

# FFE-PARAM HANSA PHILANTHROPIES (PHP) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FY 22-23**



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Foundation for Excellence & Param Hansa Philanthropies (PHP) partnership (FFE-PHP Scholarship Program) commenced in FY 2022-23. Under this initiative, FFE received a grant of \$50,000 from PHP's founder Mr. Dheeraj Pandey, a part of which was utilised to award scholarships of Rs. 40,000 each to 32 academically brilliant and financially underprivileged scholars, pursuing their Engineering or Medical courses in India. The program aims to transform the lives of these 32 students by enabling access and supporting the 4 year BE/BTech of 16 engineering and 5 year, MBBS course of 16 medical students.

While the program's focus is providing financial support for qualified students, the assistance extends beyond finances and includes training, mentorship, and other relevant career readiness programs. This assistance is available irrespective of the applicant's caste, community, gender, or religion.

It is expected that the FFE-PHP Scholarship Program shall propel such students to a successful professional career in a single generation, lifting their families out of the poverty cycle.

The objectives of the Scholarship program are:

- Economic empowerment of academically brilliant students from underprivileged backgrounds and transformation of their lives and of their families in a single generation through financial scholarship awards and other programs to boost their career and socio-economic trajectory.
- Career Readiness support for scholars through skills training, mentoring and other networking channels for employment or pursuit of higher education and/or entrepreneurship opportunities.
- Promoting 'giving' wherein scholars pledge to support at least 2 other qualifying students through a financial contribution to FFE, ensuring the self-sustainability of the program.

# ABOUT FFE

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The Foundation For Excellence (FFE) is a 29+ years old registered non-profit, based in USA and was founded by the renowned serial entrepreneur, Dr. Prabhu Goel and Mrs. Poonam Goel. The Foundation for Excellence India Trust (FFEIT) was registered in 2003 as a public Charitable Trust in India and works in association with FFE. It has the same objectives as FFE and raises resources from donors worldwide. FFE awards scholarships to students pursuing degrees in Engineering, Medicine, Law and BPharm in India. The objective of the FFE Scholarship Program is to help these students and their families transition from low to middle income group in a single generation.

The mission of FFE is to transform the lives of academically brilliant but financially needy students in India by awarding merit cum means scholarships. In twenty nine years since its inception in 1994, FFE has already helped over 33,000 scholars across India, changing their lives for posterity; over 95,000 scholarships totaling to Rs. 361 Crores have been awarded to students.

FFE ended FY 2022-23, awarding scholarships to 4851 first time scholars and to 8728 renewal students. In total, 13,579 students were awarded scholarships amounting to Rs. 59.62 Crores during FY 2022-23 alone. The cohort comprises students attending 438 Engineering Colleges, 295 Medical Colleges, 52 BPharm Colleges, and 54 Law Institutes. FFE has a network of over 700+ volunteer “facilitators” distributed throughout India who identify potential awardees, verify the genuineness of their need, and act as mentors once the scholarship is awarded. This ensures that only genuinely deserving students are awarded scholarships.

**33,000+**  
**Scholars**



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**Scholarships**



**INR 361**  
**Crores**



# KEY COHORT HIGHLIGHTS

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Under the FFE-PHP Scholarship project, 32 scholars pursuing their engineering (BE/BTech) or medical (MBBS) course are being supported for the entire duration of their course.

32 scholars hail from 6 states and are studying in 9 states in India, across 22 reputed colleges. The scholars belong to extremely humble backgrounds with the family income ranging from INR 11,000 to INR 3.0 lacs , per annum.

**32 Scholars**

**15 Females; 17 Males**

**INR 40,000 per scholar /year**

**22 colleges across India**

A total of 32 scholarships provided by PHP to 16 BTech and 16 MBBS scholars



\$100,000 allocated by PHP to support the education of 32 scholars



The cohort represents 6 Mailing states in the country with the highest representation from Bihar (78%) followed by West Bengal (12%). The other states are-Andhra Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh. 71.8% of the cohort hails from a rural demography.

# KEY COHORT HIGHLIGHTS

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The primary income category of the cohort is agriculture

The average annual income of the cohort in 2022 was Rs. 1, 16, 533.

Father's Occupation: 43.75% of the scholars come from agricultural families, 28% belong to families who own a small business or are self employed, 9% are from families where the primary earner is a labourer, 6% of the scholars are from service families, 6% belong to families who have no employment and the rest 8% are either retired or deceased.

