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Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1  
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To Dated Shimla-1 the October, 2023  
All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education,  
Himachal Pradesh.

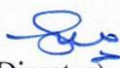
**Subject: - Implementation of Auro Scholar Micro Scholarship program in schools (Class 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>) of Himachal Pradesh.**

Sir,

In pursuance to letter No. SAS/HP/-DIR-HE/002/23- dated 17.10.2023. **(Copy alongwith enclosures attached)** received from Sh.Vijay Kumar Tiwari State Co-ordinator –HP Rupantar-Sri Aurobindo society. It is informed that Samagra Shiksha, Himachal Pradesh has signed a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sri Aurobindo Society, a non-profit organization for a Micro Scholarship Program, “Auro Scholarships” which focuses on eliminating learning gaps, motivating students and provides monthly scholarship upto Rs.1000 per month to the learners of Class 1<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>.

You are required to facilitate in implementation of this program by issuing necessary directions to all the principals of the schools in Himachal Pradesh to make the students aware of this scholarship scheme and encourage them for their active participation in quiz competitions.

For further information related to the above said program, you may contact Mr.Vijay Kumar Tiwari, from Sri Aurobindo Society Phone No.8858956854, Email Id [vijay.kumar@aurosociety.org](mailto:vijay.kumar@aurosociety.org). The detailed concept note of the program is enclosed with this letter for your reference.

  
(Addl. Director)  
Directorate of Higher Education,  
Himachal Pradesh.

Endst. No. Even Dated: Shimla-1 the Oct, 2023  
Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Technical Officer, IT Cell, with the direction to upload this letter on the Departmental website.
2. Guard file



FILE NO: HPSES(SS)HO-2023- Aurbindo Society 9311-12  
OFFICE OF THE STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR (SS)  
H.P. SCHOOL EDUCATION SOCIETY  
DPEP BHAWAN, LALPANI, SHIMLA-171001  
Dated: Shimla-171001 September, 2023

From

State Project Director (Samagra Shiksha)  
Himachal Pradesh Shimla-1

To

- i. The Director,  
Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh
- ii. The Director,  
Elementary Education, Himachal Pradesh

**Subject: Implementation of Auro Scholar program in Himachal Pradesh**

Sir,

As you are aware, the National Education Policy, 2020 aims to decrease the number of students leaving education prematurely. Learning gaps play a vital role in progressively deterring students from pursuing education.


Samagra Shiksha, Himachal Pradesh has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sri Aurobindo Society, a non-profit organization on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 for a **Micro Scholarship Program, "Auro Scholar"** which focuses on eliminating learning gaps, motivating students and provide monthly scholarship up to Rs.1000 per month to the learners of class 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. The detailed concept note of the program is enclosed with this letter for your reference.

Therefore, you are requested, to kindly issue necessary directions to all the Deputy Directors to provide their support for the implementation of this significant program in the schools across the Himachal Pradesh. The programme will increase the student motivation to learn which leads to improved learning outcomes of students.

For further information related to the above said program, you may contact Mr. Vijay Kumar Tiwari, from Sri Aurobindo Society. Phone No. – 8858956854, Email id – vijay.kumar@aurosociety.org.

This is for information and necessary action at your end please.


Yours faithfully,

  
State Project Director (ISSE)  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Endst. No. Even Dated Shimla-1 the September, 2023

Copy to:-

1. The Senior Program Manager Operation's, Sri Aurobindo Society, New Delhi for information please.

  
State Project Director (ISSE)  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

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# Auro Scholarships

Let's Incentivize Learning

Auro Scholarships is Sri Aurobindo Society's radical education transformation programme that enables DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) of up to INR 1,000 monthly to 250 million children in India, if their Learning Outcomes improve. The model creates large scale impact by incentivizing education stakeholders for better student learning

- Students validate their learning through 10-min assessments. Students join on their own or they are referred by Teachers to join.
- Those scoring 80%, receive an instant micro-scholarship or DBT of INR 50, totaling to INR 1,000 monthly for 20 assessments, thereby providing motivation to learn. Those failing to score 80%, learn and retake the assessments, motivating them to learn more
- Families can use the money in the Wallet/Bank Account to spend on the education purposes of the child.
- Dynamic Learning data, thus created, is used by Teachers to work on student weak areas.



Image: Former Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal launching Auro Scholar

## ACHIEVEMENTS – STARTED NOV 2020



- Signed MOU with **33 State Governments & CBSE** to roll out Auro Scholarships
- **1.4 Mn+ students** onboarded with **4.7 Mn assessments (quizzes)** taken and **1.9 L** teachers registered users.
- **18000+** original assessments created each month as per NCERT, to conduct scholarships from Grade 1-12 in **09 different Indian languages**.

