

4Q 2017 Newsletter



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OSAAT
A Safe & Strong School for every child

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OSAAT (India) Launch

It was about time! “OSAAT Anaavarana” - the unveiling of OSAAT, took place on October 28, 2017, in Bengaluru, known as the Silicon Valley of India. It was, in deed, a very proud moment for us, having started a few short years ago as a virtually unknown non-profit organization tackling the infrastructure challenges of rural Indian schools. The time was right for us to share the story of 21 successful projects, thousands of happy kids, the countless hours of labor of love by passionate volunteers, the generosity of donors big and small, and nearly half a million well-spent dollars. The occasion was graced by chief guests the Maharaja of Mysore HH Yaduveera Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Prof. Jawahar Doreswamy, representatives from various companies that have contributed funds to our projects, partners that have played key roles in the execution of projects, the schools that have been rebuilt, our volunteers, friends and supporters.



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The day was filled with exciting activities, starting with a warm welcome by Ravishankar, President of OSAAT (USA), the inaugural lamp lighting ceremony by the chief guests, and keynote address by BV Jagadeesh, chairman of the board of directors of OSAAT. The panel discussions included the sharing of memorable experiences by donors Supria Dhanda, Bala Kadaloor, Raghunandan G, Raghurama Belur, and project partners Padmavathi N H,

S N Gadikar, Arun Nagpal, Ravi Girimaji. Then came the presentation of mementos to the schools and all the kindred spirits that we are grateful for, including the event sponsor Dhammanagi Group of Companies, Ltd. The attendees were served up some delicious goodies, and, last but not the least, a highly entertaining talent show by OSAAT volunteers.

With the unveiling came a quite a few blessings - pledges for rebuilding 3 schools, an outpouring of love and support from individuals, in the form of donations, Corporate Social Responsibility hook-ups and volunteering. We feel gratified that the countless hours of preparation, planning, attention to detail and flawless execution by OSAAT volunteers have resulted in these blessings.

The unveiling also helped shine a bright spotlight on our work, and attracted the attention of many many needy rural schools. We are ready as always, and our volunteers have already started evaluating the latest requests for help.

We are on a roll....

It gives us tremendous pleasure to announce the completion of 2 more schools. **Gayatri Devi Junior High School, Gaini Village, Uttar Pradesh** was inaugurated on October 23, 2017. What was a collection of few disjointed, humble structures is now a solid, fully functional, aesthetically beautiful and safe home for 800+ kids. **Donors BV Jagadeesh, Anuradha Jagadeesh, Mohit and Kalpana Aron, funded the project. VDA Infosolutions pvt Ltd, Mumbai, joined hands as well, contributing funds for this ambitious project, the biggest one OSAAT has undertaken to date.**

Our project partner Mrida Associates, LLP, went above and beyond our expectation, every step of the way. They found the best people for the job - Eternity Architects and a wonderful on-site team, all committed to completing this project on time and within budget, producing an astonishing end result.

Govt. High School, Gurupura, Karnataka was inaugurated on October 26, 2017. The school now has three brand new classrooms to house all the students that previously sat on the ground outside in small groups. **This project was made possible, thanks to the generosity of donors GT Nexus Corporation, Guru Pai, AVP at IMS division, Infosys, Raghunandan, Mahesh Nagarajaiah (Sanria Engineering), and Anupama Sonnenahalli (Cisco). Thanks**

also to our project partner - Rotary club of Mysore.

Adding to the joy was the promise made by industrialist Ravi Girimaji to turn the classrooms into “smart classrooms” by providing necessary facilities such as furniture, computers and internet connection.

Upcoming Projects

We have more schools under evaluation and many more requests that have come in just in the past couple of months following the successful launch event. 3 schools in Karnataka - Govt. Higher Primary School Rampura, Govt. Higher Primary School Nagavalli, and Govt. Higher Primary School Tungabhadra - have been approved for funding and are in various stages of development. The details, including the needs of each school are available on our website osaat.org/on-our-launchpad.

As always, we welcome you to adopt any of these projects, to any extent you can. With our efforts already making a difference in the lives of thousands of kids in rural India, let us show thousands more out there that we are here to help them in their journey towards a better future!

Thank you!

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to the **Alumni of The National Institute of Engineering - Electronics and Communications, Class of 1992**, for your generosity - Gopal Bhat, Sanjay Rao, Sharmila, Varuna Subramanya, Guruprakash Pai, Satheesh Heddesse, Praveen, Mohan BK, Meera and Madhu Athreya. **Your support means a lot!**

Thank you **SanDisk employees**. You are truly inspirational! The money you raised from your campaign was matched by SanDisk. What a wonderful gesture!

Welcome aboard...

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new volunteer Bhushan (Nagabhushana A.M) - visiting professor at MS Ramaiah institute of technology, passionate about education, developing digital learning solutions.

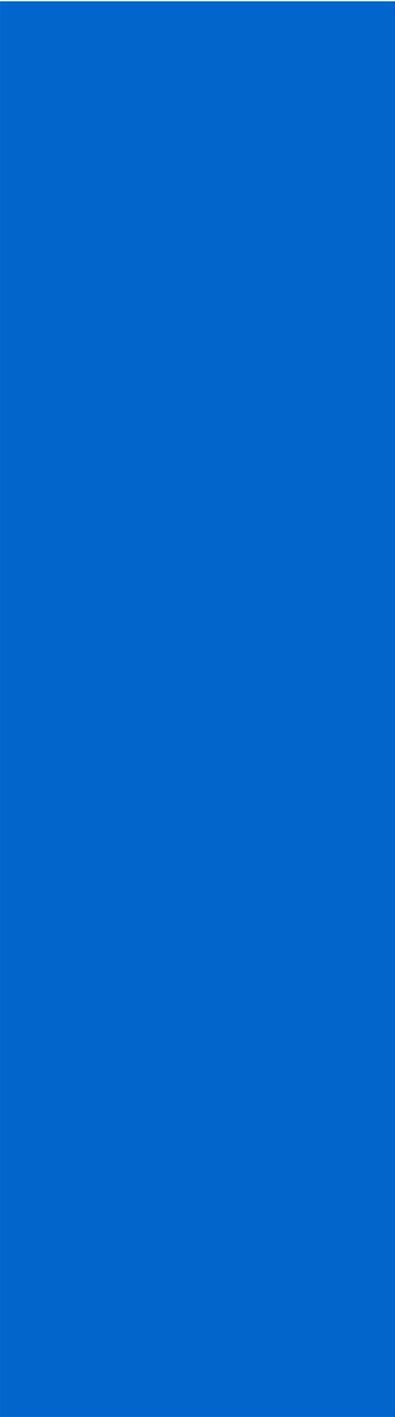
Team USA welcomes 2018 with new leadership

The big happy family just got bigger and rotated a few roles and responsibilities. Ravishankar B is the new President of OSAAT (USA) and wants to expand the organization’s visibility via liaisons with other social/cultural groups in the Bay area. Monika Venkateshmurthy will focus on signature

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events that have established OSAAT as a prestigious platform for artists in the Bay area. Padmanabharao Melanahalli, Ramesh Javagal, Ashok Handigol, Malini Parihar, Jayashree Vaghela and Poornima Ramaprasad continue as the core team, focusing on fundraising, publicity, outreach, and all aspects of projects that require working with Team India, partners, donors and sister-organizations.

How You Can Help

Please donate generously to the projects we adopt. 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. Please visit us at www.osaat.org or contact us at info@osaat.org.