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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 three 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. In 1993, under the leadership of Dr. Murali Gavini, the Foundation began 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.

India	1994	1999	2004	2009	2011
Chapters	3	5	10	14	20
Scholarships*	110	154	300	600	950
Cumulative Scholarships	310	1,040	2,400	4,700	6,350
* - includes renewals					
US/Canada					
Contests	2	2	9	15	17
Chapters	16	18	46	70	76
Children Participating	800	800	3,200	8,400	12,730
Cumulative Participation	1,600	5,600	13,160	48,970	72,600
Scholarships for Champions	6	7	24	33	42
Cumulative Scholarships	12	43	101	266	341

It is gratifying to know that NSF has been able to serve thousands of talented children, both in India and US. For example, 6,350 college scholarships were provided in India since 1990, while more than 70 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.

NSF India is taking a new initiative to introduce educational contests such as spelling, math and science, as well as leadership development among youth. We are now looking for volunteers to administer these programs in India. If you are or someone you know is interested, please send an e-mail to nsfcontests@gmail.org. 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 6,300 scholarships have been awarded to date. The Foundation has given nearly 1,000 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 22 centers in India: Ahmedabad, Bangaluru, Bhavnagar, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Kochi, Chennai, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jodhpur, Kolkata, Madurai, Moradabad, Nagercoil, Noida, 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 76 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 72,000 contestants benefited from NSF bees. Please contact us if you would like to have 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 of 2011

Notable accomplishments during the year 2011 are given below.

- NSF children captured the championship of Scripps National Spelling bee for the last 4 years in a row. Champion of Senior Spelling bee of 2010 national finals, Sukanya Roy, won the 84th annual Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. She won a scholarship of \$40,000. Arvind Mahankali (3rd place tie), Dhivya Senthil Murugan (6th place tie) and Sriram Hathwar (6th place tie) are the other 3 NSF children, who won places in top 10.
- NSF children Nilai Sarda (2nd rank) and Karthik Karnik (5th rank) won top places in National Geography Bee. Nilai won a \$15,000 college scholarship.
- NSF children showed impressive performance in national level Mathcounts contest. Dhruv Medarametla, Niket Gowravaram achieved top accolades in the nationals. NSF Mathcounts Coaching classes helped other NSF kids to achieve notable ranks (Vivek Miglani, Ashwin Sah, Ankan Bhattacharya).
- NSF registered 20 percent growth in registrations in 2011. Total registrations of 2011 regional contests were 12730. Detroit, MI chapter had the highest count at 589, followed by Worcester, MA at 499 and Ashburn, VA at 469. The Junior Spelling Bee continued to attract the most registrations in a single contest at 2,147 nationwide. The Math Bee contest at various levels attracted record 4,606 contestants in 2011. We are indebted to all the new and existing regional coordinators and volunteers

who worked hard to make the regional contests successful.

- The 2011 NSF national championship finals were conducted at San José State University, San José, CA during September 3-4, 2011 with a record number of 1,300 contestants. For the first time, Science bee contest was introduced at the national finals.
- Many chapters held workshops in Spelling, Vocabulary, Geography, Math and Science Bee from December 2010 to April 2011. The Bee Workshops are designed to encourage and prepare children to take part in NSF and other similar contests.
- MATHCOUNTS and PRE-MATHCOUNTS coaching classes were received with overwhelming number of participants. Nearly 1,024 children enrolled in coaching while about 65 coaches volunteered for this program.

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 BP, Cisco, Compuware, Dun & Brad Street, Fleet Boston, IBM, Intel, Monsanto, National Semiconductor, Omgeo, Oracle, Pepsi, Pitney Bowes, Pfizer, Reader's Digest, Reebok, 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 payroll deductions of the employees contribution to United Way) by designating North South Foundation as the recipient. 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 com-

munity in the US. Some corporations also encourage their employees to become volunteers by providing financial contribution. The Foundation received such contributions from Allstate, DTE Energy, HSBC, Microsoft and Pfizer.

India Activities

During the 2010-11 scholarships season, 5 new chapters were opened in Assam, UP, Bihar, Chandigarh and Punjab states. More than 900 scholarships were awarded of which 411 were fresh scholarships, The northsouth.org website was updated to make it easy for potential applicants, volunteers and donors to access information about our India Scholarships program.



What NSF showed me

Sanjana Ramrajvel
3rd place Math Bee Level 2, 2011

After participating in the NSF contests, I have realized that it was not winning that mattered. What really mattered was how I got there. If everything had come naturally to me, it would have been pointless. It took me three years to get to where I am now, and I am proud of that. I have learned that perseverance and hark work is an unbeatable combination, and with that, you can do anything, go anywhere, and accomplish any goal you might have. I will try again next year, and even if I don't win, through my determination and hard work, I have already won. My advice to other NSF competitors is to keep trying. If you work hard and don't give up, someday, you too will become an NSF champion!



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 scholarships checks at an awards ceremony. Volun-

teers 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-August)
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

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in engineering.) based on merit and financial need. NSF also considers BVSc, BSc Ag,

and B Pharma courses.

NSF uses uniform eligibility criteria to identify poor but meritorious students across chapters.

Eligibility criteria for NSF college scholarships are:

- Marks in the top 10 percentile of 10th or 12th or CET/JET in the state
- Annual family income must be less than Rs 60,000 in urban and Rs. 40,000 in rural areas

- Preference to students coming from government schools and colleges
- Preference to fresh students going to government colleges
- Preference to students getting the top rank in the first attempt
- Preference to students not getting other scholarships.
- North South Foundation is the last resort for financial assistance to a needy student.



Jodhpur Chapter Awards Ceremony

Letters from scholars - Their stories

Rahul Kanwar, Chandigarh chapter scholarship recipient, writes:

Getting education means making ourselves capable of achieving what we regard as success. Success has different meanings for different people : for some it may be money, for some fame, and for some any other materialistic thing. But the depth of morals and ethics in education help a person to define success in such a way which not only uplifts him but also makes him capable of uplifting many more.

NSF through its scholarship program has ignited a spark in me to make myself capable enough that tomorrow when I grow up I will be able to serve the society and help those who need someone to show them light through the dark roads the way NSF had shown me.

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North South Foundation - The Bridge That Connects Two Different Worlds - Madhav Durba

The story of NSF scholarship is an exciting example of how Non Resident Indians and their children are doing their part to better their homeland.

Meet Divya, a 12th grader from Chicago, Illinois in USA. Divya's parents immigrated to USA about 20 years ago. Both have very successful careers – mom as a doctor and dad as a software engineer. She has everything that a 12th grader needs to fulfill her dreams - a caring family, an outstanding school for academically gifted children, and the financial resources to nurture and support her dreams. Divya wants to be a scientist studying stem cells and her research in stem cells during high school has already earned her the Intel Science Talent Search semifinalist award. She got selected into undergraduate studies at her first choice of Massachusetts Institute of Technology along with a dozen other topmost schools in the country. Her family is ready to fund her college education at any school she chooses to attend. Both parents are very successful and financially sound.

Contrast her with Ruth who got admit-

ted to Tirunelveli Engineering College in Tamil Nadu, India. Her father passed away when she was in grade 10. Her mother works in a local childcare facility earning Rs. 2000/month and struggles to make ends meet. Through sheer hard work and determination she secured 93% marks in grade 12. Her dream is to go to college and get a job to help her mother and siblings. But right now, they don't have money to pay the tuition fees.

Though their stories sound very different, there are two things in common between Divya and Ruth.

First and foremost, it is the drive to be successful. Both are academically gifted students. Second, they both have one degree of separation enabled by North South Foundation. Divya participated in NSF contests and helped raise funds for North South Foundation (NSF) through its Dollar-A-Square program. With the funds that thousands of NSF students such as Divya help raise, NSF is able to grant scholarships to bright students in India like Ruth.

2010-11 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 900+ in 2011 and growing. Twenty two years later the cumulative scholarship count is more than 5000. In 2010, the scholarships team tried really hard to start new chapters in the northern part of In-

dia which was underrepresented. NSF was successful in starting chapters in Chandigarh; Guwahati, Assam; Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh; Patna, Bihar and Patiala, 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. We hope their efforts will motivate other volunteers to come forward and start new chapters.

