

## **Little Stars School's Budget Proposal for 2026-27 to Asha for Education, Princeton Chapter**

May 30, 2026

### **I. Introduction**

We are extremely grateful to Asha Princeton for support over the years. As a school that educates 900 children from disadvantaged families for little to no fee, we rely heavily on the generosity of donors like you in the pursuit of our mission. Thank you for supporting the education of underprivileged children at Little Stars and across India, and thank you for considering this budget proposal for the year 2026-27.

### **II. Review of the past year**

We remain fully committed to our mission of providing quality education to economically disadvantaged children. Our teaching methods and curriculum continue to engage students, and our enrollment is at 900, which we consider the school's capacity. We now have about 200 students in our pre-primary classes, which include Pre-Nursery, Nursery, Lower Kindergarten (LKG), and Upper Kindergarten (UKG).

Through the donations from your Chapter, Little Stars is able to pay the salaries of its nine pre-primary teachers as well as its head teacher in that division. In addition, Little Stars is able to offer teacher training. Given that the pre-primary classes are where students develop a foundation for the rest of their schooling at Little Stars and beyond, the importance and impact of donor support of those classes cannot be overstated.

### **III. Looking ahead to the coming year**

- 1) As in the past, Little Stars would benefit enormously from the support of Asha Princeton to pay pre-primary teacher salaries and the costs of teacher training.

As in previous years, we have held many events such as:

World Environment Day, June 7

Prayer for those who died in the crash of AI 171, June 12

Independence Day

Non-violence Day, October 2

Children's Day, November 14

Christmas and New Year

Makar Sankranti, January 14

Republic Day

World Water Day, March 22

### **IV. Training of Simpe Kumari at Tiruvallur (near Chennai)**

Dr. Rajaraman Krishnan is the Chapter Coordinator of Asha Chennai. He has been instrumental in developing content in Computer Science for school-going students. He and his staff ran a Training

Workshop in Tiruvallur from Dec. 17 to Dec. 19, 2025. Simpe Kumari attended as the representative from Little Stars School and brought back subject matter knowledge in order for the school to experiment with the curriculum.

#### V. Site visit by Shri Amrish Garg

Shri Amrish Garg from the Princeton Chapter of Asha for Education, along with Shri Samir Biswas from Delhi and Shri Rajendra Singh who runs an after-school Centre for Adivasi children in Khajuraho visited on March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, they witnessed the Annual Results Declaration event for grades 4 to 8.

#### VI. Spreadsheet breakdown of requested funding

As per details on the next page, Little Stars requests funds from Asha Princeton to pay the following teachers' salaries and to continue our teacher training program. In addition, we are requesting an honorarium for the Principal, Smt. Asha Pandey.

### Little Stars School Teachers Program

Requested Funds from the Princeton Chapter of Asha for the period April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027

| <b>Returning Pre-Primary Teachers</b> | <b>Annual Salary (INR)</b> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pre-Nursery Teacher                   | 90,000                     |
| Pre-Nursery Teacher                   | 90,000                     |
| Pre-Nursery Teacher                   | 90,000                     |
| Nursery Teacher                       | 90,000                     |
| Nursery Teacher                       | 90,000                     |
| LKG Teacher                           | 90,000                     |
| LKG Teacher                           | 90,000                     |
| UKG Teacher                           | 90,000                     |
| UKG Teacher                           | 90,000                     |
| Pre-Primary Head Teacher              | 120,000                    |
| Honorarium for Principal              | 480,000                    |

| <b>Components of Teacher Training</b> | <b>Annual Cost (INR)</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Teacher Trainer/Coach (Salary)        | 80,000                   |
| Teacher Training Expenses             | 50,000                   |

| <b>Components of New Drawing Program</b>                            | <b>Annual Cost (INR)</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Drawing Teacher (Pre-Nursery through Class 5) (Salary)              | 108,000                  |
| Materials for Drawing Class (Brushes, Colors, Chart Paper, Pencils) | 48,000                   |

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| <b>Total Expenses in rupees</b> | <b>16,96,000 (16.96 lakhs)</b> |
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