Vidyashree Laptop - Procedure being completed

In an earlier article, we wrote about the VIDYASHREE laptop chit scheme (with Rs. 15,000/- as the total contribution per chitty). The aim of the scheme was to provide laptop at affordable costs to all. The scheme also envisages reducing digital divide in this era where online classes are common and accepted. Vidyashree scheme envisages providing laptop to all families at affordable costs, and this scheme is introduced by KSFE exclusively for Kudumbashree members. Each member will have to pay Rs. 500/- every month for 30 months, making it Rs. 15,000/- in total. After paying the first three installments (that is - after paying Rs. 1500/-) members are eligible to requisition laptop.

IT mission issued notice to tender for laptop procurement immediately after the modalities of the scheme are finalised. However, in the initial tender, only one firm qualified and IT mission had to retender. Now we are happy to note that the retender formalities are completed and now members who join the chitty can start requisitioning for laptop in near future.

In the tender procedure, 4 agencies are empanelled. The tender was not for choosing L1 (Who quoted the lowest) but for empaneling all OEMs who qualify technical and financial conditions. So the Kudumbashree members will get an option to choose from available options. This is very good option for all as they can opt the laptop of their choice. As per Govt order GO (Ms) No 6/2021/ITD dated 06/02/2021, (https://www.kudumbashree.org/pages/871) laptops of 4 companies viz. Acer, HP, lenovo, Coconics are empaneled.

A portal has been developed for the Vidyashree chitty scheme for managing the data of all beneficiaries. All those who paid three installments can now send the request for laptop through this portal. Specification of laptop and the options will be uploaded in the portal.
in coming days so that eligible members can request for laptop through the system. KSFE will place the work order to OEMs once they get sufficient number of request for laptop from Kudumbashree members. There will be option for members to join the chitty scheme afresh. So, those who are yet to join the scheme can use this opportunity and join at the earliest.

We are extending sincere thanks to KSFE for framing this novel scheme. Also, we thank IT department and IT mission for their exemplary effort to complete tender formalities and to empanel laptop for OEMs.