

Annual Report 2025



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Co-CEOs Message

Dear friends, partners, and supporters,

Every time we visit a school in one of the many states we are operating in, we realize that we are exactly where we want to be. Every Avanti classroom is filled with hope for the future. Over 20% of the world's most talented youth are born into low-income families in India. Our programs offer these young people the opportunity to unleash their creativity and potential. Our classrooms are also sites of collective action that include our teachers, program managers, government partners, and our donors whose generosity allows us to fuel actual change across our initiatives.

This year has been a remarkable milestone in Avanti's journey — we saw >1,800 students, more than ever before, fulfill their dreams of entering India's top technical universities. Nearly 400 students from Avanti-supported programs secured admission to India's premier STEM institutions, including the IITs and the NITs. This remarkable leap was driven primarily by the expansion of Avanti's partnerships — particularly through system-wide programs in government schools, and new state government collaborations that have broadened access to hundreds of thousands of students. Notably, a significant share of these successes came from non-high-intensity programs, such as Avanti's online test preparation model, demonstrating that scalable, technology-enabled learning can also deliver the kind of results once thought possible only through intensive, in-person instruction.

As an organization, we are watching more young women step confidently into academic streams and spaces that were seemingly out of reach. Despite outperforming boys in schools, girls make up only 20% of the entrants to the IITs. In three years, the number of Avanti girls qualifying into the IITs has grown more than tenfold, from 11 to 185. These outcomes have stemmed from a focus on identifying girls, encouraging them to pursue engineering, and bringing them together in our Centres of Excellence.

And yet, every visit to our classrooms reminds us how much more there is to do. Young women continue to struggle with anxiety and self-doubt in environments that reinforce antiquated gender norms and expectations. We are working hard to shift these mindsets: by offering the right information, role models, and opportunities that help them imagine futures they may never have considered before.

Thank you for walking beside us on this journey of belief and transformation. We must continue to create a future where every young person, especially every young woman, sees themselves reflected in India's most aspirational classrooms and careers.

With gratitude,
Vandana & Akshay,
co-CEOs, Avanti Fellows



Board Members



Vandana Goyal
Managing Trustee, Co-CEO

Vandana Goyal is the co-CEO and Managing Trustee at Avanti Fellows. A seasoned non-profit executive with over two decades of experience, she specializes in developing scalable education models through impactful public-private partnerships. Vandana has consistently led organizations at the nexus of government systems, philanthropy, and innovation, significantly improving learning outcomes for underserved students.

Her commitment to education and social impact extends to various board and investment committee roles, including The Akanksha Foundation, Save the Children India, Kizazi UK, and The American School of Bombay. Vandana was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum (2012-2017); served on the Jury for the Global Teacher Prize by the Varkey Foundation (2014-2021); and was honored as one of the Top 20 Outstanding AmeriCorps Alumni in 2015.



Akshay Saxena
Co-Founder, Co-CEO

Akshay Saxena is the Co-Founder of Avanti Fellows. An Ashoka Fellow, he is recognized globally for his innovative approaches to solving complex social challenges. His work at Avanti Fellows has earned widespread acclaim, including the 2024 Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship.

He was also awarded the Draper Richards Kaplan Fellowship and the Echoing Green Fellowship in 2012; and received the IIT Bombay Young Alumni Achiever Award in 2023. Prior to Avanti, Akshay worked as a management consultant at Boston Consulting Group in India; contributed to field programs with UN World Food Programme and International Save the Children Alliance; and helped build technology startups in the Bay Area. Akshay holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from IIT Bombay.



Ashank Desai
Founder, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Mastek Ltd.

Ashank Desai is the founder, Vice Chairman, and Managing Director of Mastek Ltd., a global technology services company offering digital services and software for public and private enterprises in the UK, US, Middle East, and Asia-Pacific. He is one of the founder members and a past chairman of NASSCOM. He is a member of the governing board of IIM Ahmedabad; and is the president of Goa Institute of Management Society. He is also the Vice Chairman of the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan in Goa. He serves on the advisory boards of SJM School of Management and as vice-chairman for the Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE) at his alma mater, IIT Bombay.



Piyush Tewari
CEO of SaveLIFE Foundation (SLF)

Piyush Tewari currently serves as the CEO of SaveLIFE Foundation (SLF). Previously, Mr. Tewari led the India operations of Calibrated Healthcare, a LA-based private equity fund. He also served on the founding team of India Brand Equity Fund. He is an Ashoka Fellow, an Echoing Green Fellow, and a Rolex Laureate. He holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University, and a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology from Delhi University.



Rekha Koita
Director and Co-Founder, Koita Foundation

Koita Foundation is a non profit advancing digital health in India and transforming NGOs through process and tech implementation. Rekha Koita, with over eight years at Accenture as a management consultant, has also spent over a decade delivering corporate training in business consulting.

An IIT Bombay alumna (B.Tech, Metallurgical Engineering, 1992, Institute Silver Medal), she earned her M.S. in Materials Science from Carnegie Mellon in 1994. Rekha remains deeply engaged with IIT Bombay, having led initiatives for her batch's Silver Jubilee Legacy Project — spanning mental health, global conference travel funds, and rural immersion. She received the institute's Distinguished Service Award in 2019. Rekha also serves on the Board of IIT Bombay's Research Park, strengthening academia-industry collaboration.



Utsav Baijal
Partner and Head of India Private Equity at Apollo

Utsav Baijal is Partner and Head of India Private Equity at Apollo, where he also manages AION Capital Partners, a strategic partnership between Apollo and ICICI Bank Ltd.

He has worked across private equity, mezzanine and credit investments across the US and Asian markets and has served on the board of directors of IGT Solutions, Clix Capital, Planetcast Media Services, Welspun Corp, and DishTV. He studied Economics at St. Stephen's College, Delhi, and received his MBA from IIM Ahmedabad.



Prachi Windlass
Head of India, Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

Prachi leads the foundation's work in India, helping more people access education, jobs, and financial services to build economic stability. She manages a range of funding approaches, including grants and investments, to create lasting impact. She has played a key role in state-wide education reforms, served on company boards, and led industry initiatives.

Since 2021, she has been a board member of the India Impact Investors Council, chairing the organization from 2023 to 2025. She has also helped shape the use of blended finance in education and job training. Before joining the foundation, Prachi worked at Boston Consulting Group in India and in the telecommunications sector at Qualcomm and Motorola in the U.S. She earned her engineering degree from IIT Delhi, an MS degree from the University of Southern California, and an MBA from the University of Chicago.

Vision

Our vision is to create a world where all students have equitable access to high-quality STEM education and careers that lift them and their families out of poverty.

Mission

Our mission is to lift students and their families out of poverty in a single generation by enabling them to qualify into India's best STEM colleges and successfully pursue professional careers.



Overall Impact

Transforming Lives Through Educational Excellence: Avanti Fellows' Journey

For over a decade, Avanti Fellows has stood at the forefront of educational transformation in India, turning the powerful belief that “talent is universal, but opportunity is not” into tangible impact. Founded in 2010 by IIT Bombay alumni, our organization has evolved into a nationwide movement that is reshaping the landscape of educational equity.

Our Growth Journey

From our humble beginnings with 30 students in Puducherry in 2013, Avanti Fellows has experienced remarkable expansion, now serving over 100,000 students across India through the Navodaya Vidyalaya System (NVS) ecosystem and partnerships with 12 major government school systems. This growth reflects not just numbers, but the scaling of our vision to democratize quality education.

In 2013, only 17 Avanti students appeared for the JEE

By 2025, that number had grown to 6,535 students — a nearly 400x increase in just over a decade.

In 2025, 1,847 students cleared the JEE Main, compared to just 16 in 2013. Almost 30% of all students appearing are now qualifying, a strong conversion rate considering the competitive nature of JEE. 623 students secured admission into top IITs and NITs, a testament to Avanti's growing effectiveness in not simply preparing students to appear for these exams, but helping them access India's most prestigious STEM institutions.

Our data also shows that girls now make up approximately 40% of Avanti's JEE aspirants, a number that has steadily grown since 2020;

girls' representation in IIT/NIT placements has increased nearly tenfold compared to Avanti's early years. This is proof that Avanti's gender-focused design interventions, such as regional CoEs, mentorship, and data-driven tracking of girls' performance, are making a real difference.

Impact and Achievement

Our commitment to excellence has yielded extraordinary results:

90%

of our Centre of Excellence students secure places in top-tier STEM colleges

78%

of our students successfully gain admission to prestigious IITs and NITs

51%

of our students are talented young women pursuing STEM education, marking significant progress in gender equity

A Year of Milestones and Recognition

Our commitment to educational transformation reached new heights in 2024, marked by several significant achievements and recognitions that underscored the impact of our mission.



Leadership Recognition

Our co-founder and co-CEO, Akshay Saxena, was honored with the prestigious Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award - India 2024 by the Schwab Foundation and Jubilant Bhartia Foundation. This recognition celebrated our 15-year journey of enabling 16,000 students — half of whom are young women — to access premier STEM programs and break the cycle of intergenerational poverty.



Digital Innovation: Avanti Gurukul

In partnership with Capgemini, we launched 'Avanti Gurukul', our free online learning platform. This initiative directly addressed the stark statistic that only 1 in 30 students from disadvantaged backgrounds gains admission to India's top STEM colleges, and seeks to make quality test preparation accessible to all.



Avanti: Yes She Can! Podcast

The launch of our podcast series "Avanti: Yes She Can!" represented a crucial step in addressing STEM gender disparities. Hosted by co-CEO Vandana Goyal, the series examined the critical challenges facing girls in STEM careers, addressing the stark reality that while 43% of students enroll in STEM courses, only 27% enter the workforce.



Regional Excellence

Our Northeast initiatives gained significant recognition, with the Northeast Coaching Project (CoE Kokrajhar & CoE Kohima) receiving the North East CSR Forum Award 2024 in the Education category. The Girls Scholarship Project earned special mention in the Youth & Women Empowerment category, highlighting our impact on over 2,100 students in Northeast India.



