

2023-24 Annual Report



SRI BADRIKA ASHRAM

**Emerging Youth Scholarship
& Mentorship Scheme**



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Introduction



Sri Badrika Ashram



About Us

Introduction of SBA-EYSMS

In July 2021, Sri Badrika Ashram (SBA) cum Charitable and Social Welfare Society launched the SBA Emerging Youth Scholarship and Mentorship Scheme (SBA-EYSMS). This initiative aims to empower and uplift promising young minds, nurturing them to become future leaders and change-makers within their communities.

Mission

Dedicated to serving local rural communities, Sri Badrika Ashram operates from its registered office in the village of Shalamu, Post-Kargaanum District, Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh. The society is registered under the Himachal Pradesh Societies Registration Act 2006 and enjoys tax exemptions under Sections 12AA and 80G of the Income Tax Act.



Founding and Vision

Founded in 2011 by the venerable saint Om Swami, the ashram began as a humble single hut made of mud. Before his renunciation, Swami Ji was a successful serial entrepreneur with a software business spanning five continents. He gave up his multi-million-dollar enterprise to seek spiritual truth, undergoing intense tapas in the Himalayan caves and jungles. With over 15,000 hours of meditation and mantra sadhana, Swami Ji settled in this remote valley to revive the glory of the Vedas and Sanatan Dharma. His simple mantra, "Live, Love, Laugh, Give," forms the foundation of all activities at the ashram.

Core Values and Our Inspiration

Om Swami Ji's values of service to mankind and compassion drive the Society's vision and activities. These principles inspire and guide our endeavours, ensuring that our mission to uplift and empower rural communities continues to thrive.



Message from Our Founder



Dear all,

In helping people realise their potential on the spiritual path, I always say “Sadhana se sambhav hai”, that, it’s possible with sadhana. On the material path, to succeed in the world, if someone asked me the same question, I’d say, “Shiksha se sambhav hai,” that, it’s possible with education.

The only way for India to be a superpower is to empower our youth with the best of the best in education and opportunities. Better education creates a society free of divisions, something we must aspire towards for the greater good of the country.





At Sri Badrika Ashram, our constant endeavour over the years has been to nurture young talent, particularly those who deserve more opportunities in the world on account of their dedication and commitment to improve their lives.

It gives me immense joy to note how the large team of volunteers have come together to not only provide substantial financial support but also superior mentorship from industry veterans to the large pool of talented but underprivileged students. Their support and guidance have helped hundreds realise their dreams.

The addition of a fully funded BCA programme for girls, coding bootcamps and English classes this year only show the expanding footprint of the Scholarship and Mentorship Scheme. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the donors and supporters of our program. Without their help, it would not be possible for us to make a difference in the lives of these youths.

May Divine Grace reciprocate your generosity and philanthropy in unimaginable ways.

Love & Blessings
Swami

Message from Program Lead

In our third year of operations, we introduced an innovative fully sponsored BCA program for girls in collaboration with Eternal University & NavGurukul. This program focuses on student-centered, AI-integrated education to equip students for the changing job market, emphasizing self-directed learning, peer collaboration, and a redefined facilitator role to promote agency, inclusivity, and personal growth.

Continuing to enhance our program with an even higher social impact focus, we made the following improvements:

- Implemented an annual assessment test to give us and students feedback on industry readiness.
- Enhanced our selection process by focusing more on streams and colleges.
- Offered a 3-month coding bootcamp to enhance employability for engineering students seeking software careers.

In 2023-24, we supported 233 scholars through our scholarship program, disbursing over 1.2 crores in scholarships, with over 70% going to girls and 75% from rural schools. Our goal over the next five years is to impact the lives of 1500 students and their families.

We are proud to have over 70+ volunteers, working on a completely pro-bono basis for this program. Their dedication towards making an impact on the lives of these students makes our program what it is. We are grateful for the generous donors who share our commitment to the cause. Thank you to all donors and volunteers for their ongoing support.



In Gratitude
Ravi Trivedi

Opportunities & Endless Possibilities

The Sri Badrika Ashram Emerging Youth Scholarship & Mentorship Scheme, “पढ़ो और बढ़ो” (Learn and Grow), promises a brighter future for underprivileged students in Himachal Pradesh. This initiative aims to create a ripple effect, leading to improved livelihoods for their families and enhancing the overall welfare of society.



At its core, this scheme provides financial assistance and professional guidance to motivated students with great potential. Many deserving students are hindered from achieving their dreams due to limited financial means or challenging life circumstances. The scholarships offered by SBA help alleviate the financial burdens on these families, paving the way for a secure future through the power of education. In our society today, education is the most important tool for progress. An educated individual is free, independent, and capable of contributing to the growth of their community and country.

Himachal Pradesh is home to 61 lakh people, with 90% of its population living in rural areas. These communities often have little or no exposure to the dynamic pace of the outside world or opportunities for professional growth and careers.

Despite this, the state boasts numerous educational institutes and universities offering a wide variety of courses and specializations. There are 5 universities, 2 medical colleges, 4 dental colleges, and 2 engineering colleges in the state, along with over 10,000 secondary schools and more than 1,300 higher secondary schools.

The SBA EYSMS model includes signing special Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with reputed and renowned institutes in Himachal Pradesh, such as Himachal Pradesh University (HPU), IIT-Mandi, NIT-Hamirpur, IIM-Hamirpur, and Jaypee University of Information Technology. These partnerships are designed to attract the best scholars to our program, ensuring they receive the support and opportunities they need to succeed.





Program Overview

As of the end of the 2023-24 period, 230 SBA Scholars were actively participating in the program. The approach at SBA EYSMS is holistic, with scholarships as the gateway into our comprehensive support system. Once inducted, scholars have the opportunity to join a variety of programs designed to enhance their personal and professional growth:

- **Mentorship by Industry Professionals**
- **English Training & Communication**
- **Career Guidance Webinars with Industry Experts**
- **Job-Oriented Boot Camps**
- **Sessions on Emotional Resilience and 21st Century Skills**

Scholars are evaluated individually, focusing on their aptitude, interests, and preferences. Career streams cover a broad spectrum, from Law to Veterinary Sciences. Every student's dream is respected and nurtured, recognising each as a powerhouse of potential poised to enter a world of equal opportunities. We aim to help them fulfil their dreams and secure the best chance for a prosperous life.

Our team, dedicated to this noble cause, comprises over 65 passionate, qualified, and talented volunteers. This initiative is truly not-for-profit, driven by their commitment to providing expertise and shaping a bright future for sincere and meritorious underprivileged students in Himachal Pradesh.





Vision & Program Goals

Vision of SBA-EYSMS

Educate and empower 1500 budding scholars over the next 5 years.

Goals of SBA-EYSMS

- **Increase Graduation Rates:**

Boost the number of students completing professional courses in Himachal Pradesh and securing employment.

- **Holistic Development:**

Provide scholarships for undergraduate education.

Offer professional mentorship during the scholarship period.

Ensure placement through job readiness programs.

- **Outreach:**

We will extend our efforts to the remotest parts of the state, promoting education as a pathway to prosperity.

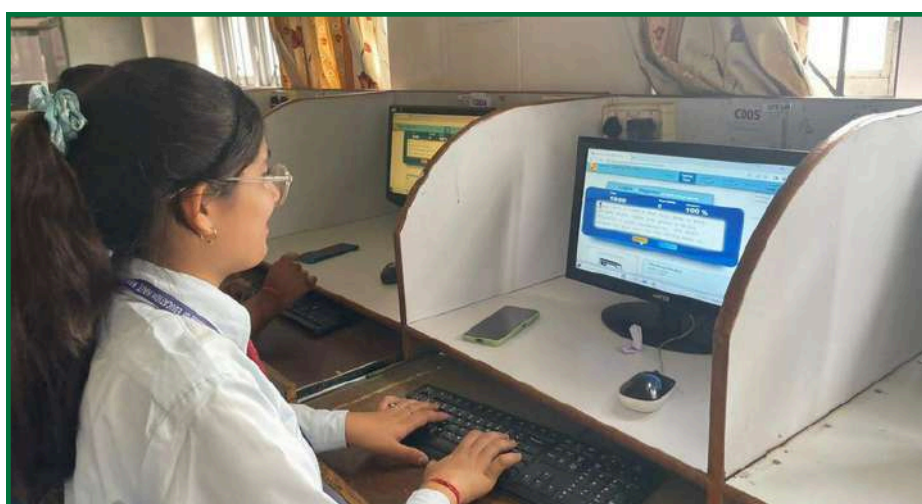


Newly launched Fully Sponsored BCA Degree

Based on past years of learning, this year, we launched a fully sponsored BCA (Bachelor in Computer Applications) for girls from underprivileged backgrounds. We launched this unique degree in partnership with Eternal University, along with NavGurukul, which provides unique experiential and peer led pedagogy, with very high placement rates.



This three-year residential program is designed to provide a student-centered learning experience, empowering students to lead independent lives through profound transformation, inclusion, and personal agency. In an era where AI and emerging technologies are reshaping education, mastering the skill of learning how to learn is essential. Our teaching approach integrates self-paced, self-directed learning with peer collaboration to equip students with this critical ability.



Admissions Open
for 2024-27

**FULLY-FUNDED BCA
PROGRAM FOR ASPIRING
YOUNG WOMEN**

3-YEAR RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM





About Program

- Residential program with **free food, modern accommodations and education**
- Free laptop** for the whole course duration
- Strong **Alumni network**
- 100% Job assistance** post course
- Training in modern **21st-century skills** such as coding, leadership, critical thinking, effective communication, and problem-solving.

