal Mamadgi	3773	05	Eg	
Shyam Pujar	48	04	Eg	Farmer	Sudarvizhi P	774	05	Eg	Farmer
Rashmi R	1355	04	Me	Farmer	Thangamani Ch	450	05	Eg	
Ms SGhosh	102	04	Me	Retired	Upendra Patra	1236	05	Eg	
KshitishCh.Jena	1477	04	Eg	Farmer	Vijay Kumar BS	4922	05	Eg	Barber
Biswanath Dash	1196	04	Eg	Farmer	T Vijayakumar	1812	05	Eg	Weaver
RajendraSGupta	2443	04	Eg	TVMech	P.L. Abhinand	2660	06	Eg	Tailor
Khandra Kafle	86%	04	Me	Farmer	B.S. Anoop	86	06	Eg	LIC Agent
Surendra Singh	4	04	Me	Farming	Ashish Kumar	675	06	Eg	Shop
Mukesh Agrawal	927	04	Eg	Shopkeeper	K Ashok Kumar	449	06	Po	Farmer
Ameda Ram	22	04	Me	Farmer	K. Chaitra	1304	06	Me	Painter
PSPriya	92%	04	Ph	Millworker	T ChandraSReddy	1401	06	Me	Farmer
Sayra Bano	265	05	Ph	Blind	R. Divya Priya	2688	06	Eg	Strt Seller
Y Mudssar Khan	326	05	Eg	Pensioner	GopalLal Choudary	1038	06	Eg	Farmer
Z AvishkarVijay	90%	05	Po	MarketYard	M Hima Bindu	744	06	Me	Farmer
K Prashant P	88%	05	Po	Skilled L	Jasraj Daiya	187	06	Po	Labourer
A SandipRevaji	69%	05	Po	Farmer	Jugal Kishore Sahu	80%	06	Eg	
P MayuriBajirao	64%	05	Po	Farmer	Kavitha Rani Midda	1	06	Po	Domestic
K GaneshSampat	87%	05	Po	Farmer	MDSVJPKoteswari	2367	06	Eg	Service
HVarsharaniUttam	78%	05	Po	Farmer	Kumar Raju	406	06	Po	
MDeepRamchandra	86%	05	Po	Veg Seller	D Malleswararao	52	06	Me	
CSeemataiBalaso	79%	05	Po	Farmer	A. Mamatha	5163	06	Eg	Tailor
S Shahed Nijam	86%	05	Po	Labourer	A. Manjunath	1823	06	Eg	Business
Anitha Gorantla	368	05	Me	Farmer	M. Manjunatha	190	06	Eg	Agriculture
Ankurb Bansal	378	05	Eg		S Matta Reddy	590	06	Po	Farmer
Arun K	3343	05	Eg	Farmer	Minju George	86%	06	Po	Cooly
Avinash Kumar	1900	05	Eg		Nelson Joseph	219	06	Me	HouseWife
B Vishwanatha	603	05	Me		NPrashanthReddy	176	06	Me	Farmer
Biswapriya saha	3008	05	Eg		K Prashant	515	06	Eg	Sales Man
ChandraRohini	3	05	Po	Cooly	Rajkumar Agarwal	5	06	Eg	WatchShop
Debjyoti Dutta	1442	05	Eg		M RajaAmarendra	196	06	Me	HouseWife
Deepak K Swain	81	05	Eg		B.K. Rajath	1012	06	Eg	Retired
Deepak R	923	05	Me		KRajendraPrasad	3911	06	Eg	Hotel
JitenderChoudhary	797	05	Eg		K Riyaz Ahmed	32	06	Eg	Clerk
Kavitha LM	3560	05	Eg	Goldsmith	P S Sasikala	87%	06	Po	Cooly
KLakshmiPramoda	1343	05	Po		KSShreekantha	7	06	Me	Editor
KS HariKrishnan	533	05	Eg		P P Snigdha	753	06	Me	Sales Man
MD Aminul Islam	758	05	Eg		K.A. Soumya	91%	06	Po	Cooly
MukeshKBaliwal	555	05	Eg		S.L. Soumya	802	06	Me	Tailor
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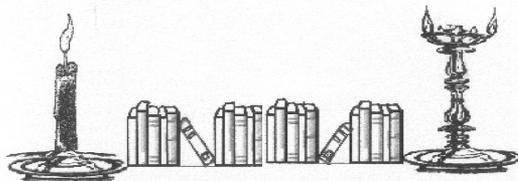
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A.V.V. Koundinya			Ag		G.Lakshminarayana	18	07	Eg	Employee
Amitabha Satpathi			Sc		Malani V Rasiklal	96	07	Eg	Worker
Apurba Manna			Eg		GR Anirudhdhasinh	102	07	Eg	House Wife
AKGupta			Eg		M.V. Naveen	3272	07	Me	Agriculture
C. Siva Prasad			Eg		Sachin V Bakare	4732	07	Me	Weaver
Ch. R.Narayana			Eg		Shama Anjum	3347	07	Me	Mechanic
Chandra S. Kumar			Eg		M.D. Farooq	93	07	Eg	Agriculture
D. Balaji Naik			Eg		B.M. Pratheek	97	07	Eg	Agriculture
D.S.P Lawrance			Eg		G.R. Hemakrishna	117	07	Eg	Agriculture
DKhandelwal			Eg		N. Ravikiran	221	07	Eg	Sales Man
Faruk Hassan			Me		H.P. Adithya	270	07	Eg	Agriculture
G.L Narayana			Eg		C. Karthik	466	07	Eg	Agriculture
Gaddala A Kumar			Eg		M.C. Gurisoddesha	576	07	Eg	Agriculture
GL Choudhary			Eg		D. Chethan Kumar	592	07	Eg	Cooly
H. Mehar Banu			Po		R. Rajesh	610	07	Eg	Agriculture
Hasibul Mullick			Me		Raveendra S Bavoor	629	07	Eg	Pottery
Hemanshu Paliwal			Eg		N. Swetha	630	07	Eg	Cook
Indranil Datta			Eg		M.C.Nandakishore	773	07	Eg	Pr Worker
J. Kamal Cose			Po		Balaji	970	07	Eg	Merchant
Jagan Nath Ghosh			Eg		A. Rakesh	991	07	Eg	Mechanic
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K. Gokul Krishnan			Po		S.V. Naveen Kumar	2775	07	Eg	Cooly
K.P.Venkatesh			Eg		B.N.Shruthi	2785	07	Eg	Business
K.R.Prasad			Eg		S. Madhuri Sharma	3523	07	Eg	Archak
KK Sharma			Me		G. Kiruba	255	07	Eg	Labourer
Kaveri			Sc		Kandru Srilatha	1017	07	PO	Cultivation
K.P.Prakash			Po		Bavirisetti Reshma	1428	07	PO	Business
M. Raja Gopal			Po		VML Narasamma	1068	07	PO	House Wife
M. Soundari			Po		T. Lalitha	735	07	PO	Accountant
Manas Misra			Sc		Nalabolu M Kiran	876	07	PO	Farmer
Mohamad Yaseen			Eg		V Phaneendhra	684	07	PO	Business
N. R. Subramani			Eg		K Rajesh	340	07	PO	Farmer
N.M. Rajani			Eg		Sk. Masthani	1867	07	PO	Labourer
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P. Elangovan			Po		Shaik Ameerunnisa	1324	07	PO	Business
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Purna C Pursty			Eg		Nebarthi S Prakas	115	07	PO	
R. Rama Moorthi			Eg		Sadineni S Prasad	649	07	PO	Cultivation
R. Srividya			Po		SLakshminarayana	251	07	PO	Cultivation
R. Thirumala			Po		K R Swamy	267	07	PO	Labourer
Radha Kumari			Eg		Akiri V Kalyani	706	07	PO	Labourer
Rajendra K Kumhar			Eg		A.S.K.D.V.Lakshmi	1021	07	PO	Tailoring