Student Achievement Spotlight

September 2024 brought exceptional pride when our JNV student Deekshitha M emerged among the top 2% of over 5,000 global applicants to become one of the 100 Rise Global Winners. Her innovative handheld device for bedridden and paralyzed patients, inspired by personal experience, earned her a four-year college scholarship and mentorship opportunities with leading innovators.

Inaugural Annual Meet

May 16, 2024 marked a historic moment as we hosted our first Annual Meet in Mumbai. This landmark gathering united our entire ecosystem — students, alumni, supporters, and staff — to celebrate our journey since 2010. Co-CEOs Akshay Saxena and Vandana Goyal led discussions on our evolution and our ongoing commitment to addressing gender gaps in education.

Results 2025

The 2025 JEE results stand as a landmark achievement in Avanti’s mission to democratize access to quality STEM education. This year, 1,847 Avanti students successfully qualified for the JEE Main. Our impact extends beyond qualification numbers. Nearly 600 students from Avanti-supported programs secured admission to India’s most prestigious STEM institutions, including the IITs and NITs, marking a significant milestone in their academic journeys and our organizational impact.

The scale and reach of our digital-first approach has proven transformative.

Of the 1,847 JEE Main qualifiers, 1,498 students — representing 77% of our total — came from government-run, system-wide programs. These students leveraged Avanti’s comprehensive Gurukul online platform, participated in structured online assessments, and benefited from our intensive bootcamps. This outcome demonstrates the power of technology-enabled education to deliver exceptional results at scale, reaching students who might otherwise lack access to quality JEE preparation resources.

Centres of Excellence: Setting New Standards

Our specialized Centres of Excellence continue to demonstrate exceptional results through targeted interventions:

JEE Advanced Centres

Our JEE Advanced Centres of Excellence have achieved remarkable success in preparing students for India’s premier technical institutions:

- **90% of 51 students** cleared JEE Main
- **78% are positioned** to secure places in NITs and IITs
- **51%** are on track for IIT admissions

JEE Main Centres

Our JEE Main Centres of Excellence, focused particularly on increasing representation from historically marginalized areas, achieved a strong 51% qualification rate. These centres play a crucial role in our mission to enhance diversity in STEM careers, with special emphasis on supporting girls from the Northeast and other underrepresented regions.

The year 2024-25 has been transformative in our efforts to increase female representation in technical education. Our high-touch physical programs have achieved remarkable progress:

10%

Increase in Female Participation: The number of girls appearing for JEE Main increased from 2536 to 2799

20%

Growth in Advanced Qualifiers: Girls qualifying for JEE Advanced increased from 37 to 46

Impact in Underserved Regions: Our new centres in Kokrajhar (Assam) and Puducherry have enabled

31

girls to qualify for JEE Main, with 4 securing IIT placements

Most significantly, while our high-touch programs represent less than 10% of female applicants from JNVs, they contribute to nearly half of all girls selected into IITs/NITs from the system each year – a testament to the effectiveness of our program in bridging the gender gap in technical education.

Student Stories



Roshani Ratre

School: Centre of Excellence, Barwani, Madhya Pradesh
College: NIT Durgapur, West Bengal

Roshani wasn't defined by her circumstances — she defied them. Growing up in a small village, she witnessed firsthand the constraints of financial hardship. But instead of letting those limitations define her future, she used them as fuel. Her vision was clear: a B.Tech degree, a future where she could write her own story and empower other girls to do the same. Roshani created her own opportunities. When her family couldn't afford to pay her school fees, she sought out and secured the support of a compassionate principal. She then earned a place at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Baloda Bazar, Chhattisgarh, where she excelled, consistently ranking first in her class. "Getting into JNV was a pivotal moment," she reflects, "It showed me what was possible."

Roshani moved to CoE Barwani for grades 11 and 12 to further her academic pursuits. It was here that she was introduced to Avanti Fellows, whose free test-prep program had been running at her school for a few years, and she immediately recognized its potential. "Avanti's support was transformative," she says. "The classes, the mentorship, the constant access to help — it gave me the tools I needed to succeed."

After months of hard work and guided preparation, Roshani scored in the 94th percentile on her first JEE Main attempt. Her dedication paid off magnificently when she secured admission to the prestigious Computer Science Engineering program at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Durgapur. "This is just the beginning," she says confidently, adding, "I'm not just doing this for myself, I'm doing it to open doors for others."

Adding to her impressive achievements, Roshani was recently selected for the prestigious Leadership Collective 2025 Program. This transformative one-month youth leadership journey took her across Delhi, Ahmedabad, Agra, and Bangalore, focusing on Climate Citizenship. The program brings together exceptional young leaders from around the world, including participants from the United States, Canada, France, Egypt, South Africa, Ghana, Bhutan, and beyond. Through immersive experiences, cultural exchange, and hands-on leadership development, it aims to empower youth with the skills and confidence to drive meaningful change in addressing global climate challenges.



Lima Hazarika

School: JNV Kokrajhar, Assam
College: IIT Guwahati

In the remote village of Bordirak, along the Assam-Arunachal border, Lima Hazarika's story began not with privilege, but with promise. As the first girl in her family to pursue science, she carried not only her own dreams but also the aspirations of an entire community. The daughter of a hardworking farmer, Lima's early life was shaped by her father's dedication to his children's education. Every rupee earned from the fields was carefully saved for their education.

Life took an unexpected turn when Lima lost her father while she was in grade 9. The absence of his steadfast presence could have derailed her dreams, but her mother emerged as a pillar of strength. Despite having only completed high school herself, Lima's mother shouldered the responsibility of raising two children alone, managing on a modest income. Lima's academic journey began at a private school until grade 5, when she was admitted to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Tinsukia. This transition marked a turning point — suddenly, quality education became accessible without the burden of high fees. Later, at JNV Kokrajhar, she found herself surrounded by opportunities that would have remained out of reach in her village, where education was still not a priority for many.

The path to IIT wasn't smooth. "I started planning my JEE preparation in class 10th, but proper guidance was hard to come by," Lima shares. Through Avanti's test prep program, she was provided with everything a conventional coaching centre would offer — structured classes, practice tests, doubt-clearing sessions — but with an added element: a sense of family. Dedicating nearly 6 hours a day to her studies, Lima's perseverance bore fruit. She achieved a remarkable 97th percentile in JEE Main and qualified for JEE Advanced. Her hard work culminated in admission to the Mathematics and Computing program at IIT Guwahati — an achievement that resonated throughout her entire village.

"In my family, I'm the first one to opt for science," says Lima, adding, "Getting into an undergraduate course will be very special for my family. Young ones from my family will be inspired to go for science, and I'll be able to change my family's circumstances." Her journey from the fields of Bordirak to the hallowed halls of IIT Guwahati stands as a testament to the power of perseverance, family support, and the transformative impact of accessible education.



Gurudarshan M

School: JNV Chamrajnagar, Karnataka

College: Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering, Karnataka

Gurudarshan's story isn't just about acing an exam — it's about rewriting his family's narrative. Growing up, the monsoon rains weren't a comforting sound but a reminder of the leaks in their makeshift roof. His father, a skilled carpenter, worked tirelessly, yet his modest income was often insufficient. Despite limited formal education, his mother understood the transformative power of knowledge, instilling in Gurudarshan a deep-seated belief in the importance of education.

The promise of a different future materialized with his acceptance into JNV Chamrajnagar, where education was accessible to all, not just a select few. "Without JNV," he admits, "my dreams would have stayed just that — dreams." Driven by a passion for Data Science, the highly competitive JEE exam became his family's ticket to a brighter future.

Gurudarshan possessed the drive but lacked the resources. Fortunately, Avanti Fellows' free JEE preparation program was already established at his school. He saw an opportunity and seized it. Avanti's structured coaching transformed his after-school hours into a focused training regimen, providing the crucial support he needed. Sagar, his Avanti mentor, wasn't just a teacher; he was a guide, a motivator. "He saw my potential," Gurudarshan says, "and pushed me to see it too." Avanti's impact was undeniable — the targeted classes, the relentless practice, the strategic revision. The summer retention program, free from board exam distractions and the regular tests, which highlighted his weaknesses, helped him take the next step.

94th percentile, a turning point in Gurudarshan's life. Months of unwavering effort culminated in his success in the JEE Main, positioning him for potential entry into India's top engineering colleges. His dreams took concrete shape when he secured admission to the prestigious Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering, marking a defining moment in his academic journey. This achievement turns his aspiration into a tangible reality, laying the groundwork for a future in which he can not only pursue his dreams but also provide a more stable life for his family.

NEET

Gulshan Akhter

School: PM Shri School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Chandigarh
College: SKIMS Medical College and Hospital, Srinagar



From a young age, Gulshan dreamed of wearing a white coat and helping people live healthier, happier lives. "I've always wanted to become a doctor — a good one — and serve humanity, irrespective of gender, caste, race, or colour," she says with quiet conviction.

Her journey began at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), where she discovered both her academic potential and her independence. Coming from a family with limited financial means — her father is a postmaster and her mother is an Anganwadi worker — admission to JNV allowed her to begin dreaming of a different future. "It helped me in so many ways; it made me strong and independent," she says.

As her ambition to become a surgeon grew, she set her sights on India's highly competitive NEET examination — the gateway to medical education. Determined to give it her all, she built a rigorous daily routine. "Apart from my regular classes, I studied for eight hours every day," she says. "Whenever I felt overwhelmed, I used to take a walk just to clear my head before getting back to work."

The Avanti two-year test preparation program became a cornerstone of her success. Through structured tests such as chapter-wise assessments, AIETs, and FSTs, she gained the practice and confidence needed to master complex concepts. "The teachers at Avanti were wonderful and experts in their subjects. The guidance sessions and mentorship helped me stay focused on my goal," she says. Among her mentors, she fondly remembers Shubham Jha, her biology teacher. "He was always there for me, not just for academic doubts but for personal guidance too. He encouraged me whenever I struggled with self-doubt or exam stress."