#### Academic Progress (B.Tech):

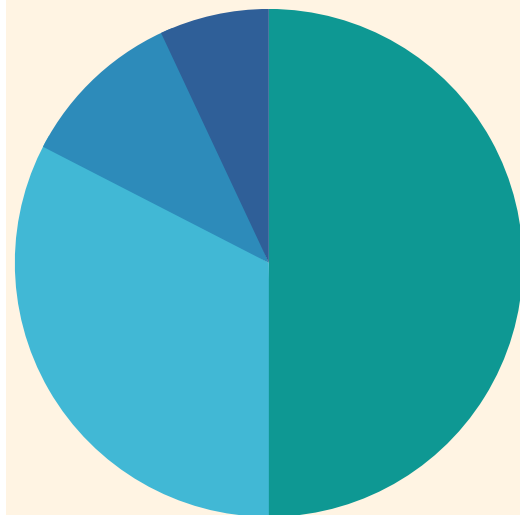
- 12 B.Tech scholars have received the results of Sem 1 & Sem 2 and the average CGPA is 7.63
- Sem 1 results are awaited for 4 scholars
- Sem 2 results are awaited for 3 scholars

#### Academic Progress (MBBS):

- 4 MBBS scholars have received the Year 1 result and the average % is 59.67
- Results are awaited for 12 scholars

Mother's Occupation: All the mothers in this cohort are home makers except for 1 scholar's mother who is self employed.

Parents' Education: Parents of 68% of the scholars are non-graduates. Fathers of only 31% scholars have completed graduation while only 12% scholar's mothers have completed their graduation.



The graph represents father's occupation



# KEY COHORT HIGHLIGHTS

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46.87 % of the cohort represents female scholars whereas 53.12% are males



The scholars represent 22 institutes from 9 states in India. Some of the reputed institutes include IIT Kanpur, AIIMS Gorakhpur, NIT Durgapur, Patna Medical College



53.1% of the scholars have completed their school education from Govt institutions; 46.8% of the scholars have completed their school education from Private institutions



Class 12 Medium of Instruction was English for 87.5% of the cohort while the rest of the 12.5% of the cohort studied in Hindi and other regional languages



The average class 12% of the cohort is 85%; with the range lying between 62% and 100%



Scholars represent 7 branches of study with the highest proportion pursuing Computer Science & Engineering followed by Electrical & Electronics Engineering



# PROGRAM INITIATIVES

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## Identification of Beneficiaries:

FFE received thousands of applications from scholars across the country for the scholarship program of FY 22-23. Based on the eligibility criteria, the applications were classified as Eligible or Ineligible. Each student was then called to verify and cross check the basic information provided in the applications such as, family details, academic details (10th and 12th marks) and Family Annual Income etc. Once the details were confirmed the selected applicants were asked to upload necessary documents for further processing.

The Application window for the year 2022-23 was opened on 1st of August 2022.

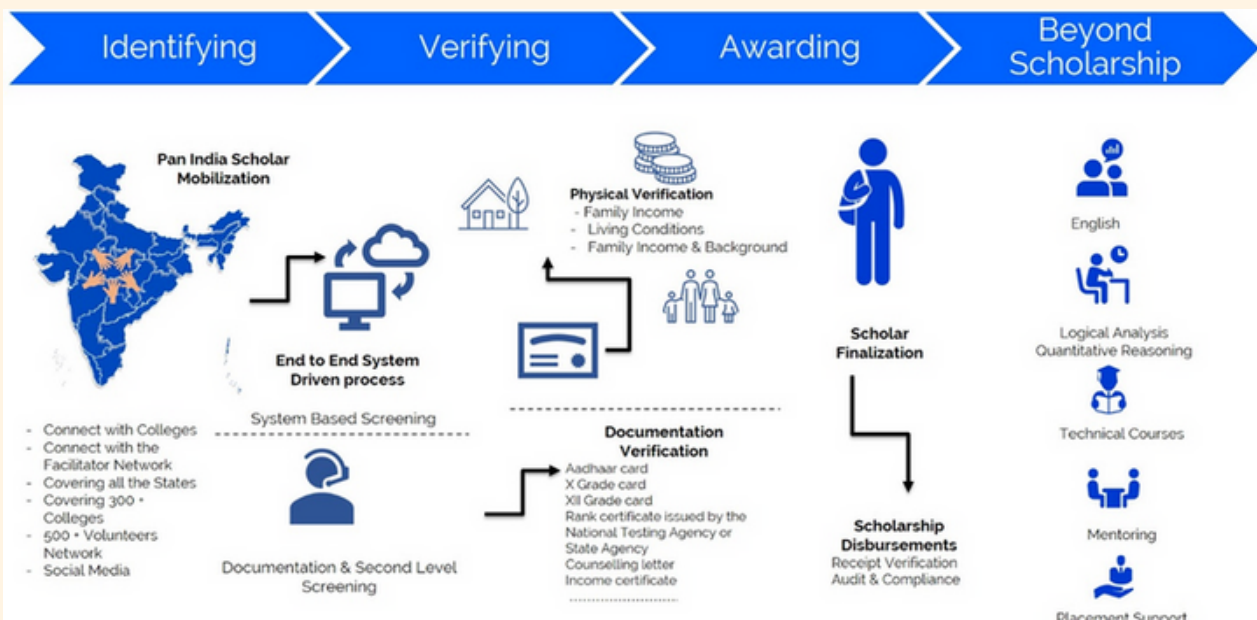
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## Student verification and final selection:

