Future Skills Case Study - Lighthouse Communities Foundation (LCF)

India

Primary programs:

Beneficiaries:

Lighthouse Communities Foundation (LCF)

Sustainable livelihood creation, digital empowerment, quality education and youth networking programs aimed at enabling youth to create change for themselves and for others.

Disadvantaged urban youth (18-30 years old) in Pune, India, of which the majority are school drop-outs or are living with a disability.

Story of Rachana Shinde, LCF beneficiary

Rachana, LCF student

Rachana Shinde is a 21 year-old native of Sangali who moved to Pune for higher education and completed her B.Tech (Bachelor of Technology) in Computer Science. Later, she also completed her internship at DRDO (Defense Research and Development Organization) Pune.

After her graduation and internship, when Rachana wasn't able to find a job, she was referred to LCF by one of her friends. She joined LCF in September 2020 and successfully finished the foundation course after which she also completed a course in Java Script Angular for software developers and a 3-month Spoken English course. This helped her improve her communication skills and boosted her confidence to apply for positions and face job interviews.

In a successful series of next steps, Rachana progressed through 3 rounds of interviews at Accenture Technology and received a job offer as an Application Development Associate with an annual CTC of 4.5 Lakhs. She joined Accenture in May 2021.

According to Rachana, the journey with LCF helped her gain confidence and improve her skills on both technical and interpersonal fronts. She encourages other young people like her to make use of this opportunity provided by LCF to reach their full potential in life.

A quote from Nutan Lohokare, LCF Centre Head.

"With the support from Credit Suisse, our Lighthouses can enable many students to build their capabilities and create their own identity within society."