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Prasadam Malika	5494	07	PO	Farmer	Shiv Prakash	10187	07	Eg	Farmer
C. Sreenivasulu	7050	07	PO	Farmer	Ashish Moondra	3	07	Eg	ShopKeeper
Madisetty Shivani	6914	07	PO		Leela Dhar	638	07	Eg	Farmer
P.V.N Rao	5315	07	PO	Farmer	Pratibha Ajmera	284	07	Eg	ShopKeeper
Yerra S. Chandra	511	07	Me	Agriculture	Rajkumar Jhajhria	4351	07	Eg	Agriculture
Suveen K Pothuru	725	07	Me	Business	Khem C. Kumawat	1711	07	Eg	Laborer
P. Naresh Kumar	597	07	Me	P. Job	Mohan Dan	61	07	Eg	Farmer
Akepati P Reddy	14	07	Me	Labourer	Surendra Vyas	50	07	Me	Agriculture
Syama S. Chittoory	1612	07	Me	SalesMan	J.S Dagur	837	07	Me	Agriculture
P. Prudhvi Chandra	446	07	Me	Conductor	T.C. Renjitha		07	PO	Cooly
N.R.B Reddy	40	07	Me	HouseWife	A.P. Abuakker	138	07	Me	House Wife
N.R.S Reddy	52	07	Me	Farmer	Kokil Y Das	259	07	Me	Business
V.A Kumar	52	07	Me	Agriculture	C.A. Faleel Gafoor	352	07	Me	Agriculture
S.V.S.R.P.Kumar	21	07	Eg	Clerk	Aneesh Joseph	554	07	Me	Farmer
Segu Prem Kumar	227	07	Eg	Worker	E.M. Anoop	60	07	Eg	Cooly
Nagalla Bhavani	378	07	Eg	LorryDriver	Rahul R. Kamath	278	07	Eg	Worker
CNSRamaMurthy	104	07	Eg	Kirana	E.R. Renjith	952	07	Eg	Cooly
TV B.Reddy	15	07	Eg	Labour	Rahna Beevi T.R	9625	07	Eg	Cooly
N Katyayani	502	07	Eg	Agriculture	P. Vikas	462	07	Eg	Self Empl
Bandreddy Bhargava	402	07	Eg	Tailor	Antony Sutradhar	P29	07	Eg	Weaver
RNSReddy	526	07	Eg	Labour	Amjad Hossain	1941	07	Eg	Farmer
PRKumar	1	07	Eg	Agriculture	Sandip Mandal		07	Sc	Cultivation
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S.Nagamani	5230	07	Eg	Labourer	Debasis Ghorui		07	Sc	Cultivation
N.Naresh	776	07	Eg	Auto Driver	Malay Ganai		07	Sc	Med Sellar
VC Kumar	6030	07	Eg	Sales Man	Palas Ghosh	743	07	Eg	Farmer
Kondle Sandeep	905	07	Eg	Agriculture	Tanusri Senapati		07	Sc	Labourer
KG Rajani	6324	07	Eg	Labourer	Pragati Kumari	PH24	07	Eg	Business
Ravikanti Priyanka	1949	07	Eg	Business	Vijaya	263	07	Eg	Agriculture
P. V Chowdary	8748	07	Eg	Farmer	Rahima Khatun		07	Sc	Hawker
M.A Khan	8132	07	Eg	Retired	S.M.K Islam	1056	07	Eg	Tailoring
Vishal Choudhary	387	07	Eg	ServiceMan	Koushik Ghosh		07	Eg	Labourer
VPChoudhary	394	07	Eg	Milk Seller	Md. Rafique	2470	07	Eg	Labourer
Brijesh Kushwaha	5510	07	Eg	Veg.Grocer	Anil Kumar Chhoto	PH 89	07	Eg	Farmer
Jitendra Jagrotiya	4	07	Eg	Agriculture	Munshi J Rahman	51	07	Me	HouseWife
NK Gupta	261	07	Eg	ShopKeeper	S. J. Karthikayan	792	07	Me	Weaver
Shiv Raj Dagadi	122	07	Eg	ShopKeeper	M. Vimala	666	07	Eg	Weaver
Rajesh Kumar	51	07	PO	Cultivation	T. J. Ram Babu	602	07	Eg	Weaver
Avinash Rawal	3	07	Eg	Farmer	U.K.M Ramalingam	1513	07	Eg	Labourer
Gopal Lal Jat	832	07	Eg	Farmer	M. Amutha Bharathi	392	07	Me	Mechanic
Neeraj Agrawal	81	07	Eg	Priv Empl	S. Manoj Kumar	66	07	Eg	Weaver

