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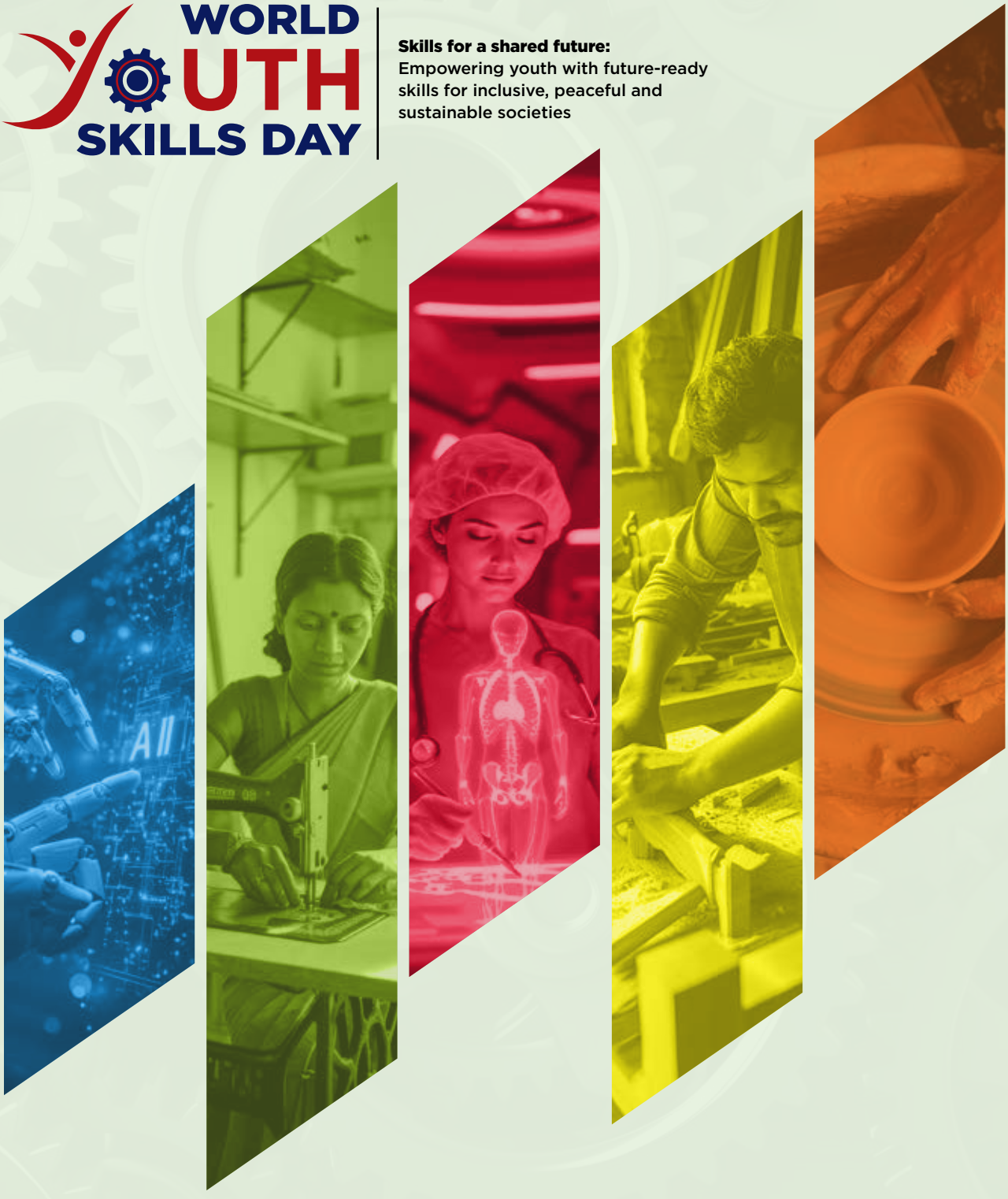


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ABHISHEK SHARMA



Arise, awake, and stop not till
the goal is reached.

Name of Candidate:
Abhishek Sharma

Age & Gender:
23/M

City/State:
Delhi

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Dr. H.J Bhabha Industrial Training Institute, Mayur Vihar

Sector / Skill Domain:
Interior Design & Decoration

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Session 2022- 2023

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Interior Designer (Entreprenuer)

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Culture Interior

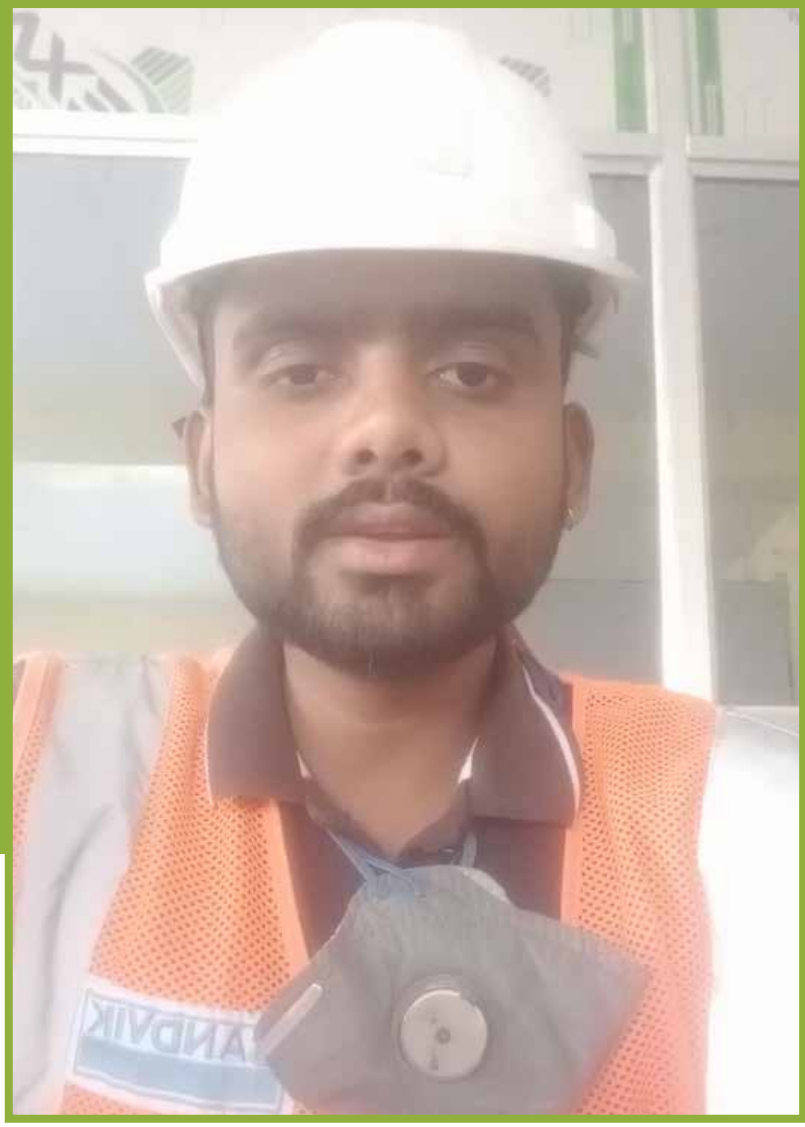
Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Worked with reputed architecture firms in Ahmedabad and Gurugram, then started my own practice and secured three dream projects independently.

I started my journey by completing my internship and then joined one of Ahmedabad's well-known companies as a fresher. It was a great learning experience and gave me a strong foundation in architecture and interior design. Later, I moved to Delhi and joined a company in Gurugram as a Junior Architect. Every day, I traveled nearly 80 kilometers on my bike to reach the office. Despite the long commute, I worked with complete dedication and gained valuable practical experience. After some time, I made the difficult decision to leave my job because I wanted to build something of my own. However, the next two months were one of the toughest phases of my life. I couldn't find any projects, and the burden of multiple EMIs made the situation even more stressful. To keep myself going financially, I started working as a Rapido rider. It wasn't easy, but I never gave up on my dream. Then, life took an unexpected turn. I received three projects at the same time—projects that every architect and interior designer dreams of working on. That moment reminded me that hard work, patience, and consistency always pay off. Sometimes, success arrives when you least expect it, but only if you keep moving forward.

ADARSH DIXIT



I have never thought that I would be the reason of family's improved economic condition. I am looking forward to achieving even greater milestones in the years ahead.

Name of Candidate:
Adarsh Dixit

Age & Gender:
22/M

City/State:
Jhansi, UP

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Teamlease Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
Electrical

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Oct, 2025

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Machine Operator

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Sandvik

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
Rs. 22000/- pm

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Crusher Machine Operator

Adarsh hails from a small village in Uttar Pradesh, where he lives with his family. His father is a farmer, and the family's limited income made it difficult to meet even their basic needs. Despite these financial hardships, Adarsh was determined to create a better future. He completed his diploma in Polytechnic from a Government Polytechnic College, hoping to secure a stable job. However, despite his qualifications and continuous efforts, he was unable to get selected by any company.

His turning point came when he enrolled in the industry-focused training program offered by Sandvik in partnership with TeamLease Foundation. The program equipped him with technical knowledge, workplace readiness, and practical skills required by the manufacturing industry. More importantly, it gave him the confidence to pursue career opportunities with renewed determination.

Upon successfully completing the training, Adarsh was selected by Sandvik and began his professional journey at the company's Rajasthan facility. With continuous guidance from his managers, hands-on practical exposure, and real-time learning on advanced manufacturing processes, he quickly developed his technical expertise and professional confidence.

Today, Adarsh is a proud Sandvik employee, contributing to one of the world's leading engineering companies while supporting his family's financial needs. His journey from a farmer's son facing economic hardship to a skilled professional is a testament to the transformative impact of quality skill development, industry mentorship, and meaningful employment opportunities.

Adarsh sincerely thanks Sandvik and TeamLease Foundation for believing in his potential and providing him with the opportunity to build a successful career. He is proud to be contributing to his family's improved economic condition and looks forward to achieving even greater milestones in the years ahead.

AJAY KUMAR BHARTI



The technical and soft skills training at Voltas Kaushal Vikas Kendra completely transformed my life, giving me the expertise and confidence to escape financial struggles and successfully start my own service business.

Name of Candidate:
Ajay Kumar Bharti

Age & Gender:
26/M

City/State:
Lakhimpur

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Grey Sim Learnings Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
RACW

Course/Program Completed (with year):
RACW/2024

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Self Employed

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
NA

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹26,000 (Excluding all expenses)

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Acquired AC field technician skills, including AC, refrigerator, and washing machine repair.
- Placed at a local service centre and gained six months of hands-on field experience.
- Started his own freelance servicing business, initially travelling to customers by bicycle.
- Reinvested his earnings to purchase a bike, expanding his reach and productivity.
- Became a job creator, employing 2 helpers to assist with his growing service business.

Ajay, a young resident of Lakhimpur, Uttar Pradesh, completed his schooling in his hometown. His father, a farmer by profession, worked hard to support the family. Watching his father's dedication, Ajay was determined to create a unique identity for himself and contribute to his family's financial stability. He decided to step into the technical field and learn a skill-based trade.

One day, while browsing social media, Ajay came across information about the newly launched Voltas Kaushal Vikas Kendra in Rudrapur. Inspired by the opportunity, he visited the centre, inquired about the courses, and enrolled himself.

During the training, Ajay not only gained hands-on knowledge in repairing air conditioners, refrigerators, and washing machines but also developed essential soft skills such as communication, customer relationship management, and basic computer skills.

After completing the course, Ajay began his career as an RACW Service Technician. The job gave him real-world exposure and allowed him to apply his technical and soft skills effectively. After working for about six months, Ajay decided to take a bold step and start his own service business in Rudrapur – travelling to customers on his bicycle to begin with. As demand grew, he reinvested his earnings to purchase a secondhand bike, becoming more productive and able to take on more service calls. He now employs 2 helpers to assist him in his service business.

Today, Ajay runs his own service business and earns an average monthly income of around ₹26,000. With his hard work and determination, he is not only financially supporting his family but also fulfilling his dream of building an independent identity. Ajay's journey – starting on a bicycle and growing into a small, job-creating enterprise – is a clear example of how skill-based training can transform lives and empower youth to become self-reliant.



ALISHA



Learning the right skills gave me the confidence to pursue a dream I once thought was out of reach. Today, I'm proud to have built a business of my own with the help of those skills.

Name of Candidate:
Alisha

Age & Gender:
21/F

City/State:
Meerut, Uttar Pradesh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Medha Learning Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
Entrepreneurship

Course/Program Completed (with year):
2025

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Self-employed (Boutique Owner)

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
La Belle Alisha

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹25,000-30,000.

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Alisha established her own fashion boutique in Gurugram, after securing an internship with renowned fashion designer Tarun Tahiliani, despite not studying at a premier fashion institute.

Growing up in Meerut in a family of seven with five sisters, Alisha developed a deep passion for fashion from an early age. She dreamed of studying at the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), but financial constraints made that path difficult. Determined to pursue her passion, she enrolled in the Fashion Design trade at Government Girls Polytechnic Shamli.

During her studies, Alisha joined Medha's Swarambh programme, which helps young people build careers as freelancers and micro entrepreneurs. Through the programme, she developed practical skills in business planning, pricing, customer engagement, and financial management. She also participated in two Flash Jam events, where networking with like minded peers led to an internship with renowned fashion designer Tarun Tahiliani.

The internship exposed Alisha to every aspect of the fashion business. Alongside designing and stitching, she learned fabric sourcing, vendor management, material selection, pricing, and cost management. Equipped with these industry insights and the entrepreneurial skills she had developed through Swarambh, Alisha chose to start her own venture instead of pursuing a full time job. She opened her boutique, La Belle Alisha, in Gurugram.

Today, Alisha is living her dream as a boutique owner, designing customised garments while growing her business. Her journey shows that when passion is matched with the right skills, practical exposure, and entrepreneurial guidance, young people can overcome financial barriers and build rewarding careers on their own terms.

AMAN KUMAR



For me, this job is not just employment. It is the answer to every question that society asked my parents for years. Today, seeing pride in their eyes is the greatest achievement of my life.

Name of Candidate:
Aman Kumar

Age & Gender:
24/M

City/State:
Pantnagar, Rudarpur, Udham Singh Nagar

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Dev Rishi Educational Society

Sector / Skill Domain:
Tourism & Hospitality

Course/Program Completed (with year):
F&B Service Assistant in September 2024 under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana.

Current Occupation / Job Title:
F&B Service Assistant

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Lemon Tree, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
INR Rs. 15000 p.m+ Service Charges+ Incentives

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Successfully completed DDU-GKY Hospitality Skill Training at Dev Rishi Educational Society.
- Overcame social stigma and personal challenges as a Person with Disability (PWD).
- Secured placement at Lemon Tree Hotel, Rishikesh.
- Achieved financial independence with a monthly salary of ₹15,000 plus incentives.
- Developed professional, communication, and workplace skills.
- Restored confidence and dignity to his family after years of social discrimination.
- Emerged as a role model, inspiring other PWD youth to pursue skill development and employment.

18 Years of Hope, One Moment of Triumph: Aman Kumar's Journey Towards Dignity

"Success is not measured by the challenges we inherit, but by the courage with which we rise above them."

In the small village of Pantnagar, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand, lives a family whose greatest strength has always been hope. Aman Kumar, a 24-year-old young man, was born as a Person with Disability (PwD). From the very beginning, doctors informed his parents that he had a visual impairment. What followed was not just a medical challenge but a lifelong battle against social prejudice and uncertainty.

Aman's father, Mr. Ramendra Kashyap, worked tirelessly as a daily wage laborer, while his mother, Mrs. Nisha Kashyap, balanced her responsibilities at work and home, ensuring that Aman never felt deprived of love, encouragement, or opportunity. Along with his younger brother, Atul Kashyap, the family shared one simple dream—that Aman would one day stand on his own feet and lead a life of dignity and self-respect.

The road, however, was far from easy. Throughout his childhood, his parents were repeatedly told that Aman would never become independent. Comparisons with other children, insensitive remarks, and constant social stigma became a part of their everyday lives. Yet, instead of allowing these voices to define their future, the family chose to hold on to faith.

After nearly eighteen years of struggle, hope finally arrived through the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY). Aman enrolled in the Food & Beverage Service Assistant training programme at Dev Rishi Educational Society, where, for the first time, he found an environment that recognized his abilities rather than his disability.

The initial days were challenging. Adjusting to a new environment, interacting with unfamiliar people, and adapting to workplace expectations demanded tremendous courage. With the unwavering support of his trainers and mentors, Aman gradually developed professional skills, communication abilities, discipline, teamwork, and, most importantly, confidence in himself. Every training session strengthened not only his technical knowledge but also his belief that he could build an independent future.

His determination was rewarded when he secured employment as a Food & Beverage Service Assistant at Lemon Tree Hotel, Rishikesh, one of the country's leading hospitality brands. Today, Aman earns ₹15,000 per month, along with service charges and performance incentives, making him financially independent and professionally confident.

For Aman, this job is much more than employment. It is the answer to every question his parents had faced over the years. It is proof that ability can never be measured by physical limitations.

His parents often say that the greatest joy is not the salary he earns but the confidence with which their son now walks through life. The young boy whom society once underestimated has become the pride of his family and an inspiration for many other families raising children with disabilities.

Today, Aman is more than an employee—he is a symbol of resilience, dignity, and hope. His journey reminds us that when skill development is combined with family support, inclusive opportunities, and compassionate mentoring, lives are transformed forever.

AMAN VINAY RAUT



> Stop waiting for the perfect opportunity. Put your head down and build your foundation with pure grit.

