

"Education is a liberating force, and in our age it is also a democratizing force, cutting across the barriers of caste and class, smoothing out inequalities imposed by birth and other circumstances." — Indira Gandhi

Meet Suraj, an Educate 2 Success Beneficiary

When Suraj Dhanaji Patil was young, his father passed away — and his mother, an uneducated woman, took up domestic work to provide for the family. However, her earnings were meager, and Suraj's older brother was forced to drop out of school and take up odd jobs to help his mother.

Suraj, however, was a promising student with big dreams.

It was around this time that workers from Light of Life Trust, a partner NGO for our Educate 2 Success program, came across Suraj and his family. They enrolled him in Project Anando, which provides educational resources, counseling, and career guidance for at-risk children.

The program changed his life. It wasn't a direct path to success — there were some

challenges — but despite his ups and downs, Suraj ultimately achieved the success he'd dreamed of.

To see where Suraj is today, visit our blog.

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of students in India drop out of school before eighth grade. The majority of these children live in rural areas and come from impoverished families. Without education, these young people are likely to

remain stuck, for the rest of their lives, in the same cycles of poverty that have oppressed their families for generations.

But there is hope. You can make a difference. By contributing to Educate 2 Success, you can help us provide these students with the life-changing support they need to stay in school. Will you join our mission?

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