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V. Sathya	6518	07	Eg	Labourer	M. Mishra	191	07	PO	Farmer
R. Venkadeswaran	115	07	Me	Cooly	Pranab Mishra	82	07	PO	Teacher
V. Gokulnath	2742	07	Eg	Weaver	Tusara Mahanta	520	07	PO	Cultivation
P. Rajmohan	2299	07	Eg	Cooly	Muktikanta Nayak	708	07	PO	Farmer
R. Kathiresan	1119	07	Eg	Cooly	D. Mohapatra	609	07	PO	Teacher
S. Raja Iswarya	2092	07	Eg	Weaver	A.R Patra	55	07	PO	Cultivation
M. Vigneswari	4103	07	Eg	ShopKeeper	Hara Dhan Das	252	07	PO	Farmer
V. Muthu Lakshmi		07	PO	Cooly	Bimalesh Pothal	908	07	PO	Cultivation
N. G. Anand		07	PO	Cooly	Satyajit Singh	826	07	PO	Cultivation
Ch. S Subudhi	553	07	Eg	Business	Debasmita Dash	1737	07	Eg	Service
Dayanidhi Sahoo	626	07	Eg	Labourer	D.K.Pradhan	2	07	Eg	Farmer
Kapilendra Rout	1	07	Eg	Farmer	Asit Kumar Sahu	868	07	PO	Labourer
Samir Tarai	258	07	PO	Farmer	S.K.Pradhan	979	07	Po	Farmer
L. Pradhan	78	07	PO	Farmer	M.Pradhan	413	07	Po	Farmer
Bibhuti Bhusan Bal	120	07	PO	Labourer	Dillip Kumar Sahoo	254	07	Po	Farmer
Nabin P Behera	10	07	PO	Labourer	S.S. Samantray	474	07	Po	Tailoring
Subash C Sahu	4	07	PO	Farmer	S. Sahoo	220	07	Po	Business
Subhrajit Sahoo	196	07	PO	Farmer	R.R.Routray	165	07	Po	Farmer
Meerabai Samal	317	07	PO	Farmer	TSamantray	359	07	Po	HouseWife
S. Mahabhoi	21	07	PO	Farmer	Abinash Mohapatra	90	07	Po	Farmer
Sarada P Pradhan	34	07	PO	Farmer	G.Sahoo	38	07	Po	
B.B.P Swain	96	07	PO	Farmer	Biranchi Dash	207	07	Po	HouseWife
Laxmipriya Samal	109	07	PO	Farmer	Niranjan Parija	16	07	Po	Farmer
Basanta K Jena	95	07	PO	Farmer	Sasmita Maharana	113	07	Po	Farmer
Rakesh Das	36	07	PO	Farmer	Kulamani Pradhan	321	07	Po	Farmer
Abinash Mallick	213	07	PO	Farmer	Rakesh Kpati	104	07	Po	Farmer
Pabitra K. Sura	39	07	PO	Farmer	Biswajiti Kar	65	07	Po	Farmer
L. Mahapatra	107	07	PO	Farmer	Bapujee Parida	131	07	Po	Cultivation
Sibaram Majhi	137	07	PO	Business	D.R. Dey	136	07	Po	Farmer
Siba S. Panda	7	07	PO	Business	Ashok Kumar Ojha	19	07	Po	Farmer
Rajesh Padhan	812	07	PO	Labourer	Ajit Kumar Sahoo	102	07	Po	Business
Durga Prasad Kar	277	07	PO	Farmer	Satrugnan Mandal	125	07	Po	Labourer
Narasingha Behera	1336	07	PO	Labourer	Ajit Kumar Sahoo	40	07	Po	Business
Girish K. Behera	299	07	PO	Cultivation	Raghunath Sandha	60	07	Po	Farmer
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1st Place	\$1,000	Dr. R. Kambhampati
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3rd Place	\$250	Dr. R. Kambhampati

### Senior Public Speaking

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

Certificates - Regional	NSF
Certificates - National	NSF
Badges - National	NSF
Bee Book - Printing	NSF

1. Dr. Janaki Kambhampati Memorial Award by Dr. Ravindranath Kambhampati
2. Dr. Janardhan Grandhe
3. Sarode Foundation by Dr. Sarode Pundaleeka
4. Bansan Foundation by Dr. Sanjiv Modi

## Financial Highlights 2008 Contests

	Regional	National
<b>Income</b>		
Registration Fees -----	\$219,450	\$33,147
Donations during Finals -----		4,700
DAS & Profits from Sales at Finals -----		1,569
Food -----		24,032
T-Shirts, Raffle, Parking & Other Sales -----		4,213
Rank Prizes & Other Sponsorships -----		23,457
<b>Total Revenue</b> -----	<b>219,450</b>	<b>91,118</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Badges, Bags and Others at Finals -----		7,536
Mats, Printing, Rent and Other Expenses -----	16,491	8,473
Food -----		18,676
Bee Book -----		3,273
Prizes & Awards -----	4,481	27,848
<b>Total Expenses</b> -----	<b>20,972</b>	<b>65,806</b>
 Contribution to Scholarships -----	 198,478	 25,312
Scholarships -----	793	101
 Number of students who can be sponsored+		 223

+ until graduation

Note: Unaudited data



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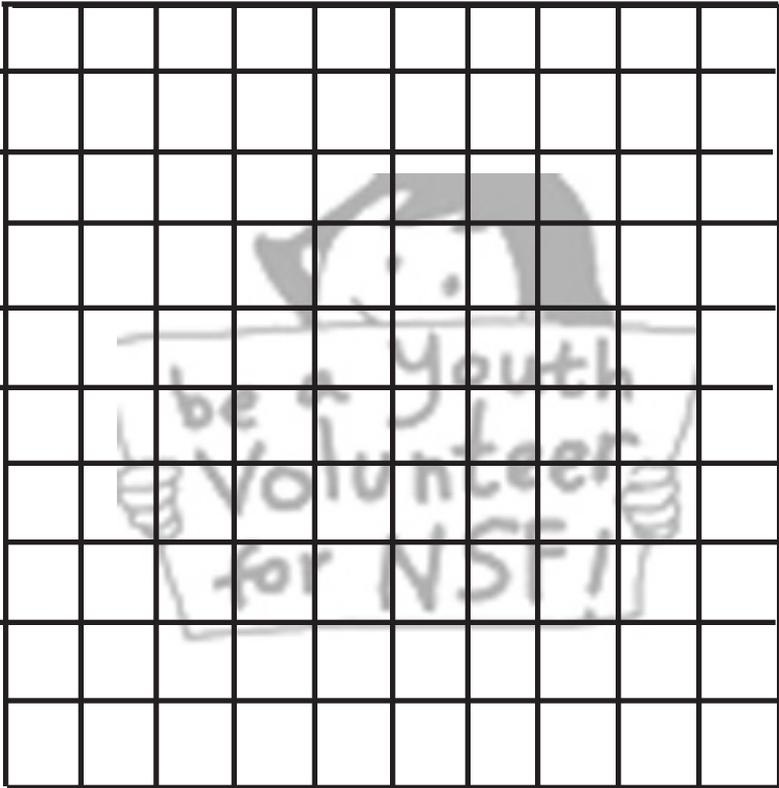
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Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent email \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE HELP A CHILD GO TO COLLEGE



The North South Foundation (NSF) was established in 1989 as a non-profit and tax-exempt entity to award scholarships to exceptionally qualified needy students in India entering college regardless of religion, gender, caste or geographic origin. In addition, NSF organizes contests, for children of Indian origin, living in the US & Canada, such as spelling, vocabulary, math, geography, essay writing and public speaking. Checks should be made to North South Foundation and mailed to 2 Marissa Ct, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. You can also sign up on-line and watch the total grow: [www.northsouth.org/dollarsquare.asp](http://www.northsouth.org/dollarsquare.asp)

## Contribution Form

Please Make Your Tax Deductible Contribution to North South Foundation. No amount is too small. Tax ID: 36-3659998. For automatic monthly or one time contribution from your bank account, please call us.

Please select one of the options:

\$250 Full Scholarship  \$125 Half Scholarship Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

By Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card  Check one: VISA\_\_ MC\_\_ DISC\_\_ Am Exp\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires on: \_\_\_\_\_

You can also contribute online at [www.northsouth.org](http://www.northsouth.org)

\$250 to sponsor a scholarship for one year

\$1,000 to sponsor a student for a full 4-year college

\$5,000 to sponsor a scholarship every year in perpetuity+

+ Using interest generated from this fund, a scholarship is given from the following year.