Name of Candidate:
Aman Vinay Raut

Age & Gender:
23/M

City/State:
Thane, Maharashtra

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Mentorkart, affiliated with Medhavi Skills University

Sector / Skill Domain:
Internal Audit and Risk Management

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Post Graduate Diploma in Risk Management and Internal Audit – 2026

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Consultant

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Protiviti India Member Firm

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Promoted from Analyst to Consultant within the first year, driven by strong performance and consistent client impact. Gained cross-industry business exposure by working with 10+ clients.

After completing my graduation, I was eager to step into the professional world but quickly realized that theoretical knowledge alone wouldn't be enough to thrive in a specialized field. That is when I decided to pursue the Post Graduate Diploma in Risk Management and Internal Audit from Mentorkart, affiliated with Medhavi Skills University. This decision proved to be a major turning point in my career.

The structure of the program allowed me to balance my professional commitments and advanced learning simultaneously. What I learned in the classroom during the program, I could immediately apply to real-world scenarios at work. This dual approach of simultaneous working and learning accelerated my professional growth significantly. It gave me a deep, practical understanding of business operations across different sectors, helping me successfully handle more than 10 clients from diverse industries early in my career.

This hands-on approach directly fueled my growth, leading to a promotion to Consultant at Protiviti India Member Firm. Achieving this milestone early in my professional journey has been incredibly grounding, and I'm deeply grateful to my team and mentors for trusting my potential.



ANURAG SHUKLA



I am sincerely grateful to CRISP and MEJA Urja Nigam Pvt. Ltd. for giving me this opportunity. The training not only helped me secure a job but also prepared me to grow in my career. CRISP is doing remarkable work in skill development by creating disciplined, dedicated, and industry-ready professionals.

Name of Candidate:
Anurag Shukla

Age & Gender:
28/M

City/State:
Prayagraj, Madhya Pradesh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
CRISP

Sector / Skill Domain:
Solar PV Installation

Course/Program Completed (with year):
23 March 2026

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Bluspring Enterprises Limited

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
42K month

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Within just 45 days of joining the company, Anurag earned two consecutive promotions—from Machine Operator to Team Leader and then to Production Supervisor—along with a substantial salary hike, reflecting his exceptional performance and dedication.

Hailing from Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, Anurag Shukla was determined to build a successful career but needed the right skills and opportunity to enter the industry. He enrolled in the skill training programme conducted by CRISP under the CSR initiative of MEJA Urja Nigam Pvt. Ltd., where he gained practical knowledge, workplace discipline, and industry-relevant technical skills.

Soon after completing the training, Anurag secured a job as a Machine Operator and is currently working in Mundra, Kutch, Gujarat. His dedication, hard work, and willingness to learn quickly earned the trust of his organization. Recognizing his performance, the company promoted him to Team Leader. Within just 45 days, he achieved another milestone by being promoted to Production Supervisor—a moment he describes as being "on cloud nine."

Today, Anurag earns ₹42,000 per month, a significant achievement that has transformed his family's financial condition. His success has brought happiness and stability to his family while motivating him to continue giving his best at work.



ARJUN NEGI



Our passion today will shape a better tomorrow.

Name of Candidate:
Arjun Negi

Age & Gender:
20/M

City/State:
Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Posterity Skill Development Centre

Sector / Skill Domain:
Tourism and Hospitality

Course/Program Completed (with year):
3 Months

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Senior JSA (Guest Service Associate)

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Pride Resort (Rajkot, Gujrat)

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
18,000k

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Confidence improvement, Teamwork and Coordination, problem Solving ability, Good communications

My journey as a Front Office Associate has been a life-changing experience. I always wanted to become independent and support my family. With dedication and continuous learning, I got the opportunity to work as a Front Office Associate. This job helped me improve my communication skills, confidence, and personality. Today, I feel proud that I am financially independent and able to contribute to my family. My dream has finally come true, and I am truly happy and satisfied with my job.

BALBINDER



I learned that fear and lack of confidence can be overcome with the right guidance and determination. Today, I believe no challenge is too big if we are willing to learn and grow.

Name of Candidate:
Balbinder

Age & Gender:
21/M

City/State:
Jammu and Kashmir

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
NIIT Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
Education and Skilling

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Program in Inventory management

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Tele calling executive

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Urban Money

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹12600

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Successfully completed the Retail and Inventory Management course despite financial and personal challenges.
- Overcame extreme shyness and developed strong communication and interpersonal skills through training sessions and mock interviews.
- Gained basic computer knowledge and professional workplace skills, improving his employability.
- Secured employment as a Telecalling Executive at Urban Money with a monthly salary of ₹12,600.
- Began contributing financially to his family and supporting household needs after receiving his first salary.
- Purchased a second-hand bike with his earnings, symbolizing his independence and personal growth.
- Developed confidence to interact professionally and participate actively in workplace responsibilities.
- Inspired by his transformation, he now aspires to become a team leader and continue building his career.

Balbinder Kumar, a 21-year-old resident of Sheku Pur Bishnah, Jammu, comes from a financially struggling family of five members. His father works as a daily wage labourer and is the sole earning member of the family, while his mother manages the household. With a monthly family income of around ₹8,000 and frequent health issues faced by his father, the family often struggled to meet basic needs. Alongside his studies, Balbinder also helped with household chores and farm work to support his family.

Apart from financial difficulties, Balbinder faced personal challenges as well. He was extremely shy and lacked confidence in speaking to people. He often avoided conversations because of fear and nervousness. He also had no computer knowledge, which made it difficult for him to prepare for modern job opportunities. Limited internet access and poor transportation facilities in his village further restricted his exposure and growth.

Balbinder's life changed when trainers visited his village and informed youth about skill development opportunities. Inspired by their guidance, he enrolled in the Retail and Inventory Management course to improve his confidence and career prospects. During the training, he participated in interactive sessions, role-plays, and mock interviews, which gradually helped him overcome his fear of communication and develop professional skills.

After successfully completing the course, Balbinder secured a job as a Telecalling Executive at Urban Money with a monthly salary of ₹12,600. His income helped improve his family's financial condition, and with his first salary, he bought a second-hand bike, which became a symbol of his independence and confidence. Today, he aspires to become a team leader and continue growing professionally.

DAKSHA KAVAD



I wanted to give my son the life that I never had.

Name of Candidate:
Daksha Kavad

Age & Gender:
28/F

City/State:
Rajula

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Institute

Sector / Skill Domain:
General Duty Assistant

Course/Program Completed (with year):
NA

Current Occupation / Job Title:
OT Assistant

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Shreeji Hospital

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
25,000

Key Achievements / Milestones:

After the course she got placed in Amreli as an OT Assistant at Shreeji Hospital

She moved to Amreli with her son and grandmother and purchased a scooter

She has admitted her son to an English-medium school

Daksha lost both her parents when she was only two years old. Since her father's family had no agricultural land or stable income, she was brought up by her grandmother in Nigala village. Because of financial difficulties, Daksha could study only up to the 10th standard. To support herself and her grandmother, she started doing domestic work and daily wage labour. At the age of 19, Daksha got married, hoping for a happy family life. However, life became even more difficult when her marriage ended in divorce while she was pregnant. She returned to her grandmother's home and had to raise her son on her own.

Becoming a single mother at a young age was not easy. Along with raising her son, Daksha also had to take care of her elderly grandmother. She faced financial problems, social pressure, and emotional pain. Still, she did not lose hope.

A major turning point came when she came to know about the General Duty Assistant (GDA) training programme at SEDI Rajula, supported by APM Terminals (Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited). Seeing this as an opportunity to improve her future, Daksha enrolled in the course.

The GDA course provided her with important healthcare skills such as patient care, infection control, operation theatre assistance, and professional behaviour. More importantly, it gave her confidence, discipline, and belief in herself.

After completing the training, Daksha got a job as an OT Assistant at Shreeji Hospital in Amreli. She also started working night shifts at another hospital. Today, her total monthly income is more than ₹25,000, which is a significant improvement from her earlier earnings as a daily wage labourer.

With her increased income, Daksha has moved to Amreli city along with her grandmother and son. She has purchased an Activa scooter from her own savings and now manages all household expenses independently. Most importantly, she has admitted her son to an English-medium school to provide him with a better future. Her son has secured first rank in his class, making Daksha proud of her efforts as a mother.



DEVID KUMAR



Nothing is impossible with hard work, zeal and willingness to succeed.

Name of Candidate:
Devid Kumar

Age & Gender:
NA/M

City/State:
Matiya Balod

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Pratham Education Society

Sector / Skill Domain:
Security

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Unarmed Security Guard 2022

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Unarmed Security Guard

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
PSA Security

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹20,000 per month

Key Achievements / Milestones:

NA

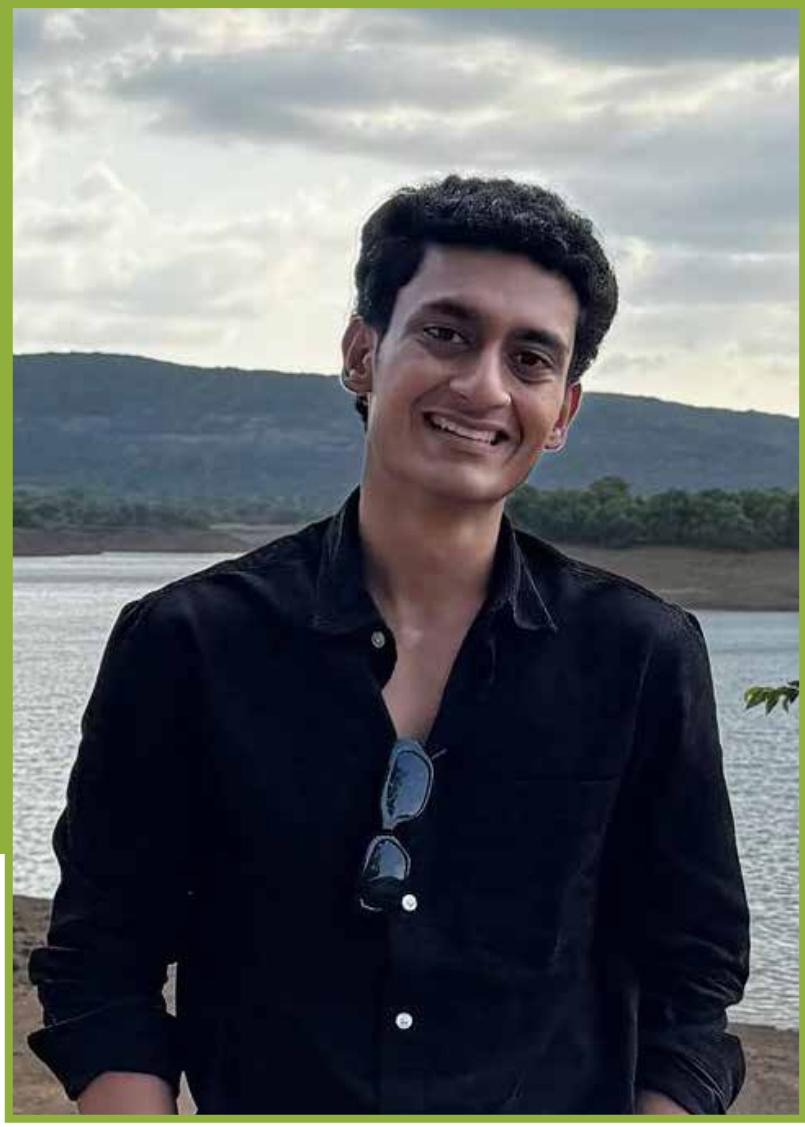
Devid Sinha comes from a financially weak family in Village Matiya , District Balod, Chhattisgarh. His family consists of five members. His mother is a homemaker, while his father is engaged in agriculture. Before joining the training, David worked as a daily wage laborer in his village, earning around ₹200 per day. However, work was available for only about 15 days each month, making it difficult to support his family's needs.

Unlike many young men in his village who worked as masons, David wanted to pursue a different career. He realized that there were no skilled plumbers in his village, and residents had to call plumbers from outside whenever plumbing work was required. This motivated him to learn plumbing as a professional skill.

David learned about the Pratham Plumbing Training Centre, Kurud, Chhattisgarh, through social media. The center, supported by Accenture through its authorized training partner, offered free skill training along with placement assistance. After understanding the career opportunities in the plumbing sector, he enrolled in the 45-day Plumbing Training Program Batch No. 60.

After successfully completing the course and assessment, David received certification from NSDC, WMPSC, and Pratham. During the training, he gained practical knowledge of plumbing tools, pipes and fittings, installation, repair and maintenance work, and wall chasing/cutting. He also developed essential soft skills, grooming, workplace discipline, communication, and teamwork. The training center provided free accommodation and meals, along with a positive learning environment through sports and festival celebrations.

DHANAY PADMASHALI



Choose to build with intention, even before you have all the answers. As young innovators, our responsibility is to develop new ideas along with solutions that can contribute positively to the world around us."

Name of Candidate:
Dhanay Padmashali

Age & Gender:
22/M

City/State:
Mumbai, Maharashtra

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
ATLAS SkillTech University, Mumbai

Sector / Skill Domain:
Industrial Design & Advanced Prototyping

Course/Program Completed (with year):
B.Des in Product Design (2022-2026)

Current Occupation / Job Title:
NA

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
NA

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Dhanay was awarded Rs.14 Lakhs by the Ministry of MSME for his project "Bhrung", an autonomous defence rover designed with a modular framework to navigate challenging terrains and support the Indian Army in critical operations.

For Dhanay, design was never something he sought out. It found him through a sketchbook and a career counsellor who saw a connection he hadn't made himself. He stepped into the field uncertainly, carrying the feeling that someone who didn't naturally think in systems or logic had no business being there. That feeling, over time, became less of a liability and more of a lens. The discomfort of approaching design from the outside pushed him to think carefully where others moved quickly.

What shaped him in equal measure had nothing to do with design at all. Years spent organising and performing in musical events built something that no studio brief could - an ease with people, an ability to hold a room, a tolerance for uncertainty. He was shy once. Those years ended that. By the time he returned to the drawing board, he brought with him a different kind of confidence: not the kind that comes from knowing the answer, but the kind that comes from having learned in public.

The project that changed everything began as a bio-inspired brief. Dhanay chose the Hercules beetle, drawn to the way its form had been refined by constraint over centuries. He designed a warehouse rover. Then he watched a documentary on NSG commandos, and without being asked, he started again. The rover became a bomb disposal robot. That decision to follow a more consequential problem rather than a finished one marked the point at which his work became his own.

That early concept has since grown into Bhrung, an unmanned ground vehicle being developed for the Indian Army, now supported by an MSME grant and the mentorship of faculty at ISDI Mumbai who believed in the project early. Alongside it, his thesis was built for a problem that sits at the edge of geotechnical science and field robotics, somewhere design rarely reaches.

DURGAVASUKI IYER



No matter how many times I fall, I will rise again. My true strength lies not in never failing, but in having the courage to keep moving forward after every setback.

Name of Candidate:
Durgavasuki Iyer

Age & Gender:
Transgender

City/State:
Ernakulam / Kerala

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Cindrebay school of Design

Sector / Skill Domain:
Family stitching unit

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Bsc Fashion Design , 2026

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Designer

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Mahamadhava Unit

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

I am an individual,a self- sufficient working person, and a designer with self-respect.

I am Durga Vasuki Iyer, a transgender person. From an early age, I faced family problems and discrimination. Due to my father's alcohol addiction and experiences of sexual abuse, I did not have a safe and secure childhood. After completing my Higher Secondary, I moved to Ernakulam and continued my education while working part-time.

With the support of a transgender scholarship, I pursued Fashion Designing. Despite financial difficulties, health issues, and discrimination in finding accommodation, I received support from many kind people who helped me move forward. In spite of numerous challenges, I successfully completed my studies. Today, my life journey stands as an inspiring story of resilience, self-confidence, and determination. At present, I am helping in my family's stitching unit, which is allowing me to gain practical experience and improve my skills. At the same time, I am focusing my attention on it to learn more about the field. I also have plans to start my own unit in the future. Therefore, I am putting in more effort, gaining valuable experience, and currently concentrating on contributing to and learning from my family's business.



HARISH KUMAR PAL



The Green Skill Development Program gave me the confidence, practical knowledge, and opportunity to build a rewarding career in the Electric Vehicle sector. I am proud to contribute to a greener and more sustainable India.

Name of Candidate:
Harish Kumar Pal

Age & Gender:
24/M

City/State:
Faridabad, Haryana

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Ecoconnect Services

Sector / Skill Domain:
Electric Vehicle (EV)

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Green Skill Development Program (GSDP) – 2026

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Project Associate (Lead Role – Punjab)

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Ecoconnect Services

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Successfully completed the Green Skill Development Program (GSDP) – 2026.
- Acquired practical knowledge of Electric Vehicle technology, EV charging systems, battery technology, safety procedures, and maintenance.
- Demonstrated strong technical and leadership skills during the training.
- Joined Ecoconnect Services as a Project Associate (Lead Role – Punjab).
- Contributing to the implementation and promotion of green mobility and skill development initiatives across Punjab.

Harish Kumar Pal, a 24-year-old from Faridabad, Haryana, joined the Green Skill Development Program (GSDP) – 2026 conducted by Ecoconnect Services with the aspiration of building a career in the rapidly growing Electric Vehicle (EV) sector. Passionate about sustainable technology and green mobility, he saw the program as an opportunity to develop industry-relevant technical skills.

Throughout the training, Harish gained hands-on experience in EV systems, battery technology, charging infrastructure, electrical safety, diagnostics, and preventive maintenance. The practical approach of the program, combined with expert guidance, strengthened both his technical knowledge and professional confidence. He also developed essential workplace skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and project coordination.

After successfully completing the training, Harish secured the position of Project Associate (Lead Role – Punjab) at Ecoconnect Services. In this role, he supports the implementation of skill development initiatives, coordinates training activities, and contributes to the promotion of green mobility across the state. His journey demonstrates how industry-oriented skill development can transform the career of a young professional and create meaningful employment opportunities in India's clean energy ecosystem.

