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Newsletter



One School At A Time
OSAAT
A Safe & Strong School for every child

“Strong and Steady” is the Name of the Progress Game

Winding up the second quarter of 2018, we are very pleased to share the updates about the various projects we have taken on this year. Volunteers of Team India have continued to do a tremendous job of monitoring and tracking all the key milestones and budget allocations. As a result, the status of each project, as shown below, is evidence of the strong and steady progress that will soon have a lot of kids, parents, teachers and communities jumping with joy!

Govt. Higher Primary School - Nagavalli, Karnataka

Refurbishing of 3 classrooms with tiled roof is complete. All the broken tiles and the damaged wooden rafters have been replaced. All the cracks in the walls have been repaired. The broken window frames have been replaced with new ones. The floor has been laid with cuddapah stone tiles. All the classrooms are now provided with electrical wiring and outlets for fans and lights. The leaking RCC roofs of old classrooms have been repaired and waterproofed. The new toilet block for girls is almost complete. The flooring & tile works are in progress. The commodes have been fixed and water & drainage connections have been provided. A new wash area for has been built with 10 taps.

The remaining work includes the flooring of the new toilet block, repairing the old toilet block, painting, name boards, and providing the R.O. system. The anticipated date of inauguration is August 15, 2018.



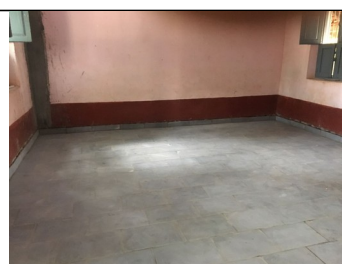
Gaping holes in the roof in multiple areas of the school building.



Tile roof repaired and broken tiles replaced all around



A badly damaged classroom as a result of a leaky roof. Most classrooms in a similar, barely useable condition.



One of the classrooms now with the holes in the walls and roof fixed, and a newly tiled floor

Govt. Higher Primary School - Rampura, Karnataka

The construction is progressing as per schedule. The construction of classrooms and the toilet block up to the lintel level has been completed. The roof is being cast and the sump work has been completed. Below is information related to the project in terms of “before: and “during” pictures, project sponsors and some key milestones.

It may be recalled that in this school OSAAT has for the first time ventured to introduce eco-friendly construction technology. The bricks that are required for the construction is produced on-site by the contractor using locally available soil and most importantly without burning it by using the wood. The bricks so manufactured is stated to be as good as any conventionally produced bricks but without causing any pollution. OSAAT is proud to contribute its might to reduce carbon footprint through this technology.



*OSAAT Transformation started for Govt Higher Primary School,
Rampura, Nanjangud , Mysore dist., Karnataka*



Govt. Upper Primary School - Aben, Manipur

Construction of the Nursery School building is nearing completion. There were major repairs required for the pillars, roofs, windows, and doors. All the repairs have been completed. The flooring and the toilet have also been completed. The furniture required such as benches, desk and tables are in place.

The remaining work in the Nursery School includes fixing a water tank, solar lighting, and black boards, and is expected to be completed by mid August, 2018.



The school building before OSAAT involvement.



Construction in progress. Materials recommended by the architect with respect to the local ecology..



New building today. Design as deemed ideal for the local conditions by the architect.

Team USA getting ready for Sevathon!

Sevathon is one of the summer fundraising activities Team USA participates in. The event brings together hundreds of non-profit organizations in the San Francisco Bay area and offers a great opportunity for them to showcase their causes. The event is scheduled to take place on August 19, 2018. Team USA is busy registering runners and walkers to participate in the 5k, 10k walk/run.

Projects under review:

Govt. Higher Primary School, Tungabhadra village, Raichur Dist, Karnataka, India

Govt. Higher Primary School, Kattamalalavadi village, Hunsur Taluk, Mysore Dist, Karnataka, India - This school project is likely to be taken up in the near future.

Govt. Higher Primary School, Mulluru village, Hunsur Taluk, Mysore Dist, Karnataka, India

Govt. Model Higher Primary Girls School, Malur Town, Kolar Dist, Karnataka, India

Govt. Higher Primary School, Benkipura village, Hunsur Taluk, Mysore Dist, Karnataka, India

Govt. Higher Primary School, Musaguppi village, Gokak Taluk, Belagavi Dist, Karnataka, India

Govt. Higher Primary School, Chinnikatti village, Byadagi Taluk, Haveri Dist, Karnataka, India

Govt. Higher Primary School, Bai-Aregoppa village, Hanagal Taluk, Haveri Dist, Karnataka, India

Govt. Higher Primary School, Suribail village, Bantwal Taluk, DK Dist, Karnataka, India

Govt. Higher Primary School, Hosmar village, Karkala Taluk, Udupi Dist., Karnataka, India

New Kannada Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Morabagi village, Jath Taluk, Sangli District, Maharashtra, India.

Govt. Higher Primary School, Kadadarala village, Shorapur Taluk, Yadagiri District, Karnataka, India.

Every project listed above is available for adoption either in its entirety or a portion, such as one or more classrooms, drinking water facility, toilets, library or laboratory, depending upon the approved construction plan. Please visit osaat.org for details.

An Honest Answer to an Important Question:

We have been asked this question before, and will be asked again. So, we thought it is important for all our supporters to know what the question and answer are all about.

The question: Why do you choose to help schools only in Karnataka State while every State in India has needy schools in almost identical conditions?

The answer: Let us explain the scenario in terms of logistical challenges. First, Karnataka State, and in particular the city of Bengaluru, is where the entire volunteer force of Team India resides! The team spends countless hours on a project, from the day a request is received to the day it is completed - visiting schools, analyzing the conditions, fact-checking, signing up partners, contractors and other resources, monitoring the progress of construction and virtually hundreds of details associated with each project. The publicity generated by the work OSAAT has done with 22 schools to date in Karnataka has generated a huge number of requests, like a wildfire fueled by oxygen! It is a matter of continuing the momentum

until we build a similar volunteer force in other States.

Second, we have reached out to other States such as Tamilnadu, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Manipur. Our partners and supporters in these States were the wind beneath our wings when we decided to spread out. We welcome all such synergistic collaborations wholeheartedly. The sky is the limit to what we can do!



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