Her hard work paid off when she secured admission to SKIMS Medical College and Hospital, Srinagar, one of the most reputed institutions in the valley. "Scoring well in NEET helped me achieve admission here; it's a college known for its strong academic record. Studying here is helping me move closer to my goal of becoming a skilled and compassionate surgeon."

For Gulshan, the journey is just beginning. Her dream goes beyond personal success — she wants to serve her community and make quality healthcare accessible to all. "Becoming a doctor isn't just about the degree," she says. "It's about using your knowledge to help others, no matter who they are."

Upama Rabha

School: JNV Kokrajhar, Assam
College: Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College and Hospital, Barpeta, Assam



For Upama, the dream of becoming a doctor was always rooted in the values of compassion, service, and change. "My goal is to become a skilled and compassionate doctor and serve society with honesty and dedication," she says. "I want to use my knowledge to improve the healthcare system, especially for those who have less access to medical care."

Her inspiration to pursue medicine came from both mentors and family. Her teachers' encouragement helped her dream bigger, while her father, a farmer, nurtured that dream with steady support. "My family always wanted to see a doctor among us," she says. "But they never pressured me. Their trust and motivation became my greatest inspiration."

When she decided to appear for NEET, Upama knew it would be her gateway to a meaningful career. Her preparation was marked by discipline and perseverance: she revised her classwork daily and often studied three extra hours after evening classes, supported by her teachers' question-solving sessions and constant motivation.

Coming from a modest background, JNV gave her a quality education and life-changing opportunities. "Getting admission into JNV was the first step towards a sustained academic path for me," she says. Through JNV, she was selected for the two-year Avanti test-preparation program, which provided structure, mentorship, and regular tests that strengthened her concepts and confidence.

Her hard work paid off when she cleared the NEET and secured admission to Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College and Hospital in Assam. For Upama, this achievement is more than a personal victory — it will transform her family's future.

"Becoming a doctor will help us economically and bring pride to my family. It's a dream we've all worked for together."

CoEs

Aim

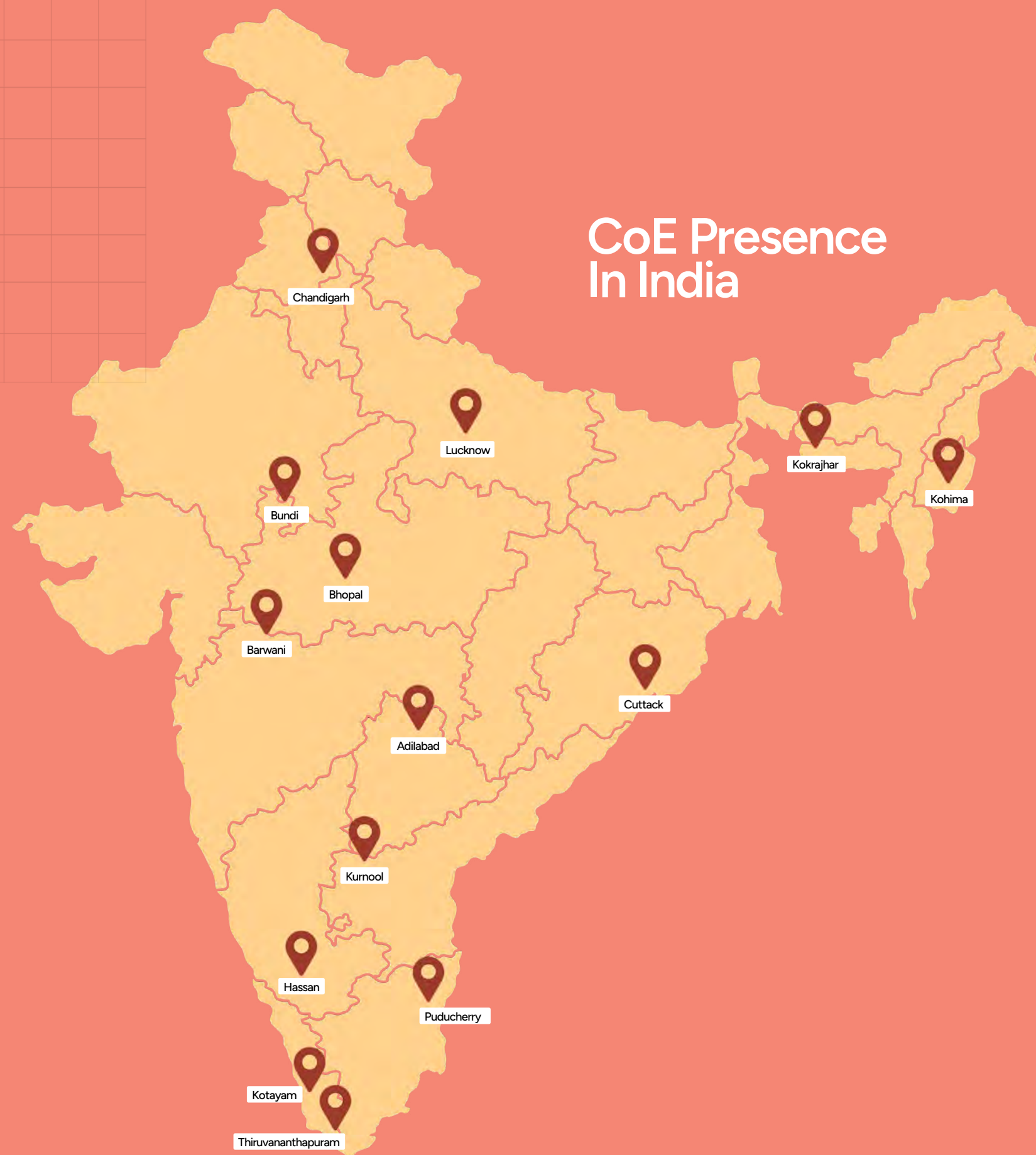
To create equitable representation at the top 1% STEM colleges in India — such as the IITs, NITs, IIITs, and Govt. MBBS and BDS Colleges, Avanti Fellows' Centres of Excellence (CoEs) program stands at the forefront of our mission to democratize access to elite STEM education in India.

We aim to transform representation at India's premier institutions — IITs, NITs, IIITs, and top Government Medical Colleges — by identifying and nurturing exceptional talent from across the country through our innovative residential coaching model.

Approach

The CoE program employs a unique, centralized model in which high-performing students from each state/region are brought together in dedicated residential facilities. This consolidation creates robust learning ecosystems where talent meets opportunity. Our comprehensive two-year preparation program features mentorship, structured assessment, and expert instruction.

CoE Presence In India



Results Highlight

Our CoE program has demonstrated exceptional success in preparing students for India’s most competitive entrance examinations:

75% of our students successfully qualify in JEE Main.

97% of our medical aspirants qualify in the NEET examination.

36% clear the prestigious JEE Advanced examination.

Growth of CoEs

From our first Centre of Excellence established in Puducherry in 2011-12, we have witnessed remarkable expansion. Today, in 2024-25, we operate 14 Centres of Excellence across India, reflecting both the success of our model and the growing demand for quality STEM preparation.

Shri Mahesh Prasad Shivare
JNV Kohima Principal

“The Centre of Excellence at JNV Kohima is dedicated to fostering academic excellence while building a strong foundation for students preparing for JEE/NEET.

Working in a place like Kohima, where almost all the students come from a tribal background, presents unique challenges, but witnessing their success provides immense satisfaction. The CoE brings change or the entire state of Nagaland, opening doors to wider opportunities for its people. It’s focused on a wider outlook, broader options, greater responsibility, deeper commitment & better results. We extend our gratitude to Tata AIG and Avanti Fellows for bringing this impactful initiative to our JNV Kohima.”



Nodal Schools

Aim

Avanti Fellows' Nodal school program is a targeted initiative focused on enhancing outcomes in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs), which represent the top 2% of academic talent from each district. Avanti Fellows implements specialized programs designed to increase students' success rates on national entrance examinations and boost placements into STEM colleges.

This targeted approach ensures that talented students from diverse backgrounds receive the specialized preparation they need to succeed in these crucial examinations and secure admissions to prestigious STEM institutions.

Approach

The program's core strategy involves placing 3-4 dedicated teachers in high-performing JNVs, where they provide comprehensive in-person instruction to all students. This instruction specifically focuses on preparing students for key competitive examinations including the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE), National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), Common Entrance Test (CET), and various other mathematics and science-based competitive exams that serve as gateways to professional STEM courses.

