

NTTF Success Stories

Alumni

Amit Kulkarni **Entrepreneur**

For me it was a platform where I can do anything I want. That is what NTTF meant to me. They gave equipment and literally everything that we will need and told us, do whatever you want. That was the kind of atmosphere I got at NTTF. We were given projects and opportunities to participate in tech-fests, we went to IIT and we won there. It was in my second semester. Diploma students going to IIT and beating a couple of IITans and emerging as winners was something great. It was a different experience for me.

And Quality circles is very unique thing that only NTTF has. What we are talking today, being digital and innovation in education, I think NTTF has been doing for past so many years. Through QC we learnt how to innovate in the processes that we are working in. We too wanted to constantly improve the process that mentality is embedded in each one of us.

Christopher K Raj **Managing Director - Bruderer India**

I was doing my PUC in science, just like any other guy who has aspirations of doing engineering and making it big someday. I was in St. Joseph's College and NTTF happened to run their interview, so I attended, I didn't want to join but I got selected.

But something led me to take a step and if I look back it was my first step towards success. There was some rigorous training starting from day one and I hated it. But at end of first year it trained my mind and body to achieve precision successfully. And in the second year we were allowed to work with the machines. To apply the precision that we learnt. And in the third year we were trained to achieve maximum that one could possibly attain.

Not just the training. NTTF makes a man out of you. At least in my case that was what it was. You are encouraged to yoga, karate, in those days horse riding and then music, be on the stage, sing, so you lose all the stage fear and expose yourself to things beyond academics. You understand all lot of things, how you organise, how to prepare and execute work, basically you understand life at NTTF.

Keshav Murthy Kapoor

NTTF is a foundation stone for us and for all our future work. So we are fully ready, when we come out. We are trained in all the aspects. It can be a mechanical side of the part or an industrial side or engineering side. In total, we are trained, and that is how I see.

When I completed my school final, I didn't know NTTF at all. My father came to know about NTTF. One fine day, when I came back home in the evening, my father handed over me application form and asked me to fill it up. So I did. The entrance exam was held the very next day. It was so simple. I wrote the exam and got selected. In fact, I was doing the first year of PUC at that time. I got a telegram from NTTF with informing that I had got selected and from next day, I didn't go to the college where I was pursuing PUC but joined NTTF. It started like that. And now, I am what and where I am!

Charu Shrotri

After completing 10th standard I wanted go on technical side. I was very much sure what was special in NTTF and its teaching methods. Since I was in Dharwad at that time, I decided to stick to NTTF.

As I heard of it since long time and it was very prestigious to get admission there. I happened to meet some seniors who have been studying there in the final year, I took time with them and I tried to understand the procedure to get admission. Based on my marks in the 10th standard in Mathematics, English and Science I applied and got selected in spite of the fact that the interview and up to date test were really tough.

During the course, though it was very tough, we really learnt a lot and we were ready for the world and we were ready to take the advantage immediately. And we didn't have to search employment.

We directly got the positions without any problems and we could perform well.

This institute was started by Swiss people. Irrespective of whether the syllabus was recognized or not recognized altogether, it was the content in theory and in practice that was to deal with your own hands and relating it to your performance and excellence at the same time. Such is the quality of syllabi at NTTF.

Sriram Joshi

My entry into NTTF was the turning point of my life. When I got admission in Tellicherry, I didn't know if Tellicherry was in Kerala or Tamil Nadu. My entrance was done in Dharwad and I was deputed at Tellicherry. It was a bold step for me to move out of Maharashtra all the way from Sholapur to Tellicherry, a place which was not known to me. But it had been an exciting journey since I put my first step on.

It was the rope-in programme that brought every team member together at NTTF.

For the first 15 days, we called it a physical torture. Then it started becoming a part of our life. It was a kind of military culture and then, throughout the day, we used to be taken out for memory enhancing exercise, cultural events and so on. At the end of the evening, we used to play orchestras and do the best at what we are. During this whole rope-in programme, our seniors used to observe us and we used to wonder why these guys are observing us. And when we realized the reason behind it, we felt very much moved. It was really something

phenomenal. Alas! they were looking at our strengths. As a result, our parents were overwhelmed on realizing the transformation that happened in us. And the whole journey forward had been so constructive.

Every day it was learning and every moment it was inculcating values. My parents were pretty confident that I should choose this career path actually on the basis of successful seniors into the industry. They were the brand ambassadors of NTTF. These successful seniors have demonstrated career success and showed the way to excel as inspiring human beings. This brand building of seniors was the unique force that pulled me into NTTF.

Ramakrishnan

I did my school and PUC in Kannur, near Tellicherry. I joined NTTF in 1975 and completed in 1979. I come from a middle class, rather an upper middle class family. My father was a zonal officer. One of his friends told him about NTTF in Tellicherry which is about 25 – 30 km away from our place. His son was a student of NTTF and he was very proud of it. He suggested us to give a try.

