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DIRECTORATE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION,
HIMACHAL PRADESH.

Directorate of School Education
22 JUL 2025
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001

To

Dated, Shimla-171001 July, 2025

All the Deputy Directors (Secondary)
School Education, Himachal Pradesh

Subject: Implementation of VidyaDhan Scholarship Programme- Reg.

Memo

On subject cited above, it is intimated that representatives/team of Sarojini Damodaran Foundation (SDF), a non-profit organization established by Smt. Kumari Shibulal and Shri S.D. Shibulal (Co-founder and former CEO of Infosys), has approached this Department with the intentions to extend the benefits of VidyaDhan Scholarship Programme to approximately 100 eligible meritorious students belonging to economically disadvantaged families including *divyangjan* students.

Under this initiative, students who have completed Class 10th in year 2025 from schools will be considered for a scholarship of ₹10,000 to ₹70,000 per annum to support their education from Class XI to Graduation level including technical diploma, degree and courses subject to fulfillment of all requisite eligibility conditions/qualifications under the said programme. The eligibility criteria include securing 80% marks or 8.5 OGPA or more in Class X (Relaxation- 70% or 7.4 CGPA or more for students with disabilities/*divyangjan* students) in academic year, 2024-25 i.e who have passed class 10th in year, 2025 and having an annual family income from all sources, not more than ₹2.00 lakhs. In order to ensure smooth filling up of inline application forms, following documents shall be procured or handy, before filling online applications :-

1. Class X Mark sheet
2. Applicant's Passport size photo (Colored)
3. Income Certificate, issued by competent authority.
4. Email ID of students (School may facilitate students to open IDs, if not available for any students)

Students fulfilling the above eligibility conditions/criteria may apply online for the scholarship through the website www.vidyadhan.org or by using the SDF Vidya mobile app. It is important to note that no application fee shall be charged by said foundation or by the any agency including State Government Government/department. The last date for submission of applications is 15th August, 2025. Process of selection of students for said programme shall be as under:-

1. Preliminary scrutiny of online applications.
2. State Level on-line test comprising of 40 Questions (to be attempted in 60 Minutes) to shortlist students. This test will be based on the syllabi of Class VIII, IX and X and General Knowledge, reasoning etc. excluding Hindi.
3. Shortlisted students will be interviewed.
4. House visit or any other means by Foundation.
5. Final list will be released for availing benefits under the programme by Foundation.

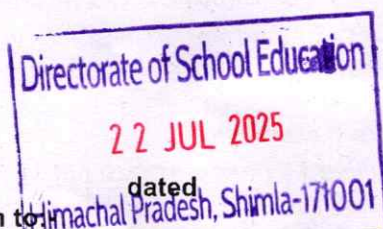
As you are well aware of the fact that, in order to discuss the modalities / strategies for the implementation of the programme, a virtual conference was held on 19th July, 2025 under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh with Directors of School Education and Higher Education and you, during which, a detailed presentation was given by SDF with regard to eligibility criteria, process of online applications, its implementation strategies and support needed to be extended to said Foundation by department and your office.

You are, therefore, directed to make wide publicity and disseminate the above information to all Heads of Institutions / schools under your control, especially those situated in rural, remote, and tribal areas, so as to ensure maximum participation of eligible students and extend full support to team / co-coordinators of Foundation, whenever required. It may also be ensured that the information is prominently displayed on school notice boards and shared through school-level communication channels such as WhatsApp groups, parent-teacher meetings, and other suitable means of communications. Heads of Institutions may also be advised to provide necessary support to students in filling out the application forms.

For any queries, school concerned / Head of the Institutions applicants may contact the Foundation via email at vidyadhan.himachal@sdfoundationindia.com or contact Mr. Pawan Sharma (Coordinator, VidyaDhan, Himachal) (96086-19260)

AN ACTION-TAKEN REPORT MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THIS DIRECTORATE BY 10TH AUGUST, 2025 ALONGWITH BLOCK-WISE NUMBER OF STUDENTS APPLIED FOR SCHOLARSHIP / FINANCIAL SUPPORT UNDER THIS PROGRAMME.

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(Ashish Kohli, IAS)
Director
Directorate of School Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1
Shimla-171001 July, 2025.

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
2. Director, Information and Public Relations, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-02 for information and wider publicity.
3. The Director, Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-01.
4. The State Project Director (SPM & NIU), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-01.
5. All the Deputy Directors of School Education (Elementary), Himachal Pradesh for information and necessary action.
6. Sh. Pawan Sharma representative of Sarojini Damodaran Foundation (SDF) www.sdfoundationindia.com for information.
7. The Branch Officer, IT Cell, Directorate of School Education, Himachal Pradesh with the request to upload the same on departmental website.
8. Notice Boards, Directorate of School Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-01.
9. Guard File.

Director
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