Harish's success reflects the impact of quality training and his commitment to continuous learning, innovation, and contributing to a sustainable future.

KAJAL HITESH MISTRY



Your skills become meaningful when they create value for someone beyond yourself. Keep learning, stay open to different experiences, and remember that real growth comes from creating meaningful impact for people and communities around you.

Name of Candidate:
Kajal Hitesh Mistry

Age & Gender:
22/F

City/State:
Mumbai, Maharashtra

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
ATLAS SkillTech University, Mumbai

Sector / Skill Domain:
Social Innovation

Course/Program Completed (with year):
B.Des in Interior Design (2022-2026)

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Interior Designer

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Elsie Nanji

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Healthcare Impact: Designed Pieces of Peace, an Emotional Design Toolkit for pediatric healthcare environments.
- Artisan Empowerment: Worked with artisan communities through initiatives associated with the Atmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design at the Red Fort.
- Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Conceptualised Kalangan, an Innovation Centre focused on skill development and entrepreneurship in India that focuses on connecting traditional craftsmanship with entrepreneurship and market access.

For Kajal, design has always been about understanding people. Her journey began with a simple curiosity: how can spaces influence the way we feel, connect, and experience the world around us? That question gradually shaped both her work and her approach to design.

Kajal found herself drawn to projects that allowed her to work closely with communities and understand real human needs. Spending time with artisan communities through initiatives associated with the Atmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design at the Red Fort became one of the earliest experiences that shaped her perspective. Interacting with craftsmen and observing the realities behind traditional practices helped her realise that design could play a meaningful role in preserving cultural heritage while also supporting livelihoods and skill development.

These experiences encouraged her to think beyond conventional design solutions and explore how design could create wider social impact. This thinking later informed her academic projects, including Kalangan, which explored entrepreneurship and opportunities for rural practitioners, and Pieces of Peace, her thesis project conducted at Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital for Children, Mumbai. Through research and observation, she explored how healthcare environments could become more emotionally supportive for children and caregivers.

Today, Kajal works under the mentorship of Elsie Nanji, one of India's leading names in interior design and styling, gaining exposure to hospitality, healthcare, and experiential design projects that continue to shape her understanding of design as both a creative and human-centred practice. Through every experience, she carries forward a strong belief that meaningful design begins with empathy and has the power to create lasting impact within communities.



KAMINI



Success doesn't come to you, you go to it.

Name of Candidate:
Kamini

Age & Gender:
21/F

City/State:
Kishanpur, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Empower Pragati Learning Solutions Limited

Sector / Skill Domain:
Healthcare

Course/Program Completed (with year):
AU Ignite-Education and Job oriented Skills Development

Current Occupation / Job Title:
General Duty Assistant

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
CK Birla Hospital, Jaipur

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
15000

Key Achievements / Milestones:

NA

Kamini, a resident of Nagla Bhamboo, Kishanpur in Mathura district, Uttar Pradesh, is a GDA (General Duty Assistant) candidate. She comes from a rural family with limited financial resources. Her parents work in farming and daily wage labour, making it difficult for her to afford higher education. Kamini completed her education up to 12th grade from a nearby government school. Due to financial constraints, she could not continue her studies. During this period, she learned about the GDA course and decided to pursue it to build a career in the healthcare sector. During her training, Kamini initially faced challenges in understanding medical terminology and developing communication skills. However, with consistent practice and guidance from her trainers, she gradually improved. She showed strong interest in practical sessions, particularly in patient care and basic healthcare services. She also encountered social challenges, as there were concerns in her community about girls working outside the home. Despite this, Kamini stayed focused on her goals and gradually earned her family's support. After completing her GDA training, Kamini secured a position at CK Birla Hospital in Jaipur, where she is currently working with a monthly salary of ₹15,000. She applies her skills in patient care, basic treatment, and essential healthcare services. This achievement has improved her financial situation and boosted her confidence. Kamini now aspires to pursue further education in nursing and aims to become self-reliant while contributing positively to her family and society. Her journey reflects determination, resilience, and the potential for rural youth to achieve their goals despite challenges.

KANIKA DUA



When effort becomes your habit and faith in God becomes your strength, no obstacle is greater than your purpose.

Name of Candidate:
Kanika Dua

Age & Gender:
25/F

City/State:
Delhi

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Sir C.V. Raman ITI, Dheerpur, Delhi

Sector / Skill Domain:
Digital Photography and Mass Communication

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Diploma in Digital Photographer Trade (2021–2022) – Sir C.V. Raman Industrial Training Institute, Delhi | 94.50%
B.A. (Hons.) Journalism (2018–2021) – Kalindi College, University of Delhi | CGPA: 7.76/10
Senior Secondary (Class XII), Commerce (2018) – Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, Rani Bagh, Delhi | 89.50%

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Technician A (Photographer)

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Vehicle Research and Development Establishment (VRDE), DRDO, Ministry of Defence

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Secured All India Rank 1 in Digital Photography at national level.
- Awarded ₹1,00,000 scholarship from Nikon India.
- Selected in DRDO (Ministry of Defence) as Technician 'A' (Photographer)
- Worked as Broadcast Assistant at All India Radio (Prasar Bharati).
- Selected for the post of Junior Photographer at AIIMS New Delhi (Document Verification completed; final medical stage pending).

My life journey has been shaped by resilience, dedication, and the unwavering support of my family. I lost my father at the age of nine, and from a young age, life taught me responsibility, strength, and perseverance. During those difficult years, my mother, maternal grandmother, and maternal grandfather became my pillars of support. Their sacrifices and belief in me gave me the courage to pursue my dreams despite hardships.

I remained committed to education and self-development, completing Journalism (Honours) from University of Delhi, which gave me a strong foundation in media. After that , I pursued a one-year Diploma in Digital Photographer Trade from Sir C.V. Raman ITI, Dheerpur, Delhi. During my learning journey, I received valuable guidance from my mentor , Mr Kavinder Singh Bisht, who helped me understand photography in a more professional and technical manner. His support played an important role in improving my confidence and skill development. During my studies, I also started giving coaching classes, teaching students up to class 10th , in order to support my family financially. This responsibility helped me become more independent, disciplined and focused in life while balancing both studies and work. My journey was further tested when I was affected by COVID-19 twice, but each challenge strengthened my determination.

Through consistent hard work, I secured All India Rank 1 in Digital Photography at national level, received a ₹1 lakh scholarship from Nikon India. One of the most important mile-stone in my career was my selection as a Technician 'A' (Photographer) in DRDO (VRDE). Here I contributed to technical photography, documentation and multimedia work, which requires accuracy and attention to detail. Along with this, I have also worked towards opportunities in reputed organization, including All India Radio (Prasar Bharti). My selection as Junior Photographer at AIIMS, New Delhi marks another proud milestone in my journey (Document Verification Completed).



KHAN IZHAR AHMAD MUSTAQUE



The training didn't just help me get a job – it helped me perform well, earn incentives every month, and build a brighter future for my family.

Name of Candidate:
Khan Izhar Ahmad Mustaque

Age & Gender:
M

City/State:
Thane, Maharashtra

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Funfirst Global Skillers Private Limited

Sector / Skill Domain:
Customer care executive

Course/Program Completed (with year):
2025

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Apprentice – Customer Care

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Eureka Outsourcing Solutions Private Limited

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
14 thousand as fixed and incentive of around 30 thousand per month.

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Successfully completed the Customer Care Executive (CCE) training under Project ORGANIC.
- Secured his first formal employment as a Customer Care Executive at Eureka, Thane.
- Demonstrated outstanding sales and customer service performance by consistently earning monthly performance incentives, reflecting his dedication, productivity, and ability to exceed targets.
- Developed strong communication, customer handling, and computer skills, enabling him to perform confidently in a professional work environment.
- Became financially independent, contributing to his family's income while building a promising career path.

Growing up in a farming family in Bhiwandi, Khan Izhar Ahmad Mushtaque always aspired to build a stable career and support his family. However, after completing his Higher Secondary education, finding the right employment opportunity proved difficult due to limited exposure and lack of industry-ready skills. Determined to change his circumstances, he enrolled in the Customer Care Executive (CCE) course under Project ORGANIC, implemented by Grey Sim Learnings Foundation.

The training equipped him with essential communication, customer handling, computer, and workplace skills while also building his confidence through continuous mentoring and career guidance. With the placement support provided by the programme, Khan secured his first formal job at Eureka, Thane.

What sets Khan apart is his exceptional performance after joining the company. By applying the customer engagement and sales techniques learned during the training, he has consistently earned monthly performance incentives that are often multiples of his fixed stipend, demonstrating his commitment, discipline, and ability to exceed expectations. His achievements have earned him recognition at work and strengthened his confidence to pursue greater career opportunities.

Today, Khan enjoys financial independence and proudly contributes to his family's well-being. His journey reflects how the right skilling intervention, combined with determination and hard work, can transform the life of a young person from a rural background. Khan believes Project ORGANIC of Generation India, implemented by Funfirst Global Skillers Private Limited, not only helped him secure employment but also gave him the confidence, skills, and motivation to build a successful career. He now encourages other youth to embrace skill development as a pathway to sustainable livelihoods and a brighter future.

KINJAL BAVALIYA



Yuva Junction gave me the confidence and skills to build a better future. I encourage every youth to learn new skills, work hard, and never stop believing in their dreams.

Name of Candidate:
Kinjal Bavaliya

Age & Gender:
22/F

City/State:
Surendranagar, Gujarat

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Yuva Junction Chotila, Sayla SHT, AKRSPI

Sector / Skill Domain:
Retail Sales Associate (Job in Manufacturing Department)

Course/Program Completed (with year):
2025

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Employed

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Aditi Toys PVT LTD

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
13800

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Kinjal Bavaliya's journey highlights the impact of timely career guidance and skill development. After completing the Retail Sales Associate course at Yuva Junction Chotila, she secured employment at Aditi Toys Pvt. Ltd., Jamnagar, with a monthly salary of ₹13,800. This milestone enabled her to support her family's livelihood, contribute to her siblings' education, and become financially independent, inspiring other rural young women to pursue skill-based careers.

Kinjal Bavaliya, a resident of Sukhsar village in Chotila taluka, belongs to a financially vulnerable farming family. After the untimely demise of her father, the responsibility of supporting the family fell entirely on her mother. As the eldest child, Kinjal balanced her education with agricultural work while helping her mother earn a livelihood. She also took responsibility for supporting the education and care of her two younger sisters and younger brother. Despite financial hardships, she remained determined to build a better future for herself and her family.

During a career guidance session conducted by the Yuva Junction Chotila team at Chotila Arts College, Kinjal's challenging family situation came to the attention of the project staff. The team personally counseled and motivated her to enroll in the Retail Sales Associate course. Through the training, she developed technical knowledge, communication skills, self-confidence, and workplace readiness.

After successfully completing the course, Kinjal secured employment at Aditi Toys Pvt. Ltd., Jamnagar, as a Helper with a monthly salary of ₹13,800. This opportunity marked a turning point in her life, enabling her to move from agricultural labor to formal employment. Today, she contributes to her family's income, supports her younger siblings' education, and helps reduce the financial burden on her mother.

Kinjal's journey demonstrates how timely guidance, quality skill training, and employment opportunities can transform the life of a young woman. She has become a source of inspiration for other rural youth, proving that determination and the right support can create lasting positive change.



KULESHWAR SAHU



Pratham Plumbing Training Centre gave me the skills and confidence to build my career. Today, I am proud to support my family and achieve my dreams through honest work.

Name of Candidate:
Kuleshwar Sahu

Age & Gender:
26/M

City/State:
Village Kuliya, Post Kaneri, District Balod, Chhattisgarh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Pratham Education Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
Plumbing

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Plumbing FY 2022 -23

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Senior Plumber

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Group Hotel Sayaji, Raipur

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹21,000 per month + Free Accommodation & Food

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Successfully completed Plumbing Skill Training from Pratham Plumbing Training Centre, Kurud.
- Started his career as a Plumber at Hotel Babylon Capital, Raipur.
- Promoted to Senior Plumber at Group Hotel Sayaji, Raipur.
- Increased monthly income from ₹9,000 to ₹21,000.
- Constructed a four-room permanent (pucca) house for his family.
- Repaid ₹1,00,000 of his father's bank loan.
- Became financially independent and supports his family.

Kuleshwar Sahu belongs to Kuliya village in Balod district, Chhattisgarh, and comes from a humble farming family. Due to financial constraints, his family struggled to meet daily expenses. Determined to improve his family's living conditions, Kuleshwar enrolled in the 45-day Plumbing Training Program at Pratham Plumbing Training Centre, Kurud (Batch No. 18), supported by Accenture.

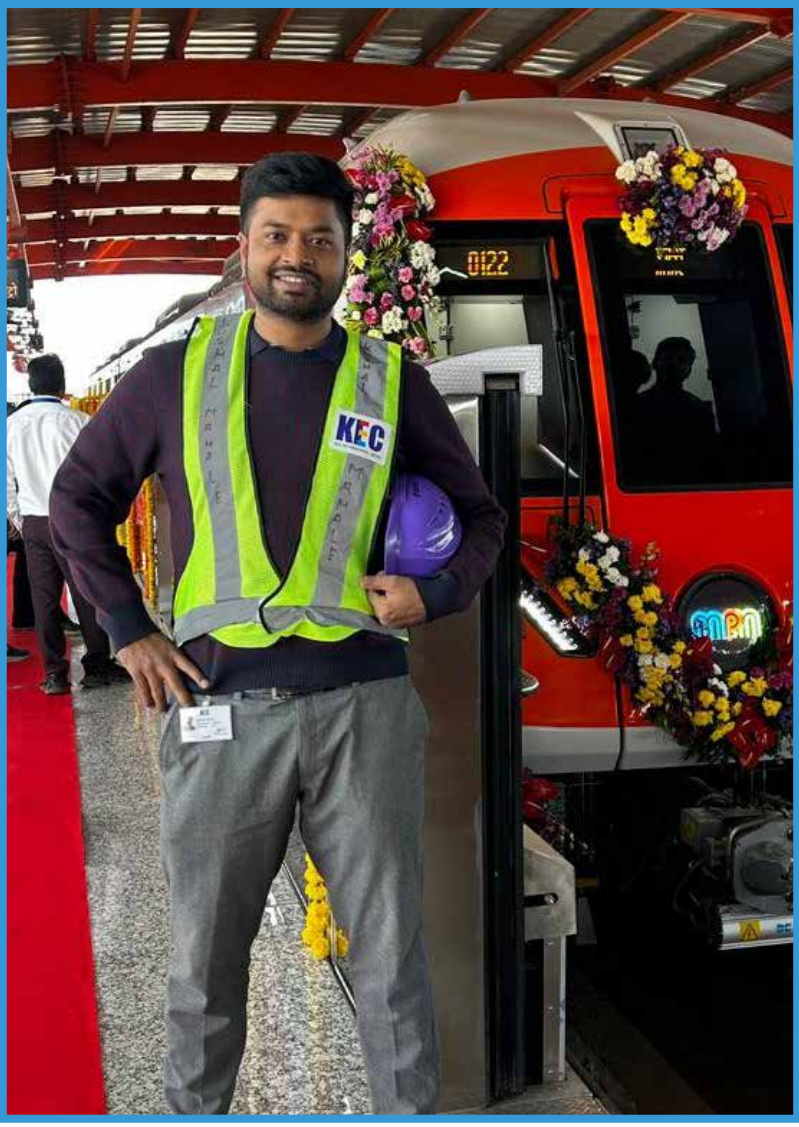
During the residential training, he learned plumbing installation, pipe fitting, repair and maintenance, wall cutting, sanitary fittings, workplace safety, and soft skills. Free accommodation and meals enabled him to focus completely on developing his technical skills.

After completing the course, Kuleshwar secured his first job as a plumber at Hotel Babylon Capital, Raipur, with a monthly salary of ₹9,000 along with food and accommodation. Through hard work, dedication, and continuous learning, he steadily advanced in his career.

Currently, he is working as a Senior Plumber at Group Hotel Sayaji, Raipur, earning ₹21,000 per month with free accommodation and meals. His success has significantly improved his family's quality of life. With his earnings, he has built a four-room permanent house and repaid ₹1 lakh of his father's bank loan. Kuleshwar's journey is a shining example of how skill development, determination, and employment opportunities can transform the lives of rural youth and create lasting social and economic impact.



KUSHAL MAHALE



Skills transform potential into purpose. Continuous learning has empowered me to contribute to India's infrastructure development with confidence, innovation, and responsibility.

Name of Candidate:
Kushal Mahale

Age & Gender:
29/M

City/State:
Betul, Madhya Pradesh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
NICMAR University, Pune

Sector / Skill Domain:
Construction Management | Project Planning | Infrastructure Development

Course/Program Completed (with year):
MBA in Advanced Construction Management (2025)

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Post Graduate Engineering Leadership Trainee (PGELT) – Planning Engineer

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
KEC International Ltd.

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Completed MBA in Advanced Construction Management from NICMAR University with specialization in construction planning and project management.
- Joined KEC International Ltd. as a Post Graduate Engineering Leadership Trainee (PGELT).
- Contributed to planning and execution activities on the Bhopal Metro Project, gaining valuable experience in large-scale infrastructure development.
- Currently working on the prestigious DLF Bayview Residential Project, Goa, handling project planning, scheduling, progress monitoring, coordination, and reporting.
- Developed digital project monitoring systems using Microsoft Excel and Power BI concepts to improve construction planning and decision-making.
- Committed to continuous learning and applying modern technologies to improve project efficiency and productivity.

