



Progress Through Education ...



Dream India 2020

- **India will become a developed nation by 2020**
- **India will become the 2nd largest economy by 2025**

But just dreaming won't do

We need to Act...

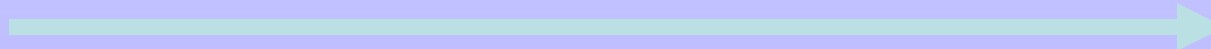


Yes we need to change these...

- **School Dropout Rate 44% by Class 8 (in Karnataka)**
- **Juvenile Delinquency/vagrancy on the rise**
- **8.7% of children (nearly 1 million) mired in Child Labour**

Education is the catalyst for this change.....

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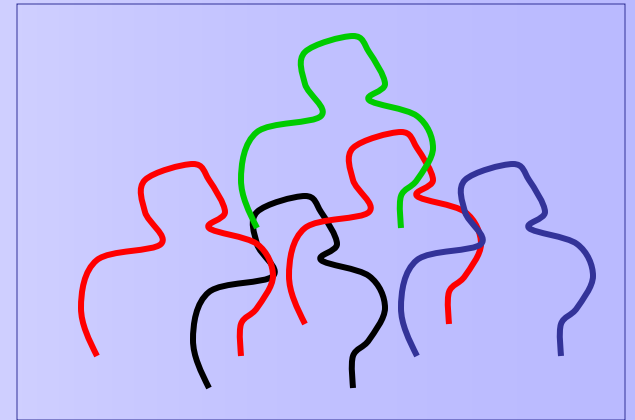


Large number of children all over India

✓ Highly capable

✓ Motivated but lacking financial resources

to pursue suitable education





They can all become self-reliant, productive members of the society...

They are tomorrow's STARS

But Only if....

They get that little support.....
and in time.....

Else we lose them





Pragati vision

*We at Pragati believe
that a proper education and a
decent Life are the birthrights
of every child in a civilized society.
And it is everyone's duty to see
that every child gets them*



*“Almost anything you do
will be insignificant but
it is very important that
you do it”*

- M. K. Gandhi



The Mission:

Financial and non-financial support to students from Economically weak backgrounds to enable them to receive education commensurate with their potential-and become self dependent

