

The Paul Foundation & Apeejay Trust



The Paul Foundation under the aegis of Apeejay Trust, always committed to supporting education, enabled 61 deserving students to pursue higher studies in India and overseas, from 2001 to 2009. In 2009, it shifted its attention to new learners (up to the age of 14), who have been brought into the education net thus upholding the universalisation of education as a right. Subsequently the Anand Paul Education Support Programme, launched in February 2010, will work to encourage excellence among new learners and prevent them from falling through cracks in the system.

While our programme for young Indian scholars to access the best education in India and abroad has ended, The Paul Foundation continues to support academic excellence. Together with the S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, our Foundation offers awards for commendable work in areas of front line research with technological applications. It also sponsors an annual scholarship with the National Centre for Promotion of Employment of Disabled People.

Anand Paul Education Support Program (APESP)

The Paul Foundation which has between 2001 and 2009 supported the quest for intellectual excellence through scholarships to meritorious students, has been recently replaced by, in keeping with a new approach and focus, the Anand Paul Education Support Programme (APESP).

The Anand Paul Education Support Program, an initiative of The Paul Foundation, under Apeejay Trust, will enroll in school an estimated 500 children from the poorest areas in and around Park Street. ; children from Kolkata Municipal Corporation Wards 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63 who have dropped out of school or are not enrolled in school will be identified and helped to return to school or gain school admission for the first time.

In Phase I, through 10 centres located in the wards, a total of 500 children will be mainstreamed into regular schools by 2011. These centers have been opened in association with Cini Asha and Focus who have done great work in this area. In addition two centers for adult women have been created, in response to the demand from within the communities for imparting literacy and life skills training to the mothers.

Anand Paul Education Support Program is an extension of the same commitment and structured to complement the Government of India's recognition of education as a fundamental right of every child. Anand Paul Education Support Program goes into the slums to these aspirants by opening education centers in local club rooms and community halls.

