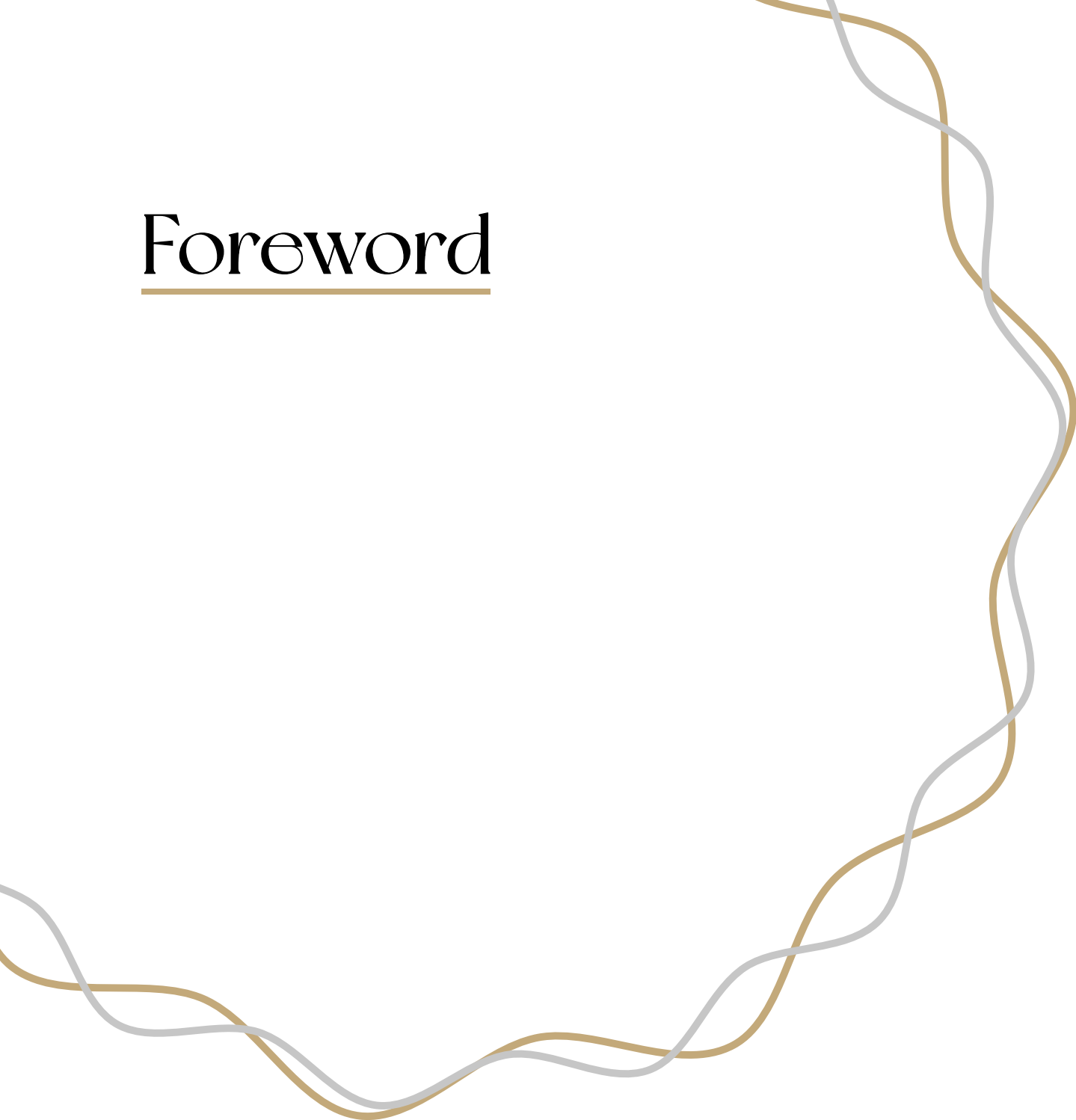


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Foreword





Prateek Shukla

Founder & CEO, Masai School

It was 2021. We were working out of 91 Springboard co-working space in Koramangala, Bangalore when a 40-something gentleman walked through our office doors. The gentleman had stepped out to verify our existence. There was a part of him that walked in with a sliver of doubt in his mind. But, there was also a part of him that wanted to believe in the possibility of something extraordinary happening. His arrival meant we were being recognized for the good we were doing.

We launched Masai in 2019 - a time when the digital realm of India was evolving, prospering, and taking a unique shape. Up until this point, approximately 500 students had launched their careers through Masai School. Some came from tech backgrounds, seeking an edge after engineering. Many from non-tech fields aimed for a career shift, while others envisioned skipping traditional college paths after completing school.

Easy Internet accessibility during this period ensured we were leaving footprints on the web every time a student from Masai achieved success.

Here are a few notable mentions - our fragments of joy. A 5th standard dropout whom we helped learn mathematics, enabling him to unlock a six-figure package. Then, there was a boy from Uttara Kannada who became the first from his village to land a private job. Another success story came from West Bengal, where a graduate became the first from his village to achieve this feat. A girl from Hyderabad defied all odds, securing not one but two job offers within a month. Also, from Hyderabad, there was a street salesman who, despite facing rejection and contemplating suicide, decided to turn his life around at Masai School, driven by his love for his parents.

The journey to 500 was not easy. It is essential to remember here that the good also comes with the bad. Some creators accused us of scamming students with false tech career promises.

Our students' success kept us going. Today, after helping over 4500 students build careers and lift 350 families out of poverty, I see 4500+ reasons why our efforts were worth every obstacle.

At Masai, we teach students the art & science of learning deeply seeded in our motto of not giving up on them until they give up on us. We leave no stone unturned in our mission to level the playing field for every 18-28-year-old out there who aspires to be associated with the cool keyword "technology".

As you read these 101 incredible stories, picture the 40-something gentleman who walked through our doors that day in 2021, with a dream in his eyes for his child's future success. Much like the Maasai Mara tribe, whom I encountered while touring across the grasslands of Tanzania and Kenya, this gentleman too sought to empower his child with the skills and knowledge needed for a bright future. The tribe's commitment to excellence, despite their lack of formal education, reflects a universal desire for success and achievement, transcending geographical and cultural boundaries.

Maasai Mara tribe's experience led me to kickstart Masai School.

Nrupul Dev, my college senior at IIT Kanpur, and Yogesh Bhat, an acquaintance I met through my spouse had joined hands to bridge the gap between the demand for highly skilled tech professionals and the availability of such individuals for tech companies.

With Masai School, we collectively worked towards the goal of placing the nation's youth in reputable technical jobs. Since June 10th, 2019, together we have trained and placed more than 4500 youngsters across the nation with the necessary programming and software development skills.

As we head into the future we aspire to skill 1 million youths and uplift 100,000 families from poverty. By the end of 2024, we aim to hand 10,000 youngsters their respective *"License to Dream"* by making education more inclusive and accessible.

Genesis of Masai School

The genesis of Masai School can be traced back to Prateek Shukla's transformative experiences during his formative years. As an intern at Teach for India during his pre-final year at IIT Kanpur, Prateek gained firsthand insights into the disparities in India's education system and the immense potential waiting to be unleashed. This exposure ignited a passion within him to revolutionize education and create pathways for meaningful employment.

After graduating from IIT Kanpur, Prateek ventured into the world of entrepreneurship, co-founding the real estate startup Grabhouse in 2013. His entrepreneurial journey culminated in the successful acquisition of Grabhouse by Quikr in 2016, marking a significant milestone in his career. However, Prateek's unwavering commitment to education and his vision of transforming lives through learning continued to drive him.

Prateek then shifted gears towards education. His passion for impactful education led him to start Masai School. Prateek's inspiration for Masai School traces back to his travels in Kenya and Tanzania, where he encountered the Maasai Mara tribe. Despite lacking formal education, the tribe's members were highly skilled in various fields, demonstrating a commitment to excellence and self-sufficiency. This experience resonated deeply with Prateek, fuelling his determination to bridge the gap between the demand for skilled professionals and their availability.

With Masai School, Prateek aimed to emulate the Maasai tribe's ethos by imparting practical skills and knowledge that directly translate into career opportunities. Teaming up with Nrupul Dev, his college senior at IIT Kanpur, and Yogesh Bhat, an acquaintance, Prateek laid the foundation for Masai School. The trio envisioned a platform that would empower India's youth with the skills needed for success in the tech industry.

Since our inception on June 10th, 2019, we have worked for Bharat. 70% of our students are from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities and towns. 70% of our students come from Economically Weaker Section (EWS) backgrounds

We have made a remarkable journey, evolving from a modest beginning with just 20 students to celebrating our 100th batch in December 2023. Over these transformative years, the institution has proudly graduated and successfully placed over 4500 students in various tech companies. This milestone is not just about numbers; it's a mosaic of individual success stories, each unique and inspiring.

Today, Masai School stands as a testament to our vision, offering industry-relevant education that prioritizes outcomes. Through a blend of practical learning, industry exposure, and mentorship, we aim to shape the futures of 10000 individuals by the time 2024 concludes. We would continue to shape the future of India's tech workforce, fostering a generation of skilled professionals ready to make their mark in the digital era.



Impact Numbers

6000+

Currently Enrolled

75%

*Students from a Non-B.Tech
educational background*

20%

Female tech Aspirants

70%

From EWS background

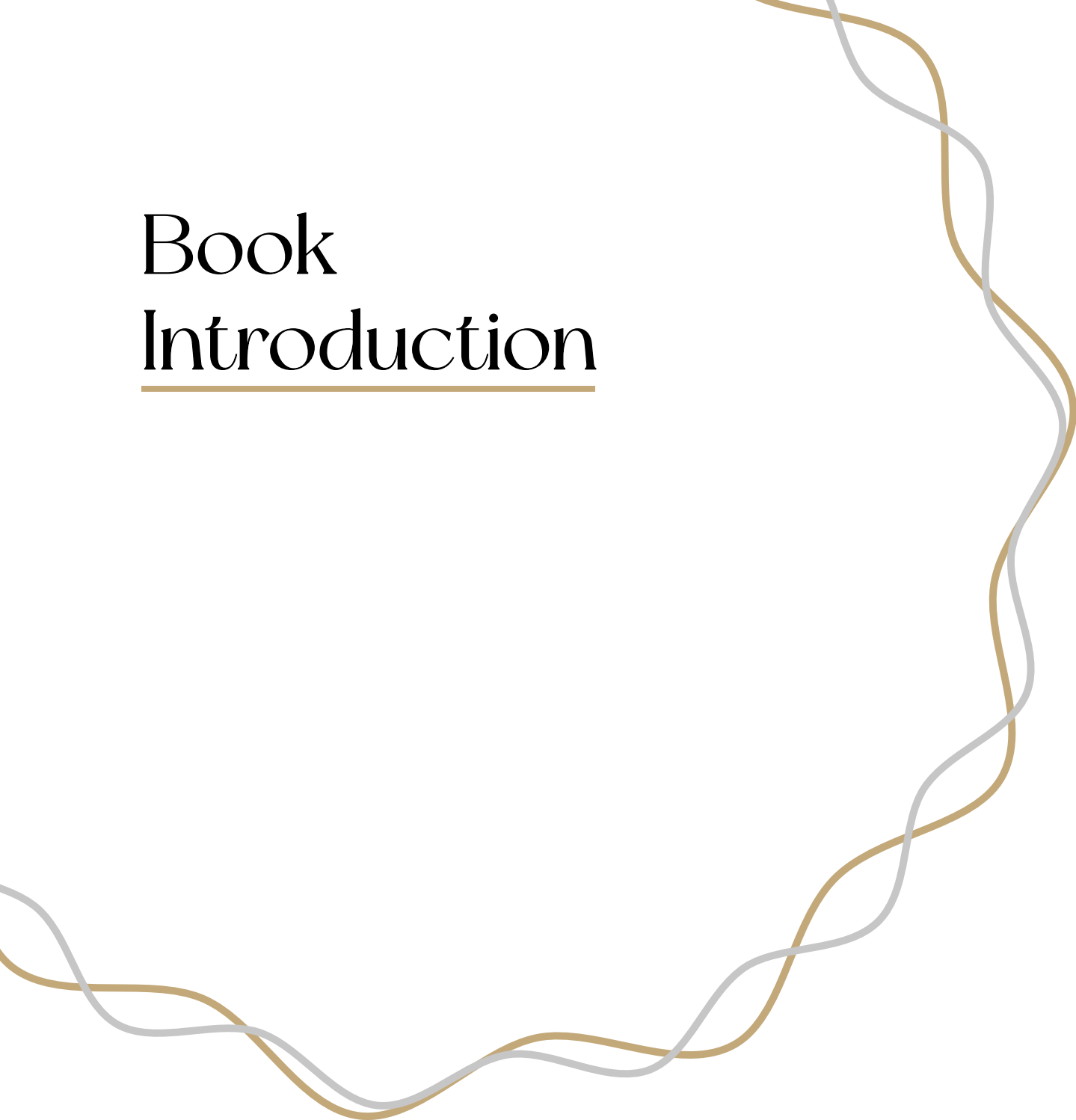
4000+

*Placed in some of the most
sought after engineering teams*

400+

Families out of poverty

Book Introduction





Yogesh Bhat

Co-founder & SVP Masai School

In life's intricate dance, there are moments that don't just pass by; they sculpt us, leaving imprints deep in our soul's canvas. "Masai 101 Stories" is a mosaic of such moments, each piece a story of resilience, determination, and the transformative power of education.

Picture this: A child's first wobbly ride on a bicycle under a father's watchful eye. The falls, the scrapes, yet, the undying spirit to keep pedalling. The joy of finally gliding on two wheels is theirs, but the pride that sparkles in the father's eyes? That's the true reward.

This anthology is not just about triumphs; it's about shared victories. Every student's success is a reflection of their mentors, their guiding stars. It's a tribute to these intertwined paths, to those who teach and those who learn, forever altering each other's courses.

Take a moment and step into the lives transformed by Masai. Feel the dusty winds of Rabia's village, hear the bustling sounds of the city she now thrives in. Her story, from rural simplicity to urban complexity, is a symphony of sheer grit. Or walk beside Sahil Sachdev, whose journey defies conventional paths, his footsteps echoing a bold choice for knowledge over tradition. Picture Aman Kashyap, once a Swiggy delivery boy, now typing away as an assistant software developer in the same company. Each narrative in this book isn't just a story; it's a living testament to belief, hard work, and the relentless pursuit of dreams.

As we steered through the tempestuous tech landscape of 2023, facing a difficult macro conditions, our saga continued to flourish. Over 4500 stories of transformation were woven, each distinct, each a vibrant thread in Masai's rich tapestry.

Our students, the unsung heroes, have been the cornerstone of Masai's odyssey. Their perseverance against all odds fuels our mission. Recognizing their struggles and triumphs, we were compelled to bring their stories into the limelight. "Masai 101 Stories" is more than a book; it's a festival of human spirit, an ode to these remarkable journeys.

Conceiving this book was a herculean task. Spearheaded by our 'famous five' of the Masai communities team – Ritu, Tanya, Pawan, Chirag, and Nitish – and bolstered by our AI Labs & CSBT team, it was a labour of love and dedication. Sifting through countless narratives, engaging in heartfelt interviews, and intense brainstorming sessions, we strived to capture the essence of our diverse community. The result is a balanced, powerful narrative of 101 alumni, each story a unique beacon in the Masai legacy.

"Masai 101 Stories" isn't just a collection of narratives; it's a chronicle of dreams realized, potential unleashed, and lives remarkably transformed. It's a narrative we hope will kindle inspiration, stir motivation, and light a spark in all who delve into its pages, urging them to embark on their own transformative journeys.

In this book, we don't just tell stories; we celebrate a movement, a revolution in education and empowerment. Join us in this celebration, and let the journeys of those who dared to dream and achieve, fuel your own aspirations

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Aman Kashyap

📍 Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh to Bengaluru
 🚀 Swiggy Delivery Partner to SDEI at Swiggy

Aman Kashyap was born in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. He had a keen interest in computers since his school days. Aman decided to turn this spark into a roaring fire and bravely chose computer science as an optional subject in 12th grade, while attending OSVN Inter College, a state board school.

However, life threw curveballs at Aman. As much as he wanted to soar into the sky of technology, financial constraints anchored his family to the ground. He longed to study at IIT, but his dreams collided with reality. To support his family, he slung a bag over his shoulder, not filled with books, but with food parcels, becoming a delivery executive for Swiggy.

The shadow of COVID-19 loomed, halting his educational goals further. Aman found himself working in leather factories, scrutinizing products for quality before they made their way to the eager hands of customers. Yearning for stability, he joined a Government Polytechnic College, but his heart wasn't in textile technology – it was in computing.

Looking for better career paths, Aman came across Masai, his schoolmate, Arpit Sachan, told him about an institute that offered a coding course with a "pay after placement" mode. Aman did his homework and discovered Masai's success testimonials on social media platforms. His determination blazed; he joined Masai, setting forth on a journey that would challenge him to the core.

With no technical background, Aman had to work harder than others in the initial phases of his Masai journey, sometimes needing to repeat units to solidify his understanding. But he grew, and he enhanced his skills day by day. The pedagogical prowess of his mentors sculpted the raw clay of his skills, and he left Masai not just with improved technical acumen but with soft skills and the ability to communicate confidently in English.

The cherry on top? Aman conquered the odds and landed a job as a Software Developer at Swiggy. The journey was arduous, but the rewards were sweet.

Aman's transformation from a delivery executive at Swiggy to an assistant SDE, also at Swiggy is a cornerstone of Masai's "Impact Book." Stories like his ripple through villages and cities and inspire hopes of rising after hitting rock bottom and winning against all odds.

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Mohammed Tanveer

📍 *Bengaluru, Karnataka*
🚀 *5th Class Dropout*
SDE2 at Influx Worldwide

Mohammed Tanveer's journey from a child welder to a successful software developer is a testament to his resilience and unwavering determination in the face of adversity. His life story is a profound narrative of transformation and triumph over challenges.

Tanveer's life took a drastic turn when he had to drop out of school in the fifth grade due to his father's business failing. Forced to support his family, he began working as a welder in his uncle's shop, earning a meagre income. However, his stint as a welder was short-lived as the workshop closed down leaving Tanveer without a job.

Despite these setbacks, Tanveer did not lose hope. He spent his days honing his welding skills until an accident at a workshop forced him to re-evaluate his life choices. During his recovery period, Tanveer's thirst for knowledge and learning, supported by his sister, reignited his educational pursuits.

Post-recovery, Tanveer enrolled in a typing course, which became a turning point in his life. The course opened doors for him in the corporate world, starting with data entry roles and gradually progressing to positions in SEO and Digital Marketing.

However, Tanveer's ambition to become a software engineer never faded. His determination led him to Masai, where he started from scratch, relearning the English alphabet and Mathematics. His dedication to mastering HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and the MERN Stack reshaped his career prospects and opened up new opportunities in the tech industry.

After completing his training at Masai, Tanveer emerged victorious, landing a coveted role as a Software Developer at Influx Worldwide with an impressive salary. His success is a source of pride for his family, symbolizing a journey from the spark of a welder's torch to the glow of a computer screen.

Tanveer's story is a testament to the transformative power of education and the resilience of the human spirit in overcoming adversity.

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Rabia Basari

📍 *Hyderabad, Telangana to Mumbai*
🚀 *Teacher to SDEI at 5Paiza*

Rabia, shouldering her family's financial responsibilities, embarked on Masai School's full-stack web development program while working night shifts. Time management was her key to balancing the act between work and study.

At Masai, Rabia faced significant health hurdles, including an eye condition during her second unit, leading her to momentarily step back in the third unit. Her prior attempts at career advancement post her B.Tech and M.Tech in Electrical Engineering—spanning internships and UX Design—had been fruitless until Masai School.

Despite personal trials, including her father's illness, Rabia's resolve never wavered. She completed her course with dedication.

Just when the placement process started, Rabia's father had to go through two surgeries. Her father was hospitalized for 20 days. With her father's surgeries coinciding with her placement interviews, Rabia had to ask the placement team to reschedule her interviews quite often and there were times when she attended interviews in the hospital.

Masai's placement team's help came in handy during this phase of her life. They had been helpful to her during this phase of her life. They rescheduled her interviews without a second thought when I was unable to attend them because of my father's health.

After a lot of hassle, struggle, and hard work she finally got placed at 5paiza. She was finally relieved that the years of hard work had paid off.

Her relentless spirit had finally bore fruit, and she had secured employment at 5paiza.

Rabia's future aspirations are in UI/UX design, merging her love for design with her development skills. She credits her success to regular class attendance and self-belief, endorsing Masai's curriculum. To Rabia, Masai School offered more than coding skills; it was a haven of support, justifying its fee with unparalleled guidance and life-changing opportunities.



Rajeswari S

📍 Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu to Bengaluru
 🚀 Asst. Professor
 to Frontend Developer at SuperProcure

Rajeswari was an assistant professor at an engineering college in Bengaluru with a strong background in Computer Science, having completed her M.Tech in the field. While she found fulfilment in guiding students through the complexities of Computer Science, she realized that her knowledge needed updating to keep up with the rapidly evolving tech landscape.

Despite her proficiency in web programming, she felt a growing desire to deepen her expertise in the IT sector. This urge was not solely professional but also driven by her need to provide better support for her family, as her current career path wasn't meeting their needs.

Breaking away from the traditional path chosen for Rajeswari, which was teaching, Rajeswari decided to pursue a career shift into the tech world. After researching various institutes and programs for six months, she learned about Masai from a friend. Impressed by the school's CEO and founders' backgrounds, as well as their transparent admission process, she saw Masai as a different kind of opportunity.

Rajeswari joined Masai without an initial payment, committing herself to a rigorous journey of learning and self-improvement. The program challenged her, but her determination kept her going, dedicating most of her time to coding and learning.

Masai's curriculum not only enhanced her technical skills but also prepared her for the professional world through mock interviews and personalized feedback. With Masai's guidance, she excelled in her interview at SuperProcure, eventually securing a job there.

Starting her new job wasn't easy, but Rajeswari persevered, gradually achieving a balance between work and personal life. This newfound equilibrium allowed her to pursue hobbies like painting and yoga and spend quality time with her family, luxuries she couldn't afford before.

Rajeswari's journey with Masai wasn't just a career transformation but a rebirth. The school not only equipped her with the skills for her new job but also provided her with a supportive community of friends. Her story is a testament to the idea that it's never too late to pursue your dreams and reshape your future.

Today, Rajeswari is still with SuperProcure that Masai helped her join. She has grown in her role, proving herself in the tech industry with each successful project. Masai remains a significant chapter in her life, one that propelled her toward a future she was destined to conquer.



Mohammed Hassan

📍 Salem, Tamil Nadu to Bengaluru
 🚀 Workshop Trainee
 to SDE 2 at Sharechat

Hassan's journey with Masai started in the very early days of the first batch "The Vikings". After joining Masai, Hassan became one of the first individuals to complete their Income Share Agreement (ISA, now Pay After Placement - PAP). Reflecting on his initial scepticism about the ISA model, his dissatisfaction with his current job and his desire for change overshadowed his concerns. His persistent inquiries to the Masai team, coupled with their patient and sincere responses, convinced him to take the leap of faith into joining the Vikings batch.

Support from Hassan's family played a crucial role in his decision. Despite initial doubts, his father encouraged him to pursue his aspirations, eventually recognizing Masai's potential through his dedication and the efforts of the Masai team.

Transitioning from Masai to his role as a Software Engineer at Sharechat, Hassan found himself surrounded by colleagues from prestigious backgrounds. As an intern, he keenly observed his seniors' work ethic, realizing their success stemmed from relentless dedication. This realization, coupled with his experiences at Masai, provided a solid foundation for his career growth.

Comparing the traditional educational model with Masai's ISA-based approach, Hassan highlighted the latter's emphasis on accountability. Unlike traditional systems where success feels uncertain, Masai's model instilled hope by aligning the institution's success with that of its students.

Expressing his support for implementing ISAs on a national scale in India, Hassan believed it would create a more participative learning environment. By holding educational institutions accountable for their students' success, the ISA model could motivate educators to align their efforts with student outcomes.

Hassan exemplifies how an ISA can transform one's educational prospects. With his extensive knowledge and skills, Hassan is now a consultant serving Growble, poised for further career growth with improved salary packages.



Sumanta Mallik

📍 *Balasore, Odisha to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *Operations Executive to SDE 2 at LegalZoom*

Born to a modest family in Odisha, Sumanta had a simple upbringing. School days came with their share of struggles. He was smart, but resources were tight. When others had books and support, he had his determination.

He grew up wanting to study tech, to dive deep into computers, but fate had other plans. His family needed money, and he had to work. He opted for a regular B.Sc. degree from Utkal University— not what his heart wanted, but it was education nonetheless.

Fast forward, a few years later he landed a job in Bengaluru. A city of dreams for many; he thought opportunities would knock on his door. But they didn't, not until Masai caught his attention. He heard stories, and saw ads — something clicked. Masai was different; it promised to make him job-ready.

The doubts? They were there. Is Masai real? Will it work? But then he met Prateek, Masai's CEO & co-founder. Prateek asked, "How much can you work?" and that resonated with him. This fellow worked hard already, doing night shifts, squeezing hours to learn coding after his data operator job. Prateek's faith convinced him — it was time for a jump into a career in tech.

Masai wasn't easy. Some quit, but not him. He stayed because turning back wasn't an option. The journey was tough, but he persevered. He started with no tech background, and the learning curve was steep, but Masai's mentors like Prateek, Nrupul, and others were there, always pushing him to do better.

Now, post-Masai, he's soaring. He's at LegalZoom, with a promising career in tech. His family sees the changes —the confidence, the skills, the professional attitude. The future? Bright. He's thinking of scaling up, maybe a Master's Degree, complemented by Masai's continuous learning, ensuring he stays on top of his game.



