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## ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23 - Trust and its Rural School Project

To, 30-April-2023

All our donors, partners and well wishers

Dear Friends,

The previous session was the first complete academic term for the school after the Covid-19 closure. We have now overcome its after-effects and all the curricular and co-curricular activities have picked up fully. The second batch of our students passed out in March and the new session started on April 1, 2022. We have had 303 students on rolls in this session. There have been 60 new admissions so far in the current session. We hope to touch the 400 mark by July when the admissions close. The number of teachersis 14. In December we conducted a 4 day training workshop for our teachers. The resource persons included three professors of BHU, an external management trainer, and a retired central school teacher, currently advisor to a leading school in Varanasi. Another invited speaker was Sri Samarth Pathak, Communications Officer of UNODC. He discussed the role of school teachers in promoting SDG goals. Another important activity in the school calendar is the celebration of Annual Day. This year, it was held on 20<sup>th</sup>November, with the colorful title 'Indraparni', show-casing the creative and artistic talents of our students. Excursions, visits to historical monuments and educational tours alongwith art camps etc. were organized with great vigour.

We received a CSR support of Rs. 35 Lakh by the popular mobile maker OPPO Mobiles India. The amount covered the cost of setting up a computer lab with 20 computers, acquiring a second school bus which runs on CNG, hence eco-friendly and a contribution to our Endowment Fund. A well-attended function was held on August 24, 2022 to inaugurate the Computer lab and to flag off the new CNG bus. The function was presiding over by our Justice AbhinavUpadhyay. Sri VivekVashishta,V.P.- Public Affairs of OPPO graced the occasion alongwith his two senior colleagues, Ms. Anuka Kumar, Head-CSR and Sri RakeshBhardwaj, GM-Policy. Two other welcome visitors to the school were Smt. PriyaNatrajan and Sri AsimAshthanafrom U.S.A.They have been conducting online

overjoyed to meet them in person. Rotary Club Varanasi Central extended a helping hand by presenting bicycles to ten of our girl students.

Our regular fund raising drive has also been quite satisfactory this year. We secured donations from 51 persons who together contributed Rs. 9 Lakh, to the Endowment fund andRs. 5 Lakh to our 'Educate a Child' scheme. These individual donations are vital to us to meet the expanding operating expenses of the school. I appeal to all of you to kindly continue your support this year also and in the coming years.

As I had mentioned in the last year's annual report, our school has now grown up to the level of a junior high school, i.e. upto class VIII. This is the half way mark of our journey. In the second half we have to develop it up to the higher secondary level. The estimated Capital expenses for the second phase of growth is Rs. 4 Crore spread over a period of three years, i.e. from 2023 to 2026. Our first priority is to build the ground floor of the three- storey second block of the school building. The plinth area is 6000 sq. ft.and the estimated cost of construction is Rs. 130 Lakh. With its availability we will be in a position to start class IX and apply for recognition up to the High school (Class X) level. We are looking for CSR support to raise this amount. I appeal to all our donors, partners and well-wishers to help me connect with the persons who decide the CSR spend of their company.

At the end I thank you all for being such a great source of strength and support for our rural school project. I wish you continued success and happiness, both in your professional and personal life.

A.N.Tripathi Managing Trustee



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Sri Samarth Pathak – UNODC interacting with students