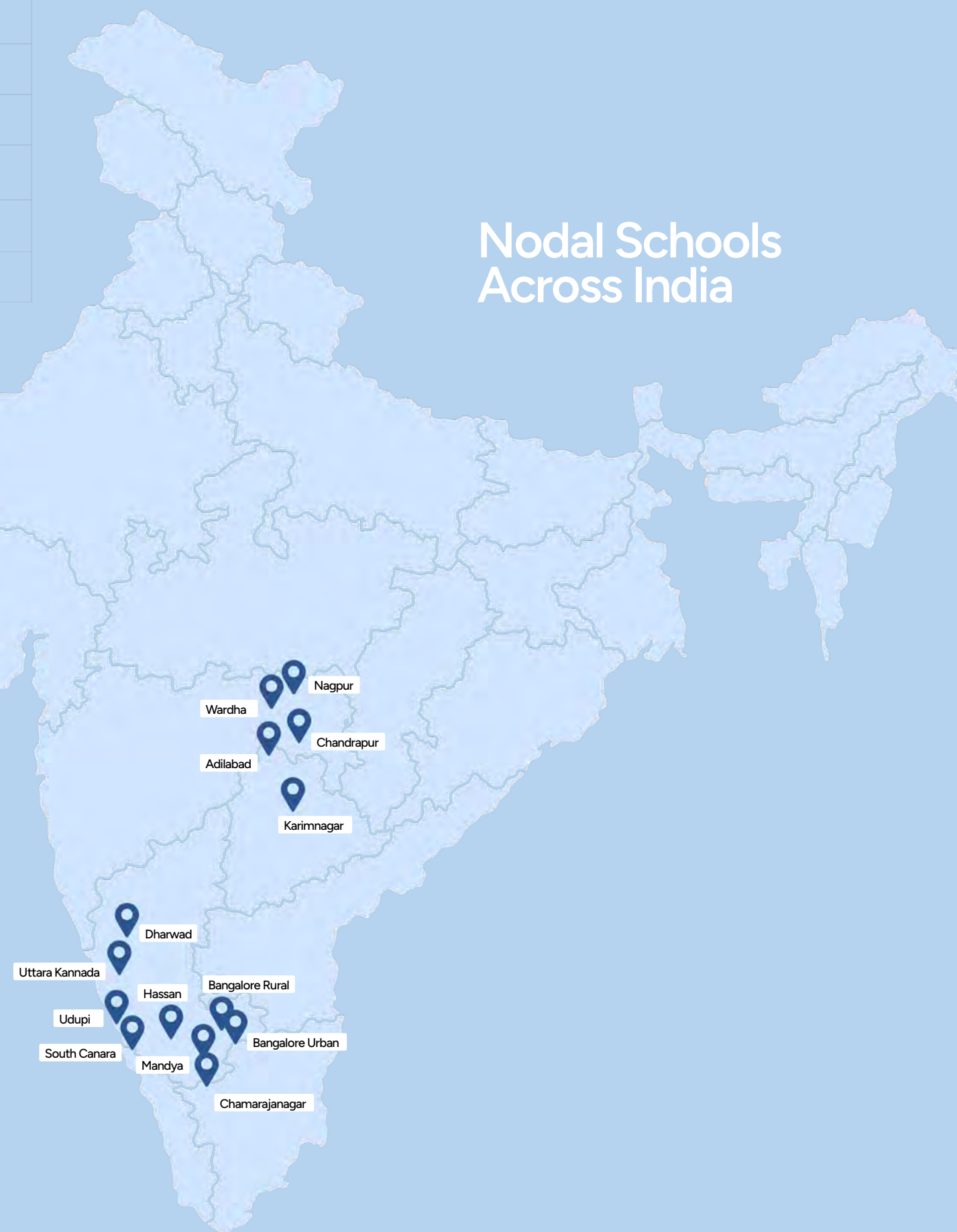
Results Highlight

This year 35% of our students qualified JEE Main

28% qualified JEE Advanced

81% qualified NEET exam

Nodal Schools Across India



ENABLE

Aim

The ENABLE program stands as Avanti Fellows’ ambitious initiative to democratize high-quality test preparation across India’s Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs).

With a core mission of ensuring universal access to premium JEE and NEET preparation materials, ENABLE has established a remarkable presence across 192 JNVs, strategically concentrated in three major regional hubs: Pune, Shillong, and Hyderabad. The program’s expansive reach spans a diverse geographical landscape, encompassing 14 states and 4 union territories and serving close to 12,000 students in these regions.

	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
Hyderabad	1856	2093	3949
Pune	1823	2206	4029
Shillong	1481	1903	3384
Total	5160	6202	11,362

Approach

We do online classes, regular assessments and offline crash courses/ retention classes. This program delivers high-impact online education, with over 450 hours of classes and more than 50 mock tests conducted to date. The six-day-a-week schedule ensures consistent student engagement, while frequent assessments provide actionable insights into learning progress.

Results Highlight

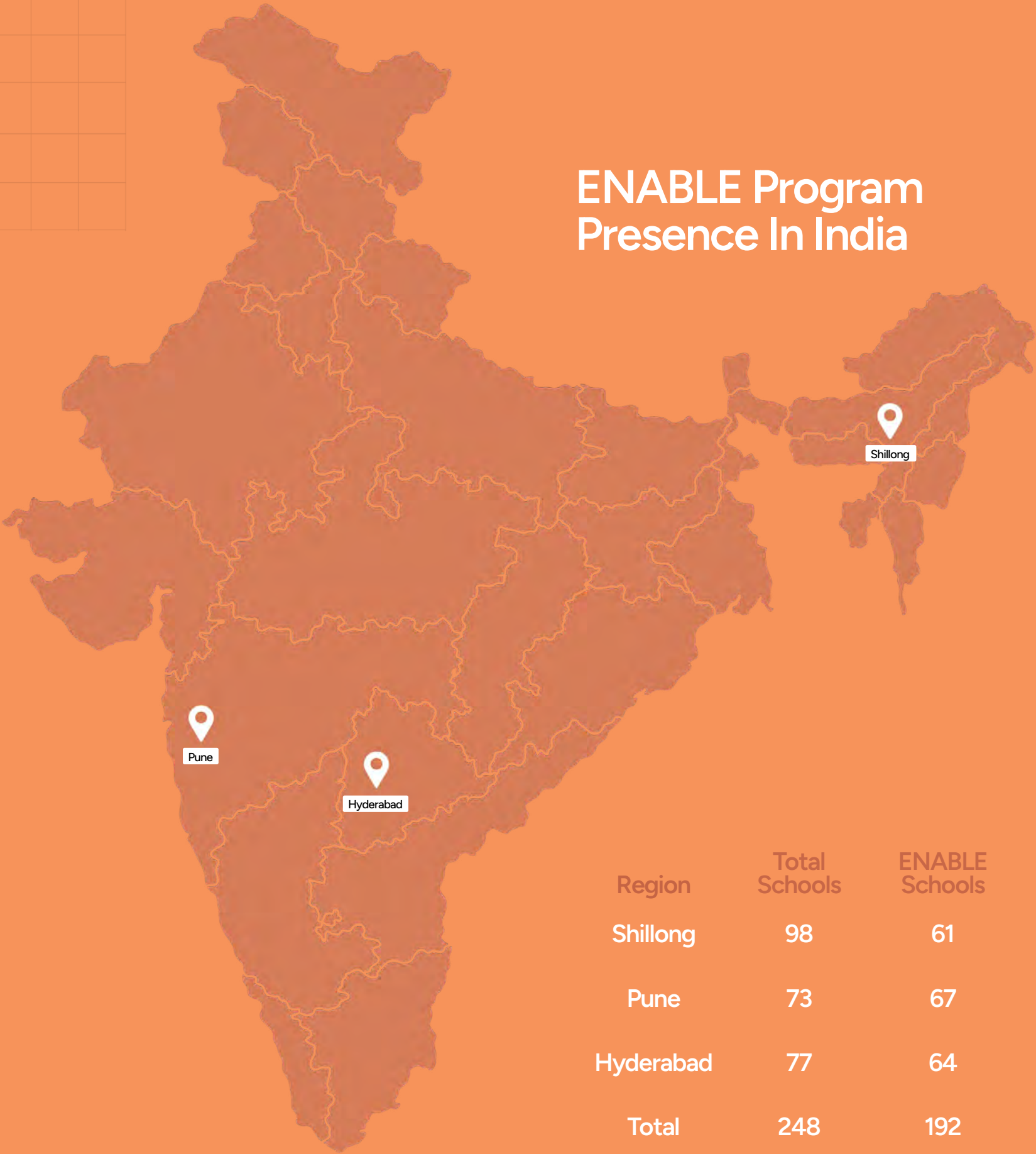
FY 2022–23: JEE – 782 NEET – 463

FY 2023–24: JEE – 1,334 NEET – 1,691

FY 2024–25: JEE – 3,045 NEET – 1,678

This reflects a nearly 4x increase in JEE registrations over three years.

ENABLE Program Presence In India



System-wide Programs in Government School

Aim

To ensure equitable access to high-quality, free test preparation and career guidance for every student across India — reaching every district, village, and school. The program maps career pathways to high-growth, high-wage jobs at state and national levels, builds system capacity to guide students toward these pathways, and establishes Centres of Excellence for intensive tutoring that enable talented students to pursue elite opportunities.

Approach

We have collaborated with 8 state education systems: Delhi, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC), and Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS). Through these, every student will be enrolled in a centralized digital portal that provides access to career handbooks, learning videos, practice assignments, and structured test-preparation resources. Integration with national IDs will enable continued student tracking beyond school. Monthly state-led assessments will monitor learning progress and identify high-potential students for targeted interventions such as bootcamps, intensive tutoring, and counselling support.

Partner Systems

Partnerships with state education systems are essential to embed career readiness and test preparation within the core mandate of government schools. By working at the system level, the program ensures that every student — regardless of geography or income — has structured access to guidance, resources, and preparation for high-wage, high-growth careers. These partnerships enable sustainable integration of school-to-college transitions, ensuring long-term institutional ownership and equitable reach across all districts.



Reach

Currently, we work with 8 government partners, which have helped us reach approximately **2,12,983 students across every state**, union territory, and district in India.

Results Overall

45.3% JEE Main Qualification in Delhi SoSE Program

29.5% qualification in the JEE Mains exam across all government school interventions

1/3rd of the students who applied for JEE Advanced have cleared the exam

60.8% qualification in the NEET exam across all government school interventions

44 students qualified for MBBS, and 90 students qualified for BDS in all government school interventions

Harjot Singh Bains
Minister of School Education, Punjab

“The Government of Punjab acknowledges the important role of Avanti Fellows in supporting students from government schools across the state through the Punjab Academic Coaching for Excellence (PACE) Program. By providing high-quality JEE and NEET preparation, Avanti has helped students strengthen their academic foundations and pursue their dreams with confidence. Their efforts have led to remarkable achievements in 2024-25, with over 1,100 students qualifying for JEE and NEET. The Government of Punjab sincerely appreciates Avanti Fellows’ partnership and commitment to transforming education and empowering our students to achieve their aspirations.”





Spotlight on North East

Across the hills and valleys of Northeast India, many talented students grow up in remote areas with limited access to quality academic opportunities. Avanti Fellows is working to change that. Through strategic partnerships, we are promoting STEM education and offering test preparation and mentorship to students who might otherwise be left behind.