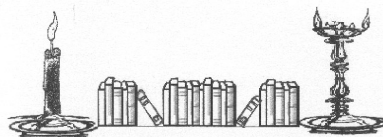
This past June, we kick started a new scholarship season (2011-12) with many improvements. We have web pages for each India chapter, a revised set of criteria, downloadable application forms, contact email for scholarships queries, a flier for parents to email to friends and family in India, and an effort by NSF parents to go and talk to Government schools during their India vacations. We also have an on-line ap-

plication process, and in the works are a database of scholars for easy information sharing, and alumni tracking. New chapters have also been started in Vizag (AP), Tanuku (AP), Delhi/Noida area and Panchkula, Haryana.

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.

North South Foundation 2010-11 Scholarships

	Chapter Name	Fresh	Renewal	Total
1	Bangalore	28	68	96
2	Bhavnagar	3	0	3
3	Chandigarh*	6	0	6
4	Chennai	16	2	18
5	Guwahati*	3	0	3
6	Hyderabad	58	124	182
7	Jodhpur	26	60	86
8	Kochi	1	12	13
9	Kolkata	37	47	84
10	Madurai	30	38	68
11	Moradabad*	3	0	3
12	Nagercoil	7	7	14
13	Bhubeneshwar	132	112	244
14	Patna*	8	0	8
15	Pune	45	40	85
16	Patiala*	8	0	8
	Total	411	510	921
	* new chapters started in 2010			
	Designated Sch	63		63



Recipients of NSF Scholarships in India

We list here the names and details of scholars who were awarded scholarships for their first year of college (2010-11). NSF provides scholarships for the entire course of study, as long as the student maintains a good standing and does not fail any courses. Names of students who are renewing their scholarships are not listed here. Information about 2011-12 scholars will be printed in next year's annual review since all chapters will complete the process only by Jan 2012.

Name	%	Parent occ	Name	%	Parent occ
BANGALORE					
K. Abhilash Sharma	94%	Agriculture	M. Kalpana	88%	Labour
R. Abhishek	94%	Tailor	K. Vijaya Kumar	94%	Cooli
M. Niranjan	92%	Agriculture	R. Boopathy	95%	Carpenter
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G. Yashaswini	94%	Tailor	K. Mohamed Asarutheen	94%	Farmer
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C. Vasundhara	89%	Farmer	J. Ranjith	94%	Mach work
S. V. Chaithanya	91%	Labour	S. Syedibrahim	94%	Worker
K. Harish Kumar	85%	Agriculture	S. Venkatesan	94%	Cooli
J. Jeevan	95%	Worker	P. Siva Kumar	95%	Tailor
K. M. Shubha	93%	Farmer	P. Shanmugapriya	95%	Business
G. V. Ravi Kumar	95%	Electrician	M. Ramkumar	94%	Mason
G. L. Theerthavathi	94%	Agriculture	R. Santhi Priya	93%	Farmer
S. Jayalakshmi	92%	Cooli	A. Abdul Ajees	94%	Cooli
Karthik R	86%	Self Empl	GUWAHATI		
N. M. Jeevith Kumar	97%	Weaver	Abhijit Baruah	477	Hawker
M. R. Chandrika	83%	Business	Jishan Phukan	536	House wife
RaghuBada Kegudlu	91%	Farmer	Ishan Phukan	566	House wife
T. P. Thontaradhya	93%	Agriculture	HYDERABAD		
N. Shreyas	96%	Gen Merch	Samayamantula Vasavi Prabha	3207	LIC Agent
V. Chalapathi	92%	Farmer	Parisha Anusha	1332	Farmer
C. Rakesh	96%	Business	Kona Rekha Jayavardhini	783	Farmer
A Nithin	93%	Service	Mathi Srinivasa Rao	1557	DailyWage
M. N. Karthik	95%	Agriculture	Thota Naresh Babu	1066	Farmer
B. R. Sreekanth	91%	Electrician	Thadikamalla Subba Rao	879	Farmer
S. Gayathri	93%	Weaver	Pavuluri Venkat Rao	701	Farmer
R. Chandrashekar	92%	Tailor	Madaraju Krishna Siva Deep	677	Labour
BHAVNAGAR					
Patel Kajal Gordhanbhai	83%	DiamondWork	Tamta Venkatesh	2558	Farmer
Hetal Bharatbhai Chhatbar	84%	Job Work	Sakalabhaktula Narendra	973	Worker
Mer Kismat Gatorbhai	71%	Farmer	B. Pradeep Kumar Reddy	508	Farmer
CHANDIGARH					
Sanjay Singh	78%	Labourer	Thadikonda Jeevan Kumar	1843	Business
Navkiran	87%	No father	Yaramala Siva Krishna Reddy	465	Farmer
Rahul Kanwar	89%	mother - tailor	Nukana Sai Prakash	1051	Labour
Kusum	81%	Gardener	Nalavala Venu Gopal Reddy	1223	Farmer
Manisha	81%	Mother lab	Dantu Arun Sai Kumar	510	ClothMerc
Pratibha	82%	Labourer	L. C. Krishna Reddy	2674	Farmer
CHENNAI					
A. Kalaivani	90%	Cooli	Gajula Ranga Prasad	458	Labour
			V.V. Naga Praveen Kumar	1673	Labour
			K. Venkata Ramanjaneyulu	1732	Farmer
			Kotha Pranay	2944	Farmer
			Kakarla Sri Sai Chandan	1107	Farmer
			Gondi Om Sai Krishna	791	Shop Keep

Recipients of NSF Scholarships in India

Name	%	Parent occ	Name	%	Parent occ
Kashetty Pranay Kumar	2183	Business	Surendra Singh Gurjar	1062	Farmer
Gunnam Venkata Mahesh	1590	Farmer	Shruti Jain	2616	
Addanki Kumar Rao	2/96	Farmer	Shelendra Singh	294	Farmer
A.S.K.D.V. Subba Lakshmi	380/838	Tailoring	Sonu Kumar Sharma	1309	Farmer
Vobilisetty Phaneendhra	7/159	Labour	Tushar Methi	655	Business
Kondru Srilatha	117/242	Labour	Vijay Sharma	1001	Painting
Pasupuleti Jagadeesh	48/177	Farmer	Virendra Singh Rajpurohit	1444	Labour
O.Venkata Santoshinaidu	467/1913	Labour	Yad Ram	1766	Farmer
Bheem Reddy Raju	3/8		Ramesh Kumar Choudhary	274	Farmer
N. Mohan Reddy	70/125	Labour	Bansi Dhar	317	Labour
Padarthy C.N. Sumanth	17/54	P. Clerk			
Sadineni Sriram Prasad	368/3542	Farmer	KOCHI		
Nalabolu Mani kiran	167/1747	Farmer	Sushmila Mohan	89%	Agriculture
Gampa Sandeep Kumar	6/114	Labour			
Rander Pavan	1452	Farmer	KOLKATA		
Vuppala Harish Reddy	572	Farmer	Arjun Chattaraj	1186	Service
Vutukuru Narendar	252	Business	Nanda Dulal Das	555	Howker
Rajidi Shashidhar Reddy	584	Agriculture	Bimal Kanti Pal	1370	Business
N. R.Bala Sabareesh	8817	Farmer	Md. Julfikar dhali	1344	Labour
M. S. R. Nagarajuna	3086	Priest	Sonarul hoque	PC 7	Tea shop Keep
Neppalli Venkata Siva Sai	9788	Lorry Dri	Intajul sk	643	Tailor
Thota Deepthi	3916	Labour	Damadar dumrya	216	Tailor
Rachakonda Shrivya	7580	P. Empl	Saddam hoosain mullick	271	Retired Pension
Kotha S. Sandeep	7602	Business	Nur islam	1148	
Gujjula Narsi Reddy	1758	Farmer	Sk. Alauddin	639	Cultivation
Valisireddy Aswini	11482	Labour	Bappa jana	978	Farmer
Nallani Ramkishore	367	Agriculture	Bikash kumar shaw	724	Jute MillWork
Nallapati Krishna Sindhu	280	Agriculture	Md nur moula	1230	Cultivation
Vinjam Brahma Naidu	433	Farmer	Ebna rushad	32	Cultivation
Kakani Venkata Surendra	499	Farmer	Tanbir ahamed	164	Cultivation
Amujala Mahesh	696	Electrician	Md. Arif ahmed laskar	62	Imam
Sudeep N. Immadisetty	455	Farmer	Priyatosh adak	677	House Wife
Jaya D. Chalamalasetty	677	Worker	Selim mondal	39	Quack
Katragadda Prudhvi Raj	612	Farmer	Sahanur mondol	19	Cultivation
Harika Reddy Kaja	577	Farmer	Hasibur rahman molla	52	Labour
			Mriganka guria	339	Farmer
			Protick mondal	2958	Driver
JODPHUR			Palash jana	82%	Cultivation
Akash Deep Singh	4084	Teaching	Kalyan biswas	83%	Farmer
Deepak Kumar	1548	Farmer	Indu kamal data	80%	Business
Ekta Singh	1325	Mechanic	Avijit maiti	83%	Cultivation
Ghanshyam Sharma	1162	Farmer	Santu manna	81%	Labour
Jitendra Kumar Gupta	1181	Business	Abhijit mandal	85%	Fisherman
Kirit Lakhani	2096	Service	Abhijit mandal	88%	Cultivation
Kuldeep Sharma	1550		Apurba saha	89%	Business
Kapil Mittal	478	Shop Keepr	Krishnendu samanta	81%	Cultivation
Laxman Ram	688	Farmer	Mousumi das	79%	Farmer
Lal Chand Choudhary	772	Farmer	Tithi bhattacharya	84%	Business
Mahesh Singh	747	Farmer	Amir shee	85%	Cultivation
Narayan Kumar Bajiyya	1569	Farmer	Chandra sekhar patra	81%	Cultivation
Pradeep Singh Solanki	1639	Farmer	Nilima ghosal	79%	Cultivation
Ram Saran Takhar	94	Farmer	Arif mohammad	85%	Shop Keeper
Rupa Ram	687	Farmer			
Rajesh Kumar Devenda	1800	Farmer			

