

## DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Himachal Pradesh, Shimla – 171001.

### PRESS RELEASE

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It is to bring to the kind notice of all concerned that Vidyadhan is a pan-India **higher education scholarship** offered by Sarojini Damodaran Foundation {(SDF) [www.sdfoundationindia.com](http://www.sdfoundationindia.com)}, a Non-Profit organization set up by Kumari Shibulala and S.D. Shibulala (co-founder and ex-CEO Infosys). It supports the **college education of meritorious students from economically disadvantaged families**. The students are, however, selected right after the **completion of class 10<sup>th</sup>** and are eligible for a scholarship of **₹10,000 per year during intermediate education**. Since its inception in 1999, Vidyadhan has distributed more than **63,000 scholarships in 22 States/UTs of India**. Currently, there are around **13000 students** availing scholarships under the program.

Eligibility criteria:-

- Completed 10<sup>th</sup> standard in 2025 from Himachal Pradesh.
- Annual family income below ₹2.00 lakhs.
- Secured more than 80 % or 8.5 CGPA (70% or 7.4 CGPA for students with disabilities)

Students may apply online on [www.vidyadhan.org](http://www.vidyadhan.org) or with **SDF Vidya App**, without any fees, available on the Google play Store. The applications deadline is **31<sup>st</sup> July, 2025**. For queries, application may reach out to the organization at [vidyadhan.himachal@sdfoundationindia.com](mailto:vidyadhan.himachal@sdfoundationindia.com) or contact **Help desk at +91-80683-33500**.

The Vidyadhan program was launched in the year **2023** in Himachal Pradesh. More than **100 students** are receiving the scholarship for continuing their higher education.

Therefore, all concerned are hereby requested to circulate the above information to all schools of Himachal Pradesh including schools especially Government Schools located in rural and remote areas.


  
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1. The Secretary (Edu.), to the Govt of Himachal Pradesh, HP Shimla-2 for kind information please.
2. The Director, Directorate for Empowerment of SCs, OBCs, Minorities & the Specially Abled, Block No.-33, SDA Complex Shimla-171009 for information please.
3. All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh for wide publicity among all the concerned Schools.
4. The Director, All India Radio Centre, Shimla, Doordarshan Centre, Shimla.
5. The Editor, The Tribune Newspaper, The Indian Express Newspaper Shimla, The Times of India Newspaper, Hindustan Times Newspaper, Shimla,, Amar Ujala, Divya Himachal, Punjab Kesari, Dainik Bhaskar, Dainik Jagran, Shimla to publish the Press Release on Newspaper.
6. The Director, Public Information and Public Relation Department, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla – 171002, for publication please.
- ✓ 7. The TO, IT Cell, DHE HP, with direction to upload the above Press Release on the Departmental website.

  
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