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Mission, Vision, Values



Mission

Supporting community development in rural India by unlocking the transformative power of education for young women.

Vision

An India where every rural community prospers through access to quality education.

Values

Sustainability & Scalability,
Innovation & Measurability,
Transparency



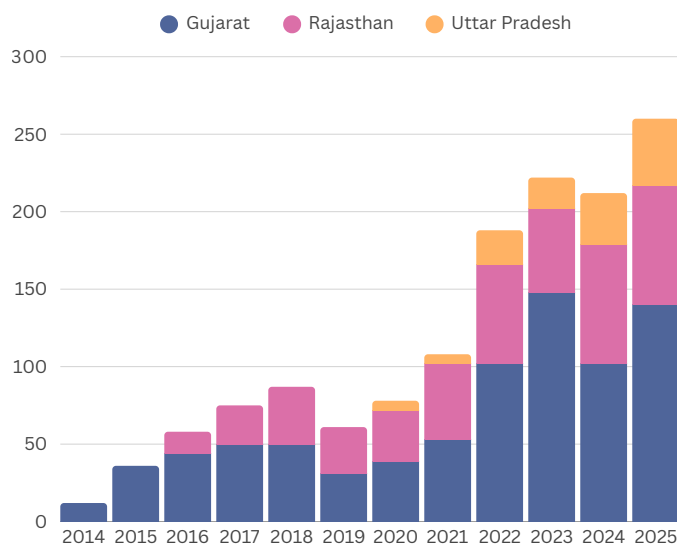
Twenty years ago, inspired by Principal Nanubhai's belief that education could transform rural India, I became NEF's first volunteer. Two decades later, I'm deeply grateful for every partner and donor who has joined our mission to help make that vision a reality.

Together, we've proven that education can transform entire communities. The students we've supported are now doctors, teachers, and leaders—each success honoring Principal Nanubhai's legacy and creating new opportunities. As I reflect on twenty years of impact, I'm filled with hope for Nanubhai's next chapter - we are only getting started!

-Raj Shah, Founder



Nanubhai Scholars



Scholarships awarded, 2014-2025

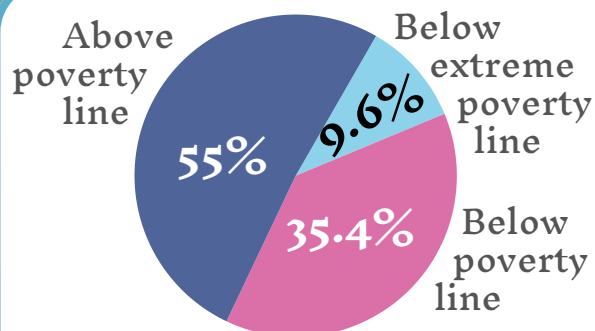
Program Overview

Now in its 11th year, the Scholars Program awards scholarships across regions of Gujarat, Rajasthan, & Uttar Pradesh.

Scholarships cover up to 90% of all expenses related to the cost of attendance. Scholars receive support for the length of their programs.

By the Numbers

- This year, our acceptance rate **increased over 10%** from 2024.
- We awarded **260 scholarships**; 55% to Scholars from the science stream.
- The average family income for 2025 Scholars is **~\$2.36/day** (₹209).



Scholar family income (U.N. definitions)

NEET/JEE Study Materials Library



Thanks to an inspiring donor, Nanubhai Scholars studying for the NEET or JEE exam now have essential support: current study materials, rechargeable lamps, and note-taking materials. This program helps students in remote areas who often need to balance working and studying.

20 25 Scholar Functions



Top: Gujarat
Middle: Varanasi
Below: Udaipur

Below: Gujarat Scholars listen to a guest speaker at their function



NEFCWT President Mahida presents a certificate to a Scholar

Scholar Spotlight Ayushi

Bachelors: Physiotherapy



“This scholarship was not just funding, **it was hope**. It gave me the **freedom** to pursue my studies without the fear of financial burden. It allowed me to stay committed to my **goals.**”



Ayushi earned a Bachelors of Physiotherapy from The Maharaja Sayajirao University Of Baroda in 2025. In the future, she plans to earn a Masters of Physiotherapy, but will work for a few years first.

Reflecting on her education, Ayushi said, “Looking back, this journey has been more than just academic...it has **shaped my identity**, taught me responsibility, and **showed me the value of hard work** and compassion.”



