

## March 2023

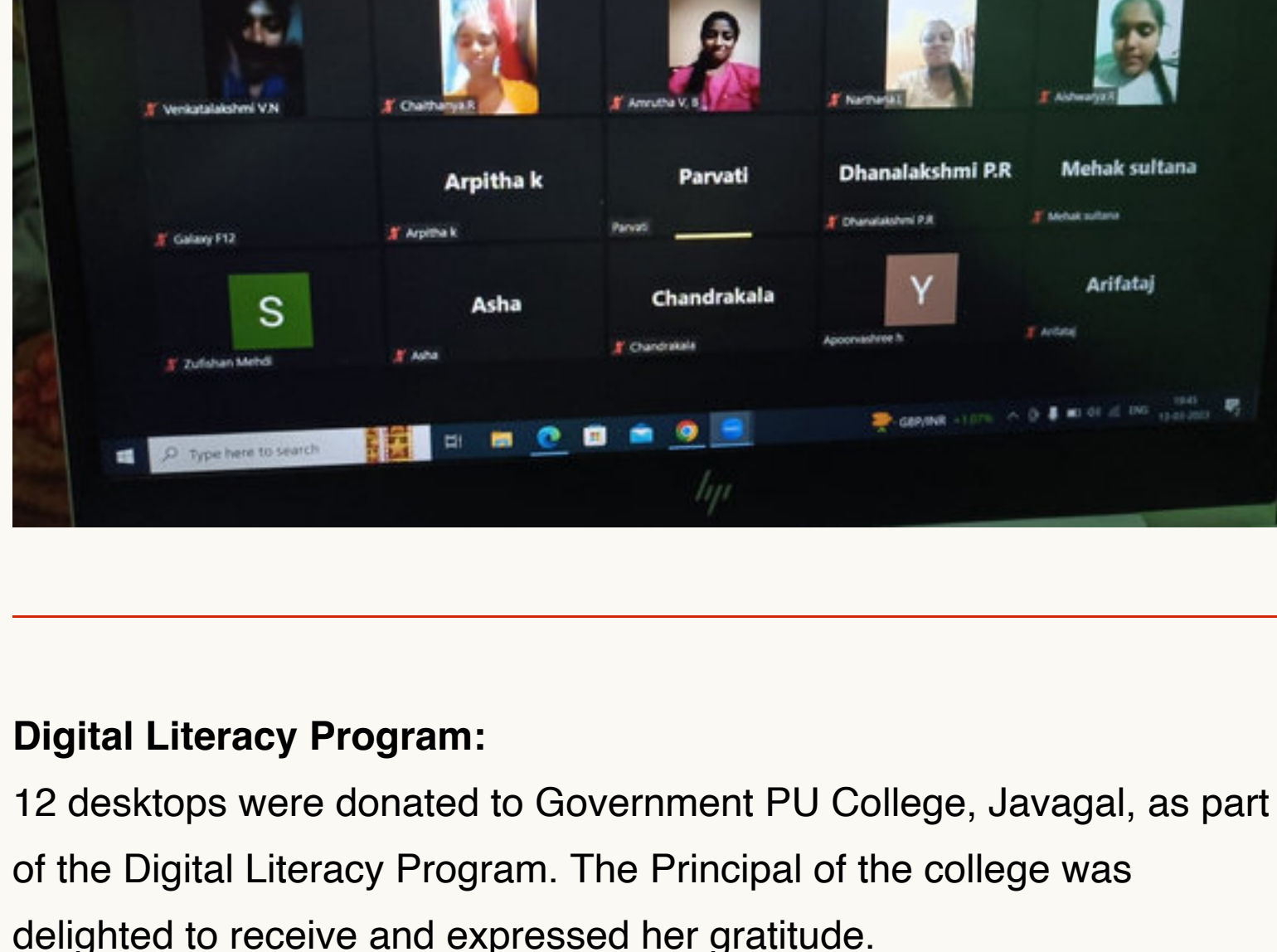
Relentless March!

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March has been a quiet month with students busy with their exams. Most of the scholarship disbursements have concluded.