Please specify your choice:

Scholarship in India (Help a needy child go to college)

Scholarship in USA (Educational Contests)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Has matching gift: Yes  No

To designate in honor or memory of a loved one at an institution of your choice, please provide the details below (only for amounts \$5,000 and over):

In honor or memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: North South Foundation, 2 Marissa Ct,  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527-6864, Ph: (630) 323-1966.  
Please visit [www.northsouth.org](http://www.northsouth.org) for the NSF Website.

## Fundraising Events

North South Foundation (NSF) has already given the gift of education to 500 under-privileged children in India this year through you - the donors - who donated generously throughout the year, including at the following fundraising events.

**Burr Ridge, IL** – Sept 21, 2008: By sheer luck and God’s grace, the last day of summer turned out to be a perfect day to be out in the beautiful McCollum Park in Downers Grove, IL. Following past 18 years of tradition, there was food sponsored by the local Indian restaurants, businesses, and even the home cooked meals from volunteers. Over hundred people participated, thanks to volunteers, in the 18th Annual NSF Chicago Walkathon. This event raised 32 college scholarships (equivalent to total funds of \$8000).

**Second Annual NSF-Massachusetts Fund-Bee:** NSF-MA chapter was able to repeat their success of fund raising with yet another Fund-Bee. The parents as contestants in a Fund-Bee event modeled after the popular TV show, “Are you smarter than a 5th grader”. The event named “Are you smarter than a NSF kid!” was held in October on a typical New England Fall day.

There were seven adult teams (3 participants per team). Each pledged 100\$ to enter the Adult Spelling, Vocab, Geo, and Math Bee. There were Life-Lines from winners of the regional Bees in the New England area. Enthusiastic groups of kids acted as scorers, judges, pronouncers, and timekeepers. This event raised around \$4800 dollars.

**The first annual tennis tournament in New Jersey:** A few enthusiastic volunteers got together in August to organize the first ever tennis tournament in New Jersey to raise funds for helping the poor children in India.

With this good cause in mind, there were over a dozen adults and a few more children, who played exciting tennis matches. All the expenses were sponsored by the donors. This tennis event raised \$645.

**The fifth annual tennis tournament in Connecticut:** This tennis event was organized in August. Once again the tennis tournament was a success as it brought together old tennis pros and budding stars to raise funds for the cause of education. This event raised \$500.

The day started with a lot of enthusiasm and spirit. The weather was great and all the players were eager to jump on the courts and unleash their rackets. They played a lot of exciting matches and everybody had a great time.

**Workshops:** Educational workshops were conducted in about twenty centers including Massachusetts, Connecticut, California, Texas, Minnesota, Kansas, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Oregon, and Michigan. The success of workshops is not only measured by enthusiastic participation of children, but also with the funds raised such as in the case of: \$2200 in Massachusetts, \$1300 in Palo Alto, CA, \$1260 in Portland, OR. More centers are expected to organize workshops in the upcoming years.

**Colorado Springs team** started a new innovative program. With the help of motivated volunteer instructors, Vijay Simha, Shuli Song, and Dr Ming Song, the chapter offered a math coaching program for children over a 10 month period. Once a month, children attend a two hour class. The classes are designed to improve critical think-

ing skills of children as well as cover the syllabus underlying the NSF math contests. Eleven children registered into the math coaching program. Each parent agreed to sponsor a poor, but meritorious college student in India, creating a win-win scenario. Thanks to Jalpa, Jayanthi and Shravan for making this possible.

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### **Sari Function fetches 4 scholarships!**

In March 2008, I had my Sari Ceremony. This is a ceremony where I got my first Sari. Instead of gifts for myself, since I have all I need, I asked people to donate to the North South Foundation. I have competed in the local NSF con-

tests for three years and wanted to raise scholarships to needy kids in India. The guests donated \$1,000 covering four scholarships. It makes me happy to know that because I got my first Sari, 4 kids get to go to college in India.

*Arya Koneru, San Antonio, TX*

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### **A Win-Win Scenario**

“The next word is: maraschino.” As I speak these words, the air is tense as the contestant contemplates the spelling of this word. He is allowed to ask me for the definition, part of speech, root, and usage in a sentence of the word. He asks for the definition and I recite: “A cordial made from the fermented juice and crushed pits of the marasca cherry.” He begins to spell the word: “m-a-r-a-s-c-h-i-n-o”. The judges and I approve that the word is indeed correct. The room breathes a sigh of relief and then the air is dense again as the next contestant steps forward to spell his or her word.

This is what it feels like to be a part of the contests at NSF. As a non-profit organization, NSF utilizes the contests to raise money to fund college scholarships for the underprivileged children in India. The academic contests offered include spelling, vocabulary, math, ge-

ography, essay writing, public speaking, and brain bee. In order to prepare for the competitions, study materials such as lists of words or math problems are provided so that the participants have an idea of the things they need to learn and practice. Since each level includes a range of grades, the younger students are challenged to beat out the older ones in their level, while the older students are challenged to completely blow away the younger ones.

It takes a lot of work to succeed in these competitions. I have been participating in them for the past 6 years, and it has been quite rewarding. I learned new words, challenged myself in math and improved my writing skills. The competitions tested me and ultimately prepared me for one of the most important tests that would determine my chances of getting into the college of my choice; the SAT. Now that I am in

high school, I don't have the chance to study as much, but I still participate in the essay bee to work my writing skill for the SAT and my college applications. Further, I volunteer for NSF to serve as a pronouncer or judge.

The program has evolved so much over the years. The words have gotten harder, participation has gone up, and there was the addition of math and geography as well the essay writing and public speaking contests. All these contests have rewards for scoring a

certain percentage that translates into qualifying for the NSF National Finals. The kids study hard and all the work pays off. Ultimately it comes down to who studied the best or in the smartest way in order to learn the most. This program advances the studies of children in America as well as benefiting kids in India by providing them with money for the education they deserve. This is a win-win situation. Please support the cause and come out to learn, have fun, and help out.

*Saahithi Karuturi, Monroe, NJ*

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**KuruOm Vidyalaya – A Girl's School in the Making**  
*Prof. Balram Singh, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth*

KuruOm Vidyalaya is being constructed in Village – Korowm, PO – Dhanpatganj, Distt – Sultanpur (UP) for girls. The building construction began in May 2008 with funds received from North South Foundation to KuruOm Jan Kalyan Sansthan. So far, \$60,000 has been received from donors to NSF for this project.

The project has moved forward, and we are well on our way to construct the building for the school. Building progress is available on [www.kuruom.com](http://www.kuruom.com). The total project area is 11,096 sq ft, and its building cost is over Rs. 66.5 lakhs at the rate of Rs. 600 per sq. ft. Ten rooms being built include classrooms, laboratories, computer room, office area, etc. The building is about half complete (walls complete, with roof and plaster remaining), and further work will start again soon, with the expectation to complete it before April 2009. The school brochure and admission forms are ready to be distributed for the classes to start in April 2009.