Fees: ₹23500 (**One-time only** for Registration, Uniform & Exam fees, no more fees for 3 years)

Eligibility Criteria

- 12 Pass** open to any stream
- Family gross annual income must not exceed ₹6 lakh

Why Choose This Course?


- Founded by IIT Delhi and Harvard alumni**, NavGurukul boasts a prestigious legacy.
- Placed 830+ students** with impressive packages ranging from **3 LPA to 8 LPA**.
- Collaborations with **90+ hiring partners** including top companies like **Amazon, Natwest, Accenture, and KPMG**
- Enroll and launch your career with competitive salaries ranging from **15,000 to 40,000 INR/Month** – emulating the success of our distinguished alumni!

FOR WOMEN ONLY



Our Alumni


 Sonam Arora
CTC-10 LPA


 Lakshmi Menon
CTC-8 LPA

ADMISSION PROCESS

SCREENING TEST

INTERVIEW STAGE

OFFER LETTER FOR COURSE

SCAN ME



SCAN HERE TO KNOW MORE & APPLY

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Sri Badrika Ashram

Section II

Scheme Details



Part 1

Financial Assistance through Scholarship

To reduce the number of drop-outs after 12th grade in Himachal Pradesh, we provide scholarships for undergraduate education. We partner with universities and colleges to identify eligible students based on need and merit.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP		
Category	Sub-category	Minimum Score (Class 10th & 12th)
BPL (Below Poverty Line)	None	65%
APL (Above Poverty Line) Low-income Households < 5 Lakh annual	Orphaned	75%
	Single-parent households	
	Chronic/ terminal illness in family	
	Ex-servicemen/ daily wage labourers	
	Multiple daughter households	
	Meritorious students >90% in Class 10 & 12	



Part 2

Beyond Financial Assistance



Mentorship Program

In line with our aim to help our students with holistic development and help them succeed in their respective courses, we run the mentorship program under which students receive guidance from experts from respective fields. Our team of mentors comprises accomplished individuals from diverse backgrounds, including Venture capitalists, Angel investors, IT experts, Supreme Court advocates, IIT professors, Eminent doctors, Educationists, and Psychologists. This ensures that each student is matched with an industry veteran who shares a similar field or background, guaranteeing relevant and personalized mentorship.

The mentors help the scholars by helping them chart the right career path and other aspects such as personality development, communication skills, creative abilities, decision making etc. Our mentors actively assist in creating internship opportunities and industry-relevant projects for the mentees. They keep the students informed about the latest developments in their respective industries, ensuring they stay ahead and well-prepared for their future endeavours.

In order to provide personalised guidance to each mentee, we conduct a comprehensive life skills assessment with the help of a specially curated test.



This assessment helps us identify the specific areas where mentees require guidance and improvement. Through sustained and regular monthly sessions, as well as check-ins, mentors work closely with mentees to address these life skill gaps effectively and provide a consistent support system and a platform for mentorship discussions. 2000 + Mentorship sessions were held in 2023-2024.

Always striving to be better at what we do, we have made some changes to the Mentorship Program. These are as follows:

- Due to the increase in the number of scholars and to provide an even focused mentorship we have divided our scholars into four defined Streams namely:

1. **Engineering**

2. **Law**

3. **Medical**

4. **Humanities & Hospitality**

- **Inclusion of all students under the mentorship program:** Students now have two options, they can either opt for long-term, personalised mentorship or receive periodic guidance by reaching out to the panel of mentors under each stream.
- **Stream-wise division of all activities:** We now have team leads for each stream who are responsible for the smooth functioning of all stream related activities. Team leads prepare the Annual program calendar for each stream which include Career webinars, contact sessions and training and ensure the implementation of the same with the help of Mentors.
- **Goal-based approach:** All scholars are now required to work on a goal setting form with the help of their mentors/guides. A well defined goal is then aimed at by breaking it down into smaller milestones which the scholars work on, under the able guidance of their mentors.

Mental Health Support

Today's youth is facing Mental health challenges like never before seen in the History of mankind, all thanks to Social Media and Blue screen addictions. Cut throat competition and the scarcity of jobs aggravate the problem even further. The Mentorship team keeps a close watch on the well-being of the scholars.



Mentors are trained to red-flag any divergence in the behaviour of the Scholars. Adequate support and counselling is provided in such cases.

“Mind Management”, a series of Mental health awareness webinars was conducted by the Mentorship Lead, Avneet Kaur Sidhu in the month of September 2023 to help scholars identify and reach out in case of any such challenge they may face.

English and Communication Skills Program

English, the "Lingua Franca," is spoken by over a quarter of the global population and dominates digital media content. In today's workplace culture, English proficiency is more crucial than ever for personal growth and excellence. However, many students feel disheartened when they struggle to communicate effectively in English. To address this issue, we have developed a tailored **English and Communication Skills Program** for the scholarship students.

Our program, initiated in June 2022, focuses on enhancing students' spoken and written English abilities. Some key factors are:

- It aims to help them overcome inhibitions, gain confidence, and adeptly handle both formal and informal situations.
- Our dedicated team of teachers has committed over 200 hours to meticulously plan, research, design, and deliver 30-hour sessions.
- Throughout the program, students receive personalised instruction, mentoring, coaching, and individual evaluations in the areas of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing (LSRW) skills.
- The foundation level requires a minimum passing percentage of 50%, and more than 75% of students successfully completed the course, with the highest score achieved being 95%.

In March 2023, we launched the second batch of the Foundation Program and the first batch of the Intermediate Level, each of 6 months duration. Over 80 students enrolled in these two levels of the English and Communication Program. The Foundation Program Batch 2 saw 28 students pass the program with 60% and above scores. The evaluations included mid-term and end-term written exams and viva.

The first batch of the Intermediate Program comprised the students who had cleared the foundation program. It focused more on the Spoken English and Communication Skills of the students and preparing them for the Employment. 18 students cleared this level with more than 80% scores. The evaluation comprised of Written exams, Presentations, Viva and Speeches. These students passed out in December 2023.

In February 2024, the English program was revamped into 2 separate programs looking at the specific needs of the students. “Entrance Exam English and Grammar” was launched for students who want to work more on their Grammar aspect to clear various Entrance exams. “Mastering Spoken English” was launched for students who want to focus more on honing their Spoken English. Both the programs will end in November 2024.



Do relative clauses, phrasal verbs, homonyms, and homophones give you a nightmare?

Let English grammar not be your weakness but your strength in an entrance exam.

Get a grip on tricky grammar concepts and become a pro!

KEY FEATURES

- Blended learning course with contact classes by professionals.
- Get access to a mine of resources (course material, audio-visual resources, and entrance exam papers)
- Regular exercises and mock tests

REGISTER FOR FREE

ENTRANCE EXAM ENGLISH and GRAMMAR

Starting from **10th Feb 2024**
Saturday evening

www.sbahp.org A social initiative of Sri Badrika Ashram



Overcome your inhibitions and learn the Art of Communicating in English

REGISTER FOR FREE

SPOKEN ENGLISH CLASSES

KEY FEATURES

- Overcome fear and develop confidence
- Think and ideate in English
- Hone verbal and non-verbal communication
- Enhance vocabulary
- Improve reading skills and pronunciation
- Practice in a non-judgemental environment
- Participate in speeches, Presentations, discussions and debates confidently

Starting from **2nd March 2024**
Saturday evening

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Career Guidance Webinars

Career guidance webinars were offered in FY 2023-24 to current students of the scholarship scheme, with a goal to provide preparation for their future career paths.

Webinar objectives :

- To provide expert guidance to students for career-related decisions (by live interaction, Q&A with veterans from their field of study)
- Explain career & higher studies options (including the pros & cons of pursuing a master's degree)
- Deliver knowledge about soft skills required to succeed professionally
- Educate about pathways towards becoming an entrepreneur
- To educate them about on-campus & off-campus placement process

Career Webinars held in 2023-24

A webinar on **Decision Making** was held in the month of April 2023 with Vikram Shastry, **CEO** at **Black Lotus Technologies**. Black Lotus Technologies is the creator of one of the most impactful meditation apps in the world – “Black Lotus” where meditation and virtues come together to create a better world.

Vikram Shastry is a graduate of Computer Science Engineering from MSRIT Bangalore. Having worked with leading tech companies, he has been involved in building ERP solutions along with training graduates and laterals in advanced programming. Vikram has trained more than 20,000 individuals in advanced programming in a classroom.





In the month of May 2023, another Webinar on **Adaptability towards Change** was held by Niren Patel, **Co-founder and CEO of Fyugén Inc. USA.**

Niren Patel is an IIT BHU alumni with MS in Computer Science and Business Analytics. He is a professional firmly rooted in India, with a strong background in Leadership Development, Management, Entrepreneurship, and Team Building. He enjoys problem-solving and finding insights through state-of-the-art Data Science and Analytics techniques, using visualizations, AI, and Machine Learning.

Come July 2023, the students participated in another Webinar on **Mastering Technical Writing.**

It was conducted by Rajesh Kodukala who holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering and also a **M.Tech in Materials Engineering from NITK, Surathkal.**

Rajesh has worked in the Oil and Gas sector for 5 years with Allseas Engineering BV and spent 6 years in the aerospace sector with Rolls Royce. Currently, he is employed at the start-up Log9, contributing to the development of world-class batteries for electric vehicles with a focus on promoting manufacturing these batteries in India.





