

# THE GIFT OF EDUCATION THIS DIWALI!



Adding to the festivities, upGrad's workforce made a sizeable donation towards higher education and #LifeLongLearning of the less privileged individuals with the creation of a scholarship fund towards higher education and #LifeLongLearning of the less-privileged individuals. The Scholarship Fund. comes from repurposing the annual employees gifting budget of INR 2.4 crores and will be utilised for skilling deserving learners across non-metros and rural India.

The initiative is led by upGrad Foundation, the not-for-profit arm of upGrad and the programs that will be delivered by another 100 percent subsidiary.,

## IMPACT STORY: VIDYA SHAKTI SCHOLAR



**Gade Harika**  
- Warangal, Telangana

"I am a third year B.Sc. student and proud to be a part of upGrad Foundation and Vidya Shakti scholarship. During the six months of training through upGrad Foundation, I trained in Data science with Artificial Intelligence and learnt about MS Excel, SQL, Python, and Machine Learning. The Vidya Shakti scholarship was useful as it ensured financial stability for me. During the course of my training, **I was selected by MassMutual with an annual package of ₹5.4 lakhs.** Since the live sessions are held over the weekend (Saturday-Sunday), it is possible for me to manage both work and training. **upGrad Foundation is the best platform to learn technical skills and get an opportunity to be independent.**"

## MENTOR-MENTEE CONNECT



"I was fortunate to receive the right career guidance from my parents and college seniors. I feel lucky to have found the opportunity to do the same through upGrad Foundation. Soumya is highly determined to do well as a Computer Science Engineering student. Our every conversation has inspired me to work harder in everything I do. I thoroughly enjoyed the process of working with her to make her CV and plan for internships and extra curricular activities that could help her in her career. I wish her and all those associated with upGrad Foundation all the best. I look forward to the next mentorship cohort."



**MEDHA NARANG | Mentor**  
Manager - Program, upGrad

"I am from a middle class family and my mother looks after me as my father is no more. When I was puzzled and worried about my career, upGrad Foundation helped me to pursue my career as a Data Scientist. We are assigned individual mentors who guide us for our betterment and help us to improve our skills. My mentor Medha ma'am was friendly and used to call and ask about my improvements. She has helped me to improve my communication skills and vocabulary. I'd definitely recommend the Vidya Shakti scholarship scheme to other girls who are struggling to achieve their career goals. Thank you team Vidya Shakti and team upGrad Foundation for this wonderful opportunity!"



**SOUMYA | Mentee**  
Third year CSE, Dharwad, Karnataka

## VIDYA SHAKTI DIALOGUE

We started the Vidya Shakti Dialogue to bridge the gap between learning and practice. The idea behind this initiative is to give young girls and women in India access to diverse, successful female role models so they can learn from their experiences and choose their own route to empowerment. The most recent session was organised with an emphasis on the importance of job preparation.



## VIDYA SHAKTI DIALOGUE: EXPERT TALK SERIES 3



**Meet our Speaker**  
**PUNITA CHITWANI**  
NLP Master Trainer and Coach

The session on 'Perfecting job preparation in an ever competitive job market' under the Vidya Shakti Dialogue #ExpertTalkSeries was an incredible insight led by Punita Chatwani. She underlined the effective techniques of an engaging interview and how to ace the interview round. Our Vidya Shakti scholars, all first-generation learners, participated in this highly interactive session and benefitted from her insights on job search, working on live projects, and platforms they could use to improve their communication and resume building skills.

## OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

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