FFE has a network of over 800 volunteer “facilitators” distributed across India who identify potential awardees, verify the genuineness of their need, and act as mentors once the scholarship is awarded. This ensures that only genuinely deserving students are awarded scholarships. The verification for the shortlisted scholars for the FFE-PHP Scholarship program happened via Zoom call, the student and student's parents were interviewed by the FFE facilitator.

Based on the feedback received from the Facilitator, the final scholars were mapped to PHP on FFE's technical platform, Salesforce and were disbursed scholarship amount directly to their accounts through the online transfer mode.

**Annexure 1- Beneficiary details & Annexure 2 - Fund disbursement details are shared separately.**





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## Communications & Branding:

FFE seeks to maintain regular communication with the cohort to apprise them of events, timelines etc. To this extent, FFE has created a designated WhatsApp Group for the scholars of FFE-PHP Cohort. The WhatsApp group is used for quick correspondence with the scholars.

A welcome email introducing their donor has also been shared with each scholar.

The welcome email constitutes an important part of communication and branding as it is the first introduction to their sponsor in this case PHP. It also highlights the key elements of the scholarship program and the responsibilities of any FFE scholar. The message was finalised in collaboration with PHP and has the logo alongside the description of the work undertaken by PHP.



Anwesha Basu <anweshabasu9733@gmail.com>  
to FFE, me ▾

Tue, May 2, 7:05 PM ☆ ↶ ⋮

Thank you for the information.

On Tue, 2 May, 2023, 2:28 pm FFE INDIA, <communications@ffe.org> wrote:

Anwesha Basu,

Congratulations on being awarded the **Foundation For Excellence/FFE Scholarship!**

Your scholarship named, "**FFE-Param Hansa Philanthropies Scholarship Program**", has been made possible by a generous grant from **Param Hansa Philanthropies** and is facilitated by the **Foundation for Excellence (FFE)**.

Your unique 'Student ID' is FFEUID066211. Please quote this for all future communication with FFE.

About **Param Hansa Philanthropies**:



**Param Hansa Philanthropies (PHP)** USA, Swapna and Dheeraj Pandey's private **foundation**, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. PHP is focused on research at the intersection of computing and life sciences, on ideas that harness the power of natural sciences to create better versions of our society. PHP aims to partner closely with universities and research organizations to foster efforts in the computing + life sciences space and be a part of the ideas that revolutionize new frontiers and harness the power of tech to solve healthcare related problems. Young talent in the field of science and medicine is at the

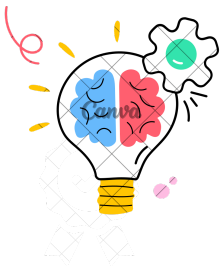
FFE continually strives to expand its reach and impact through concerted efforts with every aspect of the program. FFE's plan for the coming year aims to focus on the below mentioned programmatic features:



Scholars have stated applying for renewal of scholarships for their 2nd year and disbursements would be completed latest by December'23



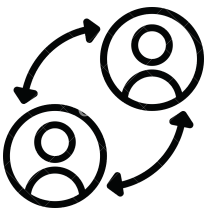
All Second Year Engineering Scholars have undertaken the AMCAT-Aspiring Minds Computer Adaptive Test which evaluates job applicants on critical areas such as communication skills, logical reasoning, quantitative skills, and job-specific domain skills.



Based on their AMCAT Scores, scholars have been mapped to Skill Training Programs- English & Aptitude



All Open House Events have been completed for FY23-24 which gave an opportunity to scholars to hear from industry experts and a platform to ask questions related to their degree, career etc.