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Name	%	Parent occ	Name	%	Parent occ
MADURAI	96%	Auto Driver	Jagannath Sahu	152	Rice Retailer
M. Monisha	96%	Mixie Service	Manas Kumar Pradhan	19	Cultivation
G. Muneeswari	96%	Clerk	Pradeep Kumar Maharana	88	Carpenter
P. Pandi Selvi	95%	Weaver	Prasant Senapati	113	Business
T.K. Vijayan	93%	Labour	Rajesh Kumar Patra	87	Business
K. Shanmugapriya	92%	Weaver	Rajesh Kumar Pal	99	Cultivation
R. Sankaran	92%	Cooli	Samir Kumar Sukla	159	Cultivation
S. Saranya	96%	Weaver	Saroja Kumar Sahoo	239	Farmer
G.K. Umapriya	94%	Caterer	Satyajeet Swain	192	Labour
S. Vikenesh	93%	Noon MealsOrg	Subhrajit Sahoo	76	Cultivation
T. Siva Ranjani	93%	Load Man	Asit Kumar Behera	259	Farmer
C. Saranya	92%	Cooli	Ajay Kumar Das	43	Farmer
R. Muthulakshmi	92%	Cooli	Abinash Dhal	188	Labour
P. Shyamala	92%	Cooli	Amar Kumar Das	131	Farmer
L.M. Vaishnavi	90%	Weaver	Amiya Ranjan Nayak	52	Cultivation
K. Saravanan	89%	Weaver	Alekha Kumar Bal	77	Labour
A. Packialakshmi	91%	Sales	Ashadeep Parhi	1024	Agriculture
K. Vaishali	91%	Business	Ananta Kishore Nanda	553	Cultivation
M. Saranya	90%	Cooli	Bikash Chandra Patra	31	Weaving
B. Veeralakshmi	89%	Cooli	Debasrita Samantray	41	Cultivation
G. Manjuladevi	88%	SmallTradClerk	Debasmita Rout	368	Farmer
J.R.Balaji	98%	Labour	Dibyamohan Das	153	Business
O.S Karthick Babu	98%	Labour	Deba Prasad Dash	74	Labour
S.R. Yuvaraj	96%	Tailor	Gagan Chandra Parida	258	Labour
N.G. Anand	96%	Cooli	Gopinath Patra	167	Labour
P. Savurirajan	94%	Weaver	Jajnaseni Mohapatra	206	Farmer
S. Navaneetha Krishnan	95%	Sales Man	Kshirod Kumar Sahoo	263	Labour
C. Prabha	94%	Sales Man	Karanjit Das	89	Farmer
M. Renuga	92%	Cooli	Liki Kumari Debata	100	Labour
G. Sangeetha	91%	Cooli	Namita Nayak	106	Farmer
D. Margret Kanniga			Niharika Mohanty	254	Cultivation
MORADABAD			Narayan Das	53	Farmer
Pradeep Kumar	8252	Small Farmer	Nirmal Kumar Sahoo	492	Farmer
HariKishan	13039	Small Farmer	Pankaj Kumar Mahanta	86	Farmer
Sukhdev Singh	1328	Small Farmer	Ratikanta Behera	112	Labour
NAGERKOIL			Raturaj Prusty	48	House wife
G.J. Suganya	97%	Small Trader	R. Anshuman	148	Business
R. Sabarish	94%	Mother support	Ranjan Kumar Sahoo	170	Cultivation
Subbulakshmi S.	92%	Music Inst Pl	Ratnakar Sahoo	5	Farmer
Indu T U	91%	Father Expired	Satya Narayan Dash	763	Farmer
B.V. Santhiya	88%	Coolie	Sanjib Mandal	479	Fishing
V.B. Jeya Bal	85%	Business	Sudipta Kumar Samal	152	Farmer
L.Alangara Maria Jegatha	89%	Fisher man	Saumya Ranjan Patra	204	Weaving
BHUBHENASAWAR			Soumya Ranjan Maharana	218	Electrician
Ajit Mallik	7	Cultivation	Suprava Mohanty	367	Agriculture
Avisek Pal	125	Farmer	Sushanta Mohapatra	537	Weaving
Abinash Mohapatra	633	Farmer	Tapas Kumar Mohanta	169	Cultivation
Basanta Kumar Jena	2	Cultivation	Toraj Kanta Pradhan	160	Farmer
Chandan Kumar Sahoo	257	Farmer	Zasmine Mohanty	247	Painter
			Nagesh Chandra Behera	759	Farmer
			Tapas Kumar Nayak	559	Farmer
			Ashis Mahato	475	Labour
			Bapuji Bisoi	580	Agriculture

