



THE HEJAMADY-KODI

VIDYAPRASARA FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends,

It gives us immense pleasure to appraise our CSR donors, philanthropists, members and well-wishers, who have extended their financial support to build and run a new English medium school at Hejamadi-Kodi village in Karnataka State. One of the key objectives of starting this journey in 2011 was to provide quality education to underprivileged rural children by bridging the Urban-Rural gap in access to quality education. It is our belief that we are on course for achieving this objective with your support and assistance.

Our New English medium school run by HKVP Foundation has achieved many milestones and is now slowly but steadily emerging as one of the good schools in the coastal region of Karnataka. Through this newsletter, we would like to provide an update of the progress made so far and about our future plans. The progress achieved so far was possible only because of the unstinted support and cooperation extended to us by all of you - CSR donors, philanthropists, members and well-wishers, who have actively participated with us by providing financial assistance, ideas, suggestions and support for making this project a success. We earnestly appeal our donors to be with us in this journey and be a part of our quest, for achieving success in providing new educational avenues in rural India.

Yours sincerely,

For The Hejamady-Kodi Vidyaprasara Foundation

Ravindra Puthran

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President

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New Admissions for 2017-18



We had new admissions of 47 little ones this academic year 2017-18 so far, taking the total student strength, in the school to, about 257. The school will be conducting classes from Nursery to 5th Standard, during the academic year 2017-18. We consider this to be a huge achievement in comparison to our humble beginning in 2011 with merely 22 students. We expect the school to attain a student strength of 800 to 1,000 over the next few years.

Setting up of a Computer Laboratory to impart education in Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

Keeping in view the need to keep abreast of the latest technological developments, it is important that the children become familiar with ICT, at an early age. In order to fortify the future of the children, learning skills of ICT has become inevitable and which will play a very big role in consolidating the future of the children.

In order to impart ICT education, we have set up a full-fledged computer laboratory with 50 computers, with the help and support of M/s Brillio Technologies, an US headquartered global technology company, focused on digital transformation. The school has also engaged the services of a qualified computer instructor to provide ICT education, in accordance with the well-defined curriculum. It is the ardent desire of the School Management to make ICT as an integral part of education, being imparted at the school.

Setting up of a Library facility

"It has been demonstrated that, when teachers and librarians work together, students achieve higher levels of literacy, reading, learning, problem solving and information and technology skills" UNESCO/IFLA School Library Manifesto, 2000, 'Mission of the School Library' section. <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s11/pubs/manifest.htm>

The library occupies a very important role in school. It needs to be filled with books mandated by the curriculum / academic guidelines along with reading and learning materials suited to the interests and aptitude of students of different age groups, with relevant magazines, periodicals, newspapers as well as fun reading books (comics and novels) as well as have a calm and tranquil ambiance that makes the library much attractive to children to visit, stay back and explore.

It becomes easy for us to plan the experiential library from scratch right from the room interiors to the choice of book shelves to the use of multi-media equipment all seamlessly blending into an environment that resembles a place of learning and self-exploration. We want our children to be excited about coming into the library and then to stay back and explore the huge sea of learning. Whether they want to read textbooks or mandated curriculum or simply immerse themselves into comics or play super mario brothers on the touch screen devices, we want them to put to use all their senses and cultivate habits of reading, cognitive skills and imagination which is by far missing in most of the schools today.

Our CSR sponsor, Mahindra Holidays & Resorts Limited, have agreed to sponsor setting up of library facility in the school and provided us the funds. We will soon start the work for of setting up of library and provide more updates on this in our next newsletter. Through this newsletter we would like express our sincere appreciation to Mahindra Holidays for their continued support.

Successful completion of the first year of MyPedia curriculum

Last year, the Foundation has entered into academic partnership with M/s Pearson, a global learning solutions company for their MyPedia learning solution, which promises a measurable improvement in enhancing cognitive skills of the learner. As a part of this programme, Pearson has closely engaged with the school in various matters including the course contents, teaching practices and methods, class room management, teachers training, evaluation and assessment, which has inspired confidence in students. As a result, there has been considerable improvement in achieving the overall learning objectives and active participation by students in the classes.

MyPedia also enables the teaching faculty to generate performance reports at the class level as well as at the student level which can be made available to the parents on demand. These reports would also serve as a tool to plan the coaching of the slow learners and other weaker performing students.





RECRUITMENT, EVALUATION AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS

We have recruited two new teachers for the academic year 2017-18. With these additions, now we have total of 11 teachers in the school.

The importance of continuous training in any organization need not be over emphasised. Regular training and development activities are also very important particularly for a rural school like ours. As mentioned above, as a part of our academic engagement of MyPedia, the experts from Pearson visit the school every month to perform among other things classroom observation, interaction with teachers and providing trainings.

In order to improve the English language skills amongst the teachers, the Foundation has recently entered into an arrangement with M/s Multibhashi (www.multibhashi.com). As a part of this, the expert teachers of Multibhashi will provide regular coaching and training to teachers remotely by using skype platform. We expect this will help in improving the English language skills of the teachers, which will directly benefit the students.

One of the common problems faced by most of the schools in the rural India is non availability of skilled and expert teachers. Usually, high quality teachers prefers to work for schools in cities/towns and are reluctant to settle in villages and work for rural schools. This is one of the primary reasons for Urban-Rural gap in terms of access to quality education. To address this issue, the Foundation has entered into a partnership with a prominent NGO – eVidyaloka (www.evidyaloka.org). Under this arrangement, eVidyaloka has set up infrastructure in the school to enable their enrolled voluntary teachers to login to our classrooms and conduct the classes for subjects like English, Mathematics and Science for students of 5th standard. The Foundation will use the 'blended learning' method by integrating the traditional classroom practice with e-learning solutions to provide better learning experience to students of the school. By using the expert voluntary teachers to teach the critical subjects (albeit remotely) we consider that, at least partially we have addressed the issue of getting better quality education to our school students through this innovative method. For facilitating this method of education and funding for the introduction of this entire concept in our school, we are ever grateful and sincerely thank our technology CSR sponsor, M/s Brillio Technologies.



