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Newsletter



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A Safe & Strong School for every child

Vision and Validation in Perfect Harmony!

In October 2017, during the OSAAT '**Anaavarana**' event in Bengaluru, India, we announced our goal of completing 100 school projects by 2025. The team that has never really taken a break went into overdrive. Team India worked furiously to spread the word and received a huge number of proposals from needy schools. Team USA burnt plenty of midnight oil planning and preparing for fundraisers. **The result, "Vidyaadana" - the dinner event on August 25, 2018, where 5 school projects were adopted and a total of \$62,000 raised.** This event has jump started our "Donate to Educate" campaign that will continue with other fundraising events to follow.

Attended by 120+ supporters of OSAAT, Amber Cafe was our venue for the evening, with a great ambience and delicious food that delighted our guests. Our Yuvashakti kids Samarth Kunhodi, Ramya and Samanya welcomed all with a prayer for peace and prosperity to all mankind. The highly acclaimed comedian Don McMillan had everyone in stitches with his wonderful sense of humor that only a techie-nerd-turned-comedian like him can exude. Young talents Sachi Holla and Kunal Datta entertained with their fusion hip-hop and bollywood melodies.

With deep gratitude, we thank all the guests that made the event so special in every way. With deep humility, we accept the generous gestures of Sanjeev and Mina Acharya to adopt one school each year for the next ten years, and Keerti and Sneha Melkote to adopt one school this year.

We are grateful for our sister organizations Tri-Valley Kannada Sangha (TVKS) and Uttar Pradesh Mandal (UPMA) for their commitment to adopt one school each this year.

With gratitude, we also thank Piyush Nagar, for his commitment to adopt one school in Kashmir.

The OSAAT family of volunteers in USA and in India is totally energized by the results of this kick-off event. It validates the path we are on, our goal of 100 school projects by 2025, and most importantly, the trust placed in our work by donors and supporters.

With the success we have had with 25+ school projects in India to date, we are ready to forge ahead with schools in any part of India, or for that matter, any part of the globe! The processes we have fine-tuned over time, the lessons we have learnt along the way, and the continued support of our generous donors and friends give us the confidence we can do it!

Paddu Melanahalli has this to say.....

As the OSAAT Core team member in charge of the “Donate to Educate” campaign, I am very focused on making sure we have all the resources we need to grow and sustain this campaign for years to come. With each school we are rebuilding, we are helping hundreds of poor children get an education and thrive.

I want to emphasize that there are kindhearted people out there with good intentions of helping underprivileged rural schools in India. However, they are lost and confused about how to help, since almost all of these schools lack even the most basic infrastructure. I want to assure you that we, OSAAT, are creating a tremendous Domino Effect with every school we are rebuilding. The infrastructure we build paves the way for them to receive and put to

good use donations of mid-day meals, books, computers, school supplies, sports equipment, uniforms, so on and so forth.

Let me assure you that your donation need not be in-kind only. We are glad to accept your time, your talent and any expertise you can offer, to produce better results and take things to the next level! I encourage you to take a look at the following projects in our pipeline and get involved today! <http://osaat.org/under-review/>

Project Updates

Govt. Higher Primary School, Nagavalli

This project is now complete and the inauguration of the refurbished school building took place on August 15, 2018. The project involved the repairing of existing 3 classrooms with tiled roof, construction of a new toilet block for girls and a hand-wash area, repairing the existing toilet block for boys, an overhead water tank, a submersible pump and water lines to toilets, wash area & kitchen. The concrete roof of the existing classrooms was waterproofed. **This project was made possible by the generous contribution from Ittiam Systems Pvt. Limited, Bengaluru and NIE Alumni - E & C Batch of 1992, Mysuru.**

Govt. Higher Primary School, Rampura

The construction of 5 new classrooms and toilet block is progressing as per schedule. The plastering of the walls and the flooring work has been completed. The toilet block has been furnished with new commodes. Electrical & plumbing work is in progress and the painting of the walls is scheduled to begin shortly. The village panchayat is constructing a compound wall all around the plot. The inauguration of the new school building is scheduled for mid-November 2018.