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Biswajit Das	577	Cultivation	Jyotiranjana Sahoo	490	Business
Chakananda Meher	336	Business	Kunal Mahato	334	Cultivation
Dipuna Pradhan	517	Farmer	Prabhanjan Panda	487	Business
Gouranga Jena	792	Cultivation	Pinakesh Mohanty	534	Cultivation
Jitendra Kumar Sahoo	623	Farmer	Priyabrata Nayak	474	Business
Kalinga Sahoo	794	Business	Ramesh Chandra Pothal	211	Labour
Lalamani Sahu	545	Labour	Raj Kumar Sahoo	389	Agriculture
Manoj Kumar Mohanty	604	Cultivation	Rakesh Kumar Sahu	277	Farmer
Manoranjan Behera	279	Cultivation	Sashikanta Behera	576	Farmer
Manoja Kumar Panda	692	Service	Sabitri Sahoo	515	Business
Saroj Kumar das	654	Agriculture	Sanjay patel	538	Farmer
Pratyush Kumar Dakua	344	Farmer	Tapan Kumar Sahoo	424	Agriculture
Subala Sahoo	371	Agriculture	Smitanjali Nayak	77%	Farmer
Sandeep Kumar Sahoo	786	Business	Pradeep kumar Giri	81%	Farmer
Sushant Kumar Sahoo	269	Weaving	Rekha Das	77%	Labour
Amit Kumar Pradhan	539	Agriculture	Satya Narayan Behera	69%	Labour
Aswini Swain	706	Farmer	Sandhyarani Rath	74%	Business
Bikram Pradhan	741	Cultivation	Sweety Agarwal	75%	Accountant
Padmalochan Jena	556	Cultivation	Chitrasen Pradhan	75%	Self Emp
Sibun Parida	432	Farmer	Rasmita Nayak	80%	Pujari
Sujit Nayak	324	Cultivation	Madhumita Dal	82%	Labour
Tapas Ranjan Nayak	480	Farmer	Manaswini Hota	81%	Security Guard
Akhitab Acharya	327	Labour			
Amit Kumar Gantayat	261	Driver	PATNA		
Ashwini Kumar Mandal	251	Farmer	Pranav Kumar	82%	Agriculture
Abhishek Mohanty	653	Cultivation	Gyan Shankar Singh	76%	
Biswajit Panda	1	Farmer	Abhishek Kumar	81%	Agriculture
Balabhadra Sena	750	Weaving	Narendra Kumar Bablu	79%	Farmer
Bijaya Kumar Pradhan	567	Cultivation	Kush Kumar Yadav	79%	Labour
Chandan Kumar Beher	220	Milk Man	Kazma Fatma	70%	Private Job
Gopal Krushna Padhi	238	Typist	Binay Kumar Sonu	78%	Private Job
Ganesh Dakua	105	Barbar	Navin Kumar	77%	Agriculture
Ganesh Prasad Nayak	607	Wages			
Jyoti Prakash Sahoo	352	Farmer	PUNE		
Monalisa Sahu	717	Priv Comp Job	Patil Atul Nandkumar	99%	farmer
Mitu Sahoo	433	Wages	Namdev Manchak Ghodke	97%	farmer
Papun Gouda	72	Farmer	Kiran Govind Chandne	96%	driver
Rabindra Nath Das	397	Priest	Muluk Poonam Babasaheb	97%	driver
Sangram Panigrahy	339	Farmer	Sandbhor M. Gorakshanath	95%	farmer
Sunila Kumar Panigrahy	298	Cultivation	Punde Amit Arun	95%	farmer
Suman Kumar Sahu	30	Farmer	Kakade Poonam Anil	94%	farmer
Swagatika Nepak	63	Priest	Khengare Ashwini Narayan	94%	farmer
Trilochan Maharana	8	Driver	Adsare Arati Popat	93%	farmer
Baladeba Das	436	Mechanic	Shilimkar Dipti Gajanan	93%	farmer
Chitta Ranjan Behera	317	Agriculture	Kadam Ashwini Sampat	93%	farmer
Dillip Kumar Pradhan	470	Cultivation	Godase Priyanka Govind	92%	farmer
Dipak Kumar Das	210	Agriculture	Shitole Bhagyashri Ankush	92%	farmer
Diyaajyoti Sahu	383	Cultivation	Monali Pandurang Thopate	93%	farmer
Debaraj Sahoo	241	Farmer	Bonawate P.Shankar	93%	farmer
Dwarika Nath Sahu	20	Office Mess	Padwal Pravin Balasaheb	91%	
Gyana Ranjan Dhir	608	Cultivation	Ghorapade Mayur Deepak	91%	Milk Busi
Jitendra Sahoo	27	Tea Shop	Kadam SuPriya Shahaji	91%	fabrication

Recipients of NSF Scholarships in India

Name	% Parent occ	Name	% Parent occ
Shinde Vrushali Ashok	81% farmer	Devanale Anand Balaji	378 job
Jadhav Prajakta Rajendra	86% farmer	Tarwade Swati Gangadhar	734 farmer
Khilari Priyanka Govind	87% farmer	Sandur Deepika Panditrao	1074 farmer
Deore Ashwini Vilas	87% farmer	Ratanparkhi Asawari Anand	Dip worker
Kshirasagar Pooja Jayadrath	89% driver	Pande Sameer Satish	Dip Tutor
Dhamal Sandesh Shivaji	89% service	Kagade Santosh Bhagwan	404 farmer
Tushar Dattatraya Mohite	90% farmer	Shinde Vishal Shivaji	463 farmer
Bhoyate Monika Vilasrao	91% farmer	Harshad Suryakant Chaube	426 daily worker
Shaikh Irshad Jamir	91% farmer		
Mokashi Jyoti Digambar	91% farmer		
Yogita Balasaheb Patare	91% farmer		
Wagh Tuhar Tanaji	91% farmer		
Dipali Prakash chavan	88% farmer		
Lalage Reshma Namdev	92% farmer		
Jadhav Pratiksha Balasahe	94% job		
Jadhav Rutuja Eknath	90% farmer		
Katule Vishal Dashrath	90% farmer		
Pabale Samadhan Mohan	2453 farmer		
Bondare Laxman Rambhau	582 farmer		

% implies marks in the 10th (polytechnic courses) and 12th exams (professional courses). Some chapters use ranks in entrance exams as the criteria for selection.

2011 Perfect Scores in Regionals

Congratulations to the contestants who got perfect scores in the regional contests held during March, April of this year. This is an excellent achievement. All of these are placed on our records for aching the respective contests and their feat.

Contest & Contestant Grade Regional Center Contest & Contestant Grade Regional Center

Junior Spelling

Siya Karla	2 Atlanta, GA
Anwith Kowtha	2 Dallas, TX

Senior Spelling

Sanjana Malla	5 Stamford, CT
Stuti Mishra	7 Jacksonville, FL
Dhivya S Murugan	5 Denver, CO
Chetan Reddy	6 Dallas, TX
Shruthi Santhanam	5 Atlanta, GA
Ranjani Sundaresan	8 Atlanta, GA
Narahari Bhardwaj	8 Dallas, TX

Math Bee Level 1

Roshini Kainthan	2 Marlboro, NJ
Agustya Matheth	2 Phoenix, AZ
Vaibhav Bommalaplayam	2 MahwahRockland, NJ

Math Bee Level 2

Nishant Cittari	5 Columbus, OH
Tarang Sluja	5 Manchester, NH
Akash Kumar	5 Edison, NJ
Akshaj Kadaveru	5 Fairfax, VA
Stuti Garg	5 Portland, OR
Nikhil Mandava	5 San Jose, CA
Dhruba Basu	5 San Diego, CA
Sanjana Ramrajvel	5 Hinsdale, IL

Senior Geography

Rohit Rajiv	7 Worcester, MA
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Junior Science Bee

Suraj Rajiv	2 Worcester, MA
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NSF Mathcounts and Pre-Mathcounts Online Coaching Program **-Geetha Sivaprasad, Mathcounts and Pre-Mathcounts Administrator**

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.

As you may know, several NSF students are performing exceptionally well and are placing in top positions in competitions such as the Scripps National Spelling Bee, the National Geographic Bee, and the National Brain Bee etc. In the same way, NSF wants to see more of our students qualifying for MATHCOUNTS national round and eventually winning the championship!

About the program:

The program is catered for students in Grade 4 to Grade 8. These online classes are 2 hours long, one class per week for 15 weeks. We use an online tool for 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 with a conference call.

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 be successful in the Chapter and State/National rounds respectively.

NSF Pre-Mathcounts: Since several parents of younger students expressed their interest to enroll their children in Mathcounts coaching, 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.

This year we have grown bigger and better than ever. We have about 1200 students registered for both Mathcounts and Pre-Mathcounts programs compared to 650 last year and there are 65 coaches compare to 34 last year. The dedication and commitment shown by the volunteer coaches are clearly evidenced here. This is a big commitment from the coaches' part with over 5 hours per week. These volunteers are not paid and are enthusiastically teaching with a big heart to help these students. We are thankful for their dedication and service!

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

“Very useful- my daughter loved it.”

“My child’s coach did an outstanding job in Mathcounts coaching. It was a very great class with terrific student

participation.”