In August 2023, Hetal Sonpal conducted an interesting webinar for the students on **Reading**.

Hetal is a **TEdEx Speaker** and a **veteran in the technology industry**. In an engaging talk, Hetal drive home a point on how Reading can transform one's life in both the professional and personal space.

In the month of October 2023, the students were exposed to yet another Webinar by the name **"It's about making time"** where two eminent speakers and entrepreneurs, Hetal Sonpal and Megha Vashishtha deep dived into the art and techniques of balancing schedules, academics and personal commitments to boost productivity.

From setting smart goals and prioritizing tasks to creating efficient study routines and using technology to drive personal efficiency, the webinar covered it all. It also covered how to stay focused and organized, overcome procrastination, reduce stress to achieve academic success.





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Scaling Great Heights

Performance in FY 2023-24:

Key Highlights

Including the awardees from 2023-24, the total awardees we have had were = 304

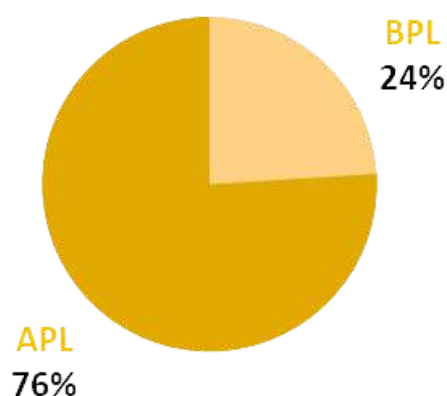
Total new awardees in 2023-24= 41

Statistics Breakout of New Scholarship Recipients 2023-24

Family Classification:

Based on their household income category, about 76% of students belong to “above the poverty line” and the remaining 24% of scholarship students fall “below the poverty line” category.

FAMILY CATEGORY 2023-24



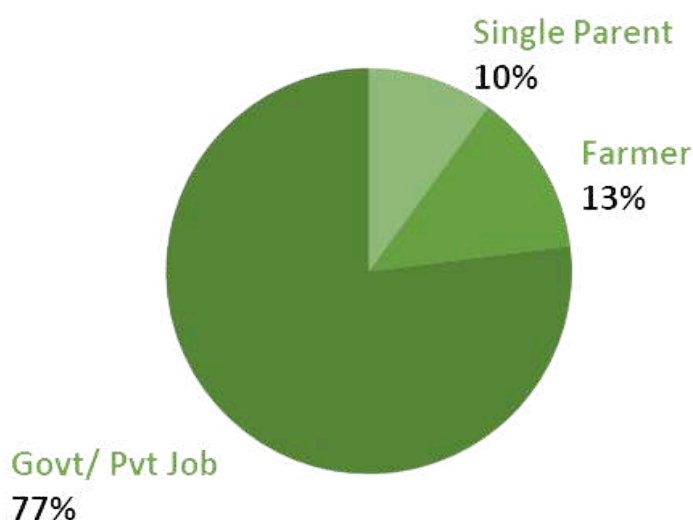
Break up of the APL Classification

Analysis of the APL households revealed that:



- More than three quarter of the scholars (77%) were children of low-income government/private employees.
- 13% of the students belong to low income farmers & 10% to single parent households.

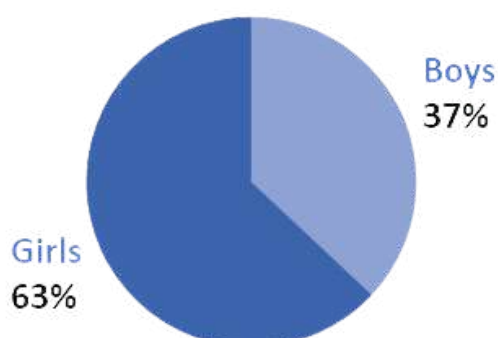
APL CLASSIFICATION 2023-24



Gender Type

Gender-wise, 63% of the total were girl awardees. We believe educating a girl is akin to educating a whole new generation and will continue to promote & and support aspiring girl students in the future.

GENDER TYPE



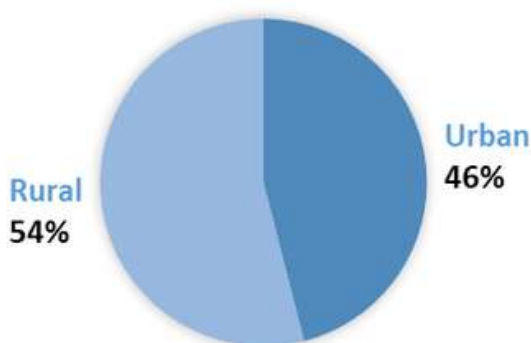


School Type

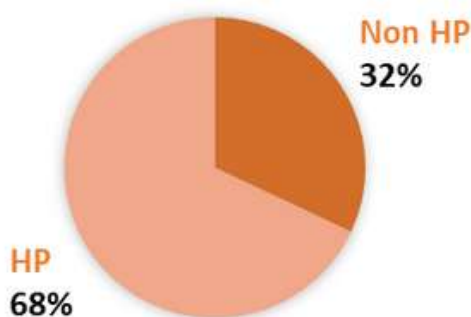
With 54% of the students from rural high schools, the program continues to make inroads into rural India. One of the goals of the program is to promote the benefits of education in HP. Currently, 68% of the cohort for FY2023-24 is from HP.

However, we aim to support and nurture higher-calibre students nationwide as we enhance our program. In FY 2023-24, our intake of non HP scholars has gone up by approximately 10%.

SCHOOL TYPE 2023-24



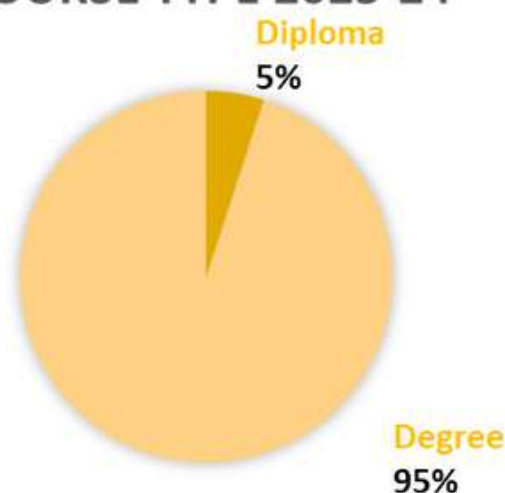
STATE DISTRICT 2023-24



Course Type

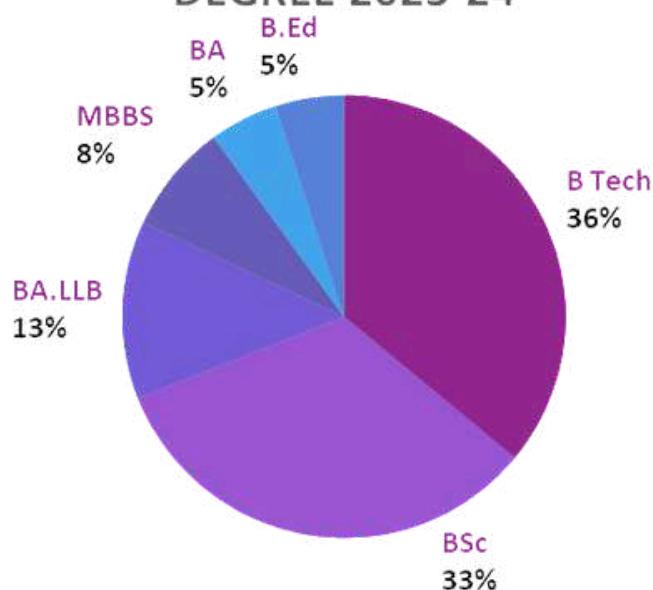
One of the primary goals of SBA EYSMS is to reduce this number and encourage more students to complete a professional undergraduate course & thus get employed. 95% of the 2023-24 awardees were enrolled in Bachelor courses which fulfils this goal of the program.

COURSE TYPE 2023-24



Majority of the scholars are pursuing B.Tech degree, followed by BSc Nursing, while GNM was most preferred in Diploma. All of our Diploma students are pursuing GNM.

