

NEWSLETTER MAY 2018

Gurukul Public School

Achievements Board

We started a Achievements board for the teachers where every Saturday they share a story or an event from their class which made them really happy or proud. This is a good place to share the stories as well as best practices among the team.

CSR

Hafele India is supporting us in building the **Science Lab** for our children as part of their CSR initiative. We are so thankful to the entire Hafele team for making this dream come true for us.

OakNorth Global Private Limited has committed to support the education of **40 children** in school for a period of 3 years. Thanks to the OakNorth team for supporting us in this journey.

Solar plant of 10KW

Electricity was a constant problem at school because of which learning efficiency was getting affected. Children had to sit in the classrooms in this sweltering heat without the fans. With your support we installed 10KW solar plant.



The New Academic Session Begins

We started the session in April with a strength of 847 students. All thanks to our supporters who have come forward to make education possible for these children. Most of our students come from the government's primary and secondary school system as these are the only school's which offer free education and these children can't afford a fee system based school. Sadly no fees at government schools in the villages also means no education. Many of the children who come to us for admission in class V, VI etc do not even know the Hindi varnamala (Alphabet) forget about their





Work in Progress

- **Science lab** construction is in progress
- **Library** is being renovated and restocked with the support of one of our supporters
- **CBSE affiliation** process is going on. We should get the school inspection done in the month of June/July and get the affiliation for High School starting this academic year

Challenges

Running a school for the underprivileged children specially in the rural areas has its own set of challenges but we face each and every one of them with a smile and an intent to make it work.

- The academic achievement gap in children is too big and it will take time for us to overcome that but we will get there. By the time we are able bridge the gap for our old students new admissions come in and the cycle begins again.
- Parents are mostly illiterate and hence the entire responsibility of a child's education falls on the school. This puts addition pressure on our staff who don't get any support from the parents.

English and Maths. Its an uphill battle but our entire team is committed to the journey of making it possible for our children. They may come from the poorest of families, unsafe neighbourhoods, from a society which tells them they are bound to fail but once they are in school they are the dreamers of their future and believers of their abilities. My biggest achievement so far has been that I have been able to put the smile back on the faces of my children. I have given them hope and confidence. Once they start believing in themselves they can conquer anything.

Thank You

Through this newsletter I would like to thank all my supporters and mentors for believing in me and trusting me. None of this would have been possible without your generous support for the cause. Your support has enabled the children and their families too who are very much part of the Gurukul story now. They are thankful to each one of you for doing it for their children which they themselves weren't able to do because of their life circumstances.

I have children of landless labourers, widows, beggars, blind parents etc studying at school and it all because you believed that we together can make a difference to the lives of these kids. Thanks for giving them the life opportunities that my children deserve.

