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Excellence in Education**

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CELEBRATING 24TH YEAR OF PROMOTING EXCELLENCE

– IN EDUCATION

It was December 1988 when North South Foundation was born in our basement. It was the brainchild of Dr. N. Bhaskara Rao of New Delhi and I following a long discussion. Twenty four years is a long time for any NGO. I believe NSF has 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. Starting in 1993, under the leadership of Dr. Murali Gavini, the Foundation began in the US to encourage academic excellence among the children of Indian-American community through educational contests. Starting with spelling bee at first, they were expanded over time to include vocabulary, math, science, geography, essay writing, public speaking and brain bee.

	1994	1999	2004	2009	2012
INDIA					
Chapters	3	5	10	14	23
Scholarships*	110	154	300	600	1,450
Cumulative Scholarships	310	1,040	2,400	4,700	7,800
* - includes renewals					
USA					
Contests	2	2	9	15	18
Chapters	16	18	46	70	84
Children Participating	800	800	3,200	8,400	15,200
Cumulative Participation	1,600	5,600	13,160	48,970	87,800
Scholarships for Champions	6	7	24	33	42
Cumulative Scholarships	12	43	101	266	382

It is gratifying to know that NSF has been able to serve thousands of talented children, both in India and US. For example, 7,800 college scholarships were provided in India since 1990, while more than 87 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.

Over the last four years, NSF online coaching has become very popular in the US. The program includes pre-mathcounts, mathcounts and SAT English/Math. More than 2,200 children have enrolled this year. NSF India continues to expand in educational contests in spelling, math and science as well as leadership development among youth. 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 Coordination Team, North South Foundation

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 7,800 scholarships have been awarded to date. The Foundation has given nearly 1,450 scholarships the past academic year. Each scholarship is \$250 per student per year. Awards are made following strict selection criteria based on merit and need. Students are selected from 23 centers in India: Aurangabad, Bangaluru, Bhavnagar, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Kochi, Chennai, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jodhpur, Kolkata, Madurai, Moradabad, Mysore, Nagercoil, Noida/Delhi, Panchkula, Patiala, Patna, Pune, Tanuku, Udaipur and Visakhapatnam. These centers are run by dedicated volunteers who are committed to the noble cause of helping the poor who excel at studies attend college. There is a plan to add more chapters, especially in states where NSF does not have a presence. Please contact us if you can help us start a new chapter.

Educational contests in the US are designed to encourage academic excellence among Indian American children. The spelling, vocabulary, math, science, geography, essay writing, and public speaking bees are conducted annually in two steps. Children initially participate in any of 84 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 87,800 contestants benefited from NSF bees. Please contact us if you would like to have a chapter in your area. NSF offers online coaching in pre-mathcounts, mathcounts and SAT. More than 2,200 children have enrolled this year.

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 OF 2012

Notable accomplishments during the year 2012 are given below:

- NSF had 8 new chapter openings during 2012, now totaling 84 chapters in the US.
- Snigdha Nandipati, from NSF San Diego chapter, captured the 2012 Scripps spelling bee championship in Washington, D.C. This is the fifth year in a row that an NSF child has won the Scripps spelling bee championship. Snigdha won a scholarship of over \$40,000. Stuti Misra, from the Orlando chapter, won second place, while Arvind Mahankali, from the Long Island, NY chapter, won the third place..
- Apart from Scripps spelling bee, NSF children have also excelled in several other competitive contests such as MathCounts, You be The Chemist Challenge, National Geographic Bee, and National middle school science bowl.
- The following are the winners and participants at MATHCOUNTS: Ashwin Sah (2nd place), Niket Gowravaram (14th place/1st place team); Sarvasva Raghuvanshi (21st place/2nd place team); Dhruv Medarametla (27th place); Sahaj Garg (38th place); Abhinand Sivaprasad (39th place/3rd place team); Participants: Akshay Pulavary, Kavya Ravichandran, Shravan Ravishankar, Pranav Rekapalli, Ankan Bhattacharya and Nilai Sarada.
- Bhagirath Mehta won the championship finals at the “You be the Chemist Challenge”.
- Abhinand Sivaprasad, Aditya Murali, Gokul Gowri, Suvansh Sanjeev and Tejas Bhardwaj won the third place team award at the National Middle school science bowl.
- Vansh Jain and Varun Mahadevan won second and third ranks, respectively, at the National Geographic Bee.
- The last several years have seen tremendous growth for the academic contests held by NSF among 84 regional centers. We're thrilled to report that over 15,180 contestants registered in various categories this year. Of these, Detroit, MI, had the highest registration with 573, followed by Atlanta, GA (538), Columbus, OH (478), Raleigh, NC (477) and Fairfax, VA with 469. The Junior Spelling Bee continued to attract the most registrations in a single contest, as it had 2,228 contestants nationwide. The Math Bee contest combining all three levels attracted a record 5,468 contestants in 2012. We are indebted to all the new and existing regional coordinators and volunteers who worked hard to make the regional contests successful.
- MATHCOUNTS and PRE-MATHCOUNTS coaching classes were received again with overwhelming number of children around 1,500. About 90 volunteers are coaching these children.
- NSF introduced SAT online coaching, both English and Math, for the very first time. More than 760 children enrolled in the program with 63 volunteers enthusiastically agreeing to coach the SAT. Some coaches are handling multiple classes. NSF is grateful for their tremendous contribution.
- The 2012 NSF National Championship Finals were conducted at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI during August 18-19 with an attendance of 1215 contestants.
- Many regional centers held Spelling, Vocabulary, Geography, Math and Science Bee workshops in 2012. The Bee Workshops are designed to encourage and prepare children to take part in NSF and other similar contests.

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 Abbott Lab, American Express, Bank of America, BP, Bristol Myers, Cisco, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, Monsanto, Oracle, Pfizer, Tudor Investmnt, Truist, United Technologies, 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 the United Way) who have designated their contribution 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, HSBC, Microsoft and Pfizer.

Educational Contests in the US: 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, non-profit organizations, and excess funds remaining from the registration fees.

India Activities: During the 2012 scholarship season, 8 new chapters were opened. More than 1449 scholarships were awarded of which 797 were fresh scholarships. Northsouth website (www.northsouth.org) was updated to make it easy for potential applicants, volunteers and donors to access information about our India scholarship program. For more information about India Scholarship program, please contact Madavi Oliver at madavioliver@gmail.com

PERFECT SCORES – 2012 REGIONALS

	CONTEST	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	GRADE	CHAPTER
1	Junior Spelling	Tejas	Muthusamy	3	Fairfax, VA
2	Junior Spelling	Eniya	Krishnaraj	3	Ft Lauderdale, FL
3	Senior Spelling	Sanjana	Malla	6	Stamford, CT
4	Senior Spelling	Sai	Allu	7	St. Louis, MO
5	Senior Spelling	Vaidya	Govindarajan	8	Ft Lauderdale, FL
6	Senior Spelling	Kuvam	Shahane	7	Ann Arbor, MI
7	Senior Spelling	Sriram	Hathwar	6	Rochester, NY
8	Senior Spelling	Bhageerathi	Ganesan	7	Columbus, OH
9	Senior Spelling	Surabhi	Iyer	7	Worcester, MA
10	Senior Spelling	Vanya	Shivashankar	5	Des Moines, IA
11	Senior Spelling	Chetan	Reddy	7	Dallas, TX
12	Math Level 1	Ram	Goel	1	Portland, OR
13	Math Level 1	Alor	Sahoo	2	Bakersfield, CA
14	Math Level 1	Chirag	Verma	2	Seattle, WA
15	Math Level 2	Ajit	Kadaveru	4	Fairfax, VA
16	Math Level 3	Akshaj	Kadaveru	6	Fairfax, VA
17	Math Level 3	Shravan	Ravishankar	8	Indianapolis, IN
18	Math Level 3	Nikhil	Reddy	7	Raleigh, NC
19	Math Level 3	Dhruv	Medarametla	8	Detroit, MI
20	Math Level 3	Akshay	Karthik	8	Cambridge, MA
21	Math Level 3	Nilai	Sarda	8	Atlanta, GA
22	Math Level 3	Rohit	Rajiv	8	Worcester, MA
23	Math Level 3	Akhil	Waghmare	8	Fairfax, VA
25	Senior Geography	Rohit	Rajiv	8	Worcester, MA

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

North South Foundation (NSF) provides scholarships to undergraduate students entering into engineering, medicine or 3-year polytechnic (diploma in engineering) based on merit and financial need. NSF also considers BVSc, BSc Ag, and B Pharma courses. The scholarship process begins at the chapter level in India with an announcement. Each India chapter has a volunteer who acts as the India Chapter Coordinator (ICC) who is responsible for all activities of the chapter – from forming the selection committee, reviewing applications, interviewing applicants and giving the scholarship checks at an awards ceremony. Volunteers who live in USA and are closely associated with a chapter in India act as liaisons. Liaisons in US interact with the ICCs and are involved with the chapter in many ways – from actually starting the chapter by identifying a volunteer in India, to figuring out ways to spread the word, to meeting candidates while visiting India and more. The liaison also facilitates meetings between a scholar and an interested donor. Please refer to the section in the review which lists contact information of Liaisons and India Chapter Coordinators.

10 STEPS TO HOW “YOUR \$ HELPS EDUCATE”

1. India Chapter announces scholarships thru local media and in schools (April-June)
2. Students send in their details and request for an application (June-Aug).
3. India Chapter Coordinator screens requests and sends applications to eligible candidates (June-Aug).
4. Applications are completed and mailed by students. Income certificates and mark sheets are part of the application (June-Aug).
5. India Chapter Coordinator (ICC) forms a selection panel, reviews applications and shortlists candidates to interview (Sept).
6. ICC and selection panel interview candidates. One parent is expected to accompany the student. Bus or train fare is reimbursed to the student (Sept-Oct).
7. ICC sends recommendations to NSF India Coordinator in Hyderabad (Oct-Nov).
8. NSF India Coordinator and US scholarships team do final review. Sometimes further clarifications are requested before approval (Oct-Nov).
9. The Chapter also processes any renewals at this time since NSF supports the student through the entire course of study (Aug-Oct).
10. India Chapter holds an award ceremony and honors NSF scholarship recipients (Dec-Jan).

SCHOLARSHIPS IN INDIA - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – 2011-2012

Eligibility criteria for NSF college scholarships are listed below:

- Marks in the top 10 percentile of 10th or 12th or CET/JET in the state
- Annual family income must be less than Rs 65,000 p.a.
- Preference to students coming from government schools and colleges.
- Preference to fresh students going to government colleges.
- Preference to students not getting other scholarships.
- NSF gives scholarships after evaluating the need.
- Scholarship is limited to Rs. 12,000 for degree and Rs. 5000 for Diploma students.

“Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure.”