DEGREE 2023-24



List of 1st/ 2nd/ 3rd Rank Holders in their Colleges in 2023-24

1st Rank

Name	College	Course	Semester / Year
Seeya Rana	Dronacharya College of Education	BCA	6th Sem
Seeya Rana	Dronacharya PG College of Education	BCA	5th Sem
Akanksha Thakur	Eternal University	B.Ed.	2nd Sem
Nishtha	IGMC Shimla	Bsc. Anesthesia and O.T	2nd year
Sujata Verma	IGMC shimla	Anesthesia and OT (Paramedic)	2nd year
Arush Samadhia	IIT Mandi	Engineering Physics	7th Sem
Meenakshi	Indian Institute of Legal Studies	BA LLB (Hons.)	3rd Sem
Dixha Thakur	Kamakshi Institute of Nursing	B.Sc. Nursing	3rd Sem
Dixha Thakur	Kamakshi Institute of Nursing	B.Sc. Nursing	4th Sem
Aarti Thakur	Modern Nursing College	B.Sc. Nursing	1st Sem
Ankita	Modern Nursing College	B.Sc. Nursing	1st Sem

Name	College	Course	Semester / Year
Vijeta Negi	Modern Nursing College	B.Sc. Nursing	4th year
Yashika	Modern Nursing College	B.Sc. Nursing	1st Sem
Sowjanya KC	Sharada Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital	BAMS	2nd year
Priyanshu	SHEDS College	BHM	5th Sem
Mansi Thakur	SHEDS College of Law	BA LLB (Hons.)	3rd Sem
Sakshi	Shivalik Institute of Nursing	B.Sc. Nursing	4th year
Sakshi Thakur	University Institute Of Legal Studies	BA LLB (Hons.)	5th Sem

2nd Rank

Name	College	Course	Semester / Year
Archana Kumari	Akal college of Economics, Commerce and Management	B.Sc(Hons) Economics	2nd Sem
Archana Kumari	Akal college of Economics, Commerce and Management	B.Sc(Hons) Economics	3rd Sem
Archna Chauhan	Eternal University	B.Ed.	3rd Sem
Vipasha	Kamakshi Institute of Nursing	B.Sc. Nursing	3rd year
Shalini Thakur	LR institute of Legal studies, Solan	BA LLB (Hons.)	9th Sem



Name	College	Course	Semester / Year
Priyanshu Chaudhary	Maharishi Markandeshwar College of Nursing	B.Sc. Nursing	4th Sem
Saijal devi	Maharishi Markandeshwar College of Nursing	B.Sc. Nursing	5th Sem
Aarti thakur	Modern Nursing College	B.Sc. Nursing	2nd Sem
Aastha	Modern Nursing College	B.Sc. Nursing	4th Sem
Pallavi	Modern Nursing College	B.Sc. Nursing	3rd Sem
Gaurav Moudgil	NIT Hamirpur	BTech Material Science and Engineering	3rd Sem
Diksha Sharma	SHEDS College of Law	BA LLB (Hons.)	5th Sem
Aarti Sharma	Swami Vivekananda Institute of Engineering and Technology	B.Sc. Radiodiagnosis	5th Sem
Brinda Rani	University Institute Of Legal Studies	BA LLB (Hons.)	4th Sem

3rd Rank

Name	College	Course	Semester / Year
Archna Chauhan	Akal College of Education	B.Ed.	2nd Sem
Jyoti Devi	Akal College of Nursing	B.Sc. Nursing	1st Sem
Khushi Parmar	IGMC Shimla	B.Sc. Nursing	4th Sem
Kritika Sharma	IGMC Shimla	B.Sc Radiology	2nd year
Yamya Manhas	IGMC Shimla	B.Sc. Nursing	4th Sem



Name	College	Course	Semester / Year
Nishtha	IGMC Shimla	B.Sc. Anesthesia & O.T techniques	1st year
Divyanshu Raj	IIT Mandi	BTech Mechanical Engineering	1st Sem
Sakshi devi	Kamakshi Institute of Nursing	B.Sc. Nursing	2nd Sem
Shalini	Kamakshi Institute of Nursing	B.Sc. Nursing	3rd year
Khushi Sharma	LR institute of Legal Studies, Solan	BA LLB (Hons.)	4th Sem
Arshdeep kaur	Maharishi Markandeshwar College of Nursing	B.Sc. Nursing	5th Sem
Diksha	Maharishi Markandeshwar College of Nursing	GNM Nursing	2nd Year
Riya	Maharishi Markandeshwar College of Nursing	B.Sc. Nursing	5th Sem
Swati Rani	Maharishi Markandeshwar College of Nursing	B.Sc. Nursing	1st Sem
Ankita	Modern Nursing College	B.Sc. Nursing	2nd Sem
Pallavi	Modern Nursing College	B.Sc. Nursing	4th Sem
Sneha rana	Modern Nursing College	B.Sc. Nursing	3rd Sem
Areeva khan	Modern Nursing College	B.Sc. Nursing	3rd Sem
Aarti Sharma	Swami Vivekananda Institute of Engineering & Technology	B.Sc Radiology	4th Sem
Harsh Sharma	UIT Shimla	BTech IT	7th Sem
Isha Kohli	UIT Shimla	BTech IT	7th Sem

Scholars Speak- In their Words

Mentor
Dr. Chetna Verma



Arti Sharma

BSc (Radiodiagnosis)

**Swami Vivekanand Institute
of Engineering & Technology**

First of all I thank SBA, my mentor and other teachers who supported me. It was only because of you all that I reached here and was able to continue my studies. I faced many challenges. First of all I had severe financial problems, then SBA provided me with financial support in the form of paying my college fees. Second thing was language barrier, I used to have difficulty in English language. SBA provided English speaking classes. In the meantime my mother became very sick. She was diagnosed with cancer. At that time I faced a lot of problems. My mother was unable to work and there were hospital expenses. I used to live in a hostel and was unable to pay my hostel fees. With my mentor Dr. Chetna Mam's guidance, SBA helped me that time also. My mentor Chetna Mam guided me a lot. Because of her guidance I was able to face all the challenges. I am grateful to her for supporting me in every way. I will achieve my goals and in the future I will always do my best and help others. Again thank you all. You are not only my financial support but also my mental support. Thank you.

Mentor
Dr. Ekta Khandelwal



Swati Dhiman

BSc Nursing

Kamakshi Institute of Nursing

As my experience with this program is wonderful as it provides us a variety of courses facility along with scholarship it offers courses like MSE and E3G. I joined both the courses. Both are the great platform as help me a lot in improving my skills and enhancing my knowledge. This program offered us a mentorship program where one mentor is provided to every scholar. My mentor is Dr. Ekta Khandelwal, I am very blessed to have a great person in my life who provides me with guidance whenever I need. This scholarship program not only provides us financial support but provides a beam of light to brighten our future and great guidance. So I want to thank all the team members and teacher to provide us such a great opportunity to be a part of this program.

Mentor Sneha Bhatt



Ayushi Parihar

BA. LLB

**University Institute of
Legal Studies**

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the SBA HP scholarship possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honour, and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

I hope to become an advocate from the University Institute of Legal Studies, Shimla H.P. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses, and it will allow me to concentrate more of my time on studying.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise you I will work very hard and eventually give back to others, and possibly a scholarship to future students like myself.

Mentor Sneha Bhatt



Riya Jhina

BA. LLB

**University Institute of
Legal Studies**

Sri Badrika Ashram Scholarship Program was a game-changer for me. It has not only eased my financial burden but also gave me the confidence to pursue my dreams. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity.

The Mentorship Program has been invaluable to my personal and professional growth. My mentor's guidance and support have given me clarity and direction in navigating my career. English program also helps me to improve grammar and English speaking skills.

Mentor Dr. Sejal Shah



Priyanshu Chaudhary

BSc. Nursing

**Maharishi Markandeshwar
College Of Nursing**

ज्यों निकल कर बादलों की गोद से, थी अभी एक बूंद कुछ आगे बढ़ी
सोचने फिर-फिर यही जी में लगी, आह! क्यों घर छोड़कर मैं यों कढ़ी?
देव! मेरे भाग्य में क्या है बदा, मैं बचूंगी या मिलूंगी धूल में?
या जलूंगी फिर अंगारे पर किसी, चू पड़ूंगी या कमल के फूल में?
बह गई उस काल एक ऐसी हवा, वह समुंदर और आई अनमनी
एक सुंदर सीप का मुंह था खुला, वह उसी में जा पड़ी मोती बनी।

Like a drop, I move forward with courage and determination as a student, with lots of doubts whether the drop will disappear into the ocean or will shine over lotus. But this drop was collected by an oyster,*"Sri Badrika Ashram Scholarship And Mentorship Program"* in which as soon as it fell, the drop became a pearl. And then this pearl became even more precious when my mentor Dr. Sejal Shah showered her guidance and support on me. Today, only with the support of Sri Badrika Ashram scholarship and mentorship program, I feel new enthusiasm. Me and my family are proud of myself and grateful to Sri Badrika Ashram scholarship and mentorship program.

Mentor Dr. Vineeta Rajput



Priyanka Chauhan

B.Ed

Eternal University

I appreciate this amazing opportunity. This scholarship is an amazing blessing for my life and me. I am very thankful for this foundation, and I think it is absolutely wonderful how many scholarships they are able to give out.

Getting this scholarship means the absolute world to me. Through the English program, I quickly improved my English. It was a lot of fun the whole time. Due to the English Program, I have also gotten help in teaching. At last I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the Badrika Ashram Scholarship possible.

Few lines for my mentor Miss Vineeta Rajput --
I sincerely thank you for everything you have done to help me and I can only hope that I may become capable enough to return the favour. You have not only been an excellent mentor to me, but you have also helped me become an inspiring mentor. Thank you for being an eloquent role model.

Mentor Dr. Preeti Jain



The scholarship program is helping us excel in our studies. Not only financially, it also helps us improve communication skills through spoken and foundation English classes. It also conducts different webinars based on streams to strengthen different skills.

Sowjanya KC

BAMS

Sharada Ayurveda
Medical College & Hospital

Mentor Priyanka Malik



Scholarship and Mentorship Program is a very good system under which Scholarships are provided to children. SBA provides Scholarships for children who want to study but are unable to do so due to some reason, such children can fulfil their dreams by getting a scholarship. Mentoring Program is also a good arrangement. Through the Mentoring Program children can discuss any topic with their mentor. Mentors encourage their mentees and motivate them to move forward. The Scholarship Programs not only provide Scholarship to children but also provide various types of courses, which are necessary and good for the future of children. Whatever is lacking in a child they try to fulfil that deficiency. I did not know English but the SBA team provided me with an English speaking course, because of which today, I know English and I can write good analysis. , In a way scholarship or mentoring Program is a very good system which should continue in the future as well so that many students, who are unable to study, complete theirs.