The KuruOm aims at the synthesis of spiritual values and scientific achievements of the East and the West. Its educational programme is based on the concept of "Panchmukhi Shiksha" and aims at all round harmonious development of a student's personality. 'Panchmukhi Shiksha' which evolved out of initial experimentation, attempts a balance of the five aspects of education, namely Physical, Practical, Aesthetic, Moral, and Intellectual.

Emphasis on Indian culture and thought and simple living including khadi wearing are hallmarks of life at KuruOm. The mission of KuruOm Sansthan is to promote harmonious living at individual, family, society, national, and international levels by creating understanding through education and selfless work. KuruOm Sansthan is expected to bring out leadership qualities in people for the service of the society and the planet.

## 2008 National Bee Winners

<b>Junior Spelling</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Junior Vocabulary</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Surabhi Iyer, Worcester, MA	1	Surabhi Iyer, Worcester, MA	1
Sabrina Khuntia, Hinsdale, IL	2	Ashwin Veeramani, Cleveland, OH	2
Anup Hiremath, Edison, NJ	3	Amit Chakrabarti, Indianapolis, IN	3
Sarika Chawla, Manchester, NH	4	Musa Subramaniam, Nashville, TN	4
Spoorthi Kamepalli, Austin, TX	5	Akash Kaza, Hartford, CT	5
Jaskaran Singh, Hartford, CT	6	Lokesh Nagineni, Dallas, TX	6
Manasa Muppurala, Dallas, TX	7	Shruthi Santhanam, Atlanta, GA	7
Sadhana Durbha, Atlanta, GA	8	Shruti Anant, Fairfax, VA	8
Priyanka Devaguptapu, Tampa, FL	9	Ethan Oliver, Cambridge, MA	9
Shruthi Santhanam, Atlanta, GA	10	Dhweeja Dasarathy, Cleveland, OH	10
<b>Senior Spelling</b>		<b>Intermediate Vocabulary</b>	
Avvinash Radakrishnan, Manchester, NH	1	Anamika Veeramani, Cleveland, OH	1
Akshayraj Aitha, Palo Alto, CA	2	Shilpa Saravanan, Houston, TX	2
Aishwarya Pastapur, Springfield, IL	3	Anirudh Dasarathy, Detroit, MI	3
Anamika Veeramani, Cleveland, OH	4	Karthik Munugala, Cleveland, OH	4
Sameer Kailasa, Ft Lauderdale, FL	5	Akshat Shekhar, Worcester, MA	5
Akshat Shekhar, Worcester, MA	6	Sakethnath Are, Fairfax, VA	6
Sanjay Kottapalli, Barrington, IL	7	Debnil Sur, Palo Alto, CA	7
Anjithaa Radakrishnan, Manchester, NH	8	Mallika Mathur, Portland, OR	8
Debnil Sur, Palo Alto, CA	9	Smitha Gundavajhala, Palo Alto, CA	8
Ranjani Sundaresan, Atlanta, GA	10	Nikhil Jaisinghani, Hartford, CT	10
<b>Senior Vocabulary</b>		<b>Junior Geography</b>	
Shweta Patro, Marlboro, NJ	1	Anup Hiremath, Princeton, NJ	1
Pooja Pendri, Hartford, CT	2	Neha Middela, Detroit, MI	2
Sathvika Ramaji, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	3	Debolina Ghosh, Cleveland, OH	3
<b>Senior Essay Writing</b>		Anmol Nigam, Barrington, IL	4
Ishita Kala, Hartford, CT	1	Akash Kapoor, San Diego, CA	5
Aditya Kalluri, Cleveland, OH	2	<b>Senior Geography</b>	
Nithya Vijayakumar, Detroit, MI	3	Arjun Kandaswamy, Portland, OR	1
<b>Math Level 1</b>		Nitin Krishna, Atlanta, GA	2
Bhagirath Mehta, Hinsdale, IL	1	Abhinav Kurada, Worcester, MA	3
Shaantam Chawla, Princeton, NJ	2	Narayan Gopinathan, San Diego, CA	4
Akshaj Kadaveru, Fairfax, VA	3	Shantan Krovvidi, Raleigh, NC	5
Stuti Garg, Portland, OR	4	<b>Math Level 2</b>	
Adithya Mummidi, San Antonio, TX	5	Ankan Bhattacharya, Detroit, MI	1
Harini Muthukumar, Milwaukee, WI	6	Vivek Miglani, Tampa, FL	2
Tarang Saluja, Manchester, NH	7	Meghana Vagwala, Worcester, MA	3
Poojit Hegde, Marlboro, NJ	8	Kavya Ravichandran, Cleveland, OH	4
Vinayak Kurup, Cleveland, OH	9	Raj Borra, San Ramon, CA	5
Saaketh Narayan, Phoenix, AZ	10	Neil Menghani, Cherry Hill, NJ	6
<b>Math Level 3</b>		Niket Gowravaram, Worcester, MA	7
Anirudh Sailesh, Hinsdale, IL	1	Rishi Sundaresan, Raleigh, NC	8
Chanukya Malla, Detroit, MI	2	Abhinav Venigalla, Tampa, FL	9
Ajit Unnam, Marlboro, NJ	3	Maadhav Shah, Sacramento, CA	10
Sakethnath Are, Fairfax, VA	4	<b>Senior Public Speaking</b>	
Tejas Sundaresan, Raleigh, NC	5	Shubhro Saha, Hartford, CT	1
Anirudh Dasarathy, Detroit, MI	6	Ishita Kala, Hartford, CT	2
Sohil Shah, Madison, WI	7	Rishika Chugh, Marlboro, NJ	3
Ajay Sohmshtetty, Detroit, MI	8	<b>Brain Bee</b>	
Nihal Gowravaram, Worcester, MA	9	Nithya Vijayakumar, Detroit, MI	1
Vaibhav Vavilala, Indianapolis, IN	10	Aditya Kalluri, Cleveland, OH	2
		Shweta Patro, Marlboro, NJ	3

## **New England whiz kids Surabhi and Avvinash win in North South Foundation National Championship Finals**

CAMBRIDGE, MA: The 16th edition of the National Finals was held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA from August 30th to September 1st, 2008. Surabhi Iyer, an avid Harry Potter fan and an aspiring writer/scientist, wowed the Finalists with her spelling and vocabulary skills as the 3rd grader from Franklin, MA swept the top rank in both Junior Spelling and Junior Vocabulary Bee. Another Harry Potter fan, an aspiring CEO, Avvinash Radakrishnan, a 7th grader from Manchester, NH, won 1st rank in the Senior Spelling Bee. For the Math contests, second grader Bhagirath Mehta from Iroquois, IL, a third-grader and last year's runner-up, Ankan Bhat-tacharya from Canton, MI, and Anirudh Sailesh, a freshman from Napierville, IL, won the top ranks in the Math Bee Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 contests, respectively.