Pooja Yadav

📍 *Delhi to Bengaluru*

🚀 *Teacher
to Technical Instructor at Masai*

Pooja always had a knack for learning. Born in Ballia, UP, to a father serving in the CISF her childhood was a mix of shifting places and cultures. She started in a village where Hindi was a stranger's language, then moved to Delhi, where her education took a true turn.

A teacher there saw her potential and pointed her towards polytechnic as a smart choice. She breezed through the entrance exams and landed in a government college to study Computer Science Engineering. Her family wasn't rich but got by, and her dad supported her education wholeheartedly. She went on to also do a Bachelor's in Computer Science Engineering. The real trouble began when societal norms nudged her towards marriage right after her B.Tech.

Post-marriage, the in-laws and culture took over. "Ladies shouldn't work; they care for their families," they said. But teaching gigs came calling, and Pooja answered, as it seemed a fitting compromise. Then came her daughters, two stars that paused her ascent. The M.Tech dream dimmed as her new roles took centre stage.

It took a nudge from her brother, a proud Masai student-turned-worker, to spark the career fire again. With a baby on her lap and another by her side, Pooja started coding again, tackling the Masai curriculum with one hand on the keyboard and the other on motherhood. Sticky notes became her planning buddies.

At Masai, the learning process wasn't just about code; it was about communication and presentation skills she hadn't polished in years of domestic life. These sessions transformed her from someone who could just answer questions to someone who could command a room.

Equipped with new skills and unshakable confidence, Pooja not only completed her Masai course but also became an Instructional Associate (IA), bridging the gap from student to teacher. Transitioning to a corporate role, she was determined to provide the support she had once sought.

Her empowerment as a mother inspired her daughters to embrace both success and failure. Now aiming for the Program Manager role after progressing from student to IA to Program Expert, Pooja's journey teaches her daughters that a woman's place is wherever she chooses. Above all, she's a mother breaking cycles, ensuring her daughters won't face her past challenges. Masai provided the platform for her to proclaim, "I am here, and I am capable."



Arunabh Singh Thakur

📍 Gorakhpur, UP to Bengaluru
 🚀 Site Engineer
 to SDEI at Quintype Technologies Pvt Ltd

Arunabh grew up in Gorakhpur, where the prevailing belief was that the brightest students should pursue science. Despite his interest in commerce and dreams of becoming a Chartered Accountant, his family's influence steered him toward science, and he ended up studying Civil Engineering in college.

In college, Arunabh excelled academically, but after graduation, he struggled to find a well-paying job. His first job in Faridabad paid only 6000 rupees per month, and the demonetization in India left him jobless, forcing him to return to his hometown and work as a Junior Site Engineer.

After witnessing his father's declining health and facing stagnant career prospects, Arunabh decided to make a change. He moved to Bengaluru to pursue an MBA but soon realized it wasn't financially feasible. It was in Bengaluru that he discovered his interest in IT, encouraged by his sister and friends who recognized his talent for Mathematics.

Arunabh enrolled in a bootcamp for software development, hoping to transition into a tech career. However, the bootcamp fell short of his expectations, and he struggled to find opportunities in the competitive IT industry.

Feeling disillusioned, Arunabh was about to leave Bengaluru when he stumbled upon an article about Masai. Intrigued by

its "learn first, pay later" model and inclusive approach, he reached out to them. After a reassuring conversation with Yogesh from Masai, Arunabh decided to take a chance and join Masai.

At Masai, Arunabh faced a steep learning curve but found the support and guidance he needed. The intense schedule and immersive curriculum helped him gain the skills and confidence to enter the tech industry.

After completing the program, Arunabh's career took off. He landed a job as a software engineer at Revv, and within four years, he has worked at four different companies, gaining valuable experience and skills. Today, Arunabh has risen up the ranks of software development to become a Senior Software Engineer at Quintype Technologies.

Looking into the future, Arunabh aims to further his career in web development and eventually move into tech leadership roles. He credits Masai with providing him with the tools and support he needed to succeed in the tech world, giving him control over his professional destiny.



Ashish Raj

📍 *Munger, Bihar to Gurugram*
🚗 *Uber Driver*
to *Sr. Solutions Engineer at WebEngage*

Ashish Raj, hailing from Munger in Bihar, comes from a family where his father is a farmer and his mother is a homemaker. Growing up, he spent much of his time at his uncle's cybercafe, where he developed a natural affinity for computers and programming.

Despite his family's expectations that he would secure a government job, Ashish pursued a Diploma in Electrical Engineering in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, where he had to make ends meet by working odd jobs, including driving for Uber.

His disciplined upbringing, influenced by five years at the Bihar School of Yoga, instilled in him a strong work ethic. This led him to a gruelling schedule of attending college during the day and driving for Uber at night, sometimes with only a few hours of rest in between.

Despite the challenges, Ashish remained determined to pursue his education and future career. Ashish's life took a turn when he discovered Masai School through a Google search. Seeing it as a golden opportunity, he applied and was accepted into their Full Stack Web Development course in April 2020. At Masai, he learned HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and the MERN stack, and was impressed by the mentorship he received. As part of his coursework, he even built a clone of LinkedIn.

Ashish believes that a successful programmer needs to be passionate and persistent, comparing coding to learning to ride a bike—every mistake is a learning opportunity.

Today, Ashish is a Senior Solutions Engineer at WebEngage. He has come a long way from his days of struggling to make ends meet. His journey showcases the importance of passion, perseverance, and seizing opportunities, no matter how challenging the circumstances.

Ashish Raj's journey from a small town in Bihar to becoming a proficient web developer at Masai School exemplifies the power of determination and the pursuit of one's passion. His story is a testament to the idea that with the right mindset and opportunities, anyone can overcome obstacles to achieve their dreams.



Mahesh Guptha

📍 *Revally, Telangana to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *Salesman*
to SDEI at Leap Finance

Mahesh grew up in a small village in Telangana, where his parents struggled with financial difficulties. Despite his passion for science, especially biology, his dreams of becoming a doctor had to be put aside due to financial constraints.

Instead, he pursued a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering through a government exam, hoping for a stable job. However, the reality of long hours and low pay in the factories left him feeling trapped in a cycle of debts and disappointments, especially with his father's loans hanging over the family.

When COVID-19 struck, Mahesh found himself jobless and stumbled upon Masai online. Despite initial scepticism and his father's opposition, he decided to take a chance on Masai's "learn now, pay later" offer.

His mother, who had always been supportive of his dreams, stood by his decision, even though her health was declining. The rigorous program at Masai challenged him, but with support from friends and the Masai team, he persevered and learned to code.

After completing his studies at Masai, Mahesh faced the daunting task of finding a job. With encouragement from his mentors and support from colleagues, he landed a role at Leap Scholar, marking a significant leap from his previous struggles.

However, his journey has been bittersweet, as he mourns the loss of his mother, who passed away before seeing his accomplishments. Despite this loss, Mahesh remains determined to overcome his family's debts and looks towards a hopeful future.

Mahesh's story is one of transformation, showcasing the power of education and resilience in overcoming life's challenges. From a village with financial struggles to a successful professional, Mahesh's journey is a testament to the saying that where one starts in life doesn't dictate where one ends.



Chiranjeev Thapliyal

📍 Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh to Bengaluru
🚀 12th Standard Pass
to SDE1 at CoinSwitch

Chiranjeev had a path that wasn't straight but filled with turns and bumps, starting right from his school years in Modern Academy, Ghaziabad. Many of his peers secured admission in prestigious engineering colleges after 12th grade.

Chiranjeev was also on track having scored good marks in entrance examinations for IIT-JEE as well as other colleges in and around the Delhi-NCR region. But, due to financial constraints bearing down on his family, Chiranjeev found himself at a crucial juncture in his life. He had to forego engineering.

He spent those days feeding his curiosity through online platforms, learning web development from YouTube and various other channels. But it was not just the technical skills that he was picking up; he was also dabbling in competitive programming, where he shone brightly among thousands, landing an impressive rank in Google Code Jam.

His elder brother, already treading the academic path in Masai, threw a lifeline. With some scepticism and an inkling of hope, Chiranjeev decided to venture into the same waters. He jumped through the hoops of an aptitude test to get into Masai, apprehensive yet eager.

At Masai, Chiranjeev flourished. Despite failing the initial aptitude test, his other skills shone through, earning him a seat. The learning environment, blending keen beginners with

experienced coders, resonated with him. He savoured the deep dive into programming, excelled at intense challenges, and even faltered — a setback that only deepened his understanding of critical concepts.

During Masai's 30-week program, Chiranjeev's skills grew significantly. He learned teamwork, enjoyed solving timed challenges, and appreciated personal mentorship from Aman. The result was a transformed Chiranjeev, not just in tech but also in confidence and professionalism. Masai's holistic approach prepared him for the business world.

Next came placements. Initial rejections due to his lack of a degree didn't deter him. Eventually, he secured a spot at CoinSwitch, where Masai's training proved invaluable. At CoinSwitch, Chiranjeev smoothly transitioned into the professional world, embracing challenges and switching effortlessly between web and mobile app development.

Now, pursuing further education at IIT Madras in data science, he dreams of AI and app development, a testament to his resilience and Masai's guidance. At 23, Chiranjeev's journey is just beginning, armed with a strong foundation and ambitious plans for the future.



Chirag Jain

📍 *Udaipur, Rajasthan to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *Artist*
to Java Developer at Assertion Cloud

Chirag's journey began at a time when the internet and YouTube weren't the information giants they are today. Learning relied heavily on teachers, and not all schools prepared students for real-world challenges.

Despite this, Chirag had mastered Mathematics, supported by his father, a government teacher. However financial constraints hindered his dream of attending coaching institutes that would prepare him for IIT. His journey to school involved struggles familiar to many middle-class individuals. Despite this, he persevered, dreaming of a brighter future.

His path to a profession had its challenges. Despite studying Mechanical Engineering, he found himself working at Mahindra. Realizing the corporate world wasn't for him he took up teaching. He used his Mathematics intelligence to guide IIT JEE aspirants. But he felt stuck in his life here as well. To break free, he created the character Zolooo and played it out on social media, drawing inspiration from a past story.

His social media journey had highs and lows. Zolooo helped him build a huge community of 2 million people on Tik Tok, 35,000 on Instagram, and 22,000 subscribers on YouTube.

This bright phase of life also brought financial prosperity in the form of collaboration payouts. He had almost accomplished celebrity status across India. But he suffered a setback. Tik Tok, the video-sharing app was banned in India. This gave him personal stress, born mostly out of big mouths. Harsh words left scars deep in his heart. He knew he would make it big and he was determined to do so at any cost.

Seeking structure and professionalism, Chirag joined Masai. At Masai, he found the perfect platform to use his intelligence and stabilize his life. He derived much more than he had desired out of the curriculum.

At Masai, he didn't just learn Java and JavaScript; he embraced discipline, mastering the craft. He was ruthless when it came to learning DSA. Within 35 weeks, he had solved 500 DSA questions. He was coveted with the DSA Ninja accolade several times.

He also became a "Student Guide," applying his potential to transform the career paths of others. After 35 gruelling weeks at Masai, Chirag entered the placement cycle where he had the luxury of choosing one amongst two job offers on the table. He chose to go ahead with the JAVA Developer role at Assertion Cloud.

Five months later, Chirag returned to Masai as a content creation specialist, creating content at its headquarters in Bangalore. Within a year, he became a subject matter expert in student relations.

From middle-class beginnings, Chirag became a story of victory and vision. Masai wasn't just a stop—it was where he found direction, discovered how to be a warrior, and learned to live. As Chirag continues his journey, he carries the conviction that Masai was where his dreams took root, growing into a fulfilled life rich with purpose and passion.



Deepanshu Prajapati

📍 Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh to Bengaluru
 🚀 Fresher
 to Frontend Lead at Astuto.ai

Growing up before the internet boom, Deepanshu was fascinated by computers, influenced by his engineer father's work at Tata Steel. School wasn't easy for him, as he preferred hands-on learning over books. He filled this gap with computer coaching classes.

After school, Deepanshu wasn't drawn to traditional engineering. The idea of four more years in education without job security didn't appeal. He found joy in tweaking websites but faced challenges in finding a tech career due to his English skills and salary expectations.

Then he discovered Masai. Doubtful at first, he was drawn to its job guarantee and unique training methods. Paying tuition after getting a job seemed too good to be true.

As per Deepanshu, Masai was different; it was intense, and the schedule was tough. Driven by discipline and hands-on learning, the institution reshaped not just his skills but also his communication and life perspectives. The community, the staff, and everyone—Yogesh, Prateek, Nrupul, Aman, and other faculty members—all played pivotal roles in shaping his Masai journey and his journey in tech.

Post-Masai, Deepanshu encountered another hurdle: job rejections. But he wasn't deterred. He landed an internship at Kuku FM initially. The Kuku FM experience helped him secure a job at EdStem. He was offered a salary beyond his expectations plus remote work. In addition, he launched his own Ed-tech startup, BlockC School, with a vision to promote blockchain technology education in India.

Since Masai, Deepanshu has taken giant strides in his career. In a short tech career of 4 years, Deepanshu has accumulated a wealth of experience working at product-based companies in India as well as London. Deepanshu is currently lending his services and leading a team of junior developers at astuto.ai. In addition to this, he's teaching others, helping them achieve what he once thought was unattainable. From Masai's confident graduate to hope for the next generation of tech enthusiasts, Deepanshu is proof that the right guidance, coupled with unyielding resolve, can redefine a person's destiny.



Sudhanshu Sharma

📍 New Delhi to Bengaluru
 🚀 12th pass
 to SDEI at Wasserstoff

Growing up in Delhi, Sudhanshu aimed to launch a career in IT. At the age of 14, he lost his father, shouldering the responsibility that came with it. After completing basic education, Sudhanshu yearned for more, particularly to become a developer. Despite limited resources, he sought knowledge from YouTube and other free online sources.

One day, a YouTube ad for Masai caught his eye. With hope and curiosity, he joined the school, embarking on a learning journey like no other. While his initial self-taught knowledge helped him breeze through the first unit, he soon faced the challenges of new technologies and concepts. Despite the difficulties, his determination to make a significant impact kept him going.

Family pressure wasn't new to Sudhanshu, but his drive was fuelled by necessity rather than expectation, as financial strains loomed over his life. Masai's Glide Program recognized his talent and offered him a stipend, easing his financial burden.

Sudhanshu's passion for web development grew from his experiences in graphic design and website creation. He aimed to develop clones of social sites he admired, driven by his curiosity for Android and blockchain.

Masai became Sudhanshu's sanctuary, offering education without asking for anything in return. The confidence he gained allowed him to dive into various projects, building his self-belief.

The discipline of Masai's curriculum transformed Sudhanshu. He transitioned from a night owl to an early bird, embracing the challenges and forming strong friendships. The experience taught him the value of sacrifice and hard work, shaping him into a professional with both skill and ethos. Upon completing the course, Masai offered him a position as an Instructor Associate (IA).

Now thriving in a blockchain startup in Gurgaon, Sudhanshu enjoys a flexible and autonomous work environment. His achievements bring joy to his family, and he dreams of climbing the corporate ladder, and eventually becoming a Chief Technical Officer (CTO).

Masai taught Sudhanshu the art of adaptability, which he now applies to his corporate life. His hardships have become a mere shadow behind him, replaced by a bright future filled with promise and ambition.



Sukhmani Kaur

📍 Kurukshetra, Haryana to Bengaluru
 🚀 12th Pass
 to Quality Analyst at Traya Health

Sukhmani, dubbed the “engineer of the house,” had a knack for tech despite not being a top student. Her interest in Masai School sparked during high school in 2019. Though too young to join, she kept her dream alive.

As she left school, her family urged her toward graduation, but Sukhmani knew her path was tech-focused. Amidst the rush for IIT entrances, she held onto her vision, seeking the right path.

Turning to YouTube and online courses, she continued learning with her family’s unwavering support. When she became eligible, she applied and got into Masai School without hesitation.

However, the road through Masai School wasn’t smooth. Despite an intense start, typhoid hit her hard, and doubt crept in. Surrounded by degree-holding peers, her confidence wobbled with the weight of society’s whispers. Was she on the right track without a traditional degree?

At the crossroads, she faced yet another challenge. Initially, she joined the web development program but had to switch to SDET (Software Development Engineer in Test) due to difficulties she faced in understanding Data Structures and Algorithms (DSA).

Amidst all that, a personal blow shook her world—her beloved grandmother, a pillar in her life, passed away. It was the night before a crucial interview for a job in Bangalore. In that moment of grief, her family’s strength became her own. Their unwavering belief in her abilities gave her the power to go on.

So, she pushed through the interview and, like destiny, landed a job with a company that recognized her potential. Sukhmani, the girl who grew up around strong women, who taught her the nuances of life were the lionesses who made her the personality she is today, packed her bags for Bangalore.

She’s six months into a job she loves, in a city far from the comfort of her family in Haryana—a true testament to her determination and their unconditional support.

And her message to anyone with a dream? Don’t chase the money; chase the dream, work hard, be detail-oriented, and surround yourself with people who believe in you. One day, you’ll find what you have been chasing your entire life.



Huzaifa Sheikh

📍 *Delhi to Bengaluru*
🚀 *12th Pass*
to Lead Tech Instructor at Masai

Huzaifa comes from a middle-class family in Delhi. He has always had a passion for computer science. He loved programming languages like C++, using them not just for school but also to bring his ideas to life on the computer.

Life wasn't just about coding for Huzaifa, though. He also worked hard to support himself, a common struggle for many young people. After gaining experience from Google courses and diving into Kotlin to create apps, Huzaifa felt the pull of his dreams on the horizon.

Then, a YouTube ad changed everything. Masai's offer of web development expertise and a 'pay after placement' model caught his attention. Despite not facing financial struggles, Huzaifa was drawn to the chance to shape the digital world with his innovation.

Joining Masai was like discovering a new gear in a familiar car that could suddenly fly. Coding gave him a sense of power and excitement—creating something new from scratch and turning text into interactive pages.

At Masai, Huzaifa's life changed. It wasn't just about learning anymore; it was about transforming himself. He learned how to build a professional resume, and navigate corporate communication, and saw a big boost in confidence and soft skills.

Days turned into nights, and codes turned into working applications. Before he knew it, Masai had armed him for the job market with skills from industry experts. Now, Huzaifa leads the team of Instructional Associates at Masai. Looking ahead, he wants to move from being an educator and operations expert to becoming a software developer.

Huzaifa's story is one of growth and ambition. Masai wasn't just an institute for him; it was a spark that ignited his dormant career path. His tale shows the power of belief and the magic that education and guidance can bring to the lives of dreamers and doers.



Puja Kumari

📍 *Ramgarh, Jharkhand to Bengaluru*
🚀 *12th Pass*
to Frontend Developer at No Broker

Puja's tale begins in the small village, Harve, nestled in Ramgarh, where the simple life was made tough because of the education system's gaps. Here, schools petered out after 8th grade. Puja would then travel 4 kilometres on foot, as there were no buses or rickshaws to whisk students to school. Understanding the hurdle, her dad made a decision. To better Puja's chances at education, he sent her to live with her grandma. There, at least, schooling was just a short cycle ride away.

The village where Puja grew up faced challenges in providing education for girls, leading to significant disparities. Most girls would choose to not continue education by 10th grade. Puja's dad was different, adamant that his daughter should study despite the circumstances. Schooling was rough initially, but then, scoring well in the 10th standard opened doors. With strong 12th-grade results in science, Puja set her sights on the IITs, India's tech temples.

During her IIT prep year, news of Masai School reached her ears through her brother. Masai, an institute outside the traditional track, promised something beyond the rank-and-file engineering college education. Faced with the option of continuing a tough IIT journey or venturing into uncharted waters, Puja chose Masai. It was a gamble against uncertainty, banking on a school that pledged job readiness over theory-heavy scrolls.

Masai School was the catalyst Puja needed. It opened doors she didn't even know existed. Masai's hands-on approach bridged gaps she hadn't realized were there, from not knowing how to operate a computer to acing coding languages like Python. Despite early fears, Puja trudged forward - asking questions, clearing doubts, and inching closer to being tech-savvy.

After 8 months of hard work, Puja aced her job interviews and landed an SDE-1 role at NoBroker. Her journey from a village girl to a tech professional has been remarkable, with her newfound confidence and tech skills playing a crucial role. Recently, Puja was honoured by the Ministry of Skill Development at the Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh in Delhi, making her a role model in her village. Her story is a testament to the transformative power of education that meets learners where they are and helps them reach new heights.



Rohit Goyal

📍 *Chandigarh, Punjab to Bengaluru*
🚀 *Operations Manager
to SDE 3 at Walmart*

As a kid, Rohit's life was simple but tough. He was bright, but support was scarce. While other kids had new stuff, Rohit used old books of his brother and had a curious mind.

Schooling was hard for Rohit. But Rohit faced his problems head-on. He was a curious kid and he used this to his advantage. Small moments like touching a computer at a friend's house got him intrigued and his curiosity did the rest.

After school, choices were hard. Engineering was his dream, but there were hurdles. Some friends went to local colleges, others gave up on education. Rohit struggled. Engineering seemed out of reach, and he didn't want to let his family down.

College came, and he studied Biotech, not by choice. Four years passed, and Biotech felt limited. What next? Job hunting was tougher than expected. Degrees didn't open doors. He tried online courses and watched many YouTube tutorials. He worked in a warehouse, far from his passion.

His dreams felt distant. Family expectations were mixed. His folks didn't know much about engineering and focused on their work. His sibling was into tech. Encouraged by his brother, Rohit tried coding. He liked it but had much to learn.

Money was tight. He got married in 2019, and responsibilities grew. Still, he thirsted for knowledge. He found Masai, different from regular schools. At Masai, he learned coding hands-on from mentors like Prateek, Nrupul, and Yogesh. He learned not just coding but also speaking confidently, a skill he lacked.

Masai changed him. Once shy, he could now speak and lead. The tough 9-9-6 schedule was hard, but Rohit stayed motivated. As placements neared, Rohit was ready. He was confident and a skilled problem-solver. Fate smiled, and Mugafi hired him as a front-end developer. Today he is working as an SDE-3 at Walmart.

From a warehouse to a startup and then Walmart, Rohit's has come a long way. He plans to grow for a few years and then aim for leadership roles. The Masaian spirit of learning and perseverance stays with him. His story now is of transformation, unlocking potential, all thanks to Masai.



Affan Ahmad

📍 Ghaziabad, UP to Kolkata
🚀 Teacher
to SDEI at Super Procure

Affan's journey began in Delhi, where he completed his primary education. He then pursued an engineering diploma at Pusa Institute of Technology a decision he soon questioned, feeling it wasn't the right fit. Despite the challenges, he excelled, scoring 79.08% and securing a spot in a government college in Udaipur for further studies.

However, Affan's discontent with civil engineering grew, leading him to explore teaching. Although well-received, teaching didn't resonate with him. He then shifted gears to prepare for UPSC exams, but the onset of COVID-19 disrupted his plans, making online classes challenging without a reliable internet connection. Despite his efforts, Affan decided to step away from this path.

As the tech industry flourished amidst the chaos, Affan's attention turned towards it. Recognizing the industry's opportunities, he faced a hurdle—he didn't own a laptop. In a leap of faith, his mother sold her golden earrings to buy him his first laptop.

A chance encounter with a Bank PO exam advisor changed his direction: "Your communication is great; just learn coding." Taking this advice to heart, Affan delved into the world of tech, eager to learn. An Instagram ad from Masai caught his eye with its 'pay after placement' model. Seeing nothing to lose, he enrolled, starting from scratch with no coding skills. Masai transformed him, providing industry-relevant skills and mentorship, easing his steep learning curve.

Throughout his journey, Affan encountered supportive teachers and mentors who not only taught him coding but also vital industry skills like communication. Post-Masai, he embarked on a job hunt, facing trials of underpaid roles and over-demanding jobs until he finally secured a position as a full-stack developer at SuperProcure.

The skills and confidence gained from Masai directly contributed to his success in his new role, overcoming financial and job satisfaction hurdles to establish a fulfilling career. While remaining humble about his plans, Affan acknowledges Masai's pivotal role in transforming him from an uncertain to a confident software developer shaping his destiny.

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Aayushi Shah

📍 *Mumbai to Bengaluru*
🚀 *Python Developer*
to Front Developer FanCraze

Born in Mumbai, Aayushi was good at learning and could have excelled in fields like science or engineering, but she ended up studying commerce because her friends did.

After college, she felt stuck – she didn't want a job in commerce but didn't know what she wanted either. Then, she noticed people around her doing programming, which sparked her interest. However, learning to code without formal training was hard, and she faced many challenges and rejections.

During college, family responsibilities left her with no time for intense studies, but her family's support kept her going. When she finally had the chance, she decided to dive deep into tech.

She struggled to find the right platform to learn to code, even trying YouTube and free resources. Then she heard about Masai from Mohamed Hassan's story, which inspired her. When COVID-19 hit, Masai's remote learning option was a game-changer for her.

At first, she doubted herself and thought she wouldn't do well in class. But, she worked hard and overcame personal challenges, balancing household duties and studies. Additionally, she had taken up the job as a Masai Sherpa (guides for students in the curriculum). as a woman.

Masai's approach, focusing on both technical and soft skills, paid off. The environment was supportive and driven. A once unsure kid became hopeful, breaking biases and shining. As the placement season began, Aayushi was ready and raring to go. She secured an SDE1 job at ShareChat.

Now, having moved ahead in her career, she is acing her new Software Developer role at FanCraze. She feels more confident and ready for her next adventure, thanks to Masai's transformative journey. Her skills and growth at Masai prepared her well for the job market.



Hurmit Grover

📍 *Hisar, Haryana to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *SSC Aspirant*
to Application Developer at Kapiva

Before Masai, Hurmit was just another face in the crowd in his hometown Hisar, Haryana. Hermit was a kid who could not sit idle and always wanted to help his family. Thus after completing school, he took up a delivery personnel job at a local pizza restaurant. After completing his Bachelor's in Arts, like many others, he was preparing for a government job—a path promising stability, much like his settled older brother's. It was the expected route—job security, routine life, a “settled” future.