So I did and attended the interview. Out of 1000 and more students, 25 students were selected and I was one among them. That was a time when the Swiss professors and instructors were about to leave the institution and Indian faculty were getting inducted. But the aspects like the method of teaching, syllabus and discipline continued. In fact, due to the stringent regulations, the way of teaching and training, quite a number of students could not tolerate that and were willing to leave. It was like we were trained to be placed in a blue-collar job. Somehow, we continued in spite of very strict training schedules. Things were much different than we thought it would be. In our batch, out of 25 students, 14 students passed out.

It was quite surprising, as in previous batches, only 6 or 7 students came out successfully.

If you can't perform, you are out.

Although we enjoyed our days at NTTF, a sort of fear prevailed. We had to work very hard to achieve. It's a new world of creativity. In this profession of tool making, it is a kind of art. It was like you find everything new, every time you come upon new things. I am running my own unit now. All the strength and spirit I carry is all because of the basics I learnt from NTTF.

Manjunath Bhosale

I was born and brought up in Dharwad where NTTF is more or less a household name. Parents were attracted by the name NTTF that was established by the Swiss.

I was a bright student in the school. I always wanted to be a doctor, not an engineer. My uncle advised me to go for the interview at NTTF. My neighbour was an instructor at NTTF. Out of curiosity I asked him and he said the competitive exam at NTTF was very tough and it was not for me. So I made my decision and I was determined. I had about 15 days. I prepared myself, day and night. It was a challenge.

At NTTF detailing of the subject was very deep and intense. Like the rock bottom base. You see the bricks on top and heavy stones at the bottom. NTTF prepares you from the foundation. NTTF is all about challenging yourself. Challenging somebody... is what I am today and I learnt it from NTTF.

Parents

Selvi

Mother of Anitha (Student of NTTF)

My husband and I have studied only up to the 5th. No one in the family has gone to college. So we really wanted to educate our daughter. She herself said that while the other institutes are situated afar, NTTF is nearer and she could join there. She also said that she liked to join NTTF as she was sure to get a job after studies. She has studied in a government school in Tamil medium. She did not know any English. She would get up only at 8:30 in the morning, and after school all she did was play. After she joined NTTF, she began to wake up at 6:30 and became very active. She would be particular about reaching college by 7:00, adding that otherwise she would be marked absent. She commutes the long journey by bicycle. She is now a very different person, more responsible and disciplined.

Muthazhagi

Mother of Sudharshan (Student of NTTF)

We generally study up to 10th. And, our husbands, in the circumstances at that time, studied up to 5th. We probably did not have it in us to study more. When we knew that our son wants to study more we wondered what effort we could take to make this happen. At that time, I heard that NTTF has come. I understood that if our son goes to NTTF, he can learn a business skill and get a good education, and get a good job. I was also made to realize that he will also become responsible individual. While we have not had much education, I thought let our son study, with discipline, and earn a good name for the village. We also had a strong desire that a boy from our family should study well, get a good job and really learn a skill very well. We were advised to join him in mechatronics. And we did so.

In the beginning, he had kept himself aloof. We would wonder why he has not shown any interest or determination. Then he joined NTTF. Ever since, he wakes up at 6:30 in the morning, interacts with others with respect and affection. He now speaks well in English, which makes us feel particularly glad, as none of us in the family has much education. Gradually, his activities have shown remarkable improvement. This is in contrast with the habits most boys usually develop. Now that he is involved in studies to an extent, I can see improvement in his exams and I believe that he will succeed further in his studies.

Madhumathi Singh

Mother of Titiksha Singh (Student of NTTF)

I can see a change in her personality. Her confidence level has increased. Whatever she is now NTTF has had a big role to play. I would definitely recommend NTTF to other students and parents. They have given her their best and got the best out of her.

I am proud of my daughter as she is the topper in her class, a gold medalist in fact. She now works in an R&D department of a reputed organization.

Narayanasamy

Father of Padmavathi (Student of NTTF)

I am doing farming. My children should not do this profession – neither my son nor my daughter.

I heard about NTTF. I joined my son. He finished studies and went to Madras for work. My son himself was wanting to join NTTF. Of course, as Vellore is far away, I did not want to send my daughter. Now when NTTF came close by, I joined her also. NTTF is a work-oriented institution, not like other institutions where it is bookish learning, all theory, not useful in practice. I also heard that with regard to employment opportunities, NTTF is a very good institution. That's why I joined them in NTTF.

On some days, my daughter comes home around 8:00 or 8:30 pm. And, when I ask her why she is coming this late, when her classes get over by 5 or so, she says that there are practical work and other portions. When NTTF takes such care to educate her, I feel the satisfaction that they have enabled her to reach a good position.