Sapna Kashyap

Shastri

GSC Nahan

Thank you so much.

Mentor Dr. Preeti Jain



Shailly Thakur

B.Pharm

Career Point University

My name is Shailly, and I want to thank you for your generous gift that made my education attainable. I have accomplished much of what I never thought possible through your support. I am proud to say I worked hard to be where I am, but I certainly could not have done it without your help. I am forever grateful for your generosity.

Mentor Priyanka Malik



Rashmi

Shastri

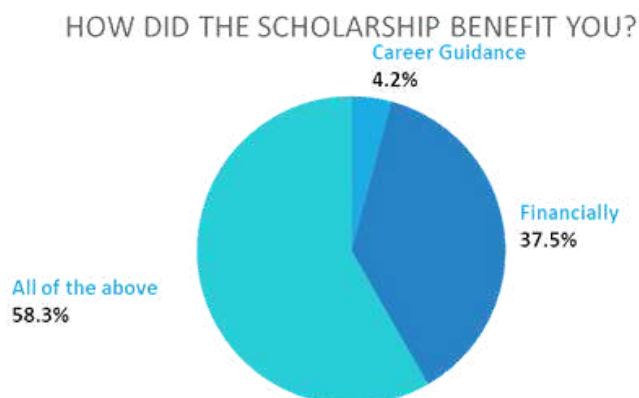
GSC Nahan

The Scholarship and Mentorship Scholarship program run by Sri Badrika Ashram have had a positive impact not only on my education but also on my life. After Covid 19, the financial condition of my house was not good, then I started getting SBA Scholarship. I receive annual fees every year as support from this scholarship program. I have paid my annual fee by the scholarship provided by you, and helped me focus on my academic work. I also greatly value your mentorship program. I was not only supported by the Scholarship but also got a good mentor like Priyanka Ma'am as good advisor and friend. She constantly motivates me to perform better towards my education. I am deeply grateful for the support, the mentorship program and Scholarship program have given me in my studies.

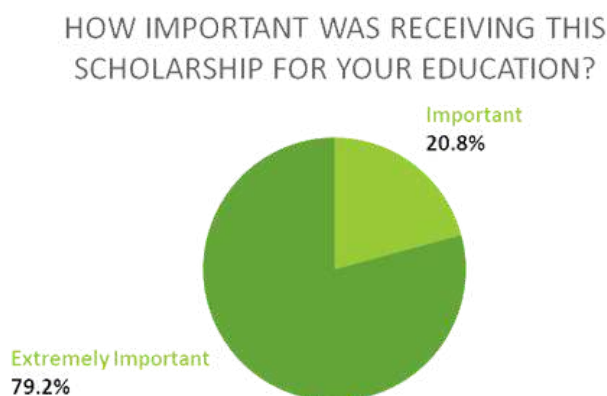
Feedback from Graduating Scholars

We asked our graduating students, who graduated in 2023-24 for feedback on our program. 24 of them shared how they felt about the scheme.

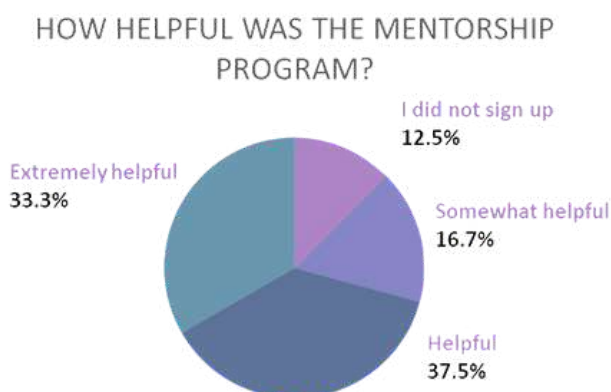
1. Over 58% scholars felt the scheme helped them financially, in career guidance and growth while around 38% felt it helped them financially only.



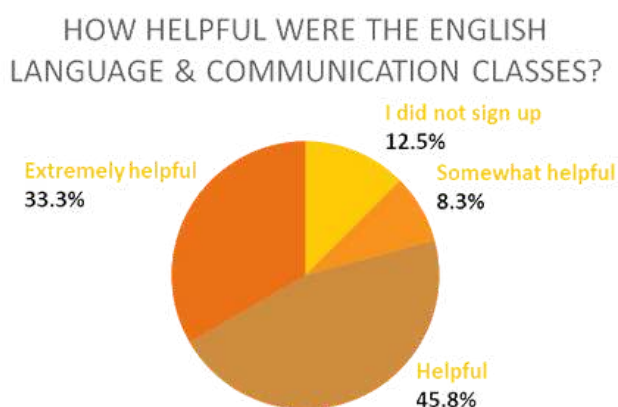
2. 100% scholars felt that the scheme was important or extremely important for their education.



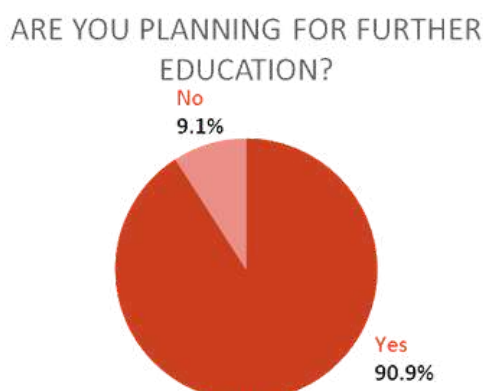
3. Around 71% scholars felt that the mentorship scheme was helpful or extremely helpful.



4. All 79% of students who signed up for English Language and Communication classes found them helpful or extremely helpful.

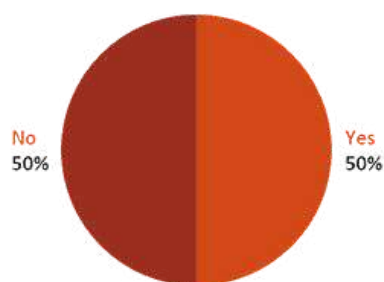


5. 91% of the students were planning to study further.



6. Among the 4 students who were looking for jobs, 50% of them, i.e., 2 of them were able to find a job.

HAVE YOU FOUND A JOB?





Sri Badrika Ashram

Section III Organizational Updates

List of Institutes where our Scholars are Studying

1	AIIMS- Rishikesh	18	NIT Hamirpur
2	Career Point University	19	NIT North Campus Mysore
3	Chandigarh University	20	NSU-Tirupati
4	CSU-Vedavyasa Campus	21	PG College Dharamshala
5	Dronacharya PG College	22	Sai Sanjivani Institute
6	Eternal University	23	Sharada Ayurveda Medical College, Mangalore
7	Gorakhnath Sanskrit College, Nahan	24	SHEDS College
8	IGMC, Shimla	25	Shiv Shakti College of Advanced Study in Education
9	Indian Institute of Legal Studies	26	Shiva College
10	IISER Kolkata	27	Shivalik Institute of Nursing
11	IIT Mandi	28	Shoolini University
12	ITI Solan	29	Solan Homeopathic Medical College & Hospital
13	JUIT	30	St. Bede's College
14	Kamakshi Institute of Nursing	31	Swami Vivekanand Group of Institutes
15	LR Group of Institutes, Solan	32	Swami Vivekanand College of Education, Tarkwari
16	Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Solan	33	University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS)
17	Modern Nursing College, Shimla	34	University Institute of Technology, Shimla

Partner Institutes (with MOUs)- 2023-24

1	Career Point University	12	Modern Nursing College, Shimla
2	Dronacharya PG College	13	NIT Hamirpur
3	Eternal University	14	Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Solan
4	Gorakhnath Sanskrit College, Nahan	15	Central Sanskrit University - Vedavyas Campus
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Success Stories



Aakash

In rural India, Aakash, a determined young man from a lower-middle-class family, pursued his passion for education with unwavering support from his mentors. Despite financial challenges, including his father's job loss during his third semester, Aakash secured a critical scholarship and broke his fixed deposit to continue his studies. Inspired by his uncle, a retired Navy veteran, and guided by his mentor, Piyush Bishnoi, Aakash navigated obstacles and made informed career decisions. He secured a placement at Wipro but dreams of serving in the defense forces. Aakash's story is a beacon of hope, proving that with determination, support, and guidance, any obstacle can be overcome.



Arush Samadhia

Arush Samadhia is a third-year physics student at IIT Mandi. He went to Germany for an exchange semester, during which he took one semester at a university abroad. He completed two courses in computer science and two courses in physics. Additionally, he worked as a research intern under a professor there for three months, learning courses like Quantum Optics and Particle Physics, which are not taught at IIT Mandi. These unique courses significantly benefited his academic growth. The Shri Badrika Ashram Scholarship was instrumental in shaping his future. Coming from a middle-class family, this scholarship alleviated the financial burden from his parents' shoulders, ensuring they didn't have to worry about his semester fees. This financial relief allowed his parents to focus on his sister's private school fees. Thanks to the scholarship, Arush could continue his studies peacefully.



Pooja Gharti

Pooja Gharti excels in her academic pursuits, achieving top honors in her second year of BSC MLT (Medical Laboratory Technology) at MMU Solan. Despite facing financial constraints that redirected her from her initial dream of becoming a doctor, Pooja's dedication to her studies and commitment to improving her communication skills through intensive English courses have been instrumental in her success. She draws motivation from Om Swami's blogs, which resonate deeply with her personal journey and aspirations.