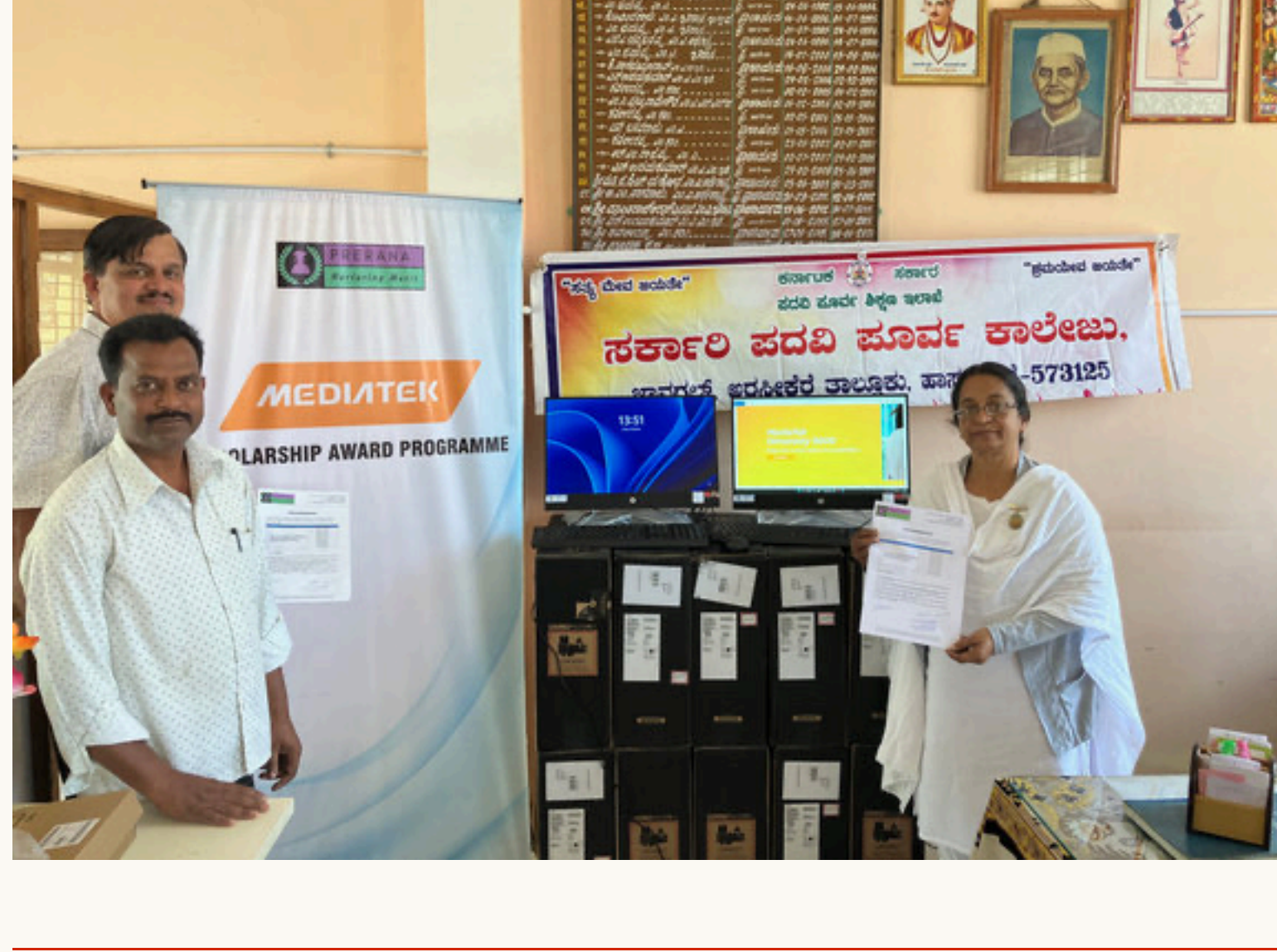
### Online classes:

Joy of Speaking (JoS) Summer classes have begun. Good number of students are enthusiastically attending the sessions. We are covering the 2nd PUC English Workbook during these sessions which will put them ahead in their learning curve!



### Digital Literacy Program:

12 desktops were donated to Government PU College, Javagal, as part of the Digital Literacy Program. The Principal of the college was delighted to receive and expressed her gratitude.



### SKF House Visits:

We conducted house visits to 36 of SKF Students. The students and their parents were happy and told us how SKF scholarships have helped them to further their studies and achieve their goals.



### Alumni Donation Drive:

Donation Drive started by Sharath, an active Prerana Alumni has concluded. A total of 63 alumni had donated a total of Rs. 4,59,960/-. A big Thank You!

### Janaki Krishnan Scholarship for Shravya:

Mother works at a petrol pump; father is not able to earn; life is tough for Shravya. This did not deter her though. She started taking tuitions after college. Janaki Krishnan Scholarship for "Remarkable Young Woman of Prerana" was awarded to Shravya. She was highly elated and overwhelmed. She said that it would be of great help to pay her college fees.



### STUDENTS' SUCCESS STORIES

#### Student Name: Arun DS

"Education is a battle against poverty that everyone should fight"

- Nithin Namedo

Every deserving student shall have access to education and skill development that is the main vision and motto of Prerana NGO. I joined the Prerana family in 2016, soon after completing my 10th grade. I hail from an underprivileged background from the city of Bengaluru. My father was a tractor driver and my mother is a housewife. Both my parents are illiterates who had a vision that their children should get a good education and be responsible citizens of the society and to eradicate all our family problems. I had a dream to become an advocate since my childhood and serve the society. It was hard and difficult in those days for my parents to fulfill my dreams given their financial background. Even in their hard and difficult times, they educated me in English Medium school to fulfill my dreams.