My journey is a testament to the transformative power of skill development, continuous learning, and meaningful mentorship. After completing my Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, I realized that succeeding in the construction industry required much more than technical knowledge. It demanded expertise in project planning, leadership, communication, coordination, and analytical thinking. With this vision, I pursued an MBA in Advanced Construction Management from NICMAR University, Pune, to build the competencies needed for a successful career in infrastructure development.

At NICMAR, I had the privilege of being mentored by Dr. Sameer Jain, whose guidance played a defining role in my professional development. His emphasis on discipline, practical learning, industry exposure, and continuous self-improvement inspired me to think beyond textbooks and approach every challenge with confidence and a solution-oriented mindset. His mentorship laid the foundation for my transition from a student to a young professional.

After completing my MBA, I joined KEC International Ltd. as a Post Graduate Engineering Leadership Trainee (PGELT). My first assignment on the Bhopal Metro Project gave me valuable exposure to large-scale infrastructure execution and multidisciplinary coordination. Today, I am part of the planning team for the DLF Bayview Residential Project in Goa, where I am responsible for project scheduling, progress monitoring, resource planning, stakeholder coordination, and project reporting. I also work on developing digital dashboards and tracking systems using Microsoft Excel and Power BI concepts to improve project visibility and support data-driven decision-making.

The combination of quality education, practical industry exposure, and strong mentorship has shaped me into a confident professional who believes that skills create opportunities and continuous learning drives success. I aspire to contribute to India's infrastructure development by delivering projects with excellence while inspiring young professionals to embrace lifelong learning and innovation in their careers.

LEPHROYIA KASHENA



Dreams need direction. Jettwings gave me mine.

Name of Candidate:
Lephroyia Kashena

Age & Gender:
23/F

City/State:
Kangpokpi, Manipur

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Jettwings Institute, Greater Noida campus

Sector / Skill Domain:
Aviation and Hospitality

Course/Program Completed (with year):
May 2026

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Flight Attendant

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Indigo

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Secured position as flight attendant with Indigo airlines.

I still remember the first day I walked into Jettwings Institute. I had a big dream of becoming an IndiGo Flight Attendant, but I was nervous and unsure of myself. Aviation felt so far away from me.Jettwings changed that. The training here was not just about books and theory. It was about discipline, grooming, communication, and learning how to carry yourself with grace. My trainers at Jettwings saw potential in me even on the days I doubted myself. They pushed me during mock interviews, corrected my posture, and taught me how to speak with confidence. Every role-play, every safety drill, and every grooming session prepared me for the real world. There were challenging days. Early mornings, tough feedback, and a lot of practice. But the faculty never let me give up. They taught me that being a flight attendant is not just about serving, it's about responsibility, safety, and making every passenger feel comfortable.The day I got selected in IndiGo, I couldn't believe it. All the hard work, all the practice at Jettwings, had finally paid off. I'm deeply grateful to Jettwings Institute for giving me the skills, confidence, and guidance to fly. This achievement is as much theirs as it is mine. To everyone who has a dream, trust the process, work hard, and let Jettwings give you your wings. The sky is waiting.

MADHU KUMMARI



One day, I want my father to sell his crops using just his phone with a smile on his face.

Name of Candidate:
Madhu Kummari

Age & Gender:
23/M

City/State:
Shamshabad, Telangana

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
NxtWave Disruptive Technologies Private Limited

Sector / Skill Domain:
Information Technology (IT-ITeS)

Course/Program Completed (with year):
NxtWave of Innovation in Advanced Technologies (NIAT) Upskilling Program – Expected Graduation: 2027

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Ex - SDE Intern @ NxtWave, Co-founder Editco Media

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
AgriSoft (Founder)

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Built AgriSoft, an AI-powered platform designed to solve real-world challenges faced by farmers.
- Won 1st Prize at the Great Ninja Hack by Google held at DY Patil University, Maharashtra, securing a ₹50,000 cash prize.
- Won 2nd Prize at Avazya, the annual tech fest at CMR College, Telangana, along with a ₹5,000 cash prize.
- Submitted AgriSoft to T-Hub, one of the world's largest startup innovation hubs under the Telangana Government, with the vision of turning it into a full-fledged startup.

Madhu Kummari grew up in a farming family in Telangana. He often watched his father spend months growing crops, only to return from the market disappointed after earning very little from them, even as the same produce sold for much higher prices in cities.

As a child, Madhu did not understand how markets worked or why farmers earned so little. He only knew that his father worked too hard and still came home disappointed.

Years later, when he started learning technology, he found himself returning to the same question: "Can I do anything to change this?"

Along with three friends, Madhu started building Agrisoft, an AI-powered platform designed to help farmers connect directly with buyers in metro cities and sell their produce directly.

The journey was not easy. The team spent nearly two years building and improving the platform, learning through every setback and challenge. Their efforts soon started getting recognised. Agrisoft won first prize at the Great Ninja Hack organised by Google at DY Patil University, Maharashtra, securing a cash prize of ₹50,000. The team later secured second place at Avazya, the annual tech fest at CMR College, Telangana, and won another ₹5,000. The idea has also been submitted to T-Hub with the vision of turning it into a full-fledged startup.

But for Madhu, the biggest achievement is still ahead.

He dreams of a day when his father can simply pick up a phone, open Agrisoft, sell his crops directly to buyers, and return home smiling.

In the end, Agrisoft is more than a startup idea for Madhu. It is his way of making sure his father and farmers like him do not return home disappointed after months of hard work.

MADHVI



My limbs may not carry me, but my mind, my will, and my dreams will take me wherever I want to go.

Name of Candidate:
Madhvi

Age & Gender:
28/F

City/State:
Cuttack, Orissa

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
AADI

Sector / Skill Domain:
Technology

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Certificate in English Communication and IT, 2024

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Transportation Representative

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Amazon

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
35,000/-

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Represented India's women in tech at a masterclass at Grace Hopper Celebration India

Learned to leverage AI tools to build reports and improve performance while preparing for a Level 2 to Level 3 promotion.

Madhavi's life was like any other girl's, full of ordinary dreams, until an operation changed its course. At 16, she was diagnosed with a tumor and underwent spinal surgery, an event that left her unable to move easily or work outside, forcing her to pause her studies for three years.

She lost all hope, but her father's refusal to let her stay in that darkness kept her restricted to her studies, to the possibility of a future.

Possibility needed a door. For Madhavi, that door was AADI.

While visiting the nearby AADI center, she met an alumna who, despite being blind, worked confidently in a managerial role at Amazon. The encounter reframed everything for her. If someone with no eyesight could thrive like that, her own limitations were no longer reason enough to give up - Madhvi pondered. From that day, she began dreaming again.

She enrolled in AADI's Certificate in English Communication and IT course, unsure of what lay ahead. What she found was more than a curriculum. Her trainer, Kalpana, looked past every limitation Madhavi had accepted about herself and named something she couldn't yet see: ability. That recognition changed the conversation inside her head.

With restored confidence and sharpened skills, she secured her first placement as a telecaller at Nabit India, an Amazon Pay partner. Her first salary wasn't just income; it was proof. With one goal in mind, a direct role at Amazon, not through a third party, she kept pushing, switching roles and companies until she finally made it. Today, she works at Amazon as a Transportation Representative.

Now, Madhavi uses AI tools like ChatGPT to build reports, streamline workflows, and sharpen her output while preparing for a promotion from Level 2 to Level 3. She recently attended GHCI, a global platform championing women in tech, as a role model sharing her story with women across India.

MAMATA JENA



True strength is not in the challenges we face, but in the courage to keep moving forward.

Name of Candidate:
Mamata Jena

Age & Gender:
19/F

City/State:
Berhampur, Odisha

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
School of Services, World Skill Center (WSC), Bhubaneswar

Sector / Skill Domain:
Culinary Arts

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Commis Chef Trainee - 2025

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Central Reservation Associate

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Swosti Premium Limited, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
15,000/-

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Successfully transitioned from a learner to a hospitality professional through structured skill development.
- Completed industry training and OJT with commendable performance, strengthening her technical and professional competencies.
- Secured consecutive employment opportunities in the hospitality sector through merit and performance.
- Established herself as a confident and capable professional, earning recognition for her workplace skills and communication.
- Emerged as an inspiring role model, showcasing how resilience, self-belief, and skilling can transform aspirations into meaningful livelihoods.

After losing her father at the age of ten, Mamata watched her mother become the family's sole source of support. Inspired by her mother's resilience, she resolved to build a life of independence through education and meaningful work. Living with a 50% locomotor disability only strengthened her determination to create opportunities for herself through skill and perseverance.

After completing Class XII, Mamata chose to pursue the Commis Chef Trainee Programme at the WSC School of Services, Tata STRIVE, believing that practical, industry-relevant skills would help her build a sustainable career. Throughout the programme, she embraced every opportunity to learn, developing technical expertise in food preparation, professional kitchen operations, food safety, and workplace practices. Her On-the-Job Training at Ginger Kalinganagar further strengthened her confidence and prepared her for the demands of the hospitality industry.

Mamata's commitment soon translated into professional success. She began her career as a Store Supervisor at Compass Central Kitchen, Bengaluru, where she was appreciated for her professionalism, communication skills, and positive attitude. Eager to continue growing, she later secured a position with Swosti Central Reservation, clearing the selection process in the very first round.

Today, Mamata's story is defined not by the challenges she faced, but by the choices she made. Through courage, continuous learning, and unwavering self-belief, she transformed her aspirations into a meaningful career. Her journey reflects the transformative power of skill development and stands as an inspiration for countless young people striving to build a future on their own terms.

MANJEET



Sabudh Foundation did not just teach me data science—it gave me a new direction in life. It proved that with the right mentorship, opportunities, and determination, a person's background never has to define their future.

Name of Candidate:
Manjeet

Age & Gender:
29/M

City/State:
Delhi, India

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Sabudh Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
Data Science

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Data Science Batch 8 (Jan-June 2022)

Current Occupation / Job Title:
AI / ML engineer

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Tatras Data Services

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Successfully contributed to 4+ critical client projects, developing scalable, production-ready AI and data solutions across domains including Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), recommendation systems, streaming data pipelines, and enterprise AI applications.
- Progressed from Junior Data Scientist to Associate AI/ML Engineer at Tatras Data Services through continuous learning and hands-on project experience.
- Led a team in a National AI Championship, representing Sabudh Foundation at IIT Delhi and showcasing an AI algorithm developed by the team.
- Mentored aspiring data science students at Sabudh Foundation, helping guide the next generation of learners through the same program that shaped my own career.
- Built expertise in modern AI and data technologies including Python, Machine Learning, Large Language Models (LLMs), RAG frameworks, MongoDB, AWS services, PySpark, Kafka, Snowfl ake, and scalable MLOps practices.

My journey into technology has been anything but conventional. Coming from a Bachelor of Arts background, I never imagined that I would one day build AI solutions and work on enterprise-scale data projects. During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2019, I started learning Python out of pure curiosity. I have always enjoyed understanding how things work and prefer solving problems hands-on, whether that means building something myself or learning a new skill from scratch.

However, transitioning into a highly technical fi eld without formal education in computer science was challenging. Everything changed when I joined Sabudh Foundation's internship program in January 2022. The six-month journey transformed my understanding of technology and data science. The program covered everything from fundamental statistics and linear regression to advanced machine learning concepts and recommendation engines, while also teaching me how to write efficient, production-quality code.

The mentorship at Sabudh played a defi ning role in my growth. The mentors were always supportive, guiding us through every challenge and creating an environment where learning was encouraged without barriers. The fact that such high-quality education and mentorship were offered free of cost made it even more impactful, especially for students from economically weaker backgrounds.

After completing the program, I joined Tatras Data Services as a Junior Data Scientist and have since grown into the role of Associate AI/ML Engineer, working on multiple large-scale client projects and modern AI systems. I mentored the interns at Sabudh and had the privilege of leading a team that represented the organization at IIT Delhi in a National AI Championship.

Looking back, Sabudh Foundation changed the course of my life. Without it, entering the competitive IT industry from a non-technical background would have been extremely difficult. Today, whatever knowledge, skills, and opportunities I have are a result of that transformative experience and the people who supported me along the way.

MARIFAT JAN



I learned to communicate, to present myself, and to believe in what I was capable of. That was the beginning of my agency and the first real step toward the independence I had always quietly dreamed of.

Name of Candidate:
Marifat Jan

Age & Gender:
29/F

City/State:
Jammu & Kashmir

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Anudip Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
Business

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Certificate in Digital Operations and Service with AI course, 2025

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Restaurant Chain Owner

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Marzina Bytes & Brew

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹65,000 appx

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Built a chain of three restaurants across Kashmir from a single outlet in Sopore, serving nearly 80 dishes
- Created an all-women workforce across all her restaurants, turning her own empowerment into a livelihood for others

The smell of sawdust followed Marifat Jan everywhere she went growing up. Her father spent his days building homes for others as a carpenter. Life at home was modest and uncertain. The early loss of her mother deepened that weight but it also quietly hardened her resolve to rise. Marifat carried two dreams quietly: to stand on her own feet and to help other women do the same.

Graduation came, but confidence didn't. She knew she had potential she couldn't quite reach. When she enrolled in the Certificate in Digital Operations and Service with AI course at Anudip Foundation, something shifted. The classroom became the place where she found her voice.

Anudip didn't just teach digital skills. It rebuilt her from the inside sharpening her communication, strengthening her digital competency, and replacing hesitation with purpose. When she walked out, she walked differently.

She joined VHAT Welfare Trust as a Coordinator and earned a promotion within months. However, the will to build something of her own had always lived inside her. Anudip simply gave it room to grow.

She opened her first restaurant in Sopore with six women assistants and made one commitment that never wavered: every person she hired would be a woman. That principle grew with her ambition. Today, she runs three thriving restaurants across Kashmir, employing women across all outlets, serving nearly 80 dishes from Kashmiri local favourites and fast-food items to comforting Alu Paratha and Rajma Chawal - each outlet a livelihood, each plate a statement of purpose.

Marifat Jan is simultaneously an employee and an employer managing both worlds with humility and fire. Her father watches and calls it pride.

MD MONAZIR AFTAB



The training gave me the skills and confidence to start a new career. Today, I have a stable job and can support my family with pride.

Name of Candidate:
Md Monazir Aftab

Age & Gender:
25/M

City/State:
Patna/Bihar

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Telecom Sector Skill Council

Sector / Skill Domain:
Telecom / Handset

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Mobile Repair Technician (25-26)

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Mobile Technician

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Fix It Mobiles

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
30,000

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Acquired practical skills in mobile fault diagnosis, hardware troubleshooting, software installation, and repair techniques. Became financially independent and improved his career prospects through technical skill development.

Md Monazir Aftab is 25 years old and belongs to Patna Bazar. He completed his B.Sc. graduation in 2023. However, he was unable to find a stable job and was previously working as a salesman. Due to the lack of a stable source of income, he decided to learn technical skills and enrolled in the Mobile Repair Technician Program, under the Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC) skill initiative.

During the training, he gained practical knowledge and hands-on experience in mobile repairing, including fault diagnosis, hardware troubleshooting, software installation, and repair techniques. The training helped him build the technical skills and confidence required to work in the mobile servicing industry.

After successfully completing the program, Md. Monazir Aftab joined Fixit, where he is now repairing customers' mobile phones. Through his work, he is earning a regular income, managing his daily expenses, and supporting his family.

He comes from a family where his wife and mother are homemakers, his father is unemployed, and his brother is employed. Despite his brother's contribution, the family faced financial challenges. Today, with his new skills and stable income, Md Monazir Aftab has become more financially independent. His family is happy with his progress, and the Mobile Repair Accelerator Program, conducted by Britco & Bridco in collaboration with TSSC and Google, has played an important role in improving his confidence and creating better career opportunities for him.



MEGHNA GHAI PURI



Acting is behaving truthfully under imaginary circumstances.

Name of Candidate:
Meghna Ghai Puri

Age & Gender:
F

City/State:
Mumbai, Maharashtra

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
NA

Sector / Skill Domain:
Acting

Course/Program Completed (with year):
NA

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Entrepreneur

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Whistling Woods International

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Joins the prestigious Emmy Academy,
- Recognized among India's 20 Pragma c Women Leaders in Educa on 2025 by The Academic Insights,
- Featured in Women Redefining Leadership, an Outlook India Magazine Ini a ve, 2022,
- Mid-day Powerful Women 2022

For Meghna Ghai Puri, education has always been about more than classrooms—it is about nurturing creativity, building confidence, and preparing young people to shape the future. Inspired by a belief that world-class education can transform lives, she has dedicated her career to creating opportunities where talent meets purpose.

After completing her education in Business Management and Communications in the United Kingdom, Meghna returned to India with a clear vision: to contribute towards building an institution that would redefine creative education in the country. Working alongside filmmaker Subhash Ghai, she played a pivotal role in transforming the vision of Whistling Woods International into one of India's leading institutions for film, media, and creative arts education.

Over the years, her leadership has gone far beyond managing an institution. She has worked to bridge the gap between academia and industry, ensuring that students receive an education rooted in creativity, innovation, and practical experience. Under her guidance, Whistling Woods International has expanded its academic offerings across filmmaking, acting, animation, fashion, music, design, and media studies, preparing thousands of young professionals for careers in the creative economy. The institute's global recognition stands as a testament to this unwavering commitment to excellence.

Her journey has also been shaped by extensive engagement with the media and entertainment industry. From spearheading business development and international collaborations to representing Indian cinema and education on global platforms, Meghna has consistently worked towards creating stronger connections between India's creative talent and the world. These experiences have reinforced her belief that education must continuously evolve alongside industry to remain relevant and impactful.

Beyond institutional leadership, Meghna has remained deeply committed to social impact. Through her association with several educational, social, and cultural organisations, she has championed initiatives that promote inclusion, mentorship, community development, and equal opportunities for aspiring professionals. Her work reflects the belief that education is most meaningful when it empowers individuals to contribute positively to society.

