



## TRAS Scholarship Fund Annual Report 2020-2021

The TRAS Scholarship students have had to be very resilient during this pandemic. In their words:

*“Talking about 2020, it was a great mess”*

*“The world is going through chaos due to Coronavirus.”*

The **Rinchen Zangpo Society** in Spiti, currently has 6 students being supported by the Scholarship Fund.

Pasang Dolma is in her third year of medical school who luckily can start clinical work as she is double vaccinated.

Sumina Kumari is majoring in mathematics and finishing her final year of a BSc, doing well online.

One of the two new candidates selected this year, Tenzin Butith, has a very compelling background. She lost both her parents due to Covid within one week of each other.

In her words:

*“during this pandemic I lost both my parents. They were my life. They supported me in every situation, in every way they could. I want to pursue nursing as my career and during this tough time I strongly need financial support.”*

TRAS is very pleased that we can financially support Tenzin during this very difficult time to become a nurse. It is an inspirational choice during this dreadful pandemic. She has already been accepted into a nursing program.

The **Voice of Children** based in Uttarakhand, N. India, currently has 9 students studying. Some of the students have had a very difficult time with internet availability in their remote villages. With universities closed even though they had initially moved home, they were forced to move far away to study online.

Preeti Rajport is studying for the Bachelor of Science in Almora:

*“At this time this Scholarship helped me to submit my admission fee, exam fee, my rent, net recharging, purchasing books and learning material etc.”*

Harshita Joshi is a brilliant student who is also pursuing a BSc in Physics, Chemistry and Math. Her equally brilliant brother had committed suicide due to lack of support for his higher education.

*“The VOC Scholarship helps me to build creative skills in this period by reading some personality and mind training books and my course books, my semester admission fees etc.”*

We have not yet heard from our third partner, **Dekyiling**, who last year had 3 students studying online. We do know however that the last wave of Covid with the Delta variant affected their community terribly. We hope to hear from them soon so that we can continue to support the students.

Through your generous donations TRAS is helping 18 students pursue their dreams of achieving greatness through education.

I quote from one of our partners:

*“If TRAS will be able to provide scholarship to our students, it will save the life of many needy children from ruining.”*

Thank you  
Lynn Beck  
Scholarship Director