Scholar Spotlight

Shikha

Masters: Chemistry

“Thank you for supporting me. My family finances are not good. I could not even think of reading at IIT Delhi, but **with your help, I am reading here.”**

Shikha was one of 13,000 test-takers hoping to earn a spot at an IIT for her masters program. Her results? **A top 2% national ranking and the opportunity of a lifetime.**

However, Shikha’s father, a day laborer in Varanasi, earns less than a third of one year's tuition. Refusing to let her dream slip away, Shikha reached out to NEF to see if her scholarship could continue. Her tenacity inspired supporters who rallied to fully fund her program expenses.

After graduation, Shikha will become a professor—not just to teach, but to prove something powerful: that persistence shatters barriers, that **a day laborer's daughter from Varanasi can belong among India's brightest minds**, that dedication conquers circumstance.



Scholar Spotlight Naina

Future IAS Officer



“The constant **encouragement** and uplifting environment here means the world to us—not just to me, but to every one of us. We're truly **thankful** for the faith and positivity we've received.”



Naina is studying political science (honours program) at Banaras Hindu University. After graduation she plans to sit for the civil service exam to become an IAS Officer.

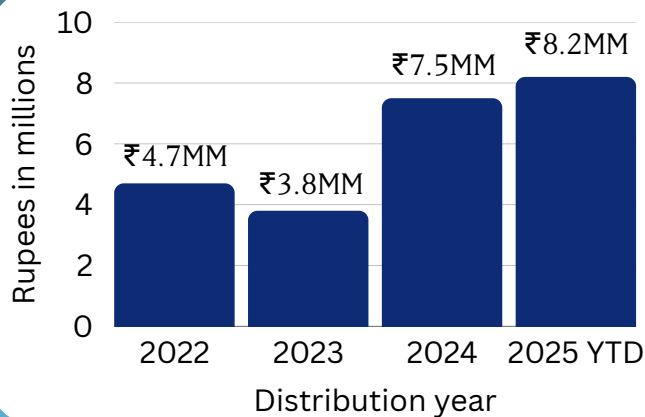
Alongside her studies, Naina is taking full advantage of the extracurricular activities at her college, including Debate Society and other competitions that will polish her public speaking skills. Last year, she represented her university at the National level Taekwondo Championship.

Donor Impact



To Our Donors

Thank you for investing in these bright, determined young women who are on a mission to uplift themselves, their families, and their communities. Your continued support doesn't just change individual lives—it transforms entire villages across rural India.



Scholarship distribution has **increased 75%** since 2022 and now supports **over 500** active scholarships.

Honoring Legacy

Education, hard work, and determination have shaped the legacy of the Desi community's success story. Supporting Scholars like Shambhavi (left) honors this legacy and empowers India's future leaders. Together, we're building connections between our global community and India's brightest future.



EmpowHer Circle



About the Circle

The EmpowHER Circle is a group of impact-oriented philanthropists from around the globe who are committed to empowering bright, determined young women in rural India.

Circle members provide full sponsorship for a Scholar's college education (\$1,801) and receive periodic updates on her progress. Scholars receive the support of knowing that you believe in her ability to transform her future.



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Join the Circle

Curious about the EmpowHer Circle or ready to see the direct impact of your support? Reach out to any board member to start the conversation.



20/26 Looking Forward



Dear Friends,

Every day, I'm inspired by our Scholars' determination and dreams. Education doesn't just change lives—it creates dignity, resilience, and independence. Educated women reinvest in their families and communities, amplifying your impact across generations. Thank you for being part of this transformation. Your support tells these young women their futures are worth investing in.

- Kate Jenkins Saer
Executive Director



Supporting Masters Degrees

As master's degrees become standard across India's job market, NEF is committed to keeping Scholars competitive. Sponsoring master's degrees is one way to ensure Scholars have the support needed to thrive.

Job Market Preparation

For graduates not seeking an advanced degree, NEF is developing programming to sponsor certificate courses and provide exam preparation workshops. These free resources will equip Scholars with specialized skills and qualifications that employers value, opening doors to better career opportunities.



About Nanubhai



**Raj Shah,
Founder**



**Principal
Nanubhai Naik,
Visionary**



**Dr. Manoj Shah,
Principal Naik's
former student**

A registered 501(c)3, the Nanubhai Education Foundation (NEF) was established in 2005. NEF is named after Mr. Nanubhai Naik, the visionary principal of Kadod High School in Gujarat, India from 1963-1984. Under his leadership, 500+ local students went on to pursue higher education both within India and abroad, including Dr. Manoj Shah, the father of NEF's founder, Raj.

Raj saw the impact of education first hand during his childhood visits to India, and it was his understanding of how Principal Naik's influence impacted not only his father's life, but his own life as well, that inspired Raj to continue Principal Nanubhai's legacy of transformation through education.



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