Nagaland Foundation Program

The Nagaland Foundation Program (NFP) was launched in October 2024 to strengthen students' mathematical foundations in grades 6–10 across Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the state. NFP provides the academic foundation and mentorship necessary for students aspiring to join Centres of Excellence (CoEs). By strengthening problem-solving skills and cultivating ambition, NFP ensures that students are both academically prepared for the CoE entrance process and inspired to envision bigger futures in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

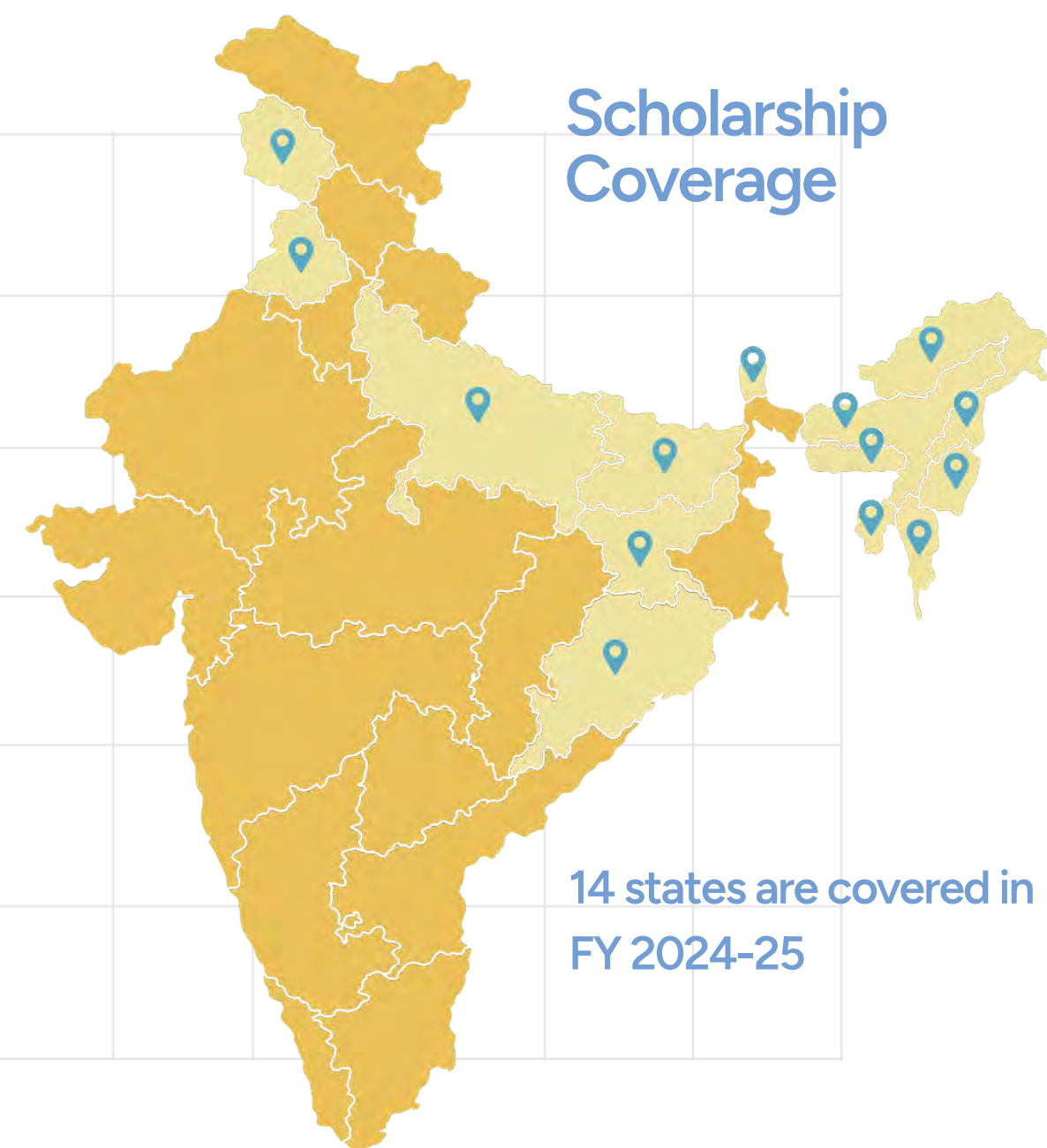
One year since its launch, the program has shown gradual progress. While the improvement in academic performance is modest, there are early signs of better conceptual understanding and increased confidence among students. Feedback from teachers and students also indicates a growing interest in mathematics, suggesting the program is moving in the right direction.

Centre of Excellence: Empowering Girls in STEM Across Northeast India

In 2021, Avanti Fellows, in partnership with TATA AIG General Insurance Company Ltd., launched the Centre of Excellence (CoE) initiative in Northeast India to build a program to help girls in the region break barriers and excel in science, technology, engineering, and medicine (STEM).

Established under the Shillong Regional Office of the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), the Centre of Excellence identifies 80 talented young women from eight Northeastern states each year. These students come together to live and learn at JNV Kokrajhar and JNV Kohima, where they receive intensive classroom instruction and academic mentoring designed to prepare them for India's most competitive entrance exams — JEE and NEET.

At the heart of each Centre is a dedicated team of four expert teachers, specializing in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Biology, who provide personalized guidance and mentorship. This focused academic support, combined with a nurturing residential environment, helps students build both confidence and competence as they prepare for admission to top engineering and government medical colleges across the country.



Scholarship

Transforming Lives Through Educational Support

The TATA AIG Scholarship, implemented through TATA AIG General Insurance Company Limited's CSR initiative in partnership with Avanti Fellows, stands as a testament to our commitment to educational equity. This flagship program has emerged as a powerful force in transforming the lives of meritorious girl students from underprivileged communities and underdeveloped regions.

In the fiscal year 2024-25, we expanded our reach to 14 states across India, welcoming 80 new scholars and bringing our total active beneficiary count to 327 students. The program maintains its strategic focus on medical and engineering streams, primarily supporting students from SC/ST and General-EWS categories.

Comprehensive Support Framework

Our scholarship program extends far beyond traditional financial assistance. While we ensure complete coverage of academic expenses — including tuition, hostel, and examination fees — we also provide essential educational tools such as textbooks and laptops. This comprehensive approach has proven particularly impactful for our first-generation college attendees, who often face unique challenges in their academic journey.

Understanding that academic success requires more than financial support, we have implemented a robust, holistic development initiative. Our mental health and wellness program offers dedicated counseling services, stress management workshops, and personal development sessions, creating a supportive environment where scholars can thrive both academically and personally.

Career development forms another crucial pillar of our support structure. Through strategic partnerships with industry leaders like HyperVerge Academy and Apollo Global Management, we provide our scholars with opportunities for technical skill development and professional exposure through internships. These partnerships have proven instrumental in bridging the gap between academic achievement and professional success.

"The TATA AIG Scholarship has lifted an enormous burden from my family. With my father's farming income so uncertain, managing the costs of medical education often felt impossible. This scholarship has covered my fees and living expenses, allowing me to focus entirely on my studies.

Beyond financial aid, I also received an iPad that has been incredibly useful for accessing medical resources and online lectures. The mental health counselling sessions have helped me manage the stress and pressure of my academic journey, keeping me motivated and balanced.

I am deeply grateful for this scholarship, which has alleviated my financial burden and enabled me to focus on my academic goals. This award has not only recognised my hard work but also motivated me to continue striving for excellence. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and utilising my skills and knowledge to make a positive impact in my community."

Anamika Chalotra

Cohort 5 (Selected in FY 2024-25)
Jammu & Kashmir
Pursuing 1st year MBBS from
Government Medical College, Jammu



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Cohort 5 (Selected in FY 2024-25)
Manipur
Pursuing 1st year MBBS from
Churachandpur Medical College, Manipur



"When I received my admission letter to Government Medical College, Churachandpur, Manipur, my family was overwhelmed with pride, but I was filled with worry. My father works in the local church, and our financial situation was already stretched thin. He had been saving to repair our home's leaking roof, but those plans were set aside when the college fees arrived. To pay for my admission, my family had to sell 15 piglets from our piggery. The expenses kept mounting — books, hostel fees, and travel costs. There were nights when I wondered if I could really continue.

Then came the TATA AIG Scholarship, which brought stability and hope to my family. The scholarship helped us clear my pending book expenses and repay part of our loan, lifting a massive weight off my family's shoulders. Beyond the financial support, the mental health counselling sessions organized by the Scholarship team taught me how to handle pressure — something every medical student needs but rarely gets. This guidance has been invaluable in helping me navigate the demanding academic journey.

I am deeply grateful for this scholarship, which has not only funded my education but also restored my family's sense of security. My parents can finally think about fixing the roof again and expanding our piggery.

This award has given me the peace of mind to focus on my studies and the confidence to dream bigger. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and using my medical education to serve my community and create a meaningful impact."

Haryana SCERT Partnership

NEEV Program Overview

NEEV is a state-wide foundational learning initiative by SCERT Haryana, implemented in partnership with Avanti Fellows beginning in 2023. The program focuses on improving Mathematics and Science outcomes for Grades 9 and 10 through digital learning innovation. A core team of 26+ Haryana Government teachers (SRGs) were trained in digital content creation tools like PLIO and YouTube Live classes. The program is managed through a State PMU and 22 District PMUs, ensuring effective implementation and monitoring across 44 schools.

NEEV PMU has introduced structured, real-time monitoring and data-driven decision-making in Haryana's school system. By integrating digital tools like PLIOs and live classes, it has improved student engagement and teacher capacity.

Student learning outcomes show positive, statistically significant gains in both Science and Mathematics, backed by assessments and school/board exam trends. With all 22 DIET PMUs activated, the program has laid a robust foundation for systemic change.