– George Edward Woodberry

2011-12 NSF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS REPORT

Every time a child participates in an NSF bee or workshop, one other child in India benefits. What started off as one scholarship in 1989, is now at 1400+ in 2012 and growing. Twenty three years later the cumulative scholarship count is more than 7800. Over the past few years, the scholarships team tried really hard to start new chapters in the northern part of India which was underrepresented. NSF was successful in starting chapters in Haryana, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Punjab. These chapters were started by volunteers living in USA (liaisons) who motivated their friends and families in their hometowns to start new chapters. It takes a whole scholarship cycle (April-Dec) of behind the scenes work to bear fruit. Even this year more volunteers have come forward and are helping start more chapters.

Year wise scholarship growth

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
580	667	922	1449

We now have web pages for each India chapter, a revised set of criteria, downloadable application forms, contact email for scholarships queries, a flier for parents to email to friends and family in India, and an effort by NSF parents to go and talk to Government schools during their India vacations. We also have an on-line application process, and in the works are a database of scholars for easy information sharing, and alumni tracking. We have a great working relationship with the India team and together with the US liaisons we look forward to helping more students fulfill their dreams. Explore scholarship team web pages and send us your feedback. We are always looking for volunteers.

Write to us - nsfindiascholarships@gmail.com

NSF also provides scholarships to students in middle or high schools under the designated scholarships category whenever a donor specifically designates scholarships to a specific school. In 2012 NSF gave 35 designated scholarships to deserving students to help them with fees and books. Below given is table of 2011-12 NSF-INDIA college Scholarships.

	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Renewal</i>	<i>Fresh</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh	119	71	190
2	Tanuku, Andhra Pradesh	0	4	4
3	Vizag, Andhra Pradesh	0	3	3
4	Guwahati, Assam	2	3	5
5	Patna, Bihar	4	5	9
6	Chandigarh, Chandigarh	5	0	5
7	Panchkula, Haryana	1	2	3
8	Bangalore, Karnataka	71	78	149
9	Kochi, Kerala	6	21	27
10	Pune, Maharashtra	58	69	127
11	Bhubaneswar, Orissa	166	220	386
12	Patiala, Punjab	8	0	8
13	Jodhpur, Rajasthan	59	43	102
14	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	17	148	165
15	Madurai, Tamil Nadu	54	63	117
16	Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu	10	13	23
17	Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh	2	11	13
18	Kolkata, West Bengal	70	43	113
	TOTAL	652	797	1449

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<i>Name</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
AP - Hyderabad			Mithinti Pavan	9040	Vegitable Vendor
Juturu Surendra Reddy	249	Agriculture	Datta Vikas Varma	12794	Agriculture
Athkuri Ramesh Babu	287	Daily Wage	Myneni Aswini Kiran	39	Farmer
Gudimetla Venkata Apurna	392	Farmer	Kowtha Praveen	221	Farmer
Vusa Lakshmi Tulasi	418	Labour	Papineni Praveen Kumar	376	Farmer
Thimmareddy Veeranjanya	428	Farmer	Challa Vijaya Bhaskar	407	Cooli
G. Bharath Kumar	432	Labour	Tandra Poornima	503	Purohith
Gajjala Gopi	922	Labour	Bethina Phani Kumar	565	Farmer
Polepalli Hareesh Kumar	1114	Auto Driver	Karnati Sravani	663	Junior Asst.
Seri Sada Siva Reddy	1280	Farmer	Revuru Kanaka Subhasree	686	Private Accountant
Ganapareddy Durga Bhavani	1302	Farmer	Vattikonda Chandra Lekha	693	N/A
P. Srinivas Reddy	1507	Farmer	Dharmavarapu Harsha Reddy	699	Farmer
Sree Padam Valli Padma	3257	Labour	Battula Lakshmi Radhika	729	Farmer
Kunda Krishna Mohan	3368	Labour	Vijjapu Srikanth	731	Farmer
Yemula Mounika	3937	Labour	Konuri Bhargava Ram	2917	Farmer
Thallam Lalitha	90%	Labour	Nallajerla Jyothisri	9541	Labour
Vishnumolakala Madhava Rao	86%	Agriculture	AP - Tanuku		
Narayanawari Brindawana	85%	Labour	Simmadri Subrahmanyam	3328	Labour
Purra Sriram	88%	Lorry Driver	Sunkavalli Sai Vinod	610	Labour
Annem Sandhya	95%	Agriculture	Pasupuleti Ramya	2654	Labour
Birala Mallikarjuna	92%	Forman	Pichukula Manikanta	88%	Clerk
Pamidimarri Satish	71%	Business	AP - Vizag		
Paluri Nageswara Rao	87%	Shop Keeper	Kolla Narasimha Murthy	92%	Labour
Medabalmi Gangeswar	85%	Labour	Kota Nageswara Rao	95%	Labour
Sadineni Lakshminarayana	75%	Cultivation	Potnuru Srikanth	94%	Labour
Peketi Veer Raju	78%	Kirana Marchant	Assam - Guwahati		
Vishnumolakala Lakshmi	86%	Labour	Hemanga Kalita	28	Labour
Gudapati Gopichand	80%	Agriculture	Sasanka Bhagabati	6213	Service
Gandi Nagarjuna	84%	Farmer	Bihar - Patna		
Gudi Srikanth Reddy	80%	Agriculture	Manish Anand	21648	Father Died
Kampati Rajesh	88%	Farmer	Chirag Nahar	18842	Business
Manchala Sanath Kumar	85%	Agriculture	Masud Alam	72%	Agriculture
Chitta Balaji	79%	Clerk - Rice Shop	Nishant Kumar	370	Agriculture
Vadlapally Madhu Sudhan	108	Farmer	Ganpati Kumar	25520	Cooli
Buraga Devi Prasad	112	Agriculture	Haryana - Panchkula		
Agtie Vinod Kumar Reddy	155	Labour	Nakul Tyagi	67%	Farmer
Nandikolla Ganesh	239	Waiver	Shalini Tiwari	89%	Labour
Sairam Vilas Kumar	527	Farmer	Karnataka - Bangalore		
Medisetti Ramu	570	Labour	Shashibhushan Varekar	15	Tailoring
Vemi reddy Surendar Reddy	778	Labour	M. Jayanth	57	Pigmy Agent
Cherukuri Ravi Teja	1054	Agriculture	B. Kusumitha	297	N/A
Kummetha Gokul Kumar	1057	Labour	A. Roshni	396	Housewife
Vallapureddy Naresh	1065	Agriculture	B. Lakshminarayan	434	Auto Driver
Puvvada Murali Krishna	1291	Business	M.S. Venkat Raghava	514	Agriculture
Gantasa Bharath Kumar	1551	Business	Lakshmeesha J Hegade	728	Agriculture
Pothuganti Vijay Krishna	1606	Business	Siddanagouda	894	Farmer
Sure V L L Tejaswini	1613	P. Employee	K. Chandrankantha	960	Hand Viewer
Dara Krishna Kanth	1722	Labour	M.C. Harshitha	1310	Agriculture
Maryala Anil Kumar	1910	Farmer	Sanjay Y.R	4832	Housewife
Vasireddy Sai Bharath	1919	Agriculture	Vamsee Surya S	511	Business
Mandava Harsha	1969	Farmer	Ashism M.P	680	Agriculture
Patel Pavan Kumar Reddy	2449	Tea Shop	Rahul R	980	Labourer
Takkarsu Santhosh Kumar	2632	Priest	Varija Hebbar	1196	N/A
Maddi Renu Anvesh	2756	Clerk			
Namireddy Harish Reddy	5723	Housewife			
Thakkella Chandrika	6993	Lab Technician			

H. Koushik	449	Panshop	Maharashtra - Pune	
Dileep K.R	1248	Agriculture	Dhere Sagar Laxman	100% farmer
Sachin S	1447	Mason	Rathi Paratik Suryakant	98% worker
Vinod Desai	1543	Agriculture	Sanas Ketan Ashok	97% farmer
Anusha N.T	2328	Housewife	Kavhale Shubham Dattarao	97% farmer
Ravi Kumar U.G	2331	Labourer	Prajakta Shahaji Shivale	96% worker
Sathyajeeth M.P	2456	Tailor	Chavan Saburi Vdaysingh	96% farmer
Suman Y.C	2562	Farmer	Patil Ajinkya Ashok	95% farmer
V. Akshay	2690	Weaver	Snehal Lalaso Nagawade	95% farmer
Druthi P Bhatt	2852	Business	Shaikh Reshma Ramjan	95% Barber
Pento Reema	2862	Driver	Chavan Pranav Prakash	96% farmer
Darshan S.M	2958	Labourer	Kale Sharaddha Namadeo	95% farmer
Sandesh R	2993	Farmer	Chavan Kirtiman Vitthal	94% farmer
Karthik A.M	3121	House wife	Krishna Dagambar Baraskar	96% farmer
Venkatesh P	3144	Factory Worker	Tapkir Pooja Hanumant	94% farmer
Amulya N	3244	House wife	Shaikh Rajjab Gulab	94% Tailor
Manoj Kumar V Sarangmath	3498	Private Teacher	Kadam Akshay Vitthal	94% farmer
S S Lakshmishree	3564	Weaver	Kunjir Nilesh Dilip	94% farmer
Bhargav Kumar R	3586	Auto Driver	Shinde Sujata Chandrakant	94% worker
Yogesha P	3989	House wife	Tarate Suraj Bharat	93% Labour
Vathsalya Y.S	4067	Worker	Jalindar Balaso Veer	93% farmer
Anand Nigade	4103	Labourer	Khaire Shraddha Satish	93% Labour
Karthik P	4151	House wife	Pawar Avinash Madhukar	93% worker
Anusha S	4226	Business	Mulay Sagar Sakharam	93% farmer
Sharath Gowda D.S	4379	Farmer	Shinde Priyanka Babanrao	93% farmer
Jirali Anaviresh	4438	Labourer	Manali Gopal Ghadge	93% Driver
Praveen Gouda	4629	Agriculture	Shinde Vrushali Rajendra	92% Auto Driver
Karthik K Navada	4656	Private Teacher	Salunke Shakhada Arun	92% Catering
Chethana N S	4692	Agriculture	Dipti Dattatraya Jagdale	92% Shop Keeper
Sharath K.N	4730	Farmer	Shaikh Raju Rajjak	92% farmer
Edwin V.J	4814	Electrician	Kale Krishna Balasaheb	91% farmer
Mohammed Ishraq Hussain	5090	Iron Works	Todkar Akshada Rajendra	91% Temporary Servent
S. Naveen Kumar	5344	Farmer	Dalvi Dnyaneshwar	91% worker
Mohd Minhajuddin Shaikh	5469	House wife	Kunjir Yogesh Dilip	91% farmer
Pradeep Kumar H.R	5665	Agriculture	Jagtap Vikas Hanumant	91% farmer
Gajendra H.M	5766	Labourer	Gaikwad Aishwary Somnath	91% farmer
Deepti V Nayak	5797	Electrician	Bendre Sagar Balasaheb	91% farmer
Bhavana J	5851	Tailor	Sukale Pranali Kailas	91% farmer
Hemalatha J	5956	Tailor	Prathamesh M Keskar	91% Driver
Dodda Basava A	6196	Sales Man	Shailaja Shankar Jagtap	91% farmer
Sneha P	6306	Turner	Thorve Tejal Shivaji	91% farmer
Susheela Narayan Hegde	6437	House wife	Priynka Bhauso Shendkar	90% farmer
Umesh Kumar A	6798	Labourer	Akshay Baban More	90% Cab Driver
Mymoon Tabassum	7058	Imamin Mosque	Thorat Rahul Suresh	90% worker
Rudra Muni D	1176	Labour	Prafull Pravin Zende	90% Job
Shilpa Nagesh Raikar	2495	Gold Smith	Takawale Pratik Satish	89% farmer
Deepa D.M	3610	Farmer	Takawale Nilesh Krishna	89% worker
Shruti Lakshminarayana	4025	Kooli	Bhosale Yuvraj Rajendra	89% worker
Asifa Sultana	4179	Kooli	Tapare Swapnil Kundlik	87% farmer
Venkatesh K.B	5380	Labour	Shinde Datta Shivajirao	87% farmer
Geetha D.G	5720	Kooli	Temkar Abhishek Kerbhau	86% farmer
Sharath N	6323	Worker	Shital Dadaso Khedekar	87% farmer
Sadashiva	7066	Farmer	Jyoti Ramesh Kumbhar	91% worker
Chandrashekara G.V	7316	Kooli	Potghan Nilesh Sunil	6 Private Service
Chethan U	8168	Kooli	Jadhav Chandrakant	67 farmer
Sathya Prasad K.K	10354	Weaver	Farkande Ram Shahajirao	96 farmer
Swathi S.A	13037	Tailor	Fulwani Yogesh Murlidhar	194 Shop Keeper
Mahalakshmi	13541	Kooli	Rajesh Kumar Pradhan	67 Labour
Reshma	92%	Kooli		
Sudha M Malali	84%	N/A		
Nandita G Naik	83%	Coolie		
Lokesa N.	93%	Sales man		
Manasa S	1077	Electrician		

