



THE Awards Asia 2020 - Outstanding Support for Students

Institution Name	Katalyst, in collaboration with the College of Engineering Pune (COEP) and Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute (VJTI)
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URL	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLrPfohMv5s
Submission	<p>Katalyst was set up in 2007 with the goal of liberating Indian women from low income communities through the pursuit of professional education.</p> <p>The initiative prepares young women for leadership roles, creating a wider talent pool for India Inc and helping to bridge the gender divide.</p> <p>Katalyst achieves this through a blend of development interventions, including a 600-hour proprietary and scientifically researched curriculum, one-to-one mentorship, access to best in class technology, assistance with internships, and world class industry exposure and corporate interactions.</p> <p>Katalyst is an initiative of Third Sector Partners, India's leading executive search firm focused on socially relevant organisations. Katalyst has collaborated with some premier engineering institutes in Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore and Delhi, impacting almost 1200 girl students, with 650 in the current cohort.</p> <p>Our top two institutional partners, COEP and VJTI, help to identify potential beneficiaries, provide infrastructure (auditoriums, classrooms, computer labs for training) and provide essential feedback on the curriculum.</p>