“Well conducted classes. Using latest technology. Coach is very knowledgeable.”

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.

2011-12 MATHCOUNTS COACHES

Lead Coach: Sivaprasad Padisetty
Mahendra Subramanya Akkina
Deepika Balakrishna
Murali Bobba
Somak Chattopadhyay
Neelika Chiramana
Varma Datla
Anju Garg
Ashutosh Gunderia
Prasad Jogalekar
Latha Kandaswamy
Asha Kodambiyakam
Sai Kumar Mamandur
Asha Manday
Moushumi Mehta
Vivek Miglani
Sucharita Mishra
Vijay Mudalegundi
Rahimunisa Noorden
Latha Palla
Toshit Panigrahi
Panna Patel
Sanjeev Patil
Ritesh Ragavender
Ravi Ramakrishnan
Sumithra Ramanathan
Arvind Ranasaria
Shobha Sankar
Jayanta Sengupta
Soma Sengupta
Anil Sethi
Rashmi Mittal Sharma
Partha Sreenivasan
Anjali Srivastava
Vani Yalamanchili
Rama Yammanuru

2011-12 PRE-MATHCOUNTS COACHES

Lead Coach: Vaishali Patil
Naga Aluri
Manjunatha Arasaiah
Sumathi Archakam
Srinivasa R Badrinarayanan
Mukesh Bhatla
Vishrut Dixit
Archana Jagtiani
Kuldeep Jain
Rajesh James
Rajeev Karnani
Sraavan Khambhampati
Vaishali Kharat
Uma Madabhushi
Vinaykumar Mummigatti
Jaihar Murli
Rushi Patel
Sohil Patel
Prema Ponnuswamy
Santosh Prem
Sanghamitra Saha
Durga Satish
Kavitha Selvan
Vaishali Shah
Sudha Shenoy
Shilpa Sodani
Amisha Tolat
Madhavi Vangipurapu
Giri Vayalapalli
Saravanan Venkatesan

North South Foundation 2011 Sponsors

Junior Spelling

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2nd Place	\$500	Rao Anumolu ¹
3rd Place	\$250	TANA Foundation

Junior Vocabulary

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

Math Level 1

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

Math Level 3

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

Senior Geography Bee

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

Intermediate Science

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

Senior Public Speaking

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

Senior Spelling Bee

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

Intermediate Vocabulary

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

Math Level 2

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

Junior Geography

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

Junior Science

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

Senior Science

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

Senior Essay Writing

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

North South Foundation

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

1. President, ASR International
2. By Dr. Sanjiv Modi



21st NSF Walk-a-Thon raises \$9000!

The North South Foundation chapters of Greater Chicago organized their Annual Walk-A-Thon on September 25, 2011. NSF volunteers and supporters were not deterred by the chilly weather or the drizzle to attend the event and 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.

This year's Walk-A-Thon introduced some new activities for children and adults – Ultimate Frisbee and Cricket! A group of 10 kids, ages ranging from 9 to 16, enthusiastically partook in a friendly game of Ultimate Frisbee. Other games, like chess and cricket, entertained players of all ages.

Volunteers at the registration desk kept first-time and veteran NSF walkers in-

formed of all the service activities being undertaken here and in India. They constantly updated a 'Donation Thermometer' displaying the funds collected and number of children helped.

NSF patrons were also invited to taste the delicious snacks and lunch provided by Viceroy of India, Cuisine of India, Panera Bread and Dominick's Super Market. Kids and adults both took turns roasting the corn, providing a scrumptious snack for all!

With the dedicated contribution of those who attended, as well as hundreds others, North South Foundation was able to raise \$9,000 to support the education of 36 children in India! A little two-year old girl, Anjana, with the help of her grandparents walked and raised \$2,000 to send 10 poor children to college in India.



NSF Educational Workshops

Venkat Gade, National Coordinator

It has been a great year for NSF Workshops. The registration process for workshops was streamlined and follows the same format as the NSF contests; instead of on-site registrations, parents can now use the NSF website to register for the workshops, which also alleviates the workload for the chapter coordinator. We started using the Google Docs for maintaining the workshop details and thus making it easier for NSF volunteers to update easily. These improvements have increased the transparency of the process and have empowered the chapters to plan and execute workshops more efficiently.

We updated the workshop materials for Math bee and added new materials for Science bee. This may have led to more chapters conducting workshops this year, thus increasing our fund raising, improving the preparedness of contestants and the quality of contests. We publicized the workshop policy, so that all chapters conduct workshops uniformly and protect the workshop material from copying.

This year 18 chapters conducted workshops prior to 2011 annual regional contests. In total, 80 workshops were conducted in various subjects and there were 650 participants in those workshops. With the dedicated work of

workshop coordinators, coaches/teachers and all the volunteers, the funds collected from the workshop registrations help with our goal for India scholarships.

During 2011, we also expanded our workshops for a few schools in India. With the recent signing of memorandum of understanding with JNV schools, over 600 schools in India, we hope to help organize workshops for children studying at all the JNV schools. We refined the workshop materials for Indian curriculum and their standards. This is one of the emerging areas for workshops and can have explosive growth for the benefit of thousands of children in India.

We are constantly improving the process, addressing the requirements of workshop coordinators and updating the workshop materials. We are also working on getting more US chapters to conduct workshops by - help them identify good teachers, send materials on time, assist in making copies at low cost and plan methodically for a great workshop. We continue our collaborative effort with the members of core subject teams to create and update the workshop materials. True to the mission of NSF, workshops embody the fine role that NSF volunteers strive for academic excellence of all children.



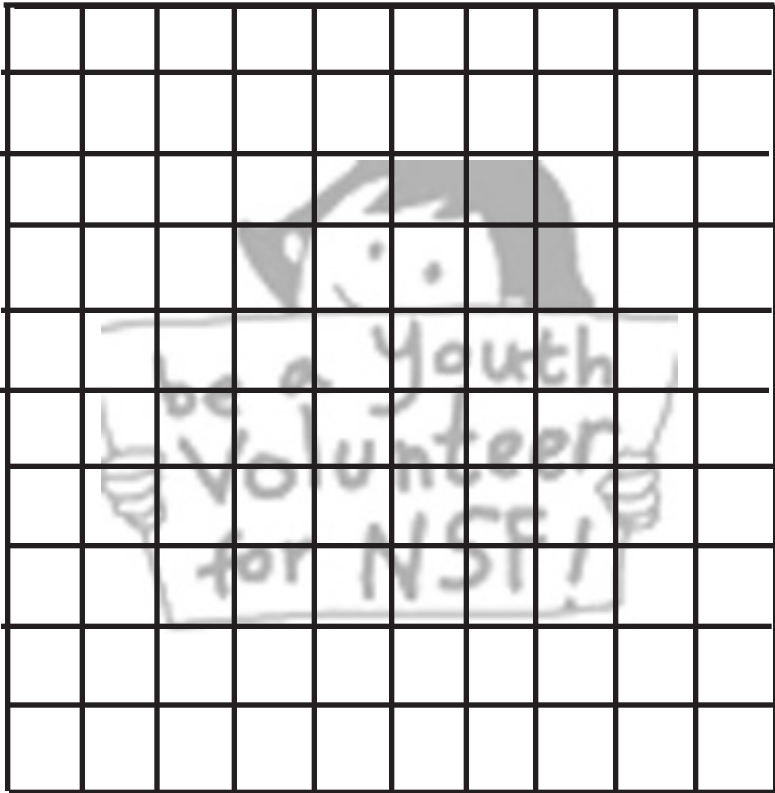
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The Story of NSF Scholarship Expansion: Interview with Mr. Rao Chalasani

NSF, over its history, has provided over 6300 scholarships to academically bright but financially needy students in India. Due to NSF's efforts, just \$250 can change the life of a struggling student, and provide one a pathway to his/her dreams. This feat is largely due to NSF's connection with JNV, a group of schools in India that provide public education to academically determined yet financially needy students. By being connected to this system, NSF has a great opportunity to target a pool of students ideal for NSF scholarships. The following is an excerpt of an interview of Mr. Rao Chalasani, who spearheaded the efforts to connect NSF and the JNV schools.

