In May 2021, 19 scholarship students completed their college education. Another five students dropped out of the Scholarship Program for various reasons. We called for applications from eligible students from the month of June 2021. All the applications were scrutinized by the Scholarship Core Group and some of them were shortlisted for interview. Students based in Chennai were interviewed in person. Outstation students were interviewed through Google Meet. Due to the Covid situation, it has been decided to postpone the home visit by an employee of Asha.

We have selected 24 new students which takes the total number of students covered by the Scholarship program to 97. Of the 24 new students, 20 are girls and 4 are boys. 14 of the new students are in college and 10 are in school (classes 10 to 12). This year we have selected a record number of outstation students – 9 out of the 24 students are outstation students.

We have started disbursing the first instalment of scholarship to students. We hope to start a mentoring program for the Scholarship students.