The career guidance product evolved from one of the previous year foundation program learning in Haryana that not enough students in Haryana see STEM as a potential career due to various lack of career pathway awareness and hence inclination and interest towards math and science subjects is very limited. A concerning 74% of students lack awareness of the steps needed for career advancement, underscoring the need for comprehensive guidance that significantly impacts their career choices.

Key Achievements (2024-25)

90% Students
onboarding
across 22
districts

134 PLIOs and
51 live classes
created by SRGs

Successful
implementation
of data-driven
monitoring systems

Significant
improvement in
Science and
Mathematics
learning outcomes

Girls in STEM

India shows apparent gender parity in STEM degrees, but engineering remains a major gap: only one in five IIT seats and a third of all engineering seats go to women. These choices are shaped by multiple factors — abstract teaching of maths and physics, perceptions of engineering as less “purposeful” than medicine, parental concerns around safety and respectability, and classroom cues that nudge girls toward biology.

To address this, Avanti has been piloting and refining early exposure interventions since 2022. In 2024-25, Avanti tried out different strategies like establishing STEM clubs to facilitate and develop early interest and exposure to STEM careers; the STEM Stars initiative that focused on identification and mentorship of high-potential girls of grade 9, we also deepened our understanding of the psychological barriers that affect girls — such as test anxiety and self-doubt — and began designing targeted “wise interventions” in collaboration with Prof. Greg Walton from Stanford University to help address them. In addition, we conducted an analysis of gender-disaggregated data to better understand how gender influences our program outcomes.

Our analysis of JEE results of Avanti’s interventions for the year 2024 reinforced that while girls enter Class 11 at similar academic levels as boys, they score six percentile points lower by Grade 12, with the gap widest in mathematics. However, the analysis brought out that when concentrated support is provided in Centres of Excellence, outcomes improve significantly: 90% of girls attempted JEE and two-thirds qualified. These findings underlined the need for having interventions for early identification of academically high potential girls and also strengthening the test prep program with the objective to ensure that the needs of girls are met and equitable outcomes are achieved for both boys and girls.





STEM Clubs

In 2024–25, STEM Clubs reached 200 girls across five JNVs, delivering over 50 hours of experiential modules in coding, electronics, data analytics, and growth mindset. The program demonstrated significant positive outcomes across multiple dimensions. Growth mindset development showed significant progress — while baseline assessment revealed 53% of girls in the ‘growth mindset with fixed ideas’ category and none with fully growth-oriented mindset, post-intervention 17% moved into the complete ‘growth mindset’ category. Engineering interest increased substantially, with girls expressing willingness to use engineering and technology in careers rising from 63% to 75%, representing a 12% increase while those disagreeing dropped from 10%.

Career perspective transformation was particularly notable, with 51% of girls reporting that STEM club sessions made them reconsider career plans (compared to only 25% of boys). Students specifically cited data handling, woodworking, coding, and electronics modules as catalysts for re-evaluating career choices.

STEM Stars

The STEM Stars program represented an early-intervention strategy, identifying and nurturing 33 high-potential girls from 5 JNVs in Grade 9 who demonstrated strong academic ability and an interest in STEM fields. This year 17 of the STEM Stars gained admission to prestigious summer programs at Genwise, IIT-B WISE, and Young Technology Scholars, providing them with exposure to advanced STEM learning environments and peer networks from across the country. These immersive experiences proved transformative for many of the students, with students reporting increased confidence and a deepening interest in STEM fields.



Wise Intervention – Research

In partnership with Professor Greg Walton from Stanford University, along with researchers James Walsh (Agency Fund) and Ayo Dada (Stanford), Avanti developed targeted psychological interventions based on formative research highlighting the transition to Grade 11 as a particularly challenging period, marked by increased test anxiety and self-doubt. By Grade 12, students faced additional pressure from a higher volume of tests and the difficulty of balancing board exam preparation with competitive entrance exams.

Two evidence-based interventions were designed: “Transitional Stories” for incoming Grade 11 students, using narratives from senior students to normalize academic struggles and help students attribute challenges to external, temporary factors rather than personal inadequacy; and “Self-Affirmation” for Grade 12 students, encouraging reflection on core values and personal strengths beyond academic performance. These brief but strategic mindset shifts are designed to break psychological barriers and create self-reinforcing cycles of improvement.

Looking ahead, Avanti will build on these learnings by focusing on early identification of high-potential girls in Grades 9 and 10, creating scalable pathways such as vacation camps to strengthen their academic foundations, and investing in Centres of Excellence where concentrated support has proven most effective. We will integrate small-group counselling, parent engagement, and gender-responsive pedagogy into the core of our test-prep model, while continuing to pilot and evaluate wise interventions to address mindset barriers.

By consolidating our presence in high-impact programs, using data to guide individual support, and equipping both students and parents to make informed choices, we aim to move closer to our goal of enabling more girls from underserved communities to access top STEM colleges and secure careers that ensure long-term stability and growth.

Career Services

With a legacy dating back to 2013, Avanti Fellows has empowered over 7,000 students to secure admissions in India's premier STEM institutions, including IITs, NITs, IIITs, and other engineering colleges ranked within the top 200 NIRF rankings.

Our alumni's success is reflected in their professional achievements: 60% of graduates are currently employed, with a median salary of INR 7 LPA, based on data from 530 alumni. This success has led to significant growth in household income, with average family income more than doubling from INR 4 LPA to INR 11 LPA.

Recognizing that 30% of our college-graduate alumni face employment challenges but are actively preparing for postgraduate studies or government positions, we established a dedicated Career Services vertical.

This initiative focuses on providing comprehensive support through three key pillars:

Alternative Pathways Program

Strategic Internship Partnerships

Skill Enhancement Initiatives





1. Alternative Pathways Program

In 2024, we forged strategic partnerships with forward-thinking institutions including Ashoka, Atria, NavGurukul, Plaksha, and Sitare University. These collaborations, offering contemporary curricula and robust placement support through industry partnerships, have already enabled five Avanti students to access these innovative educational pathways.

2. Strategic Internship Partnerships

Our internship program has successfully bridged the industry-academia gap by partnering with diverse organizations across sectors:

- Apollo Global Management (Finance/Tech): Placed 11 alumni as interns (8 in FY 23-24, 3 in FY 24-25), with one securing a full-time position
- Celeros (Engineering) and MAED In India (Media): Provided specialized roles in technology, finance, sales, and digital media
- Total Impact: 14 alumni successfully placed in transformative internship opportunities

3. Skill Enhancement Initiatives

Through partnerships with industry leaders, we've created accessible pathways for technical and professional development:

- **Aspire Leadership Program:** 10 alumni enhanced their leadership capabilities through Harvard University faculty-led training
- **Katalyst India:** 15 alumni joined the 2024 cohort of this specialized career development program for women engineers
- **Coursera Partnership:** Providing flexible, affordable access to cutting-edge technical and professional skills

This integrated approach ensures our students receive comprehensive support throughout their educational and professional journey, enabling them to overcome barriers and achieve their full potential in the STEM field.



Alumni Relations

Overview

Since its inception in 2012, the Avanti Alumni Network has evolved into a dynamic community of over 6,000 accomplished individuals. Each year, we welcome more than 1,000 new graduates, enriching our ecosystem with fresh perspectives and diverse talents. Our alumni exemplify the transformative power of educational opportunity, with their success stories serving as inspiration for current and future students.

Digital Transformation

In 2024, we achieved a significant milestone with the launch of our Alumni Web Portal, successfully creating a comprehensive database of over 3,000 alumni. This digital platform serves as a cornerstone for our community engagement strategy, facilitating meaningful connections between alumni and creating pathways for professional networking.

Strategic Initiatives

Flash Mentorship Program

Our innovative Flash Mentorship initiative leverages the Alumni Portal to create impactful connections between experienced alumni and current students.

The program operates through two distinct channels:

- **School Mentoring Sessions:** Group-based knowledge sharing for current students.
- **One-on-One Guidance:** Personalized mentorship for in-college alumni.

The program features both accomplished alumni and industry experts who provide:

- Career guidance and industry insights
- Academic support and course selection advice
- Professional development strategies
- Network expansion opportunities

Career Enhancement

Our career services programs focus on developing crucial 21st-century skills to enhance employability.

These initiatives include:

- Professional development workshops
- Industry-specific training sessions
- Skill enhancement programs
- Career transition support

Through these initiatives, we are building more than just a network – we are nurturing a community where success is shared, support is abundant, and every alumnus has the resources to achieve their highest potential.

Alumni Testimonials



**Preeti
Gupta**

Batch: RVPP Delhi, 2013 Pass out
College: The University of Texas, Austin & Delhi Technological University
Current Job: Bebo Technologies

My journey with Avanti started in 2011 when I was in 11th standard. Avanti Fellows was instrumental in my preparation for JEE for engineering colleges.

The coaching provided by brilliant tutorials, Vidyamandir classes and Avanti mentors (then IIT students) was very helpful in preparing for the JEE main and JEE advance. I got a good rank in JEE main and got selected to many prestigious government engineering colleges.

I pursued my studies at Delhi Technological University (formerly Delhi College of Engineering).



**Prathamesh
Deshmukh**

Batch: COE 2018
College : IIT Kharagpur
Current Job: Honeywell

IIT was always a dream since I got to know about it and Avanti Fellows has helped me immensely to achieve it with its continuous efforts to help students learn and crack the exams.

I have got best peers and mentors at Avanti Learning Centre and made lifetime memories along with cracking one of the toughest exams in a very cheerful way.

Test Prep Curriculum 2024-25

The Test Prep Curriculum continues to equip students with the knowledge and skills required for competitive exams like JEE Main, JEE Advanced, NEET and important state level entrance exams. This year, we focused on making the curriculum more strategic and data-driven, enabling students to study smarter and maximize their performance. Key updates include a revamped curriculum framework, structured problem-solving guidance for JEE Main, and an expanded, high-quality assessment repository aligned with the latest NTA exam trends.