Dhoot Nilesh Ramesh	203	Business	Upendra Kumar Sahoo	68	Businessman
Purandare Shekhar Shankar	354	worker	Soumya Ranjan Rout	69	Farmer
Vagoli Sachin Revappa	403	Labour	Swagata Sahoo	71	Farmer
Sathi Ratan Roy	92%	Private Service	Namita Sahoo	75	Farmer
Rajeshirke Pradip	87%	farmer	Sushovita Swain	78	Farmer
Zende Neha Namdev	81%	Vegitable	Santosh Kumar Sahoo	83	Farmer
Pangarkar Harshad Shivaji	90%	Housewife	Milan Kumar Sahoo	107	Business
Kumbhar Ajit Nagadeo	88%	Potter	Sibaram Majhi	108	Business
Mohite Rohit Tanaji	83%	service	Trilochan Sahoo	112	Business
Tathe Navnath Kailas	83%	farmer	Manoranjan Maharana	116	Carpenter
Pawar Mayur	82%	Driver	Priya Brata Padhy	121	Daily Labour
Dhore Amol Arun	82%	Worker	Sunil Kumar Parida	123	Farmer
Ghadge Suraj Laxman	82%	Farmer	Bhagyashree Sahoo	126	Farmer
			Sunil Manohar Maharana	138	Business
			Monalisa Sahu	139	Business
			Nirakar Sahu	145	Farmer
			Janmejay Behera	155	Farmer
			Biswajit Nayak	157	Business
			Uttama Behera	159	Labour
			Satya Prakash Swain	162	Farmer
			Rashmiranjan Routray	163	Farmer
			Ashish Kumar Mohanty	175	Farmer
			Srikanta Nayak	176	Farmer
			Santosh Kumar Behera	185	Pvt. Security Guard
			Pankaj Kumar saho	189	Farmer
			Aurosmitta Jena	200	Teacher
			Pinku Pradhan	201	Farmer
			Puspalata Sahoo	202	Farmer
			K. Sridhar Patro	203	Business
			Smrutisnigdha Priya Dalai	208	Farmer
			Arun Kumar Behera	217	Temple Clerk
			Amarjeet Sahu	222	Farmer
			Balaram Sahoo	230	Tailor
			Pritam Kumar Panda	238	Business
			Ajit Kumar Das	250	Farmer
			Rajesh Nayak	276	Farmer
			Mihir Kumar Jena	308	Farmer
			Pabitra Kumar Sahu	323	Business
			Jyotiranjana Sahu	352	Farmer
			Priyanka Das	367	Farmer
			Suresh Chandra Meher	394	Farmer
			Satrugna Sahu	450	Farmer
			Biswajit Dash	546	Labour
			Binapani Mohapatra	681	Father Expired
			Pradesh Jena	730	Cultivation
			Swagatika Sahoo	776	Farmer
			Jagamohan Dash	863	Daily Labour
			Jayashree Kumar	959	Daily Labour
			Padmalochan Pathi	1060	Farmer
			Sanjay Kumar Baral	10	Farmer
			Tanmaya Kumar Sahoo	17	Business man
			Satyabrata Pani	19	Daily Labour
			Asumal Pala	28	Farmer
			Sadananda Pal	29	Farmer
			Jagabandhu Sahoo	31	Farmer
			Debashish Behera	32	Labour
			Biswajit Chakra	33	Farmer
			Sthitiprajna Biswal	36	Business
			Swadhin Kumar Pati	39	Farmer
Kerala - Kochi					
Janees S	125	Coolie			
Shalini S Nair	322	Farmer			
Shysi S	836	Coolie			
Soumya K.S	1119	Coolie			
Prajitha R.P	1254	Farmer			
Fasna V	1420	Coolie			
Vishnu Vinay	1598	Vendor			
Anupamaraji A.R	1883	House wife			
Arunima K.G	2062	Farmer			
Dineep M.P	2168	Hotel Work			
Jesna Liyakath	2263	House wife			
Athulya V	2792	Coolie			
Syalu C.S	6	Coolie			
Chippy N Rajan	421	Farmer			
Nisamudeen C.A	455	Agriculture			
Midhun M	1693	House wife			
Abhijay S Nair	1716	Agriculture			
Karthik N	1931	Coolie			
Shiny Rajan	1999	Tuition Teacher			
Anisha Xavier	2493	Business			
Muhammad Shuaib N.K	7686	Coolie			
Orissa - Bhubaneswar					
Jayanta Kumar Mandal	5	Farmer			
Aditya Kumar Maharana	7	Business			
Susanta Kumar Jena	13	Farmer			
Kshirod Chandra Kundu	18	Farmer			
Niranjan Nayak	19	Farmer			
Rajakishore Mahapatra	20	Farmer			
Lopamudra Pradhan	25	Farmer			
Gayatri Badatya	27	Labour			
Jeeban Kalyan Mohapatra	30	Farmer			
Amiya Kumar Das	33	Father Expired			
Dibyasini Panda	35	Cultivation			
Ramakanta Padhy	37	Father Expired			
Srikant Das	38	Business			
Abhinash Sahu	40	Business			
Samir Kumar Sahu	42	Daily Labour			
Santosh Kumar Pradhan	44	Farmer			
Ajit kumar Das	46	Farmer			
Krushna Chandra Nayak	52	Farmer			
Debabrata Mahapatra	54	Farmer			
Deepak Mahakud	58	Farmer			
Mihir Kumar Sahoo	62	Business			

Manoj Kumar Bhanja	43	Farmer	Asit Kumar Samal	449	Farmer
Plaban Kumar Parida	50	Farmer	Manmaya Kumar Sahu	450	Daily Labour
Manas Kumar Sahu	53	Farmer	Rajguru Sia	471	Farmer
Arabinda Panda	54	Shop keeper	Chandan Kumar Palei	473	Business
Rudra Narayan Behera	56	Farmer	Jayadev Panda	484	Business
Pradesh Kumar Swain	72	Farmer	Primesrish Jena	490	Teacher
Manas Kumar Das	72	Daily Labour	Sameer Mohanty	499	Driver
Bhiswanath Sabat	73	Business	Subhashmita Nayak	509	Daily Labour
Sitaram Pradhan	75	Farmer	N.Lagna Dipta	516	Tailor
Saroj Kumar Das	79	Farmer	Pratap Kumar Sahoo	521	Farmer
Srimanta Panda	85	Tea Shop	Subham Priya Sutar	535	Business
Anand Thakur Bhadari	91	Barber	Subash Chandra Basantia	548	Shpo Keeper
Prasanta Das	99	Business	Aparna Sahany	550	Tailor
Suryakanta Khuntia	105	Daily Labourer	Ashutosh Hota	554	Private Job
Susanta Kumar Sahu	106	Business	Debashish Rout	563	Farmer
Ambareswar Jena	108	Farmer	Rajesh Kumar Panda	578	Business
Shakti Sitesh Das	112	Daily Labour	Harikishan Shaw	581	Business
Saumyaranjan Patra	122	Weaving	J.Lalita Bhabani	585	Priest
Nihar Ranjan Sahoo	129	Farmer	Kuna Sahoo	595	Business
Pravati Pradhan	146	Private Service	Smruti Ranjan Panda	597	Shop keeper
Banamali Mandal	148	Farmer	Asish Kumar Sahoo	604	Farmer
Subrat Sahoo	154	Driver	Pankj Kumar Sasmal	607	Farmer
Priyabrata Biswal	161	Farmer	Mira Panda	611	Farmer
Patibtra Das	162	Daily Worker	Sandeep Padhy	644	Business
Amar Kumar Nayak	163	Farmer	Suchin Nayak	645	Driver
Deepak Kumar Raul	173	Father Expired	Jeevan Jyoti Ranjit	651	Tubewell Mechanic
Soubhagya Subhasish Sahoo	174	Business	Dusmanta Kumar Sahoo	667	Farmer
Gouranga Charan Swain	181	Farmer	Srikanta Patra	668	Private Job
Alok Kumar Sabat	204	Plumber Helper	Niranjan Sahoo	704	Farmer
Deepak Mohanty	207	Farmer	Dillip Karmakar	725	Self Empolyee
Bikash Mahalik	214	Farmer	Rakesh Kumar Swain	735	Farmer
Pratyush Kumar Dora	221	Labour	Bhabaneeshankar Mohanta	751	Farmer
Abhimanyu Das	228	Farmer	Satyabrata Tripathy	753	Private Worker
Jashobanta Sahoo	240	Farmer	Biswajit Patra	763	Farmer
Biswajit Dehury	242	Farmer	Sambit Sahoo	788	Business
Subha Darsini Rout	244	Father Expired	Rajkishore Das	793	Private Job
Payal Gouda	245	Farmer	Jagannath Maharana	831	Labour
Dipti Ranjan Das	246	Business	Rasmi Ranjan Swain	849	Farmer
Arun Kumar Mahato	249	Daily Labour	Babul Samal	879	Farmer
Chandra Sekhar Panigrahi	256	Farmer	Amita Pradhan	885	Business
Biswajit Roy	265	Labour	Karmu Mohanta	940	Farmer
Surya kanta Rout	273	Farmer	Pradeep Pradhan	943	Mason
Sudip Kumar Mohanty	288	Farmer	Biswajeet Pradhan	946	Farmer
Smruti Ranjan Palai	295	Farmer	Shubham Kumar Nath	958	Farmer
Bibekananda Pattnaik	297	Farmer	Mamarani Sahoo	1075	Business
Deepak Kumar Sahoo	305	Business	Rajendra Das	1076	Weaver
Chandan Kumar Jena	321	Farmer	Diptimayee Jena	1082	Business
Susanta Kumar Sahu	322	Labour	Sandeep ku. Panigrahi	1092	Business
Satyaban Behera	323	Farmer	Nilamadhaba Behera	1110	Farmer
Tapas Biswal	325	Farmer	Manas Ranjan Mahana	1143	Farmer
Sanjay Kumar Nahak	351	Farmer	Jogesh Kumar Rout	1204	Farmer
Biswajit Nayak	375	Daily Wages	Ranjan Kumar Patra	1211	Farmer
Payal Jyotsna Swain	393	Farmer	Rajashree Parida	1234	Postal Agent
Surya Mishra	394	Business	Sreenibas Debata	1245	Weiver
Satyabrata Sahoo	400	Dealer	Ratikanta Sahani	1307	Farmer
Sangram Sekhar Panda	402	Daily Labour	Kishor Sahu	1312	Labour
Arya Kumar Abhijit Majhee	415	Farmer	Sunil Padhy	1364	Farmer
Subhalaxmi Satapathy	420	Farmer	Ipsita Priyadarsini Sahoo	1397	Farmer
Supriya Nayak	428	Compositor	Arati Sahu	1627	Daily Labourer