He earnestly prepared for this path during graduation, but soon realized it wasn't for him. It felt monotonous, with the same old study material and predictable job prospects. The only part he enjoyed was the logical reasoning, which challenged his mind.

Seeing others in government jobs living routine, pressure-free lives didn't appeal to him. He realized he wanted something different, something more engaging, something that sparked his creativity. Traditional pathways didn't offer this.

So, he started exploring and learning HTML and CSS from YouTube, and creating small projects energized him. All of a sudden, an ad from Masai caught his eye. They promised to teach full-stack development without upfront fees—the pay-after-placement model. This intrigued him because it made education free, unlike his disconnected education from dusty books and lectures.

Masai had a strict training regimen, like military discipline—11-hour days, six days a week—but it shaped him. It forged him into someone capable. By the course's end, he not only learned to code but also lived and breathed the tech industry.

After completing the course in December, he was placed in January at Kapiva as an SDE-1. The placement process made him realize how far he had come—from not knowing if he could even spell ‘coding’ to teaching it to others.

He was the brains behind many pilot projects starting out at Kapiva. These projects won him the coveted “New Joinee Award”. Witnessing Hurmit's remarkable progress at Masai School convinced Kapiva's Director of Technology, Arshdeep Singh Makkar, of the school's efficacy. Kapiva went on to hire 10 more people from Masai. Having spent a year at Kapiva, Hurmit now looks forward to a leadership role there.

Masai transformed Hurmit from someone unsure and untested into a job-ready professional, and for that, he is grateful. His advice to anyone considering a similar path? Embrace change, invest in yourself, and let your limitless potential shine.



Rishab Kumar Chaurasiya

📍 *Dhanbad, Jharkhand to New Delhi*
 🚀 *Fresher*
to SDEI at WLC Technology

Before the world of computers called him in, Rishab lived a simple life. His dad was an electrician, and he watched over the family with gentle but firm expectations.

Growing up wasn't easy financially for Rishab, not with his dad stringing wires together for a living and his mom keeping the home fire burning. Throughout school, Rishab had been a mid-rank student. Scholarly dreams for him were often limited to just dreams.

He hid the spark within him to master Computer Science under the commerce books his dad hoped would shape him into a chartered accountant. Once the chapter of school concluded, pocket-friendly local colleges seemed to be the only viable option, eclipsing his wish to dive deeper into science.

He found himself standing at the crossroads of life – choosing between the traditional path of college or the vigorous, less-trodden bootcamp route offered by Masai. He had come to know about Masai through various channels on social media.

After being inspired by Masai graduates' success stories, Rishab embraced the world of computer science at Masai. Once he committed to Masai, everything changed.

The institution fulfilled its promise, transforming him from a tech novice to someone you'd trust with your code at 2 AM. His Masai journey felt like a movie montage, overcoming

challenges and evolving from a hesitant speaker to confidently delivering impromptu tech talks. In just 35 weeks, Rishab had come a long way.

Post-Masai, job hunting was daunting, but Masai had equipped him well. Coding became more than lines on a screen—it became his voice and a way to reshape his family's future. His success inspired his elder brother to join tech, and now both are established coders.

Emerging from financial struggles, two proud software developers stand tall in their family. His work thrives, not just showcasing tech skills but also the professionalism instilled by Masai. He realized coding is just part of problem-solving and communication. Masai transformed his potential into a thriving career.

Now firmly on the path of software development, the sky's the limit. What began as a leap of faith into Masai turned into a lifelong tech journey. Masai didn't just teach him to code; it prepared him for life. And life, as he lives it now, is a well-executed code—smooth, efficient, and full of possibilities.



Sahil Sachdev

📍 Udaipur, Rajasthan

🚀 Fresher
to SDE 2 at Mesha

Sahil is someone who does not dabble around with things that make sense to him. Books on history or science didn't catch his eye back in school. Instead, he finds joy in sports and puzzles—anything that requires a neat solution.

Hailing from Udaipur, 400+ kilometres from Rajasthan's capital Jaipur, Sahil had been a star athlete in school. He went on to represent Rajasthan in 3 different sports and won various accolades on the way.

Since graduating from school, Sahil's journey has taken a new direction. Like many young minds, he faced the big question: what's next? His brother in Ireland suggested a path involving logic and Maths: coding. The pandemic closed some doors but opened a window for Sahil to self-teach Python through online videos.

Sahil's family ran a business, and the idea of a regular college sprouting over the years didn't sit well with him. He needed to start earning, to lessen the burden on his family. So, he began scouring for courses in India, ones that would not ask for hefty sums of money upfront. That's when he found Masai.

At 18, Sahil found himself alongside college graduates and seasoned professionals from diverse backgrounds at Masai. Full of uncertainties about the future, especially during the untamed months of lockdown, he was reassured by the people at Masai, especially Yogesh. Their promise of a job after training was all Sahil needed to hear. He embraced

Masai's rigorous '9-to-9' (now 11-to-11) schedule, revamped his sleep routine, and mastered the discipline that had been lacking in his life.

Masai's curriculum was rigorous and posed a challenge to Sahil but he was ready for it. He relished the Mathematical challenges and logical puzzles it offered. Upon completion, his confidence soared, leading him to secure a position at the fintech startup, Inai. The job exceeded his expectations, providing more than he had imagined. Working from home was effortless, and he eventually seized the chance to relocate to Chennai and work directly from Inai's office.

Sahil's job was dynamic, learning from seasoned tech heads, becoming part of a fast-growing team, and helping build products that mattered. But Masai had prepared him well. The real-world challenges were somewhat less daunting than Masai's drills.

Now, at just 21, Sahil is way ahead in the game – already at a senior software developer position with another fintech startup, Mesha. Sahil's future seems destined to flourish, much like the logic-laden solutions he delightfully unwinds every day at work.



Dilshad Ahmad

📍 Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh to Bengaluru
 🚀 Teacher
 to SDE at Graymatter

Dilshad grew up in a large, supportive family but faced financial challenges. Despite these, he was a dedicated student who focused on public policy and governance.

The school could offer Dilshad learning in the Hindi language. Passing a day studying before meant it could not prepare for the future. But, Dilshad was hard working this characteristic helped him become a teacher. However, when the pandemic struck, Dilshad lost his job and was hit by a wave of hopelessness. It was a dark time, full of self-doubt and financial struggles. Despite the hard times, he was thankful for support from family and friends as well as doctors who helped him recover from illness.

During this period of uncertainty, Dilshad made a bold decision to start a business with whatever money he could scrape together. With help from friends, he ventured into the FMCG sector. Yet, lacking the right qualifications, he couldn't pursue certain job opportunities which led him to learn new skills.

This determination led Dilshad to discover Masai, a coding institute with a rigorous training schedule. Although he initially doubted the program, he soon realized it could be a lifeline. Despite financial woes and a gruelling daily routine, Dilshad decided to join Masai.

The Masai experience changed everything for Dilshad. Immersing himself in the intensive coursework, he initially struggled to understand coding. Exemplary instructors like Nrupul, Ankush, and Aman Vats helped him hone his coding abilities, transforming him from a struggling newbie to a confident programmer. He also worked on his English communication skills, which were crucial for his growth.

Post-Masai, Dilshad encountered the harsh realities of job hunting. He bounced between roles, faced layoffs, and endured the stress of temporary work. Yet, he persisted, and his resilience paid off. He is now an SDE-I at GrayMatter.

Today, Dilshad is grateful for the trajectory that Masai set him on. Despite intense workloads, he cherishes the learning and responsibilities associated with his tech roles. With hope for a more balanced future, he reflects on the importance of not giving up, the crux of his and many Masai alumni's journeys.



Aparna Singh

📍 Dhanbad, Jharkhand to Bengaluru
 🚀 Fresher
 to Application Engineer at Kapiva

Growing up in Dhanbad, Aparna had a life dotted with hardship. Losing her mother at a tender age left her family in grief. Her father, an agricultural officer, struggled to cope. She found solace and guidance in her uncle, who played a pivotal role in her support system, and her grandfather, who kept the ship steady at home despite retirement.

Financially, things were tight, but not dire. Her uncle stepped in whenever needed, ensuring she never deeply felt the sting of money's absence.

English wasn't the language spoken at Aparna's school; it was all in Hindi. By the time she reached the 12th grade, speaking English sentences was like climbing a mountain—tough and full of hesitation.

But after finishing school, the pressure to speak fluent English nudged her towards an English Honors degree—thinking it would polish her speech. The problem? College life got jostled by the chaos of the pandemic. Lockdowns shut the doors to regular learning and brought online classes.

English Honours wasn't throwing open great job doors. There was a lingering plan to crack government exams, but even that plan got lost in the pandemic. When she finally sat for an exam, failure struck, and it hit hard. All this while, her family kept asking, "What will you do?" and she would just shrug without answers.

Just when crumbling seemed the only option, Masai came into view—a coding institute that promised skills without upfront fees, and a pay-after-placement model. She had doubts about this promise. Was it too good to be true? But she decided to give it a shot. She had the 5 week lookout period to try and test to clear her doubts and see if things worked out for her.

The leap to Masai was a leap of faith. No one was sure it would land well, especially when it meant boundless screen time and locked-down social life.

Fast forward to after Masai, Aparna works at Kapiva as an SDEI. She was greeted there with warmth and support, defying the stereotypes of cold corporate culture. Aparna has now gifted her grandfather a smartphone, fulfilling a year-old promise.

Masai wasn't just a coding school; it was a launchpad to a new world. It turned doubts into certainties and fears into features. She moved from "Who am I?" to "Watch what I can do!".

Now She stands tall, coding features not just for her resume but for real-world impact—a testament to the transformative power of skill, support, and the courage to type new lines in life's script, not just in code.



Shreedhar Bhat

📍 *Uttara Kannada, Karnataka to Bengaluru*

🚀 *Fresher*

to SDE 2 at Uniqode (formerly Beaconstac)

Shreedhar is from Yellapur. His family works the land, and his parents are farmers and stay in villages content with a life away from the busy world. In school, Shreedhar was neither the shining star nor the hidden one in the back. Life was simple. There were no extra classes, just a regular government school with regular friends.

Education was a struggle sometimes. In his village, resources were scarce, and computers were like rare treasures in a teacher's room, more for show than for learning. His family helped as much as they could but money was tight, and college was no cakewalk with its money troubles.

Post-school, the first touch of a computer came late, just tinkering with borrowed laptops, playing with code like it was Lego. The real twist in the tale? A college project on robots that sparked a love for coding. It gave him hope, but the world of web development still seemed like a galaxy far, far away.

After college, the real tough times hit. He worked the fields, and people's harsh words cut deeper than the thorns on the plants he tended to. He applied for jobs every which way but it felt like roads to everywhere were blocked. He looked for a break, anything to give him a chance. Then he heard about Masai.

Masai School was a ray of hope for him. Joining their fourth batch with fingers crossed, he struggled with communication skills at first. On his first day, even getting a cup of coffee was a challenge. He had to ask for help just to have a sip. Saying 'yes' or 'please help' felt like speaking another language.

Masai had to pair him up with a practice buddy, Krishna Chandra Das. Together, they discussed code and life. He even practiced English by calling random call centres. It was a desperate measure, but every inch mattered in his uphill climb.

After excelling at Masai, Shreedhar's journey took off. Starting with Instamojo, he ventured into internships and full-time roles, mastering software development and earning recognition as a GitLab hero. Now, Shreedhar has come a long way. He is a senior software engineer at Uniqode (formerly Beaconstac). He dreams of joining Google or GitHub, proving that a quiet start doesn't limit a coder's potential—his skills drive major tech initiatives.



Debobrota Haldar

📍 Sundarbans, WB to Bengaluru
 🚀 Fresher
 to Instructional Associate at Masai

Debobrota's journey from the Sundarbans district of West Bengal to a successful career in Bengaluru is a testament to resilience, determination, and the transformative power of education. Growing up in a village where farming was the primary occupation, education often took a backseat for many. However, Debobrota's parents, a farmer and a homemaker, instilled in him and his siblings the value of education, encouraging them to pursue their studies.

Despite the challenges of village life, including long daily commutes to school on a bicycle and late-night study sessions, Debobrota remained dedicated to his education. His interest in technology led him to seek out computer tuition after school, eager to learn more about the field that fascinated him.

College posed new challenges, requiring a two-hour train journey to Kolkata each day. Despite the difficulties, Debobrota persevered, driven by his determination to build a better future for himself.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought unforeseen challenges, disrupting job prospects and prompting Debobrota to reassess his career path. It was during this time that he discovered Masai School, a coding education program that offered courses without upfront costs. Seeing this as an opportunity to pursue his passion for coding, Debobrota decided to enrol in the program.

Joining Masai School wasn't without its challenges. Debobrota faced the need for consistent access to electricity and the internet, which were not readily available in his village. With the support of his sister, he secured a rented room in Kolkata, allowing him to fully immerse himself in Masai's rigorous curriculum.

His hard work and dedication paid off when he graduated from Masai School and secured a job as an Instructional Associate at the same institution. His success is a testament to his perseverance and the transformative impact of Masai School, which not only provided him with technical skills but also instilled in him the confidence to pursue his dreams.

Today, Debobrota is thriving in Bengaluru, grateful for the opportunities that Masai School has provided him. His journey serves as an inspiration to others, showing that with determination and the right support, anyone can overcome obstacles and achieve their goals.



Aman Sharma

📍 *Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh to Gurugram*
 🚀 *12th Pass*
to SDE1 at HostBooks

Aman comes from a small village named Gohad, Madhya Pradesh. He was fascinated by Maths. Aman's father always gave preference to Maths because his job also demanded effort in numbers. His dad worked at IFFCO, a fertilizer company and often brought work home. He introduced Aman to a computer for the first time.

Aman didn't have it easy in school. Things were tough after he lost his father. The family moved to the city of Gwalior for better opportunities. His grades, which once fluctuated, began to improve as his interest in Maths grew. But then tragedy struck again. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he lost his mother.

Despite these heart-wrenching losses, Aman's resilience shone through. He wanted to follow his dream of studying computer science, but financial constraints meant he had to opt for a Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) instead of an engineering degree. However, after six months in BCA, he felt stuck. The course was theoretical, and the knowledge felt outdated and disconnected from the practical world.

Then came Masai School in January, a turning point introduced by his brother, Avinash. It was a coding institute that promised a job before asking for fees, and it challenged Aman like nothing had before. The unique 9-9-6 routine (now 11-11-6) and hands-on approach made Aman feel at home amongst fellow coders and mentors who encouraged practical learning.

After joining Masai, Aman progressed through modules, mastering logic and JavaScript. With guidance from Ankush and Chandra, he honed Data Structures, Algorithms, and front-end skills through group projects.

When it came to learning Java after 3 months at Masai, Aman, who initially found it challenging, with help from instructors and IAs he was able to master the concepts. He completed a mini Java project and learned to build APIs, a real-world skill.

The job hunt was tough without a formal degree, but Masai's interview platform landed him a job at HostBooks. There, his technical skills thrived, nurtured by Masai's mentorship. Soft skills training made him a better team player.

Today, Aman aims to grow his Java skills. His Masai journey transformed him from a village boy into a coding professional, overcoming personal loss to build a career he's proud of—a testament to how focused education can empower India's youth.



Arpit Sachan

📍 *Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *Swiggy Delivery Partner to SDEI at Swiggy*

Arpit had just finished his school studies when the world came to a standstill—lockdown because of a big health scare. He was all set to fly abroad for graduation but had to put everything on pause. It was then, stuck at home, that he threw himself into learning coding from basic HTML, CSS, and other web bits and pieces, all by himself.

Born into a family where the father ran an electronic repairing business, computers and gadgets were no strangers. There were talks about building a website for the father's business, and that's where the journey began. Though his formal education only went to school where his curiosity for learning never stopped.

Arpit and his brother, were the kind of students who found ways to learn outside the classroom, hitting the internet to soak in all about web development. The challenge wasn't just learning to code but helping support the family business and dealing with financial strains at home. But he had a spark, realizing the power of skills like web development could help him stand on his own feet.

College was up in the air due to the lockdown and family pressures. So, instead of a college degree, the web became his teacher. Practicing hard, this person created a website for the family business and decided to dip his toes into internships for more experience. He found remote work and proved his mettle.

After turning his room into a mini coding hub, he stumbled upon Masai on the internet and joined, despite the family thinking it might be a waste of time with no job surety. There were doubts and advice against it, but he stuck to his belief that skills would pay off.

In just a few months, Masai turned his life around. It gave him a community, shrank the learning curve, and instilled the discipline that Masai is known for.

After Masai, Arpit turned into a full-fledged job at Playverse Ventures Private Ltd. and saw potential in his skill set. The journey wasn't always smooth—sick leaves and website woes—but He kept at it. Now he is settled, seeing growth in his current job, and thinking about the next big leap. Arpit is a testament to the fact that with the right skills and a little bit of guidance, a person can touch the skies.



Indrajit Paul

📍 Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh to Bengaluru
 🚀 Swiggy Delivery Partner
 to SDEI at Swiggy

Before diving into the world of computers and coding, let's rewind to when Indrajit was just a young boy, sprinting across a football field, carefree and focused on the next goal. His childhood was simple, filled with the joy of playing. Books didn't interest him much—he preferred the open field to the pages of a book. However, life took a turn after his father's demise. His family faced financial challenges. Despite scoring well in the 10th standard, he decided to study commerce over science.

With his mother's support, Indrajit eventually pursued science, although the lack of guidance was daunting. His friends became his pillars of support. They generously helped him in getting admission to their coaching for higher secondary, convincing his teachers to forego any remuneration on his behalf. This renewed his hope for the future.

Indrajit's higher secondary school years were successful, excelling in academics and football. He chose to major in Physics in college and engaged in charity work, driven by his childhood struggles. However, the pandemic brought new challenges. His NGO contract renewal was delayed, and finding a job seemed as challenging as a difficult video game level. Online courses demanded high fees for job-relevant skills, adding to his worries.

Then, Masai appeared on the horizon, offering a ray of hope with its no upfront fees and Pay-After-Placement model. This opportunity opened the door to a brighter future for Indrajit.

After 5 weeks in the curriculum, Indrajit opted for the Glide Program at Masai, aiming to support himself and his family during his time at the school. Despite facing health issues and financial bumps, he persevered with the help of Masai's support staff as well as his sister (a current student at Masai). He learned to code proficiently and found a supportive community among his peers and teachers.

As the placement season approached, Indrajit's confidence grew. After some interviews to address his gaps, he secured a job as an SDE-1 at ALYF. This new job brought new challenges and a 3x salary increase, transforming his family's discussions around the dinner table.

Recently, Indrajit was honoured by the Ministry of Skill Development at the Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh in Delhi, becoming a role model for his friends and family.

In summary, Indrajit's journey from a carefree football player to a successful coder showcases his determination, resilience, and the transformative power of education and opportunity. His story is a testament to the fact that with hard work, support, and the right opportunities, anyone can overcome challenges and achieve their dreams.



Satyajit Arun Sahu

📍 *Mumbai to New Delhi*
 🚀 *Teacher*
to SDE1 at Indus Valley Partners

Satyajit was born in a modest family in Odisha. But he was brought up in the hustle and bustle of Mumbai. His father was an auto-rickshaw driver.

Before his journey in tech began, he had picked up a teaching gig at a local college after studying B.Sc. in Physics. He realized he was generally curious about technology since he studied science in 11th and 12th, which included some computer knowledge. After a year of teaching, he decided to dive into tech.

He struggled to find a job. One of his friends told him about Masai. His friends had been in Masai's curriculum and spoke highly about it since it had quite a good impact on him. So, he thought of giving it a shot.

But his family had its fair share of doubts. They raised questions on its authenticity and asked some difficult questions - "What will you do in the next six months? How will you pay for this course?" There was constant pressure because even after three years of teaching he did not have a stable job and was babbling around experimenting with one thing or the other.

He made his family understand Masai's model, where you only pay when you start earning after the course. His family finally gave in and agreed. Especially since Masai seemed to have a real impact on their friend's life back in the village.

The transition wasn't easy. There were fights at home about jobs. Despite the pressure, he persevered. When Satyajit finally

managed to bag a job after the course, attitudes changed. His father, who never used to talk about these things directly, felt proud.

Before Masai, Satyajit had no mentor and no role model. He just learned from available online resources. But he felt lost and without direction. Joining Masai changed his life. He improved his professional skills, like time management and communication, and gained confidence in speaking English. He learned to ask questions and solve problems collaboratively.

Now, he works as a React.js developer at Indus Valley Partners, applying skills like JavaScript learned at Masai. He's also learning new things like TypeScript and testing libraries. He's grateful for the journey at Masai, where mentors like Yogesh taught him valuable lessons like "The Power of Compounding," setting him on a new path.

Looking ahead, he remains passionate about technology and is eager to learn new technologies that come their way, aiming for professional growth rather than worrying about the future.



Parth Bisht

📍 *Nainital, Uttarakhand to Bengaluru*
🚀 *Fresher*
to SDE2 at The Narayana Group

Parth grew up in a remote village amidst the hills in Uttarakhand, in a well-off household where his father ran a property dealership firm.

Computers caught Parth's interest in middle school when he came across the "Information Technology" subject. Up until then, he saw computers as a means of entertainment through games. In middle school, he started playing with the concepts of RAM and hardware. Parth now saw computers as these fascinating boxes that could do magic. He was amazed by the way every beep and click made life easier for humans.

In grades 11 and 12, Parth encountered the world of programming through C++. His early fascination with computers turned into a quest for programming knowledge, but the spark faded as he saw it merely as a means to an end in banking. Family circumstances led him to pursue a BSc in IT, but the pandemic disrupted his plans.

Banking exams were put on hold, and Parth, still 20 years of age, was left hanging. This was a testing time for him. Searching for a plan B, he stumbled upon web development tutorials on YouTube. A famous YouTube creator "Code with Harry" introduced him to the digital building blocks of HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. The dream of launching a career in core computing was re-ignited. All of a sudden, programming looked easy to Parth.

Parth learned multiple programming languages from YouTube. When he sought a referral from his sister's engineer friend, he couldn't answer a basic question, realizing the vastness of the tech domain. He now laughs off his earlier claim of HTML being a programming language, realizing it was time to shake things up.

He'd heard about Masai, a career school for tech professionals. With a smirk, he thought, "Why not?" He took their test and got in. At Masai, Parth faced tests and challenges in Data Structures and Algorithms (DSA). He helped others, built confidence, and formed friendships. Despite the tough curriculum, he persevered, securing a role at Narayana.

Today, just 18 months into his job, he's a Senior Software Engineer leading a team. Masai made him not just tech-ready but job-ready. Parth's future glimmers with promise, and he's all set, ready to dive into whatever comes next, whether it's climbing up the corporate ladder or, who knows, perhaps starting his own venture someday.

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Radhika Gupta

📍 *Gopalganj, Bihar to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *Fresher*
 to SDE1 at Feelvleo

Radhika Gupta grew up in a village in Bihar's Gopalganj district, where, like many rural girls, her future seemed preordained: study till Class 12 and then settle into a traditional role within the village. However, Radhika defied expectations by choosing to study science, a rarity among girls in her village. Unsatisfied with the quality of education in her local college, she took a bold step and secured a Rs. 4 lakh education loan from the Bihar government to pursue her studies in Punjab, despite warnings against it.

Despite facing rumours and scepticism from her community, Radhika was determined to explore opportunities beyond her village. However, her college experience in Punjab, while slightly better than her Bihar college, was marred by regular teacher strikes, leading her to drop out disillusioned with traditional college education.

In August 2021, while living in Delhi and working at an unpaid internship, Radhika discovered Masai School online. Intrigued by the opportunity to learn coding without barriers, she decided to join the program. After completing her course in April 2022, Radhika was placed with ThinkSys in Noida and later moved to Valeo Health ME, a startup in Bengaluru. She now earns enough to not only repay her education loan and Masai EMI but also support her family's construction costs for a new house in the village and contribute to her father's farming income.

Her exposure to the wider world has given Radhika the confidence to become an entrepreneur. She has set up a water purification plant in her village through a private limited company, providing cleaner drinking water and supplementing her family's income. Beyond financial success, Radhika dreams of setting up an NGO in her village to assist the elderly and infirm who are abandoned by their families.

Radhika's achievements have inspired some villagers to reconsider their views on girls' education and employment. She has witnessed a shift in mindset, with parents now open to the idea of letting their daughters pursue higher education and work outside Bihar. Radhika's journey, from being the first girl in her village to study science to becoming an entrepreneur and advocate for change, is a testament to her resilience and determination to defy expectations.



Saiprasad Ganeshrao Khansole

📍 *Nanded, Maharashtra to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *Fresher to SDEI at Metafic*

Like many others in Nanded Sai faced a life that was simple and difficult. He grew up with basic schooling where he learned to push through challenges, guided by the sheer will to move forward. Influenced by his father, a hardworking farmer who showed that persistence changes acres into opportunities, Sai Prasad inherited a sense of determination and a kind heart.

His story began to unfold when, after completing his Bachelor's in Physics, Sai Prasad stood at a crossroad. His journey through college wasn't a breeze; he didn't have luxuries like a laptop or a fast internet connection. Still, he pressed on, aiming for a Master's degree and trying his hand at various jobs. Yet, uncertainty loomed as the exams he prepared for got indefinitely postponed due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stuck at home with no clear vision ahead, Sai felt the weight of responsibility as the eldest sibling. With family expectations and real-world needs colliding, he stumbled upon Masai's programming course through a friend's suggestion. Doubtful yet curious, Sai Prasad took a leap of faith and joined Masai with the help of a second-hand laptop, relying on his mobile 4G connection for studies.