## EDUCATION IMPACT

In last 76 years after Independence, India has made strides in building physical education infrastructure, however the Student Learning Outcomes, are abysmally low (57.5% can't do a simple division; 40% can't read simple English sentence; 25% can't read a basic native language text - 'ASER 2017' report). The needle is not moving due some structural problems, for which there are no institutional solutions available:

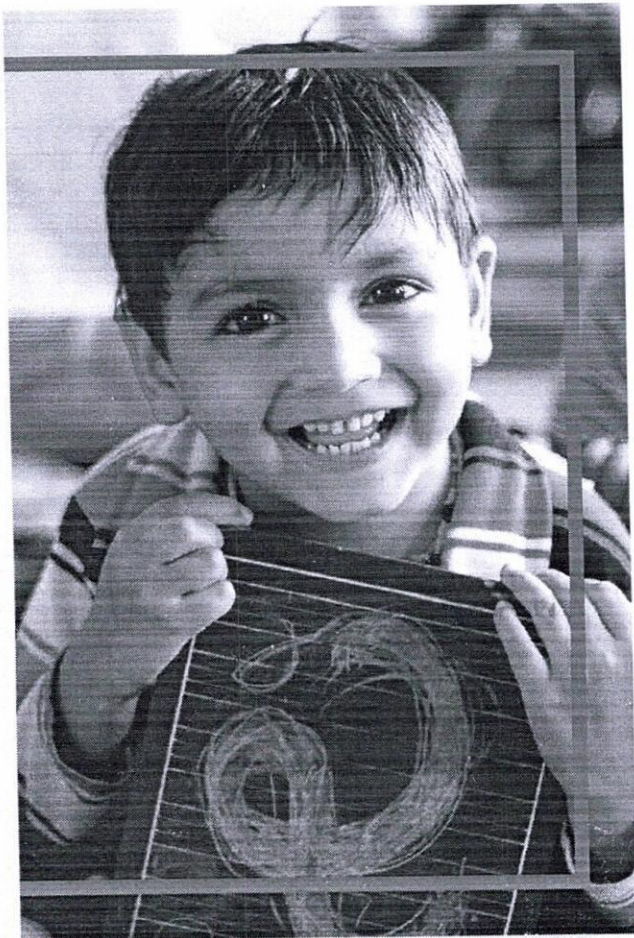
**Motivation to learn & self-assess:** Majority of children don't have motivation to study or self-assess (they are born to play!) and neither do vast majority of parents provide active motivation to do so. Auro Scholarship provides extrinsic motivation to learn, which slowly turns into intrinsic motivation.

**Teacher Effectiveness:** Due to large teacher-student ratios and considerable learning gaps between students in a class, Teachers are unable to work with weaker students in the limited time available.

·Auro Scholarship feeds student weak area data to Teachers (and also students), using which Teachers can work on the child's weak areas as well as personalize the learning immediately.



- **Quality education access:** It is impossible to create and sustain quality education infrastructure near every household. Even online education requires family resources, which are always limited. Auro Scholarship enables resources in the hands of families to spend on best education providers, who can be held accountable against student learning outcomes through the assessment data coming out of Auro Scholarship programme.
- **Education provider accountability:** There is no way to hold education providers accountable for daily learning they provide, since the daily learning outcome data of students is neither available nor it can be traced back to the Education Providers. Auro Scholarship incentivizes millions of students to take self-assessment in a proctored environment, the data from which holds Education Providers accountable in the long run.



## Targeted Impact



Increased student motivation to learn



Student motivational change from 'extrinsic to intrinsic' – Increasing a natural inclination towards studies.



Increased teacher effectiveness for student learning outcomes



Increased parental commitment towards student learning



Improved student learning outcomes

**Auro Scholar Total Scholarship Disbursement in Himachal Pradesh**

State Name	District Name	Teacher Registration	Student Registration	KYC Pending	Total Quizes	Total Quiz Takers	Disbursed Students	Total Disbursed Amount
Himachal Pradesh	Bilaspur	430	424	257	15197	370	33	81300
Himachal Pradesh	Chamba	1008	286	198	7479	236	15	36400
Himachal Pradesh	Hamirpur	536	612	432	12592	492	25	31750
Himachal Pradesh	Kangra	2567	808	533	22655	667	58	77050
Himachal Pradesh	Kinnaur	168	40	15	948	30	6	4000
Himachal Pradesh	Kullu	344	173	115	4199	137	4	1800
Himachal Pradesh	LAHAUL AND SPITI	73	19	13	92	9	0	0
Himachal Pradesh	Mandi	1630	1096	798	22425	880	28	41200
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	210	210	136	5135	155	13	18650
Himachal Pradesh	Sirmaur	676	354	248	8118	278	14	12450
Himachal Pradesh	Solan	936	609	447	15613	508	27	38950
Himachal Pradesh	Una	353	150	92	4789	121	9	8100
<b>Total</b>		<b>8931</b>	<b>4781</b>	<b>3284</b>	<b>119242</b>	<b>3883</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>351650</b>