

Asha Chennai Scholarship Project Report August 2025

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This academic year 2025-26 has started in full swing with new student selection process being underway. The latest meeting for the same was done on August 10, 2025. As of this writing, we have a total of 114 students that we are supporting in the program and we are looking to increase the same to 125. Of the 114, 95 are looking to be continued, the remaining will be new additions. We expect to complete the selection and due diligence for the new students by the end of August. We have kept our commitment for the students the same as last year. For students studying in Class X or below, the scholarship amount is upto INR 15,000. The same for students in Classes XI and XII is INR 20,000 and the same for students in college is INR 30,000.

The first disbursement for the academic year is planned for September 7, 2025 and a second one towards the end of September. A couple of photos from the new student selection session that was done in the Asha office in Aug 2024.





In addition, this year we plan to re-initiate the career counseling initiative. We are looking to engage Dheya Trust (<https://www.dheya.org/>) to provide career counseling. Career counseling is being provided to students who are in their final year of college who are looking for placement choices and/or planning for post graduation studies. Similarly, career counseling is being provided for students in their 12th grade trying to figure out what courses to take in college. We are looking to do this during the month of October and November 2025 and will report on the same in our next annual report.