Today, as President of Whistling Woods International, Meghna Ghai Puri continues to inspire the next generation of storytellers, artists, designers, and creative leaders. Guided by a vision of making quality creative education accessible and globally relevant, she remains committed to nurturing talent, encouraging innovation, and building an ecosystem where skills, imagination, and purpose come together to shape a better future.

MEREENA MARTIN



Even when air is short, a dream can still take flight.

Name of Candidate:
Mereena Martin

Age & Gender:
31/F

City/State:
Alappuzha, Kerala

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Cindrebay School of Design

Sector / Skill Domain:
Entrepreneurship & Independent Design

Course/Program Completed (with year):
BSc Fashion Design ,May 2026

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Entrepreneur

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Femmes De Studio

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹50,000

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Launching an Eponymous Label

My name is Mereena Martin. When I finally enrolled in my three-year fashion design degree, I wasn't just a student. I am a wife, a mother to my beautiful children, and a woman living with dyspnea. Every day was a masterclass in survival. While my classmates discussed color palettes, I was often quietly monitoring the rhythm of my breath, managing chronic shortness of breath that threatened to ground me before I could even begin. Balancing late-night sewing assignments with early-morning school runs felt like running a marathon uphill without enough oxygen. There were nights when my chest felt painfully tight, the weight of family responsibilities pressed down on me, and the temptation to drop out was overwhelming. But every time I felt like suffocating under the pressure, I looked at my children, I wanted them to see a mother who fought for her dreams. I channeled my struggles into my sketches, turning my vulnerability into creative strength. I learned to pace my breathing, delegate at home, and take it one stitch at a time. Against all odds, I didn't just survive those three years—I graduated. Today, the breathlessness hasn't disappeared, but it no longer defines my limits. I am thrilled to share that I have finally opened the doors to my very own boutique. Every silhouette I design carries a piece of that journey. It stands as living proof that no matter how hard it is to breathe, you must never let your dreams fade away.



MD SALMAN ABDUL HAFIZ



Dream big, work hard, stay humble, and let your skills speak louder than your words.

Name of Candidate:
Md Salman Abdul Hafiz

Age & Gender:
27/M

City/State:
Nagpur/Maharashtra

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Synoptic Skills Studio Pvt Ltd.

Sector / Skill Domain:
Manufacturing & Engineering Technology/ Automobile Technology

Course/Program Completed (with year):
ITI – Diesel Mechanic

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Trainer – Automobile Technology, Synoptic Skills Studio

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Synoptic Skills Studio Pvt Ltd.

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Medallion for Excellence at the 2022 WorldSkills Special Edition in Automobile Technology.

My journey into the world of automobile technology began with a deep curiosity about how vehicles work and a passion for solving technical problems. After completing my ITI in Diesel Mechanic, I decided to build my skills through continuous learning, practical experience, and hands-on training. Every challenge I encountered became an opportunity to improve my knowledge and confidence.

A defining moment in my career came when I represented India at the WorldSkills Special Edition 2022 in Automobile Technology. Competing against some of the world's best young professionals was both challenging and inspiring. One of the biggest obstacles I faced was preparing for a competition that demanded expertise in advanced vehicle diagnostics, automotive electronics, and precision under strict time limits. There were moments when the pressure to perform at the highest level felt overwhelming. However, instead of letting these challenges discourage me, I treated every mistake as a learning opportunity. I spent countless hours practicing, analyzing faults, refining my diagnostic skills, and pushing myself to improve every day. Through determination, discipline, and the guidance of my mentors, I transformed my weaknesses into strengths.

My hard work was rewarded when I earned the Medallion for Excellence and achieved India's best-ever ranking in the Automobile Technology skill at the time. This achievement strengthened my belief that perseverance, continuous learning, and self-belief can turn even the toughest challenges into success.

Today, I work as an Automotive Technical Trainer at Synoptic Skills Studio, where I mentor aspiring technicians and future competitors in automotive diagnostics, vehicle electronics, and practical problem-solving. My goal is not only to develop skilled professionals but also to inspire young people to believe in their potential. My journey has taught me that success is not defined only by medals but by the positive impact we create in the lives of others. I remain committed to learning, sharing knowledge, and contributing to the growth of India's skilled workforce.



MOINUDDIN



Don’t just design space, design your own destiny.

Name of Candidate:
Moinuddin

Age & Gender:
31/M

City/State:
Delhi

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Mr. Parvez Jameel (H.J. Bhabha ITI, Mayur Vihar)

Sector / Skill Domain:
IDD- Interior Design & Decoration

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Session-2020-21

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Entrepreneur (Interior Designer)

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Home Design Studios

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Became an Entrepreneur

My name is Moinuddin, and I am an Interior Designer based in Delhi. My journey in this field has been built on dedication, practical experience, and a passion for creating functional and aesthetically pleasing spaces.

Six years ago, I began my career by working alongside my father, who has been associated with the interior design industry for many years. Starting as a helper, I gained valuable on-site experience by assisting senior designers and architects. This early exposure taught me discipline, attention to detail, and the importance of understanding every stage of a project.

To strengthen my technical knowledge, I pursued a one-year Interior Design & Decoration course at H.J. Bhabha Institute, Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Delhi. I am deeply grateful to Mr. Parvez Jameel Sir and Seema Ma'am for their guidance and mentorship. Under their instruction, I developed skills in drafting, space planning, interior styling, color coordination, material selection, and design software, which helped shape my creative and professional approach.

After completing my course, I established my own interior design practice. I started with small projects, delivering each one with dedication and professionalism. The trust and appreciation I received from clients encouraged me to grow and take on more challenging assignments.

Today, after two years of running my own practice and six years of overall industry experience, I continue to design spaces that combine creativity, functionality, and client satisfaction. My journey from a helper to an entrepreneur reflects my belief that hard work, continuous learning, and the right guidance can transform aspirations into achievements.

MUSKAN



Stay patient, keep learning, and never give up during difficult times at work because experience and consistency lead to growth.

Name of Candidate:
Muskan

Age & Gender:
19/F

City/State:
Delhi NCR, Uttar Pradesh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
NIIT Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
Career program (Program in Career Edge IT Professional)

Course/Program Completed (with year):
2025

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Customer Care Executive

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
My Money Mantra

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
16,000/-

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Successfully completed the Program in Career Edge IT Professional under the Digital Bus initiative of NIIT Foundation.
- Developed strong digital literacy, communication, and workplace readiness skills during the training program.
- Overcame stage fear and gained confidence in professional communication and classroom participation.
- Secured employment as a Telecaller at MY Money Mantra along with other students from her batch.
- Achieved a promotion within the company due to her dedication and consistent performance at work.
- Currently earning around ₹16,000 per month along with performance-based incentives, contributing to her family's financial stability.
- Successfully balancing both her job and Bachelor's degree studies simultaneously.
- Became a source of support and motivation for her younger sisters by continuing her education and career journey despite financial challenges.

Muskan, a 19-year-old girl from Noida, comes from a humble family of five members. Her father works as maintenance staff at Mid Son Company, while her mother works as a domestic helper. As the eldest daughter, Muskan always understood her responsibilities towards her family and younger sisters, who are currently studying in school. After completing her Intermediate in 2025 with PCM, she aspired to pursue a diploma in nursing. However, due to financial difficulties, she could not continue her studies in that field.

Muskan learned about NIIT Foundation through a mobilizer who visited her school and introduced students to the Digital Bus initiative. Motivated by the opportunity, she enrolled in the Program in Career Edge IT Professional to improve her skills and explore better career options.

During the training, Muskan experienced a major transformation in her personality and confidence. Initially hesitant and fearful of speaking in front of others, she gradually overcame her stage fear through classroom activities and continuous support from trainers. She especially benefited from the digital literacy and workplace readiness sessions, which improved her computer knowledge and professional communication skills.

After successfully completing the course, Muskan was placed at MY Money Mantra as a telecaller along with other students from her batch. Through her dedication and consistent performance, she earned a promotion within the company. Today, she earns around ₹16,000 per month along with incentives, which helps her support her family financially while continuing her Bachelor's degree in Arts.

Muskan now dreams of becoming a manager in the coming years. Her journey reflects determination, responsibility, and the power of skill development in creating new opportunities for youth.

NEHA SAIFI



I wanted to do something meaningful, but I didn't know where to begin. I never thought I could confidently speak in front of a room full of people.

Name of Candidate:
Neha Saifi

Age & Gender:
22/F

City/State:
Meerut, Uttar Pradesh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
HDFC Parivartan-supported Skilling to Employability Programme implemented by Nasscom Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
Skilling to Employability Programme

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Completed

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Customer Support Associate

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
NA

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

In crease in confidence, workplace skills, contribute to family income, breaking social barriers (marriage)

At 22, Neha Saifi from Meerut stood at a crossroads familiar to many young women across India. She wanted to build a career and become financially independent, but the path ahead wasn't clear. Coming from a lower-middle-income household, her days were largely spent helping with household responsibilities. While she wanted to work, limited exposure to professional environments, lack of career guidance, and deeply ingrained social expectations about women's roles made the path forward seem uncertain.

Her biggest challenge, like many young women, wasn't lack of ambition but lack of confidence and opportunities. Soft spoken and reserved, she avoided speaking in public and rarely expressed her opinions, afraid she might say the wrong thing. Without any guidance or role models to look up to, she struggled to imagine herself in a professional workplace.

"Everything changed when Neha enrolled in the Retail Trainee Associate course under the HDFC Parivartan-supported Skilling to Employability Programme implemented by Nasscom Foundation.". The programme offered far more than technical and employability skills. It created a safe, encouraging environment where young women like Neha could build confidence, develop communication skills, and begin to see themselves as professionals capable of succeeding in the workforce.

Through group discussions, personality development sessions, mock interviews, and regular interactions with trainers, Neha slowly began stepping outside her comfort zone. A classroom exercise became a defining moment when she was asked to make a presentation before her classmates. As she crossed this milestone, her confidence grew, she began participating more actively, expressing her ideas with confidence and approaching career opportunities she would once have considered beyond her reach. The programme equipped her not only with workplace skills but also with self-belief to navigate interviews, communicate effectively, and step into the world of work with confidence.

Soon after completing the programme, Neha secured a position as a Customer Support Associate. The job marked her first step towards financial independence, allowing her to contribute to her family's income while making decisions about her own future. More importantly, it challenged the social barriers that had once limited her aspirations. She was no longer defined by hesitation or circumstance, but by her abilities, confidence, and determination.

Today, Neha is a confident young professional who communicates with assurance, embraces new opportunities, and is actively shaping her own future.

Her journey reflects Nasscom Foundation's vision that when women are equipped with industry-relevant training, mentorship and supportive learning environment, helps them overcome social barriers, exercise greater agency, and participate fully in the workforce.

PALAKPREET KAUR BHULLAR



The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

Name of Candidate:
Palakpreet Kaur Bhullar

Age & Gender:
20/F

City/State:
Pune, Maharashtra

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Newton School of Technology (ADYPU Campus, Pune)

Sector / Skill Domain:
Computer Science — Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

Course/Program Completed (with year):
B.Tech, Computer Science (AI & ML) — 2024–2028 (currently 2nd year, in progress)

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Student

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
NA

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Topped both ICSE Class X and XII Board Examinations with 99% and 97.2% — and emerged as topper of the first-year B.Tech (CSE – AI & ML) batch at Newton School of Technology with a CGPA of 9.91, earning a 100% scholarship for the second year.
- Scored 1500 on the SAT and 8.5 on IELTS, secured top percentiles in JEE Main and MHT-CET, and received a 100% scholarship to the University of Houston, USA, for Computer Science.
- Secured 1st place at the AppNova Hackathon, IIT Roorkee's Cognizance, competing against 1,000+ teams — co-developing Pedestal, a gamified financial-learning platform with startup potential.
- Selected as an AI Training Content Developer Intern at Open Insights (a US-based AI company); mentored Class XII students on academic and career decisions through ReStart.
- Founded Silver Bullets, a community initiative supporting senior citizens through companionship, community engagement and digital literacy.
- Co-created Hostel School of Technology, a peer-learning initiative enabling students to bridge academic gaps and build confidence through collaborative learning.

For years, Palakpreet Kaur Bhullar dreamt of studying Computer Science in the United States. A consistent academic achiever, she topped both her ICSE Class X and XII board examinations with 99% and 97.2%, scored 1500 on the SAT, achieved an IELTS score of 8.5, secured top percentiles in JEE Main and MHT-CET, and earned a 100% scholarship to the University of Houston.

Then life rewrote her plans. Due to personal medical circumstances, Palak made the difficult decision to stay in India and let go of a future she had spent years meticulously building. Rather than grieving the path she had lost, she chose to carve out an entirely new one.

At Newton School of Technology, she turned adversity into momentum. In her very first year she secured a CGPA of 9.91, topped her batch, earned a full scholarship for her second year, and won IIT Roorkee's AppNova Hackathon among more than 1,000 teams, where she helped build Pedestal, a gamified financial-learning platform. She also began working as an AI Training Content Developer Intern at Open Insights and mentored Class XII students through ReStart, and was invited to feature on educational podcasts and national media as a first-year engineering student.

Yet the heart of her journey lies beyond academics. Long before college she founded Silver Bullets, a community initiative for senior citizens, and spent years working closely with children, including specially-abled students. That belief followed her to college, where she co-created Hostel School of Technology, a peer-learning initiative built on a simple idea: if one student understands something, no one else should have to struggle alone.

From a student who once envisioned a future abroad to a young technologist building communities and creating impact in India, Palak's journey is one of resilience, empathy, and turning personal success into shared progress.



PANCHAL SRAVANI



The storms in life make us stronger, not weaker.

Name of Candidate:
Panchal Sravani

Age & Gender:
20/F

City/State:
Hyderabad, Telangana

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Magic Bus India Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
Life & Employability Skills

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Life & Employability Skills Program, February 2026

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Telecaller

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
BPO Convergence, Ameerpet

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹15,000 per month + benefits

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Showed strong resilience in overcoming personal challenges.
- Transformed from shy and hesitant to confident and career focused.
- Secured employment towards financial independence.
- Proved that determination and skills can create opportunities

Sravani's journey is one of resilience, courage, and hope. Growing up in the bustling neighbourhood of Kukatpally Housing Board (KPHB), she carried a quiet determination to build a better future. After completing her Intermediate Vocational course, she began searching for an opportunity that would help her step into the world of work and become self-reliant.

Life, however, had tested her from an early age. Losing both her parents left her emotionally devastated and uncertain about what lay ahead. She found a home with her paternal uncle's family, who cared for her despite their own financial constraints. While they provided love and shelter, limited resources meant that even meeting everyday needs was often a challenge.

Without the guidance of her parents and with few opportunities available, Sravani faced loneliness, insecurity, and uncertainty about her future. Yet, she refused to let her circumstances define her. Instead, she chose to focus on her education and look for ways to build a better life.

Joining the Magic Bus's Life & Employability skill development programme became a turning point. Through training in life skills, communication, workplace readiness, and employability, Sravani gradually discovered her strengths. The shy and hesitant young woman who once doubted herself transformed into a confident individual, ready to pursue her aspirations with courage and determination.

Today, Sravani's journey is a powerful reminder that adversity does not determine a person's future. With the right support, opportunities, and belief in one's potential, even the most difficult circumstances can be overcome. Her story reflects the transformative power of skill development and serves as an inspiration for countless young people striving to create a brighter future for themselves and their families.

POOJA NAGAR



When women are skilled, families grow stronger and communities prosper.

Name of Candidate:
Pooja Nagar

Age & Gender:
31/F

City/State:
Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Skillinabox Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Sector / Skill Domain:
Fashion Design

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Fashion designing, May 2026

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Fashion Design Intern.

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Skillinabox Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹15000

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Got selected for a internship Before completion of her course based on her performance

Rooted from a humble family from greater noida, Pooja was married at the age of 25 and was dependent on her husband when she took the decision of building a career for herself which wasn't supported by her in-laws and husband that lead to separation. Post separation Pooja and her 1.5 years old daughter moved back to her maternal house and started her course with Skillinabox to turn her stitching passion into a profession. Today Pooja is a financially independent woman earning for herself and stepping up the ladder in her career as a fashion designer.



PRIYA VALLODARA



Earlier, I was afraid to travel alone. Today, driving has given me confidence, independence, and the ability to support my family.

Name of Candidate:
Priya Vallodara

Age & Gender:
26/F

City/State:
Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Driverben, Basera

Sector / Skill Domain:
Non-Traditional Livelihood (Driving)

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Driving (2024-2025)

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Driving Trainer at Driving School

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Amaze Motor Driving School, Ahmedabad

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
15,000

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Completed four-wheeler driving training and secured employment as a trainer at Amaze Motor Driving School, earning up to ₹15,000 per month

- Traveled independently to Rajasthan for residential HMV (Heavy Motor Vehicle) training, marking a significant personal and professional milestone
- Pursuing a Master's Degree in Arts from Gujarat University while balancing work responsibilities
- Achieved financial independence and actively contributes to her family's income
- Emerged as a role model for young women in her community through her education and career aspirations in non-traditional livelihoods

Priya Vallodara grew up in Ahmedabad in a family where women's mobility and decision-making were often constrained by traditional expectations. As the eldest of three sisters, she was acutely aware of the financial pressures faced by her family and wanted to contribute meaningfully to their future. While she worked as a beautician alongside her studies, she aspired to find a career that would offer greater stability, growth, and independence.

Her journey with Basera's Driverben program became a turning point. Beyond technical driving skills, the program exposed her to a range of empowerment sessions on gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), legal entitlements, workplace rights, and personal agency. These discussions encouraged her to question long-held social norms and helped her develop the confidence to make decisions for herself.

