

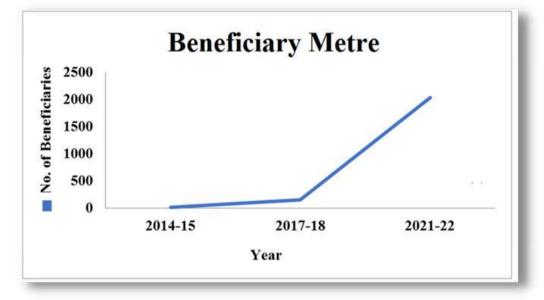
# **BECT SANDESH**

Bhilai Education Charitable Trust (B.E.C.T)

## MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE

As I reflect on BECT's journey over the last 8 years, what gives me the most happiness is the fact that what started out as a simple idea has now taken the shape of a real, high impact initiative that is genuinely making a difference to the lives of a number of underprivileged students, which was the core objective of launching BECT in 2014.

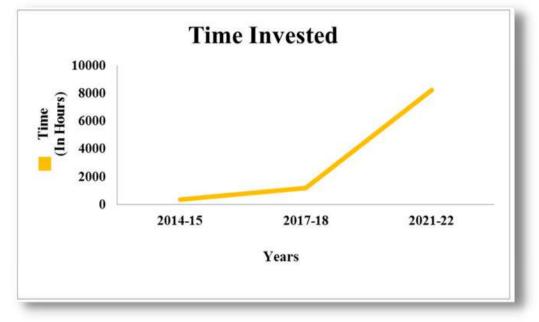
What is more satisfying is that the nature and impact of the difference being made is also improving and we learn from our experiences and continue to refine our initiatives. This is a continuous process and a journey that will continue, and we expect both the number of beneficiaries and quality of impact to keep improving.



Improving impact is not serendipity. It is a result of continuous pushing of the envelope by people involved in thinking about improving ourselves. We have been blessed to have a dedicated team, a very thoughtful and knowledgeable Board of Advisors who have been giving more and more time to the efforts of BECT. What has been heartwarming in the increasing time, is the commitment from volunteers, advisors and mentors over the years. These include friends on the ground in Bhilai and those scattered around the world after their formative years in Bhilai.

We are also humbled to receive three precious awards for the work we have been doing for over 8 years now.

A quick look at the total time invested over the period is indicative of what it has taken us to get here. It is equivalent of ~4 years of full-time effort by an individual.



In my opinion, we are just getting started. There is a very long way to go, and we would like this to soon get to ~10 years equivalent of work, each year that requires significant scaling on both dedicated team as well as volunteers and mentors.

We have also gradually increased the total spends for the Trust over time. However, if we intend to significantly deepen our efforts and impact, we need a step change in funding availability too. We are making efforts to expand the donor base and every contribution from you will help. We are hoping to reach out to greater number of alumni from Bhilai schools around the world and find many with whom this cause of giving back to the city resonates. Your word of mouth and email and WhatsApp forwards will help.

Looking forward to more efforts and greater impact in the coming years.

Sincerely,



Abhay Pandey (BECT Trustee & General Partner, A91 Partners)



- Award

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On 05/09/2021, we were acknowledged as a dedicated NGO in the field of Eductaion from School Education Dept. District-Durg.

On 10/09/2021, we were recognised by backing the Award of Excellence in the field of Education felicitated by the Rotary Club of Bhilai Steel City.





On 18/09/2021, we were awarded *"Aakhar Samman"* by District Magistrate (Collector) for collaborating with Department of School Education & Literacy Ministry of HRD, Government of India for Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan (Adult Education).

### **MESSAGE FROM ADVISORY**

BECT is a remarkable group of Bhilai schools' alumni who have endeavoured to return what they received - quality education. All along it must have struck these beneficiaries of the education hub of the region that there exists a vast majority of children who haven't had the patronage that the BECT founders were privileged to have. Gradually over a period of a shade over seven years BECT has moved ahead on it's avowed path.

I had the opportunity to be part of BECT's first initiative when as Head of Education department of Bhilai Steel Plant, I was invited to an award ceremony at EMMS-IX. I had suggested then that instead of recognising only a few toppers, BECT should utilise its corpus to venture to service a larger populace. I am glad that it has done so successfully.

As a member of BECT's Advisory team I have closely followed what the trust is doing. Like other advisors, I too have endeavoured to not interfere but advise BECT and let the trustees and the ground team implement what we have collectively decided upon. As every organisation has to be wary of, BECT too has to navigate through the pitfalls of an expansion and here advisors like me have to step in. The biggest honour in this journey is the type of august company that one is in and the way some of seniors have contributed to BECT has been an inspiration. My association with BECT provides me with an opportunity to fulfill my unrealised goals vis-a-vis education, which of all my vocations was the pricest.

