

Little Stars School's Budget Proposal for 2022-2023 to Asha for Education, Princeton Chapter

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I. Introduction

We at Little Stars School are thankful for Asha Princeton's 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 2022-2023.

II. Review of the past year

In the past year, all teaching institutions in India were impacted by Covid and Little Stars School was no exception. In-class education had to be suspended for long stretches. Several students, teachers and parents contracted Covid and a few precious lives were lost. But we persisted in carrying out our mission of providing quality education to economically disadvantaged children to the best of our ability. Teachers made workbooks and delivered them to the students' homes. Our teaching methods and curriculum continued to engage students, and our enrollment has returned to 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 donations, Little Stars was able to pay the salaries of its nine pre-primary teachers as well as its head teacher in that division. In addition, Little Stars was 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.
- 2) This year has been extremely difficult because of the challenges created by Covid. Two teachers (Sapna Khanna and Urmila Mishra lost their lives). Several students and Ms. Asha Pandey herself tested positive.

In spite of the disruptions, we provided regular and online teaching and held many events such as

Science Day

Yoga Day

International Women's Day

Independence Day

Republic Day

IV. Spreadsheet breakdown of requested funding

Little Stars requests funds from Asha Princeton to pay the following teachers' salaries and to continue our teacher training program

Returning Pre-Primary Teachers	Annual Salary (INR)
Pre-Nursery Teacher	49,500
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Nursery Teacher	49,500
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LKG Teacher	49,500
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UKG Teacher	49,500
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Pre-Primary Head Teacher	93,500

Components of Teacher Training	Annual Cost (INR)
Teacher Trainer/Coach (Salary)	60,500
Teacher Training Expenses	33,000

Components of New Drawing Program	Annual Cost (INR)
Drawing Teacher (Pre-Nursery through Class 5) (Salary)	88,000
Materials for Drawing Class (Brushes, Colors, Chart Paper, Pencil)	37,500

Total Expenses	7,58,000 rupees
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