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## Diksha Proposal

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Wed, Jan 25, 2012 at 3:21 PM

Reply-To: asha-purdue@googlegroups.com

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I too vote for 3 computers, 1 yr teacher's salary, printer and scanner.

On Wed, Jan 25, 2012 at 1:19 AM, Gaurav Nanda <gaurav.07@gmail.com> wrote:

I think they have proposed the printer and scanner based on their previous experiences and have found the laser printer and scanner to be efficient. I am not sure if they have done the maintenance cost analysis but I think that's okay. I also vote for 3 computers, UPS, 1 yr teacher's salary , printer and scanner.

On Tue, Jan 24, 2012 at 10:41 PM, Suchismita Sarangi <suchi.nitr@gmail.com> wrote:

yeah, Swetha is right .. they have been insisiting on it, so they probably do need it. I too vote for 3 computers, 1 yr teacher's salary, printer n scanner.

On Tue, Jan 24, 2012 at 5:23 PM, Sumeet Kumar <sumeet.iitkgp@gmail.com> wrote:

True, the estimates are not clear, But lets go ahead with what we have promised as of now

On Tue, Jan 24, 2012 at 5:13 PM, Swetha Sundar <swe.sundar@gmail.com> wrote:

He has been insisting - so they probably do require it. Lets do it - with the printer scanner.

On Tue, Jan 24, 2012 at 3:23 PM, Vinod Kumar <vinodkumar27@gmail.com> wrote:

Yes, even I feel they could've given an estimate of the maintenance. But looks like they have taken it into account.

We can use this thread as approval minutes for the proposal.

So, even I vote for 3 computers, UPS, one year computer teacher's salary, one printer and scanner.

What do you all think?

On Tue, Jan 24, 2012 at 9:53 AM, aarti chigs <aarti.chigs@gmail.com> wrote:

So it looks like they need the printer for printing reading material, assignments and not textbooks. But it would have been better if he could have given an estimate for its maintenance as in cost of cartridges etc.

Anyways I vote for sending them a printer and scanner too. So it will be 3 computers, UPS and one year teacher's salary , one printer and a scanner.

~Aarti

On Mon, Jan 23, 2012 at 2:25 PM, Gaurav Nanda <gaurav.07@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear All,

Please find below the reply I received regarding our queries from Gautam who is heading the Diksha project.

In our last meeting we discussed about sponsoring 3 computers, UPS and one year teacher's salary and we had some questions about the proposed use of printers and scanners.

We can discuss further on the project by email.

Vinod,  
Let me know if we can use this email thread later for recording our discussion on the Diksha project.

Regards,  
Gaurav

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From: **Gauri Gautam** <[gautamgauri@gmail.com](mailto:gautamgauri@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Jan 23, 2012 at 1:52 PM

Subject: Re: Diksha Proposal

To: Gaurav Nanda <[gaurav.07@gmail.com](mailto:gaurav.07@gmail.com)>

Cc: Vinod Kumar <[vinodkumar27@gmail.com](mailto:vinodkumar27@gmail.com)>, suchi <[suchi.nitr@gmail.com](mailto:suchi.nitr@gmail.com)>

Hi Gaurav,

Happy New Year !!

Both the printer and scanner have been suggested considering a long term view .A laser printer has higher initial cost but lower long term cost. Printing needs to be done for both reading material and assignments which would be given on a regular basis. Similarly , scanner is to be used to digitize content created by children , and other records of the activities at the center. In the market the rates for printing and scanning are Rs 5 per page , so over the longer run it would be cheaper to purchase scanner and printer.

We have suggested laser printer plus scanner based on past experience . We had earlier used a desk-jet all-in -one in our office, the initial cost was low but running cost was high.At our Gangagarh School(Bulandshahr) we have a multi-functional laser (print/scan/copy) - in this case the initial cost is very high and the cartridge is also very expensive. At Hilsa we have been using the laser printer plus scanner and we are satisfied with the same.

Warm Regards,  
Gautam

P.S. I have been travelling so was not able to revert back earlier

*Thanks & Regards,*  
*Gautam Gauri*  
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On Thu, Jan 19, 2012 at 10:28 PM, Gaurav Nanda <[gaurav.07@gmail.com](mailto:gaurav.07@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Gautam,

Wish you and Diksha a very happy new year. Thanks for your support during the site visit. We are working on the proposal for Diksha after the holidays and trying to get it through the different stages.

After our recent meeting, there are few questions and suggestions as mentioned below:

1. The laser printers are proposed mainly for textbook printing, which will probably be once or twice in an year. Given that Laser printers are economical for high frequency of printing and maintaining a Laser printer is also expensive because of the high cost of its cartridge, some people suggested to get few copies of books printed and then xeroxed. Let us know if you have explored this option and will it work in your case or not ( in terms of comparing the cost of per

page printing and then xeroxing versus maintaining a laser printer for an year).

2. Regarding the scanners also, the expected usage seems to be low, hence let us know if you have explored the option of getting it scanned outside and will it work out in your case or not ( in terms of comparing per page scanning cost versus maintaining a scanner for an year)

Thanks,  
Gaurav

On Thu, Nov 24, 2011 at 11:05 AM, Gauri Gautam <[gautamgauri@gmail.com](mailto:gautamgauri@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Gaurav

Great !!  
I will call your father to co-ordinate for the visit.

*Thanks & Regards,*  
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On Thu, Nov 24, 2011 at 8:54 PM, Gaurav Nanda <[gaurav.07@gmail.com](mailto:gaurav.07@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Gautam,

Thanks a lot for your prompt response, it looks good and seem to answer our queries. We will go over this and let you know if there are any further questions.

I spoke to my parents, they can go for site visit this Sunday afternoon probably. My dad's number is [9431334180](tel:9431334180), for co-ordination of the visit.

