

## 'Mugavari' has made needy students into professionals

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Chennai: "Running an NGO for education is not an easy task. Just like building a house, I have striven very hard to give shape to Mugavari and our students," says K Ramesh, founder of Mugavari Foundation, an NGO that aids students who are unable to pursue their graduation due to financial issues.

Launched in 2002, the foundation functioning at Porur has helped many students become doctors, engineers, lawyers and even IAS officers.

Ramesh even gave up his aim of becoming a chartered accountant to help these students achieve their dreams.

### ACHIEVERS

"Among the 355 students who studied with the help of Mugavari, 70 of them have become doctors, two have passed civil service examinations and over 104 are working as government employees," informs Ramesh proudly.

From agri-managers to government school teachers to railway officers to postal and revenue department employees, the students of Mugavari have secured a place for themselves in various fields.

### DREAM BIG

The NGO has set a big goal and is working towards it. Not stopping with this, Mugavari dreams of beginning a residential school with good facilities and provide the best of education at low cost to the needy.

### ENROLLING PROCESS

The philanthropist explains, "Students can visit our website and apply with a copy of their Plus-Two results until the end of June (online result copy is enough). A committee consisting of former beneficiaries of Mugavari will verify the applications and select candidates. The selection will take place by end of July, and the students list will be announced in the first week of August every year."



K Ramesh



Students of Mugavari Foundation at Porur.

### GIVING BACK TO SOCIETY

"Many students who had studied with the help of Mugavari are now employed all over India holding successful positions. Now, as an act of gratitude, they have planned to give it back to other needy students. So, the alumni of Mugavari have formed a group called Vaanavil and they plan on lending help to the current students. I hope more people come forward and expand this group even more," says Ramesh with hope.

### PREFERENCE BASED ON...

- \* Students who studied Plus Two in government schools, especially from remote and rural areas
- \* Orphaned students
- \* Those with single-parent and differently-abled
- \* Candidates who scored 85 per cent and above in 12th standard
- \* First generation graduates

\* Candidates who are eligible to pursue medicine in government medical colleges through NEET

### 'RAMANA' INSPIRED RAMESH

Once a girl who was aspiring to become a doctor approached me for help. That was the period when the film 'Ramana' was released. The movie had left a deep impact on me and I strongly believed that the movie's director, Murugadoss, would help me. Hence, I approached him and explained him about our start-up. He immediately helped us in getting a medical seat for the girl.

Want to contribute your part to Mugavari? You can reach Ramesh at 95661 50942. For more details, visit [www.mugavarifoundation.org](http://www.mugavarifoundation.org)

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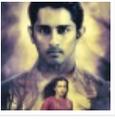
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