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### ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020 of the Trust and its Rural School Project

To,  
All our donors, partners and well wishers

27-April-20

Dear Friends,

It is painful for me to report that the Chairman of our Trust, Shri Vibhav Bhushan Upadhyay passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020. He was a senior advocate at Allahabad High Court and two time Advocate General of U.P. In his death we have lost a source of inspiration and sagacious guidance.

The Board of Trustees have since nominated Justice Abhinav Upadhyay, a sitting Judge of the Allahabad High Court and a life – member of our Trust to be the next Chairman.

Thanks to your kind support, the financial position of our Trust continues to improve. In the financial year 2019-2020, we received a total of Rs.19.21 Lakh as donations: Rs.11.06 Lakh under the head of Corpus Fund, and Rs. 8.15 Lakh under the head 'Educate a Child'. A part of the Corpus fund is used to meet the development needs of our school. The remaining part is put under fixed Endowment Fund whose interest is used for meeting the deficit in operating expenses. The 'Educate a Child' fund is fully utilized for meeting the operating expenses. The total operating expenses this year was Rs.25.42 Lakh. As against this we received only Rs.16.33 Lakh from fee collection. The remaining balance of Rs.9.09 Lakh was met by Trust funds as indicated above.

We gratefully acknowledge the contribution of our institutional partners. Our building partner, Varanasi Round Table, have got two new classrooms constructed this year. The inaugural function for these rooms was scheduled in March end, but it had to be postponed due to ongoing lockdown. The associated Ladies Circle have continued to extend their helping hand in various ways. They donated furniture for our Nursery class and also conducted an interesting story – telling session. Another social service organization, Rotary Club Varanasi Central, has selected 10 of our girl students to receive bicycles as gift. However the gift-giving function too had to be postponed because of the lockdown.

Out other Institutional partner, Tata Trusts, gave us a grant of 68.5 Lakh to improve infrastructure of the school. We have been able to construct the boundary wall, add an

assembly shed, install a 5 K.V.A. solar power plant and purchase two vehicles – a school bus and a staff vehicle out of this grant. They have also released the second year's grant of Rs.32 Lakh for purchase of additional land and for setting up digital class rooms.

Our project school, "Round Table Abhinav Vidyalaya", located 25 Km to the west of Varanasi city, is making rapid progress under the able guidance of our new Principal, Smt Jaimala Tewari. During the sessions 2019-2020, the number of students shot up from 160 to 249, a jump of 89 – the biggest so far. This year we expect to add 100 new students. The number of teachers increased from 10 to 12, giving a teacher student ration of 1:21. This year we plan to appoint two more teachers.

A number of extra – curricular activities are organized for the students. This year we have introduced a new, two-period activity called 'Saturday – activity'. It includes drawing, painting, making envelopes, paper – bags, cards, marbling, rakhees and other handicrafts. Some of these were displayed in a festival organized by the Ladies Circle. A dental hygiene camp was held by two dentists to check the oral health of children. The doctors also explained to them the importance of proper cleaning of teeth. Students of Class IV to VI participated in a science workshop at the 'Atal Tinkering Lab' at Sunbeam school, Mughalsarai. A group of students also visited the GTC in Varanasi cantonment and tied handmade rakhees on Jawan's hands.

The school regularly celebrates the national functions, Independence Day and the Republic Day and other functions like Teacher's Day, Children's Day. This year we celebrated our **Annual Day** function for the first time. It was held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, the Foundation Day of our school. The students presented a colourful cultural programme, named '**Indraparni**' meaning rainbow. Apart from the parents and students, the audience included our Trustees, members of the Round Table and some distinguished guests from the local community and from Varanasi. Everyone enjoyed the show and appreciated the efforts made by students and their teachers.

The third Quality Improvement workshop for our teachers was organized on December 17 – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. It had 20 highly interactive sessions of an hour and a quarter each, spread over 5 days. The resource persons included 4 Professors of B.H.U., two of our Trustees and our Principal, a retired school Principal and a Professional HR trainer from Lucknow. As a result of this series of workshops there is a noticeable improvement in the performance of our teachers.

The year 2020 marked the half-way point in the onward journey of our school. Starting in 2015, we have reached up to class VII this year. In the next 5 years, we expect to grow up to class XII. i.e. to the level of a Higher Secondary school. When we started, we had a lot of enthusiasm but little resources and no experience of running and developing a school. Thanks to all our donors, partners and well wishers, we have successfully reached this half way mark. The journey of the next half would be much more challenging. But I am sure with your continued support, we can meet these challenges and reach the targeted goal of completing our first rural school project.

A.N.Tripathi  
Managing Trustee

Annual Function "Indraparni"



Saturday activity – seeding creativity



Blending culture with patriotism –  
Tying handmade Rakhees to Army Jawans



Hygiene and awareness –  
Dental Camp at the school



Various activities – one goal - “nurturing creative, responsible and aware citizens for a better tomorrow”