

The Nurture Merit Program

The programme essentially encompasses nurturing the merit of students from disadvantaged families to enable them to realise their potential.

Components of Nurture Merit

A) Financial Assistance

Assistance in the form of college fees, examination fees and in some deserving cases, additional assistance towards tuition and coaching provided to the meritorious and needy students.

B) Libraries

Text and career related books, computer facility, useful information and trainings are given to the students.

C) Residential Bridge Camp

“Through these camps students learn career and life skills apart from interacting with achievers so they are facilitated to excel in personal and professional life.”

A. Financial Assistance

Unique process for identifying deserving students

2011-12 onwards, Vidya Poshak recourse to a new method of identifying the meritorious and needy student community. Some experienced volunteers were nominated as facilitators and took up the responsibility of inviting applications from the deserving students from their respective places and short listing the eligible students. Facilitators have given publicity in newspapers to assist students apply for financial assistance.

Based on the 10th class results, students are short-listed for home visits to assess the extent of financial difficulty. Thereafter depending on the merit and home visit reports, the final list of eligible students will be prepared for assisting them with scholarship, books and training. The facilitators with the help of local volunteers and well-wishers will organise the financial assistance disbursement programmes in selected locations.

During the year 2012-13

There were 1884 applicants; 1100 home visits were made covering 9 districts in Karnataka.

Thanks to more than 600 senior volunteers and student volunteers who did all this.

Eligibility for Financial Assistance

For 11th standard

Students passing out from standard X with a minimum of 85% marks and falling under the lower economic strata with an annual family income of less than Rs. 60,000 /- are eligible to apply.

Continuation of assistance

Students receive continued support year after year subject to their satisfactory academic performance, until they complete their undergraduate studies. For some streams post graduate studies are also supported.



Dr. Gururaj “Desh” Deshpande and Mrs. Deshpande giving the cheque to the beneficiary