Govt. Upper Primary School, Aben

Repairing & refurbishing the nursery and primary school building has now been completed and the new building was inaugurated on September 20, 2018. The project involved repairing of the existing structure, including re-laying of the tin roof, cementing the floor, replacing of broken windows, construction of new toilet for girls, providing of new benches and desks for the children, a water tank,

solar lighting system, and black boards.

Govt. Higher Primary School, Kattemalawadi

This is a new project commenced on 16.09.2018. The project envisages construction of 4 new classrooms for the benefit of the children studying in this school at an estimated cost of Rs. 37.00 lakhs. The project is expected to be completed within 7 months i.e., by April, 2019.

Projects Ready, Set... for adoption:

We have done the legwork, the paperwork, and lots of other work to get these schools ready to start the rebuilding process. Please visit www.osaat.org for details and ways you can participate in helping with these projects.

<p>GHPS, Thungabhadra:</p> <p>This school was completely destroyed during the 2009 floods. The school now needs 6 classrooms. Estimated cost = \$50K</p>		
<p>GHPS, Benkipura:</p> <p>Inadequate facilities to house all the classes. Needs 2 classrooms and a toilet block. Estimated cost = \$30K</p>		
<p>GHPS, Mulluru:</p> <p>Badly damaged roof and crumbling by the day, causing deterioration of classrooms. Needs 2 classrooms and a new toilet block. Estimated cost = \$25K</p>		

GMHPGS, Malur:

Badly damaged building, inadequate facilities for classrooms. Classes are being conducted outdoors. Needs 9 classrooms.

Estimated cost = \$88K



Projects under review:

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, 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

Every project listed above is available for adoption either in its entirety or as a smaller 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.

'Tis the Season...of Corporate Giving

Thanksgiving is right around the corner in USA, and Christmas will be here in no time. Corporate giving is already underway in several companies in the Bay area and around the globe. Corporate grants and matching employee contributions are a significant source of funds for OSAAT's projects. While these are not necessarily tied to the "giving season", per se, it is a time when many companies encourage employees to give by doubling or tripling the match. OSAAT, with its absolutely minimal administrative cost and

reputation as a well-oiled-machine with a totally transparent operation, is an ideal organization to donate to.

Team USA, led by Ram Kedlaya, and Team India, led by Satheesh Heddese, are interested in hearing from you, if you are passionate about educating poor children and giving them an opportunity for a better future.

You can be an OSAAT champion and spearhead the giving campaign in your company. No need to worry if you don't know where to start. All it takes is a few minutes of your time to come on board, use the ready-to-go collateral we have or tell us what you need, to spread the word in your company and/or get OSAAT vetted. Please contact Ram Kedlaya: ramk@osaat.org (USA) or Satheesh Heddese: heddese@osaat.org (India). You will get to know other OSAAT champions and learn from them what a wonderful, fulfilling experience it is to make a difference in someone's life.

“Vaadya Vaahini 2018” Makes its Debut

We very excited to launch “Vaadya Vaahini”, an Instrumental Indian music contest on December 1, 2018, at Jain Center of Northern California, 772 South Main Street, Milpitas, CA, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

“Vaadya Vaahini”, is a one of a kind, first ever, Indian Instrumental music contest of its kind in the Bay Area! This signature event has been created to showcase all the hallmarks of “Naatya Raaga”, the prestigious 2-day event OSAAT introduced in 2007 to promote Indian Classical music and dance.

The contest is open to budding artists from music schools, individual performers, and teams that play **Indian classical music - Hindustani and Carnatic - on the most commonly used Percussion, String, Wind and Keyboard instruments in Indian classical music.**

Application and

Rules: <http://www.osaat.org/vaadyavaahini/>

Application deadline: November 15, 2018



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