Pragati was established in 2002

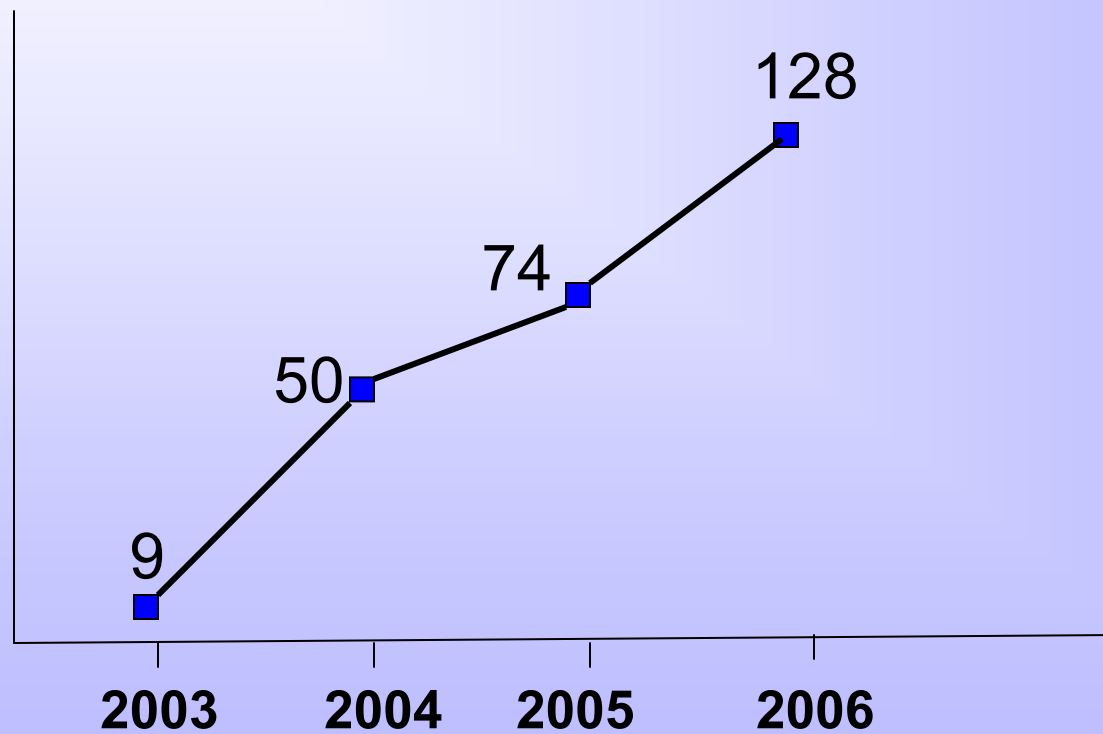


The Criteria

- **Class 8 – 12**
- **Good academic performance**
- **Weak economic background**



No. of Pragati Scholars





Typical Scholar Profile



Joined: 2004
Class: 10
9TH Std marks: 82%
Family size: 5
Family income: 2500pm



Joined: 2004
Class: 1st year Diploma
SSLC marks: 72.3%
Family: 4
Family income: 3000 pm



Each one,

a promise lived upto.....



**Pragati
now working to reach**

200

deserving children by 2008-09



Need for support

→ Financial

- exempt from IT under section 80G.

→ Non-financial

- general awareness
- confidence building
- communication skills
- motivation
- overall guidance



Non-financial support





Mentoring Program



- ❖ Each Scholar One on one with a mentor
- ❖ Monitor academic performance
- ❖ Provide encouragement and Support
- ❖ Guide in making important academic and career decisions



Better your best ...





Pragati Family

→ **>50 individual contributors**

→ **15 active volunteers**

→ **128 children**



Pragati Team

Diverse Professions, Common Goal

- *Surya Rao*: B.Tech/MBA-Director Engineering company
- *Tej Arora*: B.Tech,M.S-Director in Software Multinational
- *Santosh Nedungadi*: Business-distributorship, Past President Rotary Club
- *K. Vijay*: B.Tech-Industrialist
- *Sundari Rao*: M.Sc, B.Ed, Principal of Reputed High School
- *Dinesh Nehete*: Ph.D, Senior Research Scientist
- **Plus several professionals – Software Architects, Engineers, Teachers**



Partner Organizations

- **FFE, USA**
- **SAFE** (Tata Elxsi Staff Initiative)
- **Vikasana** (IIMB Students' Initiative)
- **Rotary Club** (Bangalore Cantonment)



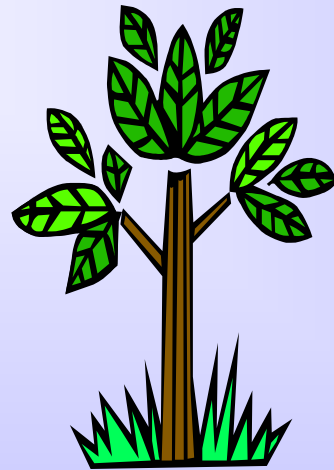


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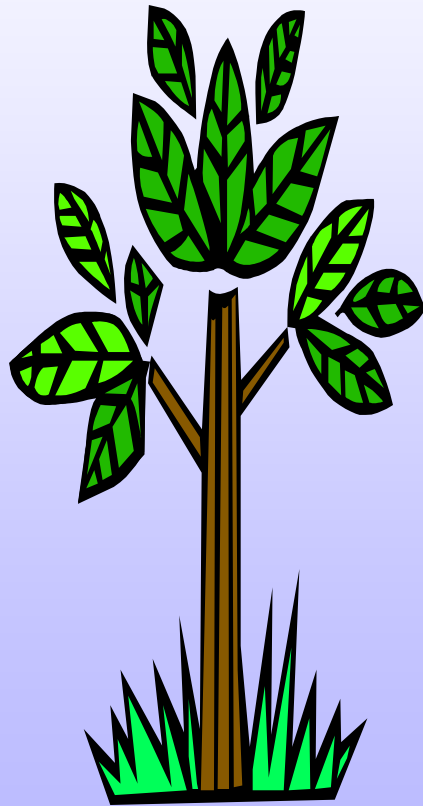


27 Children

**Pragati
Foundation**



This effort must grow....



And with your support

it will....



Thank you...