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## Brighter days ahead for Gaini Village School!

We are very pleased to share the progress to date of **Gayatri Devi Junior High School, Gaini village, Aonla Tehsil, Bareilly District, Uttar Pradesh**. This particular school is one of the more ambitious projects we have taken on, with the groundbreaking event taking place in May, 2017. The architectural design consists of practical, functional features, such as 6 new classrooms in a new 2-story building and refurbishment of the existing toilets, and construction of 2 new toilets. Thanks to our partnership with Mr. Arun Nagpal of Mrida Group, an organization dedicated to sustainable rural development using eco-friendly, organic, green methods, this project will be a model for us to follow with the following guiding principles incorporated into the design and implementation:

- Optimum use of locally available resources
- Use of sustainable, environment friendly materials
- Simple, subtle, yet sophisticated look and feel for the entire project
- Safety and longevity as core criteria, with low/optimum cost design
- Progressive practices like rain water harvesting

Below are pictures of the school before OSAAT intervention and current status:

Classes are being held in outdoor spaces like this, with kids sitting on bare floors, exposed to elements of nature - heat, rain, wind, cold



Proposed transformation: 6 new classrooms in a new 2 story building and new toilets:



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**Current Status:** The supporting structure of the first floor from its foundation to walls and the staircase leading to the second floor is complete. The second floor is on target for the completion of its walls and roof.



VDA Infosolutions Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, has committed to fund parts of this project, strengthening the stream of donations already in place from a few donors in the USA.

Our sincere thanks to the generous contribution of funds towards this project by Dr. Mohit Aron, Founder and CEO of Cohesity, Inc., and VDA Infosolutions Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai.

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## Gurupura High School's steady progress

We are very happy to share Gurupura high school's progress to date, which is amazing in its own way! The construction plan for 3 new classrooms was ready in March, 2017 and the agreement with the contractor was signed on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2017. With the earthwork starting immediately after the groundbreaking ceremony on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2017, the foundation work was completed by end of June, 2017. The construction reached up to the roof level by end of July, 2017 and continues to the finish line, expected by mid-October. Below are the pictures of the school before OSAAT involvement and the current status:

<p>No Classrooms for these kids</p> 	<p>No Classroom for these kids</p> 
<p><b>Current Status</b></p> 	<p><b>Current Status</b></p> 

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## Our heartfelt “Thank you!”s go to....

Guru Pai, AVP at IMS division@Infosys, Raghunandan, and Mahesh Nagarajaiah (Sanria Engineering), Anupama Sonnenahalli (Cisco), for their generous donations. When individual donors like them join hands with us, it is a pat on the back that we don't expect, but will receive with humility, nevertheless! Thank You!!

## Team OSAAT (India) is rich....with tremendous new talent that is!

We want to extend a very warm welcome to all our new volunteers! With a brief introduction about their passion and skills below, we welcome them on-board to begin their journey to take OSAAT to new heights.

- H.R. Sudheer will be our Legal and Ethics officer. He is an alumni of IIT-K and worked in the IT field for more than 20+ years.
- Seetharam H.N. is a retired professional with 30+ years in the tools industry. Retired as manager in Widia Keenmetal and a consultant for Govt projects.
- Kishore Kumar Kuryala is a retired professional who spent more than 32 years in Mining industry working for JSW. He will be helping OSAAT improve operational efficiencies, site visits and CSR activities.
- K. Srinivasan holds a B Tech in ECE from IIT Madras and MS from University of California. He founded AllGo Embedded Systems in 2005, and continues to head up AllGo as MD, after it was acquired by Visteon.

## Team OSAAT (USA): Passing the Baton...

We are still one big, happy family, while the passing of the baton or the changing of the guards or whatever you want to call it, is a mere formality. Monika Venkateshmurthy, the current President, has dedicated so much of her life to OSAAT, it is only fair to allow her spend time with her twins, now teens. She has taken OSAAT from its infancy in 2003 to 18+ glorious, successful projects in 2017 that have touched thousands of lives. She will continue to nurture OSAAT (USA) as a member of the core team. Ravishankar, another dedicated team member that has worked tirelessly behind the scenes will be the new President, and will continue to help the organization attain new heights.

## How You Can Help

Please donate generously to the projects we adopt. Fundraising is a year-round effort and it is never too late to donate. Every bit of your donation will touch hundreds of lives in ways that you can probably never imagine. Your cash donation is tax deductible and you don't need to look any further for a better social investment. Keep your eyes on our website [www.osaat.org](http://www.osaat.org) Questions? Comments? Want any information about who we are and what we do? Contact us: info@osaat.org.