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ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22 of the Trust and its Rural School Project

To,
All our donors, partners and well wishers

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Dear Friends,

The last two years have been quite difficult for us. The school remained closed for most of the time due to the Corona virus pandemic. However, we could make arrangements to continue classes online and on whatsapp groups. The process was not very smooth though, because many children did not have access to digital devices and also because of poor network connectivity in the rural areas. Children also missed out on significant learning experiences they gain in studying, playing and interacting with each other in groups.

The school reopened and regular classes started cautiously and in phases during August-October 2021. It was a joy to see the happy faces of children and hear their laughter once again in the school. It is a bit taxing though on teachers to help children make up for the learning losses they suffered during the long closure period. Many have dropped out. Our enrolment reduced from 250 to 220. However, it is picking up fast in the new session and we expect to reach the 300 mark soon.

In order to catch up on the academics many co-curricular and extra-curricular activities had to be dropped this year. The first batch of students passed out of our school in March this year after completing the VIII standard. They were given an emotional and inspirational farewell. We could not start class IX this year due to financial uncertainties. We hope to raise necessary resources and create facilities to start class IX next year.

Like in the previous year, our partners Varanasi Round Table have added two more class rooms to the school building this year. They have also launched a 'Sakshama Placement Cell' to find suitable jobs for the unemployed parents of our students. The cell was inaugurated in our school by their national president in the presence of many dignitaries.

The associated Ladies Circle participated in the Teacher's day celebration on September 5 and gifted pens to our teachers and books to the library.

Planning for the future

Our school has now completed the first phase of its development. We now have to develop it to the Higher Secondary level. To do so we need funds to the tune of Rs. 2.5 Crore to cover the capital expenses on items like construction of a new block of school building, setting up science lab, computer lab etc., purchase of furniture for office, class rooms, library and teacher's room, , purchase of another school bus and for providing other support facilities. We are applying to many corporates, both in the public sector and private sector, seeking their CSR support. Personal contacts with higher level management may help in the matter. If you have such contacts please help me get in touch with them.

All the children in our school come from BPL families. In order to make quality education accessible to them the tuition fee has been kept at a low level of Rs. 300/- p.m. for pre-primary classes and Rs. 400/- for class one upwards. Really impoverished children are educated for free. At this low level the fee collection meets only about half the operating expenses of the school. The other half is raised from the donations received under the 'Educate a Child' scheme. In the financial year 2020-21 we received Rs. 7.2 Lakh under the scheme, down from Rs. 8.9 lakh received a year earlier. This shows that many of our donors have withdrawn their support. Friends, your support is vital to sustain the project. I appeal to all of you to kindly continue your support, and encourage your friends also to join in.

We are building up an **Endowment Fund** to provide a more secure and long lasting basis for meeting the operating expenses. This fund is invested in suitable MFs and its monthly returns are used to meet the operating expenses. At present the fund has grown up to the level of Rs. 30 Lakh. Our aim is to build up to Rs. 1 Crore. I appeal to all of you to contribute liberally to the fund so that we reach the target in a couple of years.

The project is driven by our conviction that the best way to improve the quality of life of the people and to develop the country is to provide quality education to the young persons. This is especially needed for the vast majority of our rural population. In our view good education is that which builds the human capacities of the youth and makes them productive and responsible citizens of a democratic country. I express my gratitude to you for joining us in this quest of providing good education. Without your financial and moral support we could not have proceeded steadily forward in our mission. I look forward to your continued support and encouragement.

A.N.Tripathi

Managing Trustee



Pledge to become responsible Citizens



Morning prayer for wellbeing of all



Enthusing creativity – greeting card making activity





Quiz in progress

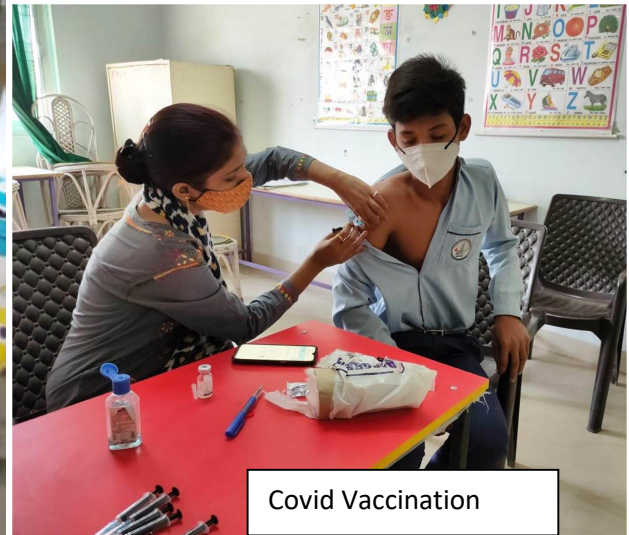


Making Merry

First batch farewell – Best wishes



Chilling out - Beat the heath – Fun activity for kindergarten



Covid Vaccination