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## THE LOUD APPLAUDS - Delivered as promised

#### JEE NEET PROGRAM

We are providing the best coaching at IIT-Medical Zone, Bhilai and sponsoring the coaching fees of Rs 25,000 per student per course. They are being prepared for JEE/NEET entrance examinations. Students enrolled - 40.





#### FOUNDATION COURSES

Our Foundations Courses are for students studying in class 9th & 10th. Apart from school exams, we train our students to showcase their brilliance at various National & International Olympiads and Scholarship Entrance Exams. Students enrolled-40

#### **SPOKEN ENGLISH**

We have provided a three months Spoken English course to 150 underpriviledged students.





#### PADHNA LIKHNA ABHIYAN

We imparted functional literacy to more than 300 non-literate and non-numerate adults (15 years and above) across Bhilai-Durg twin city. We invested 120 hours for the same.

#### **MENTORING PROGRAM**

Our mentoring program is one of its kind that connects students with their chosen mentors globally to share their experiences and guidance. We are proud that now we have more than 50 streams of education covered by our different mentors.

#### **CAREER GUIDANCE**

We organized a webinar focusing on providing expert career guidance to students from Classes 9th to 12th. Dr. Kishor Dutta (MD Physician, Ex Consultant UNICEF) was the guest speaker. The webinar was attended by 100 eager participants and was an interactive session

## THE NEW THING - Initiatives



## SKILL DEVELOPMENT TO EMPOWER GIRLS

B.E.C.T has started a new program to empower young girl students by providing 'Skill training" in collaboration with Rotary Pinnacle, Bhilai. 32 students of Govt. H.S.S. Vaishali Nagar are participating in learning new employable skills.

We are offering them free fashion designing and beauty parlour courses with the help of our skilling partner Phoenix Institute Fashion, Arts & Media.





## **TEACHERS' TRAINING**





B.E.C.T organized a 2 days online and 2 days offline teachers' training to 35 teachers of Azad H.S. School, Bhilai Ispat Vikas Vidhyalaya, Sector-6 and Khursipar. This Training was facilitated by Mr. Sanjay Gulati (Education Consultant) and was designed to improve the quality of education imparted to primary and middle school students.

## THE FINAL SCORE - Shining Stars



In 2021, with our JEE/NEET program, we achieved excellent results which are as follows:-

- 1. Gaurav Sahu, qualified JEE advance with 8961 Rank (OBC-NCL)
- 2. Gautam Kumar, qualified JEE advance with 4044 Rank (SC)
- 3. Chaitanya Kumar got Admission in National Institute of Technology, Raipur in Electrical dept.
- 4. Md. Shahnawaz got Admission in National Institute of Technology, Raipur in Electrical dept.
- 5. Pushpanjali Sahu, got admission in Shri Shankara Technical Institute of Engineering, Raipur in Computer Science dept.
- 6. Vandana Singh, got admission in Shri Shankara Professional University



Gaurav Sahu JEE 8961 Cat. Rank



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Chaitanya Kumar NIT Raipur



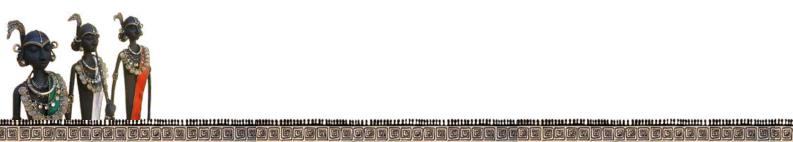
Md. Shahnawaz NIT Raipur



**Pushpanjali Sahu** Shri Shankaracharya Institute of Engineering and Technology



Vandana Singh Shri Shankracharya Professional University





Chaitanya Kumar, is a native of a very small village Vinayakpur in Durg district. He is the eldest son among the 2 sons of Mr. Nagesh Kumar, an electrician and Mrs. Rohini, a housewife. Coming from a financially weaker family, his father who is an electrician earns on a daily basis.

B.E.C.T provided him with JEE coaching free of cost. Despite severe financial constraints, Chaitanya's hard work paid off and his commendable performance in JEE 2021 has resulted in his securing admission in National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur.

Chaitanya's success is huge for people in Vinayakpur, who have never seen someone so close to them, do so well. His success is also a ray of hope to all those students who can only afford to study in a government school.