The training environment also enabled Priya to interact with women from diverse backgrounds, broadening her perspective on the opportunities available to women beyond conventional occupations. As she progressed through the program, she became more self-assured, independent, and willing to step outside her comfort zone.

Today, Priya works as a Driving Trainer at Amaze Motor Driving School, where she helps other learners build the skills and confidence needed to become drivers. Her journey reflects not only economic advancement but also a deeper transformation in self-belief and aspirations. By pursuing a non-traditional livelihood and charting her own path, she has become an inspiration for her younger sisters and for other young women in her community who are seeking greater independence and opportunities make it personal story.



RADHESHYAM SONKAR



I am proud to earn a sustainable livelihood and support my family and I sincerely thank Exigencias Youth Foundation (EYF) for giving me the skills, confidence, and continuous support to start my own mushroom enterprise.

Name of Candidate:
Radheshyam Sonkar

Age & Gender:
35/M

City/State:
Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
EXIGENCIAS Youth Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
Agriculture

Course/Program Completed (with year):
ECOMUSH (Mushroom Cultivation), October, 2025

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Mushroom Farming

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Self employed

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹40-50 thousand per month

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Leveraged skill development and continuous mentoring to establish a sustainable mushroom cultivation enterprise.
- Increased monthly income to approximately ₹40,000–₹50,000 by cultivating multiple mushroom varieties and supplying produce across districts and neighbouring states.
- Expanded farming operations, generated local employment opportunities, and emerged as a role model for rural youth pursuing agri-entrepreneurship.

Radheshyam Sonkar, a 35-year-old graduate from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, comes from a financially disadvantaged family where limited income made it difficult to meet household needs. Despite completing his graduation, he struggled to secure stable employment and was determined to find a sustainable livelihood that would enable him to support his family and improve their quality of life.

His turning point came when he enrolled in the Mushroom Cultivation Training Programme conducted by Exigencias Youth Foundation (EYF) at Banaras Hindu University (BHU). The programme equipped him with scientific knowledge, practical skills, and the confidence to pursue mushroom cultivation as an entrepreneurial venture. Encouraged by the trainers and mentors, he started mushroom farming on a small piece of family land.

The journey was not without challenges. In the initial stages, Radheshyam faced difficulties in scientific cultivation practices and market access. However, through continuous technical guidance and mentoring from the EYF team, he overcame these obstacles, improved the quality of his produce, and established reliable market linkages.

Today, Radheshyam successfully cultivates two to three varieties of mushrooms and supplies them to multiple districts. His enterprise generates a monthly income of approximately ₹40,000–₹50,000, enabling him to strengthen his family's financial stability while expanding his production capacity and creating local employment opportunities.

Radheshyam's journey reflects the transformative impact of skill development, mentoring, and entrepreneurship. His success demonstrates how targeted capacity-building initiatives can empower rural youth to create sustainable livelihoods, contribute to the local economy, and inspire others to embrace agri-entrepreneurship as a viable career path.

RAJU



No matter how difficult life gets, keep moving forward your hardwork will eventually create your success story.

Name of Candidate:
Raju

Age & Gender:
25/M

City/State:
Delhi

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Sir C.V. Raman ITI

Sector / Skill Domain:
Electronic Mechanic

Course/Program Completed (with year):
2 years

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Jr.Executive (S&T)

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
NA

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
55000

Key Achievements / Milestones:
working as a employee DFCCIL Ministry of Railways

After completing my ITI, I faced challenging financial conditions at home, which compelled me to start working immediately. I took up a private job to support my family and continued working there for nearly two years. During this time, I didmy best to manage both my professional responsibilities and family needs.

However, my life took a difficult turn when my father passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a deeply painful moment for me and my family, and the responsibility on my shoulders increased significantly. Despite this setback, I remained determined to build a better future. I continued working during the day and dedicated my nights to studying.

Along with this, I regularly applied for government job opportunities. There were times when I faced rejections, but I did not lose hope. I stayed focused and kept improving myself.

My hardwork and perseverance finally paid offwhen I received an email from DFCCIL offering me a job opportunity. It was a proud and life-changing moment for me, as it marked the beginning of a stable and secure career.

Today, I feel proud of my journey. It has taught me that no matter how difficult the circumstances are,with dedication, patience, and continuous effort, success is always achievable.

RANJANA NAHAK



My wheelchair is where I sit. It is not where I stop.

Name of Candidate:
Ranjana Nahak

Age & Gender:
31/F

City/State:
Cuttack, Orissa

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
AADI

Sector / Skill Domain:
Communication, Technology

Course/Program Completed (with year):
IT and Communication Training, Specially-Abled Vocational Education Programme

Current Occupation / Job Title:
IT and Soft Skills Trainer

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
NA

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹23,000 per month

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Represented India at the World Ability Sport Games in Nakhon, Thailand, winning two silver medals in Women's Javelin Throw and Shot Put.
- Won the Miss Ability Pageant in 2021, becoming Odisha's first wheelchair model.

Fourteen years ago, a spinal cord tumour operation changed the course of Ranjana Nahak's life overnight. The girl who had once moved freely now lived bound to a wheelchair. Depression followed. So did silence and the quiet assumption from some around her that her story had already reached its end.

Ranjana decided otherwise. She turned to para-sports, training as a wheelchair marathon runner and basketball player. Then, in 2021, she entered the Miss Ability Pageant and won becoming Odisha's first wheelchair model. Each milestone was a refusal. A refusal to be defined by what she had lost.

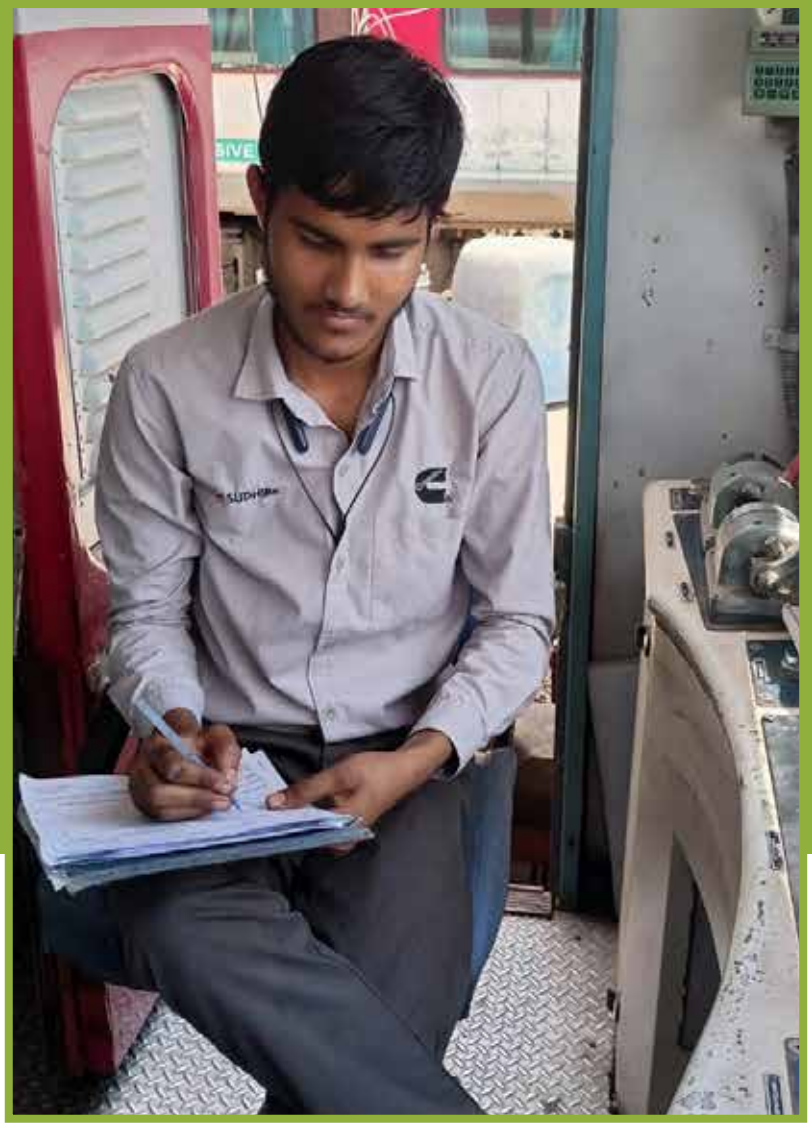
But Ranjana wanted more than recognition. She wanted to work and live an independent life.

That's when she enrolled in AADI's Specially-Abled Vocational Education Programme. The training in IT and communication skills gave her something she hadn't expected: not just a certificate, but a changed sense of what was possible. Her trainer's belief in her, she says, mattered as much as the curriculum. She emerged from the programme with sharper skills, steadier confidence, and a placement at Accenture as a Content Moderator.

Today, Ranjana earns her own income as an IT and Soft Skills Trainer and passes that possibility forward to others like her. In 2025, she carried her country's name onto a global stage, winning two silver medals at the World Ability Sport Games in Nakhon, Thailand, in the Women's Javelin Throw and Shot Put.

From a hospital room to an international podium, from uncertainty to a career and a cause, Ranjana's story is not an exception - it is a direction.

REHAN KHAN



Challenges didn't hold me back—they made me stronger.

Name of Candidate:
Rehan Khan

Age & Gender:
20/M

City/State:
Etah, Uttar Pradesh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Sudhir Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
Skill Development Training Centre

Course/Program Completed (with year):
August 2025 (3 Months)

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Service Engineer

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Sudhir Sales and Services Limited

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
20843 CTC

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Permanently Employed at Sudhir Sales and Services Cummins India Certified Training completed

My name is Rehan Khan, and I was born on 1 November 2006 in the small village of Gudao, Etah district, Uttar Pradesh. Today, I work as a Service Engineer in Gandhidham, Gujarat. My journey has been shaped by hardship, responsibility, loss, and an unwavering determination to build a better future.

I come from a financially struggling family. My father worked as a daily-wage labourer at a flour mill, earning just enough to support our family. Soon after my birth, my mother was diagnosed with brain fever, leaving her unable to walk for nearly two years. Despite poverty and mounting debt, my father never gave up. His sacrifices kept our family together and taught me the true meaning of resilience.

Our lives were struck by another tragedy when my younger sister developed brain fever and passed away in 2017. Losing her changed me forever.

I completed my Diploma in IT & Living away from home, I cooked my own meals and maintained attendance to secure scholarships.

In May 2025, I joined Sudhir Foundation, where I received technical training and invaluable guidance from experienced mentors. Their encouragement, combined with my determination, helped me secure a position at Sudhir Sales and Services. I began my career in Ahmedabad in September 2025 and was later promoted to Service Engineer at the Gandhidham branch.

Today, my greatest achievement is not my job but the ability to support my family. My dream is to free my father from years of hard labour and provide my younger brother with the quality education I never had.

My success belongs not only to me. it is a tribute to my father sacrifices, my mother courage, my sister memory, my teacher faith, and every struggle that shaped me into the person I am today.

RENUKA GOSWAMI



Coming from a family where my parents worked tirelessly in the fields as laborers, the concept of a corporate career seemed like a distant dream.

Name of Candidate:
Renuka Goswami

Age & Gender:
26/F

City/State:
Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Smartskills Bits & Bytes Pvt. Ltd.

Sector / Skill Domain:
Logistics - Consignment Tracking Executive

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Consignment Tracking Executive, DDUGKY , 2028

Current Occupation / Job Title:
HR Executive

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Avinash Group (Magnetto Mall Raipur Chhattisgarh)

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹40,000/- per month

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Lifted my family out of extreme poverty and dependency on daily wage farming labor.
- Managed a full-time office job while successfully completing my Graduation and an MBA degree.
- Broke through from an initial salary of ₹10,000/- in Kerala to a prominent corporate HR role earning ₹40,000/- month

Growing up in the rural village of Nawagaon (Kachna) in the Kurud Block of Dhamtari District, Chhattisgarh, financial constraints were a harsh reality for us. My family was entirely dependent on seasonal farming and daily wage labor. Witnessing my parents struggle every single day, I became deeply determined to completely alter my family's trajectory.

Immediately after finishing my 12th standard, I realized that taking standard, long-term academic routes wouldn't provide the immediate financial stability my household required. This prompted me to actively search for institutional skill training programs that offered a direct and dependable pathway to employment.

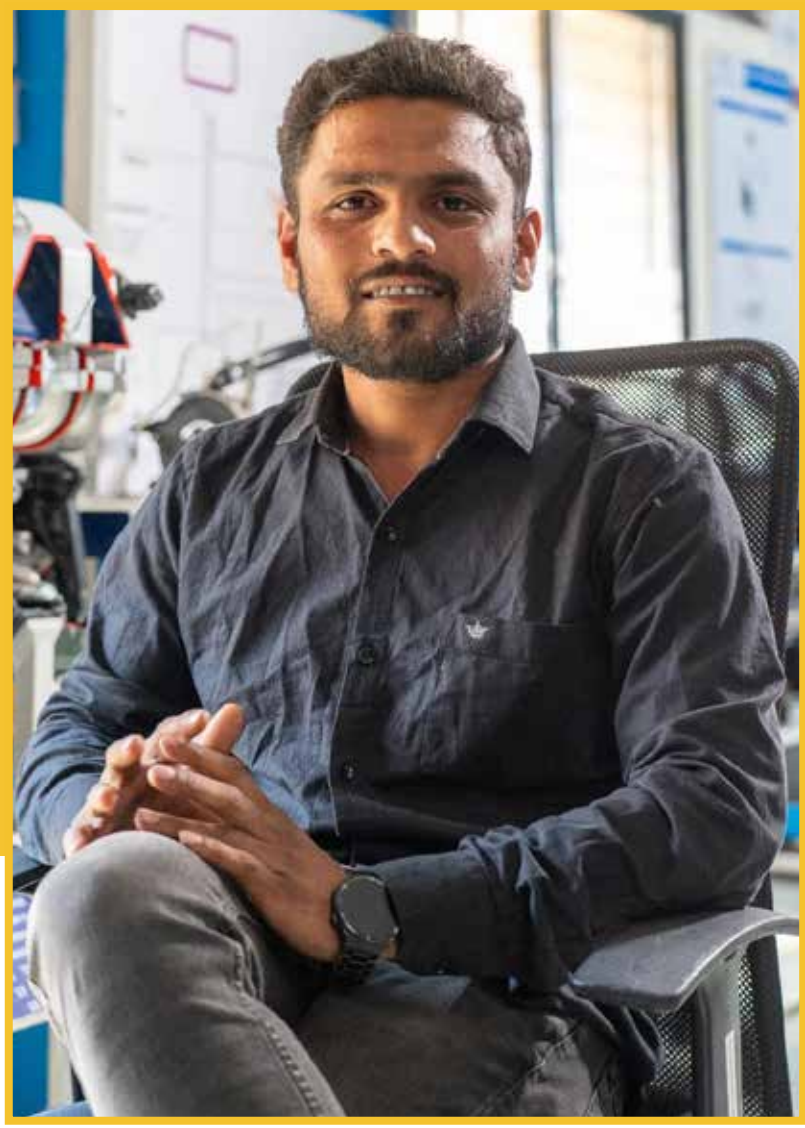
The real turning point in my life came when I enrolled with Smartskills Bits and Bytes Pvt. Ltd. under the structured skill development framework. I undertook specialized training in the Consignment Tracking Executive trade. Beyond learning core logistics and tracking domain knowledge, this residential training program equipped me with crucial soft skills, workplace etiquette, and corporate communication abilities—transforming me from an ambitious but nervous rural girl into a confident professional.

My professional journey soon became a story of grit and lifelong learning. Right after completing my training in 2018, I secured my first placement at Kitex Childrenswear Ltd. in Kerala with a salary of ₹10,000/-. Traveling to a completely new state and adapting to an entirely foreign workplace environment at a young age taught me true resilience and independence.

However, I knew I wanted to grow further. I returned closer to home and took up a full-time role as an Office Assistant while dedicating my nights to completing my graduation. Post-pandemic, I utilized my academic progress to pivot into management, successfully pursuing an MBA and stepping into Human Resources.

Today, I stand proud as an HR Executive at the prestigious Avinash Group (Magnetto Mall Office), earning a salary of ₹40,000/- per month. I have been able to successfully lift my family out of poverty, support my parents, and establish myself as a respected corporate professional. I express my deepest gratitude to Smartskills, CGS-RLM, and MoRD for implementing a scheme that gives rural youth the exact platform they need to become highly educated, professionally skilled, and the pillars of their households.

ROHIT MALI



Every setback carries the seed of a new beginning for those who choose to keep moving forward.

Name of Candidate:
Rohit Mali

Age & Gender:
28/M

City/State:
Latur, Maharashtra

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
SKF, Pune

Sector / Skill Domain:
Automotive

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Four-Wheeler Technician Programme - 2026

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Businessman

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
NA

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
50,000 approx

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Enrolled in the Four-Wheeler Technician Programme at SKF, Pune.
- Successfully completed the training with strong technical and employability skills.
- Secured placement with Mahindra as a Four-Wheeler Technician.
- Built a clear career path in the automobile industry with aspirations to establish his own workshop.
- Transitioned from multiple informal jobs to a skilled technical profession.
- Developed expertise in vehicle servicing, diagnostics, and repair.
- Independently handles high-value vehicle servicing and repairs worth ₹80,000–₹90,000.
- Rebuilt confidence and financial stability through skill development and meaningful employment.

Rohit Subhash Mali's journey is one of resilience, reinvention, and the power of believing in a second chance. Growing up in a small village, financial constraints forced him to discontinue his college education. Determined to support himself and his family, he took on every opportunity that came his way—from working in an optical shop and selling vegetables to running a successful pani puri business and undertaking road survey assignments. Each experience strengthened his resolve, but he still longed for a stable career with opportunities to grow.