Donor Scholar Engagement-A donor-scholar interaction can be organised in the coming months based on a mutually suitable time for the donor and scholars



FFE Webinars and Workshops will be organised to provide exposure and knowledge to scholars on relevant topics

### ROBINS KUMAR

Course: Electrical and Electronics Engineering

Course Year: 1st Year

College: Indian Institute of Technology Patna, Bihar



Robins belongs to an agricultural family from Araria in Bihar. His family comprises of his father who is a farmer and the sole breadwinner of the family, his mother who is a home maker and 3 siblings who are younger to him. The annual income of the family is Rs. 1, 20, 000 which is definitely not enough to support the family expenses and education of 4 children.

Robins secured 92% in his 10th Boards and 90.2% in his 12th Boards. He cleared the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) with a rank of 10, 465 which secured him admission at the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology, Patna, Bihar in the Electrical and Electronics Engineering stream.

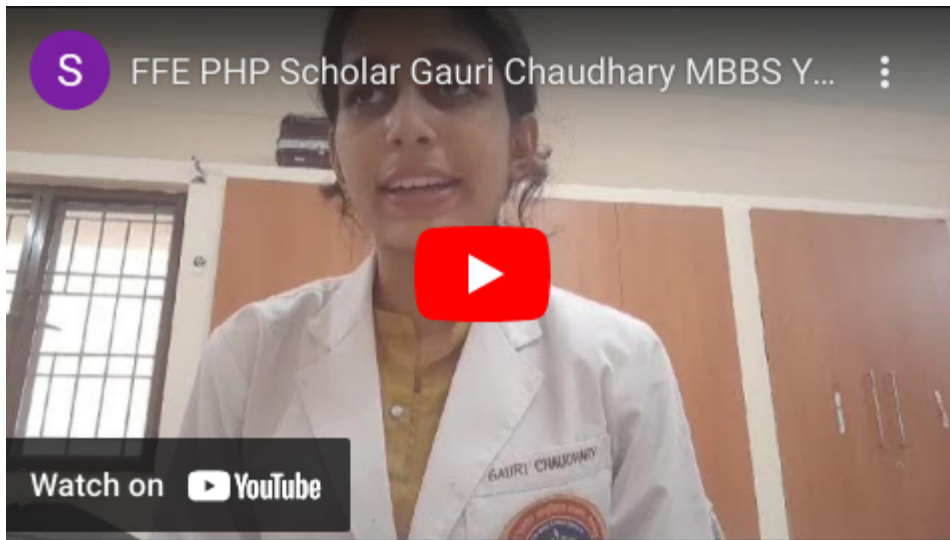
Even though Robins secured admission at one of the best institutes in the country, continuing his education would have been challenging had he not received the scholarship. Currently, the entire scholarship amount is used for Robin's tuition fee, timely payment of which would have been impossible without the financial support.

Robins is grateful to his donor, Param Hansa Philanthropies and FFE for awarding him the scholarship and says that his educational pursuits would not have been possible without this generous support. He also mentioned that the scholarship has taken away a huge burden from him and his family.

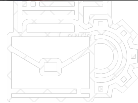
Robins has scored 7.79% in semester 1 and has also registered himself for a mentorship program which provides free mentorship to JEE aspirants. Robins is determined to do well in his academics and support scholars like him in future, once he is financially independent. He also wants to contribute to the education sector in his own capacity to support aspiring students.

# SCHOLAR VIDEO TESTIMONIAL

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**Gauri Chaudhary**  
Course: MBBS  
Course Year: 1st Year  
College: AIIMS Gorakhpur,  
Uttar Pradesh



**Rakesh Kumar**  
Course: B.Tech  
Mathematics and Computing  
Course Year: 1st Year  
College: IIT Guwahati, Assam



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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**THANK YOU PARAM  
HANSA  
PHILANTHROPIES (PHP)  
FOR CHANGING THE  
LIVES OF 32 BRIGHT  
SCHOLARS!**


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# ANNEXURES

## ORGANIZATION RELATED DETAILS

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Contact Person/s	Dr. Sudha Kidao, Managing Trustee Mr. Ram Kolavennu, COO Ms. Snehaswini Saha, Senior Executive-Donor Relations
Contact Number	080 – 2520 1925
FCRA 	Yes; FCRA Registration number: 094421348
Tax Exemption	u/s 80G of the IT Act

This report is to be read in totality with the below Annexures:

- Annexure 1 - Beneficiary Details Report
- Annexure 2 - Financial Details Report
- Annexure 3 - Academic Progress Report