Tell us a bit about JNV schools, its mission, and its success.

There are 600 JNV high schools in India for 6th to 12th grades. These schools are rural based and funded by the Central Government with no out of pocket expense from students or their parents for tuition, hostel, uniform, shoes, sports etc. Admission into sixth grade is by merit. On site written tests are given every year to about two million students of which only fewer than forty thousand are admitted. Teachers, certified with a minimum of a masters degree, are required to be on campus with all facilities provided to them, and are paid more than the equivalents in state government schools.

What led you to realize that JNV students were an excellent pool of

potential NSF scholarships?

Since NSF scholarships in India are primarily based on merit and also give some preference to rural/urban divide and gender equality, JNV schools fit the bill perfectly. It is much easier to go through NSF scholarship credential verification if the students are from JNV. This source greatly expands the pool of students seeking NSF scholarships for higher education.

How were you aware of and connected to JNV? What pushed you to take the initiative on connecting JNV and NSF?

The founder of Dakshana Foundation, Mr. Monish Pabrai, IIT alum and successful businessman with a good heart, made me aware of JNV schools and the hidden assets there. We did on site inspection and interacted with the principals and staff at three schools before confirming that we made the right choice. The scholarship team enthusiastically reviewed and endorsed JNV as the right avenue.

How did you manage to make the connection between JNV and NSF a reality?

Once everyone was on the same page, I accepted the responsibility to open the line of action. I went to work with a two prong approach, opening dialogue with JNV management in Delhi as well as in Hyderabad. Second, I went to one school near Hyderabad with the blessing of Hyderabad management. We offered our service for testing and I made

a couple of presentations before they decided to open up to the possibility. Ms. Rekha Cherukuri, former Sacramento coordinator, graciously accepted to help us to carry on NSF contests in Hyderabad and JNV schools. Ms. Rekha's efforts paid off in Hyderabad and Rangareddy JNV schools where over 20 schools participated in science, spelling and math contests. After good feedback went to the top management from Rangareddy JNV, it made it easier for me to make a persuasive argument. We made a detailed MOU with JNV prepared by our scholarship and contest teams with input from the Board, and signed the MOU within months, earlier than one would expect knowing the complexity.

After all, this is an ongoing process. How are you continuing to expand the NSF foundation?

Sure, it is an ongoing process and although NSF has made many recent accomplishments, there are goals remaining to be achieved as well. The scope of what we can do in India is enormous. We have an opportunity to reach 200,000 students and help JNV to earn the reputation as the IIT of secondary education. The more we think, the more opportunities open up. We must keep our enthusiasm and optimize our tangible and intangible assets

Accomplishments:

- We now have a permanent address and very nicely appointed headquarters in Hyderabad with a Board room and most facilities at a very modest cost.
- We shot a video in late 2009 in India

which is widely used now to familiarize our target audience about NSF.

- Last year we had only one center for regional contests in Hyderabad. This year we will have two centers and reach 50 schools beside JNV schools.
- We have added computer training to JNV students to run an intelligent office that runs for two months after school hours on campus at an unbelievable cost of about \$5 per student.
- We conduct NSF Computer camps, highly creative programs that help students run an intelligent office, be a responsible citizen, improve communication skills and possess leadership qualities.

Remaining Goals:

- Since volunteerism is not a revered avocation in India, unlike U.S, the model to get good volunteers to run reliably and effectively is difficult to design. However, it is possible that in not too distant future we might be able to very selectively expand our contests to aspiring communities where our volunteers are enthusiastic and willing to chip in.
- Part of the holistic education, we hope to have organic vegetable gardens in two schools this academic year fed by organic compost derived from kitchen waste in the school to reduce kitchen bill substantially over a two year period.
- We need to open the window of sizeable financial contributions from corporations, foundations or individuals.
- Alumni activities need to be put in place to recruit more volunteers, improve visibility, and begin mentor programs and a channel for fund raising.



My Journey to the Scripps National Spelling Bee

-Sukanya Roy

I started participating in spelling bees in elementary school. Neither my parents nor I had any idea that what began as an occasional hobby would grow into a love of words and language. I'm not quite sure exactly when I became aware of the National Spelling Bee, but it wasn't until fifth grade that I entered my school bee and won, making it to regionals.

In retrospect, I wasn't very practical about my first regional bee. I had won the school bee easily enough, even though it was nerve-wracking to be on stage with eighth graders almost two feet taller than I was. However, at the regional bee, I misspelled in the first round, attempting the word ingenious as ingenius. After hearing the ding of the misspell bell, I trudged back to the seat my parents had saved for me and sulked for the rest of the afternoon. The defeat was hugely upsetting at the time, but it turned out to actually benefit me. It taught me that I wasn't the best speller, that I could be defeated just like everyone else. I also realized that I could have studied a little more. In sixth grade, after I won the school bee, I spent around an hour each day looking over word lists and having my mom quiz me. I ended up winning that year.

Because it was only my first time at the National Spelling Bee, I had no idea what to expect. Nonetheless, it was beyond anything I could have imagined. The fun of meeting and getting to know all the other spellers, attending the barbecue, and exploring the

enormous hotel dwarfed any concerns about studying. The preliminaries weren't too great an ordeal; I knew a fair portion of the words on the written test. I was a little nervous during the oral rounds, but I spelled my words correctly. At the end of the preliminaries, it was announced that forty-one people had qualified for the semifinals. As their numbers were read out, the air of anticipation mounted. I heard a friend's number and looked around to congratulate her. But then—
"Two hundred thirty-one."

That's me, I thought vaguely, and then it sunk in.

The rest of the evening was a blur. There was a dinner where all the semifinalists were told what to expect the next day, and I remember listening to some of the second-, third-, and even fourth-time qualifiers in awe. I was most amazed by the spellers that had been in the finals before; I had seen them on television, and it seemed as if they were in a league of their own. To think that I would be on stage with the likes of them was almost bewildering. I went to sleep that night feeling slightly apprehensive, but not too worried about how I would place. I had made it this far, and that was good enough for me.

Morning came. In a daze, I adjusted my placard and wished the spellers around me good luck. Round Four began. Some of the words were familiar, but some were completely alien, and it seemed that many were in the realm of

“maybe-I-know-it-but-maybe-I-don’t” uncertainty. When it was my turn, I walked to the microphone and stood there, waiting. Suddenly, there was a very nasty feeling in the pit of my stomach.

“Your word is... stratus.”

The nasty feeling disappeared. I asked a couple of questions, spelled it and sat back down. By the time the next round started, I felt much better. But, as Round Five continued, it became evident that this was a “killer round”. The majority of the words were unrecognizable. Ding. Ding. Ding. As speller after speller shuffled offstage, I began to feel uneasy. I approached the microphone again, holding my breath.

This time, my word was stapp. Feeling immensely relieved, I spelled it and returned to my seat. At the end of the round, I counted. There were only sixteen people left! What if we all moved on to the finals? But we didn’t. Instead, we began Round Six. At this point, I wasn’t paying attention to the difficulty of the words. I was trying to, but my thought process was too frenzied to think straight. And then it was my turn to spell.

“Piqueur.”

What?

It was like my ears had stopped working and my brain had turned into scrambled egg. I panicked. I asked for the definition, the language of origin, everything, and then guessed. Since I hadn’t yet devoted much time to studying French spelling patterns, it was a very uneducated guess. I went with the first random embellished spelling I could think of – picure.

Ding.

Afterwards, in the hotel room, I realized that I had placed twelfth. Twelfth in the country! Even if it was a five-way tie, that was much better than anyone had expected. I was satisfied. I watched the finals live and was mesmerized along with the rest of the ballroom as Kavya Shivashankar spelled the winning word, Laodicean.

The next day consisted of sightseeing, an awards banquet, and a farewell party that lasted until two in the morning. E-mail addresses were exchanged, Bee Keepers were signed, and pictures were taken. On the last morning, everyone gathered in the Grand Hyatt’s lobby and said their goodbyes. One by one, we left. As the hotel faded into the distance, I decided that the week had been one of the best of my life.

