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Major Missions:

**IGNITING MINDS**

**EMPOWERING BILLIONS**

## **Application for Recognition of Exemption**

### **Under IRC Section 501 (c) (3)**

#### **PART - VIII**

#### **Specific Activities**

#### **Line 4a: Fund Raising:**

- ✓ The Foundation does NOT use any outside help in its fund raising efforts.
- ✓ Have been mailing letters and sending out emails seeking donations.
- ✓ A few volunteers spread the message to their contacts via emails, Facebook, etc.
- ✓ No phone solicitations have been used till now.
- ✓ Recently activated the website to receive donations online.
- ✓ Will apply for grants once the Tax Exemption 501 (c) (3) is approved.

**[1] Seeking Funds:** The Foundation, in order to empower billion of the poor requires funds to launch various missions, initiatives and programs towards that objective. It has been sending out emails to hundreds and regular mails to many thousands. The President has been meeting with potential donors and volunteers in the US, India and other countries he travels. Regular mails are sent to institutions, charitable, philanthropic organizations in the US and abroad seeking collaboration and funding. Samples of some of these efforts are included in this application.

**[2] Direct Sponsorship:** Most individuals and grant applications ask for 501 (c) (3) approvals to consider the requests for funding. Our efforts to secure sponsors for the Virtual Classrooms have been effective as the sponsors directly reimburse the expense and ensure their funds are 100 % used in benefiting the end-users and none of it is used for any fund-raising or administrative efforts.

**[3] Virtual Classrooms in many countries:** The one-time capital expense to set up each Virtual Classroom is about US \$ 5,000 per school. This covers routine maintenance for a period of five years. In a school with > 500 poor enrolled students, this one-time cost is less than \$ 10 per student.

**[4] Generosity of i-Grandee in India:** As a Founding Sponsor of the Foundation, and an Institutional Partner, 'i-Grandee Software Technologies Pvt. Ltd.' of Madurai, TN, India has been extremely generous in providing full technical staff and personnel to establish the Virtual Classrooms without charging any fee for their services. I-Grandee is also providing their valuable software programs totally free for online tele-education, etc. and the HD, multi-media course contents for K-12 and various skill development programs. The sponsors reimburse the actual procurement cost for the hardware and any third party software that is required, without any profit margin.

**[5] Huge Demand:** There are well over 600,000 villages with more than 300 million children below the age of 15 in the rural parts of India. Most of them lack access to quality education and better opportunities in life. There are > 1.3 million schools in India and > 60 % are in rural areas. Several millions of dollars are required to (i) set up the Electronic Connectivity, (ii) design and develop interactive relevant course contents and (iii) deploy them all over the Tele-education network, etc., to provide quality education and Knowledge connectivity.

**Currently each Virtual Classroom is set up with:**

- 1) 42" HD Monitor
- 2) Local Server
- 3) Inverter
- 4) Solar power, where feasible to provide un-interrupted power supply (needs sufficient funds)
- 5) Adequate Broadband connectivity (if available and with sufficient funds)

**[6] Follow up Tech Service:** The IT Tech staff train the teachers and students on how to use these properly. They visit each location once every ten days to ensure these are used properly and in good working condition. The contents are updated in the local server with new ones. Efforts are underway to translate these in multiple languages to ensure students learn these lessons well.

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