Mreenmayee Nayak	2917	Farmer	Ram Jeevan	1473
Machina Shivakrushna	38	Father Expired	Rajneesh Poonia	207
Diptimayee Behera	25	Farmer	Hanumanta Ram	266
Priyanka Swain	9	Business	Puja Puri	398
Rupa Mohanty	37	Farmer	Suresh Kumar	398
Rashmita Sahoo	490	Business	Mohit Maheshwari	3789
Sanjay Kumar Sahu	4	Business		
Bharata Panigrahy	1503	Farmer	Tamilnadu - Chennai	
Rasmita Moharana	1139	Carpenter	S. Sowmeya	93%
Sarita Kumari Sahu	120	Labour	S. Kalaivani	93%
Rajesh Kumar Mohanty	710	Labour	S. Sathya+A669	90%
Priyanka Mishra	87%	House Wife	Priyanka R Nair	94%
Divyashree Nayak	84%	Private Job	P. Tamilarasi	92%
Sujit Padhan	76%	Farmer	S. K. Thenmozhi	92%
Ananta Kumar Nayak	79%	Pan Shop	V. Sneha Priya	94%
Auro Prasad Parida	81%	Teacher	V. Chandra	90%
Rakshee Bhoi	77%	Farmer	S. Swetha	85%
Sukumar Mohanty	82%	Farmer	K. Vinodhini	96%
Ajit Kumar Sahu	96%	Farmer	B. Jayabharathi	95%
Chetananda Khamari	81%	Farmer	N. Kalaivani	91%
Rajasthan - Jodphur			K. Aswini	91%
Om Prakash	345	Agriculture	V. Sridevi	91%
Prashant Kumar Gaud	638	Labour	K. Priya Dharshini	85%
Jogendra	1060	Farmer	P. Priya	88%
Mahipal Singh Nehra	1072	Agriculture	S. Sumithra	93%
Sanjeev Kumar	1242	Agriculture	R. Komaha Devi	89%
Bharti Prajapati	1345	Shop Keeper	M. Baraniga	87%
Misri Lal	1452	Agriculture	M. Keerthana	85%
Bharat Kumar	1465	Farmer	R. Cathrine	85%
Aanchal Godara	1626	Farmer	M. Ramya	88%
Anil Dhakar	1737	Farmer	K. Priyanka	88%
Heena Mundra	1809	Provision Store	J. Nethravathi	87%
Rakesh Khichar	1980	Farmer	S. Nirmala Devi	89%
Rohit Kumawat	2037	Mason	S. Revathi	86%
Surendra Singh	2041	Farmer	R. Ramyadevi	87%
Prama Ram Detharwal	2056	Farmer	J. Kasthuri	87%
Rajesh Bhambu	2059	Farmer	S. Rekha	89%
Deepak Sharma	2155	Home Guard	M. Jayanthi	88%
Kavita Kumari	2347	Farmer	K. Ranjitha	89%
Ram Avatar Dhayal	2543	Farmer	R. Suganathi	87%
Mayank Agrawal	2561	Fruit Retailer	D. Radha	93%
Heera Ram	2571	Farmer	D. Sasikala	89%
Mahendra Chaudhary	2984	Agriculture	M. Varshini	88%
Mahendra Lawaich	3086	Farmer	M. Tamil Selvi	93%
Nandini Gupta	3149		D. Vijayalakshmi	91%
Heera Lal Dhakar	3155	Farmer	M. Merina	92%
Kavita	3190	Agriculture	D. Poorani	92%
Nirmal Kumar	3547	Father Died	S. Logeshwari	85%
Mahesh Sharma	3680	Mother Vigitable	M. Bharathi	91%
Gomati Vishnoi	4770	Vendor	R. Karpagam	90%
Naveen Kumar	15798	Farmer	J. Kala	87%
Atul Nigam	30698	Farmer	P. Bhuvaneshwari	90%
Jangid Kalu Ram Devilar	34	Carpenter	T. Deepika	85%
Rakesh Sain	50	Farmer	E. Sangeetha	94%
Ashok Suthar	193	Carpenter	R. Meenakshi	87%
Ram Hari	386	Farmer	P. Lakshmi	93%
Jitendra	843	Farmer	D. Srilakshmi	93%
Pramod Sharma	1262	Agriculture	A. Gomathi	86%
			P. Gayathri	92%

S. Lakshmi	86%	Cooli	E. Logesh	92%	Farmer
S. Jeyashree	94%	Weaver	K. Naina Mohamed	94%	Farmer
L. Gomathi	89%	Weaver	R. Manikandan	91%	Cooli
B. Priya	89%	Cooli	A. Afsal Ashiq	90%	House Wife
B. Priyanka	87%	TV Machanic	E. Divya Bharathi	90%	Cooli
A. Pandi Selvi	91%	Cooli	G. Sasi Kala	91%	Security
P. Tamil Selvi	96%	Weaver	P. Jothi	91%	Cooli
S. P. Vennila	89%	Farmer	M. Ramki	90%	Farmer
M. Bhuvaneshwari	87%	Cooli	T. Abdul Kadar	93%	Cooli
S. F. Faizunnisa	88%	Cooli	L. Harish	90%	Farmer
B. Suganya	91%	Weaver	M. Chandra Prakash	94%	Security
K. Deepika	89%	Tailor	R. Suga Devan	90%	Farmer
G. Mageswari	87%	Cooli	P. Nandha Kumar	95%	Painter
S. Deepa	87%	Cooli	R. Manikandan	96%	Farmer
S. Padmavathy	93%	Cooli	A. Mohammed Al Majeeth	93%	Cooli
A. Keerthana	86%	Weaver	C. Dharma Raj	91%	Cooli
J. Manisha	89%	Painter	V. Kesavan	93%	Cooli
D. Divya Bharathi	92%	Cooli	B. Srilekha	95%	Cooli
B. Bhuvaneshwari	91%	Cooli	A. Sivasankari	92%	Farmer
R. Gopi Priya	89%	Labour	P. Vijayaragavan	92%	Carpenter
S. Geethapriya	93%	Security	R. Gokulraj	94%	Electrician
D. Priyanka	88%	Cooli	N. Rajesh	91%	Iron Shop
S. Geetha	93%	Bill Clerk	R. Manikandan	94%	Cooli
S. Mariammal	93%	Cooli	V. R. Revathi	91%	Cooli
E. Rekha	90%	Cooli	D. Dhanavanthini	95%	Cooli
L. Vinitha	88%	Driver	M. Poornima	92%	Cooli
T. Pavithra	87%	Cooli	L. Arul Prakash	94%	cooli
A. Santhana Lakshmi	90%	Tailor	M. Imthiya	91%	Cooli
R. Sowndarya	92%	Cooli	A. Abbubakar Siddik	91%	Cooli
D. Mariya Alwin	91%	Provisional Store	K. Jayashree	92%	Tailor
U. Booshan	93%	Watch Man	S. Revathy	93%	Tailor
A. Z. Abdul Majeed	96%	House Wife	K. Vignesh	92%	Tailor
R. Elangovan	96%	Carpenter	S. Nivedha	93%	Shop Keeper
D. Janaki Raman	95%	Cooli	G. Balaji	90%	Cooli
S. Gopi krishna	92%	Auto Driver	S. Jayakumar	91%	Cooli
P. Kumar	96%	Weaver	S. Saranya	92%	Farmer
M. Selva Kumar	93%	Carpenter	P. Uma Mageshwari	95%	Cooli
U. Vasantha Kumar	95%	Electrician	S. Surendra Bharathi	93%	Lorry Driver
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G. Satheesh Kumar	91%	Farmer			
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K. Thayumanavan	93%	Cooli			
N. R. Saravanan	91%	Weaver			
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A. Arokkiya PrasanthPrabhu	90%	Cooli			
P. Karthik	96%	Farmer			
K. Arul Mani	95%	Weaver			
K. Kamesh	92%	Painter			
K. Mugesh	90%	Farmer			
M. Muthu Raj	91%	Cooli			
S. Arun kumar	91%	Tailor			
K. Nagarajan	96%	Cooli			
S. Balasubramaniyan	92%	Farmer			
S. Gunasekaran	91%	Cooli			
S. Akash Kumar	96%	Tailor			
E. Mohan Raj	92%	Cooli			
K. Dhanavel	95%	Tea Shop			
S. Gopinath	92%	Watch Man			
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			M. Mownika	96%	Weaver
			S. Bala Lakshmi	96%	Glass Cutter
			M. Mohana Priya	96%	Farmer
			M. Senthil Kumar	97%	Cooli
			T.P. Naga Subashini	95%	Sales Man
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			M. Priyanka	95%	Helper
			S. Vani Sri	95%	Farmer
			N. Nirmal Kumar	94%	Labour
			B. Mohamad Rafy	94%	Cleaner
			C. Prasanna	94%	Tea Master
			S. Mahalakshmi	94%	Weaver
			T. Jeni Preetharaj	93%	Housewife
			S. Vijayakumar	93%	Trader
			R. Maheshwari	92%	Labour
			M. Kanchana Devi	93%	Tailor
			M. Shanmuga Priya	90%	Auto Driver
			P.R. Revathi	90%	Sales Man