Curriculum Framework:

This year, we have introduced a priority-level mapping for every chapter and topic, directly aligned with the latest NTA exam trends for both JEE and NEET. This gives students a clear, data-backed guide on what to focus on, allowing them to intelligently prioritize their study plan based on their career aspirations.

Chapter Teaching Guides:

We have developed the first version of the JEE Main curriculum guide, designed to help students prioritize which problems to tackle first and determine the depth at which each topic should be mastered. The guide also includes a curated set of problems from previous years' exams, along with recommended approaches for solving them. By providing clear, actionable steps for daily practice and exam preparation, these guides empower students to approach each chapter with focus, confidence, and efficiency.

Assessments Database:

This year, we created 750 high-quality, error-free assessments, including chapter tests, major tests, and mock tests, all aligned with the latest NTA exam patterns (for JEE, NEET, CUET, and state-level entrance exams). These assessments provide students with rigorous practice at every stage of their preparation, helping them track progress, identify gaps, and adapt their study strategies to current trends.



Technology

At Avanti Fellows, our technology is built for real-world constraints — reliable on low bandwidth, friendly to intermittent connectivity, and accessible for marginalized communities.

We design modular, extensible tools that scale across contexts, now supporting **90,000+** students nationwide.

Our stack powers intensive coaching at physical centres and online batches, while also reaching learners across the country who access our products independently.

Everything we build is open source, and multiple organizations actively use — and build on — our products. We've invested in strong data foundations, with comprehensive data collection and clear visualizations that enable detailed analysis at multiple levels (student, classroom, centre, and program). This lets our teams and partners make faster, smarter decisions and continuously improve student outcomes.

Portal

Portal is our custom authentication layer built for Avanti’s real-world context: many students don’t use email, phones are often shared, numbers change, and reliable mappings are hard to maintain. Portal wraps any content — live classes, quizzes, Plios — and validates each learner against a unique Avanti ID. This anchors every interaction to a single learning profile and powers attendance, progress, and program analytics across our online and blended programs.

What improved this year

- **Scaled with confidence:** We ran extensive load and stress tests to reliably handle peak traffic, tuned performance across the stack, and tightened monitoring so spikes during launches or exam periods don’t slow students down.
- **Better for low-connectivity and shared devices:** We made authentication resilient to intermittent internet, reduced unnecessary re-logins, and improved session handling for scenarios where multiple students use the same device.
- **Stronger identity resolution and data quality:** We improved matching to the unique Avanti ID, reduced duplicate profiles, and enhanced mappings when identifiers (like phone numbers) are updated — preserving clean, continuous student histories.
- **Deeper, faster analytics:** Building on last year’s database overhaul, we streamlined data collection and visualization, enabling batch-level attendance, student movement tracking across batches, and clearer views of teacher performance — available to teams through consistent dashboards.

Plio

YouTube alone isn’t enough for deep learning — most students tune out quickly, and creators only get aggregate stats. Plio turns any YouTube lesson into an interactive, gamified experience by weaving in timely questions and checks for understanding. Teachers get student-level insights — attempt history, accuracy, time-on-task — so they can spot misconceptions early and personalize support. In pilots and programs, Plio’s interactivity has lifted engagement significantly, often up to 5x versus passive video.

What’s new this year

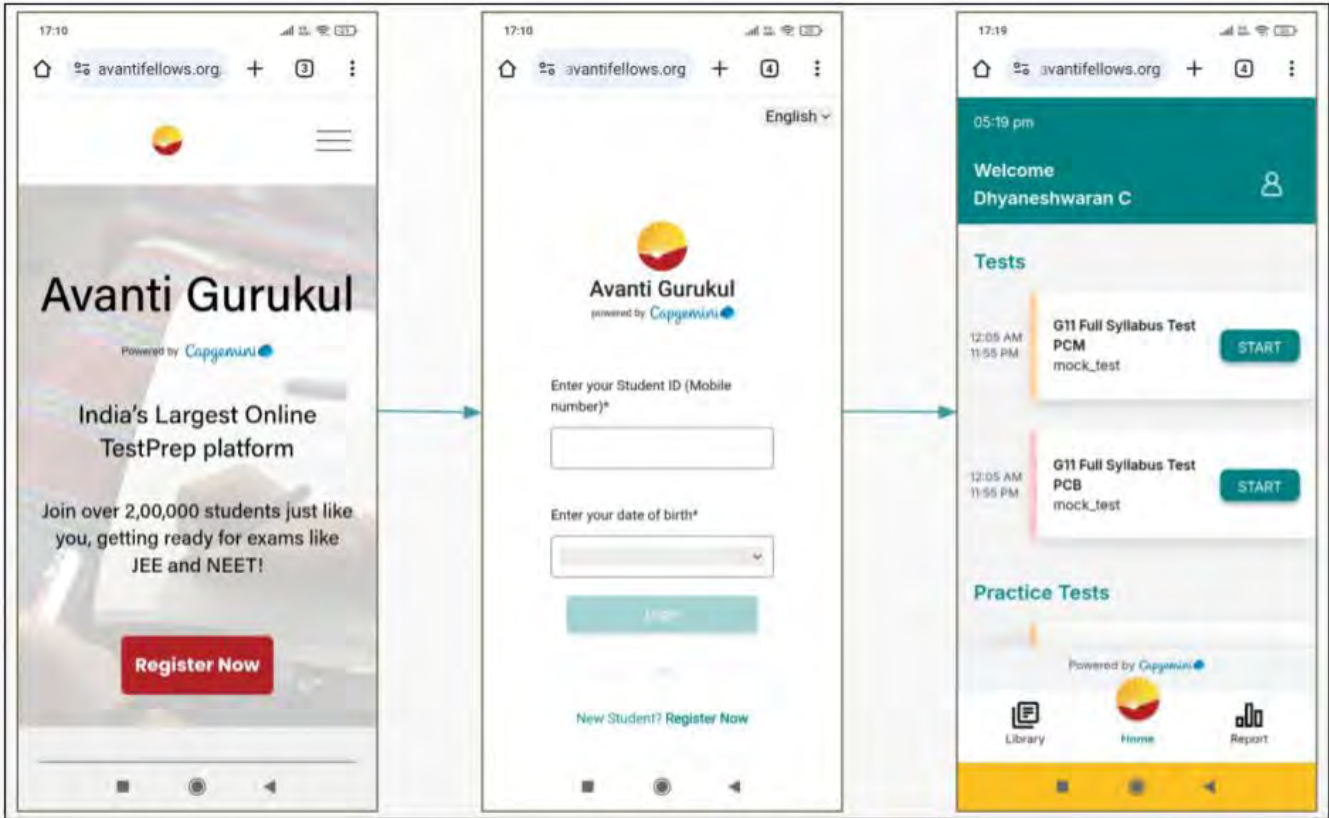
- **Full-featured math authoring:** We upgraded the math editor to a comprehensive LaTeX experience, so creators can write clean, complex equations and symbols directly in questions and answers with consistent rendering.
- **Event-driven integrations:** We introduced webhooks so partner organizations can react to key events — like when a student completes a Plio — and trigger workflows in their own systems (e.g., awarding points, sending notifications).
- **Continued grassroots adoption in Haryana:** Teachers in Haryana are creating their own instructional Plios and sharing them with students at scale, strengthening local content ecosystems.
- **Partner momentum with TAP:** The Apprentice Project continues to use Plio extensively across their programs, validating the platform’s utility for diverse curricula and classroom contexts.
- **Richer authoring and delivery:** We expanded features such as images in answer options to enable more visual, engaging question types and improved the overall creator experience.

Gurukul

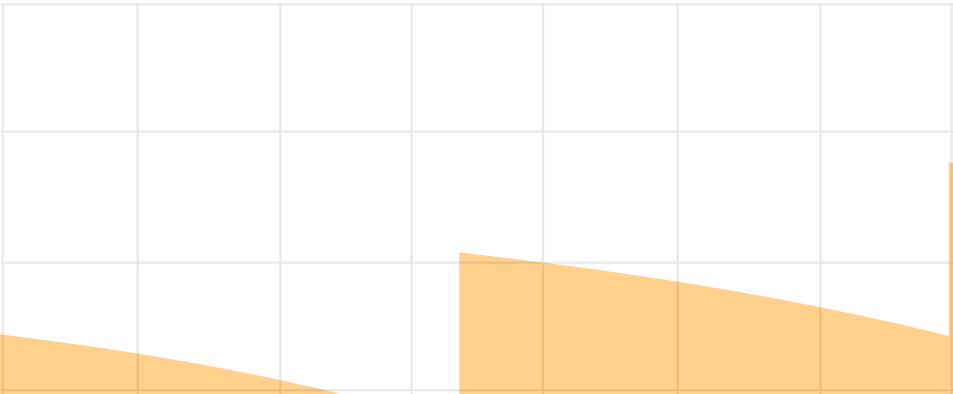
Gurukul expanded nationwide this year, bringing a unified learning hub to many more students across programs. Built as a full-featured web app, it’s a one-stop place to see upcoming tests and live classes, revisit class recordings, track past performance, and browse our content library. The experience is streamlined and personalized — students land on their schedule with content tailored to their batch and progress.

A mobile-first interface is optimized for low-connectivity areas, keeping pages lightweight and responsive so learning continues even with patchy networks. Gurukul works seamlessly with our Portal authentication, ensuring reliable access on shared devices while preserving each learner’s profile.

We added clearer progress views and performance reports to help students and teachers spot gaps quickly and plan next steps. As we scale further, we’ll keep the app fast and accessible while adding smarter search, better recommendations, and deeper links to assignments.



Landing page of Gurukul website, the login screen and the home page of Gurukul Web-Ap





Futures Career Counselling

Futures is an ancillary platform consisting of tools and resources which we have developed to support students for scholarships, college counselling and job applications.

- College and course predictor - A tool which recommends the best college and course options available to students based on their exam performance and eligibility. This year, the tool has been updated to include more exams, bringing the total number to 7, and also to provide more nuanced recommendations by assimilating multiple data points such as cut offs, placements and alumni outcomes.
- Scholarship finder - A tool which shows the list of senior secondary and higher education scholarships, both private and government, based on the user's eligibility. This year, more scholarships were added to the database and the user flow was automated so that a user can instantly receive the scholarship application link on their emails.