**Mohit Thakur**

Mohit who received scholarship from SBA was pursuing hospitality & Hotel management from Shoolini University. After his graduation he got placed with Oberoi group.

**Archana Malik**

Archana is a scholar at SBAEYSMS and completed her graduation from St.Bedes College, Shimla with a Bsc Honours in Biotechnology.

After completion of her Bsc. Honours she pursued her master's in biotechnology. She secured all India rank 11 in IIT JAM(Joint Admission Test for Masters), Biotechnology.



The Team

Om Swami, is a venerable saint, living in Sri Badrika Ashram, in the Himalayan foothills, in Himachal Pradesh. He decided to settle in this remote valley to help revive the dormant practices of Dhyana Yoga and Mantra Sadhana.

He has a bachelor's degree in business and an MBA from Sydney, Australia. A serial entrepreneur, his business operations spanned 5 continents. He built and exited several multi-million dollar businesses, which he renounced to leave on his spiritual journey in 2010.

He is the founder of the **Sadhana App**- an app which revives the vedic glory and heritage of India. It is His tribute to Sanatana Dharma and has already served about 100,000 users.

He is also the founder of **os.me** a truthful, and kindness online community, the **Black Lotus App** for meditation and **Wildr**- a no trolling and the world's first toxicity free social network.



He shares his wisdom through his fortnightly blogs published on os.me, Youtube, Audible and Soundcloud. In addition, He has authored 15 bestsellers on meditation, mantras and wellness, such as Kundalini: An Untold Story, A Million Thoughts, and The Book of Kindness.

Program Team



CA Rajiv Mittal

Administrative Head (Sri Badrika Ashram)

Rajiv has an overall professional experience of over 30 years serving in a premier financial institution for 14 years and thereafter running his own practice as a CA. At Sri Badrika Ashram, he is involved in the social projects of the Society on a day to day basis.



Ravi Trivedi

Program Lead & Fund Raising, Mentor

Ravi is an entrepreneur, and exited his business in 2020, to move to the development sector. He was most recently Managing Director of Digital Agriculture, at The Nudge Institute. He mentors startups and NGOs at IIMB NSRCEL.

He holds an MBA degree from Fuqua School of Business, Duke University, and a Masters's in Computer Science from IISc Bangalore.



Sujata Aurora

Program Management, Communication

Sujata is a Director in an NGO which imparts computer skills to slum children with the sole objective of making them employable.

She is an alumna of FMS and brings her knowledge and expertise to the overall program management.



Kakoli Das

Lead, Scholarship Operations

Kakoli has 25+ years of experience in the Banking & Finance industry across Axis Bank, Credit Suisse and hedge funds in the APAC region. She is also a startup enthusiast and is currently involved as a seed investor in a new India based startup in the forex trading space.

She graduated with a major in Economics and holds an MBA in Finance from IISWBM.



Avneet Kaur Sidhu

Lead, All Streams

Avneet is an Educationist and an Entrepreneur who has successfully chartered her startups in Education, Financial Services and Real Estate. She was the first to introduce Computers and IT to the Government and Private Organizations in Western Punjab in the early '90s. Her institutes in Punjab have educated and placed hundreds of students in the IT industry. She continues to mentor and counsel youth and parents, especially from Rural Punjab and Gurgaon



Vishal Anand

Lead, Partnerships

Vishal runs an enterprise that strives to provide Delhi and surrounding areas with cleaner air. He is devoting significant time in the social development sector. Empowering students in the remotest parts of the country with quality education is his driving force.

An MBA with a degree in engineering, at SBA EYSMS, he manages relationships with our partner institutions



Namita Sanghavi

Scholarship Operations

Namita is a biomedical engineer has worked on breast cancer diagnostic machines and cochlear implants.

To delve deeper into the human psyche, she quit engineering and pursued teaching yoga full-time. She led the scholarship operations till May 2024.



Megha Vashishta

Co-Lead, Engineering Stream

Megha is a recent entrepreneur, driving towards maintaining a secure ecosystem for organisations, by achieving compliance quickly and minimal disruption to daily business. She has worked with all big four consulting firms, in and outside India, for around 13+years, in the space of IT Compliance/Audits, Data Privacy, Information Security.

She is a BTech graduate from Delhi College of Engineering.



Rajesh Kodukula

Co-Lead, Engineering Stream

Rajesh has more than 12 years of experience in Mechanical and manufacturing industry. He has worked in Oil and Gas sector with Dutch company Allseas engineering BV for 5 years followed by 6 years in aerospace sector with industry giant Rolls Royce. Currently Rajesh is working with a start up called Log9 in electric vehicle segment helping it scale up to build world class batteries with make in India at heart of its vision. He has a degree in mechanical engineering followed by M.Tech in Materials engineering from NITK Surathkal



Shailesh Bhandari

Co-Lead, Humanities & Hospitality Stream

Shailesh has been an educator and a school leader, having worked with reputed Public Schools in Delhi. With a teaching career spanning over 35 years, she has extensive experience as a school administrator and a teacher mentor. She is an ardent advocate of 'learner centered' education with a focus on humanism in education. Focusing on teacher empowerment and competence, she has conducted many workshops and training sessions in this direction. Passionate about building social-emotional wellbeing in children, she has successfully led the Mindfulness Program in her school. She is an alumna of Hansraj College, Delhi, she holds degrees in English and Education.



Mahamaya Chatterjee

Co-Lead, Law Stream

Mahamaya practices before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble Delhi High Court and various Tribunals. She is on the Union of India Panel and represents the Central Government in both the Supreme Court as also the Delhi High Court. She is a Guest Faculty at the Delhi Police Academy and has been Guest Faculty in various other organisations as well. She has also been conferred with Rajya Puraskar by the then Governor of West Bengal Hon'ble Mr. M.K. Narayanan in the year 2011 as a member of Bharat Scouts and Guides. Mahamaya has presented papers in various conferences and published papers in various journals and platforms. She is regularly invited to deliver lectures on various issues and has judged numerous international and national moot court competitions too.



Gandhali

All Streams, Operations

Gandhali has done her Masters in Public Health and has worked for a short while in the field of health research after which she quit this field to pursue music, a long time passion, as her career.

She now engages in teaching classical vocal music and has worked at an International school as a music teacher.



Dr Sejal Shah

Co-Lead, Medical Stream

Dr Sejal is a dedicated dental surgeon with 23 years of experience working with her husband at their private dental clinic in Rajkot.

She is a GDCH Ahmedabad graduate, specializing in complete dentures and cosmetic dentistry.



Dr Monika Sharma

Co-Lead, Medical Stream

Dr Monika is a Radiologist by profession (MBBS, MD). She has been mentoring medical students in the medical college for many years. She has also been serving at SBA dispensary on multiple occasions.



Soanali Misra

Co-Lead, English Program

In her professional career spanning 30 years, Soanali has had diverse work and learning experiences at various positions in areas of Marketing, Education and Training in Industry and Academia. She is the founder of Anhad Community and has been doing Personality Development, Behavioural and Communication skill training for students, faculty and professionals. Her keen interest in understanding human interactions and behaviour led her to get a certification in NLP and Mindfulness. Soanali holds a PG diploma in training and development.



Rashmi Sharma

Co-Lead, English Program

Rashmi has nearly fifteen years of experience in education, training, and teaching.

She has created teaching and training material for corporations, school audiences, and private universities. She has also worked as an English teacher and subject matter expert.

She is also a content writer for the Vedic Sadhana Foundation.



Pragya Agarwal

Scholarships, Operations

Pragya is a business entrepreneur and a seed investor. Having started her career with GE in 2000, she developed a keen interest in setting up her own business in 2005. She has been instrumental in setting up an international business and PAN India distribution of Decor goods. Setting up a 5-star resort at Coorg (close to Bangalore), in 2021 is her most recent achievement. She holds a Masters in Degree in English Literature and Philosophy and has keen interests in Spirituality.



Amrita Chattopadhyay

Scholarship, Operations

Amrita is a Fellow Chartered Accountant from Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) with 17 years of professional experience in Risk Advisory, Internal Audit and Information Security Audit. She has also done a Diploma in Information System Audit (DISA) and has completed courses on Forensic Accounting, Fraud detection from ICAI and Power User course of SAP-FICO. She also has a Masters in Business Law (MBL) from National Law School of India University, Bangalore and a Masters in Commerce (M Com) from Andhra University. She has imparted various training to corporates in her fields of study and has been a faculty member of Cost Accounting and Financial Management in ICAI.



Sripooja Mishra

Scholarships, Operations

Sripooja works as a scientific officer in the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Department of Atomic Energy. A graduate in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering from NIT Rourkela, she worked with Hindalco Industries Ltd to gain industrial experience before moving ahead to pursue Post Graduation from IIT Madras. Her passion for material science and her zeal to serve her motherland shine in her being a gold medalist at IITM and having turned down offers from international manufacturing giants. She is currently involved in fabrication of nuclear fuel through different routes.



Divya Kelkar

Scholarships, Operations

Divya is a PGDM in Finance and is currently working in the Banking & Finance industry.



Sharmila Chakraborty

Scholarships, Operations

Sharmila is a Business Consultant in one of the Big 4 IT firms in India. She helps customer organisations meet their business objectives designing the best-fit solutions. A BTech and an MBA graduate, she has over 15 years of experience in the software industry having worked in multiple countries and business verticals.



Soma Sen

Scholarships, Operations

Soma has a Masters degree in Economics and is currently a teacher of Social Studies at Delhi Public School.