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R. Saranya Devi	89%	Loader Transport	Prem Prakash Singh	20 Farmer
J. Suyambulingam	97%		Manish Kumar Agrawal	51 Shopkeeper
Mohamed Imthiyas A	95%	Typist	Reema Arora	352 Tea Stall
G. Pandiarajan	95%	Office Asst.	Gaurav Pathak	4527 Shopkeeper
K. Anitha Florence	95%	Clerk	Priyanka Agrawal	27 Father died
S. Yogeswari	95%	Printer	Deepak Gupta	65 Shopkeeper
K.G. Geetha,	94%	Weaver	Saurab Agrawal	204 Odd jobs
B. Visalakshi	93%	Tailor	Tanuja Oli	1277 Household Help
V. Padmavathy	93%	Typist	Shweta Tiwari	1443 Shop Helper
C. Kiran Kumar	93%	Weaver	Dhruv Kumar	2325 Father Died
N. Rathina Priya	92%	Farmer	Neha Sharma	1282 Teacher
S. Kavitha	91%	Tailor		
S. Shanmuga Lakshmi	91%	Sales Man	West Bengal - Kolkatta	
R. Shanmuga Priya	91%	Supervisor	Subhasis Ghora	
K. Durga	91%	Weaver	Sanju Das	85% Cultivation
K. Rajesh	91%	Weaver	Partha Ghosh	80% Cultivation
M. Arun Kumar	91%	Weaver	Gobinda Dolai	84 Farmer
K.K. Suganya	91%	Metal polishing	Diganta Kumar Jana	80% Cultivation
N. Mohana Priya	91%	Sales Man	Suman Bera	85% Cultivation
A.S. Praveen Kumar	90%	Acctt	Raju Dhara	80% Labour
M. Divya	90%	Clerk	Abhiraj Pana	85% Petty Grocer
P. Harish Prabhu	90%	Trader	Avishkek Bhui	84% Cultivation
S. Dhanalakshmi	89%	Cooli	Kaushik Dey	87% Cultivation
T. S. Nandhini Priya	89%	Weaver	Dipankar Barman	91% Business
B. Manichavasagam	89%	Carpenter	Dipti Das	79% Cultivation
P. Kalaimathy	95%	Clerk	Suryakanta Mishra	84% Cultivation
P. Vanmathy	94%	Clerk	Afsona Khatun	89% Priest
G. Thirumurugan	----	Labour	Najmin Khatun	74% Farmer
S. Radha	----	Clerk	Khadija Khatun	76% Cultivation
K. Maha Lakshmi	90%	Broker	Masuda Khatun	77% Farmer
V. Kavitha	89%	Tailor (Mother)	Rakib Saikh	85% Business
Vishnupriya R.D	96%	Pan Shop Keeper	M.D. Ramiz Raia	90% Cultivation
K. Suresh Kumar	93%	Business	Mosharaf Hossain Sarkar	91% Farmer
Muthu Meena G	92%	Bus Driver	Tipu Sultanali	91% Farmer
M. Sabeena	93%	Driver	Waliullah Al Mamun	89% Cultivation
V. Srividhya	92%	Cook	Animesh Pal	88% Cultivation
Vijay Kumar B.R	92%	Weaver	Hapijul Sk	88% Cultivation
Gobalakrishnan V	91%	Weaver	Md. AlomgirAlom	85% Cultivation
V. Devika	91%	Milk Vendor	Bhaskar Jyoti Kundu	81% Cultivation
Karthikeyan M	91%	Weaver	Atif Hasan	86% Weaver
K.M. Vignesh	90%	Weaver	Sahin Mossain Molla	93% Service
Suganya S	89%	Weaver	Arindam Maity	83% Cultivation
M.D. Aswini	88%	Weaver	Imdadul Hoque	79% Farmer
			Tarik Aziz Biswas	49 Cultivation
			Mojahid Mondal	52 Cultivation
			Syed Amir Sohel Khandakar	57 Business
			Mohammad Towhid	83 Cultivation
			Amir Hossain Haldar	96 Tutions
			MD. Neshad Ali	113 Cooli
			Fazlul Haque	130 Farmer
			Srijan Ghosh	147 Cultivation
			Bidyut Biswas	9 Sales Man
			Zinder Ali	328 Business
			Md Sohiel Rana	644 Cooli
			Minaruddin Kkan	967 Business
			Swarup Jana	986 Farmer
				3889 Cultivation
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Abinesh T.R.	97%	Prisoner		
Raju A.	97%	Coolie		
Vikram K	92%	Coolie		
Sree Ram A.S		Coolie		
Thanumurthy H.	90%	Coolie		
Ambiha H	88%	Coolie		
Nithya V	88%	Coolie		
Natarajan A	88%	Auto Driver		
Sivakmari N.M	87%	Coolie		
Jegan I	87%	Coolie		
Vinitta V.N	86%	Coolie		
Ramya Devi K.J	92%	Coolie		
Arockia Pramisha P	90%	Fishing		

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1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
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1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
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1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
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1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
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1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
2nd Place	\$500	North South Foundation
3rd Place	\$250	North South Foundation

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1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
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Intermediate Science Bee

1st Place	\$1,000	North South Foundation
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NSF SAT PROGRAM

We at NSF are very happy to announce the commencement of the SAT program this fall 2012. With the emerging need and the importance of the SAT tests in college admissions, we felt it was an apt time to start this program. The vision of several people at NSF for SAT has become a reality today. It is indeed a team effort that has brought us thus far. We had an overwhelming first year response. Over 1200 parents are members for this program currently and the number keeps growing. We have about 800 students registered for the program this year that just started. Words cannot express the joy that the NSF SAT family has experienced with the huge response for the program. With about 100 coaches /sessions and several team members working hard round the clock, we are confident the program will be a huge success.

A bit of introduction about the SAT. SAT is a standardized test for college admissions in the United States. It is an acronym for Scholastic aptitude test or Scholastic assessment test, but more generally now known as SAT. It is a benchmark to assess students in the areas of critical reading, mathematical reasoning and writing skills. It is one of the most recognized test scores for college admission process and an entry ticket to the various institutions in the US. It is administered by the College Board.

The NSF SAT program is an online coaching program with an objective to augment NSF students in getting admitted to the top universities. The students will be coached for strategies, techniques and guided with various suit of tools and intense training to take the SAT test. There is extensive coaching provided for all the three sections of SAT, namely critical reading, writing and mathematics. Better outcomes are guaranteed if they follow the program with due diligence and practice. It is an entirely online program that uses WizIQ, an Internet based classroom tool, for the sessions. All you need is a computer with a high speed Internet connection along with audio for voice. The program is mainly geared towards students in 8th grade and above. It is a 16 week program that usually starts in Sept and goes till end of January. The program has three levels in each subject area of Mathematics and English. SAT Math Beg, SAT Math Inter, SAT Math Adv and SAT Eng Beg, SAT Eng Inter and SAT Eng Adv are the various levels. We have a pre-test to determine the levels of placement of the kids based on their scores. All of this quality education at a very nominal cost of 250 dollars! We plan to have this program on an ongoing basis. Please pass this information on to anyone that you think might be interested. Please call Hema Bharath at 425-313-1881 for further needed information. Thanks for all your support for this noble cause.

Best
NSF SAT Team.

NSF MATHCOUNTS & PRE-MATHCOUNTS PROGRAM

MATHCOUNTS is a national middle school math competition in which students from 6th, 7th and 8th grades can participate. It reaches over 250,000 US middle school students with more than 125,000 competing in the MATHCOUNTS competition series. There are four different levels of competition – the School round, the Chapter round, the State round, and finally the National round.

NSF has been providing online coaching for this competition for the past 4 years.

Some features of this coaching program:

- The program is catered for students in Grade 4 to Grade 8. Mathcounts coaching is for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. For 4th and 5th graders, we have Pre-Mathcounts coaching with a goal of introducing the basic concepts relevant before they start competitive math in Middle School.
- These online classes are 2 hours long, one class per week for 15 weeks.
- We use an online tool for virtual classroom with a whiteboard shared by the coach and the students. There is a chat area that is also shared. For the audio part, all members are connected by a conference call.
- The online classes are scheduled on weekday evenings and all day on weekends.
- NSF Mathcounts Coaching: This coaching is for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. There are 35 classes scheduled, some on evenings of weekdays, and many on weekends. There are three different levels Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. The goal for the Beginner level is to introduce the students to the MATHCOUNTS problems and teach fundamental concepts to solve these problems. For the Intermediate and Advanced levels, the goals are to help the students improve speed and accuracy and be successful in the Chapter and State/National rounds respectively.
- NSF Pre-Mathcounts: Since several parents of younger students urged us to start the coaching early so that these students can be ready with underlying concepts of these problems, we started the Pre-Mathcounts coaching for 4th and 5th graders. These young students learn the fundamental concepts and problem solving needed to compete in MATHCOUNTS. It is highly beneficial to have a head start and be ready to participate in the MATHCOUNTS competition.

Every year we are growing bigger and better than ever. We have about 1500 students enrolled in about 90 classes in both of these programs compared to 1200 students in 65 classes last year. The dedication and commitment shown by the volunteer coaches are clearly evident here. This is a big commitment from the coaches' part contributing over 6 hours per week. These volunteers are not paid and are enthusiastically teaching with a big heart to help these students learn. We are thankful for their dedication and service, without them it would not have been possible!

Here are some quotes from the parents of students who took our classes last year:

"Coach encouraged students to participate in class and talked about solving problems different ways"

"Giving a lot of extra material and related problems was helpful."

"The coach was very patient in answering the questions of students. She gave the opportunity to the kids to explain the problems that they got right. This gave my son a sense of accomplishment and he was very happy."

"On Time all the days with 1000% commitment from the coach."

"Coach was excellent and very dedicated and challenged students to do their best."

"Flexibility and the luxury for the kids to sit in their own room and listen to."

"Great Coaches! Outstanding organization!"

When the children participate in this coaching, irrespective of their advancement to the state or national round, every one of them benefit and improve their problem solving skills, speed and accuracy. It is a rewarding experience for both the students and coaches. With this, we hope to see our kids succeed more and more in the academic sphere.

22ND NSF *Walk-A-Thon* RAISES \$12000!

The North South Foundation chapters of Greater Chicago enjoyed their 22nd Annual Walk-A-Thon on September 16, 2012. NSF volunteers and supporters gathered at the park as early as 8 a.m. to support the worthy cause. With its ample greenery, pleasant walking trails, tranquil atmosphere and beautiful lakes, the Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville was the perfect location for the annual NSF Activity. The weather was just gorgeous.

This year's Walk-A-Thon had a special guest, Naveen Mukkatt, who won the Championship in Junior Vocabulary and Junior Science at the 2012 NSF Finals. Naveen was kind enough to be on hand at the walk-a-thon. Parents and other children enjoyed his company and learned a few tips on how to prepare for the NSF Finals.

Volunteers at the registration desk kept first-time and veteran NSF walkers informed of all the service activities being undertaken here and in India. NSF patrons were also invited to taste the delicious snacks and lunch provided by Viceroy of India, and Cuisine of India, and Panera Bread. Both kids and adults took turns roasting corn, providing a scrumptious snack for all!

With the dedicated contribution of those who attended, as well as hundreds others, North South Foundation raised \$12,000 to support the education of 48 children in India!