That turning point came when his uncle encouraged him to enrol in the Four-Wheeler Technician Programme at SKF, Pune. Although he had never considered a career in the automobile industry, Rohit embraced the opportunity with an open mind. The initial days were challenging, but with the guidance of his facilitators and the inspiring stories of fellow learners, he discovered a renewed sense of purpose.

Rohit immersed himself in every aspect of the training, mastering technical skills in vehicle servicing and diagnostics while also developing communication, workplace etiquette, and professional confidence. His commitment and dedication transformed not only his capabilities but also his outlook on life.

After successfully completing the programme, Rohit secured a position with Mahindra as a Four-Wheeler Technician, where he independently handled complex vehicle servicing and repair work. More than a job, the opportunity gave him the confidence to support his family and dream bigger. Now, he is running a successful business all by himself where he purchases and sells old vehicles.

His story is a testament to the transformative power of skill development, proving that with determination, the right guidance, and an opportunity to learn, it is possible to build a future filled with purpose and possibility.

SANGITA DHANWAR



Don Bosco Tech helped me gain confidence and take a big step towards a better future. Today, I am proud that I can support my family.

Name of Candidate:
Sangita Dhanwar

Age & Gender:
18/F

City/State:
Langhailu Gaon, Shiv Nagar, Karbi Anglong, Assam – 782470

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Don Bosco Tech Society – Don Bosco Diphu Centre

Sector / Skill Domain:
Beauty & Wellness

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Assistant Beauty Therapist, VISTA Year 1 – Vocational Integration and Skill Training in Assam, FY 2025

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Assistant Beauty Therapist

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Elemtia Wellness Private Limited, Le Méridien Hotel, Wardha Road, Opposite MIHAN Flyover, Khapri, Nagpur – 441108, Maharashtra

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹19,166 per month

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Sangita transitioned from unpredictable daily wage labour to formal, salaried employment in the Beauty & Wellness sector — moving from Assam to Nagpur for her first job, and now working as an Assistant Beauty Therapist at Le Méridien Hotel. Her income supports her family's medical loan repayment and has helped them build a new livelihood asset — a pig sty.

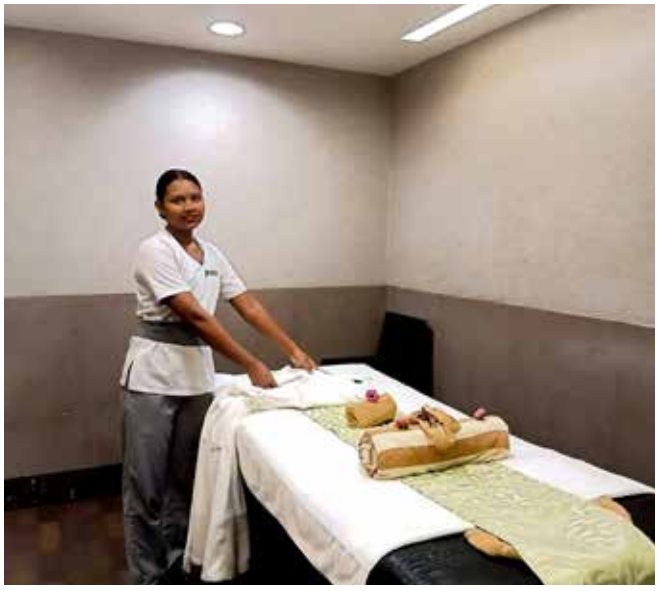


Sangita Dhanwar, an 18-year-old young woman from Langhailu Gaon, Shiv Nagar, Karbi Anglong, Assam, grew up in a modest family of six members — her parents, one elder sister and two younger sisters. Her elder sister is married, and with her father facing ongoing health problems, Sangita gradually felt the responsibility of supporting her family.

Due to financial hardship, Sangita could not continue her studies and had to begin working as a daily wage labourer to help her family meet basic needs. Though her circumstances were difficult, she continued to hope for a better and more secure future.

Her turning point came when she enrolled at Don Bosco Diphu Centre under the Tata Trusts-funded VISTA — Vocational Integration and Skill Training in Assam project. Through the Assistant Beauty Therapist course, Sangita gained technical skills, workplace discipline, communication skills and confidence. The training also prepared her to take the bold step of moving away from home for employment.

Today, Sangita is employed with Elemtia Wellness Private Limited as an Assistant Beauty Therapist at Le Méridien Hotel, Nagpur, Maharashtra, earning ₹19,166 per month. She supports her parents and younger sisters by sending ₹14,500 home every month. Her earnings helped the family repay the loan taken for her father's medical treatment and build a pig sty for an additional source of income.



SANGITA SARKAR



Nothing is impossible. With determination, discipline, andpassion, anyone can achieve their dreams.

Name of Candidate:
Sangita Sarkar

Age & Gender:
26/F

City/State:
Hooghly, West Bengal

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Innovision Limited

Sector / Skill Domain:
Retails

Course/Program Completed (with year):
June, 2019

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Tele Caller

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Innovision Limited, Kolkata

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹8,000

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Wants to stay in the same sector and see myself growing

Sangita Sarkar belongs to a small village called Konnagar which is in the Hooghly district of West Bengal. Her father, a daily labour, is the sole earning member for a family of four. After completing her 10th, she had no means to study further but she aspired to support her family's income in some way. She got to know about a 3 months Retail Sales Associate course being offered by Innovision Limited under DDU-GKY Scheme during an open session near her village. Her eagerness to make the most of the opportunity was proven as she had the maximum number of queries. Though her parents were a little hesitant in sending their daughter to the city, all their worries were put to rest when they visited the Innovision's Training Centre. Sangita came out as a completely transformed girl after 3 months. Talking confidently with a huge spreadsheet open on her computer she explains her job profile atom Innovation, where she joined in June 2019 at a monthly take-home salary of Rs.8,000/-. "Yahan pe kam karne se mai apna khud ka kharch utha paa rahi hun, mera self-confidence grow hua our mera career start Hua. (After joining here I became self-independent, my self-confidence increased and my career has been started)". Now, she is able to send around Rs. 5,000 to home every month. Also, she recently got awarded with Big Bazaar gift voucher for best quality score. She wants to stay in the same sector and see herself grow.

SAROJ NAYAK



Skill training gave me the confidence to become an entrepreneur instead of waiting for a job. Today, I proudly support my mother and build my future through my own work.

Name of Candidate:
Saroj Nayak

Age & Gender:
25/M

City/State:
Jagatsinghpur, Odisha

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Pratham Education Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
Plumbing

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Plumbing FY 2024

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Entrepreneur

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Quality Sanitary Work

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
Approximately Rs. 35,000 per month

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Successfully completed the Waterworks Management and Sanitation (Plumbing) training program, acquiring industry-relevant technical and practical skills.

- Chose the path of self-employment after completing the training, demonstrating confidence and an entrepreneurial mindset.
- Secured and successfully executed his first major concealed plumbing project worth ₹25,000, marking the beginning of his professional career.
- Built a strong reputation through quality workmanship, timely project completion, and customer satisfaction, resulting in repeat business and referrals.
- Established himself as an independent plumbing professional with a stable monthly income of approximately ₹35,000.
- Achieved financial independence and now contributes significantly to his family's livelihood by supporting his father and meeting household expenses.
- Improved his family's financial stability and serves as an inspiration to other rural youth by demonstrating the positive impact of skill development and entrepreneurship.

Saroj Nayak, from Nere village in Jagatsinghpur district, Odisha, comes from a humble family that has struggled with financial hardship for many years. His father works as a daily labourer, earning an irregular income, while his mother is a homemaker. Due to the family's limited financial resources, meeting household expenses and continuing education was always a challenge. From a young age, Saroj understood the importance of hard work and was determined to build a better future for himself and his family.

While studying, Saroj developed an interest in plumbing after observing skilled plumbers working in his local area. Realizing that technical skills could provide stable employment, he enrolled in the Waterworks Management and Sanitation Program at Pratham Education Foundation, During the 45-day practical-oriented training, he gained hands-on experience in pipeline installation, sanitary fittings, concealed plumbing, measurement techniques, chamber construction, and modern plumbing systems. An industrial visit further enhanced his practical knowledge and understanding of industry standards.

After successfully completing the training, Saroj decided to pursue self-employment. He initially took up small plumbing repair assignments and gradually built the trust of his customers through quality workmanship and dedication. With increasing experience and confidence, he secured larger plumbing projects and established himself as an independent plumbing professional.

Today, Saroj earns approximately ₹35,000 per month through his plumbing work. His income has significantly improved his family's financial condition and enabled him to support his parents while planning for a secure future. Saroj's journey is a powerful example of how skill development, determination, and hard work can transform the life of a young person from a financially disadvantaged background into a successful and self-reliant professional.

SAURABH SONKAR



I am grateful for the inner guidance that empowered me to work for communities whose voices deserve to be heard.

Name of Candidate:
Saurabh Sonkar

Age & Gender:
34/M

City/State:
Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Satyamanthan Prerna Sanstha

Sector / Skill Domain:
Soft Skill & Life Skill

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Soft Skill & Life Skill 2023

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Social Entrepreneur

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Self employed

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹30-40 thousand per month

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Dedicated his knowledge and skills to empowering marginalized communities in remote and underserved regions of eastern Uttar Pradesh.
- Built a grassroots platform to document and raise critical issues, helping connect vulnerable communities with government support systems.
- Continues to drive positive social change by promoting community awareness, strengthening civic participation, and advocating for inclusive rural development.

Saurabh Kumar Sonkar, a postgraduate in Gandhian Studies and Social Work from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, always believed that education should be used to bring positive change to society. Instead of pursuing a conventional career after completing his studies, he chose to dedicate himself to improving the lives of marginalized and underserved communities.

In 2022, Saurabh participated in the Soft Skill and Life Skill Training Programme conducted by Satyamanthan Prerna Sanstha. The programme strengthened his communication, leadership, and problem-solving abilities while reinforcing his commitment to community service. The training inspired him to take meaningful action and equipped him with the confidence to work closely with vulnerable communities.

His journey began in Sonbhadra, one of the most remote districts of eastern Uttar Pradesh, where many villages face challenges such as difficult terrain, limited access to water, inadequate public services, and widespread poverty. Saurabh spent time interacting with local communities, understanding their concerns, and documenting issues related to basic amenities and access to government welfare schemes.

Determined to amplify their voices, he created a platform to highlight these challenges before the wider public and relevant authorities. His persistent efforts helped draw the attention of government agencies, leading to gradual improvements in the delivery of essential services and welfare benefits in several villages. He has since expanded his work to other backward regions, continuing to advocate for the rights and dignity of underserved communities.

Today, Saurabh remains committed to driving positive social change through community engagement and public advocacy. His journey demonstrates how skill development, combined with compassion and determination, can empower young people to become effective changemakers and contribute meaningfully to inclusive rural development.

SHABNAM SHAIKH MOHAMMAD RAFIK



Women have no limits.The most important support we can have is faith in ourselves.

Name of Candidate:
Shabnam Shaikh Mohammad Rafik

Age & Gender:
21/F

City/State:
Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Driverben, Basera

Sector / Skill Domain:
Non-Traditional Livelihood (Driving)

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Driving, 2026

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Community Facilitator

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Basera, Ahmedabad

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
11,000

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Transitioned from working as a telecaller to becoming a Community Facilitator at Basera
- Learned 4-wheeler driving and now aspires to pursue an international career as a truck driver in Europe.
- Achieved financial independence and contributes to her family's financial stability
- Resumed her educational journey by preparing to reappear for her Class 12 examination after an academic setback

Shabnam Shaikh Mohammad Rafik, a 21-year-old from Raikhad, Ahmedabad, is a young woman determined to build an independent future for herself and her family. As the only child of her parents, she felt a strong sense of responsibility from an early age, particularly as her father began experiencing health challenges. Motivated by the desire to support her family financially, she started working as a telecaller, earning ₹8,000 per month.

Although Shabnam faced academic setbacks and was unable to clear one subject in her Class 12 examination, she did not allow this obstacle to define her future. She is currently preparing to take the examination again while continuing her professional journey.

A turning point came when a family friend introduced her to Basera's Driverben program. Through the organization, she was exposed not only to livelihood opportunities but also to discussions on gender equality, self-belief, and women's empowerment.

Today, Shabnam works as a Community Facilitator at Basera, earning ₹11,000 per month and engaging directly with communities through field outreach and awareness activities. She has also learnt four-wheeler driving here at Basera. This experience has transformed her confidence and broadened her aspirations. She also learnt 4-wheeler driving here and now her dream is to become a truck driver in Europe.



SHIKHA



Learn Restless, Earn Limitless

Name of Candidate:
Shikha

Age & Gender:
24/F

City/State:
East Delhi

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Mr. Parvez Jameel Sir (H.J. Bhabha ITI, Khichripur, Mayur Vihar)

Sector / Skill Domain:
IDD- Interior Design & Decoration

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Session-2020-21

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Manager- Designs and Projects

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Starcrest Services Pvt. Ltd., Gurugram

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Consistent Academic Excellence across School, ITI, and College. Recognized with multiple awards, medals, and merit certificates.
- Secured All India Rank 2 in CITS - Interior Design & Decoration at NSTI (W), Noida | 2023. Awarded by certificate and shield.
- Invited as Chief Guest at the Convocation Ceremony of H.J. Bhabha ITI, my alma mater | 2023. Felicitated with shield and memento.
- Participated as Recruiter at Job Mela, H.J. Bhabha ITI, my alma mater | 2022
- Featured Success Story published on DGT Official Website including written feature and video documentaryand in Namtech's "Coffee Table Book" magazine which is currently under printing.
- Delivered Alumni Talks & Guest Lectures at alma mater to mentor and motivate junior batches
- Panelist, India Life Skills Conference (ILSC) 2023,Spoke on "Lived Experience of Young People on Life Skills" in a live audience session moderated by Akash Sethi, CEO, Quest Alliance.

My journey related to my Career began in the classrooms of H.J. Bhabha ITI, where I chose skills over stereotypes. While many chased conventional degrees, I believed that true education lies in mastering a craft. That belief took me from ITI to NSTI (W), Noida, where I pursued CITS in Interior Design & Decoration and secured All India Rank 2 in 2023.But ranks were never the destination. For me, learning has always been restless. I returned to my alma mater not as a student, but as a Chief Guest at its Convocation Ceremony in 2023, and as a Recruiter at its Job Mela in 2022. Standing at the same place where I once sat as a learner, holding a shield and memento, I realized the real meaning of growth — when your journey comes full circle to inspire others.My story found space on the DGT Official Website and in Namtech's "Coffee Table Book," but the real reward has been sharing it live. As a Panelist at India Life Skills Conference 2023, I spoke about "Lived Experience of Young People on Life Skills" with Mr. Akash Sethi, CEO of Quest Alliance. I shared how life skills taught me resilience that no textbook could.Today, through Alumni Talks and Guest Lectures, I tell every junior batch what I learned the hard way: Your background doesn't decide your future. Your skills do.I live by one motto — Learn Restless, Earn Limitless. Because when you stop limiting your learning, the world stops limiting your opportunities.

SHIVAM VIJAY KADAM



I chose agriculture as my profession because I believe healthy plants create prosperous farms. My dream is to help farmers grow with quality planting material and modern agricultural practices.

Name of Candidate:
Shivam Vijay Kadam

Age & Gender:
18/M

City/State:
Koregaon, Maharashtra

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Agricultural Technical School Borgaon

Sector / Skill Domain:
Agriculture

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Diploma in Agriculture (2025)

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Nursery Entrepreneur / Business Associate

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Krushibij Hightech Nursery

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
40,000/-

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Actively involved in managing Krushibij Hightech Nursery.
- Gained practical experience in nursery management, plant propagation, and crop production.
- Developed knowledge of modern agricultural techniques and quality seedling production.
- Assisted farmers by providing healthy saplings and guidance on plantation and crop management.

My name is Shivam Vijay Kadam, and I am from Koregaon, Maharashtra. I completed my Diploma in Agriculture from Agricultural Technical School, Borgaon. Since childhood, I have been passionate about farming and determined to build a career that contributes to the agricultural sector.

The practical knowledge and technical skills I gained during my diploma in crop production, nursery management, plant protection, soil health, and sustainable farming inspired me to start my own venture. Today, I proudly own and manage Krushibij Hightech Nursery, where I focus on producing healthy, high-quality seedlings and plants for farmers, gardeners, and agricultural enthusiasts.

As the owner, I oversee every aspect of the nursery, including plant propagation, quality control, customer service, and business management. I also guide farmers in selecting suitable plants and adopting modern cultivation practices that improve productivity and sustainability. My aim is not only to grow a successful business but also to support the farming community by providing reliable planting materials and practical agricultural knowledge.

I believe that agriculture offers immense opportunities for young entrepreneurs. Through dedication, innovation, and continuous learning, I aspire to expand Krushibij Hightech Nursery, create employment opportunities, and contribute to the growth of sustainable agriculture in Maharashtra.