During his time at Masai, Sai's life began transforming. The rigorous 11-11-6 schedule structured his days, instilling discipline. Encounters with tutors like Nrupul, who became his best coach, and Yogesh, who improved his English, built his confidence. He learned to articulate ideas, a skill that became his stepping stone in the professional world.

Post-Masai, Sai Prasad found himself job-hunting with a new edge. He faced rejections, but he persisted, and soon his lack of fluency became overshadowed by his coding expertise. He finally landed a job at Metafic, started as an intern, and grew into a full-fledged employee with valuable experience under his belt.

Today, Sai Prasad navigates projects with teammates from across the world, leads discussions with proficiency, and codes solutions that command respect. Now financially independent, Sai Prasad supports his family, has gotten married, and inspires his younger brother.

Masai didn't just offer Sai Prasad a set of technical skills; it gave him a fundamental shift in perspective—a belief that communication is the core of expression and transformation. As for Masai, Sai Prasad has become an advocate, seeing it as the platform where change-makers are born.



Manish Tiwari

📍 *Pisnari, UP to Chennai*

🚀 *B.Sc Dropout
to SDE1 at Pinaca Technologies*

Manish grew up in a family where money was tight and challenges were part of daily life.

He was a smart kid and went to study in school, even when it wasn't easy. He had big dreams, but life happened. After his father's demise, his life took a sharp turn. Manish along with his family was forced to move back to their village where he completed his formative years. His aunt left no stone unturned ensuring Manish got a privileged upbringing.

After school, when it was time to go to college, he faced a tough choice. He wanted to study science, and maybe become an engineer someday, but things did not go as planned.

Money was scarcer, and he had to think about managing responsibilities at home and college education. He had to drop the idea of pursuing engineering and opt for a job that could bring in some income.

One day, Manish found a few worn-out parts of a computer. YouTube videos fuelled his curiosity. Manish found creative ways to arrange the other missing parts and finally, he accomplished success in his mission to assemble a simple desktop computer in his house.

He learned bits and pieces about coding from YouTube and various local coaching institutes. He found the whole process interesting but he was not sure where this path would lead.

This was until he came across Masai. He found it to be different. Masai didn't ask for money upfront. He had to pay only after securing a job. It sounded too good to be true. Doubts clouded his mind, but after some thought, he went ahead with the idea to train at Masai.

It was not an easy journey. There were moments of self-doubt and fear of failure. But he managed to get through. Manish landed an SDE-1 job at an AI research firm, actyv.ai. Manish has since then moved ahead in his life. Today he works at Pinaca Technologies Pvt. Ltd in Chennai.

Looking back, every hardship seems worth it to Manish. His life has changed, and he has grown stronger. He is not just working but thriving and continuing to learn even on the job. He has made his family proud and has become proof of the fact that with the right support and determination, one can change their destiny, no matter where one comes from.



Mayuri Samanta

📍 Navsari, Gujarat

🚀 Fresher

to SDE1 at LogWinTech Pvt. Ltd.

Mayuri comes from Navsari, near Surat in Gujarat. As a child, she showed promise and attended an English medium school, where she consistently ranked among the top students. After scoring exceptionally well in her 12th-grade exams, Mayuri received widespread recognition in her district, with her achievements featured in local newspapers.

She chose to pursue commerce after high school. To support her family, she provided tuition to neighbourhood kids while also aspiring to become a Chartered Accountant. Unfortunately, her dream of becoming a CA didn't materialize despite several attempts at the exams.

Facing pressure to marry, Mayuri felt trapped and kept her desire for a different career path hidden. To delay marriage, she pretended to have completed a course in banking and government exams, all while working in low-paying jobs.

Her life took a turn when a friend suggested Masai. Even though Mayuri was sceptical of the pay-after-placement model, she was determined to pursue a career in tech. After convincing her parents, she saw Masai as her last chance before agreeing to an arranged marriage.

Mayuri excelled in the Masai School Admission Test (MSAT) and thrived in Masai's intense 11-11-6 routine and updated curriculum, mastering Java and improving her English skills. Her hard work paid off when she landed a position as a JAVA Developer at LogwinTech Pvt. Ltd.

Today, Mayuri is progressing rapidly in her career, engaging in public speaking and contributing her industry insights to the Masai alumni network. Her journey is a testament to her determination and resilience, proving that with the right opportunity and hard work, anyone can rewrite their story.

Mayuri's journey is a tale of transformation, fuelled by Masai's spirit. It proves that where one starts doesn't determine one's fate. Effort, learning, and courage can change one's destiny.



Shubham Agnihotri

📍 Fatehpur, UP to Bengaluru
🚀 Fresher
to SDEI at Imaginnovate

Shubham grew up in Kanpur. He was good with computers from a young age. But, he found himself following the social norm and studying commerce instead of pursuing his interest in technology.

After finishing 12th grade, opportunities to study computer science were rare in his village, which felt like searching for water in a desert. The town had limited exposure to the growing digital world, and not many knew about the career possibilities in technology. Despite his passion for coding, Shubham ended up pursuing a bachelor's degree in commerce, feeling like his heart was somewhere else.

During his studies, he tried to pursue his passion for coding, but with limited guidance and resources, it felt like trying to fill a leaking bucket. His education left him feeling unsatisfied and frustrated, as he struggled to find an outlet for his passion in his surroundings.

Then, Shubham discovered Masai on YouTube, which offered quality education in technology and promised job-ready skills. He saw it as a chance to turn the page to a new chapter in his life.

After joining Masai, Shubham dedicated himself to learning. Eight months later, his efforts paid off when he landed a job that aligned perfectly with his passion for technology. Today, he works at Imaginnovate Solutions in Hyderabad as an SDE-I, using the skills he honed at Masai to navigate his new role with confidence.

Looking ahead, Shubham has modest yet fulfilling plans. He aims to grow in his field, find balance in his life, and continue to enrich both his career and personal life. He is grateful to Masai not just for his education but also for the support network and opportunities that continue to shape his journey in the tech world.



Tejasvini Patil

📍 Sangli, Maharashtra to Gurugram
 🚀 Fixture Engineer
 to Product Developer at HONO.AI

Tejasvini's career path underwent a bold shift from the mechanical realm of Sangli to the digital landscape of IT. Despite starting on a promising note in automotive design after completing her mechanical engineering degree, her ambitions gradually shifted towards the IT sector, prompting her to seek an effective transition path.

It was a friend's success story at Masai that caught Tejasvini's attention. After careful research, she was intrigued by Masai's offer of a trial period, which led her to embark on a new journey with cautious optimism.

Transitioning to the IT domain presented its share of challenges, but Masai's foundational approach to teaching played a crucial role in her smooth transition. Today, as a Full-stack Web Developer at Hono.ai, Tejasvini attributes her strong problem-solving skills to the comprehensive curriculum she experienced at Masai.

Her experience during Construct Week at Masai was a turning point, providing hands-on, real-world learning that not only enhanced her coding abilities but also honed her collaboration and communication skills. These competencies have proven invaluable in her professional role.

Embarking on this new path immediately after her marriage, Tejasvini found unwavering support in her husband, who became her pillar of strength. With her family's backing, she navigated her career shift with confidence and determination.

During Masai's placement process, Tejasvini's journey was swift and successful. Within just two weeks, she secured her ideal role after interviewing with only three companies. Tejasvini's story is a testament to fearless change, bolstered by steadfast support and the transformative education she received at Masai.

Her journey reflects the resilience and adaptability needed to thrive in a dynamic industry like IT. Tejasvini's story inspires others to pursue their passions and embrace change, knowing that with determination and the right support, success is within reach.



Prajwal Jaiswal

📍 *Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh to Remote (U.S. based)*
 🚀 *Fresher*
to Engineering Lead at Aivree Pvt. Ltd.

Prajwal's journey began in Jharkhand, where his fascination with computers and the internet set him apart from his peers. While they struggled with basic computer tasks, he was already coding in HTML. However, his family faced financial difficulties, forcing them to move to Varanasi, where pursuing engineering seemed like an impossible dream due to financial constraints.

Undeterred, Prajwal turned to teaching to make ends meet. Walking long distances to provide private tutoring in subjects like Maths, Physics, and English, he discovered a talent for clear communication and problem-solving. And there, he landed his first gig, educating folks about the ABCs of computers for just about 2,400 rupees a month.

But Prajwal was determined to do more. He convinced a computer training centre to hire him as a teacher, despite lacking a formal degree.

His reputation as a skilled educator grew, leading him to focus exclusively on teaching. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Prajwal saw an opportunity to expand his reach by creating his online academy, the 'Backbench Coders Academy,' which flourished during the lockdown.

Despite his success, Prajwal felt there was more to achieve and learn. This led him to Masai, where he started as a student and then as the course concluded he became an Instructional Associate. 8 months into the Masai fold, Prajwal had acquired enough experience in the bag to shoot for the stars.

Prajwal has zoomed ahead post-Masai. He is now an Engineering Lead at Rhombuz (a part of Aivree Pvt. Ltd.) leading a team of engineers, including an ex-Microsoft developer, and even tinkering with generative AI. From his laptop in Varanasi, he's making a global impact in a Seattle-based company, still driven by the spirit of learning and teaching with an ambition to tread the virtual highways of global tech leadership.

His passion for learning and teaching remains undiminished as he regularly collaborates with Masai to empower more students with the skills they need to succeed.

Prajwal's story is not just about overcoming challenges; it's a testament to the power of determination and mentorship. With the right guidance, like that provided by Masai, even the most ambitious dreams can become a reality.



Omkar Hanumant Pasalkar

📍 Pune, Maharashtra to Bengaluru
 🚀 Embedded Developer
 to SDEI at PineLabs

Omkar started his education in Marathi medium schools, shaping his early years with local threads of education. When college came around, he boldly pursued diploma studies in Electronic Telecommunication in Pune. Despite not focusing on English, he tackled his coursework with the dedication of a true scholar, consistently ranking at the top of his class.

Moving on to higher studies in engineering, he faced challenges such as suspended placements due to statewide educational institute issues. He navigated his career by lending his skills to electronic firms, always with commitment and hard work. Financial roadblocks, including education loans, posed additional challenges, but he persisted through labour and liability, never defeated.

Then, Masai appeared on his horizon. Initially sceptical, he soon realized it was the real deal—a place where futures were shaped with precision, care, and hard work. At Masai, he found a world ready to embrace his aspirations. Through comprehensive training, he not only gained technical skills but also improved his English and soft skills.

Masai was his proving ground, demanding nothing less than his best. Post-Masai, he emerged transformed—a job-ready coding craftsman with opportunities knocking at his door. He stood out in project submissions and technical feedback, a testament to Masai's impact.

From pre-Masai doubts to a post-Masai future full of promise, his journey through coding school has been revolutionary. He set goals, faced obstacles, and found a way around them. Now, as an alumnus in the tech industry, he aims to clear his debts and excel in his career. He's a beacon of hope, showing that with the right training and spirit, anyone can redefine their potential.

Omkar was an aspirant and he thrust himself into intense learning and became a professional who is not just job-ready, but future-ready. Wherever he goes next, one thing's for sure: he's got the foundation to weather any storm and thrive.



Rahul Kumar

📍 Gaya, Bihar to Bengaluru
🚀 Track Maintainer (Indian Railway)
to SDE1 at YourDost

Rahul, from Gaya, Bihar, had his life set on a predictable path. After high school, he found coding interesting but ended up doing a Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) instead of engineering. Post his BCA, he worked as a government railway job, which he landed after graduation. Two years in, he wasn't happy—there was no joy in the job. That's when he thought of learning coding for real because he heard it could land him a good job.

Despite the stability of his government post, Rahul craved a challenge and change, so he joined Masai. He kept a gruelling schedule, working night shifts and studying during the day, scraping by on two to three hours of sleep.

Masai was tough. Rahul was no stranger to hard work but Masai tested his limits with an intensive schedule. Rahul admired many instructors and was particularly impressed by Ankush, a cool teacher who made DSA (Data Structures and Algorithms) exciting, and Swanand, whose style and knowledge were outstanding.

As classes went on, Rahul found the going tough. He struggled initially, especially while studying React but after a talk with a supportive teacher, he buckled down, reviewed lessons, and started improving again.

Finishing Masai was a turning point. He got placed within 15–20 days after completion at YourDost, a mental health well-being organization. He moved to Bengaluru for the new job he landed, leaving his secure government job behind. Rahul's family, initially sceptical, saw the value of his decision when he began his new career.

Now, as a developer, he has quickly adapted and even won an "Emerging Star" award at his company. His manager was so impressed with Masai's training that they began considering Masai graduates for roles preferentially.

Looking back, Rahul rates Masai 10/10 for preparing him for the real world. He thanks Yogesh for the daily motivation and Prateek for introducing such an impactful program. Transitioning from government work to a tech career, Rahul feels his life has significantly improved, thanks to the skills and confidence he gained from Masai.



Sourav Das

📍 Hooghly, WB to Bengaluru
 🚀 Laptop Rental Executive
 to SDEI at Masai School

Sourav grew up in Hooghly, West Bengal. His life was the common tale of a middle-class family, where educating the children and dreaming of a stable job was central. Sourav's childhood was underlined by ambition and struggle; he eyed engineering as his future.

Though he showed promise in school, not everything was plain sailing. As his friends joined coaching centres, preparing for entrance exams, he felt left behind due to financial constraints. However, a more significant challenge cropped up during his high school years – health issues. Sourav battled a lung infection that demanded surgeries, disrupting his preparation for the competitive exams.

His troubles didn't end there. His father, the sole breadwinner, became paralyzed due to an infection and passed away during his 12th-grade exams. This loss meant he had to drop out of college just six months in to manage the family crisis.

Sourav found a job at a small company in Kolkata, where he coordinated computer rentals. It wasn't a dream job, but it got him through. Unfortunately, as COVID-19 hit, his situation changed again. The company could not operate in the same fashion as before. Sourav asked the company to lend him a computer which Sourav used to learn programming out of both interest and necessity.

After getting hands-on with coding, Sourav started his career as a game developer. But soon he realized game development wasn't his calling but he also realized he loved coding like anything. This realization pushed him to seek something more stable and impactful. That's when he stumbled upon Masai School.

Sceptical at first, he thought Masai might be a scam. Yet, after months of research and encountering a positive alumni interview on the Startup Gyan YouTube channel, Sourav decided to give Masai a chance. It was a choice that dramatically altered the course of his life.

Masai School was a turning point for Sourav. Its rigorous curriculum and pay-after-placement model alleviated his financial worries. The faculty's support, especially for students with challenges, and the real-world approach to software development were invaluable.

After Masai, Sourav became an instructor and an SDE-1 at the institution. He improves Masai's products and guides students, embodying the school's effectiveness in producing skilled professionals.



Abhishek Saklani

📍 *Uttarakhand to Delhi*

🚀 *Fresher*

to Lead Software Engineer at UrbanPiper

Growing up in Uttarakhand, Abhishek was surrounded by curious machines and fascinating gadgets that sparked his interest in technology.

He fell in love with computers at a young age and chose computer science as his subject without hesitation. It wasn't just a subject for him; it was the beginning of something big. His parents hoped he would turn his passion into a career, so after completing high school, he enrolled in a B.Tech program, majoring in computer science and engineering.

College was enjoyable, but Abhishek felt a longing for hands-on experience and creating things from scratch. Despite having some relatives to guide him, he mostly relied on his own instincts. After graduating, he faced the challenges of finding a job in the competitive tech industry.

During this tough time, he came across the story of Mohammed Hassan, a Masai graduate, which inspired him. The story spoke of a place that transformed eager learners into tech wizards. Masai stood out to Abhishek because of its transparent and disciplined approach to education. Unlike other institutions, Masai focused on learning by doing, with a rigorous schedule from 11 AM to 11 PM, six days a week.

Joining Masai was a leap of faith for Abhishek, and it wasn't easy. The intense schedule demanded grit and dedication, and falling behind was not an option. However, the rewards were worth it, as the skills he acquired were valuable in the tech industry.

Throughout his journey, Abhishek's family supported him, and Masai acted as a forge, shaping him both technically and personally. During placements, Masai delivered on its promise. Abhishek secured a job as a Software Engineer at Urban Piper, much to the delight of his parents.

Today, Abhishek is thriving as a lead software engineer, with his ambitions reaching new heights. He credits Masai for equipping him with self-learning and adaptability skills crucial in the tech world. Masai wasn't just a school for him; it was a crucial part of his journey to success. The friends he made along the way added an extra dimension to his adventure.

Abhishek's story is one of determination and skill, shaped by Masai's unique approach to education. It exemplifies the idea that with dedication, the world is full of opportunities.



Rishabh Panesar

📍 *Mumbai, Maharashtra to Noida*
 🚀 *Operations Intern to Frontend Engineer at Ripik*

Living in Mumbai, the city of dreams, Rishabh dreamed of a career in technology. Instead of taking the traditional engineering path, he studied computer applications. When COVID-19 forced his education online, he struggled to grasp web development practically. His friends progressed, but he felt stuck, craving mentorship and a supportive environment.

Initially, his family expected him to pursue engineering, but they eventually supported his decision. Financial challenges loomed large, with education loans funding his bachelor's degree and beyond. His father worked overseas as a warehouse manager, and his mother was a homemaker, with his grandmother completing his immediate support system.

An internship in Bengaluru opened doors. His manager recognized his coding potential and encouraged him. Despite doubts, seeing Masai graduates as successful developers at his company inspired Rishabh to consider Masai.

Masai proved transformative. The 11-11-6 (previously 9-9-6) training, mastery-based progression, and mentorship prepared him for the tech industry. The blend of humour and serious learning from instructors differed greatly from his online experiences. They taught him to actively seek knowledge, fostering confidence and independence.

Previously, Rishabh admired Aman Dhatarwal, a popular YouTuber. However, Masai's mentors, like Yogesh, became his new role models, emphasizing professionalism, ethics, and discipline.

Studying at Masai was challenging but uplifting. Daily scrums and mentor support, especially from Ankush, revolutionized his perspective. His communication skills improved, and he learned to give and receive feedback constructively.

Masai's mock interview process helped him overcome the fear of failure. He began trusting his capabilities, a stark change from his past self-doubt.

After completing Masai, Rishabh landed a role as a software developer at Ripik AI. This achievement made his parents proud and brought stability to his family.

Masai had shaped him into a confident developer, capable of handling front-end and back-end development efficiently. His training allowed him to outpace his peers, even those from IITs.

Looking ahead, Rishabh aims high. He dreams of becoming an Engineering Lead and eventually a Chief Technology Officer. His journey with Masai has equipped him with real-world skills and programming prowess, preparing him for an exciting career in technology.



Rutvik Jogdand

📍 *Thane, Maharashtra to Bengaluru*
🚀 *Marketing Lead*
to Product Engineer at Stylumia

Rutvik was born and brought up in Navi Mumbai. Unlike a typical bookworm, Rutvik's interest in science led him to prefer hands-on experiences in labs over traditional lectures. His fascination with creating something cool, inspired by robots and the likes of "Iron Man," drove him to excel in Maths, a subject he previously found challenging.

During his school days, Rutvik immersed himself in science projects, showcasing his knack for combining theoretical knowledge with practical applications. His passion for engineering grew stronger, leading him to choose this path despite the pressure to opt for a more "stable" career. However, his enthusiasm clashed with the rigid educational system, resulting in low attendance and warnings. Nevertheless, Rutvik managed to graduate, albeit without outstanding academic performance.

After school, Rutvik tried a sales job that didn't suit him, followed by a brief stint in marketing from home. Feeling unsure about his career path, he toyed with the idea of pursuing stand-up comedy to fulfil his desire for something exciting. Despite others suggesting an MBA as the logical next step after engineering, Rutvik found himself drawn to web development. Although he initially contemplated pursuing an MBA, the allure of the World Wide Web and the potential of coding intrigued him more.

It was during this time that Rutvik discovered Masai, a coding school that offered a "Pay after Placement" model, which resonated with him. Unlike traditional institutions, Masai's approach appealed to Rutvik, offering a curriculum focused on real-world applications and a unique 11-11-6 schedule designed to fast-track students into the tech industry.

Embracing the challenge, Rutvik dove into Masai's program, navigating through trials and errors to emerge as a full-stack developer at Sugar Cosmetics. His leap in salary and the impact of his work reflects his success in the tech industry. Now working as a Product Engineer at Stylumia, Rutvik is committed to continuous learning, prioritizing impact over job titles.

Rutvik's journey serves as a testament to chasing one's passions and achieving success. His advice to others is simple: keep learning, keep doing, and transform Mondays into days that no longer feel like the start of a long week.



Shibam Dey

📍 Guwahati, Assam to Delhi
 🚀 Photographer
 to UX Designer at Chariot

Shibam comes from a small town in Assam – a place where tech was as foreign as a distant star and where government jobs glittered as the ultimate prize. This town, without a pulse for the tech world, molds its children for jobs that don't ask for innovation. Yet Shibam's curiosity about technology persisted in quiet rebellion.

His family, though loving and supportive, held onto the tight strings of a small-scale business. They floated above the mountains of financial struggle, but luxury, like a mirage, always remained out of reach. Higher studies, especially the expensive kind like engineering, felt like a dream too far-fetched for Shibam.

Amidst this, a ray of hope flickered when Shibam stumbled upon animation and web design basics, kindling his passion for tech. However, the crippling tuition fees of private colleges slammed shut the doors to a B. Tech degree, reinforcing the harsh truth of his economic constraints.

When COVID-19 swept the world, leaving businesses shuttered and ambitions on hold, Shibam observed the forced pause of life from his window. It was during this stillness, while casually scrolling through Instagram, that destiny unfurled a path he hadn't thought to seek—a glimpse into the world of UX design through a Masai advertisement.

With the sparks of potential igniting within him, Shibam embarked on a journey with Masai—a transition smooth like a river meeting the sea. He marvelled at the 'pay after placement' approach that Masai championed, relieving him of the financial burden that had once weighed heavily upon him.

His aspirations found wings not just in Masai's offerings but in its ethos. The hands-on coding, soft skills training, and rigorous schedule unfolded him into a professional poised for the tech world. The communication classes with Yogesh sir transformed a reserved Shibam into a confident speaker, ready to express his ideas to the world.

Now a corporate professional, Shibam dedicates countless hours at his desk, once doubting his abilities but now focused and driven. Masai's unconventional schedule instilled discipline, preparing him for success in the corporate world.

Joining Chariot as a UX Designer, he earned a promotion within 18 months, setting ambitious goals. From a hopeful boy in Assam, Shibam is now an inspiration, proving Masai's transformative impact. Grateful for Masai's role in shaping his journey, he delivers projects with pride, each design bearing his name.



Durgesh Kumar Rai

📍 Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh to Bengaluru
🚀 Fresher
to SDEI at Zet

Way back before Masai, Durgesh had a normal life in a small village. His mother worked as a teacher and his dad worked as a farmer. Not much money around, just about 1 lakh a year for the whole family. Durgesh always knew education was the key to something better.

In school, Durgesh felt different. He wasn't the kind of kid who got all the help. While others could call on tutors or get extra attention, Durgesh had to figure it out on his own. He turned to computers. For him, it was a path to make good money, a way out. So when he wrapped up school, he ran with that thought and got himself a diploma in tech.

Durgesh's first real job was typing. Just typing, all day. But he knew there had to be more. That's when his friend Suhail, who'd started at Masai, showed up with stories of Bengaluru and a good job. Durgesh's mind was made up right then. He'd go for Masai, too.

But getting to Masai wasn't a straight line. Durgesh had stints in Delhi with long shifts and a dabble with network marketing. None of it felt right. He even tried out for other skill programs. But it was Masai's Glide program that caught his eye. Meant for folks without jobs, it offered him a chance to learn without worrying about money.

Those six months at Masai were tough but good. Durgesh didn't mind the schedule, the all-day classes. It suited him fine. And that's something he carried into his job. Masai had prepared him solidly – how to manage his time, deliver on deadlines, and communicate. It was like they set up a mini-corporate world right there.

After completing his training at Masai, Durgesh felt anxious about job hunting. However, after 25 days of searching, he landed a job, which he considered a good omen, especially since it happened on his birthday.

Masai School not only improved Durgesh's job prospects but also transformed his outlook on life. His fear of the unknown in his job vanished, and he gained confidence in his communication skills and tech expertise. Now working as a software engineer at Zet, Durgesh aims to climb the corporate ladder, leveraging the valuable tech knowledge he gained at Masai.



Rahim Ansari

📍 *Gopalganj, Bihar to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *Fresher*
to QA Tester at Masai

Rahim's childhood was a tale of simple pleasures and dreams that fought with harsh realities of middle-class struggle. He was a science geek in school. His father was a farmer and he left no stone unturned in supporting his family. When it came to Rahim's education, he had full faith in his abilities.

Rahim wanted to pursue further studies after passing out of school. He had 2 options: either follow the trodden path to a conventional college, demanding years and bundles of money, or chase skill development. Rahim took into account his family's financial condition and was quick to conclude that going down the traditional college path was not the ideal option.

So Rahim set out on his path to look for a career that did not require a lot of financial investment. He came across a certain someone who demanded money in exchange for a good job. This turned out to be a fraudulent venture. The promise of a career was a false one. This setback left him unemployed. He was at the mercy of his fate until December 2021 when things took a bright turn.

Rahim discovered Masai School. He was intrigued by their promotional promises but needed to be sure it wasn't another dead end. After a thorough probe, his heart set on the fact that Masai was different; they didn't just teach - they transformed lives. And the best part was he had to pay only after landing a job. He had 5 free weeks as well to test the waters in the curriculum. Varun Bhatt's coding lectures cleared whatever small apprehensions he had regarding Masai.

Rahim, a newbie in coding, took on the challenge at Masai. It was tough. He tackled tricky data structures and JavaScript codebases, shining through the curriculum. Learning different coding languages, he found his groove in web development. Despite setbacks, Rahim powered through with a growth mindset, emerging stronger.