Pratyusa Mohanty

Scholarships, Operations

Pratyusa has completed her Master's in human resources management from Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar. She worked briefly in the IT industry before moving into Human Capital Consulting.



Anamika Sureka

Lead, Social Media

Anamika holds an MBA in Marketing and is an experienced entrepreneur and social media expert with a decade of experience. She successfully ran her own beauty and makeup business for 10 years, gaining extensive expertise in operations and social media management.



Kamakshi Gohil

Social Media

Kamakshi holds a post-graduate degree in Advertising and PR, fuelled by a genuine passion for sports and a deep connection with nature.



Nirmala Choudhary

Law Stream

Nirmala is pursuing her Masters in Library Science and also working as a Mentor for Rajasthan Administrative Services. She is also a Content Writer for the same. Nirmala primarily mentors and guides Civil Services aspirants through their preparation journey. She is passionate about teaching and learning new things and believes that education can transform lives.



Krati Jain

Humanities & Hospitality Stream

Krati is a professional with over six years of experience, including a role at a Big Four firm in finance consulting. Beyond finance, she founded Central India's first hydroponic farm and has been involved in a startup that supports local Indian artisans. Currently, Krati serves as a financial advisor in the renewable energy & real estate sector, exemplifying the integration of business success with impactful causes.

Mentors Team

Engineering Mentors		
Name	Education	Professional Expertise
Abhijit Dhada	Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Communications and Post-Graduation in Business Analytics	Heads the Information Technology function of a US Multinational company. Has 15 years of rich experience in diverse areas of technology such as ERP, Infrastructure, Applications, CRM, AI-ML, Analytics and Digital Transformation.
Aditya Shahi	Degree (Finance & Accounting)	Experienced mentor, coach. Investment industry expert. Currently works at Amazon in the US.
Amarendra Sarma	Post graduation & PH.D. (IIT Delhi)	Professor of Physics. A scientist and a successful mentor for aspiring engineers.
L.V. Keshav	Postgraduate in Chemical Engineering	Over forty years' experience in the Chemical and Pharmaceutical industry. Served in senior positions in a leading Water Treatment company in India for around twenty five years.
Navneet Dhand	B.E (Electronics & Communication)	Project management expert, telecommunications industry professional.
Nikhil Garg	Degree in Mechanical Engineering	Works as a senior consultant with a US-based energy company. His area of expertise includes energy sector commercial and financial advisory, strategic planning, economic analysis, corporate strategies, and capacity building.
Niren Patel	B.Tech (IIT-BHU), MS-Computer Science (IIT-BHU), Ph.D (ongoing)	An adjunct faculty, CEO & Co-Founder (FyuGen Inc. USA). Runs an academy for medical & engineering aspirants in Bhilai.

Peeush Bishnoi	Phd Mechanical Engineering	Peeush has worked in Corporate R&D for twenty-two years and in the area of Higher Technical Education for the last six years. His skills include: People management, project management, mentoring of students and faculty, launch of green field institutes, technology development in area of energy and propulsion, and teaching.
Peeyush Mohit	Graduate in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from BITS, Pilani and MBA in Finance and Strategy from IIM, Lucknow	Co-founder and Chief Operating Officer of O2 Power Pvt Ltd, one of the fastest growing renewable energy production companies in India and has built a portfolio of more than 2000 MW of solar and wind power plants since 2020. Acts as a consultant to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy for their initiatives.
Ravikanth Maddikonda	Engineering. IIT Kanpur & MBA, IIM Lucknow	Engineering and Business Management leader and an Angel Investor, with more than 20 years of experience. He worked with both Fortune 100 companies and start-ups across the globe. Currently, he is working in Product Management with a leading Software MNC.
Teena Mehta	BE (Computer Science) Madras University	A Senior Delivery Manager with 17+ years of experience in the IT field. She is currently employed with a Product based FinTech organization.
Vibhor Gupta	Bachelor of Technology (IIT), Master of Finance (MIT), CFA Charter Holder	An integral member of an investment team at a systematic hedge fund. He has about 10 years of experience working in the investment banking and management industries.

Humanities & Hospitality Mentors		
Name	Education	Professional Expertise
Akshay Iyer	Instructional Designer, Individual Contributor, Manager (documentation team)	Leads the information experience for software products at Broadcom.
Dipti Tandon	Ex airline industry personnel	A veteran creative entrepreneur.
Kavya Anklekar	Master's in Political Science	Professor at St. Philomena's College, Mysore. Her love for education led her to take up the role of a Post Graduate Teacher at the Orbis School, Pune, where she also served as the Head of the Social Science Department for ten years.
Malini Bharath	Independently trained professional, Child's Activist	Social worker (focused on life skill development, reproductive health & personal safety of children).
Priyanka Malik	Post- graduate English teacher	A veteran Haryana government employee.
Pulkit Gupta	Graduate in Economics and has a Management degree from SP Jain, Mumbai.	Runs his start-up for the last ten years in the Fintech domain. Recently, he founded his second venture focused on deploying Zoho Finance solutions through Training and Implementation
Vineeta Rajput	Postgraduate in English Literature and Public Administration	Principal of The Millennium School, Patiala.
Puneeta Gohil	An alumni of St Xavier's College, Ahmedabad with a degree in Psychology and English.	A seeker and learner, she enjoys reading, travelling and music. She is also a certified Life coach and is very passionate about empowering youth.



Law Mentors		
Name	Education	Professional Expertise
Bindu Sharma	Post-graduate in Microbiology, LLB from Bangalore University	A registered patent agent and the Founder and CEO of Origiin IP Solution. She has authored various books & articles and three of her books have been kept in European Patent Office library.
Kalyani Lal	Practising advocate (Supreme Court of India)	Criminal, matrimonial, civil and an environmental lawyer. Worked under a MP, ex-vice chairman law commission of India.
Major Vinod	BA, LLB, MHA	Major Vinod Kumar serves with the Indian Army also has experience of serving with UNO as part of the peace keeping forces. He helps candidates preparing to join Indian Army/Paramilitary forces. He also guides aspirants for UPSC, especially for NDA, CDS etc.
Manish Bharadwaj	LLB, PG IR & PM	Has worked for corporates like Aptech Ltd, Ansal Properties & Amp Industries. Manish has been actively working in the Real Estate sector as consultant for housing and commercial projects for past 20 years.
Manju Kumari	B.Com, LLB, CS	She has over 5 years of experience working with CA/CS firms. She has closely worked with both domestic and foreign businesses, assisting them with funding, market entry, risk analysis, and compliance management. Currently, she is working as an Investment Manager with the Incubation Centre at Banasthali Vidyapeeth.

Rashmin Thakeria	CA, IIM graduate, Harvard Graduate	He has been the CEO of a Swiss Multinational for 25 years employing over 1500 employees in India. Currently he is a management advisor, catalyst, entrepreneur in residence for several large Indian Corporations and the big 4 firms.
Rohit Sharma	BA LLB NLU Punjab Graduate	Heads the Law Division at Smartkeeda along with his own coaching institute in Shimla.
Sarika	BA LLB Mumbai University	Corporate Lawyer at Mumbai
Shilpi Jha	PhD, University of Mumbai, LLM	With more than 16 years of experience she teaches Law (LLM) at Mumbai University and SNDT University, Juhu Campus. Her area of interest are Interpretation of Statute, Jurisprudence, Public International Law, Human Rights, Women and Child laws, Hindu Law among others.
Sneha Bhatt	BA LLB LLM MBA	Seasoned leader with over two decades of top-tier experience with teams at IBM, Standard Chartered ABN AMRO. She is Business advisor, consultant and client manager.

Medical Mentors		
Name	Education	Professional Expertise
Dr. Chetana Verma	MBBS (Lucknow) MS (OBS/GYN-Agra)	Medical specialist (Obstetrics & Gynaecology).
Dr. Ekta Khandelwal	M.B.B.S, MD Physiology	20 years of teaching experience of M.B.B.S and MD students at AIIMS New Delhi and AIIMS Raipur. Involved in mentor mentee program of Institution.
Harshita Gaur	Community mental health nursing (Niagara college-Canada, currently pursuing higher studies)	Professional nurse, active nursing volunteer, BLS & CPR certified.
Dr Hemal Dholakia	MBBS MD (Pharmacology)	Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Pharmacology in GMER Society's Medical college, Porbandar with 6 years of teaching experience to MBBS students. Involved in mentor mentee program of Institution.
Dr Mona Patel	M.S., Ophthalmology	Doctor, Organic Farmer and Certified Heal Your Life teacher.
Dr Preeti Jain	Ph.D., M. Tech (Biotechnology) and B. Pharm degrees from Jadavpur University, Kolkata	Professor of Pharmacy with more than 10 years of experience in teaching and research
Dr Priyanka Gupta	BDS, MDS Paediatric & Preventive Dentistry	Assistant Professor at Govt Dental Hospital, Jaipur with 10+ years of experience in teaching and practicing dentistry.

Dr Reeta Chawda	MBBS, DGO	Dr. Reeta along with her husband has been running their own nursing home for the past 23 years.
Dr. Sanju Goel	MBBS MD (Physiology), Govt. Medical College- Patiala	A professional physiologist.
Dr Surbhi Mahajan	MD in Dermatology	Dermatologist.
Dr. Tripti Mongia	M.S, FICO(UK) specialising in Cataract and Refractive Surgery	Specialist Cataract and Refractive Surgeon. Besides her practice, she works with 2 leading charitable Eye Centres, The Pramukhswami Eye Hospital and The Ramakrishna Mission Hospital.