That was only my first time at the Scripps National Spelling Bee. I came back in 2010, tying for 20th place, and in 2011, I won. I decided to recount my experience at the 2009 Bee because it was one I thought spellers could relate to – the carefree first Bee Week, when you’re not really worried about how much you’ve studied or how you’ll place; you’re kind of just along for the ride.

On a final note, I’d like to thank my parents, who have helped and encouraged me the whole way; my school and my friends, who have been unbelievably supportive; my sponsor, the Times-Leader, which made it possible for me to attend the Bee; and the Bee organizers and officials, for working tirelessly to provide each speller with a week of memories that will last a lifetime.

NSF National Finals 2011 Summary

North South Foundation held its national championship finals in San Jose State University, San Jose, CA during Labor Day weekend, September 3rd and 4th. Over 1300 kids all over the country participated in the event. The invitations to national finals were based on scores in regional contests held during March and April. Science bee contest was introduced for the first time in the national finals. Spelling, Vocabulary, Math, Geography, Public Speaking, Essay writing, and Brain Bees were the other contests that were held. All the participants are awarded with a trophy for their achievement. Top 3 rankers of all the contests won not only bigger trophies but also college merit scholarships.

There were several generous sponsors of the event such as Cognizant and Discovery Engine Corporation whose support helped tremendously. Mr. Tom Torlakson, the 27th State Superintendent of Public Instruction of California was the chief guest for September 4th evening's awards ceremony.

Youth Volunteerism:

One of the significant highlights of this year's Finals is the record number of youth volunteers from Bay Area high schools helping at the event. Some of the youth led a few teams and showed their leadership skills. During the NSF finals, more than fifty teenagers were helping out as room guides, food servers, and graders. Both teen and adult volunteers were coordinated by two other teenagers: Shrinidhi Thirumalai and Ranjani Gunupudi, who gathered, organized, and assigned the volunteer shifts. Furthermore, another high school volunteer, Ramya Auroprem, helped immensely by devoting a great portion of her sophomore year summer vacation time to compose the NSF 2011 Bee book, an accomplishment greatly appreciated by NSF. NSF is grateful for the time of its volunteers and hopes to continue expanding its youth volunteer scope in future events as well.

A parent's perspective of NSF Finals 2011

Apama Thyagarajan

It was an amazing experience to see the convergence of hundreds of bright and hardworking kids, their parents and former champions at one place. We spoke to several people and noticed one thing common among them all, and that was the pursuit for academic excellence! We are very grateful to NSF for providing such a wonderful platform at such a scale for the kids, especially the younger ones as it gives them a kick start into their future! We were also very

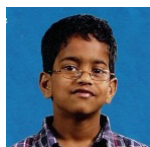
impressed by the range of subjects in the finals – from spelling, vocabulary, essay writing, public speaking to math, science, geography and brain bee. It seemed like there was something for almost every child! After watching all the talented kids, there was no doubt that every kid there was a winner! Receiving the coveted trophy was a dream come true for us, and it inspires us to aim higher in the future.

2011 National Bee Winner Profiles

Top 3 Winners for each contest are listed in that order

2011 Junior Spelling Bee Winners

Roshini Kainthan is a 2nd grader from Morris Plains, NJ. She enjoys doing arts and crafts and playing simple browser based computer games. She loves to read and takes Hindi, piano, Bharathanatyam and swimming classes.



Shourav Dasari is a 2nd grader from Pearland, Texas. He enjoys reading fantasy, fiction, and action/adventure type books. His favorite book is Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. His favorite subject is math. His favorite sports are tennis and soccer. He also likes playing video and computer games.

Raksheet Kota is a 2nd grader from Katy, Texas. Raksheet is a vivid reader and reads anything he gets his hands on. He loves video games, soccer, tennis and chess. He is looking forward to participating next year competitions.



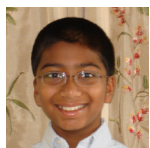
2011 Senior Spelling Bee Winners



Stuti Mishra is a 7th grader from West Melbourne, FL. She was ranked as a semifinalist (19th place tie) in the 2011 Scripps National Spelling Bee and placing as first runner-up in the 2011 South Asian Spelling Bee Finals. Her hobbies, include swimming and spending time with her family, as well as learning different

languages.

Narahari Bharadwaj is an 8th grader from Plano, TX. He was the National Champion at the South Asian Spelling Bee this year. Narahari has also been participating in Math Competitions, Science Fairs, and Science Olympiads. Narahari plays basketball and tennis, and is a keen chess player.



Syamantak Payra is a 5th grader from Friendswood, TX. He is a Duke TIP Explore Top Scorer. He has published more than twelve poems/stories in Anthologies and magazines. Syamantak is a member of his school's robotics and chess teams. He loves reading books and is passionate about playing the violin and the piano.

2011 National Bee Winner Profiles

2011 Junior Vocabulary Bee Winners



Rohan Roplekar is a 3rd grader from Peoria, IL. He started reading books at the age of 2 and half and is a passionate reader since. Currently he reads a lot of books on Indian mythology. Science and math are his favorite subjects. He loves Yugioh, Lego and computers. He is also learning Violin, Tabla and studying Marathi. He aspires to become a scientist.

Mantra Dave is a fun loving 3rd grader from Normal, IL. He loves to play chess and bicycling with his younger brother Moksha. Mantra feels strongly that kids in developing countries should have access to good health and education among other things. Mantra is happy that his efforts have been rewarded at the past three NSF national finals.



Navya Gautam is a 3rd grader from Potomac, MD. She is very passionate about reading and likes writing stories, short plays and poems. She draws cartoon characters and plays the piano. She also loves to ice skate and swim.

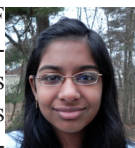
2011 Intermediate Vocabulary Bee Winners

Mihir Nene is an intelligent 7th grader from Fairfield, CT. He has participated in NSF competitions since second grade. Mihir is a voracious reader who enjoys reading World History and Geography. He is fond of watching TV shows based on scientific inventions. Chess is his passion.



Anjali Nambrath is a 6th grader from Marlboro, NJ. She loves to draw, and play the flute. She is an avid reader of books of all kinds. She enjoys having fun and playing games with her little sister.

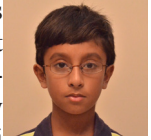
Surabhi Iyer is a 6th grader from Franklin, MA. She won the NSF Junior Spelling and Vocabulary Bees, in 2010. She also won an episode of Jeopardy! Kids Week, and she placed 27th in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Her hobbies include reading, writing stories and poems, playing basketball, biking, fashion designing, and having fun with her friends.



2011 National Bee Winner Profiles

2011 Math Bee Level 1 Winners

Soham Konar is a 2nd grader from Westerville, OH. Soham has been participating in NSF Math contests since he was in the first grade. He likes math because he thinks it's challenging and interesting. He loves to read, especially the mystery books. He loves to play soccer, table tennis and basketball. He listens to Bengali and Hindi songs in his spare time.



Roshni Kainthan is also a first place winner in Junior Spelling Bee. Her details were covered above.



Neel Basu is a 2nd grader from San Diego, CA. He has been participating in the North South Foundation competitions since Kindergarten. In his free time, Neel likes to play the piano, Pokemon and soccer. He also enjoys playing laser tag when he can.

2011 Math Bee Level 2 Winners

Akshaj Kadaveru is a 5th grader from Fairfax, VA. He has shown his love and passion for Maths right from his preschool years. His placed third place at 2008 Math Bee Level I and had a perfect score at 2011 Math Olympiad (MOEMS). He placed third at the 2011 World Open under 13 chess championships. He also loves playing tennis and table tennis.



Stuti Garg is a 5th grader from Portland, OR. She has a love and passion for Math. She is a talented artist placing in the top 3, every year, at the Oregon State Junior Duck stamp Painting contest, for the past 5 years. She is training and pursuing musical degrees in the field of Hindustani vocal music and the Tabla instrument. Basketball is her favorite sport, while she trains to achieve a black belt in Karate.