At Masai, he polished his communication skills and became a quick learner, a valuable asset in any job market. His instructors, passionate and patient, were his guiding stars, helping him master soft skills through intuition and interactive classes. Ankush, the data structures maestro, was a role model whose teachings clarified complex concepts.

After Masai, Rahim entered the professional world. Equipped with full-stack development skills, he landed a coveted role in QA and automation at Masai. His salary not only meant financial freedom but also fulfilled his childhood dreams. His parents, unfamiliar with education and tech intricacies, were proud. They felt blessed that Rahim was finally reaping the rewards of his hard work and dedication.

Looking ahead, Rahim envisions expanding his tech expertise and delving into new programming languages. He stands today as a skilled professional in a growing tech universe, grateful for every lesson, code line, and hurdle overcome.



Apurba Adhikary

📍 *Nadia, WB to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *Fresher*
to SDEI at Masai School

Born in the hustle and bustle of India, in Kolkata, young Apurba's life wasn't the smoothest road to travel on. The youngster was aiming for higher education but had to drop out of college. The family was facing a crunch, and money was tight. Dad had debts, and with no financial aid, Apurba couldn't keep going to school. It weighed heavy on him. He had to give up education to help his family.

Apurba's dad was a medical practitioner who owned a pharmacy. Sadly, debts forced the pharmacy to shut down. Then came COVID, tossing life up like a salad. Before the pandemic, Apurba did okay with freelancing. He helped local businesses with their online stuff. But with the pandemic, everything flipped upside down. It was during this topsy-turvy time that Apurba pondered deeply about his love for tech, even as things seemed hopeless. He tried his best, learning bits from the internet and YouTube.

Despite the struggles, Apurba didn't give up his drive for tech. It was then, that he stumbled upon Masai School. He joined and got himself trained up well. There was Prateek, one of the Masai founders, who helped him when times got extremely tough, becoming an inspiration for Apurba. His dad, too, was a rock, shielding Apurba from negativity about "wasting time" on the computer.

Masai was tough, alright. But Apurba was tougher. He soaked up all the learning like a sponge and pushed through hard units, the competition, and hackathons. His communication skills shot up, thanks to Masai's insistence on clarity and confidence. Then the real world beckoned. Post-Masai, he jumped into the job hunt. Interviews came and went without a callback until he landed an internship.

Today, Apurba works as an SDE Intern at Masai. His dreams? Big as ever. He sees himself diving deep into DevOps and other tech wonders. He credits Masai for giving him a purpose and direction when all seemed lost. And if he could go back in time and whisper in his ear, he'd tell himself to keep the faith, because a school named Masai changed everything for him.



Sakshi Mulekar

📍 Nagpur, Maharashtra to Bengaluru
 🚀 Fresher
 to SDEI at CoinSwitch

Born and raised in Nagpur, Sakshi's beginnings were humble. In the bustling streets of Nagpur, she wore her school uniform with a hint of pride, attending local schools and dreaming big.

Growing up, Sakshi faced a sneaky foe: high myopia. This meant she couldn't see far-off things. She was too shy to tell her parents, which made reading the blackboard a daily battle. But Sakshi was not one to back down easily. By the time she'd finished school in 2014 and her pre-university course in 2016, with a strong science background, she took the brave leap into higher education. Despite financial roadblocks, she secured a BSc in Biology and didn't stop there. Her love for learning took her to a Master's in Environmental Science, wrapping it up in 2021.

During her academic journey, Sakshi harboured a passion for web development, but financial constraints hindered her pursuit in college. Despite this, she held onto her dream. After graduation, she faced a pivotal moment with eye surgery, which meant a year away from screens. However, her dream persisted.

Encouraged by friends, Sakshi discovered Masai, offering a "learn now, pay later" model. Sceptical at first, she found it to be real and inspiring. Masai felt like the missing key to her dream, with its promise of no upfront fees and payment after placement, akin to discovering a treasure chest.

Masai transformed Sakshi, not just in education, but in essence. It fortified her resolve, made her embrace discipline, and bet on her latent potential. Coding, which was once just a string of characters on a screen, became her best friend.

The classes were tough, the hours long. Yet, with mentors like Yogesh Bhatt and the Masai team guiding her every step, saying "You can do this," the hard work started paying off. She overcame hurdles like her high myopia and conquered her fear of asking questions, and in the demanding environment of Masai, Sakshi emerged as a warrior, ready for the tech battle.

After Masai, Sakshi's job hunt was a rollercoaster ride, but armed with her newfound skills and determination, she landed a position at CoinSwitch.

In her new role, Sakshi thrives, her skills aiding her professional navigation. The future looks promising as she aims to master her tech stack and eventually lead a team. Despite challenges like vision issues and financial barriers, Sakshi has triumphed, with obstacles now mere shadows in the wake of her success.



Anush Parulekar

📍 *Mumbai to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *Musician to SDE1 at Leap Finance*

Before Anush enrolled at Masai in 2021, he was in a bit of a bind. He spent his days selling musical instruments at a small shop, strumming guitars, and tapping on piano keys in Mumbai. He earned a meagre five to eight thousand rupees a month – not nearly enough. Meanwhile, he was also pursuing a bachelor's degree in literature and psychology. His life had a simple rhythm, but his dreams hummed a different tune.

In the back of his mind, Anush harboured a love for coding. He fancied the idea of being a programmer, knowing well the value of such skills in the tech-driven world. But without a background in engineering or even Maths and science from his 12th grade, the path seemed steep.

Anush taught himself programming, playing with codes to understand the technical side. He wanted more than what the music shop offered. Feeling restless for a more fulfilling career, he tried to master tech skills alone, but it was tough. He searched for direction, wanting to turn his interest in software into a real career.

Anush was 26 or 27 when Masai sparked hope. He discovered the coding institute through a YouTube video. Excitement surged through him. This could be it – the chance to build the skills he'd been itching to master.

Yet even as opportunity knocked, Anush hesitated. It was his mother who nudged him forward, urging him to seize the chance Masai offered. After all, financial hurdles were a reality for Anush. His father had passed away when he was very young, leaving him and his mother to fend for themselves.

Masai's 'pay after placement' model wasn't just appealing; it felt like a lifeline. It promised skills and training without the immediate stress of fees, a near-magical proposition for someone in Anush's shoes.

Masai provided the structure Anush needed. With challenges and practice, Masai turned his interest in coding into skills. Yogesh and Prateek's dedication inspired him. It wasn't just coding; it was a new mindset. Soft skills and experienced teachers prepared him. Now at LeapFinance, he's an SDE-1, earning well. He plans to focus on back-end development. His dream of starting a company feels closer. It shows commitment and opportunity can transform lives.



Ankit Singh Yadav

📍 Shahjahanpur, UP to Bengaluru

🚀 Asst Professor
to Project Manager at Hey Homie

Ankit's life has been as dynamic as a game of football he has loved since childhood. His father, a military man, instilled in him the discipline and rigour he has lived by. Ankit's childhood was a series of moves from one place to another, grounding his education in the structured environment of army schools—APS Bhopal and APS Hisar.

He was the kid who played football with his heart, more at home on the field than in the classroom. Yet, life threw a tough Maths exam his way during his 12th boards, leading to a score that steered him away from his engineering dream and into a government college, where B.Sc Physics was the practical choice due to its low fees.

Ankit embraced change with a sportsman's spirit. Hanging up his football boots, he switched to academic rigour and hit a distinction in college. His potential shimmered through the shadow of his board results as he even cracked IIT-JAM (Physics) examination but chose to prepare for government exams instead, propelled by the cultural aura that civil service jobs held in his home state, Uttar Pradesh.

Ankit faced many obstacles on his journey. He spent a year preparing for the UPSC exam, but it didn't feel right for him. He also cleared several written exams for government jobs but couldn't make it past the final interviews. Feeling pressured and wanting stability, he decided to study MA in Economics at a village college while teaching on the side to support himself.

While building his career seemed like assembling a puzzle with missing pieces, a door flung open when his friend Mohit was placed in a high-paying job through Masai. The defining turn wasn't immediate; scepticism and the pressure to uphold family honour had Ankit balancing on the edge until the very moment he and his brother Ankur, reflecting each other's steps, both secured spots at Masai.

Ankit's journey with Masai was tough but rewarding, filled with the 11-11-6 routine and intense learning. Despite facing challenges in the job market, especially during a recession, he used his Masai skills to forge ahead.

Now a Technical Project Manager at Hey Homie, Ankit's success showcases Masai's transformative power. His goal is to keep growing, live by his values, and inspire others with his journey. Ankit's story is about overcoming obstacles and rewriting his destiny with Masai as the game-changer.



Arjun K Prasad

📍 Bengaluru
🚀 VFX Artist
to SDEI at Vegapay

Arjun grew up in Bengaluru in a simple household where education was like a colourful canvas, but he lacked guidance. He explored different fields before settling on animation for his Bachelor's degree. However, his heart longed for a career in Computer Science, a dream hindered by his academic scores. Despite this, he pursued a crash course - Master's in Computer Science.

Throughout his education, friends were his guiding compass. Despite his family's support, his understanding of Computer Science was limited, and finding a job in coding seemed daunting due to his incomplete grasp of Data Structures and Algorithms (DSA).

Facing financial challenges, Arjun's hope was reignited when he passed a challenging Maths test and joined Masai. Masai offered education with deferred payment, providing a ray of hope in his financial struggle.

At Masai, the world of tech opened up for Arjun. Coding became a fluent language, especially with the help of Aman's DSA classes. His interest in the MERN stack flourished, and he realized the value of power skills. Mentors like Yogesh and rigorous schedules honed his professional edge, preparing him for interviews without needing English lessons.

The demanding schedule at Masai, from 9 am to 9 pm, took a toll on his health, but the payoff was significant. Rigorous mock interviews and dedicated instructors, led by Albert, prepared him for the tech job market, ultimately landing him a role at MPL.

Today, Arjun works at Vegapay, a FinTech startup, where he leveraged his coding skills and innovative mindset. His experience at Masai, with its disciplined routine and adaptability, has equipped him for the challenges ahead.

Arjun's story illustrates how the right education can turn curiosity into a skill, passion into a profession, and challenges into opportunities. Masai was more than just a school for him; it was where his potential was transformed into a successful tech career, making him a shining example of the school's transformative impact.



Akansha Sneha

📍 *Nalanda, Bihar to Bengaluru*

🚀 *Fresher*

to Data Analyst at Shadowfax

Born in Bihar and having pursued a major in Electrical Electronics Engineering – quite a distance from the world of information technology (IT) – Akansha faced a big hurdle. There were no job placements from her private college, a stark reality for many students in similar courses.

During the pandemic, with plans for government job exams thrown into chaos by an endless cascade of cancellations, Akansha found herself at a crossroads. Her friends talked about data analysis – a field new and intriguing to her. She dove into the internet, searching through Google and YouTube, and learning from social media about what data analysis really was.

Amidst this self-exploration, his to-be husband recommended she check out Masai. It sounded promising, especially because of their Pay after Placement promise. It meant that she only needed to pay for the course after securing a job, making the financial risk virtually nil. Moreover, Masai offered a disciplined, structured learning environment, which she needed.

Akansha faced challenges not just from the external world but within her home too. She had to convince her family that a career switch to IT was feasible even for someone with her background. Step by step, she changed their perspective, using examples from friends and neighbours who had found success in the IT sector.

The turning point for Akansha was her introduction to Masai. She had prepared for government jobs and even cleared the prestigious GATE exam, but the repeating delays due to COVID-19 tipped the scales. She decided to join Masai. There, she met mentors and students, made friends, and took on the challenge of learning from scratch.

Masai was tough. From SQL and Python to machine learning and data visualization tools like Tableau and Power BI, Akansha studied hard. She battled through initial shyness, improved her communication skills, and discovered a confidence she didn't know she had beneath her quiet exterior. Her teachers and fellow students became her pillars of support.

Post-Masai, the job hunt was no cakewalk. There were rejections and lessons learned in communication and technical interviews. However, Akansha persisted. With Masai's guidance, she eventually, triumphed with a placement in Press Fit Pipe and Profile Pvt. Ltd. before her marriage – a personal goal she held close to her heart. Akansha has only gotten ahead in her career since passing out of Masai. She is now a Data Analyst at Shadowfax.

Akansha hasn't stopped learning and growing, a testament to the enduring impact of the education she received at Masai.



Krishna Kant Sharma

📍 Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh to Bengaluru

🚀 Fresher

to Lead Blockchain Engineer at Fractal Protocol

Krishna grew up in a small home in Kanpur. Once he passed 12th grade he faced a tough choice. Should he go for an expensive engineering degree or try a different path? His financial conditions screamed he couldn't afford the college route, so Krishna decided on online education.

With a push from his dad, he chose to dive deep into online learning. He wanted real skills, not just degrees. Inspired by a tech-savvy friend, he explored the internet for practical knowledge.

Krishna's time at Masai was a big leap. His parents had doubts, but they trusted him. Masai was tough, like military training, with long days and steep learning curves. But Krishna grew into a strong developer.

English, once tough, became his friend at Masai. Classes and interactions polished his speaking skills. It wasn't easy, adapting to online learning, and dealing with new things. But Krishna emerged stronger, despite financial challenges.

Masai School not only paved the way for Krishna's career growth but also instilled in him the entrepreneurial spirit. A brief stint with a blockchain startup taught him valuable lessons in resilience and ambition, shaping his approach to professional challenges.

Returning to his roots in Lucknow, Krishna now holds the position of Senior Blockchain Engineer at Fractal Protocol, a U.S.-based DeFi company, where he oversees remote projects—a role that reflects his journey from an ordinary dreamer to an inspirational figure.

Krishna's story is a testament to the power of determination and resilience in overcoming obstacles. It is a reminder that one's starting point does not dictate their destination. His journey, lived through the lens of Masai School, serves as an inspiring example of how passion and perseverance can lead to extraordinary achievements.



Suman Saurav

📍 *Koderma, Jharkhand to Remote (U.S. based)*
 🚀 *Fresher*
to Forward Deployment Engineer at AVRIL

Growing up in Koderma, Suman Saurav understood that education was his ticket to a better life. Despite his family's financial struggles, he excelled in school, always ranking at the top. Inspired by his uncle, an engineer, Suman Saurav dreamed of a future in engineering, filled with labs and inventions.

To pursue his dream, Suman Saurav aimed to clear exams like JEE (Mains) and JEE (Advanced). His family supported him with loans, enabling him to study in Patna, Bihar. However, his efforts to secure a government job, a backup plan, didn't materialize. Even after moving to Delhi in search of better opportunities, the pandemic disrupted his plans.

Feeling lost, Suman Saurav discovered a course at Delhi University that could lead to tech jobs without an engineering degree. Despite getting his name called in a roll, a technical issue prevented him from pursuing this opportunity.

At a crossroads, Suman Saurav's friend introduced him to Masai School. Intrigued by its promise of paying only after securing a job paying at least 5 lakhs, Suman Saurav decided to give it a shot. But, he did not have a computer. He bought a decent laptop for 15,000 rupees. He beefed it up and attended Masai classes. He quickly immersed himself in Masai's world, taking the entrance test and gaining admission.

Masai School proved to be a game-changer for Suman Saurav. It equipped him with valuable tech skills and instilled job-ready confidence.

He's grown a lot since Masai. Before Masai, he never touched a computer. His transformation is now evident in his ability to communicate effortlessly with the CEO and employees of his company in the USA. Now, he's coding on a laptop he got from his company. Working his first ever job, in a company across the ocean he used to be stumped by their English. Today, he chats with the employees who live in the USA and India with ease, thanks to what he learned at Masai.

Looking back two years, the comparison is day and night. From fearing what the future held to confidently handling tech problems, he's transformed into someone who's job-ready and excited for the future he's building each day.

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Mohit Khairia

📍 *Alwar, Rajasthan to Bengaluru*
🚀 *Boxer*
to Full Stack Web Developer AtWin

Mohit Khairia hails from Alwar, Rajasthan, 150 kilometres away from New Delhi. When his family moved to the city due to financial constraints, Mohit's life took a turn.

He was a bright kid, passionate about science and martial arts, dreaming of studying abroad. He prepared for tests like the SATs, scoring around 1500. But when the time came, self-doubt held him back. He feared not giving his best.

Lost, he turned to a meditation camp on a friend's advice. It changed his outlook, reigniting his passion for martial arts. He trained hard, but just as he peaked, an injury halted his progress. The nationwide lockdown added to his challenges, forcing him to train alone on his rooftop.

Despite setbacks, he considered starting a fitness club. However, he realized his dream of becoming an elite athlete might not be feasible, given his late start. He learned that the journey matters more than the destination.

Mohit's story is not one of ultimate triumph on the track or in the ring, but rather one of unwavering spirit and the courage to pivot when faced with life's hurdles. His account is a testament to the idea that we should always strive for better, chase our passions, and find our own path to fulfilment.

And that's where his story intersects with Masai. Drawn to the promise of an educational program that could provide a fresh start and a new direction, Mohit found himself considering a path he'd never imagined—diving into the world of computers and technology. What he discovered was more than just education; it was the hope of a new career and a new life.

From a small village in Rajasthan to a Full Stack Developer at AtWin, Mohit's journey is a powerful reminder that it's never too late to embrace change and that the pursuit of knowledge and personal growth can open up a world of possibilities. It's a story of struggle, reinvention, and the indomitable human spirit.



Ashwini Bhoskar

📍 *Nanded, Maharashtra to Bengaluru*
🚀 *Fresher*
to Problem Setter (MERN) at Masai

Ashwini grew up in Nanded, Maharashtra, with a heart full of dreams and a mind bubbling with curiosity, inspired by her parents' stable government careers. Despite the predictable path of continuing the family tradition by pursuing civil engineering in college, she found herself at a crossroads during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A challenge from her cousin led her to explore web development. However, with her father's selfless support, Ashwini embarked on a partnership with Masai, where the intense 9-to-9 schedule wasn't just about coding but about transformation. Here, she discovered that not knowing something wasn't a barrier but a beginning, shaping her from a spirited student into a skilled coder.

Masai became a nurturing arena where Ashwini found mentors like Santhi and peers who supported her journey. Despite challenges like React, Masai's instructors, especially Albert, armed her with the education shield, helping her grow.

Graduating from Masai opened doors to job opportunities, and each rejection brought her closer to success. Finally, she secured a job as a problem setter at Masai, a testament to her skills as both a developer and tester.

These experiences showed Ashwini that her journey was one of continual growth, not limited to web development but an exploration of the full stack. Her ambitions expanded to leadership roles, where managing projects became an adventure.

For Ashwini, Masai was more than an institution; it was where she painted her future in logic and code. She learned that learning isn't just about holding information but knowing how to use it, a lesson she now shares with others questioning their dreams.

Her story is a reminder that amidst life's ups and downs, there's always room for transformation. For Ashwini, Masai was the crucible where her potential was not just acknowledged but earnestly transformed into proficiency.



Naveen Kumar

📍 *Sikar, Rajasthan to Gurugram*
 🚀 *Fresher to SDE1 at Q3 Technologies*

Naveen hails from Sikar, Rajasthan. His father and brother ran a small shop in his hometown. He set out to study at Amity University in Jaipur. There was little to no scope of higher education in Naveen's family. But he had a thirst to learn.

He was pretty good at sports too. He played badminton at a state level before diving into martial arts in college. Then he became a big deal in martial arts, taking charge, and building discipline among students – it was his thing.

But life hit a twist after college. Jobs were hard to grab. He felt the pressure, since job prospects didn't seem bright, even holding a B.Tech degree. He was lost; friends got jobs and moved away, and there he was, dealing with rejection and isolation. At one point, a captain who was popular in college, Naveen was now fighting the toughest battle within himself. Feeling low, he helped his family's business for some time.

Determined to push through, he dove deep into study. Maths, reasoning, questions – he grappled with them, seeking to improve every day. A twist of fate led him to discover Masai. Sceptical at first, he wondered if this could really turn things around – it did.

Masai's unique program clicked with him. Coding, English, soft skills – they ironed out his edges. Post Masai, it was a new chapter. The job hunt that followed was tough, but he was tougher. He became job-ready, and resilient, and eventually landed a role at Q3 Technologies in Gurugram.

Masai delivered more than skills; it gave him confidence and renewed zeal. Though family's business beckoned, he chose to focus on his tech career.

Where is he now? Still climbing, striving for higher goals, armed with the lessons from his experiences, backed by a fierce determination ignited in the depths of challenging days. And his future? As boundless as the code he writes, the dreams he harbors, and the challenges he's eager to face.



Sushant Salavi

📍 *Kolhapur, Maharashtra to Pune*
 🚀 *Graduate Engineering Trainee to SDEI at Knorex India*

Sushant graduated in automobile engineering in 2014 from Maharashtra. But soon after, health issues left him bedridden for a year, feeling restless and helpless due to inactivity. This gap in his career made it hard to find a job; companies saw him as no longer a fresher.

He took a temporary job at Chowgule Industries in Pune as a motor mechanic, attending part-time design classes. Despite this effort, he struggled to secure a good job. An offer from Hyderabad didn't excite him; it was far from home, the work was dull, and the pay was low—just 8K to 10K, not enough for his qualifications and ambitions.

Sushant realized he needed a change. Living in a village in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, with a farming father and no land, the financial pressure was immense. Scrolling through Instagram, he discovered Masai School, applying on impulse. He passed the entrance test but stumbled in the first interview. Undeterred, he found the course interesting, taking inspiration from Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

After persistence and hard work, he completed the Masai program. The instructors' dedication and the pay-after-placement model eased his financial worries. Challenges arose in English communication and group projects, but Masai helped him build confidence and teamwork skills.

After Masai, Sushant's life changed. He became more professional and financially stable, working at Knorex India Pvt. Ltd. in Pune, a Singapore-based Ed-tech company. He's excited about his promotion in just two months and dreams of becoming a technical manager. Sushant learned that dedication, not background, defines success—thanks to Masai School, he's confidently embracing his new life.

As he continues to climb the ladder of success, Sushant remains grateful for the opportunities that have come his way and the role that Masai has played in shaping his future. He is excited about what lies ahead and is eager to continue learning and growing in his career, knowing that with dedication and hard work, anything is possible.



Suhail Malik

📍 Amroha, UP to Bengaluru
🚀 IT Support Engineer
to SDE 2 at Gameberrylabs

Suhail grew up in Amroha, UP. Despite studying IT in a government college, life was challenging for Suhail. After graduation, he aimed for jobs in Noida and other Delhi-NCR regions, but luck wasn't on his side. Companies preferred degrees from renowned colleges, shutting the doors for Suhail, who didn't come from one.

He didn't sit back, though. He took a job as a desktop support engineer, found through a job search website. Then COVID hit, and he had to rethink his options. That's when his friend mentioned Masai, a place where they taught coding like it was a mission. He thought about joining another boot camp, but it didn't pan out. So he chose Masai as the next step.

Stories of other Masai students, like Mohammad Hassan, lit a fire in Suhail. Learning that he didn't have to pay Masai until he got a job was the sweet deal. He dreamed of a 6 LPA job, even though he wasn't too sure of his skills. Masai was his answer to leapfrog into the world of tech without a fancy degree.

In Masai, the routine was tough as nails – code, sleep, repeat. But it built discipline and grit. He missed many weddings and festivals. COVID was an interruption, but it meant less FOMO and more focus on his goals.

He made friends, all budding tech warriors ready to change their lives. Together they faced the grind, staying up late, sharing jokes, and pushing past limits. The communication classes at Masai polished his speech while coding classes sharpened his skills.

After Masai, Suhail got a job, thanks to the confidence and skills he gained. He worked hard, rose to SDE2 at Gameberry Labs in Bangalore, and loved his pay check. The future was bright; perhaps one day, he'd start his own company. After all, he already had one failed attempt under his belt, but that's just part of the game.

Looking back, Suhail gave Masai a full 100% credit for his transformation. His self-confidence shot through the roof, his skills were market-ready, and the opportunities he got were golden. It was more than just learning to code; it was about learning to conquer life's challenges.



Sachin C V

📍 Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka to Bengaluru

🚀 Fresher
to SDE 2 at GoKwik

Sachin, originally from Chikkamagaluru, pursued a degree in Electronics and Communication. Despite completing college, he felt unfulfilled and sought something more. The conventional college syllabus didn't ignite his passion, leaving him uncertain about his career prospects.

From his first year, Sachin was proactive, experimenting with various skills and ventures like digital marketing and website development. He even managed social media for independent candidates during elections. However, nothing captivated him enough to envision a compelling future.

Feeling that creating a product could be his breakthrough, Sachin became interested in coding, particularly PHP. He self-learned through videos but struggled with complex concepts.

In his final year of college, Sachin felt lost and promised his parents to find his path within a year. Then, he came across an advertisement for Masai, sparking his curiosity. After applying and undergoing an interview with Yogesh Bhat, Sachin was accepted into Masai.

At Masai, Sachin thrived in a disciplined environment and benefited from the guidance of mentors like Nrupul and Aman. The supportive atmosphere fuelled his passion for learning and personal growth.

Six months later, armed with newfound skills, Sachin secured a job and quickly made an impact. After two years, he transitioned to Vimeo, a significant move that exposed him to the workings of a global tech company.

His parents, initially uncertain about his unconventional path, were proud to see Sachin succeed in the tech industry. He found fulfilment in coding and valued the skills he gained from Masai, considering them essential in the 21st century.

Currently, Sachin works remotely for GoKwik, enjoying the flexibility to be with his family. He aspires to delve into machine learning and AI, eager to contribute original ideas and research.

Reflecting on his journey, Sachin credits Masai as the catalyst for his success. It not only equipped him with technical skills but also prepared him for the professional world, giving him the confidence to excel.



Neelam Singh

📍 Satna, MP to Bengaluru
 🚀 Graduate Apprentice (PGCIL)
 to SDEI at Intugine

Born and raised away from the hustle of big cities with 5 siblings, Neelam had a simple upbringing. She attended local schools and, like many others, faced her share of challenges.