Teachers

Name	Education	Professional Expertise
Manjula Bains	BA Pol Sc(Hons), B.Ed, Advanced TESOL UK, Diploma in Grammar & Phonetics UK	<p>Taught English in three prestigious schools in Delhi. Set up my teaching company in Singapore working with professionals, Embassy staff & IB students for more than 20 years.</p> <p>Led a team of volunteers in palliative care to cancer patients with the HCA Singapore for 8 years.</p> <p>Worked as Secretary to the Indian Women's Organization Singapore.</p> <p>Have also performed successfully as a theatre actress in Singapore & an airline stewardess in India. Currently working privately with IB students & managing a performing artiste.</p>
Nikhil Garg	Degree in Mechanical Engineering	<p>Works as a senior consultant with a US-based energy company. His area of expertise includes energy sector commercial and financial advisory, strategic planning, economic analysis, corporate strategies, and capacity building.</p>
Kavya Anklekar	Postgraduate in Political Science, B.Ed, NET	<p>More than 16 years of experience in the education field, specialising in social sciences. Currently, I serve as the Head of Affiliation and Accreditation at an upcoming school in Pune.</p>

Malini Bharath	B.Sc., MBA	Malini has 18 years of corporate experience in Merchandising. She later transitioned to the education sector, becoming a life skills teacher with the NGO 'Enfold,' where she worked with students, teachers, parents, and adults. She has conducted corporate soft skills training and led communication workshops for MBA students. For the past 10 years, she has been freelancing, focusing on NGO work, tutoring high school students in PCM and English, and mentoring students through academic and personal challenges.
Srividya	B.Sc Math(Kamarajar University, Madurai), Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Sciences, Post Graduate Diploma in Executive Secretaryship, A certified Storyteller	Worked as an English teacher in Pune. Collaborated with a Language Solutions organisation to set up English labs across the schools. Took care of the marketing of the product and training of teachers in Phonics and other deliverables. Right now taking care of Creative Writing and Grammar classes for students. A Freelance Spoken English trainer for both Corporates and for other segments.
Divya Vanshika	Masters in Economics (Delhi School of Economics), BA(HONS) Economics (St Stephen's College), General Management and Leadership (XLRI Upsurge)	Over 20 years of experience in Leadership positions with leading MNCs P&G Unilever and PMI. Currently head of supply chain and operations for India. Taught Economics for the LSE international program.
Akanksha Anand	Post Graduation in International HR & Management, B.Ed Certification of Jolly Phonics and Grammar	Working as an International phonics trainer through an Institute SHIKSHAPATH. Worked in Ryan International School as a Primary Teacher in Ghaziabad for 3 years.



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Section IV SBA in Limelight

श्री बद्रीका आश्रम 12वीं पास छात्राओं के लिए आरंभ करेगा निशुल्क बीसीए कोर्स

राजगढ़, (हरदेव भारद्वाज)। श्री बद्रीका आश्रम, सिरमौर द्वारा हिमाचल प्रदेश की गरीब छात्राओं को मुफ्त में बीसीए कोर्स करने के लिए एक अनूठी पहल की जा रही है, जिससे विशेषकर राजगढ़ क्षेत्र के युवाओं को घर द्वार पर यह सुविधा उपलब्ध होगी। श्री बद्रीका आश्रमसे जारी इस प्रेस विज्ञापन में बताया गया है कि राजगढ़ के समीप स्थित श्री बद्रीका आश्रम के द्वारा नवगुरुकुल और एटर्नल यूनिवर्सिटी के सहयोग से हिमाचल की छात्राओं के लिए शैक्षिक वर्ष 2024-25 से बीसीए प्रोग्राम आरम्भ की जा रही है। यह कोर्स पूर्णतः वित्तपोषित होगा तथा +2 पास मेधावी छात्राओं के लिये पूरी तरह से वरदान होगा। इस तीन वर्षीय आवासीय प्रोग्राम के दौरान विशेष आर्थिक आवश्यकताओं वाली छात्राओं को वर्तमान समय के बाजार की मांग के अनुसार रोजगारोन्मुखी कोर्स निशुल्क करवाने की पेशकश की जा रही है, जिसमें +2 (किसी भी विषय में) पास छात्राएं भाग ले सकती हैं। इस तीन वर्षीय आवासीय कोर्स में प्रवेश प्राप्त करने की इच्छुक छात्राओं के प्रवेश के समय अगले तीन वर्ष के लिए रजिस्ट्रेशन, यूनिफार्म परीक्षा शुल्क के तौर पर मात्र 23,500 रूपए का भुगतान करना होगा, तदपश्चात

अगले तीन वर्ष तक छात्राओं से किसी प्रकार का कोई शुल्क नहीं लिया जाएगा। इस प्रोग्राम के दौरान छात्राओं को 3 वर्ष तक निशुल्क आधुनिक आवास व भोजन सहित उच्च गुणवत्ता वाली शिक्षा प्रदान की जाएगी। तीन वर्ष के पूरे पाठ्यक्रम के दौरान छात्राओं को लैपटॉप सुविधा व मजबूत एलुमनी नेटवर्क सहित वर्तमान समय की मांग के अनुसार इनमें अति आधुनिक कोडिंग, लीडरशिप, क्रिटिकल थिंकिंग, इफेक्टिव कम्युनिकेशन व प्रॉब्लम सॉल्विंग अप्रोच की ट्रेनिंग दी जाएगी। इस योजना का प्रारम्भ आई आई

टी दिल्ली और हार्वर्ड विश्वविद्यालय के छात्राओं के द्वारा किया गया है। इस योजना का लाभ अब तक लगभग 830 से ज्यादा विद्यार्थी ले चुके हैं जिनमें से अधिकतर विद्यार्थी 3-8 लाख के पैकेज से बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनियों में अपने करियर की शुरुआत की है। बता दे कि यह 12वीं कक्षा की छात्राओं के लिए सर्वोत्तम कोर्स से जिसको कि श्री बद्रीका आश्रम, सिरमौर हिमाचल की गरीब छात्राओं के लिए प्रदेश के सामाजिक उत्थान के लिए लेकर आया है। अधिक जानकारी के लिए श्री बद्रीका आश्रम से संपर्क कर सकते हैं।

मतदाताओं से शत-प्रतिशत मतदान की अपील

सोलन, (आपका फैसला)। सुव्यवस्थित मतदाता जागरूकता एवं निर्वाचक सहभागिता कार्यक्रम (स्वीप) टीम ने राजकीय वरिष्ठ माध्यमिक विद्यालय शमरोड में मतदाताओं को मतदान के प्रति जागरूक किया। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता उप निदेशक (उच्चतर शिक्षा) सोलन डॉ. जगदीश चंद नेगी ने की। शत प्रतिशत मतदान करने का आह्वान करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि मतदान दिवस को एक पर्व के रूप में मनाना चाहिए और सभी को इस पर्व में भागीदार बनाने के लिए निर्वाचन विभाग पूर्ण रूप से प्रयासरत है। उन्होंने छात्रों से अपने घर के मतदाताओं से शत प्रतिशत मतदान करवाकर इसमें भागीदार बनने का आग्रह भी किया। इस अवसर पर नोडल अधिकारी डॉ. बीएन कमल ने निर्वाचन विभाग द्वारा 85 वर्ष से अधिक आयु के मतदाताओं व दिव्यांग मतदाताओं को दी जाने वाली सुविधाओं के बारे में विस्तार से जानकारी दी। राजकीय वरिष्ठ माध्यमिक विद्यालय शमरोड की प्रधानाचार्या ने निर्वाचन विभाग की तरफ से आई पूर्ण टीम का स्वागत किया व इस कार्यक्रम को सफल बनाने का पूर्ण आश्वासन दिया।

Podcast Coverage

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Section V

Financials



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SRI BADRIKA ASHRAM CUM CHARITABLE AND SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY

Village Shalamu, Post Kargantu, Sirmour

Himachal Pradesh 173223

Scholarship Fund - Receipts & Payment

Scholarship Fund - Receipts & Payment		For the Year ended 31 March, 2024	
Particulars		Rs. in Lacs	
(A) RECEIPTS		Rs. in Lacs	
1) Opening Balances			
SBI - Current Account	₹	1.19	
Axis - Current Account	₹	10.86	
SBI - Sweep Account	₹	96.26	
Fixed Deposit - SBI	₹	90.00	
Fixed Deposit - Axis	₹	60.00	
Cash in Hand	₹	10.00	₹ 268.31
2) Receipts			
Donations			
Domestic	₹	114.35	
Foreign Contribution	₹	19.59	
Interest Income	₹	6.85	₹ 140.79
TOTAL		409.10	
(B) PAYMENTS		Rs. in Lacs	
1) Recurring Expenses			
Scholarship Payments	₹	123.00	
Adminstration Expenses	₹	12.47	₹ 135.47
2) Capital Expenditure			
Building	₹	-	
Other Assets	₹	-	₹ -
3) Closing Balances			
SBI - Current Account	₹	1.05	
Axis - Current Account	₹	6.04	
SBI - Sweep Account	₹	114.53	
Fixed Deposit - SBI	₹	61.91	
Fixed Deposit - Axis	₹	64.95	
Transferable from other Funds	₹	22.65	
Cash in Hand	₹	2.50	₹ 273.63
TOTAL		409.10	

Place - Mandi

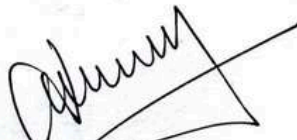
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