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Funding arrangements

The Foundation requires funds for meeting the cost of ongoing construction of 1st and 2nd floor of our school building, other infrastructure like school bus, library facility, sports grounds and the running cost of school like teacher's salary and other school administrative expenses. The Foundation meets these expenditures through donations and grants from corporates under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and from philanthropist donors. For meeting the school operating expenditure, the Foundation actively approached general public for sponsorship of education of a child by paying Rs.5,000 each, per annum for 5 years. The Foundation has so far received the sponsorships of about 100 children and hoping to get sponsorships for another 150 children during 2017-18.

The Total project cost is estimated to be at Rs.450 lakhs and the Foundation has collected so far about Rs.250 lakhs as donations/grants. The Foundation has spent major part of these funds towards the construction cost of school building and for meeting operational expenditure of running the school.

Our CSR sponsors, M/s Mahindra Holidays & Resorts Limited, which is a part of the Leisure and Hospitality sector of the Mahindra Group and M/s Quinnox Consultancy Services Limited, an IT consulting firm headquartered in Chicago continued their financial support for the construction of school building and providing other infrastructures. During this period, the Foundation also received assistance under CSR program from M/s Inox Air Products Pvt. Ltd., and M/s Brillio Technologies Pvt. Ltd. The Foundation also received donations from many individual donors who have whole heartedly supported and participated in this noble task of setting up of the school in our backward village for the benefit of children whose parents are financially weak.

Some of the needs for which the Foundation requires financial support during 2017-18 are:

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| 1. Completion of construction of school building like: | |
| a. False ceiling of 2 nd floor | Rs.8.0 lakhs |
| b. Science laboratories | Rs.5.0 lakhs |
| c. Compound walls | Rs.5.0 lakhs |
| d. Urinals | Rs.3.0 lakhs |
| e. Chairs & fans for auditorium | Rs.2.7 lakhs |
| f. Others | Rs.9.0 lakhs |
| Total | Rs.32.7 lakhs |
| 2. Playground for sports | |
| | Rs.70.0 lakhs |
| 3. Corpus fund for free education | |
| | Rs.50.0 lakhs |

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Update on the status of construction of school building

As mentioned in the earlier newsletter, the construction of 1st and 2nd floor of the school building is still in progress. These two additional floors will have 10 class rooms and other facilities like computer laboratory, science laboratory, library and an auditorium. Due to funds constraints, we could not complete the construction work of our school by the originally scheduled timeline of April, 2017. However, with the cogent support from CSR companies and philanthropists we are determined to complete the construction work by December, 2017.

Emphasis on value based education

Keeping in view that providing value based education is need of the hour, we have introduced certain special activities in the school. This is will inculcate social values, which may help the children to lead a happy and meaningful life and make them responsible citizens. Accordingly, we have conducted in the school an event called 'Charana Seva'. This is an event in which the school children are encouraged to wash the feet of their parents and receive blessings from their parents. This activity results in bringing the children and parents closer and the idea behind this activity is when children grow into adults they should not disregard or refuse to look after their aged parents, who have brought them up in life facing all odds. There is asaying that "Paradise lies at your mother's feet". Children today should realize that 'Mother' is the person who bears a lot of pain and discomfort and spent hours in labor so that you come into existence.

The school also conducted the 'Swatchata Abhiyan' under which the school children took the initiative to clean up the village and spread the awareness amongst the villagers to keep the beach and the village clean. School has also made Yoga and Meditation as part of its daily curriculum in order to inculcate traditional values of India in the children at an early age.

Bal Panchayat (Children's parliament)

With an active support, guidance and encouragement from our CSR partner M/s Mahindra Holidays & Resorts Limited, the school has established Bal Panchayat during this year. Bal Panchayat is an idea of bringing the children together to strengthen their voice and leadership, to provide a platform where they can reach the adult duty bearer and change-agents in order to prompt their attention towards issues which affect children directly or indirectly and by making plans on how to go about resolving these issues. The motive behind forming and facilitating Bal panchayat is to promote the right of participation so that children can speak the unspoken and their unheard voices may be heard. Setting up of bal panchayat is expected to inculcate the skills of leadership, team work and unity amongst the children and sensitize them on issues related to them and other social issues. In the course of time, we expect this program will enable the children to resolve many issues concerning them.

Other programs conducted and planned

- Annual day function
- Charana Seva
- Swatchata Abhiyan
- Environment Day
- World Ocean Day
- World blood donar day
- International Yoga Day
- Bal panchayat



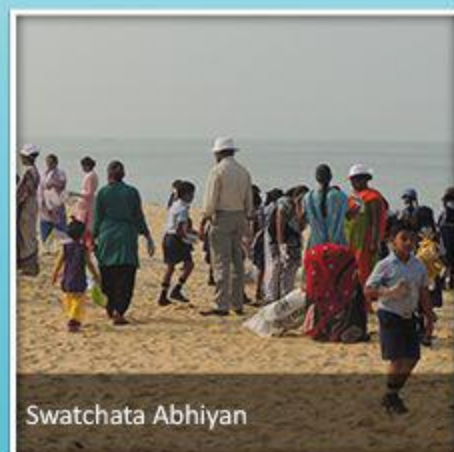
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Upcoming programs

- Inauguration of e-Vidyaloka class room
- International youth day
- Independence Day
- World Humanitarian Day

The Foundation expresses its gratitude to all its corporate and individual donors and hopes to receive their continued support in future too..