Sanjana Ramrajvel is a 5th grader from Naperville, IL. She likes reading, playing the piano, drawing, and singing. She placed 2nd in Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search. She sings well Tamil and also loves writing poems.



2011 National Bee Winner Profiles

2011 Math Bee Level 3 Winners

Shohini Stout is an 8th grader from Lexington, MA. She won the 1st rank in Math Level 3 at the National Finals.



Saranesh Prembabu is an 8th grader from San Ramon, CA. He won the 2011 National Science Bowl championship. He is a USA Junior Math Olympiad qualifier. He enjoys reading books, writing fiction stories and playing chess and badminton. He also plays the piano in his leisure time. He is an aspiring Eagle Scout and makes time to volunteer in the local community. .

Abhinav Sivaprasad is a 7th grader from Bellvue, WA. His interest in Math started when he was in first grade. His passion for math continues to grow, as he encounters hard problems and tackles complex proofs. He has done well in AMC 8, 10, 12 and qualified for AIME for past 2 years.

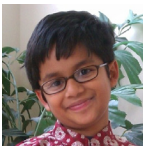


2011 Junior Geography Winners



Arjun Nathan is a 2nd grader from Fremont, CA. He has always been intrigued by maps and statistical information of the earth and its nations. He thinks Geography is a wonderful subject as it teaches many things like science, politics, culture, history and current affairs. He also likes Chess and Math and is crazy about sports, particularly NFL and NBA.

Rohith Paranjji is a 3rd grader from Clarkston, MI. Rohith has been participating in NSF since first grade. Rohith enjoys reading books of all kinds. He also likes to watch movies and play basketball. He is a self learner and hard worker.

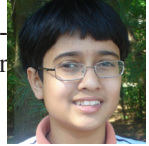


Abhinav Karthikeyan is a 2nd grader from Clarksburg, MD. He was very excited to receive the third place trophy and feels good that he is able to help the needy in India.

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2011 Senior Geography Winners

Karthik Karnik is a 7th grader from Plainville, MA. He plays trumpet in the school band. His hobbies include playing tennis, soccer and chess. He has been participating in NSF Bees from 3rd grade.

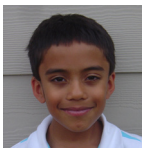


Asha Jain is a 5th grader from Minocqua, WI. She has been swimming for the local swim club since she was in kindergarten and this year came 5th in the entire state in 50 yd freestyle. Her favorites are Harry Potter books and movies. She plays flute in school.

Varun Mahadevan is a 6th grader from Hayward, CA. He won the 3rd rank in Senior Geography Bee at the National Finals.

2011 Junior Science Bee Winners

Vaibhav Sharma is a 3rd grader from Oak Hill, VA. He was recognized by the John Hopkins University (CTY) Award Ceremony for achieving high honors scores in the SCAT talent search test in Math and Reading. He participated in “Odyssey Of The Mind” competition and his team won second place in Region 13 of Virginia. His hobbies include reading books, playing basket ball, and chess .



Varun Chheda is a 3rd grader from Indianapolis, IN. He enjoys reading, sports, and traveling. He has a black belt in Taekwondo. He was captain of his school’s chess team that won the Indiana State Championship in 3rd grade and under division for 2011. He also enjoys playing the piano.

Pratham Soni is a 3rd grader from Troy, MI. He plays tennis, soccer, chess and is an avid swimmer. He is also in his school’s Glee Club for singing and has just joined his school’s band playing drums. He is also learning to play the guitar. He loves to have fun with his friends and likes to excel in what he does. He just got elected to be the Vice President at his school.



2011 Intermediate Science Bee Winners

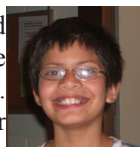
Anna Nixon is a 5th grader from Portland, OR. She participated in various chess

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competitions when she was little and focused more on First Lego Robotics tournaments. Her favorite subjects are science and Math and in her free time she loves to read, draw and play with her sisters.

Achyut Reddy is a 5th grader from Landsdale, PA. He is an avid reader and enjoys lots of science fiction, mythology, and suspense books. He also enjoys basketball, badminton, Teakwando and chess. He plays the viola and clarinet. He is also into robotics, computer programming, and graphics.

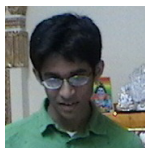


Krithik Vallem is a 5th grader from Northville, MI. He is an avid reader. He has participated in Regional and State level Science Olympiad competitions and won first place in the tournaments. He also loves participating in after school activities like Academic games and FLL Robotics.

2011 Senior Science Bee Winners

Saranesh Prembabu is also second place winner in MB3. Details were covered above.

Abhijit Mudigonda is an 8th grader from Portland, OR. He is into music, learning Indian classical as well as Piano and Flute on the western side. He takes part in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony in Portland, OR. He is also into Robotics, Math and sciences in general. He just entered high school this fall.



Dheeresh Maddu is a 7th grader from Richardson, TX. He likes math and science. He is a very good chess player. His hobbies include solving math problems and chess puzzles, reading science books and playing video games. Here are some of his achievements.

2011 Senior Essay Writing Winners

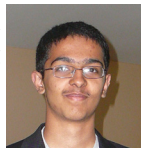


Smitha, Gundavajhala is a 10th grader from Cupertino, CA. She was a winner of first place in Spelling Bee National Finals in 2007, second place in Geography and Vocabulary Bees National Finals in

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2009 and first place in Essay Bee National Finals in 2011. She was a volunteer pronouncer in Spelling and Vocabulary Bee Regional and National Bees in 2011.

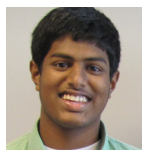
Venkat Rd, Munukutla is a 10th grader from Saratoga, CA. He is the captain of speech and captain of policy debate at Saratoga High School. He received first place at the Santa Clara University Spring Invitational in Original Oratory and ranked at various other tournaments. He enjoys playing basketball and reading.



Ramya Auoprem is a 10th grader from Cupertino, CA. She is an avid reader and word fanatic. She loves to analyze words and their nuances. Ramya has been participating in NSF bees since she was an 8 year old. She now volunteers with NSF, helping edit the NSF bi-monthly newsletter. She was also part of the 2011 NSF Bee Book editorial team. Ramya also volunteers to teach Tamil to kids in her community.

2011 Public Speaking Bee Winners

Venkat Rd, Munukutla is also 2nd place winner in Senior Essay Writing. Details were covered above.



Arunsrinivasan, Ponshunmugam is a 10th grader from Jacksonville, FL. His interests include music and reading. He enjoys playing the guitar and listening to new songs on the radio. He has been invited to the national Latin Forum. He is also the captain of the Brain Brawl team .

Priyanka Menon is an 11th grader from Ann Arbor, MI. She won the 3rd place in Senior Public Speaking at the National Finals.

2011 Brain Bee Winners



Ankita Nallani is an 11th grader from Troy, MI. She won 1st place in Brain Bee at the National Finals.

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3 Raksheet Kota	Houston TX	3 Neel Basu	San Diego CA
4 Arushi Kalpande	Worcester MA	4 Gopal Goel	Portland OR
5 Manas Mahajan	Ft Lauderdale FL	5 Aayush Gupta	Edison NJ
6 Gayathree Gopi	Princeton NJ	6 Nrithya Renganathan	Raleigh NC
7 Tejas Muthusamy	Fairfax VA	7 Raksheet Kota	Houston TX
8 Sathvik Kakanuru	Barrington IL	8 Kiran Gadde	Atlanta GA
9 Diya Cherian	Princeton NJ	9 Agustya Matheth	Phoenix AZ
10 Pragadeeshwar Dakshinamurthi	Palo Alto CA	10 Bharathan Sundar	Worcester MA
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4 Sriram Hathwar	Rochester NY	4 Aayush Gupta	San Jose CA
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7 Snigdha Nandipati	San Diego CA	7 Anmol Sakarda	Cambridge MA
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9 Vaidya Govindarajan	Ft Lauderdale FL	9 Sonia Deodas	Cambridge MA
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6 Mira Raju	Tucson AZ	6 Mayukha Vadari	Seattle WA
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