Telecalling

Our in-house telecalling platform, AvantiConnect is designed to manage and streamline all student interactions. The platform allows managers to assign calls, set priorities, and monitor activity through an intuitive admin portal, while telecallers can access student information, make calls, and log conversations seamlessly.

This academic year, we have made enhancements to the platform, which includes the ability to create custom call log forms tailored to different types of calls, such as counselling sessions, competitive exam form filling, alumni outreach, and scholarship support. These features make interactions more structured, efficient, and impactful. In the same period, AvantiConnect has supported over 50,000 student interactions across our programs, strengthening our ability to engage with students at scale while ensuring quality and consistency.

Question No	Main Field	Main Field Label	Mandatory	Parent Field	Display on selection
1	call_attempt_status	Call Attempt Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	status	Attempt
2	call_connected_status	Call Connected Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	call_attempt_status	Yes
3	person_updated_to	When Did You Talk To?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	call_connected_status	Connected
4	is_request	Is There A Request From Stakeholder?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	person_updated_to	Student, Father, Brother/Sibling, Other

AvantiConnects' admin interface to create a custom call log form

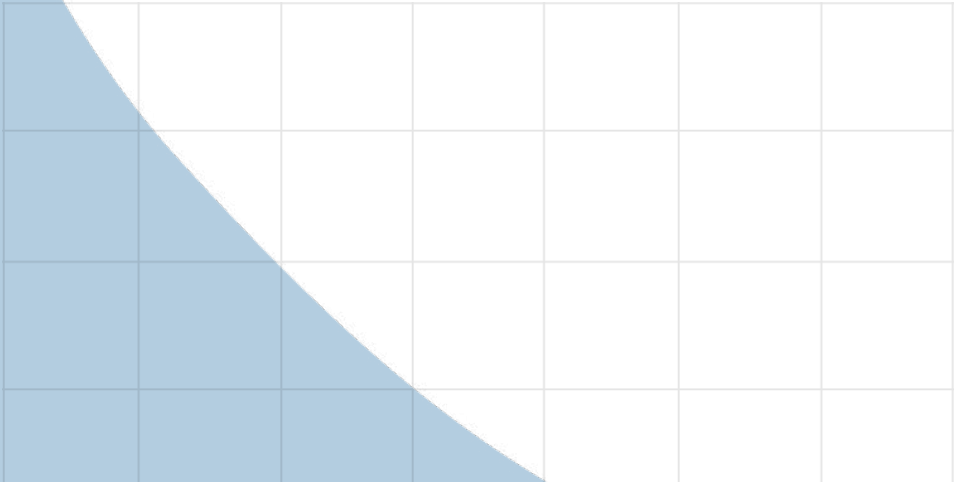
Testing Platform

Our testing platform reliably delivers high-scale assessments to 90,000+ students nationwide. It's built for real-world conditions — low bandwidth, intermittent connectivity, and shared devices — with lightweight pages and resilient submission flows. For centre-based exams, a digital OMR enables fast, accurate answer capture designed specifically for offline-friendly, proctored settings. Anti-cheating features like shuffled questions and randomized sections, combined with seamless integration into Portal, Gurukul, and our analytics stack, make setup, scoring, and insights effortless.

We're partnering with Tech4Dev to build an open product based on this platform's design. As part of the collaboration, we're aligning and merging backends around open standards — shared schemas, APIs, and services — so organizations can adopt and extend the stack easily. The result will be a fully open-source, community-maintained foundation with clear documentation, deployment playbooks, and contribution guidelines. This approach strengthens sustainability, accelerates improvements, and expands impact across the education ecosystem.



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"Tata AIG General Insurance Company's CSR Education initiative focuses on promoting girl child education in STEM, particularly supporting meritorious students from government schools and underprivileged backgrounds. In our CSR endeavors, inspired by Tata Affirmative Action Program (TAAP), we focus on serving Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, Females from marginalized communities, and Persons with Disabilities, with special emphasis on North-East India.

In partnership with Avanti Fellows, we deploy two flagship CSR projects: (i) Engineering and Medical scholarships for girl students across 15 states studying in premier institutions like IITs, NITs, AIIMS and Govt. Colleges; and (ii) national competitive exams coaching for JEE and NEET at two Centres of Excellence (CoE), one each in Assam and Nagaland. The one located at Kokrajhar in Assam is India's first all-girls CoE within the PM SHRI JNV School system. We firmly believe that these CSR initiatives would be creating a pipeline of talented women leaders for India Inc. in near future, which also aligns well with emerging ESG/DEI frameworks.

Over the last five years, it has been our privilege to co-create and collaborate with Avanti Fellows for these CSR projects. In this and the coming year, we're focusing on strengthening digitalization of our Scholarships CSR project to enhance transparency, accountability and promote good governance. The Scholarships project we believe has a significant potential for scale-up whilst also providing opportunities for volunteering of time by senior leaders in selection of scholars and guiding, mentoring them to be future-ready."



Maneesha Chadha

Head Global Philanthropy, APAC,
JP Morgan Chase

"JPMC's collaboration with Avanti Fellows has helped disadvantaged youth overcome barriers to getting into India's top professional colleges, like engineering and medicine. By making these opportunities more accessible and affordable, we've opened doors to high-earning careers and driven meaningful change in the education system at large. We're excited to keep working with Avanti, expanding our impact to reach even more students and academic disciplines."

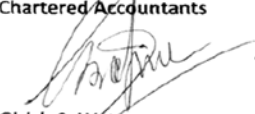





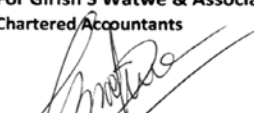



Kumar Anurag Pratap

Vice President and Head,
Corporate Social Responsibility-India, Capgemini

"Education is the foundation of opportunity, and at Capgemini, we believe that no student should be limited by circumstance. Our partnership with Avanti Fellows reflects our deep commitment to equitable education and digital inclusion. Together, we are breaking down barriers that prevent talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds from accessing quality STEM learning. By combining Avanti's grassroots expertise with Capgemini's technological and strategic support, we are empowering thousands of young minds to pursue their academic dreams and realize their full potential because we believe that opportunity should be determined by talent, not circumstance."

Financials

AVANTI FELLOWS (Registered as a Trust under the Registration Act, 1908) BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2025 [Consolidated accounts for Foreign and Domestic contributions]				
Amount (In Rs.)				
Particulars	SCH	As at 31st March, 2025	As at 31st March, 2024	
1 Capital Fund	II	5,22,08,500	5,22,08,500	
2 General Reserve	III	31,56,853	5,03,424	
3 Project Grant	IV	1,53,30,390	4,21,78,632	
4 Assets Reserves for Project Grant	V	1,10,32,735	47,81,109	
5 Current liabilities	VI	1,25,66,023	75,55,930	
Total		9,42,94,500	10,72,27,595	
II. Assets				
1 Non-current assets				
Assets against Project Grant	VII	66,74,217	44,16,118	
General Fixed Assets	VIII	34,67,098	34,67,098	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	IX	(26,96,172)	(26,29,055)	
		74,45,143	52,54,161	
2 Corpus Fund Investments		5,20,00,000	5,20,00,000	
3 Fixed Deposits with bank		2,24,000	224000	
4 Current assets				
(a) Security Deposits	X	2,00,000	2,15,000	
(b) Cash and Bank Balances	XI	2,29,65,476	3,33,82,705	
(c) Other Current Assets	XII	1,14,59,881	1,61,51,729	
		3,46,25,357	4,97,49,434	
Total		9,42,94,500	10,72,27,595	
See accompanying notes forming part of the financial statements				
Significant Accounting Policies & Notes to Account - Schedule I "This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our report of even date" For Girish S Watwe & Associates Chartered Accountants  Girish S. Watwe Proprietor Membership No. 41757  Place : Mumbai Date : 24-09-2025 UDIN : 25041757BMHXTK7495				
For and on behalf of the Trust  Trustee  Trustee				

AVANTI FELLOWS (Registered as a Trust under the Registration Act, 1908) [Consolidated accounts for Foreign and Domestic contributions]				
Amount (In Rs.)				
Particulars	SCH	As at 31st March, 2025	As at 31st March, 2024	
Income				
1 Grants and Donations Received	XIII	34,33,87,522	26,85,53,303	
2 Other Income	XIV	55,26,795	53,36,130	
Total Income (1 + 2) (A)		34,89,14,317	27,38,89,433	
Expenses				
Program Expenses				
Personnel Expenses	XV	23,59,74,448	19,73,87,516	
Program Expenses	XVI	3,92,28,884	3,98,28,964	
Student Expenses	XVII	64,58,573	62,63,803	
Travelling Expenses	XVIII	1,83,31,589	1,36,24,180	
Office Expenses	XIX	25,20,712	39,46,572	
Professional Fees & Others	XX	1,64,31,668	1,26,46,236	
Total		31,89,45,875	27,36,97,270	
Administrative Expenses				
Personnel Expenses	XXI	3,30,45,773	2,32,25,735	
Travelling Expenses	XXII	29,54,497	18,40,859	
Office Expenses	XXIII	12,53,082	8,37,919	
Professional Fees & Others	XXIV	1,06,58,277	77,37,477	
Total		4,79,11,629	3,36,41,259	
Total Expenses (I + II) (B)		36,68,57,504	30,73,39,259	
4 Excess of Income over expenditure for the year (A-B)		(1,79,43,187)	(3,34,49,826)	
Significant Accounting Policies & Notes to Account - Schedule I This is the Income & Expenditure referred to in our report of even date For Girish S Watwe & Associates Chartered Accountants  Girish S. Watwe Proprietor Membership No. 41757  Place : Mumbai Date : 24-09-2025 UDIN : 25041757BMHXTK7495				
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