

## **CSR PROJECTS OF NSDL FOR THE FY 2021-22**

### **Overview**

National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) has been carrying on various social welfare programs as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities. Each program undertaken is to create a meaningful impact on the society at large and to uplift the economically weaker section of the society. The objective is to impart employable / entrepreneurship skills to deserving youth especially from the lower strata of the community and thereby giving them an opportunity to earn / enhance their livelihood / income and uplift themselves. The CSR programs for the FY 2021-22 as approved by the Governing Board of NSDL are mentioned below:

### **PROJECT ARTHA SAMARTH (a skill development initiative in BFSI sector) - Mutual Fund Distributors Certification Program**

#### **Program Objective-**

To impart employable and livelihood linked skills to the youth and thereby create a skilled workforce in BFSI sector.

#### **Beneficiaries-**

Unemployed graduates or post graduates, college drop-outs, youth engaged in informal/unorganized sector, etc.

Self-employed youth in BFSI sector, unemployed housewives, emerging or aspiring entrepreneurs, post office agents, etc.

#### **Program Location-**

Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Lucknow, Chandigarh, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kochi and the web based/online training programs are conducted PAN India.

#### **Program Details-**

- The program covers training on Mutual Fund Distributor Certification offered by NISM.
- NSDL identifies deserving candidates such as self-employed youth, Insurance Agents and provides free training on NISM's Series V-A Mutual Fund Distributions Certification.
- Post training, the Company also facilitates in NISM examination and getting ARN for successful candidates.

- The training program is followed by the NISM exam and ARN registration. Once the ARN registration is over, NSDL also provides relevant platforms to the candidates for livelihood generation.

### **PROJECT ARTHA SAMARTH (a skill development initiative in BFSI sector) - Training Program on BC-BF Operations**

#### **Program Objective-**

To impart employable and livelihood linked skills to the youth and thereby create a skilled workforce in BFSI sector.

#### **Beneficiaries-**

NSDL reaches out to different categories of candidates such as unemployed youth, self-employed youth, low income earning / fresh IFAs or IFAs with a low volume of business, emerging or aspiring entrepreneurs, etc.

#### **Program Details-**

The program covers training on BC-BF Operations based on IIBF's curriculum. This program gives the opportunity to the candidates to earn additional income along with their current work / activity.

### **PROJECT SHIKSHA SAHYOG (an educational scholarship program)**

#### **Program Objective-**

NSDL SHIKSHA SAHYOG is an educational scholarship program initiated with the aim to support underprivileged bright students who lack adequate financial resources to cope up with their academic studies. A lot of capable students often fail to fulfil their dreams for studies due to poor financial conditions. The need for scholarships is compelling and critical for our students more than ever before.

#### **Beneficiaries-**

The deserving students are identified and shortlisted as per scholarship categories based on eligibility criteria. The scholarships are awarded to deserving students in different categories such as 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> STD, Undergraduate, Post Graduate students who are shortlisted as per the eligibility criteria.

#### **Program Details-**

This program endeavours to bridge the gap between bright students and the right education by providing financial support in the form of scholarships. Through this

program, NSDL intends to reduce the dropout of students from economically weaker sections of society and to continue with their academic studies.

### **PROJECT YOGDAAN (Support to Thalassemia Patients)**

#### **Program Objective-**

To support underprivileged Thalassemia patients through preventive and curative measures by providing the essential medical devices and healthcare services.

#### **Beneficiaries-**

Underprivileged Thalassemia Patients from MCGM's Sion Hospital and Borivali Thalassemia Day Care Centre

#### **Program Details-**

NSDL provides free bed-side Leukocyte Filters and yearly DXA Scan and Cardiac & Liver T2\* MRI investigations to underprivileged Thalassemia patients. The use of bed-side Leukocyte Filters helps in reducing Febrile Reaction and thereby decreases allergic reactions during blood transfusions. Moreover, NSDL has been supporting DXA Scan and Cardiac & Liver T2\* MRI tests for underprivileged Thalassemia patients to diagnose life threatening risks of iron overload which may cause damage to body parts like the heart, liver, pituitary and pancreas during blood transfusions.