Regards,  
Gaurav

On Wed, Nov 23, 2011 at 4:52 PM, Gauri Gautam <[gautamgauri@gmail.com](mailto:gautamgauri@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Gaurav,

Thank you for your mail.  
We are very happy to know that you feel positively about the project, we look forward to your support.  
Please find my response to your queries below in [blue](#).  
Please let me know if any further information is required.

Regards,  
Gautam

*Thanks & Regards,*  
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On Tue, Nov 22, 2011 at 8:08 PM, Gaurav Nanda <[gaurav.07@gmail.com](mailto:gaurav.07@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Gautam,

Asha-Purdue team reviewed the proposal submitted for Diksha project, we felt positive about the project. There are some more questions further to the proposal documents as

listed below. It would be great if you can provide information about these in this week, as the ASHA central treasury will be on leave from Dec 11 till Jan 1st week, and they do the further processing of the application.

Will the computer facility be used by only youth or both children and youth?

The Computer facility will be used by both youth and children.

For youth, the primary focus area will be the Microsoft Unlimited Potential Programme + Hindi Typing

For children, the computer will be used as a learning aid - we will be using Khan Academy, Digital Study Hall and other open source initiatives.

Proposed use of printer and scanner in the computer lab?

Printer will be used for the lab assignments, and the print out of some portions of the MUPP curriculum in Hindi. Though there are good Computer Books available in the Market, there are no good books in Hindi. The entire MUPP curriculum is voluminous and we will offer the same to those interested at the printing cost.

We also provide books and study material to the children. We use NCERT books but they are mostly out of stock. NCERT books are freely downloadable from the website for non commercial usage, we plan to share print of the books with students.

We plan to create a blog site for the children, in which they can publish their art-work, scanner will be utilized for copying and uploading such work of children.

The printer plus scanner combination can also be used as a photocopier for small assignments from reference books we use/plan to use - Eklavya publications, Digantar, etc.

How many children out of the 69 supported on the project, go to any other schools in that area?

23 children are enrolled in two nearby government schools in the area.

How is Diksha motivating students from the local slums to come to their schools?

We conduct regular community mobilization activities. This has greatly helped in ensuring that the children come to our Centre regularly. Typically the Teachers visit the community and the children's home once or twice a month. These visits are conducted in the morning hours before the parents go to work. In such meetings discussions are held with parents, community leaders regarding the problems of the children. We offer a learning environment which is free of fear for the child. At both Patna and Nalanda, we have a waiting list of students, we will gradually expand capacity to serve more children.

Who will be the Teacher for training children/youth on the computers ?

We plan to recruit a Computer Instructor for the Center. The quality we seek in a Teacher is the ability to share love and knowledge with the children. We do not focus on qualifications, but look for grasp of the subject.

What's the pressing need from your side – only Computers or the Computer Teacher's salary as well. What would be the estimate for one year salary ? We could also fund, for example, some computers and 1 teacher's salary for an year?

The pressing need is Computer Teacher's salary as well. Teacher's salary would be Rs. 72 000/- in a year @ Rs. 6000 /per month. We can reduce the number of computers to 3, We will generate support from other sources for the other 2 computers. This will be helpful as it is easier to garner support for purchase of equipments.

Some more explanation of the "youth collective" which is one of the funding sources for one of the projects right now?

Youth collective is an organization that promotes youth development in India. They help Young Changemakers in implementing their social idea through a one year fellowship program. I am one of the fellows for Youth Collective's 2011-12 Learning & Leadership Journey. Through this journey support is offered both financially and in the form of mentorship from the Youth Collective board members. The KHEL (Knowledge Hub for Education & Learning) model, which we are developing and implementing at Diksha is being closely guided and mentored by Youth Collective members- Rustam Vania- Professor, Srishti School of Design & Technology, Ravi Gulati- Founder, Manzil & Ashraf Patel- Founder, Pravah. This has helped us in critically analyzing our program, and helped in improving the design of the project.

What is the future plan of the children currently enrolled to Diksha? Are the children in primary school going to move to some other school for higher studies?

We help the children in getting admission to government schools. Few students have already been enrolled. We also plan to help them with taking exams through National Open School.

Also, a site visit is required for the project. My family/friends in Patna could do a site visit, when the school is running. So, we can plan for that, do the children come to school on weekend ?

They are most welcome. The children come to the Center on weekends. We are closed on Mondays.

There was a minor correction in the proposal, instead of "University of Purdue" it should be "Purdue University".

My apologies.

Regards,

Gaurav

On Thu, Nov 17, 2011 at 5:27 PM, Gaurav Nanda <[gaurav.07@gmail.com](mailto:gaurav.07@gmail.com)> wrote:

Thanks a lot for submitting the proposal doc Gautam. We will review it and get back to you if there are any questions.

Regards,  
Gaurav

On Thu, Nov 17, 2011 at 3:55 PM, Gauri Gautam <[gautamgauri@gmail.com](mailto:gautamgauri@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Gaurav,

Please find attached our proposal for grant towards KHEL(Knowledge Hub for Education & Learning) Project, Patna.  
We will be happy to provide any further information required for the processing of our application.  
We hope that together we will be able to serve the learning needs of children and youth in our project area, and beyond.

*Thanks & Regards,*  
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On Wed, Oct 26, 2011 at 4:43 AM, Gaurav Nanda <[gaurav.07@gmail.com](mailto:gaurav.07@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Gautam,

Please find attached the proposal format. You can fill up the details and if there is any confusion, let us know, we will try to help you fill it up.

Regards,  
Gaurav

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From: **aarti chigs** <[aarti.chigs@gmail.com](mailto:aarti.chigs@gmail.com)>  
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