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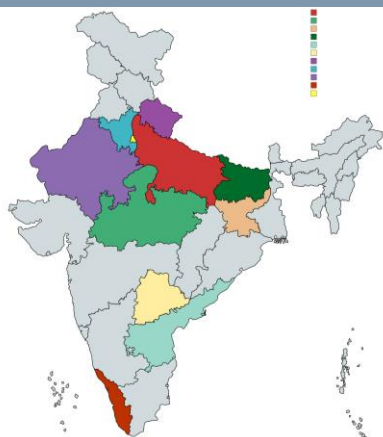
Princeton Foundation announces winners of National Fellowship for Peace & Learning 2021-22.

By Ameyavikram Pathak

Princeton Foundation, working in the field of women empowerment since 2011, announced the result of the national competition of Fellowship for Peace and Learning 2021-22. More than 250 students applied for the fellowship from across India, and 59 students were finally selected for the fellowship that covers their college tuition. Our winners demonstrate not only outstanding academic achievements, but grit, determination, and the unwavering commitment to pursue higher education as evident in their application essays.



- More than 73% of eligible girls (aged 18-23 years) in India aren't even enrolling in colleges. All India Survey Report on Higher Education 2020
- More than 30% women in India **cannot read or write**. World Bank, 2020.



States Represented in the
National Fellowship for Peace and
Learning 2021-22

The Fellowship for Peace and Learning started in the holy city of Varanasi, India, 2011. Since then, the foundation members have awarded approximately 200 fellowships to enable brilliant girls to graduate from various colleges all over India. 2021-22 awardees include female students admitted for undergraduate degree courses in humanities as well as sciences at Vasant Kanya Mahavidhyalaya in Varanasi, Miranda House in Delhi, University of Agricultural Sciences in Bangalore, and Osmania University colleges in Telengana, amongst several others and represent states including: Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar, Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh.

Pledge of Gratitude

I pledge that if I get selected for the Fellowship for Peace and Learning, I will support at least two or more girl students in the pursuit of self-empowerment in their life time.

The fellowships, however, are just a component of Princeton Foundation's global vision.



In addition to the financial support through these fellowships, Princeton Foundation also offers a mentorship program to the winners. This program inculcates in them a reminder that the goal of education is not to achieve merely financial freedom, the goal is to achieve Liberation – Knowledge is that which liberates!! But liberation not only of our winners. These

winners are the beacon of hope for innumerable other daughters, sisters, and mothers languishing in the darkness due to lack of opportunity.

Mentorship: In addition to the fellowship, the global experts who are members of Princeton Foundation have carefully crafted a mentorship program to cultivate the fellowship winners as the future leaders of the world. The program is geared to kindle a spark and ignite a fire within the winners that will be too fierce to be doused by anyone and anything and will sustain amidst every storm of the life. The program also catapults a chain reaction to shape each of our winners as a champion of the cause of women empowerment not only within India, but across the globe. We help our winners blossom into the apex version of themselves, change their potential into reality, and in turn help others evolve, all while making the world a better place.

M - Mindset shift
E - Emotional intelligence
N - Nurture and Navigate
T - Transition & Transform
O - Open Doors for Possibilities & Opportunities
R - Resilient Role Models for the World.
S - Success & Significance
H - Hero's Journey
I - Inspire & Impact
P - Powerful, Passionate, Persistent, Positive, Purpose-driven Leader for the World

(By: Ms Jyotima Prasad)

Princeton Foundation approach to Women Empowerment

Women's literacy rates are significantly lower than men's in most developing countries including India. To address this gap, Princeton Foundation has been rolling out several

- There are 1.8 billion young people (10-24 years old) in the world. Approximately half of them – 880 million – are adolescent girls and young women.

- A third of girls in developing countries (excluding China) are likely to be married before the age of 18 and one in nine girls will marry before their fifteenth birthday. In 2010, over 67 million women aged 20-24 had been married as girls. If such trends continue, 142 million girls will be married every year in the next decade.

- Globally, young women aged 15–24 are most vulnerable to HIV, with infection rates twice as high as in young men. Each minute one young woman acquires HIV, accounting for 22% of all new HIV infections, with sexual transmission being the dominant mode of infection.

- 2012 ILO estimates suggest that women and girls make up 55 per cent of the estimated 20.9 million people trafficked.

- Approximately 140 million girls and women in the world suffer female genital mutilation/cutting, with more than 3 million girls in Africa annually at risk of it.

programs in phased manner in alignment with the United Nation's Girls Task Force vision -

1. **Educate girls:** Ensure that girls have access to higher education and training, including secondary education, and pathways between formal and non-formal systems.
2. **Promote girl leaders:** Ensure that girls gain economic and social skills and are from mentors and resources to enable them to participate in community life.
3. **Improve girls' health:** Ensure that girls have access to age-appropriate health and nutrition information and services, including STD prevention, and sexual and reproductive health.
4. **Keep girls free from violence:** Prevent and protect girls from all forms of gender-based violence, abuse and exploitation, and ensure that vulnerable girls receive services and access to justice.
5. **Count girls:** Collect, analyze, and use data on girl child to advocate for, develop and monitor evidence-based policies and programs that advance their well-being and realize their human rights.




"The fellowship for peace learning has multifarious effects on academic life of our students. This financial support contributes significantly in maintaining the career orientation of students in a society, where career is still a leisure activity for girls. The institution greatly appreciates your earnest endeavors towards promoting girls' education."

Dr. Kusum Mishra, Ex Principal, VKM
(Affiliated with Banaras Hindu University)



Fellowship for Peace and Learning, a small beginning with a global vision

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I am proud of Princeton Foundation's commitment to serve the humanity. I have been associated with this foundation since its inception and have seen its precise and strategic approach to manage social issues.

I am also glad to be a part of Princeton Foundation's Covid relief measures that I am confident will expand quickly into humanitarian endeavors across the globe and serve the society in every imaginable way.

Prof Armen Baibourtian, PhD

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