### **PROJECT SAHYOG (Disaster Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program)**

#### **Program Objective-**

NSDL initiated a disaster relief program called as 'Project SAHYOG' to support communities in distress at the time of natural calamities or disaster or pandemic. The program encompasses disaster relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities.

#### **Beneficiaries-**

This is a need based program which is initiated to support the community people during any sort of distress situation. NSDL has supported during Kerala floods and also initiated support campaigns during COVID 19 pandemic.

#### **Program Details-**

NSDL conducts campaigns with the objective to support society during any sort of natural calamity or national emergency or during any sort of distress situation. Under project SAHYOG, NSDL conducts relief activities in the area of health, sanitation, education, hunger or any other area which require urgent attention and support during

traumatic situation caused during natural calamities or national emergency or pandemic situations like COVID 19. During COVID 19 pandemic, NSDL had executed various campaigns/activities such as distribution of testing kits, relief materials, PPE kits, sanitizers, medicines, contribution to Government Relief Funds.

### **Educational Support to Night Schools**

#### **Program Details-**

A lot of capable students tend to drop out from school due to poor financial conditions or family issues. Most of the students take up early age employment to earn livelihood for their families and this usually leads them to forcibly drop out from schools. Night school is the most preferable alternative for such students who are deprived of their academic education due to financial burden and inadequate resources to complete their studies. NSDL endeavours to support the night schools by creating / providing required infrastructure for the students who are enrolled in these night schools.

#### **Program Objective-**

NSDL to improve the learning facilities and create effective learning environment in the identified night schools. NSDL shall be providing below mentioned infra support such as E-learning facility, laptops, projectors, audio-visual aid in the classroom, science laboratory along with cup-board and library books along with storage cabinets

#### **Beneficiaries-**

NSDL with the help of NGO- Masoom, has identified 9 night schools for the transformation program. Totally, 790 number of students to be impacted under this initiative.

### **Eye Screening Camps and donation of eye screening instrument**

#### **Program Details-**

NSDL, under the aegis of CSR, intends to sponsor free eye screening camps for underprivileged farmers and people engaged in allied agricultural services from Sirunagar (Chengalpattu District) and Badhur (Thiruvannamalai District) of Tamilnadu. This project to be executed in association with Medical Research Foundation which has a clinical unit named as 'Sankara Nethralaya' which is based out of Chennai. Sankara Nethralaya was incepted in 1978 in Chennai (erstwhile Madras) under Medical Research Foundation which is a non-profit organization.

**Program Objective-**

The objective of the project is to facilitate eye screening of farmers who come from poor socio-economic background. It is observed that the awareness towards eye health care is very low amongst the people working in unorganized sectors including farmers. The farmers have less access to automated machines, thus work related injury is very common, especially the mechanical injury and the vegetative matter related corneal ulcers, which leads to loss of vision. The comprehensive eye screening to be conducted at their respective villages so that they need not travel all the way to the hospital. Appropriate preventive and curative remedies shall be provided in time. Moreover, the funding support to be provided to Medical Research Foundation for procurement of Auto Kerato-Refractometer Model KR 800 manufactured by Topcon and Zen Vision Instrument Table ZV16.

**Beneficiaries-**

200 farmers and people engaged in agricultural allied services shall be benefitted through free eye check up camps. Post camps, the spectacles shall be provided to the beneficiaries based on their need.

**Mid-Day-Meal Support Program in Government Schools****Program Details-**

NSDL shall be sponsoring Mid-Day-Meal for students in government schools in association with The Akshaya Patra Foundation. The Akshaya Patra Foundation provides one meal per child on a school day. Few identified schools in Lucknow, Vrindavan and Mangalore would be served mid-day meal with the support of NSDL. Totally, 1,52,500 meals to be served in the identified schools.

**Program Objective-**

Major objectives of mid-day meal scheme are to make nutritious food for children leading to better health status. To develop grasping prowess of children by improving the nutrition level, to enhance the enrolment of children in schools and encouraging needy children, belonging to disadvantaged sections, to attend school more regularly and help them concentrate on classroom activities.

**Beneficiaries-**

Totally, 17340 students shall be provided with Mid-Day-Meal in the identified government schools in Lucknow, Vrindavan and Mangalore.