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Say “Cheers!” to Amruthapura School

2Q2017 ends on a very happy note in deed! With 4 newly constructed classrooms and toilet blocks, adding up to 1783 sq ft of robust construction, **Govt. Lower Primary School, in Amruthapura village, Chitradurga district**, was inaugurated on June 10, 2017.

This project is the 18th rural school completed to date, resulting in a new lease on life for the school, which was badly damaged when a huge tree fell on a classroom in 2015. It raised huge safety concerns over the state of the remaining classrooms that were poorly constructed to begin with. As a result, all but one of the classrooms were demolished, leaving no choice but to conduct classes for kids outdoors, under other trees. Can anyone imagine how much comfort those trees would have provided to parents, when the primary reason to demolish the original school building was a tree falling on it in the first place! As much as we all love nature, and the importance and value of trees to our environment, we have to admit that they do not make great classrooms. We have seen it before, and we never hesitated when the school approached us for help.

Below are pictures of the school before and after OSAAT intervention:



Kids sitting under a tree



Collapsed classroom



Another classroom,
another tree



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Let's talk about a few things about this particular project that qualify for very humbling, "OMG! How awesome is that!" moments. First, the ground-breaking took place on February 11, 2017. The entire project was completed by June 10, 2017, within budget, without any glitches. Second, OSAAT (India) volunteers poured their hearts and souls and garnered the support of corporate sponsors ShoreTel, SanDisk and GT Nexus. Third, Rotary Club, Bengaluru, has committed to furnish the school with desks, benches and other necessities.

We thank each and everyone for joining hands with us at both events - as a performer, attendee, sponsor, or volunteer.

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