During her school days, Neelam showed an inclination towards understanding how things worked but access to resources like computers was limited. In a place where dreams often remained just dreams, she nurtured a hope to explore the world of technology.

As curtains fell on her school life, the traditional path of Engineering made way.

Although Engineering did not go down the ideal path, she was quick to look out for better ways to give wings to her career. Neelam then made her way towards Delhi to prepare for Indian Engineering Services (IES) Exam.

Despite gaining insights during her exam preparation, Neelam didn't clear the IES exam. However, she secured a year-long apprenticeship at PGCIL based on her engineering CGPA.

The apprenticeship empowered Neelam to be financially independent and lead a self-sufficient life. As it neared its end, she also qualified for the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE). Despite this achievement, she had to seek better opportunities to advance her career.

Eventually, she found technology as a booming career option. A social media advertisement introduced her to the concept of an education at 0 upfront fee model. Masai School had made its way into her life. Sceptical at first, she wondered if this was just another educational promise that would lead nowhere. Questions and self-doubt clouded her thoughts, yet something nudged her to take a chance.

Masai School opened its doors with a promise of job readiness. She found that the focus wasn't just on learning to code, it was about building a discipline, and a work ethic that set the foundation for a future in tech.

The once-doubtful Neelam found herself amid placement rounds, not just as another candidate, but as a confident individual powered by a new understanding of full-stack web development technology.

Graduation from Masai marked a new beginning. The job that awaited her was a testament to her endurance, dreams of a future where she was her family's champion, and her will to make a mark in the tech industry. Neelam is now a proud backend developer at Intugine Technologies. She is an embodiment of growth powered by her aspirations to make anything beyond destiny possible.



Aditya Sinha

📍 Patna, Bihar to Bengaluru

🚀 Fresher
to System Engineer at TCS

Aditya Sinha's ascent from Hajipur, Bihar, to a System Engineer at TCS epitomizes the essence of ambition, perseverance, and the transformative impact of skill-centric education. Instilled with discipline from his boarding school days, Aditya faced significant challenges due to his non-IT academic background, particularly during campus placements where IT roles dominated.

Realizing the limited scope of growth in his initial role as a business developer, Aditya's aspirations to break into the burgeoning IT sector led him to Masai School. Here, he was drawn by the prospect of a robust, industry-aligned curriculum without the burden of upfront fees. His journey was fraught with challenges, including a lengthy commute and the upheavals brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, Masai's efficient switch to online learning kept his educational ambitions on track.

Despite battling poor internet and household distractions, Aditya's resolve, bolstered by the unwavering support of Masai's mentors, saw him through. His hard work culminated in successfully passing the TCS exam, a victory he joyfully shared with his family and dedicated to his grandfather, who had always dreamed of a bright future for him.

Aditya's story is more than an individual triumph; it's a narrative that underscores the importance of resilience and the transformative potential of focused education. His transition from a small-town youth to a proficient software developer, despite several obstacles, stands as a powerful endorsement of Masai School's approach.

His journey is a compelling example of how targeted education, combined with determination, can turn aspirations into reality. Aditya's transformation is captured in a video, showcasing how Masai School was instrumental in shaping his future, proving that with dedication and the right opportunities, anyone can reshape their destiny.



Bhaskar Rai

📍 Habra, WB to Bengaluru

🚀 Fresher

to Software Engineer at Sakhatech

Bhaskar hails from Sainkheda village near Silwani town of the Raichur district of Madhya Pradesh, India. Growing up in a family of teachers, he developed a strong passion for learning. Despite his family background, Bhaskar initially shunned computers and coding. In school, he deliberately chose Hindi over Computer Science, and in college, he pursued Mechanical Engineering to avoid coding altogether.

After completing his 12th standard in 2016, Bhaskar joined the LNCT Group of Colleges for Mechanical Engineering, graduating in June 2019. He did not participate in college placements as he aimed to join the defence services. However, after facing challenges and considering the pandemic situation, he shifted his focus to preparing for an MBA but later abandoned the idea. Instead, he worked in a job dealing with online sellers' tickets for six months.

Bhaskar's family supported his decision to quit his job and enrol in Masai School, where he learned programming from scratch. Despite not being academically strong, he embraced Masai School's 9-9-6 curriculum wholeheartedly. He advises students to complete coding assignments regularly and credits Masai School for his successful placement as a Full Stack Developer.

Looking ahead, Bhaskar aims to continue upskilling himself by learning new programming languages and growing his YouTube channel. He appreciates Masai School's ethical values, especially during the pandemic, and dismisses claims of it being a scam, emphasizing its supportive mentors and genuine commitment to student success.



Arnav Gupta

📍 *Kolkata to Jaipur*
 🚀 *Fresher*
to SDEI at STCO

Muskan's (now Arnav) life began in Kolkata, where she was raised by her hardworking father, who ran a mobile showroom, and her supportive mother, alongside an elder brother and a younger sister. Despite the love in her family, they faced their share of hardships.

Education became Muskan's beacon of hope as she grew older. However, after completing her school education, the harsh reality set in—continuing her studies seemed like an unattainable dream due to financial constraints. Engineering or any higher education felt out of reach.

Turning her passion for Maths into an opportunity, Muskan pursued a B.Sc degree. To finance her education, she worked and taught juniors. This enabled her financially to study Physics and Chemistry. This period was a test of her determination and self-reliance.

Muskan wanted to get ahead in life. She wanted to work on jobs that paid well. Tech provided her with the option to do so.

At a crossroads in her career, Muskan discovered Masai. Introduced by an influential YouTuber, Masai's promise of education without upfront fees and a Pay-after-Placement model resonated with her financial situation.

Despite doubts from others, fuelled by the need for financial independence and success, Muskan chose to trust herself and Masai. Masai wasn't just another educational institution; it

was a transformative experience for her. Coding, especially learning React, presented a steep learning curve, but Muskan's perseverance paid off.

Soft skills and communication classes at Masai helped Muskan become a confident speaker, both in the workplace and beyond. She had taken up a part-time technical instructor job. However, the real test came during the recession when Muskan faced multiple rejections in job interviews. Through sheer determination, Muskan overcame her doubts and transformed her interview skills, eventually receiving three job offers simultaneously.

Finally, Muskan chose STCO Consulting LLP in Jaipur due to its attractive package. There, she quickly rose through the ranks, now leading the backend team, a testament to his perseverance and knowledge.

4 months after securing a job Muskan underwent a gender transition, becoming Arnav. Despite this personal transformation, Arnav's parents remained a mix of practical and compassionate, with his mother providing unwavering support for his dreams and ambitions.



K Santhisri Khandavalli

📍 *Gannavaram, Andhra Pradesh to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *SSC aspirant*
to Sr. Curriculum Engineer at Masai

Born in a remote village in Andhra Pradesh, Santhi's early life was typical, pursuing education under her supportive father's watchful eye. Excelling in both academics and extracurriculars, she stood out.

Though her father lacked formal education, he believed in her potential. He encouraged her to pursue engineering. Santhi went on to become the first in her family to graduate as an Engineer. Later she also enrolled for M.Tech in Electrical and Power Systems. But, despite her impressive degrees, job opportunities eluded her.

She then appeared for government examinations. She fell short of getting to the next step many times. She then thought of shifting to the IT industry. However, changing paths wasn't seamless for her; self-doubt crept in. A pivotal decision awaited her: stick with the familiar or leap into the enigmatic realm of the IT world.

Then, she discovered Masai. It was new but promising. With Masai's Pay After Placement model (earlier Income Share Agreement), she could study, secure a job, and pay later—a perfect fit for her limited finances. Taking a chance, she joined Masai, the unexpected pivot she needed.

At Masai, Santhi's life transformed. Beyond job and money, she found a diverse community learning from scratch. She discarded comparisons, dove into studies, and absorbed everything.

Hurdles came, and the course was tough, but through the grind, she discovered her strength, time management, teamwork, and the value of not just chasing money. Masai's training primed her for real-world tech work. She has now taken up the role of an instructor at Masai.

Santhi's journey as a Masai faculty has become an example—technical mentor, curriculum engineer, and now leading a team. She shaped her life, inspired her family, and gave her parents the joy they deserved.

Santhi's story transcends jobs and tech. It's about growth, choices, and the brave step into the IT industry, believing hard work leads to success. Now influencing others, she proves it's never too late for a fresh start. It began with a leap of faith into the arms of Masai.



Hrishabh Dubey

📍 *Khandwa, MP to Bengaluru*
🚀 *Fresher
to SDEI at Optym*

Hrishabh comes from a small town in Madhya Pradesh where educational opportunities are present plenty, but getting the right skills is a challenge. Hrishabh grew up in a middle-class family; his father was a school principal and his mother took care of their home. He had dreams, like many of us, and struggles aplenty.

He faced tough decisions growing up that many kids didn't. His education was modest, attending a state board school, and striving for college despite financial strains. His school didn't quite equip him for the tech world. C and C++ were his introduction chapters to computers, yet far from enough for landing a tech job.

Hrishabh didn't land in an engineering seat straight after school. It was a mix of fate and choice. He felt lost, unsure of his next steps. Despite studying hard, interviews were battlefields he couldn't conquer.

His turning point came when he moved to Bengaluru. Financial constraints surrounded him, and Bengaluru offered no familiar faces to reach out to. It was a solitary struggle, with only his determination as his companion. Google advertisement led him to Masai, a chance he took without hesitation since payment came after placement. It was a gamble against his future.

Masai was different. It promised skills over scores and real coding over rote learning. Masai was where Hrishabh found his tribe and mentors like Nrupul, Prateek, and Yogesh, who cared more about his growth than grades.

Masai was intense, a boot camp for the brain. It acted as a catalyst, moulding his world—shaping not just his attitude, but refining his soft skills and honing his hard skills. Through this transformative journey, he emerged not only confident but also remarkably capable. And guess what? He did land a job, no more rejection emails.

After Masai, Hrishabh's career soared. He's now a software engineer at Optym, designing his comfortable life through code and perseverance.

Masai wasn't just a school; it was Hrishabh's launchpad. It transformed his uncertainty into a stable career and self-doubt into self-assurance. He's ready for bigger challenges, ready to leave his mark. His story, like many others, inspires dreams across small towns and crowded cities. Masai lit his path, and now he shines bright, guiding others along the way.



Shreedhar Hegde

📍 Yellapur, Karnataka to Hyderabad
 🚀 B.Sc Dropout
 to Software Engineer at Acunor

Shreedhar hails from Yellapur in Karnataka, a place not known for science degrees. Shreedhar travelled to a nearby city for his B.Sc. education. However, the twist in his journey came during the third year when he had to drop out due to personal and family reasons. His father needed him, and without hesitation, Shreedhar returned home to support his family.

For about one and a half years, Shreedhar stayed in his hometown. During this time, he remembered his childhood spark for electrical, electronics, and the magic of websites. With no formal training in these areas, Shreedhar turned to YouTube and other online resources to satisfy his curiosity. He mastered the basics - like HTML - but craved more. That's when fate introduced him to a friend, a proud Masai alum. His friend's success story was a beacon of hope, showing Shreedhar a path forward.

Choosing Masai wasn't a leap in the dark for Shreedhar - his family, supportive as ever since his pre-university days, backed his decision. Financial concerns due to helping his dad were eased, and another crisis - the loss of connectivity to the outside world for 30 days due to heavy rains - made Shreedhar more determined to find a stable future. Masai felt like a compass pointing him toward the opportunity to turn his interest into a job-ready skill.

However, Masai was not all smooth sailing. Initially placed in a foundation batch despite his self-taught knowledge, Shreedhar felt disheartened but persevered. The rigorous 9-to-9 schedule was overwhelming, but his single-minded focus was, "I have to do it." He battled health issues that nearly derailed his progress, but with the guidance and support from Masai's mentors and counselling services, he remained unstoppable, attending nearly every class.

The Communication Skills and Behavioural Training (CSBT) at Masai polished his once-shy nature, turning him into a confident speaker and presenter, skills that shone in his interviews. Post-Masai, Shreedhar's job hunt was both an external and internal effort. Ultimately, a referral from a friend in Hyderabad landed him at Acunor. On day two on the job, Shreedhar was learning and applying new technologies, thanks to the self-learning habits ingrained at Masai.

Shreedhar now dreams of broader horizons, seeking experiences under senior mentors to learn more. With newfound confidence, he reflects on his journey - from the fear of speaking up and code-writing hesitance to embracing challenges with compassion.



Lalitha Perumulla

📍 Kurnool, Telangana to Hyderabad
 🚀 Database Engineer
 to SDE1 at AJIO

Lalitha Perumulla, hailing from the Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh, was driven by a persistent desire to excel despite not being a stand out student. Uncertain about her career path after school, she eventually pursued a B.Tech in IT, guided by her family's counsel. Her college years were marked by a growing interest in coding and software development, which led her to experiment with various programming languages.

However, her initial job as a Database Administrator didn't align with her passion for coding, prompting her to reconsider her career path. Seeking a deeper understanding of coding, she left her job and started on a journey to sharpen her skills. This is when she discovered Masai, where she found the pay-after-placement model that seemed to solve all her problems. Despite initial doubts about this new approach, conversations with alumni and faculty put a full stop to her concerns, and she decided to enrol.

Her experience at Masai transformed her personality inside out, providing her with the practical skills and confidence she needed. The supportive environment and mentorship helped her overcome her weaknesses, particularly in communication and soft skills. Her newfound confidence came in handy during placements. She secured a job that offered three times her previous salary within just 20 days of graduating from Masai.

Today, Lalitha thrives as an SDE-1 at AJIO. Her story serves as an inspiration to those finding the right direction on their career paths, showing that with dedication and the right support, one can overcome challenges and achieve their goals.



Harshit Tripathi

📍 Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

🚀 Fresher
to SDE1 at Airtel Payments Bank

As a kid, the only association Harshit had with computers was in the context of games. During 9th grade, the subject of Information Technology caught his interest. He signed up without much thought. On the very first day, he was asked about RAM, and he didn't have a clue.

Despite struggling, he wasn't deterred and kept at it. After finishing school, he wasn't keen on the usual path of college and government job prep. He felt a pull toward computers. Negotiating with his parents, instead of going for an engineering degree, he chose BCA at Allahabad State University. Harshit had hoped to learn about computers at the university, but he didn't find the right environment and doubted his fit in the field.

Post-college, the job hunt was tough. He felt unprepared, with an education that focused more on theory than practical skills. Facing self-doubt, he discovered Masai through his brother, who suggested trying their one-month free trial before committing.

Masai turned out to be different. The place focused on making him job-ready, with practical skills and discipline fostered through an intense daily schedule. At Masai, Harshit found assistance in understanding the ins and outs of coding, from the basics to advanced concepts.

Over time, Harshit transformed. From someone who had never coded to writing complex programs and discussing advanced computer science topics, he was a changed person. He learned how to work in teams, present his ideas, and handle interviews. Masai gave him the knowledge and confidence he needed to face the tech world.

Today, Harshit works at Airtel Payments Bank with many others who graduated along with him from Masai. He continues to shape their future, with the skills and resilience they gained during their time at the school. Harshit, who once needed clarification about his place in the world of technology, is now part of the growing tech community.



Vaibhav Solanki

📍 *Ghatiya, Ujjain, MP to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *Fresher*
to SDE1 at ApnaKlub

Vaibhav Solanki grew up in Ghatiya near Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. His life wasn't like a fairy tale; it was full of challenges and the kind of twists that would shape his future in ways he never expected.

Vaibhav's schooling began at a young age in Ujjain, where he faced teasing for the name of his hometown, Ghatiya. But Vaibhav had a knack for turning jokes into laughter, even at his own expense. His approach to life was simple: laugh along, make friends, and keep moving forward.

Initially interested in biology, Vaibhav switched to computer science due to his weaker Hindi skills and a growing interest in technology. However, in Madhya Pradesh, he found no direct paths to a bachelor's degree in computer science.

Undeterred, he pursued a polytechnic diploma while working as a Maths teacher and a driver, earning only ₹6000 a month. College became a backdrop to his real-world education.

Mid-diploma, Vaibhav discovered Masai, initially sceptical about its promise of paying fees only after placement. Despite doubts from friends, he took a leap of faith and enrolled.

At Masai, his life changed. From feeling out of his depth, he found his footing in the relentless 12-hours, 6-days-a-week schedule. He thrived, and his network grew. Instructors at Masai became his mentors, and guides who made him feel valued and capable.

After half a year with Masai, Vaibhav had transformed. No longer the boy from a small town, he was now a professional, ready for the tech world. At first, his new job seemed too easy, and too relaxed compared to Masai's gruelling regimen. It was a testament to how well the school had prepared him.

Vaibhav's initial salary of 9 LPA at ApnaKlub, a significant increase from his previous ₹6,000 a month, soared to 11 LPA after an appraisal. He credits the Masai Glide support program at Masai for aiding his studies, which would have been challenging without it due to his family responsibilities.

Looking ahead, Vaibhav aims to continue thriving in his workplace, where his skills and dedication have already made a remarkable impact. From a small town with limited prospects, he now sees endless opportunities ahead.

Vaibhav's story isn't just about education; it's a tale of resilience, pursuing one's passion against all odds, and the transformative influence of belief in oneself and institutions like Masai, which provide the means to turn aspirations into achievements.



Dev Ashish Saurabh

📍 *Varanasi to Remote (U.K. based)*
🚀 *B.Com Dropout*
to Junior SDE at AVM Solutions

Born in Varanasi, a place brimming with culture and tradition, this person's childhood was not an easy one. While tech gadgets weren't a big part of his early years, the seed of fascination for computers was planted early on.

The school was a mixed bag, Ashish wasn't your typical stand out student and faced a fair share of challenges. With less support than others, he often felt on his own. However, this never dampened the spirit; instead, it ignited a fire in him to push through the odds.

By the time high school ended, decisions loomed large. There were financial hurdles that made engineering a distant dream, so pivoted to the commerce stream. Yet, deep down, the tech world's allure never faded. In time, circumstance forced a drop out of college, a setback that rekindled that tech passion. It seemed like the universe was nudging him back onto the tech path.

After college, the real struggle began. Four years of traditional education hadn't given him the cutting-edge needed for the job market. There was doubt and fear of what could have been. But then, he discovered something new – Coding.

The discovery wasn't immediate bliss. There was scepticism, questions about authenticity, and whether turning towards Masai was the right move. But eventually, it was the stories from others, the influence of teachers, and the unique promise of Masai that made up his mind.

At Masai, it was about transformation into a job-ready professional. The days were rigorous and learning was immersive. Yet, what stood out was the personal connection with the mentors – Prateek, Nrupal, Yogesh, and others, who guided the students like family.

Today, Ashish is a testament to the Masai effect. Transforming from not just a student from a Tier-3 town into a skilled tech professional but also becoming part of an ever-growing community of success stories. Employed as a Software Developer at AVM Solutions UK, he is now part of the tech world that he once dreamed of, looking ahead to a future illuminated by the skills and experiences Masai provides.



Nayan Ingale

📍 *Nashik, Maharashtra to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *Fresher*
to Software Engineer at GetSupp

Born and raised in a humble family in Maharashtra, Nayan got through his school days like any other kid, scraping by with the basics. He was an average student with big dreams that seemed out of reach. Nayan's family wasn't rich, and they couldn't offer the kind of support some other children might receive, but they managed whatever they could to encourage his education.

When school ended, things got tougher. Nayan wanted to go into engineering but that path was full of hurdles. He had financial constraints. He opted for a regular degree at a local college. He had to look out for alternative career options after he was done with his post-graduation. This is when he came to know about Masai.

During the first few weeks of the curriculum, his father fell ill. For Nayan, Masai was an institute that offered a way out through its inclusive and rigorous tech training programs. Sadly, Nayan had to drop out in the first month to care for his father.

Yet, Nayan didn't give up. Once his father was a bit better, he tried again. He juggled his family responsibilities and re-enrolled in Masai. His determination was clear: he wanted to make something of himself, to become someone his family could depend on. The atmosphere at Masai was intense, and Nayan often doubted himself. But he pushed through, inspired not by famous role models but by wanting to lift his family out of hardship.

His hard work at Masai finally started to reap dividends. The guidance from the instructors, and the immersive training not only honed his tech skills but also his communication abilities. Nayan found himself evolving, not just as a tech professional but as a person. The challenge of learning a new language, and new skills, and tackling each obstacle transformed him.

After Masai, Nayan's life took a new turn. He landed an SDE-1 job at GetSupp, securing his family's future. From facing financial struggles, he was now building a career in technology.

He credits Masai's unique approach for this change—a place where education and opportunity converge. The job-ready skills he gained not only got him a good role but also reassured his family.

Looking ahead, Nayan aims to become a senior developer. With Masai's foundation, he's confident in handling bigger projects and climbing the ladder. He's become a symbol of hope, proving that transformation is possible with support and determination.



Gaurav Tambe

📍 Kalyan, Maharashtra to Mumbai
🚀 Fresher
to SDE2 at Dream11

Gaurav Kishore Tambe, 23, hails from Kalyan, Maharashtra, where he grew up surrounded by the values of independence and self-reliance. His childhood was marked by attending a small school, which allowed him to develop fundamental life skills and explore his interests freely. Unlike his parents, who were professionals, Gaurav had more time at home, fostering his independence from an early age.

His fascination with robotics, sparked by watching Ironman, led him to aspire to become a robotics engineer. While preparing for the prestigious IITs, he also honed his artistic skills, selling his drawings alongside his studies. However, not making it to IIT led him to pursue Mechatronics at Terna Engineering College in Navi Mumbai, where he found the programming content lacking for his goals.

Disappointed with the limited programming exposure in his college curriculum and driven by a growing interest in coding, Gaurav began self-teaching programming languages like Python and JavaScript alongside his college studies. This self-initiated learning journey was further enhanced when he joined a friend's startup, where he taught programming to final year students while still in his second year.

Seeking a more structured and comprehensive learning experience, Gaurav turned to Masai, attracted by its 9-9-6 schedule, Pay After Placement model, and strong alumni network. Enrolling in 2021, he appreciated the deferred fee payment option, which allowed him to focus on learning without immediate financial pressure.

Joining Masai marked a turning point for Gaurav. It not only equipped him with technical skills but also instilled discipline and time management, transforming him from a procrastinator to an efficient learner. The curriculum, which focused on holistic skill development, empowered him to become a proficient programmer and a self-driven learner.

Today, Gaurav is an SDE2 at Dream11, a gaming unicorn, where he continues to grow and learn.



Mohammed Moin

📍 Sandalpur, Araria, Bihar

🚀 Fresher

to Software Engineer at Delxo Technologies

Moin hails from Patna, Bihar. He was born in a small village. He had big dreams, but life was tough from the beginning. He wasn't born into riches; instead, his family had a hard time making ends meet. School was a distant dream due to money issues, yet he didn't give up. He worked as a construction helper, saving every penny, determined to change his story.

After leaving home, his uncle tried to help. He moved to live in a medical facility, earning while living. The money was tight; it meant studying in dim light late into the night, the drive for education burning bright. The struggle was real—his family just survived, and he, too, barely scraped through.

Four years of college went by with no better prospects, the education system failing him, his life felt stuck. It's when Masai caught his eye offering a chance at a different life, to rewrite his fate and escape strife. Yet, doubts clouded his mind; could this be another dead end, a promise unkind?

Discovering Masai brought a silver lining; the stories he heard, the successes shining. But even as he took the plunge, doubts remained. Was this just another promise, or a future gained?

Through Masai's rigorous training, from coding to soft skills, he found his footing. There were hiccups, days of struggle, and fear of failing, but the unique pedagogy pushed him, and his confidence, slowly but surely, scaling.

Post-Masai, things looked different. The once doubtful student now stands firm, employed with pride. He's at Delxo Technologies Pvt Ltd, a testament to Masai's impact, where many falter; he's thrived.

Now, he's setting his sights higher, aiming for a significant leap in salary, not just for wealth but with a mission to give back. He dreams of better education and medical facilities in his village.

The transformation has been nothing short of remarkable—a tale of grit, resilience, skilling, and unwavering commitment to goals. Thanks to Masai, he's a living example that with the right support and relentless spirit, every hurdle can be turned into a stepping stone toward success.



Bhanu Pratap Solanki

📍 *Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh to Bengaluru*
🚀 *Fresher to SDEI at Omnicell*

Bhanu was born in a place where opportunities were scarce. His father was a farmer, working hard in the fields. Bhanu attended vernacular medium schools where classes were mostly in Hindi.

He felt the pinch of theoretical education without practical skills. With an elder brother and sister sharing a modest roof, his father struggled to provide for them all. Bhanu's brother, an engineer, inspired him to dream big.

School was a time of unanswered questions and unexplored potential. When it was time for higher studies, Bhanu chose to attend a polytechnic, driven by his desires and necessity. Financial struggles led his father to borrow money. Bhanu completed his B.Tech despite the challenges.

The job hunt was tough, and Bhanu faced a setback when he fell into a company's trap that took his money and made broken promises. Fortunately, a friend who was an alumnus of Masai School introduced him to a different future. Despite the uncertainty and fear of a Pay After Placement Agreement, Bhanu decided to give Masai a try.

At Masai, Bhanu found his footing. The school's practical approach turned his doubts into confidence as they prepared him for the field. The once elusive practical skills became his daily tools.

Now, Bhanu works at OmniCell, coding his future with every keystroke. His salary has increased significantly, lifting him and his family. His father's burden has lessened, and his family is proud of him. Bhanu can support them, easing loans and adding comfort to their lives.

Bhanu's growth wasn't just about coding; it also involved confidence and teamwork. Masai's power skills bridged the gap between his village's silence and the corporate world's noise.

Masai was more than just a school for Bhanu; it was where he found his path and transformed his life. He is now known in his village not just as a farmer's son but as a software developer shaping his destiny.