After completion of my 10th grade in 2016, I opted for commerce stream and it was very difficult for my parents to educate me further. Later, my father's employer informed us about Prerana. After my 10th standard, the organization accepted my application and stood by me for my education through the donor **CAPITAL GROUP OF COMPANIES**. Both the organizations helped me to further my education both financial support and a moral support towards me and also various training programmers in the Prerana about future responsibilities courses etc.,

In 2018 I completed My PUC (12th grade) and opted for BBA LLB, an integrated Law programme in order to fulfill my dream as an advocate to serve the society. Prerana also supported me for my dreams to be a lawyer and gave all the training required and supported financially to my further studies.

I had an opportunity to intern at Prerana on various occasions, as part of my curriculum programme. I got an opportunity to understand and familiarize the processes at an NGO and the management overview. I also had a chance to field visits to various colleges, connected with students in rural and urban areas, familiarization in Library management, house visits as a part of Prerana Scholarship programme.

After my father passed away in November 2019 due to Cardiac arrest, things got difficult at our home front. Prerana helped me to overcome those burdens of financial difficulties for my education and they also helped me and counseled me through training.

As the entire world is aware of Covid-19 pandemic that occurred in March 2020 all the educational activities have to shift towards online mode entirely. Prerana opted for an online mode of training students and future endeavors including life skill training and placement oriented sessions and to pursue higher education roles etc. The pandemic did not hit Prerana and my donor Capital Group. They continued and extended their support.

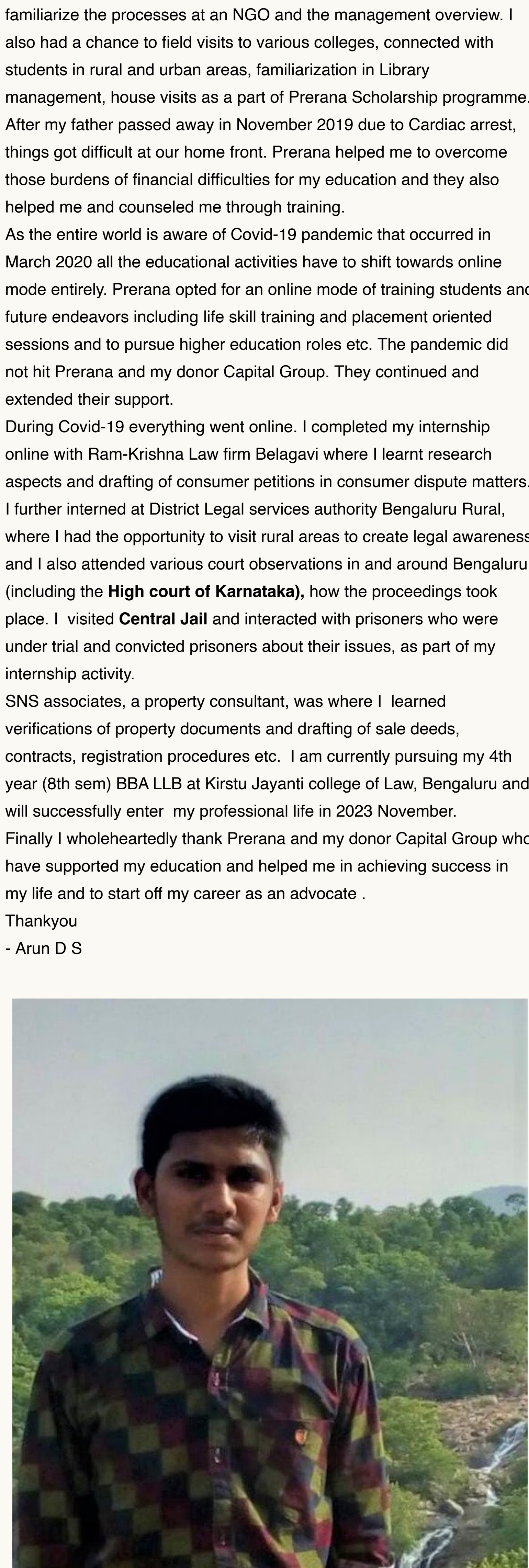
During Covid-19 everything went online. I completed my internship online with Ram-Krishna Law firm Belagavi where I learnt research aspects and drafting of consumer petitions in consumer dispute matters. I further interned at District Legal services authority Bengaluru Rural, where I had the opportunity to visit rural areas to create legal awareness and I also attended various court observations in and around Bengaluru (including the **High court of Karnataka**), how the proceedings took place. I visited **Central Jail** and interacted with prisoners who were under trial and convicted prisoners about their issues, as part of my internship activity.