Shubhro Saha, a 15-year old from Avon CT, gave a sterling speech on how he as the next US President would tackle the Afghanistan and Iraq situation and counter terrorism in those countries and won the 1st rank in the Senior Public Speaking Bee (grade 9-12). Ishita Kala, a senior at Waterford, CT, Editor-in-Chief of her high school newspaper and captain of her school's debate team won 1st rank in the Senior Essay Contest and 2nd rank in the Senior Public Speaking Contest. The Essay contestants had to write about the "attributes of parents who are good role-models." NSF also conducted the Brain Bee, a neuroscience contest. The multilingual Nithya Vijaykumar from Canton, MI

won the Brain Bee, outlasting Aditya Kalluri of Cleveland, OH. Nithya will be invited to the 2009 National Brain Bee conducted by Prof. Norbert Myslinski of the University of Maryland in Baltimore in March 2009.

At the Finals, a number of programs and activities captivated the parents. The NSF Finals showcased an "Interactive Panel with guests, past NSF Spelling Bee, and Geography Bee champions" who enthusiastically interacted with the audience. The 2008 Scripps National Spelling Bee champion and an NSF Indiana regional champion, Sameer Mishra, and 2007 National Geography runner-up, Suneil Iyer, graced the event. The "Are You Smarter Than a NSF Kid?" quiz brought all the past champions, participants, and the parents together answering a lot of interesting questions from math, geography, and vocabulary.

A "High-School Admissions" presentation on the procedure involved in progressing from high school to college was held by Dr. Anil Saigal, a Professor at Tufts University. Dr. Krishnaiah Revuluri, a Mathcounts coach from Illinois, and Dr. Padmanabhan Seshaiyer from the Virginia Board of Mathcounts, and Shuli Song, a junior at Colorado Springs, CO, shared their experiences in mentoring students for competitive exams held by Mathcounts and the American Mathematics Association (AMA). They encouraged parents to promote problem-solving skills in their children early on.

The mammoth gathering at the 16th annual national finals was organized with the help of local volunteers under the leadership of Madavi Oliver, Meledath Govindan, Prithvi Kumar and Ramsundar Ramani; the volunteers also included Anuradha Annaswamy, Anita Rajagopalan, Savita Rajiv, T. R. Gowrishankar, Aparna Kurada, Madhu Akkihebbal, Jason Davis, Durga Rao, Murali Sethumadhavan, Ruma Neogy, Vasanthi Nagareddy, and Latha Narayanan, along with many other dedicated volunteers.

Over 800 finalists from 8,500 regional contestants at nearly seventy North South Foundation centers throughout the US participated in the event. Winners and top scorers from these regional contests are invited to the National Finals. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of all these contests will receive North South Foundation scholarships of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 respectively, redeemable in the freshman year of their college.

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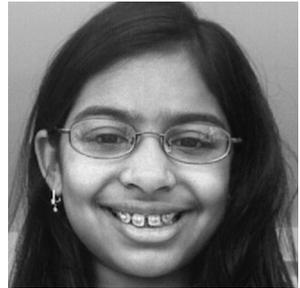
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## 2008 National Bee Winner Profiles

Top 3 Winners for each contest are listed in that order

### 2008 Junior Spelling Bee Winners

**Surabhi Iyer** is a 3rd grade student from Franklin, MA. She stood 5th in JSB and 7th in JVB during 2007 NSF Finals. Among her many hobbies are reading, writing, basketball and anything that has to do with Harry Potter! Surabhi loves to write poems and short stories. She aspires to teach in poor countries and become a writer and scientist. Surabhi also received 1st rank in JVB.



**Sabrina Khuntia** is a 3rd grader from Naperville, IL. She is a gifted student in school and her hobbies are reading religious scriptures and other Indian stories, painting, and sketching.

**Anup Arun Hiremath** is a 3rd grader from Old Bridge, NJ. Anup is an avid reader and especially likes non-fiction books. He loves to read encyclopedias of any kind. He also likes to get engrossed in the National Geographic's Collegiate World Atlas. He wants to win National Geographic's Geography Bee as well as Scripps Spelling Bee. Anup also won 1st rank in JGB.



## 2008 National Bee Winner Profiles

### 2008 Senior Spelling Bee Winners

**Avvinash Radhakrishnan** is a 7th grader from Nashua, NH. Avvinash loves to play basketball and was on his middle school's team this year. His other interests include ping-pong and reading. His favorite books are the Harry Potter series. Avvinash is a two time Scripps National Spelling Bee participant finishing at 98th and 61st ranks. Avvinash would like to be a CEO and a basketball player



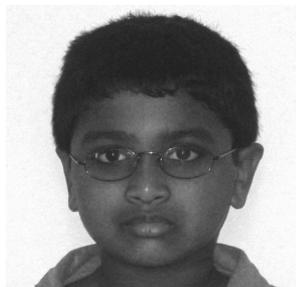
**Akshayraj Aitha** is a 6th grader from Dublin, CA. He won 3rd place at NSF Finals in JSB during 2004 and 2005. He was also a National Geographic Bee School Winner in 2007. His hobbies include chess, math, spelling, geography, reading, coin collection, and games.

**Aishwarya Pastapur** is a 7th grader from Springfield, IL. Aishwarya is a veteran speller and she has been participating in spelling bees since 2002. Aishwarya qualified for Scripps Howard National Spelling two times and was ranked 22nd in the nation. She also participated in state level math counts competition last year. Her interests include reading books, watching movies & karaoke. She is also learning violin & enjoys doing math too.



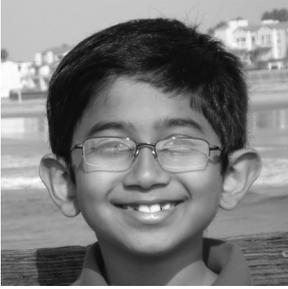
### 2008 Junior Vocabulary Bee Winners

**Surabhi Iyer** is the 1st place winner. Her bio appears in JSB.



**Ashwin Veeramani** is a 2nd grader from North Royalton, OH. He has Red Belt in Taekwondo and his hobbies are Golf, Reading, Piano, Baseball, and Karate.

## 2008 National Bee Winner Profiles



**Amit Kumar Chakrabarti** is a 3rd grader from Terre Haute, IN. He is in gifted and talented program and has participated in multiple chess tournaments. In 2008, his team from Dixie Bee School became Indiana State champion. He likes to read books, play Lego and X-box. He wants to be a physician and help people in need. He also plans to attend future NSF competitions and be a NSF volunteer.

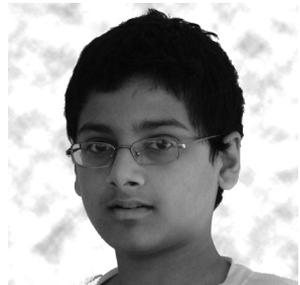
## 2008 Intermediate Vocabulary Bee Winners

**Anamika Veeramani** is a 6th grader from North Royalton, OH. She had qualified for Mathcounts team this year as the youngest participant. She is a voracious reader; loves baseball & swimming. She is learning Indian Classical Music and Dance. She also has avid interest in learning foreign languages.