For Bhanu, Masai was a gateway to a life he had once only dreamed of.



Satyam Kumar Jha

📍 *Madhepur, Bihar to Bengaluru*

🚀 *Fresher
to SDE1 at Bandhoo Solutions*

Satyam was born in Madhepur, Bihar. Before Masai came into his life, Satyam was busy crunching numbers and studying Maths, thinking this was his path. But, Satyam wasn't content. Deep down, he knew he wanted to do more, to learn more, and then it struck him – what about a tech career?

And so, Satyam began to teach himself. He scoured the internet, hunting for knowledge everywhere he could, especially on YouTube. But it wasn't structured; he was learning in bits and pieces, without guidance or a clear direction.

One day, destiny played its cards. Satyam stumbled upon Masai in a YouTube ad. He did his research, and though he had his doubts, something in him said, "Give it a try, what's there to lose?" He joined Masai, ready to take on a new challenge.

Masai wasn't easy. The shift from studying a couple of hours to the rigorous 10-12 hour days was tough. But Satyam found a rhythm and soon, it became a part of him. As part of Masai, he finally found the structure he lacked, with mentors like Varun Bhatt Sir and Venugopal, who not only taught the master classes but also guided and supported Satyam throughout his journey.

The transition was huge. From financial struggles and self-taught chaos to becoming job-ready – Masai changed his life. Post-Masai, Satyam found a job within days at Bandhoo Solutions and Services Pvt Ltd, leaping into the world of professional coding with newfound confidence and skills.

Now, Satyam works proudly in the tech industry, not only as a job holder but as a believer in lifelong learning. He's thinking big – maybe even dabbling in Artificial Intelligence in the future. The once unsure learner is now looking ahead, ready to embrace whatever tech wonders lie before him, all thanks to his time at Masai.

Masai helped Satyam by giving him not just tech skills, but also discipline, focus, and a priceless belief in himself. And to think, it all started with a little YouTube ad and the courage to say yes to change.



Avinash Nadkar

📍 *Mumbai, Maharashtra to Bengaluru*

🚀 *Fresher*

to Full Stack Developer at Selec Controls

Avinash Nadkar's story isn't your typical rags-to-riches tale. It's one of true grit, unfolding in Mumbai. Born into modest means, Avinash's first major hurdle came during his B.Com, struggling in his first year at College. But his challenges didn't dampen his dreams; they fuelled a fire within him.

In 2017, Avinash became fascinated by the tech world, inspired by icons like Mark Zuckerberg and Bill Gates. His goal was clear: to make money and build a career in technology. Without a mentor, in the days before cheap data plans, Avinash did what he could to feed his curiosity. He dabbled in the stock market and discovered algorithmic trading, delving further into the tech domain.

A self-driven learner, Avinash taught himself web design, mastering HTML and CSS. His growing skills led him to help at his friend's business with WordPress. But he knew programming was his missing piece.

During the lockdown, Avinash dreamed of creating an e-commerce platform using his family's small grocery. But with no business knowledge and the family income dwindling, he had to act. Desperate to support his family, Avinash searched for ways to kickstart his startup. That's when he found Masai, offering to pay for the course only after landing a job.

Despite doubts and two failed attempts, Avinash finally got into Masai. The first two months were smooth until React.js challenged him. He failed thrice more but refused to give up. Masai was a wake-up call. Challenges pushed him to grow. React.js was tough, but with Masai's guidance, he conquered it.

Job placements were daunting for Avinash, lacking fluency in English and a degree. But with Masai's values and help from the placement team, he landed a job in Bengaluru. A year and a half later Avinash is a Full Stack Developer at Select Controls. He has grown in technical and soft skills. Masai's 1% growth mantra is now part of his work ethic.

His mother is proud of his stability. Avinash credits 70% of his success to Masai—it was his lifeline, transforming his life.



Manoj Kumar

📍 *Gumla, Jharkhand to Kolkata*

🚀 *Fresher*

to Associate Software Engineer at Indus Net

Manoj hailed from a modest family in a small village named Gumla, Jharkhand, enjoying the unhurried rhythm of small-town life amidst nature. Eager to achieve big things, he pursued B.Tech in Computer Science, dedicating himself to his studies. However, as he approached graduation, securing jobs proved elusive. It wasn't for lack of skill or effort; he simply struggled to stand out to employers.

Despite his love for computers, the intricacies of the tech world remained somewhat unclear. While he had some coding skills, he didn't feel confident claiming mastery. Furthermore, much of the technical and interview discussions were in English, a language he found challenging.

Post-college life didn't yield the dream job he had hoped for. His resume failed to attract the right opportunities. Manoj sought solutions, turning to YouTube and Google in search of a breakthrough.

Fortune smiled upon him when he stumbled upon an ad for Masai. Initially sceptical, he researched thoroughly, weighing both positive and negative reviews. Eventually, he saw Masai as a potential path to his aspirations.

The offer seemed almost too good to be true—training without fees and a job guarantee. However, Masai offered more than just coding skills; it provided a holistic learning experience. Beyond coding, they nurtured his communication skills, particularly in English, a language he once struggled with.

Manoj didn't just enrol in a course; he became part of a supportive community, a family of learners from diverse linguistic backgrounds. Money was tight for him, and his laptop wasn't suited for intensive coding tasks. Fortunately, Masai's Glide program came to his rescue, providing the necessary tools for his coding journey.

Under Masai's guidance, Manoj transformed from mentally translating English to confidently conversing in the language. He progressed from struggling with coding to mastering it. Then came the unexpected—a job offer following an interview. It was the twist in his story that validated every effort he had invested.

Today, Manoj works at Indusnet Technology Pvt Ltd as an Associate Software Engineer. His dreams are no longer just aspirations. His journey serves as a beacon of hope for those navigating the uncertainties of the tech industry. To those considering Masai, Manoj's message is clear: Embrace the opportunity without fear, as it promises a transformative journey towards a solid foundation for your future.



Vinayak Pagar

📍 *Nashik, Maharashtra to Gurugram*
 🚀 *Fresher*
to SDE1 at MPL

Vinayak is from a farmer's family. He has chased stars ever since his childhood. Born into a simple life where education was a treasure, and farming was the family craft, he became the first in his clan to step into engineering. Choosing computer science was like picking a door to a new world, but life's tests were tough.

His village roots were humble, without much land or wealth, and though he aimed for the skies, financial storms often shook his path. Still, he braved the hurdles, diving into the basics of computers with an eager heart during his school days. But just as it seemed Vinayak's dreams were taking shape, the world was hit by a pandemic. College degrees became pieces of paper, and job hunts turned into wild goose chases.

That's when Masai School appeared on the horizon. They said, "Land a job, then pay the fees." It clicked with Vinayak. Although an unexpected job with Infosys interrupted his Masai journey, the taste of coding he got there called him back. Vinayak rejoined Masai determined to reshape his destiny.

Days turned to nights, codes danced on screens, and problems were puzzles waiting to be solved. Through highs and lows, moments of doubt, and bursts of triumph, Vinayak grew. Masai wasn't just about coding; it was about transformation. He learned to speak, to present, to convince. The introverted village boy blossomed into a confident problem-solver, ready to tackle any challenge.

Emerging from Masai's rigorous training like a warrior from a battlefield, Vinayak had not only knowledge but also the power of communication and team play. That leap from services to a product-based company, that dream he always held close, was no longer a distant star.

Today Vinayak works at Quadrific Media Pvt. Ltd. It is his new beginning, his platform to launch into the realms of giants like FAANG.

Through Masai, he discovered a fire that no obstacle could douse – a belief in himself, strong and bright as daylight. And so, Vinayak continues his journey, not just as an engineer, but as a beacon for others, shining the light of knowledge and grit that Masai School lit within him.



Pankaj Kumar

📍 *Patna, Bihar to New Delhi*
 🚀 *Digital Marketing Intern
 to Frontend Developer at EZ*

Pankaj's hails from Bihar. His fascination with computers began when he discovered a cyber cafe where he could explore the digital world, sparking his interest in computer science and engineering. Despite lacking detailed programming knowledge, he was determined to pursue this field at a top college.

Although Pankaj cleared the JEE Mains exam, he couldn't secure a spot in a prestigious college. Undeterred, he found a college offering a 40% scholarship, but financial challenges persisted. His father had to break a fixed deposit to pay the first semester's fee, leaving uncertainty about future payments. College days became about survival, with theoretical subjects dampening Pankaj's enthusiasm.

After a tough graduation, job hunting proved to be another uphill battle. His college education didn't align with real-world demands. He briefly ventured into digital marketing but faced setbacks due to lockdowns. Seeking alternatives, he discovered Masai, which offered tech education with a "study now, pay later" model.

Despite family scepticism, Pankaj took a leap of faith and joined Masai. Early challenges, like a broken laptop, were overcome with family support. Masai's teaching clarity and supportive environment transformed Pankaj's perception of programming. He excelled, becoming an Instructional Associate and honing not only his tech skills but also his confidence and communication.

Post-Masai, job opportunities arose, and Pankaj secured a role at EZWorks as a Front-End Developer SDE-1. Despite initial challenges in his first job, he eventually found stability and growth in a better role.

His success transformed his family's worries into pride. Pankaj's financial contributions alleviated their burdens. Reflecting on his journey, he credited Masai for rescuing him from a career that didn't align with his passion. Masai wasn't just an institute; it was a lifeline that shaped his future and inspired others in his community to believe in resilience and the potential of technology.



Pratham Sharma

📍 Dehradun, Uttarakhand to Bengaluru
🚀 GIS Analyst
to Full Stack Engineer at Curefoods

Pratham, from a quiet town in Dehradun, Uttarakhand surrounded by hills, always had a passion for coding. He loved numbers and science since he was young and wanted to pursue Computer Science Engineering after school. However, his family couldn't afford it. So, Pratham took matters into his own hands.

He worked at the Survey of India during the day and pursued a degree in Mathematics at night. Amidst this, he found Masai—a chance to learn software engineering without financial strain. His family wanted him to aim for a secure government job, but Pratham's heart was set on tech. It took time, but eventually, his mom supported his decision to join Masai.

In July 2022, Pratham joined Masai. The atmosphere was charged with the same goals—code, career, change. His IA, Chetan, helped ease his mom's worries in the beginning. He remembered a friend who cracked IIT and guided him into backend development. "No big degrees needed," his friend had said. Pratham dove into Java basics and web development.

The 9-9-6 routine felt like boot camp with code. Switching between backend and frontend assignments fried his brain, but Masai's spirit and tutors kept him going. Communication classes turned him from a fumbling introvert into a confident speaker. Isha Kataria and other soft skills instructors helped him express his ideas.

From student to professional, the transition brought growth. In his first tech job at Cure Foods Pvt Ltd (Eatfit), he combined backend and user experience, creating seamless digital experiences. His manager guided him, and he was surrounded by logical and creative techies.

Now a full-stack developer, Pratham's thirst for knowledge remains unquenched. Java, Spring Boot, and other languages beckon. Though his time at Masai has ended, his journey in tech is just beginning.



Prottay Ray

📍 *Kolkata, WB to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *Home Tutor*
to SDE1 (Backend) at NoBroker

Even as a kid, Prottay loved to tinker with anything practical – electronic gadgets, physics projects, you name it. His intelligence helped him sail through school, especially at the higher secondary level where he secured 100% scholarships on all education as well as boarding fees. Prottay feels grateful to be today as he accounts most of his success to the schools where he studied and got recognized for his acumen.

Life threw a curveball at him though after he joined college, when money problems meant he couldn't go to college. But he didn't give up on learning – he was a practical-type learner and loved getting his hands dirty with real work. So, he tried college for a bit, but it was just more of the same that is all theory, no real-life stuff. All of this appeared very monotonous to him.

He dropped out of college, giving tuition instead. He taught kids computers to earn a living. He had gotten busy. He could never find a moment to breathe. There wasn't much time for him to focus on himself. He felt stuck.

In his quest to build a fulfilling career, he set out to search for options that could help him work on what he loved most – computers. This is where Masai came in to make a difference in his life. He stumbled on it online and it lit a spark in him. No fees until you get a job? That sounded too good to be true. After checking to make sure it was for real, he dived in. The schedule at Masai was tough. It was tough – coding from morning to night, six days a week.

Masai gave him practical skills, the skills companies want. It was like finally someone was talking his language, and he loved it.

Fast forward, and he's crushing it at a tech job, working on real projects, making real changes. He's at NoBroker now, which is a big deal, and he's already making waves there, impressing everyone from his teammates to the big bosses. He's even been called a star and got to travel – something he'd never imagined happening so fast.

Looking ahead, he sees a world of possibilities. Masai didn't just teach him coding; it showed him that with the right skills and a lot of hard work, he could turn his life around. And he did just that. Now he's dreaming bigger, aiming higher, and isn't going to stop anytime soon. Life's got a whole new vibe, and the future looks bright.



Shubham Thakur

📍 *Ludhiana, Punjab to Bengaluru*

🚀 *Fresher
to SDE1 at Cleartrip*

Shubham, a Punjab native, faced tough challenges as he pursued his dream of entering the digital world. Despite his early interest in coding, financial constraints led him to pursue Bachelor's in Computer Applications instead of engineering. To support himself financially, he worked at a medical shop, earning a modest income. His father's accident further strained their finances, adding to the hurdles he faced.

When the pandemic hit, Shubham switched jobs, joining a cable company while continuing his quest to learn coding languages like HTML and JavaScript. Despite his efforts, he struggled to find suitable tech jobs due to his skills not being up to par. As his last semester approached, he discovered Masai through an Instagram ad. The promise of paying for education only after securing a job intrigued him, and he decided to give it a shot after researching success stories online.

Entering Masai wasn't easy. Shubham faced a rigorous schedule, becoming part of the 'Super X batch,' which dwindled in numbers as the course progressed. Despite the challenges, he persevered, especially in areas like Data Structures and Algorithms, which initially posed difficulties for him. The Glide program provided financial support, allowing him to focus entirely on his studies. He formed strong bonds with fellow students like Kanav and Anshuman, and the communication sessions helped him overcome his fear of public speaking.

After numerous interviews and rejections, Shubham finally received a job offer from ClearTrip, a moment that transformed his life. Moving to Bengaluru, he embraced his new reality, continuing to learn and grow in his career. Masai wasn't just an educational institution for Shubham—it was a catalyst that propelled him into a future he once thought unattainable.

Reflecting on his journey, Shubham is grateful for the twists of fate that led him to Masai and the world of possibilities it opened up for him. Whether in the quiet moments of his village or amidst the bustling streets of Bengaluru, Shubham's story is a testament to the transformative power of perseverance and seizing opportunities.



Shashank Dubey

📍 Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh to Gurugram

🚀 Fresher

to Assoc. Software Engineer at STREAMS Solutions

Shashank grew up in a family that struggled to make ends meet. Money was tight, especially after his father faced some difficulties. To continue his education after the 10th grade, Shashank had to rely on his savings and his elder brother's earnings.

When it was time for college, Shashank wanted to pursue engineering, but the high fees of private colleges were beyond his family's means. Instead, he opted for a BSc degree, hoping it would lead to a better future.

His dream of studying engineering had to be put on hold due to financial constraints. He started his BSc but found it wasn't the right fit for him. After two years, he dropped out and decided to pursue a diploma, believing it could be equivalent to a B.Tech if he completed his MCA afterward.

To pay for his diploma, Shashank worked part-time jobs and saved every penny. However, even with his efforts, it was challenging to support himself and sometimes his siblings.

Amidst the struggles, a friend from Masai, Ankush, showed him a new path. Ankush had already secured a job, giving Shashank hope. After hearing about Masai from other friends like Atin and Vivek, he saw it as an opportunity worth pursuing.

Masai's unique feature of not requiring upfront fees was perfect for Shashank. It offered a ray of hope, allowing him to pursue his dreams without the burden of financial pressure.

His experience at Masai was transformative. The rigorous classes, comprehensive learning of full-stack development, and mastering new programming languages expanded his knowledge and opened new doors.

Shashank's life changed significantly after he landed an SDE-I role at STREAMS Solutions Pvt. Ltd.. He worked hard, overcame his fear of English, and honed his technical skills. Although job interviews were challenging, he persevered and eventually landed a good job where he could communicate effectively and continue to grow.

For Shashank, it's not just about the pay check; it's about being in an environment that fosters continuous learning and growth. With gratitude to Masai for providing him with the tools to build a better life, he looks forward to a future filled with bigger dreams and opportunities.



Himanshu Gauba

📍 Kanpur to Bengaluru

🚀 Fresher

to Frontend Developer at Decision Point

After finishing high school, Himanshu pursued civil engineering, putting his heart into his studies and graduating in 2019. He and his friends started a startup from a college project, but it didn't take off, leaving Himanshu struggling to find work.

Facing this challenge, Himanshu stumbled upon an online ad for Masai School, offering coding education with a 'pay after placement' scheme. Despite his initial fear of computers, he decided to join Masai.

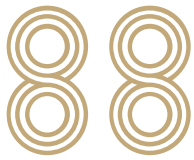
At Masai, Himanshu underwent a test to get in, which he passed, securing a spot in the program. He was introduced to coding problems and mentored by Varun Bhatt, who simplified complex concepts. Himanshu's confidence grew with good scores and supportive friends.

His journey at Masai involved diving into front-end and back-end development, along with learning communication skills. Mock interviews prepared him for professional presentations. In his final phase at Masai, he received a job offer from Decision Point to work on Beagle, an AI bot.

At Masai, Himanshu realized he was not the same man who once shyly hovered in the background. He learned to voice his ideas with conviction, even suggesting improvements to higher-ups without flinching. His battle with evaluations turned him into a professional who could thrive in peaks and valleys alike.

He's now the daring front-end developer who tackles complex interfaces head-on. The once overwhelming codes are puzzles he can't wait to solve. And with eyes on a senior role in his future, Himanshu is ready to soar to greater heights.

In retrospect, Himanshu attributes his flourishing career to Masai. They saw the gap in the market for job-ready tech professionals and filled it with a program designed to usher its students from the classroom to the corporate world swiftly and seamlessly. It wasn't just a school for Himanshu; it was a transformative journey that equipped him with the tools to craft his success story in the tech world.



Gautam Kumar

📍 *Patna, Bihar to Remote Role (U.S. based)*
🚀 *Site Engineer*
to Full Stack Developer at Hana Software

Gautam worked as a site engineer in a mechanical engineering company, but deep inside, he was not happy. Even with a B.Tech in mechanical engineering, Gautam felt something was missing. He dreamed of a government job and tried hard for it, preparing for exams like GATE and SSC-JE, but destiny had other plans. Due to various reasons, including family financial pressures, he couldn't seize those opportunities.

Struggling with dissatisfaction in his current job and driven by economic needs, Gautam decided to shift to the IT sector. His friends had told him that IT jobs pay well, and he was curious. Even though mechanical engineering was respectable, it was tough, and it required working in dirty and dusty conditions, which didn't sit well with Gautam's nature.

While watching YouTube videos about coding and programming fundamentals, Gautam stumbled upon a Masai ad claiming, "Learn now, pay later." Despite the scepticism, Gautam's instincts told him to give it a shot. He took the entrance test without any preparation and scored well. Fearing financial instability if he left his job, he managed to balance work and the initial phase of the Masai program by taking a month's leave.

As Gautam engaged with the Masai curriculum, teachers like Varun Bhatt ignited a passion for learning within him. He began dedicating every day to coding, inspired by Mohit's advice on building a good GitHub profile. He overcame challenges, doubled down on his efforts, and eventually, quit his job to pursue Masai full-time.

At Masai, Gautam not only improved his coding skills but also boosted his communication skills, thanks to the program's focus on soft skills. The Glide program provided financial support, easing his worries about family expenses. Masai's structured curriculum and supportive mentors like Yogesh and Nrupal paved Gautam's path to success.

After Masai, the job market was tough, but Gautam persevered. Within two days of interviews, he landed a job at Hana Software. Now a team leader, he makes critical decisions and mentors others, even recruiting fellow Masai graduates.

Gautam credits Masai for transforming his life. Hard work, a strong foundation, and continuous learning are his principles. He stands as a reminder that with dedication, guidance, and bravery, new opportunities await.



Yogesh Jagtap

📍 Surat, Gujarat

🚀 Mech Engineer

to Backend Developer at AbsoluteScript

Yogesh comes from the bustling city of Surat, Gujarat. Yogesh started his life as a mechanical engineer. Day in and day out, he worked hard, joining a company rife with challenging tasks. However, despite his best efforts, something didn't quite fit. The job felt stale, lacking purpose and growth.

Though the field brought steady work, it didn't bring satisfaction. A restless feeling persisted—wasn't there more to life than this? As doubt seeped in, he pondered deeply about his life's direction.

One day, a friend mentioned Masai, an institute promising not just learning, but transformation. This piqued the young engineer's interest, stirring a hint of hope for a more fulfilling career path.

Taking a leap of faith, he applied to Masai, unsure of what lay ahead but ready for a significant change. Family support was uncertain at first—after all, abandoning a stable path for the unknown is always daunting. Still, he forged ahead, fuelled by the belief that education and a dream are worth pursuing, even against the odds.

Masai was a breath of fresh air. The journey at Masai was tough, peppered with new challenges like mastering English communication and understanding complex data structures.

Yet, Masai's teaching methods imbued a sense of purpose, transforming obstacles into stepping stones.

Gradually, the once-mechanical engineer began to see the world through a different lens—every challenge became an opportunity to learn and grow. As the course neared its end, he prepared for the job market with newfound skills and confidence.

Today, having emerged from Masai more knowledgeable and equipped, the former engineer is paving a new path in IT as a Backend Developer at AbsoluteScript. With robust foundations and a zest for continuous learning, they envision a future rich with progress—the kind that's measured not just by the hours put in but by innovations made and lives improved.

This journey, from wrenches to code, exemplifies the transformative power of Masai, where every graduate is shaped not just into a job candidate, but a limitless learner ready to navigate the ever-evolving tech landscape.



Harshada Raundal

📍 Pune, Maharashtra to Bengaluru
 🚀 Scientific Trainee
 to Software Engineer at Indivv

Born in Pune, Harshada was all set to conquer the digital realm, armed with a background in computer science. But as fate would have it, the final stretch of her education coincided with the COVID-19 pandemic. Just like a thick fog that blocks the path of travellers, COVID-19 obscured many opportunities, leaving Harshada struggling for the exposure needed to shine.

Despite the setback, Harshada didn't let go of her ambitions. After graduation, she landed a job as a data analyst. Good at it? Sure. Passionate about it? Not quite. The heart wanted what it wanted – development. This job, as rewarding as it was, felt like a pit stop rather than the finish line.

Harshada was looking for a new job and found Masai School, which offered training in web development. But it wasn't an easy decision. Real life is different from fairytales. Changing careers meant leaving a secure job for something new and uncertain. Harshada had doubts: Would it be worth the risk? The answer wasn't clear. So, quietly, she started this new journey alone, without telling her family about the uncertain adventure ahead.

Balancing a full-time job with her studies at Masai, Harshada had little time for sleep. Masai wasn't just about coding; it tested her patience, resilience, and time management. Still,

seeing her work come together, step by step, was exciting. The learning process was tough and challenging, catching her off guard. It was like facing a sudden steep climb, with concepts like recursion feeling especially difficult. Harshada even failed twice. But each failure taught her something and every time she tried again, it showed her determination and perseverance.

Isha Kataria, her human skills mentor at Masai, were a source of hope. She supported her, especially during the tough placement season. Even when she faced rejections that seemed unfair, Isha's encouragement didn't just cheer her up; it motivated her to try even harder, making her more determined than ever before.

Masai's lessons went beyond tech. They changed how she saw the world, interacted with others, and managed her time—skills not just for work but for life. After Masai, she faced the real test: using her learning in the workplace. She excelled, blending her soft skills and technical expertise in a new role.



Shashank Shalabh

📍 Patna, Bihar to Bengaluru

🚀 Fresher

to Backend Developer at M2P (formerly Syntizen)

Shashank, originally from Patna, Bihar, was raised in a humble family with ambitious aspirations. Despite facing financial constraints, he demonstrated exceptional intelligence and a thirst for knowledge during his school years. His journey was a blend of wonder and challenges, leading him to discover his passion for computers at a young age. This ignited his desire to pursue computer science as his field of study.

Upon completing high school, Shashank initially aimed to pursue engineering. However, he ended up enrolling in a government diploma course in Electronic Communication, which took him far from his hometown to Hyderabad. Graduating from this course confronted him with the stark reality of limited job opportunities and distant dreams.

In his relentless pursuit of employment, Shashank found solace in coding. The discovery of Masai School came as a beacon of hope, offering promising outcomes without requiring upfront payment. Despite his initial uncertainty, he eagerly embraced this opportunity. Masai School proved to be more than just an educational institution; it became a second home where mentors guided and challenged him. The rigorous schedule and immersive learning environment transformed his raw potential into disciplined skills.

As Shashank's journey at Masai School concluded, he secured a job at M2P Fintech, where his untapped potential was unlocked. He joined the ranks of professionals shaping the digital landscape, demonstrating that remarkable journeys can begin with a simple step into the unknown.

The future holds vast possibilities for Shashank, and his readiness is a testament to the foundation laid by Masai School.



Prathyush Nair

📍 *Mumbai to Bengaluru*
🚀 *Physics Research Intern to SDE2 at Pluralsight*

Born in Kerala and raised in the hustle and bustle of Mumbai, Prathyush found himself in the disciplined arms of a Christian missionary school. From age three to eighteen, he wore the cloak of strictness and order, a testament to his South Indian family values. The school wasn't just about the books but also about discipline.

Growing up, his parents never forced their ambitions on him, allowing his dreams to sway from aeronautics to the allure of civil engineering, finally resting on the study of physics. This freedom and support were his pillars, even as financial constraints threatened to sway his educational journey.

