

Can You can help these bright children realize their dreams?

“We have only one school shirt between the two of us. The school insists that we come in a uniform or they send us back home. So my sister attends three days a week and I attend the remaining three”. So said Mangesh a 14 year old boy in Yeshwantpur slum who had scored 87% in 8th standard, three years ago . In addition to his studies, Mangesh accompanied his uncle and helped him sell coconut water to earn Rs 20-30 a day to support his family to survive in this world. Mangesh is now studying in the 1st year Civil Engineering Polytechnic course in Bangalore.

Sheela is a very bright and talkative girl who has been through an arduous childhood. She lost her father at a very early age and worked as a domestic laborer taking care of the cattle and assisting with gardening. When her mother passed away, Sheela continued to work in the same house. Luckily for her, her employer got scared when he heard that he could be punished for employing a child. He released her and Sheela went to stay with her grandmother. But her troubles did not end. Her grandmother also forced her to work and one day refused to let her into her house, forcing Sheela to sleep in the village temple premises that night. Fortunately, Sheela was spotted by the Anganwadi Ayah, who reported this to two schoolteachers, who in turn brought her to a hostel for girls run by an organization called Chiguru. Ever since, Sheela has been under Chiguru’s care, returning home to her grandmother only for vacations. She is studying in the 8th standard at the Government Middle School in Magadi town in the Bangalore Rural district. She received A’s and A+’s in all her subjects in the 7th standard, and continues to strive for the best in the 8th standard.

Both Sheela and Mangesh were school dropouts and were rehabilitated through bridge programs. There are many more children like them. Come and help them achieve their dreams.

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Receive our newsletter: Y / N

Volunteer as an ILP mentor: Y / N

Volunteer to help organize our events: Y / N

Volunteer at our Libraries : Y / N

Visit ILP or any of our Projects: Y / N

How you can help

Contribution for 1 child (please tick the appropriate box)

- Rs 2400 school expenses, additional coaching
- Rs 1500 for school expenses
- Rs 400 for text books and notebooks

Mode of payment: Cash / Cheque

(Please make cheque payable to **India Literacy Project**)

Address: 27, Narayani Apartments, 3rd Floor, 2nd Cross
Ramakrishnappa Layout, Geddalahalli, Sanjaynagar,
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Total Amount of payment: _____

Period of support: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Cheque number: _____

As of now we cannot accept credit cards.

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How will My money be spent?

- **How will my money be spent?** The cost per child works out to Rs. 2400- Rs 2500 per child per annum. The scholarships are based on the needs of each child. It covers: Uniforms, school fees, Note books and text books, coaching classes, shoes, geometry box, bags, bicycle, examination fees, workshops, monitoring & documentation
- **What is the monitoring mechanism?** ILP knows that your contribution is valuable. Hence there will be constant follow up with the children who receive the scholarship to ensure that they continue to go to school and sustain their performance. ILP also invites you to meet the children any time you wish to. If there is a need, other inputs and resources will be provided by ILP.

India Literacy Project (ILP) is a non-profit organization to promote education in India. ILP was set up in the year 1990 by a group of Non-Resident Indians dedicated to the cause of promoting literacy. We at ILP believe that education is the right of every child and we recognize this right as an integral part of our vision towards Total Literacy. Since its inception in the United States, ILP has now grown to an organization with five chapters including those in India. Financial support for ILP has so far been forthcoming from chapters in the US.

Starting from 2003, ILP India has launched a fund raising campaign, which will help support projects indigenously as well as spread awareness amongst local communities of its work.

ILP supports 15 projects across India. Under the scholarship initiative, ILP has decided to select children from five projects in Bangalore, Davangere, Raichur and Chittoor. Many of these children were released from the clutches of child labor. These children were working in hotels, dhabas, garages, cattle grazing and other hazardous industries before they were enrolled to the school. Bright children from these projects—who are in 8th standard and above – are selected for receiving this scholarship.

Your support will go a long way in ensuring education for all children in India.

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