

Aksharam Educational Foundation – a write up on its activities

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Aksharam Educational Foundation is an educational trust registered in Neelangarai Sub-Registrar office, Chennai on 10 July 2009 and registered u/s s.80G s.12AA of Income Tax Act 1961 on 29 April 2010 with the following objectives,

- a) To render aid with finance or equipment or coaching to deserving students who are economically disadvantaged to pursue their education and/or training at the university level or in any technical course or training after higher secondary or high school stage.
- b) To establish and run institutions for providing general and technical educations.
- c) To institute and award scholarships in India for the study, research and apprenticeship for all or anyone of the aforesaid purposes.

The main activity of the trust is give financial support to academically promising but financially challenged students, by providing all necessary funds to continue their education.

Below table illustrates the total donations and disbursements to students from Jan 2010 to Jan 2016.

Calendar Year	Donations Received (Rs.)	Amount Disbursed (Rs.)	Total Disbursements (Rs.)	No. of Students Benefitted
2010	3,22,008	1,26,344	20	8
2011	4,52,427	4,61,246	25	10
2012	5,17,862	4,44,664	36	19
2013	5,27,237	5,53,955	49	28
2014	3,14,391	4,79,513	46	21
2015	8,74,840	5,13,068	34	24
2016	-	3,600	1	1
Total	30,08,765	25,82,390	211	111*

* Student details may be repeated. E.g., student got benefitted in 2011 may also be benefitted in 2012 in continuation to the course.

The foundation also conducts annual engagement meeting regularly since 2012, where it brings its beneficiaries, donors and well-wishers of Aksharam together. This meet not only provides some personality development inputs to the students, but also serves to create a bonding among the students who keep a network amongst themselves as each one battles their financial challenge to gain their education and find suitable employment.

Key Highlights of 2015:-

- ✓ For the academic year 2014-15, Aksharam engagement meet happened on 4th Jan 2015 for the third consecutive year successfully. The event planned in Dec 2015 got cancelled due to the Chennai floods. It will be rescheduled again at a later date in 2016 factoring in the convenience and exam schedules of students
- ✓ Out of our beneficiaries who wrote their +2 exams in 2015,

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- Kavitha scored 1077/1200 marks.
 - Usha Jayasudha secured 1118/1200 marks.
 - Jothi Raj secured 948/1200 marks.
- ✓ Students who completed their academic milestone, a few joined higher studies, a few got employment.
- ✓ 9 new students were enrolled in 2015. It raised the number of members of Aksharam family from 44 to 53 across various disciplines. It also gave us opportunity to help students from diverse courses such as Hotel Mgmt and Physical education, in addition to Engineering, Arts and Science.

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