His college days brought in the gift of lifelong friendships while he pursued a Bachelor's in Physics. For Prathyush, physics held the keys to the universe, not as an engineer implementing principles, but as a physicist unravelling the cosmic puzzles.

When the pandemic knocked on the world's door, it became his life's pivot, causing him to reassess his path. With love for physics in his heart but financial realities knocking, he sought new avenues. A friend, a BSc Physics graduate turned full-stack developer, sparked Prathyush's curiosity. Prathyush went on to explore coding once again after having dabbled with it during 12th grade and his postgraduate degree.

With his family's support, Prathyush joined Masai, where an Income Sharing Agreement (now Pay After Placement - PAP) removed financial worries. In just six months, Masai turned his self-taught coding into a robust skill set. The intense 11-hour-a-day, 6-day-a-week program focused on real-world challenges, preparing him for his first job at Pluralsight after 35 weeks.

Masai's technical training, real-world application, and the Income Sharing Agreement set Prathyush up for success. Within a year at Pluralsight, he rose from SDE-1 to SDE-2, a testament to his curiosity and openness to learning, traits he honed at Masai.

Prathyush's journey is not just about professional growth but also about resolve and support. Masai was more than an institute; it was a launchpad to a confident and continuously evolving future.



Harshad Pawar

📍 Pune, Maharashtra to Bengaluru
 🚀 Process Associate
 to Android Engineer at PROVEN Solutions

Harshad's journey began in a small village in Maharashtra, where opportunities seemed limited. He completed his 12th grade and then enrolled in a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Even though he graduated from a tier 3 college, he faced challenges finding a job in the IT industry and realized he needed a change.

Despite the tough journey, with failed attempts at BPO jobs due to his communication skills and a web designer offer falling through because of the pandemic, Harshad persevered. He returned home, where he helped his father on the farm and ran a grocery to support his family.

During this time, he came across a YouTube channel discussing IT opportunities, which led him to a video about Masai School. Intrigued, he learned more about it and realized it was the path he wanted to take. Despite initial struggles, including failing to clear their rigorous selection process, he showed his tenacious character and reapplied for MSAT. He passed the MSAT on the next attempt.

At Masai, Harshad faced a steep learning curve. He had to brush up on basics and tackle new subjects, navigating through challenging units and the prestigious Glide program, which offered extra support to exceptional performers. His greatest challenge was data structures and algorithms (DSA),

which taught him the importance of balancing coding with DSA. Determined, he allocated specific time for each, improving his proficiency.

The Masai experience taught him not just technical skills but also life lessons. He learned the value of networking, relentless work, and confidence in his abilities. Adopting a professional outlook and discipline, he focused on growth and excellence every day.

Harshad started his career as an intern and then became a full-fledged Java Developer at Loyalty Juggernaut. Unfortunately, health issues led to a career break. Despite this setback, he remained resilient and emerged stronger. He is now working as a Robotics Android Engineer at Proven Solutions.

Harshad's journey is a story of transformation and resilience. The fearlessness he learned at Masai has made him a "warrior," ready to face life's challenges with confidence. Starting in a village, his sights are now set on a world of opportunity, a testament to the transformative power of hard work, self-belief, and support from Masai School.



Nikhil C N

📍 Thrissur, Kerala to Bengaluru
 🚀 Jewellery Salesman
 to Software Engineer at Capgemini

Nikhil, from Kerala, pursued a master's in computer application from 2015–2018. Despite his degree, he felt unprepared for an IT career due to the focus on rote learning. With no practical knowledge or extracurricular activities, he struggled to find IT jobs. Internships at small firms didn't pay, so he turned to sales at a jewellery shop to support himself.

When the lockdown hit, Nikhil's doubts grew, and he quit sales in December 2020, seeking a career with both respect and income. A YouTube ad for Masai caught his attention, promising education first and payment after securing a 5L-per-year job through Income Share Agreements (ISA). Despite being close to the age limit, he signed up, seeing it as his last chance.

Masai's course was challenging for Nikhil. He faced assignments and struggled with self-doubt but pushed through, learning the value of every lesson and the importance of genuine effort. Dropping out wasn't an option due to the potential debt and the opportunity at stake.

After completing Masai's program, Nikhil transformed into a confident professional. He learned the value of genuine effort, the promise of his code, and the wisdom from mentors like

Nrupul, who emphasized that only code speaks, not excuses. Now a consultant and front-end web developer at Capgemini, Nikhil applies the lessons from Masai to his work, approaching it with efficiency and honesty.

Nikhil's story is a testament to hard work, resilience, and determination, taking him from uncertainty to success. Masai's mantra, "Talk is cheap, show me the code," continues to guide him on his journey forward.



Arnab Pal

📍 *Burdwan, WB to Bengaluru*
 🚀 *Associate Software Engineer at PwC to SDE at Bristol Myers Squibb*

Arnab, a native of West Bengal, had a solid upbringing with a family well-versed in tech. In 2019, he completed his Bachelor's in Computer Application degree but found post-college life to be a roller coaster. His first job at WIPRO involved production support, followed by a position as an Oracle Fusion Middleware Engineer at PwC.

Despite his job stability, Arnab felt a persistent urge to learn more. Turning to YouTube and open-source platforms, he consumed hours of coding content but lacked the confidence for high-stakes development team interviews.

Feeling adrift, Arnab found Masai, which became his compass in the tech world. At Masai, he started from scratch, mastering basics, data structures, and problem-solving skills. Arnab's journey at Masai had its challenges. Wrestling with data structures felt like taming a python, and he had to tackle frontend and backend simultaneously.

While not without setbacks, like being held back in a unit for not meeting score requirements, Arnab saw these as opportunities to sharpen his skills. Communication skills were another focus, and Masai helped him improve his English and communication abilities.

Interacting with tech-savvy peers at Masai unknowingly enhanced Arnab's skills, not just in coding but also in human communication.

Post-Masai, Arnab joined The Automation Office (TAO) as a Full Stack Engineer, experiencing a significant salary increase. He applied his Masai learnings, such as JavaScript and database management, to real-world projects. Today Arnab has advanced to become a Software Engineer for a USA-based Pharmaceutical Manufacturing company, Bristol Myers Squibb.

With growing confidence, Arnab expanded his horizons, delving into DevOps and backend development. He even contemplated entrepreneurship. The long hours, hard work, and newfound eloquence were the foundations for Arnab's journey in the tech industry. He found his rhythm, poised for a future filled with possibilities.



Md. Abdullah Ansari

📍 *Bokaro, Jharkhand*
🚀 *Fresher*
to SDEI at PineLabs

Mohammad Abdullah Ansari, originally from Bokaro, Jharkhand, faced financial struggles growing up in a family of six. Despite these challenges, he pursued civil engineering at Rajiv Gandhi Proudhyogiki Vishwavidyalaya in Bhopal. However, due to limited resources, he found it tough to afford the tools and resources needed for his studies. His family ran a small shop to make ends meet, but money was always tight.

After completing his degree, the pandemic hit, causing a downturn in the job market for civil engineers. Faced with this uncertainty, Abdullah decided to pivot and explore coding, a field he had always been interested in but hadn't considered for a career due to concerns about job security. However, he was determined to find a way forward.

Hard times hit during his coding journey. His younger brother got sick, and Abdullah thought about quitting. Money was running out. He talked to his dad, who supported him to stay the course for a few more months.

That's when Masai came into the picture. A friend told him about it. The place was strict and disciplined – not something Abdullah was used to. But the structure, the 9-to-9 kinda thing, it changed him. He learned about sticking to things and being consistent. Though finances got scary low, and life was throwing punches left and right, he held on.

So what did Masai teach Abdullah? Discipline, focus, the real price of giving up. He landed a job at PineLabs. His first paycheck after completing the course felt like a fortune. It wasn't just about the money; it was about being able to support his family like never before.

Fast forward, they've built their own house. They're stable, not scraping by anymore. And Abdullah's got big plans – stay in the job, rise, make a name for himself.

Abdullah today is a guy who took on life, pushed through the hurdles, and came out the other side, ready to take on the world. It's more than a success story; it's a reminder: wherever you start, focus and hard work can take you anywhere.



Prakhar Bhalla

📍 Lakhimpur Kheri, UP to Bengaluru
🚀 Fresher
to SDEI at Saison OMNI

Prakhar Bhalla comes from Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh. The only child of his parents, he was curious and focused. His academic journey began in a local school, where he excelled in physics and chemistry but struggled with computers.

After qualifying for the GATE exam after 4 years of engineering, he earned a spot for his master's at NIT Calicut. Despite this success, something felt missing.

Teaching at TIME Bengaluru didn't fulfil him. A colleague introduced him to Masai, a place known for shaping tech talents. Sceptical at first, he eventually committed to Masai's rigorous course, diving into uncharted waters.

The course was tough, with classes from morning till night and sleepless hours spent on assignments. Yet, he persevered, and programming concepts like Data Structures and Algorithms started making sense. Masai's support during placement opened doors, and he landed a job with a higher package than his teaching job at MyGate.

Life at MyGate introduced him to backend development, a new challenge. But he embraced it, switching from backend to front-end and then to Flutter. Each step was challenging, but his Masai-honed skills kept him grounded.

After a year, he joined Credit Saison India, where his expertise in React shone. He integrated well with the team and excelled technically and financially. Now, after eight months, he aims to climb the hierarchy of the IT world.

Looking back, Prakhar credits Masai for transforming him from a mechanical engineer to a thriving software engineer. Masai bridged the gap between his past and his promising future in the tech industry.

And that's the story of Prakhar Bhalla, a man who, with the help of Masai, transformed his career and found success in the tech industry.



Gaurav Anil Sapkal

📍 *Shelve, Maharashtra to Bengaluru*
🚀 *Calibration Engineering to SDEI at Expertia AI*

While Gaurav was still a child, he faced many struggles. His family wasn't rich, and they lived in a place where not many people understood the importance of a good education.

Growing up, Gaurav was a regular kid in school. It wasn't always easy for him, sometimes felt like he didn't fit in. He liked computers but didn't have the same support as other kids. Still, he worked hard such as remembering a lot to pass his tests—school was about memorizing, not understanding, or doing things.

When it was time to choose his future after school, Gaurav faced tough choices. His exam scores were not high enough for engineering, the usual first choice. So he jumped into a diploma in mechanical engineering based on family advice. He did well, topping his class just by memorizing, but he never actually built or created anything real during his studies.

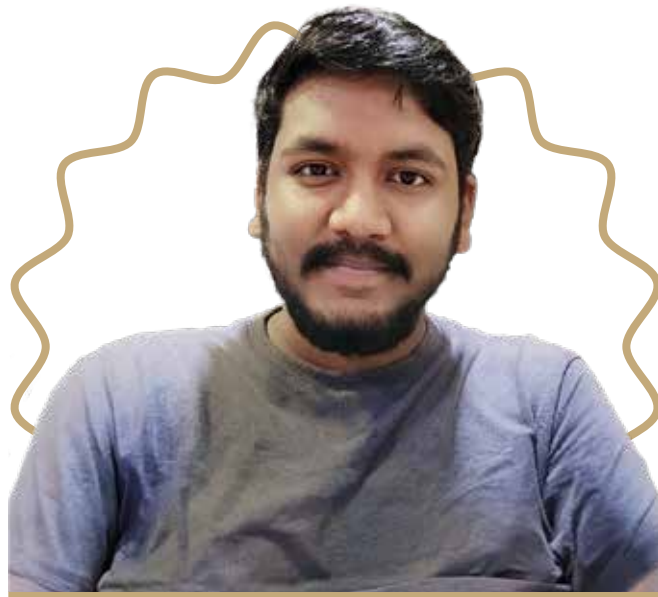
Life after college wasn't kind to Gaurav. He struggled to find a job that used what he learned. Four years of study, and it felt like it was for nothing. Then he lost his job due to the pandemic, and he was stuck. He didn't give up. He started looking for new ways to learn and work.

That's when Gaurav found Masai, a place that promised to teach him real skills and only asked for fees once he landed a job. It was hard for him to believe at first. Could it be real?

At Masai, Gaurav learned by doing, not just memorizing. With days from 11 am to 11 pm, it was like a military-style coding boot camp, focusing on discipline, consistency, and hard work. They taught him not just to code but to think and solve problems.

After Masai, Gaurav transformed. He approached job interviews with skill and confidence, landing a real job where he started working from day one.

Today, he thrives at a respected tech company as an SDE-I at Expertia AI, inspiring others from similar backgrounds. Gaurav's journey proves that with hard work, discipline, and the right training, anyone can succeed in tech. It's not just about degrees but the skills and determination to learn.



Suraj Kisanrao Ughade

📍 Yavatmal, Maharashtra to Bengaluru

🚀 Fresher

to Frontend Developer at Gale Partners

Suraj's tale begins in a small village, where his parents, especially his father who was a laborer, worked hard to make ends meet. Financial strains were a staple at home, and Suraj, along with his younger brother, understood from an early age that they needed to contribute. Suraj had dreams of becoming a doctor, but the hefty education fees steered his path toward a diploma in mechanical engineering, which was more affordable.

Even in his childhood, Suraj faced numerous challenges. His family's financial situation was precarious, leading his mother to seek work to support the household. Despite these hardships, Suraj and his brother received adequate education because their father prioritized their learning above all else, pushing the family to move to the city and take on loans to cover school costs.

Suraj was a committed student, recognized for his potential by his teachers and peers. However, in lieu of resources and support other children might have received, he had to be resourceful — mastering material on his own and seeking alternatives when traditional pathways to education seemed closed due to the high costs.

Dealing with the financial limitations and a determination to break into the IT industry without the required formal

qualifications or funds forced Suraj to get creative. Fortunately, he stumbled upon Masai, an education initiative that required no upfront fees.

Masai School became Suraj's turning point. Even someone who couldn't sit to study for more than two hours suddenly found themselves adhering to a rigorous 10-hour curriculum, driven by the hope of a better future void of financial strife.

Suraj's transformation was remarkable. From his first job at Zomato to navigating interviews and mastering communication skills, he persevered. His journey wasn't easy, from lacking a personal laptop to grappling with self-doubt, but Masai's glide program and his persistence paid off.

Currently, Suraj is an associate software engineer with Gale Partners, focused on scaling the career ladder and exploring realms like artificial intelligence. His story is a beacon of hope — signalling the power of resilience and the incredible support offered by organizations like Masai in shaping futures that once seemed just out of reach.



Aaryan Sinha

📍 Patna, Bihar to Ahmedabad, Gujarat
 🚀 12th Pass
 to SDE1 at Brainerhub Solutions

Born in Patna, Bihar, Aaryan discovered his love for computers through game CDs his dad brought home. While his friends struggled with technology, Aaryan felt at home, tinkering with files and games on his old Windows XP machine.

School days were okay for Aaryan. He wasn't top of his class, but he wasn't trailing behind either. His pals didn't have the same early shot at computers, making Aaryan's digital playground feel special. He started dabbling in website creation, inspired by stories of kids like him becoming internet creators. High school flew by, with Aaryan finding solace in computer labs.

Despite not being passionate about Physics, Chemistry, and Maths, Aaryan went for IIT coaching in Kota, known for producing engineers. Feeling out of place, he realized this wasn't his path.

When COVID struck, Aaryan sought a tech and business path without traditional college constraints. His IIT dreams faded due to his scores, leading him to opt for a distance learning BCA at AMITY University.

After creating a website called PaisaEasy on WordPress for financial advice, which didn't bring success, Aaryan turned to coding. He started with free online courses but felt unprepared for real-world challenges. A failed front-end test at a local company shook his confidence, highlighting the gap in his skills.

Realizing he had more to learn, Aaryan turned to online platforms to learn coding. While studying online one fine day,

he came across a Masai school ad. Masai School's "Pay after placement" (PAP) model resonated with him, prompting him to take a leap of faith despite financial uncertainty.

Masai's intense learning transformed Aaryan.

Patience became his ally as he embraced the daily grind, turning code from a challenge into his strength. Before Masai, his WordPress clients weren't satisfied because drag-and-drop tools limited his customization. But Masai's course honed his skills, introducing him to terms like 'async' and 'feed,' and revitalizing his coding journey with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

Masai transformed Aaryan, making patience his ally and coding his strength. Before Masai, his WordPress clients weren't happy due to limited customization. Masai's course improved his skills in HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, and taught him 'async' and 'feed.'

Masai emphasized English communication, refining Aaryan's skills. Despite the job hunt's difficulty, he landed three offers, choosing Brainerhub Solutions in Ahmedabad. His workplace recognized the impact of Masai's training, adopting "Give it to Masai people" as a slogan for challenging tasks.

Once shy, Aaryan now assessed tech candidates, showcasing Masai's impact. His journey is about rewriting life scripts, one line of code at a time.



Balamurugan R

📍 *Madurai, Tamil Nadu to Chennai*
🚀 *Fresher*
to SDE1 at Disprz

Balamurugan's journey started in a small town near Madurai, where he grew up in a Tamil-speaking household. Despite facing early hardships, losing his mother, and being raised by his father, who was a mason with limited education, Balamurugan found joy in computers and video games. It was later that he discovered his passion for coding.

Education played a crucial role in Balamurugan's life. He studied in Tamil medium schools but faced a significant shift when he entered K.L.N. College of Engineering, where the language of instruction switched to English. Despite the challenges, he graduated with a degree in Computer Science.

Financial struggles were a constant presence. While Balamurugan was the first in his family to graduate, making ends meet was tough. After college, he faced difficulties finding a job, and despite having an offer from TCS, it fell through due to the pandemic.

With no clear path ahead and the job offer from TCS seeming out of reach, Balamurugan took matters into his own hands. He started learning Python through YouTube tutorials and stumbled upon an ad for Masai.

Despite having no job and limited finances, Balamurugan decided to take a chance on Masai, which offered education without upfront fees, to be paid only after placement. The

transition was challenging, especially with English being a barrier, but with support from the Masai team, he improved rapidly.

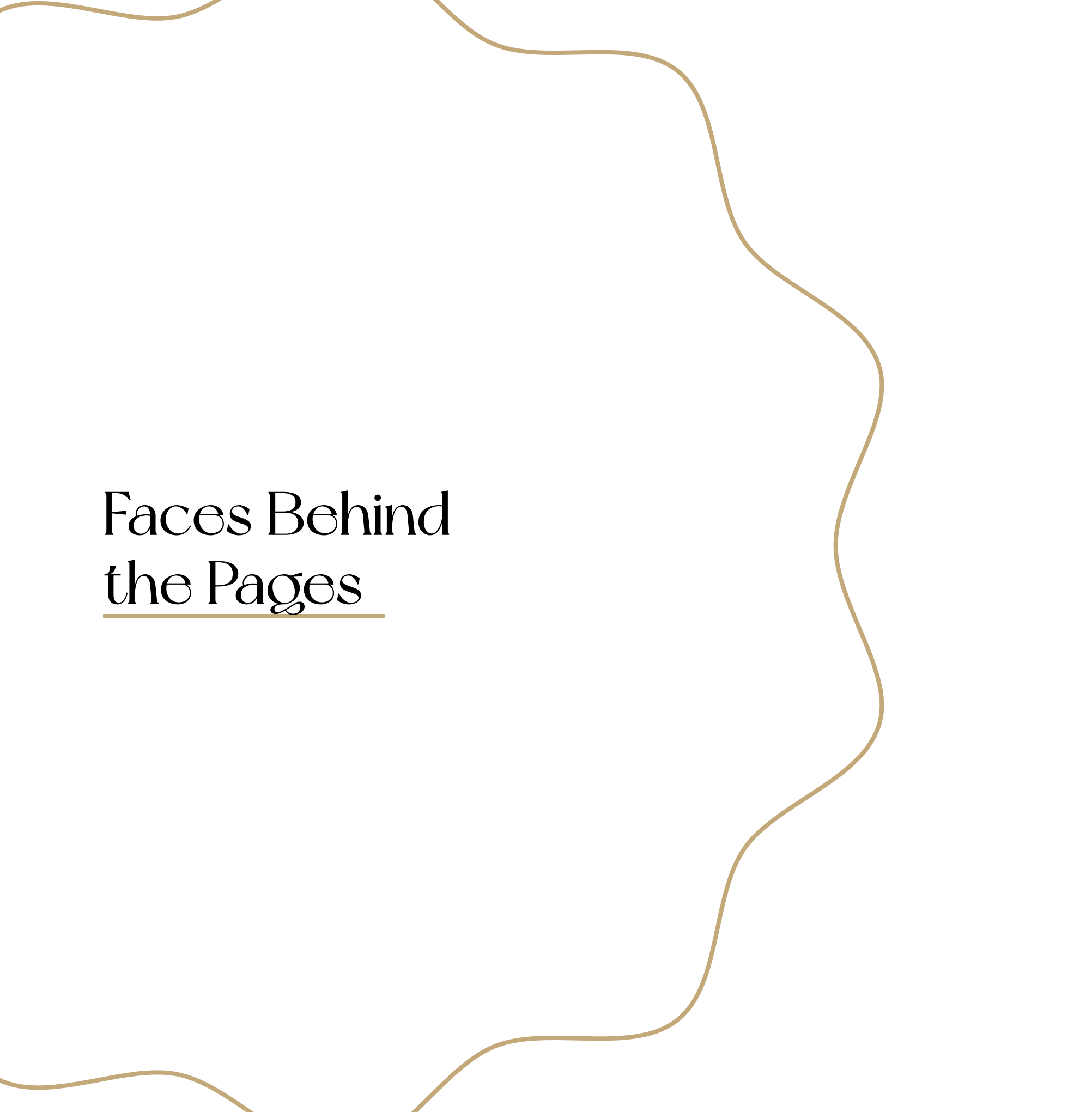
Balamurugan's hard work paid off when he landed a job at Disprz (Heuristix) as an Associate Software Engineer after 15 unsuccessful interviews. His transition from student to professional was smooth, thanks to Masai's training. Today, he is beginning his tech career in Bengaluru, a testament to his determination and the skills he gained at Masai.

Balamurugan's story is a testament to the transformative power of education and perseverance. His future is now filled with possibilities, all thanks to his unwavering spirit and the support he received at Masai.

Glossary

1. **SDE 1 (Software Development Engineer 1):**
An entry-level position in software development, typically for individuals with foundational skills and experience.
2. **SDE 2 (Software Development Engineer 2):**
A mid-level position in software development, requiring more experience and expertise than SDE 1, often involving leadership or specialized technical roles.
3. **SDE-3 (Software Development Engineer 3):**
A senior-level position in software development, usually requiring extensive experience, advanced technical skills, and leadership abilities. SDE-3s are often involved in complex projects, architectural decisions, and mentoring junior developers.
4. **IA (Instructional Associate):** A curriculum role at Masai School, providing support to instructors in delivering lessons and assisting students in their learning process.
5. **MBP (Mastery-Based Progression):** Masai's learning pedagogy for students where advancement is based on demonstrating mastery of skills or knowledge, allowing learners to progress at their own pace.
6. **PAP (Pay After Placement):** A financing model, previously known as ISA (Income Sharing Agreement), where students pay tuition fees only after securing a job, typically a percentage of their future income for a specified period.
7. **IT (Information Technology):**
The use of computers, software, and networks to store, retrieve, transmit, and manipulate data for various purposes, including business operations and communication.
8. **DSA (Data Structures and Algorithms):**
The study of organizing and managing data efficiently, along with designing algorithms to solve computational problems.
9. **Front End Web Development:** The practice of creating the user interface and user experience of a website or web application, focusing on client-side technologies like HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
10. **Back End Web Development:**
The development of server-side logic and databases for websites or web applications, involving technologies like server scripting (e.g., PHP, Python, Ruby), databases (e.g., MySQL, MongoDB), and server management.
11. **AI (Artificial Intelligence):** The simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, including learning, reasoning, problem-solving, perception, and natural language processing.
12. **MAANG (Meta, Amazon, Apple, Netflix, Google):** A term used to collectively refer to the top technology companies known for their high market capitalization, innovation, and influence in the tech industry.
13. **CSBT (Communication Skills and Behavioural Training):** Training programs designed to improve individuals' communication skills, including verbal and written communication, interpersonal skills, active listening, and emotional intelligence. These programs also focus on developing positive behaviours and attitudes in professional settings, such as teamwork, conflict resolution, and leadership skills.

14. **Full Stack Developer:** A developer skilled in both front-end and back-end technologies, capable of working on the entire stack of a web application, from user interface to server-side logic and database management.
15. **MERN Stack Developer:** A developer specializing in the MERN stack, which includes MongoDB (a NoSQL database), Express.js (a web application framework for Node.js), React (a JavaScript library for building user interfaces), and Node.js (a runtime environment for executing JavaScript code server-side).
16. **DevOps (Development Operations):** A set of practices that combine software development (Dev) and IT operations (Ops) to shorten the systems development life cycle and deliver high-quality software continuously.
17. **UI/UX Design:** UI (User Interface) design focuses on the visual elements of a product, while UX (User Experience) design focuses on the overall experience of the user, including usability, accessibility, and interaction design.
18. **11-11-6 Curriculum:** A curriculum structure used by Masai School, consisting of 12 hours of learning and (theoretical as well as practical coding), 6 days a week, designed to provide intensive training in web development and data analytics.
19. **MSAT (Masai School Admission Test):** A test conducted by Masai School as part of the admission process, assessing applicants' logical reasoning, Mathematical aptitude, and basic programming skills.
20. **Masai Sherpa Program:** A mentorship program offered by Masai School, where senior students guide junior students through their learning journey, providing support, advice, and industry insights.
21. **SDET (Software Development Engineer in Test):** A role that combines software development skills with testing expertise, focusing on designing, writing, and maintaining automated test scripts to ensure the quality of software products.
22. **CTO (Chief Technology Officer):** A senior executive responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of an organization's technology strategy, ensuring that technological resources are aligned with the company's goals.
23. **Blockchain:** A decentralized, distributed ledger technology that records transactions across multiple computers in a way that is secure, transparent, and resistant to modification, commonly associated with cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin.



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