SNS associates, a property consultant, was where I learned verifications of property documents and drafting of sale deeds, contracts, registration procedures etc. I am currently pursuing my 4th year (8th sem) BBA LLB at Kirtu Jayanti college of Law, Bengaluru and will successfully enter my professional life in 2023 November.

Finally I wholeheartedly thank Prerana and my donor Capital Group who have supported my education and helped me in achieving success in my life and to start off my career as an advocate.

Thankyou

- Arun D S



#### Student Name: Dananjaya

I cleared my exams with Prerana and received my first scholarship. It was a proud moment. I was very happy! The amount received helped our family a lot.

More than monetary support, moral support and learnings from Pramod Kulkarni Sir are memorable. He used to be present for each scholarship distribution program. We were everytime given short moral stories to read during this time. He always used to mention that we humans tend to forget morals easily hence it needs to be refreshed. He taught us Coordinate Geometry during summer camp, very easily explained.

During one of the scholarship programs, we had to pick a speech in English. I was hesitant and instead said I'm not feeling well. Sir said, today scholarship will be given to only those who are ready to speak, the check would wait for the next session of disbursement. I had no choice but to speak in front of everyone.

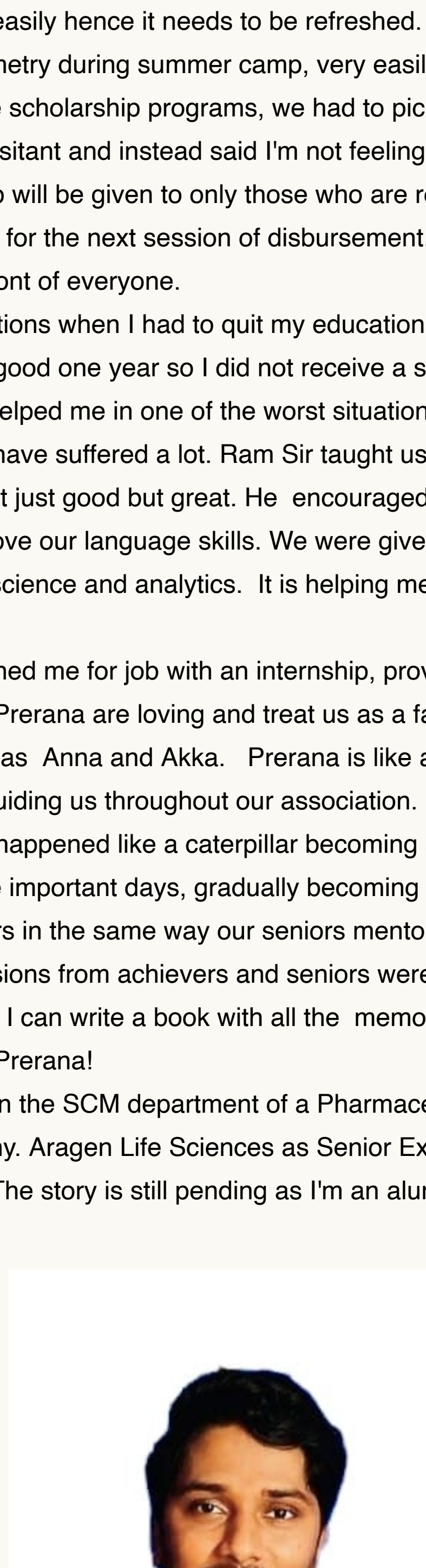
There were situations when I had to quit my education for survival, my scores were not good one year so I did not receive a scholarship. But Ram Sastry Sir helped me in one of the worst situations, without which, our family could have suffered a lot. Ram Sir taught us to have an attitude that is not just good but great. He encouraged us to read literature to improve our language skills. We were given extensive training on data science and analytics. It is helping me today a great deal at work.

Prerana also trained me for job with an internship, provided placement support. Staff at Prerana are loving and treat us as a family, I even now address them all as Anna and Akka. Prerana is like a guru giving us directions and guiding us throughout our association.

The journey just happened like a caterpillar becoming a butterfly. We used to celebrate important days, gradually becoming seniors and guiding our juniors in the same way our seniors mentored us.

Inspirational sessions from achievers and seniors were always heart touching. I guess I can write a book with all the memories of my association with Prerana!

Currently I work in the SCM department of a Pharmaceutical contract research company. Aragen Life Sciences as Senior Executive in the Logistics Team. The story is still pending as I'm an alumni now.



You too can become a part of our skills based training sessions and derive satisfaction from making a difference in the students' lives.

Please sign up to become a mentor volunteer at

<https://forms.gle/gDJNKKrUGAzV77NLZ>. You can also reach us at

info@prerana.ngo.

Looking forward to a great year of learning with joy!

With Best Wishes

Ram Sastry

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