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## SEB'S PROJECTS SCHOLARSHIP REPORT 2017-18



Seb's scholarship program works in partnership with various individual donors for educating the tribal students and under privileged children around Vellore district.

Since 2010 the scholarship program has awarded more than 250 students in middle/high school in the tribal and rural communities. The Seb's scholarship program continues to provide children with the opportunity to get an education and have a dream for a better future.

The school year in India runs from June to April. In 2017 Seb's granted scholarships for middle high school, higher education and professional courses.

The primary objective of the Seb's scholarship program is to encourage children who can progress beyond grade six to middle school (grade 7-10) high school (11 and 12) and to professional courses thus making education a reality in Jawadhi hills.

**Middle school scholarship students:** School education in India is free and compulsory. However the cost of higher education is expensive. Also cost of educating a school child is highly challenging for tribal communities. Due to less access to middle schools they are forced to opt for boarding schools and this increases the burden to spend for boarding supplies and other needs. This year we successfully made 43 transitions from primary to middle school.



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Our partnership with the government has helped us to celebrate a landmark achievement. Seb's tribal schools encouraged and provided the opportunity for 29 of our Grade 5 students to write the entrance exam for Std.6 admission, organized by the Eklavya model school in Jammunamarthur. The Eklavya government model school provides scholarships for the entirety of a child's school education and focuses on quality of education. We are happy to inform you that 11 Seb's students have qualified in the entrance exam and were enrolled in Std.6.

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We are also celebrating the fact that all our scholarship students who are pursuing their professional courses have successfully cleared their exams and promoted to next year of their course .

**Senjimotur village:** Three students from Senjimotur village who attended Seb's Primary School has been supported through scholarship at different levels.

**Shyla** is studying for a Diploma in Nursing in the CSI Hospital Bangalore. She is in her second year of nursing course.

**Sam** has completed his Diploma in Civil Engineering in Vellore Polytechnic.

**Esther** is also doing a Diploma in Nursing at CMC Vellore. She has done very well in her course and is in her final year. She will complete the course in another 2 months time and will have to do a service obligation for the next 2 years at the hospital where she will be employed.



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**Sathya** is a young tribal girl from Thandayankotai village. She studied in Seb's primary school and continued her high school education in a boarding school. Seb's awarded scholarship to finish her schooling. She completed her 12<sup>th</sup> grade and scored 75 percent marks. Her aim is to do a BSc in Nursing. She got admission in a nursing college in Chennai, but her family is unable to afford the fees. She is looking for scholarship to achieve her ambition. She is a first generation learner and we are proud of her achievements' so far.



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**Bhavani** is in the final year of her nursing course. She will complete her course in three months' time. Following which she will do a six months internship training with her college. She has cleared all her subjects and her performance in academics is remarkable. She has an opportunity to work in the Scudder Memorial Hospital which will help her to gain more experience. Her family is very proud of her achievements. Bhavani is keen to support her family and make a difference. She has been a role model in her community.



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**Vadieeswari** has successfully completed her second year of nursing course. Initially she struggled to cope up with the subjects. She has passed all her exams. She is more confident in her studies and enthusiastic about her course. She picked up English very well and was able to write all her exams in English. Being a tribal girl she has come a long way to build her career and we wish her all the very best.





**Samundi** has one more year to complete her Bachelor's in Nursing at the M.A Chidambaram College of Nursing. Samundi is very active in her college and happily participates in college events. She enjoys doing her practical classes. She feels satisfied when assisting patients in hospital. Samundi is a tribal girl from Jawadhi. There are two other tribal girls who are inspired by Samundi and have chosen nursing as their career. We wish she would be a great role model for more young people in the hills to pursue their higher education and be successful in their careers.



**Chellama** is in the second year of her nursing course. She has scored good marks in all the subjects. She is very interested in her practical work. She loves to be in hospital and get hands-on training in assisting patients. She is a confident, well-dressed young woman, who has a good relationship with her classmates. Her fellow students and teachers say that they are happy to work with Chellama. Her teachers report that she is a disciplined student.

Chellama is an excellent dancer and recently participated in a cultural program organized by her college. We were very happy to see her dance in the first row with lots of energy and a smile on her face. Chellama is so appreciative of her hostel and she enjoys being in a safe environment which is a new experience when compared to her home situation in the past. We met her recently and she told us that she has to study well and complete her nursing course. She enjoys her college experience thoroughly.

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**Mohan** has successfully completed his BE Civil engineering course. He is probably the first to secure a B.E Degree in the Jawadhi Hills .He did a short internship training with B&B builders in Vellore. This experience provided him with new skills and hands-on experience. In May, at a campus interview, he was selected by a reputed building company called Achievers Builders as their site engineer with a salary of Rs.15, 000 per month. Mohan is a smart, self-made young man and we at Seb's are very proud of his achievements. He in turn has expressed his desire to support a tribal student .

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**Bhavani** is a smart, young girl, doing her third year in nursing at the CSI Rainey Hospital in Chennai. She approached us when she was doing her third year of the course. She was about to be sent out of college because she could not pay her fees to continue her education. Her mother works as a maid strived hard to help her and approached us. Seb's assisted in paying her fees to finish her course. She has just completed her course and is undergoing an internship training in her college.



**Rajapathy** is our new scholarship student who is doing a BSc degree in Nursing at the PSG College, Coimbatore. He successfully completed his first year and moved into his second year. He is a very responsible boy who always had a dream to choose medicine as his career. This nursing course is fulfillment for him and his performance is outstanding. He is a diligent student and has excelled in sports





**Pandiyan** is our scholarship student who did a Diploma in AC mechanic course in a polytechnic institute. He was a school dropout and was keen to do a technical course. He has no parents and lived in the streets of Vellore with his sister and grandmother. Now he has completed his course and undergoing a training in Bangalore. He is looking forward to finding himself a job and be of support to his family.

**Pursidasan** is a bright young tribal boy from Jawadhi hills. He finished his high school education and scored high marks. His family could not afford him to support his education. Seb's provided him with scholarship for the first year to join an engineering course. He got admission in the prestigious Regional Engineering College in Trichy. The following years he applied for an educational loan to meet his needs. He is doing well in his college. He is also part of the research program with his professor. He has been recommended to do his post graduate in Indian Institute of Technology. He is a first generation learner from the Jawadhi hills. We are proud of his achievements and he sure has a very bright future to look forward to.

**Divya** is a bright young girl from Vellore. She scored good marks and got an opportunity to study nursing in CMC hospital. Her family is very poor to support her education. Her mother who is a house maid approached us to help her. Seb's supported her with her first year fees. She is now studying well and doing her second year.

All the scholarship students are deserving candidates who are passionate about their professions. The extent of their satisfaction with the improvement in their learning levels is evident, from the enthusiasm they show when they come back to visit us.

Thank you to each of our donors for your trust in us and partnering us with our work amongst young people.

**Thank you for being a part of our young people's success story**