Over the last 23 years, NSF provided more than 7,800 scholarships. It provided 1,450 scholarships last year and plans to increase that number to 2,500 this year. Please visit www.northsouth.org for further details on the Foundation.



NSF EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

It has been another great year for NSF educational workshops. The workshop team was able to update the material for workshops, particularly for math and science bee. This wouldn't have been possible without the diligence and dedication of volunteers with subject matter expertise in math and science. Some of these volunteers have already been part of the core science and math teams. In the case of math workshops, they have added new problem sets; for science workshops, they not only added new material, but also reorganized the workshop format to provide freedom for the coaches. This is a wonderful new step for the workshops and more updates are in store.

With the registration process for workshops using online system, similar to NSF contests, it alleviates the workload for the chapter coordinators. These improvements continue to increase the transparency of the process and have empowered the chapters to plan and execute workshops more efficiently.

These efforts will continue to improve the preparedness of NSF children for competing in not only the NSF contests, but in other mainstream contests. The workshop teams, led by Madhu Addanki, have been looking at new resources for the NSF children, including the resources from Khan Academy. They have organized the material for math from this external source. This set of math videos from Khan Academy will also help many children in India; the deployment of this will start on a pilot basis at a few JNV Schools in India.

Speaking of workshops in India, the workshop team helped format the material into abridged versions to contain the cost of printing/binding. Unlike workshops in the US, where presentation will be done using overhead projectors and computers, workshops in India will be using primarily printed material. The workshops in India will complement the spelling bee (started in 2010). This was spearheaded by the India Contests Coordinator, Rekha Cherukuri.

During 2012, the workshops were conducted in a few JNV schools and a couple of private schools in India. Following the memorandum of understanding with JNV schools, we hope to organize workshops for children studying at all the JNV schools. This could be the biggest opportunity for expanding the workshop program, which will benefit thousands of children in India.

Finally, there has been a new effort by NSF to help promote leadership opportunities for NSF children in high school – APNA - Ambassador Program for NSF Youth. We are happy to report that over ten students participated in the APNA Youth Ambassador program. These youth ambassadors helped organize educational workshops, at primarily JNV schools with many underprivileged children. These educational workshops were extremely well received by the students and administration at those schools. Thus, the APNA youth ambassador program not only provided a great leadership opportunity for NSF youth, but also helped many deserving children in India to build skills in English. We look forward to the opportunity for helping many deserving students graduating from these JNV schools with NSF India scholarships.

True to the mission of NSF, workshops embody the fine role that NSF volunteers strive for academic excellence of all children in the US and India.

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Participant Name: _____

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Phone: _____ Parent's email _____

PLEASE HELP A CHILD GO TO COLLEGE

The Dollar-A-Square (DAS) is a program that was started in 2003 through which children growing up here in the US can help another child in India by raising pledges. It is a program for the children by the children.

The Pledge Sheet is very simple. It has 100 squares in it and each square is worth a dollar. By going around the neighborhood and asking family friends and classmates parents, children can easily fill in the squares. They can ask for as little as a dollar. Usually donors come up with at least \$5, if they explain the cause. One sheet is almost ½ a scholarship. We offer incentives – surprise gifts and access to the on-line game to help them prepare for the bees.

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SPELLING LESSONS FROM SNIGDHA NANDIPATI

2012 Scripps National Spelling Bee Winner

- By Sukanya Roy

“What is the importance of spelling in real life? Many people ask, is it worth the effort in the long run? They favor other competitions such as MathCounts, Science Olympiad, Geography Bee... They think that spelling is just a waste of time, not like the other competitions where you learn useful information”. But this, says Snigdha Nandipati, is the misconception. And Snigdha should know- she’s the champion of the 2012 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

So what can we learn from spelling bees?

The answer, as it happens, is more than the average person might expect. Snigdha’s extensive study of Latin and Greek roots supplements her interest in medicine. In addition, she says, preparing for the Bee helped her to enrich her language arts abilities, expand her vocabulary, acquire important study techniques, and develop more articulate essay-writing and speech-presenting skills. Her study of words also “[taught her] about different cultures around the world, because words come from many different languages before coming into English”.

However, the gains from spelling bees are not purely academic. One of the most important life lessons Snigdha says she learned was that she should never give up. “Last year, I placed 27th, and if I had given up, I wouldn’t have placed 1st this year... Stay positive, because it is what keeps you motivated in achieving your goal”. Her journey also reinforced her beliefs that “luck favors the prepared mind”, and that no goal is achieved without putting forth the utmost effort.

Snigdha first developed an interest in spelling when she was just 4 years old. As her father drove her to and from school, she spelled the words she saw on billboards and signs. Her first spelling bee took place when she was in third grade. During that bee, she was tripped up by the word ferocious, but the experience didn’t discourage her. Far from it – in fact, “the day I came home after my first spelling bee, I asked my dad if I could participate in another spelling bee. He immediately went online to look up some local competitions that I could participate in, and in the process found out about the Scripps National Spelling Bee.”

To learn, we depend on our senses to analyze the information around us. With this in mind, most people fall into one of three categories: visual learners, who learn by seeing and looking; auditory learners, who learn by hearing and listening; and kinesthetic learners, who learn by touching and doing. “I am a kinesthetic learner. Last year, I used flash cards, but they didn’t work because they didn’t test my knowledge after I had studied.” Snigdha then switched to a different method – software, which allowed her to test herself on everything she learned. She also paid attention to word roots, familiarized herself with the spelling patterns of different languages, and made lists of words that she found particularly challenging. Two tools that proved useful for the last task were sticky notes and a whiteboard.

What about words that don't follow any rules at all? "In these cases, I looked up the word on Wikipedia and researched its background for about 10 minutes. This helped me remember it in the long term." One of Snigdha's "research words" was pidan, a traditional Chinese dish of duck eggs soaked in brine. Because she had taken the time to find out what it was, she was able to recognize it immediately when it was used during the 2012 Bee. "Memorizing is not worth it – it only helps you remember things for a short amount of time, and will not be useful to you later in life. People think that spelling bees only involve memorization. Every word has a special aspect, and we should respect that by learning more about it."

In the year leading up to the Bee, Snigdha tried to study a little every day. "The 2 months before the National Bee, I studied as much as 6 hours a day during the week and 12 hours a day during the weekend". She acknowledges that she became frustrated a few times, wondering whether the effort wouldn't pay off. However, although her preparation was very intense, "it was definitely worth it". As for Bee Week itself, Snigdha "really enjoyed it. I made lots of new friends, and I realized that it was a friendly competition." She concurs with the opinion of so many spellers before her: "We're not competing against the spellers, but against the dictionary".

Since the 2012 Bee, Snigdha's life has changed in more ways than one. Following her victory, she was invited to appear for several TV shows, many conferences, and countless interviews. She especially enjoyed being on Jimmy Kimmel Live. "I'm not known as Snigdha anymore, but rather as the Spelling Bee Champ!" She hopes to attend Harvard University and eventually become a psychiatrist or neurosurgeon; she's confident that spelling will "definitely" help her achieve these goals. Her advice to readers? "If you have a goal in mind that you want to achieve, don't hesitate to bring it forth. Parents, if your child has an interest in something that he or she truly wants to do, don't discourage them, even if it may not seem as helpful as some other things."

After all, although spelling didn't seem like it would be very helpful later in Snigdha's life, it certainly was.

During her speech, Snigdha thanked the following people: her father, "for coaching me so well"; her family, "for supporting me through the ups and downs of the journey"; her friends, "for watching me while I was spelling, and cheering me on the whole time"; her teachers, "for introducing to me the helpful study techniques to learn anything"; her school, for signing up to participate up in the Bee at her family's request; U-T San Diego for being an excellent sponsor, and the San Diego community for encouraging her and rooting for her along the way.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above article was compiled from an outline of a speech presented by Snigdha Nandipati, champion of the 2012 Scripps National Spelling Bee, earlier in the year. All quotes are from her, and I have tried to remain true to the message she intended to deliver.

"Success is going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm."

- Abraham Lincoln

NSF INDELIBLE MARK

– Jayant Wunnava

My first experience with the North South Foundation came in 2010, during my freshman year and the summer following it. I had a fatal fear of speaking in front of large crowds, often sweating profusely and stammering for days on end in terror of making a mistake, though I was simply adding onto my errors with the pauses. My dad was the first to play a pivotal role in my attack of this fear by doing what any parent would do – throwing me to the sharks against my wishes by signing me up for the Public Speaking Bee, as well as the Essay Writing Bee. I ensured my complaints were well-heard, though to no avail and as Regionals drew closer, my fears grew, even after unabated preparation. After cramming down whatever tips I could from an eclectic array of sources, the fateful day came. I breezed through the Essay Writing Bee, feeling very comfortable and in my zone. My knees shook and teeth jittered as seconds, minutes, and hours ticked by till the advent of the Public Speaking Bee. Here we go. After relieving some anxiety with a book in the waiting room, it was my turn in the prep room. I don't remember the topic specifically but it was something I knew I felt very strongly about, and thus had great knowledge regarding the subject! But I knew this competition was more than just fact-spewing; I remembered the adage "it's not what you say, it's how you say it" and it still serves me to this day in the Public Speaking Bee. As I later took the floor, my knees literally shook and I felt perspiration build up on my forehead, but before I knew it – I was done! Not a single um, nor a single pause; it was truly the greatest accomplishment of my life. I took the 2nd place trophy, matching my father's proud beam with an even prouder one after battling down my great fear. I progressed over the years and now happily participate in Model Congresses run through my school, having no qualms in taking the stage before hundreds of my peers. Even this past summer at the 2012 Nationals, my final NSF Bee, I rose to 3rd place and knew that had my father never pushed me into the unknown gauntlet, I would not have gained the vital skill of proper speech. Although I still continue to follow my essay writing passion (also placing 4th at Nationals), the greater challenge and thus greater reward of public speaking through the North South Foundation has left an indelible mark as an improvement on both my skill set and character.

WHAT KEEPS ME GOING

– Sriram Hathwar

I just know that I can do it
I know I have potential
Though I feel I should eschew it
Winning is preferential
I think I'm on a ladder
Climbing up falling down
Not as easy as it sounds
I must attain that crown
I query myself
Why can't I reach the top
I come up with the same answer
Just don't give up

And I won't
I'll keep trying harder and harder
And one day I'll reach that goal
With my ardor
I'm a tiger
Searching for my prey
With my determination
I'll find it one day
This golden feeling
Makes its noble appearance
As I show the world
My perseverance

NSF NATIONAL FINALS – 2012

The North South Foundation, popularly known as NSF features several different bees every year for Indian American Children. Many kids aspire to secure a berth to participate in the national finals by working rigorously through the year. This year NSF National Finals took place at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan during 18th & 19th of August. Participation of 1200 incredibly intelligent kids from all over US marked the highlights in this remarkable event. U of M appeared to be rejuvenated with the presence of this amazingly talented elementary school through high school going children.

With kids scuttling from room to room for attending various phases of the contests, it was certain that people around felt emotions running high in the environment. The level of competition in the preliminary phases in NSF national finals is so intense that it becomes enormously difficult to make it to the final phases. However, each one of these contestants appear conspicuous as winner irrespective of the final outcome for being able to represent their chapters at national level and also for dedicating their summer holidays preparing for the national finals.