SNEHA



Be you! Believe in You

Name of Candidate:
Sneha

Age & Gender:
30/F

City/State:
Patna, Bihar

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Indian Institute of Crafts & Design

Sector / Skill Domain:
Fashion and Craft Design

Course/Program Completed (with year):
4 year Under Graduate Professional Diploma in Crafts and Design / Batch 2016-2020

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Assistant Professor

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Sasi Creative Institute of Design

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
55,000 to 60,000 INR

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Career transitioning from fashion design industry to education as lecturer and now an Assistant Professor
- Certification from IIT Delhi in Product Innovation & Design Thinking for Business Growth.
- 5+ Internship & Training Certifications.
- 5+ Course Certifications
- Finalist for Miss Vogue Star India, Season 3.
- Artisanal and Industrial Network all across country

My journey in design began in childhood, learning handcraft techniques from my mother and exploring form, materials, and creativity through school SUPW classes. From sketching in science practical notebooks to formally studying Fashion Design, at Indian Institute of Crafts and Design, my passion gradually transformed into a profession. The education, guidance and exposure at IICD, has shaped the foundation of my design language committing to quality, research, design process and Indian Crafts. I started my career in 2020 as an Assistant Designer with a Delhi-based fashion brand and, through resilience and adaptability during uncertain times, progressed to the role of Merchandiser in a reputed brand in Bengaluru. The journey wasn't very easy with the whole country going through a lockdown. Times and trends were changing fast and to stay aligned with evolving industry demands, I further specialized in user-centric Product Innovation and Design Thinking through a program at Indian Institute of Technology Delhi in 2023 and explored Artificial Intelligence applications in design through advanced training at Indian Institute of Design and Technology. I have seen the world go completely digital after 2020 and having to upscale felt like a necessity.

During my Program at IIT Delhi, with good performance, I got referred by my professor to teach Product design in Acharya School of Design, Bengaluru as lecturer. During my time I taught them User Understanding, Information architecture and design thinking. Today, I work as an Assistant Professor in Coimbatore teaching the art of Fashion Architecture where I train students to generate design with precision, quality and impact to the world. The journey has been filled with learning, experiencing, applying in contributing for a better future to myself and the world.

SUMAN KUMARI



It was never about earning money, my fight has always been about earning independence to choose how I earn money.

Name of Candidate:
Suman Kumari

Age & Gender:
24/F

City/State:
Dhanbad, Jharkhand

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Skillinabox learning solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Sector / Skill Domain:
Fashion designing

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Fashion design 2024

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Assistant Designer

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Skillinabox

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
25000

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Placed with Skillinabox as a design intern and was promoted to a full time employee in 3 months making her the sole earning member of her family who is financially supporting her mother and grandmother.

Suman comes from a conservative joint family where the whole family pressured her to pursue MBBS like her other cousins but Suman's heart was in fashion. after facing rejection time over time Suman gave in and pursued a different education but could never form a connection with her education. After finishing her education suman realised she has sacrificed 3 years of her life for nothing. She gave it one more shot and finally her parents gave in seeing her helplessness and suman got to live her dream. From a childhood dream to now her reality Suman fought against all odds and joined Skillinabox and quickly went from a student intern to assistant designer in just 5 months.



SURAJ MAHENDRA PRASAD YADAV



It wasn't just about learning Excel. It was about learning to believe that someone like me could belong in a place like TCS.

Name of Candidate:
Suraj Mahendra Prasad Yadav

Age & Gender:
NA/M

City/State:
Kandivali, Mumbai, Maharashtra

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Anudip Foundation

Sector / Skill Domain:
IT / ITES — Data & Analytics

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Advanced Excel · 2025

Current Occupation / Job Title:
International Trade KYC Analyst

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
35000

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Recognised with four "Star of the Month" awards at TCS.

Now mentors new joiners at one of India's largest corporations.

Growing up in Kandivali, Mumbai, Suraj Mahendra Prasad Yadav was no stranger to hard work. His father and younger brother supplied newspapers at the break of dawn, his elder brother managed a medical store, and the women of the household kept the family together as homemakers. Suraj completed his B.Com but found himself at a crossroads with a degree in hand but limited confidence and a significant gap in English communication standing between him and a meaningful career.

That changed when he enrolled in Anudip Foundation's Advanced Excel programme. Beyond building technical skills in data handling and spreadsheet analysis, Suraj used the time at Anudip to work on his communication and professional confidence, guided by mentors who understood the real barriers that first-generation job seekers face.

His effort paid off. Suraj joined Tata Consultancy Services as an International Trade KYC Analyst, a role that demands precision, analytical ability, and strong client interaction, areas where he has consistently excelled. Over time, at TCS, he built a reputation as a reliable professional: verifying complex trade documents, onboarding international clients, and now mentoring new joiners who are just starting their own journeys.

His peers and supervisors have recognised his contributions with the "Star of the Month" award four times in a single year, along with several other acknowledgements. For Suraj, each of these moments is a reminder of how far he has come. From a family of daily earners in Kandivali to a trusted professional at one of India's largest corporations. His story is not just one of personal growth but of what becomes possible when ambition meets the right opportunity.

SUSHIL KUMAR SONI



Dreams don’t work because life is easy—they work because we refuse to give up. Consistency can change any future.

Name of Candidate:
Sushil Kumar Soni

Age & Gender:
NA/M

City/State:
Prayagraj/Uttar Pradesh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Crio.Do (Qift Solutech Private Limited)

Sector / Skill Domain:
QA Automation

Course/Program Completed (with year):
QA Automation/December 2024

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Software Test Engineer

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Drillbit Softecch Pvt Ltd

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
31000

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Successfully transitioned from the food delivery executive/maintenance field to Software Quality Assurance (QA).
- Completed industry-oriented QA training through Crio and gained hands-on experience in Manual Testing and Selenium Automation.
- Received an Appreciation Certificate from DrillBit for dedication, learning attitude, and outstanding performance during training.
- Worked on real-world testing projects in E-commerce and Travel domains.
- Balanced work and learning simultaneously, demonstrating resilience and strong commitment to career growth.

My name is Sushil Kumar Soni, and my journey has been built on hard work, determination, and a desire to create a better future. After completing my B.Tech, I worked in the maintenance field for several years. Although I had a stable job, I always dreamed of building a career in the IT industry.

To make that transition, I enrolled in the Crio Software Testing program. During the course, I faced financial challenges and needed to support myself, so I worked as a Zomato delivery executive while continuing my studies. Managing deliveries during the day and learning software testing in my remaining time was difficult, but it taught me discipline, time management, and perseverance.

Through consistent effort, I gained practical experience in Manual Testing, Selenium with Java, API Testing using Postman, and defect tracking with Jira. Later, during my training at DrillBit, I received an Appreciation Certificate for my dedication and performance, which further strengthened my confidence.

My journey has taught me that success is not about having an easy path but about staying committed despite obstacles. Today, I am eager to contribute as a QA Engineer, continue learning, and deliver high-quality software while inspiring others who want to change their careers through determination and continuous learning.



TAUSHIF ANSARI



Every machine I program and every challenge I solve brings me one step closer to becoming a world-class manufacturing professional.

Name of Candidate:
Taushif Ansari

Age & Gender:
25/M

City/State:
Rajkot, Gujarat

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Center of Excellence, Vishist GITI, Haridwar

Sector / Skill Domain:
CNC Machine Operator

Course/Program Completed (with year):
VMC Turning Operator

Current Occupation / Job Title:
CNC Operator

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Jyoti CNC Automation Ltd. Rajkot

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹30000

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Developed expertise in 3-Axis and 4-Axis CNC (VMC & HMC) machine setting and operation, enabling efficient and precise machining.
- Proficient in operating Siemens and Fanuc CNC control systems for industrial production.
- Enhanced technical capabilities by learning Mastercam and SolidWorks, strengthening CNC programming and CAD/CAM skills.
- Progressed from machine setting and operation to CNC Programming, demonstrating continuous learning and technical growth.

My name is Taushif Ansari, and my journey in CNC manufacturing has been driven by my passion for learning and my determination to build a successful career. To gain industry-relevant skills, I enrolled in the CNC Turning Specialist course at the Centre of Excellence (COE), Haridwar. During my training, I learned CNC programming, machine setup, precision machining, and quality standards, which gave me the confidence to work in a modern manufacturing environment.

In February 2024, I started my professional career at Jyoti CNC Automation Ltd., Gujarat, as a Setter cum Operator. Working on advanced 3-Axis and 4-Axis CNC (VMC & HMC) machines with Siemens and Fanuc control systems has helped me strengthen my technical knowledge and improve my problem-solving skills. Every day on the shop floor has been an opportunity to learn something new and become more efficient.

To further enhance my capabilities, I also learned Mastercam and SolidWorks, which improved my understanding of CAD/CAM and CNC programming. With continuous learning, dedication, and the support of experienced mentors, I progressed from machine setting and operation to working as a CNC Programmer. This achievement has motivated me to keep improving my skills and take on greater responsibilities.

I believe that success comes from hard work, discipline, and a willingness to learn. My goal is to become an expert CNC programmer and contribute to the advancement of India's manufacturing industry by delivering precision, quality, and innovation in every project I undertake.



THINGUJAM DAYAMANI DEVI



I came from a small village with big dreams but little confidence. Today, I work at one of India's busiest airports and support my family with pride. GMRVF helped me believe in myself.

Name of Candidate:
Thingujam Dayamani Devi

Age & Gender:
20/F

City/State:
Thoubal, Manipur

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
GMRV Center for Empowerment and Livelihoods (GMRVCEL), New Delhi

Sector / Skill Domain:
Customer Service / In-Store Demonstrator

Course/Program Completed (with year):
In-Store Demonstrator (ISD) Programme – January 2026

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Customer Service Executive

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Air India SATS Airport Services Pvt. Ltd., Terminal 3, IGI Airport, New Delhi

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
₹24,650 per month

Key Achievements / Milestones:

- Successfully completed the In-Store Demonstrator (ISD) training programme at GMRVCEL-Delhi with free training, boarding and lodging support
- Overcame hesitation and lack of confidence to become a customer-facing professional.
- Secured placement with Air India SATS Airport Services Pvt. Ltd., one of the leading airport service providers in India.
- Received the highest salary package among candidates in her training batch.
- Currently earning ₹24,650 per month and contributing significantly to her family's income.
- Became a source of inspiration for young women from rural and remote regions aspiring for professional careers.

Growing up in Thoubal district of Manipur, Thingujam Dayamani Devi understood the meaning of hardship from a very young age. She is the eldest child in a family of five. Her father, a small farmer, worked tirelessly to support the family, earning barely enough to meet their daily needs. Her mother managed the household, ensuring that the family could make the most of their limited resources. Despite the financial struggles, Dayamani carried a quiet dream — to earn a stable income and help improve her family's situation.

However, like many young women from rural backgrounds, she lacked confidence and exposure. Speaking in front of others made her nervous, and the idea of working in a professional environment seemed intimidating. Yet she knew that if she wanted to change her future, she had to step outside her comfort zone.

Her turning point came when she enrolled in the In-Store Demonstrator programme offered by GMR Varalakshmi Center for Empowerment and Livelihoods in New Delhi. She came to know about this institute during a mobilization drive organized by CEL-Delhi in Manipur with the help of a local NGO. The training exposed her not only to customer service skills but also to communication, workplace etiquette, personality development and confidence building. Slowly, the shy young woman from Thoubal began to discover her potential. The center not only provided her the training but also provided free boarding and lodging facilities.

By the end of the programme, Dayamani had transformed into a confident and articulate professional. Her dedication and performance helped her secure a position with Air India SATS Airport Services Pvt. Ltd. at Terminal 3 of Indira Gandhi International Airport, one of the most prestigious placements available to candidates in her sector.

Today, Dayamani earns ₹24,650 per month and proudly supports her family back home. More importantly, she has become a symbol of hope for young women from remote regions who believe their dreams may be beyond reach.

Her journey proves that confidence is not something people are born with—it is something they build when given the right opportunity.

TRAPTI PACHAURI



Behind Every Smile Is A Story Of Silent Battles. We Need To Turn Every Setback Into Strength, Providing That Dreams Belong To Those Who Never Give Up.

Name of Candidate:
Trapti Pachauri

Age & Gender:
19/F

City/State:
Aligarh/ Uttar Pradesh

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Jettwings Institute, Greater Noida Campus

Sector / Skill Domain:
Aviation

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Airline CABIN CREW course in year 2026

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Trainee cabin crew in Air india

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
NA

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

Obtained 1st runner up in state level team singing competition, professional athlete, Cracked air India cabin crew interview in first attempt.

I am Trapti Pachauri from Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh. My journey has never been easy. Coming from a humble background, I faced financial constraints, self-doubt, and many uncertainties. There were times when balancing my education, family responsibilities, and career aspirations felt impossible. Yet, I refused to let my circumstances define my future.

While pursuing my Bachelors from IIT Madras, I dreamed of wearing the Air India uniform. Through the Jet wings institute Delhi NCR campus, I received world-class training in communication, grooming, customer service, aviation safety, and personality development. More importantly, the program gave me confidence and taught me to believe in myself.

The Air India selection process was extremely competitive. Every interview round tested my confidence, patience, and determination. Despite repeated fears and countless hours of preparation, I never gave up. My perseverance was finally rewarded when I successfully cleared the Air India cabin crew interview.

This achievement is not just my success—it is the success of every mentor who believed in me and every challenge that made me stronger. I sincerely thank my parents, teachers and every single person who encouraged me in my suffering time for changing my life. My story is proof that no dream is too big when courage, hard work, and the right opportunities come together.

VIDHYA DEVI SARGARA



One child, one teacher, one book, one pen and one mother can change the world.

Name of Candidate:
Vidhya Devi Sargara

Age & Gender:
F

City/State:
Jaitaran, Rajasthan

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Institute

Sector / Skill Domain:
Domestic Data Entry, Front Desk Assistant, Accounts Executive

Course/Program Completed (with year):
2019, 2022, 2023

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Domestic Data Entry Officer, Telecaller, Account Executive

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
NA

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:
NA

Vidhya Devi Sargara has had an axe to grind her whole life. Married at 16, she was forced to abandon her education when her father said, "If your husband isn't educated, why should you be?" Her dreams of finishing school and pursuing higher studies came to a grinding halt. With financial stress mounting, she searched for a way forward. That's when she discovered Ambuja Foundation's SEDI in Jaitaran.

Hailing from the quiet village of Patwa, Jaitaran, Rajasthan, the family survived on seasonal farm labour, with her husband working just three–four months a year. As a mother of five, she promised herself: each child would be educated and financially independent.

That's when she discovered Ambuja Foundation's SEDI in Jaitaran. Seeing a practical path to both education and livelihood, she enrolled her eldest daughter, Lata, in a short-term vocational course—with the hope that she would start earning while continuing her bachelor's degree. And the rest, as they say, is history.

1. Lata Leads the Way - In 2019, Lata joined the Domestic Data Entry Operator course. Catching early rides to reach SEDI by nine o'clock every morning and returning late, she showed steely determination. Her efforts paid off with a Rs. 6,000/ month job at e-Mitra in Jaitaran—the family's first steady income.

2. Anita Follows - Motivated by Lata's success, Anita took the Front Desk Assistant course in 2022. She joined Anand Rathi IT Pvt. Ltd. as a telecaller, earning Rs. 9000 per month. Later, she helped Lata transition to the same firm in Jodhpur. Today, the sisters' combined monthly earnings are Rs. 22,000; and they both won 'Best Performance' awards.

3. Naresh Aspires - Following his sisters' path, Naresh took the Accounts Executive course in 2023. After a brief job in Jaipur, cut short by illness, he secured a job in Hyderabad and earns Rs. 15,000 per month.

4. Sunayna Excels - Sunayna joined SEDI at 18 while pursuing her graduation. After training as a Microfinance Executive she now earns Rs. 10,000 per month as a telecaller Executive at Yash Enterprises in Jodhpur – and independently manages both work and studies.

5. Khushi, The Future - Just 13, Khushi is already planning to join SEDI's Business Correspondence and Business Facilitator course when she turns 18. Her pathway is clear and her confidence is strong.

Thanks to the Sargara children, the monthly income of the household today is Rs. 47,000. Each sibling has a purpose, and pride in contributing to the family.

Had it not been for SEDI, the eldest Lata would have been married off long ago. But today, at the age of 25, she holds the cards. Her family has shortlisted some marriage prospects, but as mother Vidhya firmly states, "This time, the choice, will be hers,".

VINET KAKADEA



Technology should empower people, not replace them. My mission is Making Writing Accessible for Everyone and to build AI that helps every learner write, think, and create with confidence.

Name of Candidate:
Vinet Kakadea

Age & Gender:
25/M

City/State:
Surat, Gujarat

Name of Training Provider / Institute:
New York University (NYU) Marymount University, Virginia, USA

Sector / Skill Domain:
EdTech

Course/Program Completed (with year):
Master of Science in Management of Technology (Data Analytics), 2023 – New York University Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (Minor in Business Administration), 2021 – Marymount University

Current Occupation / Job Title:
Founder & CEO

Employer / Business Name (if applicable):
Avinyaa EdTech Private Limited

Monthly Income Range (Optional):
NA

Key Achievements / Milestones:

DPIIT Registered

Recognized under SSIP at SVNIT

Incubated at IIT Kharagpur

Selected by the Ministry of Education to exhibit at the Bodhan AI Conclave

NVIDIA Inception Program

AWS Startup Credits Program

Validated demand through a 400+ core audience

50,000+ registered users

60,000+ anonymous users

100,000 monthly website traffic

Growing up, I always believed that technology should solve meaningful problems and create equal opportunities for everyone. While studying Information Technology and later pursuing my Master's in Management of Technology at New York University, I witnessed how artificial intelligence was transforming education. However, I also saw a growing challenge students relying on AI without truly developing their writing and critical thinking skills.

This inspired me to establish Avinyaa EdTech and build Kreativespace, an AI-powered platform that promotes ethical, accessible, and high-quality writing. My goal was not to replace human creativity but to enhance it through responsible AI. Starting with a small team of three, we built our own AI-powered writing ecosystem, integrating writing assistance, plagiarism detection, AI detection, citations, and translation into a single platform.

Today, Kreativespace serves over 50,000 monthly users worldwide also Incubated at IIT Kharagpur recently and has earned recognition through DPIIT Startup India and the NVIDIA Inception Program. The journey has taught me resilience, leadership, and the importance of solving real-world problems with technology. Every milestone reinforces my vision of making quality writing tools affordable and accessible to students, educators, researchers, and professionals globally.



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