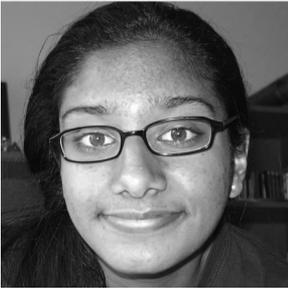
**Shilpa Saravanan** is a 5th grader from College Station, TX. Shilpa is an avid reader, enjoys solving logic puzzles, and is a fan of Harry Potter and Star Wars. She plays piano and saxophone, as well as volleyball and basketball. She also participates in spelling bees, and has won the Brazos Valley regional spelling bee twice.

**Anirudh Dasarathy** is an 8th grader from Highland Heights, OH. He has a black belt in Taekwon-



## 2008 National Bee Winner Profiles

### 2008 Senior Vocabulary Bee Winners



**Shweta Patro** is a 9th grader from Bridgewater, NJ. She won essay contests, participated in skits and plays, involved in choir. She has high honor roll in school; plays piano; interested in traveling, reading and loves nature trails/outdoor activities. Shweta also won 3rd place in Brain Bee.

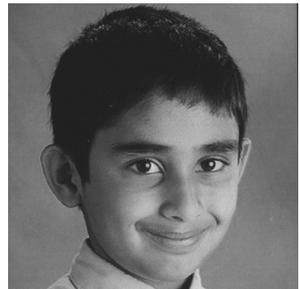
**Pooja Pendri** is a 10th grader from Wallingford, CT. Pooja plays in the symphony orchestra and is on the soccer and track teams. She is an elected member to the school's Judicial Committee. Her hobbies include cooking, listening to music, learning languages, and hanging out with friends.



**Sathvika Ramaji** is a 9th grader from Miramar, FL. She takes classes in bharatanrithyam, carnatic music, and plays the piano, guitar, and clarinet. She volunteers at the South Florida Hindu Temple and the Broward County Library. Sathvika was previously placed 3rd in the NSF JVB in 2005 and 3rd in the NSF SVB in 2007 finals.

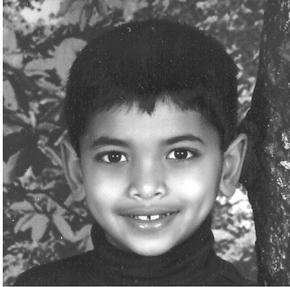
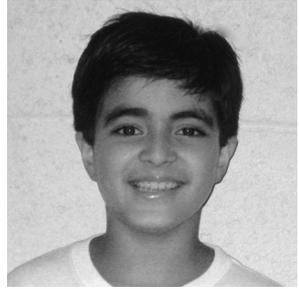
### 2008 Math Bee Level 1 Winners

**Bhagirath Mehta** is a 2nd grader from Des Plaines, IL. He is a voracious reader. His favorite subject is math. He enjoys playing piano and loves to draw. He is into journaling, reading cartoons and building stuff. His entry was selected and shown on PBS in "What Makes You Go" contest in 2006. His book review of "Mathematicians are People Too" was published in Chicago Tribune in 2007.



## 2008 National Bee Winner Profiles

**Shaantam Chawla** is a 2nd grader from Mahawah, NJ. Ever since he was a little kid, he has loved numbers and how they play with each other! He recently was awarded the State award for High Honors by Johns Hopkins University. Shaantam loves a good game of chess, adores the Yankees, and wants to be a basketball player.



**Akshaj Kadaveru** is a 2nd grader from Fairfax, VA. He stood first at the NSF Regional MB1 both in 2007 and 2008. He was also given the State Award for High Honors in being among the highest scoring participants in the International Mathematics and Verbal Talent Search by John Hopkins University. He also loves Chess, Swimming, and playing Keyboard.

### 2008 Math Bee Level 2 Winners

**Ankan Bhattacharya** is a 3rd grader from Canton, MI. He loves math and reads lots of math books to learn new things. He attends ICAE for the advancement of math skills. This was his second year in NSF Finals.



**Vivek Miglani** is a 5th grader from Sunrise, FL. He loves Math and has won a few math competitions including MOEMS. He likes music and learns carnatic vocal and violin. His other interests are reading, playing chess, scouting, traveling, and learning about investing, technology, and politics.

**Meghana Vagwala** is a 5th grader from S. Grafton, MA. She loves to read and write and compete in NSF contests. She won regional Junior Essay writing in 2007 and 2008 and Math in 2008. She loves soccer, piano, and carnatic music.



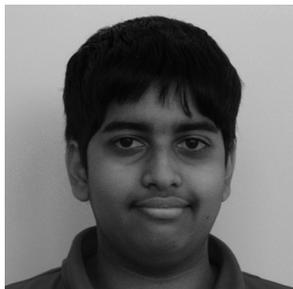
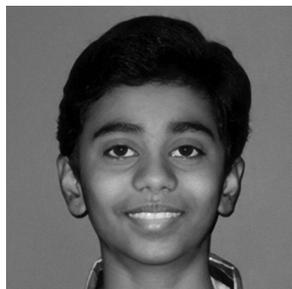
## 2008 National Bee Winner Profiles

### 2008 Math Bee Level 3 Winners



**Anirudh Sailesh** is an 8th grader from Naperville, IL. He is passionate about Math and enjoys problem solving. He was a Gold Medal winner at the Illinois Science Fair for two consecutive years. He stood 11th in the Illinois State Mathcounts competition in 2008 and was the Missouri state winner in MCTM contests in 2005. In addition, Anirudh enjoys playing video games, tennis, and soccer.

**Chanukya Malla** is a 7th grader from Northville, MI. He was placed 3rd (in 2005), and 1st (in 2006) in NSF MB 2 Finals. He was placed 7th in 2008 State Math Counts competition for Michigan. His hobbies include tennis and swimming.



**Ajit Unnam** is an 8th grader from Plainsboro, NJ. In his 8th grade, he achieved perfect math scores of 800 in SAT I, 800 in SAT II Level 2, and 36 in ACT. He enjoys playing Tennis and Wii. He likes to major in Engineering and Math.

### 2008 Junior Geography Bee (JGB) Winners

**Anup Arun Hiremath** is the 1st place winner. His bio appears in JSB.

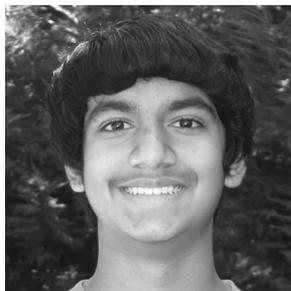
**Neha Middela** is a 1st grader from Rochester, MI. She is an honor roll student of Kumon. She likes reading books, playing outside in spring, going to parties, going to India and visiting temples.



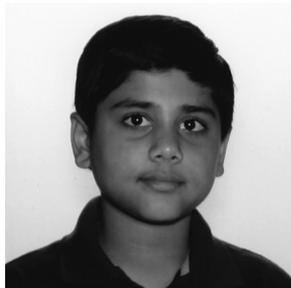
**Debolina Gosh** is a 3rd grader from Solon, OH. She participated in NSF National Spelling Bee in 2006. In 2007 NSF National Finals, she won 1st place in JVB and 4th place in JSB. Her hobbies are in art and craft.