NSF had also organized pro training sessions this year on various subjects as part of the event. The purpose of these training sessions was to provide an opportunity for kids to get guideline from pro trainers as well as create desire in them to accomplish more by letting children meet the previous bee champions. In addition to training sessions for kids, many other useful classes were held to help all age group audience. Many of the professionals & previous bee champions from the community were kind enough to come all the way to Michigan and share their extensive knowledge.

This prodigious national finals event turned out to be most memorable with the presence of honorable chief guests who cordially accepted NSF invitation to attend the event. It was such a privilege to have them at the award ceremony to recognize each participating kid and encourage all of them to achieve more. It was an amazing feeling for parents & others to witness these next generation scientists, mathematicians, professors, business tycoons slowly walking down the aisle and moving up the podium to receive their honor. National finals participation awards pay tribute to the enduring impact that NSF has on these children.

Finally, this article seems to be unfinished without mentioning about NSF volunteers at 2012 National Finals. Here is a big SALUTE to those dedicated, caring, unselfish people who have heart full of grace, who lighten the burden of others, who believe in all work and not get paid...not because they are worthless but because they are priceless. There were more than 200 volunteers including high school & college going students from Michigan and other states who were incredibly kind enough to come and make this remarkable event successful. Some of the inspiring leaders behind the scene, like NSF Founder Dr. Ratnam Chitturi, National Coordinator Srinivas Reddy Gudeti, Convener Krishna Karunakaram and also National Finals Team members Ashok Mollin, Raj Jayachandran and Krishna Rao Kodali toiled countless hours preparing for this huge event. This mammoth task wouldn't have been possible without their enormous amount of hard work.

NSF wants to thank all the parents for nurturing & creating desire in their kids for accomplishment. The NSF 2012 National Finals were sponsored in part by individuals, foundations and corporations. For more information about the NSF activities please visit www.northsouth.org or you can contact **Dr. Ratnam Chitturi** at **630-323-1966**.

NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS – 2012

Junior Spelling Bee Winners

Shourav Dasari is a 3rd grader from Pearland, TX. He likes playing tennis and has won a couple of under 10 year old tennis tournaments. His favorite subject is math. He enjoys reading fantasy, fiction, and action/adventure type books. His favorite series is Percy Jackson and the Olympians. He also likes playing video and computer games.



Tejas Muthuswamy is a 3rd grader from Glen Allen, VA. An avid reader from a very young age, he has won several prizes in other spelling competitions. He trains in Martial Arts at the Brown Belt level. He is also learning Bharathanatyam. His favorite subjects are Math and Geography. His hobbies are writing and swimming.



Raksheet Kota is a 3rd grader from Katy, TX. He won the 3rd place in Junior Spelling Bee at the National Finals.



Senior Spelling Bee Winners

Sriram Hathwar is a 6th grader from Painted Post, NY. His hobbies include music, sports and reading. He has won many awards in spelling, geography and science. He also participates in cultural program and enjoys playing several Sanskrit hymns on the keyboard.



Kuvam Shahane is a 7th grader from Rochester Hills, MI. His hobbies include math, reading, and chess. He has participated in Scripps National Spelling bee, Science Olympiad, and other variegated competitions. He particularly enjoys tackling complex proofs in math, playing dubious openings in chess, and hunting down etymology of words.



Lokesh Nagineni is a 6th grader Flower Mound, TX. He has won many awards in math, spelling and science competitions. His hobbies include music, swimming, basketball, tennis and cricket.



NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS – 2012

Junior Vocabulary Bee Winners

Naveen Mukkatt is a 3rd grader from Elmhurst, IL. He was a home schooler and started the regular school this year. He likes science (mainly astronomy), spelling and math. He likes to read and play chess. In addition he plays the piano as well.



Sujana Sridhar is a 3rd grader from Pleasanton, CA. She loves to read informational articles and likes spending time with her friends. She also likes travelling with her family.

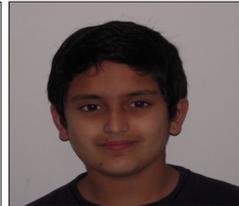


Ashna Challi is a 3rd grader from Chesterfield, MO. She is an avid reader and enjoys playing the viola, robotics and swimming. Her favorite subjects are science and reading.



Intermediate Vocabulary Bee Winners

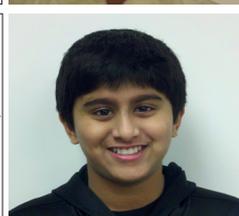
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Koshik Mahapatre is a 6th grader from Stamford, CT. His hobbies include playing the piano, writing, drawing and karate. He has earned a black belt in karate. He received a High Honors Certificate for SCAT and a “Algebra Before Junior High” Plaque from Kumon.



Rohan Chalasani is a 7th grader from Pittsburgh, PA. He is an avid reader. His favorite subjects are science, math, & history. He takes part in science fairs & is the captain of his school Science Bowl team. He also plays the flute in the Pittsburgh Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, & he enjoys playing a variety of sports including tennis & soccer. He currently holds the rank of Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.



NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS – 2012

Math Bee Level 1 Winners

Alor Sahoo is a 2nd grader from Bakersfield, CA. He likes watching television and playing video games, especially Pokemon and Plant vs. Zombie. He also likes to read the Percy Jackson books and loves to play ping pong.



Atharva Pathak is a 2nd grader from Gainesville, FL. His favorite subjects are science and math. He likes to do science experiments and build “stuff”. He likes to watch Bill Nye’s science videos. Atharva loves to read and also enjoys playing chess. He likes to watch College Football.



Pravalika Putalapattu is a 2nd grader from Centreville, VA. Her favorite subject in school is math. She likes to play chess and to paint.



Math Bee Level 2 Winners

Shaan Bhandarkar is a 5th grader from Potomac Falls, VA. He has a passion for math, science, vocabulary and tennis. He plays competitive tennis. He also loves to read mystery books with a special fascination for Detective Hercule Poirot.



Neeyanth Kopparapu is a 4th grader from Oak Hill, VA. He loves to solve math problems and to play sports with his friends, such as lacrosse and football. He qualified for AIME after doing well in AMC10. He likes to read many varieties of books such as action, and mythology and likes to play video games such as Pokémon, Tiny Monsters.



Sruthi Parthasarathi is a 4th grader from Mason, OH. In her spare time, she learns Indian classical music, dance and likes to play tennis.



NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS – 2012

Math Bee Level 3 Winners

Ankan Bhattacharya is a 7th grader from Canton, MI. He loves playing chess, programming and robotics. He has represented Michigan in National Mathcounts for the last two years. He won the 1st place in Math Kangaroo and Mathnesium Trimathlon at his grade level.



Akshaj Kaddaveru is a 6th grader from Fairfax, VA. He won the first place in the Hua Luo Geng Golden Cup Cup Youth Invitational Competition held in Macau in 2012. He qualified for USAJMO in sixth grade. Apart from his interest in Math, he enjoys playing chess and tennis and has won awards in chess.



Mayukha Vadari is an 8th grader from Sammamish, WA. She participates in many math competitions including the ARML. Besides Math and Science she enjoys reading mystery and fantasy books, listening to music and watching action movies.



Junior Geography Bee Winners

Siddharth Krishnakumar is a 3rd grader from Herndon VA. Apart from Geography, his favorites hobbies include playing chess, piano and swimming. His favorite author is Rick Riordan.



Ronak Saluja is a 2nd grader from Nashua, NH. He is an avid Harry Potter reader and fan. Ronak interests include anything related to Geography, Math, travel, reading books, singing Hindustani Classical Music and bhajans, playing video games, basketball, and swimming.



Shriya Yarlagadda is a 3rd grader from Grandblanc, MI. Her interests include reading, geography,violin, swimming, karate and watching sports.



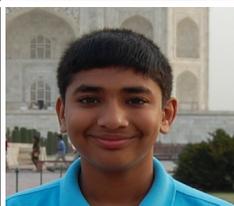
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Senior Geography Bee Winners

Asha Jain is a 6th grader from Minocqua, WI. Asha plays the flute and is an avid swimmer. She has been involved in competitive swimming since kindergarten. She likes to watch and listen to Bollywood movies and songs.



Rohit Rajiv is an 8th grader from Westford, MA. He won the 2nd place in Senior Geography Bee at the National Finals.



Sathwik Karnik is a 6th grader from Plainville, MA. He enjoys playing tennis, chess and soccer.



Junior Science Bee Winners

Naveen Mukkatt is a 3rd grader from Elmhurst, IL. He was a home schooler and started the regular school this year. He likes science (mainly astronomy), spelling and math. He likes to read and play chess. In addition he plays the piano as well.



Vivek Vijayakumar is a 3rd grader from San Marcos, CA. He enjoys reading, especially encyclopedias, and loves to play piano. Additionally, he likes to play chess, and loves gardening and plays the trumpet. He is in his school band and he plays trumpet.



Kanav Mittal is a 3rd grader from Sunnyvale, CA. He loves Indian culture especially Indian food. He is passionate about Mathematics, Geography & Science. His favorite out of school activities are swimming & taekwondo, tackling challenging problems in Math and playing Geo-Bee on his ipad.



NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS – 2012

Intermediate Science Bee Winners

Sanath Govindarajan is a 4th grader from Houston, TX. He likes K'nex & Lego & spends a lot of his vacation, building roller coasters & other star war toys. He enjoys swimming, debating & speech, and visiting new places during holidays. He participated in national level math competition in 4th grade & won 1st place in the nation.



Advait Pilkhane is a 5th grader from Fullerton, CA. He started to read at the age of 4 and has a great interest in science. He is also good at maths and placed nationally in the Math Kangaroo exam in 4th grade. His hobbies are tennis, story writing and computer games. In addition he earned his black belt in Karate this summer.



Shivani Nellore is a 5th grader from Prospect, KY. She enjoys Bharathanatyam, playing the piano, swimming and horse riding. Her other favorite activity is painting and she has a scholarship through the school to attend art classes sponsored by the Louisville Visual Arts Association. During her free time, she reads books, watches TV and movies.



Senior Science Bee Winners

Shravan Ravishankar is an 8th grader from Prospect, KY. He enjoys reading, playing soccer, and playing chess. He placed 3rd at Kentucky's State MathCounts competition and 64th at the National Mathcounts competition in 8th grade. He also placed 2nd at the Kentucky State National Geography Bee the same year. He is on the Debate team and Quiz bowl teams at school.



Chittesh Thavamani is a 7th grader from Troy, MI. He likes to play soccer, read and ride his bike.



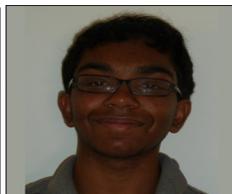
Suvansh Sanjeev is an 8th grader from Bellevue, WA. His favorite subjects at school are math, physics, chemistry, astronomy, and physical education. He also plays basketball, guitar, piano, chess, and karate and enjoys learning many languages. He has a red belt in Tae Kwon Do and a blue belt in Karate.



NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS – 2012

Senior Essay Writing Winners

Sameer Kailasa is an 11th grader from Delray Beach, FL. His passion to help less fortunate people has led him to start a nonprofit organization called Sujal. So far, Sujal has raised \$18,000 & helped 3000 people in India gain access to safe water by providing them with suitable water filtration systems. For details, please visit www.sujal.org.



Sonia Samant is a 9th grader from Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. She likes to read, travel, and play the piano.

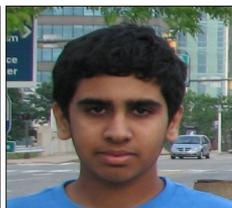


Abhishek Rao is a 10th grader from Newark DE. He has a 2nd degree Black-Belt in Tae Kwon Do. He enjoys piano, clarinet, chess and track. He likes participating in NSF, Science Olympiad, Math League, Model UN and the Academic Challenge. He loves reading and writing. He is a volunteer at the local area hospitals.

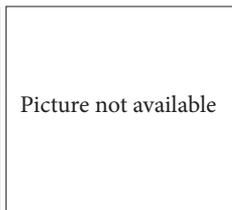


Senior Public Speaking Winners

Varun Jambunath is a 10th grader from Beachwood, OH. He plays tennis and lacrosse, and is a part of the varsity debate team. He is interested in Economics and Law. He loves Indian, American and Thai cuisine.



Karthik Munugala is a 11th grader from Novi, MI. His hobbies include reading books, playing tennis and chess. He is also interested in dancing, watching movies, learning new things and participating in competitions.



Jayant Wunnava is an 11th grader from Swedesboro, NJ. His hobbies are cross-country, track and Bollywood dancing. He is also an editor of Sports columns in his school newspaper.



NSF NATIONAL FINALS BEE WINNERS – 2012

Senior Brain Bee Winners

Meghana Ganapathiraju is a 9th grader from Cary, NC. She is very interested in Math and Science. She was a part of 3 member team that designed a solar car and won first place. She volunteers at the local community events and has raised funds for NSF. She learns Bharata Natyam and Carnatic music, painting and viola.



Samir Durvasula is an 11th grader from Rockville, MD. He won the 2nd place in Brain Bee at the National Finals.



Sameer Kailasa is also a first place winner in Senior Essay Writing. His details are covered in that section.



THANK YOU! – *From a Scholarship recipient*

Dear Sir,

I am Bhupendra Dhakad, S/o Mr. Lekhraj Dhakad from Kota. I am studying in M.B.M. Engineering college, Jodhpur in final year of Civil Engineering. I am getting NSF scholarship & my brother Surendra Dhakad also got selected for it. I want to thank NSF for supporting me and my family financially.

I am writing this to express my sincere gratitude to NSF for making this possible. I was very excited to know my selection for the financial aid scholarship. Your financial assistance is of great help to me in paying my educational expenses and also concentrate & devote my time on my studies. I truly appreciate all your support.

I will be graduating in June 2012 and I would like to share a good news with NSF family that I got selected as Junior Engineer in panchaytiraj dept 2012. This would not have been possible without NSF support. I can't thank NSF & team enough for all the help.

I will be in touch with NSF even after my graduation so that I could be of some help to someone like this in years to come.

Once again with my heart felt thanks,

Bhupendra Dhakad.

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2012 NATIONAL FINALS – TOP 10 RANKS

<i>Rank/Name</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Rank/Name</i>	<i>Chapter</i>
Junior Spelling		Senior Spelling	
1 Shourav Dasari	Houston, TX	1 Sriram Hathwar	Rochester, NY
2 Tejas Muthusamy	Fairfax, VA	2 Kuvam Shahane	Ann Arbor, MI
3 Raksheet Kota	Houston, TX	3 Lokesh Nagineni	Dallas, TX
4 Sujana Sridhar	San Ramon, CA	4 Roshini Asirvatham	Rochester, MN
5 Amulya Raju	Detroit, MI	5 Chythanya Murali	Nashville, TN
6 Rutvik Gandhasri	San Jose, CA	6 Neha Konakalla	Palo Alto, CA
7 Ashruth Suryanarayanan	Kansas City, KS	7 Himanvi Kopuri	Denver, CO
8 Samanyu Dixit	Appleton, WI	8 Shruthi Santhanam	Auburn, AL
9 Keshav Ramesh	Hartford, CT	9 Sahith Vadada	Long Island, NY
10 Mahima Das	Cambridge, MA	10 Sunidhi Sridhar	San Ramon, CA

Junior Vocabulary

1 Naveen Mukkatt	Libertyville, IL
2 Sujana Sridhar	Sacramento, CA
3 Ashna Chali	St. Louis, MO
4 Tejas Muthusamy	Fairfax, VA
5 Roshan Pillai	Tucson, AZ
6 Omkar Arasaiah	Phoenix, AZ
7 Manu Perinchery	Austin, TX
8 Rishabh Gaur	Kansas City, KS
9 Kiran Gadde	Atlanta, GA
10 Roshni Kainthan	Marlboro, NJ

Intermediate Vocabulary

1 Kuvam Shahane	Ann Arbor, MI
2 Koshik Mahapatra	Stamford, CT
3 Rohan Chalasani	Detroit, MI
4 Anjali Nambrath	Marlboro, NJ
5 Sanjana Ramrajvel	Hinsdale, IL
6 Hrishikesh Munugala	Ann Arbor, MI
7 Shaan Bhandarkar	Ashburn, VA
8 Varsha Ramakrishnan	Sacramento, CA
9 Nikhita Jayaprakash	San Jose, CA
10 Sriram Hathwar	Rochester, NY

Math Level 1

1 Alor Sahoo	Bakersfield, CA
2 Atharva Pathak	Gainesville, FL
3 Pravalika Putalapattu	Ashburn, VA
4 Ashvin Loghashankar	San Jose, CA
5 Aaditya Saha	Atlanta, GA
6 Arushi Mantri	Portland, OR
7 Yash Permalla	Hartford, CT
8 Anuj Sakarda	Worcester, MA
9 Sejal Rathi	Palo Alto, CA
10 Satvik Duddukuru	Bloomington, IL

Math Level 2

1 Shaan Bhandarkar	Ashburn, VA
2 Neeyanth Kopparapu	Fairfax, VA
3 Sruthi Parthasarathi	Columbus, OH
4 Saaketh Vedantam	Ft Lauderdale, FL
5 Om Ajudia	Sacramento, CA
6 Arpit Ranasarria	Seattle, WA
7 Shreyaa Raghavan	Cambridge, MA
8 Ronak Ramachandran	Princeton, NJ
9 Ajay Arora	Detroit, MI
10 Rishi Salwi	Marlboro, NJ

Math Level 3

1 Ankan Bhattacharya	Detroit, MI
2 Akshaj Kadaveru	Fairfax, VA
3 Mayukha Vadari	Seattle, WA
4 Nikhil Reddy	Raleigh, NC
5 Nilai Sarda	Atlanta, GA
6 Shravan Ravishankar	Indianapolis, IN
7 Aditya Murali	Seattle, WA
8 Rohit Rajiv	Worcester, MA
9 Varun Singh	Tampa, FL
10 Shwetark Patel	Ashburn, VA

Junior Science

1 Naveen Mukkatt	Libertyville, IL
2 Vivek Vijayakumar	San Diego, CA
3 Kanav Mittal	Palo Alto, CA
4 Kiran Gadde	Atlanta, GA
5 Soham Konar	Columbus, OH
6 Atharva Pathak	Gainesville, FL
7 Rudra Sett	Cambridge, MA
8 Pujita Tangirala	San Jose, CA
9 Rutvik Gandhasri	San Jose, CA
10 Rohith Ryali	St. Louis, MO

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Intermediate Science		Senior Science	
1 Sanath Govindarajan	Houston, TX	1 Shravan Ravishankar	Indianapolis, IN
2 Advait Pilkhane	San Diego, CA	2 Chittesh Thavamani	Lansing, MI
3 Shivani Nellore	Louisville, KY	3 Suvansh Sanjeev	Seattle, WA
4 Sruthi Parthasarathi	Columbus, OH	4 Kartik Nighojkar	Palo Alto, CA
5 Kumar Darsh	Stamford, CT	5 Abhijeet Sambangi	Cambridge, MA
6 Ayan Bhattacharjee	Stamford, CT	6 Aditya Murali	Seattle, WA
7 Rishi Salwi	Marlboro, NJ	7 Udit Ranasaria	Seattle, WA
8 Pranav Arunandhi	Ann Arbor, MI	8 Omkar Venkatesh	St. Louis, MO
9 Anirudh Balasubramnian	Cambridge, MA	9 Varsha Ramakrishnan	Sacramento, CA
10 Rohan Roplekar	Peoria, IL	10 Vibha Vijayakumar	San Diego, CA

Junior Geography

1 Siddharth Krishnakumar	Fairfax, VA
2 Ronak Saluja	Manchester, NH
3 Shriya Yarlagadda	Detroit, MI
4 Akshay Shyam	Dallas, TX
5 Rishabh Wuppalapati	Barrington, IL
6 Abhinav Karthikeyan	Rockville, MD
7 Kanav Mittal	Palo Alto, CA
8 Anirudh Bharadwaj	Palo Alto, CA
9 Bharath Ram	Ft Lauderdale, FL
10 Dhruv Nistala	Austin, TX

Senior Geography

1 Asha Jain	Madison, WI
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MY NSF JOURNEY – *Kuvam Shahane*

My NSF journey is rather like a roller-coaster; unpredictable but tremendously fun. I can remember the day it started, an oddly bright day in winter, four years ago. My mom asked me if I wanted to sign up for the math bee and I promptly nodded my head; after all it would be fun, not to mention that the egotistic me back then would have dismissed it as child's play; after all school math was trivial. To my surprise, I found the test quite challenging and did not place. Disappointed and humbled, but perhaps not enough, I soon forgot about NSF and continued on with my daily life. Soon, a final invitation was given, but while I did practice for the finals, I was clearly not motivated enough. Gradually another school year passed by and my mom broached the subject of NSF, this time for the math bee, spelling bee, and vocabulary bee. Determined by my losses the last go-around, I studied harder than ever placing second in spelling and third in math. Finals soon came; and I worked harder than I ever had before, especially on math and to my delight I placed 6th in math, but failed to rank in my other two. The test of time continued and I had to ask myself if I wished to do NSF again. Although I ended up doing it, and while I placed well, I realized that the effort put in was lackluster and that I could have done better had I really wanted to be there. After a few thoughtful days, I decided that I would come back in 7th grade, and I would have fun doing it. The days that ensued I became more relaxed, had fun doing the subjects for the first time, and my competition results soared. For example, I made it to the Scripps National Spelling Bee. This year I made nationals, earning a perfect score in spelling and an average score in vocab and math. I became even more determined and placed 2nd in spelling and 1st in vocabulary, narrowly failing to place in math. Looking back, I had fun every single year and learned something new even if I did not feel like it at the time. So what is your fun NSF experience?

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