## 2008 National Bee Winner Profiles 2008 Senior Geography Bee (SGB) Winners

**Arjun Kandaswamy** is a 7th grader from Portland, Oregon. In 5th grade Arjun was a national runner up in an essay writing competition, whose judges included Senator Ted Kennedy and his essay was published in the congressional record. He plays many sports including cross country running, competitive tennis, snowboarding, and basketball.



**Nitin Krishna** is a 5th grader from Corbin, KY. Nitin won regional senior geography bee last year. His hobbies include acquiring knowledge in geography, videogames, and cricket.



**Abhinav Kurada** is a 4th grader from Littleton, MA. He loves Geography and Sports. He stood first in MA regionals in SGB this year. He was ranked 6th in NSF National JGB in 2007. He participated in MBI and JVB at the NSF nationals in

### 2008 Senior Essay writing Bee (EW3) Winners



**Ishita Kala** is an 11th grader from Waterford, CT. Her hobbies are music and reading. She also won 2nd place in Public Speaking Bee.

**Aditya Kalluri** is an 11th grader North Olmsted, OH. He was the 2007 American Association of Physics Teachers Student of the Year. His hobbies are Tennis, and Chess. Aditya also won 2nd place in Brain Bee.



## 2008 National Bee Winner Profiles

**Nithya Vijayakumar** is a 9th grader from Canton, MI. She was a Scripps National Spelling Bee Finalist in 2007. Her hobbies include Bharatanatyam, Karate, Violin, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, and Snow Boarding. She is multilingual in English, Spanish, Tamil and French. She also won 1st place in Brain Bee.

## 2008 Public Speaking Bee (PS3) Winners

**Shubhro Saha** is a 9th grader from Avon, CT. In school he is an avid participant in the math team, debate team, as well as the student council. Shubhro says that, though he was a shy child at first, at around 12 years of age he discovered that giving a speech can be enjoyable and even at times exhilarating.



**Ishita Kala** is 2nd place winner. Her bio appears in EW3.

**Rishika Chugh** is an 11th grader from Edison, NJ. Her hobbies are Tennis and Dance.

## 2008 Brain Bee (BB) Winners

**Nitya Vijayakumar** is the 1st place winner. Her bio appears in EW3.

**Aditya Kalluri** is the 2nd place winner. His bio appears in EW3.

**Shweta Patro** is the 3rd place winner. Her bio appears in SVB.

## 2008 Regional Contests - Perfect Scores

Like last year we acknowledge all the contestants who got a perfect score in any of the regional contests. This is a fantastic achievement! Congratulations to all the contestants below. If you happen to meet any of them, don't forget to ask them for the secrets behind their success.

Contestant & Contest	Regional Center Grade	Contestant & Contest	Regional Center Grade
<b>Junior Spelling Bee</b>		<b>Math Bee Level 1</b>	
Priyanka Devaguptapu	3 Tampa, FL	Seshank Achyutuni	1 Detroit, MI
Arushi Tewari	2 Palo Alto, CA	Arushi Agarwal	2 Philadelphia, PA
<b>Senior Spelling Bee</b>		Nikita Agarwal	2 Atlanta, GA
Akshayraj Aitha	6 San Ramon, CA	Bhavya Appana	2 Cleveland, OH
Nikhil Bhat	7 Allentown, PA	Akshaya Bala	2 Worcester, MA
Jahnvi Iyer	8 Allentown, PA	Mridul Bansal	2 Columbus, OH
Swetha Jasti	4 Kansas City, KS	Siddharth Baphna	2 Cambridge, MA
Anvita Mishra	6 Sacramento, CA	Saket Bikmal	2 Jacksonville, FL
Aishwarya Pastapur	7 Springfield, IL	Jay Chandra	2 Ft Collins, CO
Nisha Reddy	7 Richardson, TX	Shaantam Chawla	2 Princeton, NJ
Akshat Shekhar	8 Worcester, MA	Ankita Devasia	1 Manchester, NH
Kavya Shivashankar	7 Kansas City, KS	Aryana Gavankar	2 Atlanta, GA
Anamika Veeramani	6 Cleveland, OH	Anchal Gupta	1 Kansas City, KS
<b>Inter Vocabulary Bee</b>		Akshaj Kadaveru	2 Fairfax, VA
Vivek Miglani	5 Tampa, FL	Sathwik Karnik	2 Worcester, MA
<b>Senior Vocabulary Bee</b>		Adiyan Kaul	2 Milpitas, CA
Amar Mehta	10 Wilmington, DE	Abhiram Kondagunta	2 Raleigh, NC
Nandhini Sundaresan	9 Atlanta, GA	Dilan Lakhani	2 San Diego, CA
<b>Math Bee Level 2</b>		Koshik Mahapatra	2 Stamford, CT
Pooja Chandrashekar	5 Fairfax, VA	Sanjana Malla	2 Stamford, CT
Advitheey Chelikani	5 Barrington, IL	Adithya Mummidi	2 San Antonio, TX
Sanjna Iyengar	5 Raleigh, NC	Amisha Paul	2 Stamford, CT
Praneeth Kambampati	5 Houston (BAPS), TX	Tejas Priyadarshi	2 Philadelphia, PA
Ujwal Kiran	5 Hinsdale, IL	Austin Rath	2 Dallas, TX
Nitin Krishna	5 Atlanta, GA	Sujay Ratna	2 Kansas City, KS
HariPriya Mehta	4 Barrington, IL	Shreya Ravi	2 Jacksonville, FL
Jitesh Mullapudi	5 Dallas, TX	Nishant Ravi	2 Milpitas, CA
Indrani Ray	4 Ft Collins, CO	Ramya G Reddy	2 Ft Lauderdale, FL
Shreya Shankar	5 Houston (BAPS), TX	Hitha Santosh	2 Edison, NJ
Meghana Vagwala	5 Worcester, MA	Ananya Shah	2 Ft Collins, CO
<b>Math Bee Level 3</b>		Aditi Shandilya	2 Jacksonville, FL
SakethnathAre	8 Fairfax, VA	Shubham Singh	2 Stamford, CT
MallikGuduguntla	8 Detroit, MI	Varun Srikanth	2 Columbus, OH
ChanukyaMalla	7 Detroit, MI	Samay Suragimath	2 Milpitas, CA
AkhilNistala	7 Detroit, MI	Tharini Suresh	1 Phoenix, AZ
AnirudhSailesh	8 Hinsdale, IL	Niharika Vattikonda	2 San Diego, CA
		Teja Veeramacheneni	2 Milpitas, CA

All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talent.

*- John F. Kennedy*

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Sri K.G. Jagadish, was the founder of NSF Kochi chapter and brought it to full speed in less than two years, all with his own genius, and hard work with unparalleled leadership skills. Sri Jagadish died on the morning of Dec 9th 2008. He retired as a chief engineer from Rurkela steel plant.

Swapna Jayakumar, Sri Jagadish's daughter, living in Dallas is an active NSF volunteer.

The NSF families in USA and India offer their heartfelt condolences and prayers. May his soul rest in peace!

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