

APPEAL

Renovation of DTEA Schools at Moti Bagh and Janakpuri

The DTEA ALUMNI TRUST is a body that has been set up with the objective of assisting our alma mater, the DTEA Schools of Delhi, in various ways. The Trust has been trying to raise funds by different means. The funds raised at various times have been fully and successfully utilised towards meeting the various infrastructure and other basic needs of all the seven DTEA schools.

Details of the amounts spent in the past years are available on the alumni website www.dtea-alumni.org. The schools and the DTEA management have expressed their appreciation of the efforts of the Trust and they look forward to our continued assistance and cooperation.

The schools still have many requirements -- new as well as renewal of the old -- to be met on a continuing basis for which the government's budgetary support is grossly inadequate. The funds raised by the Trust have also been so far a great deal less than the combined potential of all the alumni. The Trust expects the alumni to pool in their resources to carry the good work forward and also do more. The Trust seeks the continued cooperation of all alumni towards this noble aim.

The Trust also accepts donations from other well-wishers, organizations engaged in the promotion of education and associated infrastructure and corporate entities as part of their CSR schemes. The Trust appeals to them as well for generous contributions.

The contributions can be either towards the general pooled fund of the Trust, which is used for minor recurring requirements of all the seven schools, or for specific major projects that the Trust takes up for execution or for instituting any endowment or scholarship.

In 2012, the Trust successfully executed the large-scale renovation of the DTEA School at Mandir Marg. The Trust has now taken up similar large-scale renovation work in the schools at Janakpuri and Moti Bagh.

Project Janakpuri

In 2013, witnessing the work carried out by the Trust in Mandir Marg, the Janakpuri school principal approached the Trust to initiate large-scale work for the Janakpuri School. On a preliminary appraisal, it turns out that the JKP School is in a worse state than the MM School and the task is onerous. Correspondingly, the resources required are also enormous. (The fund requirement for Project Janakpuri is about Rs. 1 crore.)

There was an initial enthusiastic response from the Janakpuri alumni which, unfortunately, seems to have waned. However, with the limited funds (of about Rs. 10-11 lakhs) that was mobilized in the initial phase, the Trust took up the renovation of the toilet block of the school, which was high on priority, and has successfully completed the same.

At present renovation of the Janakpuri school has been suspended for lack of funds. However, the remaining major works have to be taken up at the earliest and funds need to

be mobilized for that quickly. We urge the alumni, the Janakpuri alumni in particular, and other well wishers to donate generously towards this project.

Project Moti Bagh

This year a similar request came from the Moti Bagh school, which is also in a very bad state requiring major repair works. A rough estimate has put the requirement of funds at around Rs. 60 lakhs. A small amount of money has already started coming in towards this project mainly from funds collected by the school itself from its staff. With this minor repair work such as carpentry work has been started.

But we need to mobilize substantial amount of funds if the Trust has to take up the remaining major works such as addressing the problem of large-scale seepage, rewiring of the electrical system, repairs of class rooms, painting of the entire school (both inside and the outer façade). We urge the alumni, the Moti Bagh alumni in particular, and other well-wishers to contribute generously towards this project as well.

Summer vacation for the schools is approaching. It would be good to take up a greater part of the projects during this period and funds mobilized immediately would be a great help to execute them as quickly as possible.

Contributions towards the Trust fund may be sent by a crossed cheque/DD favouring DTEA Alumni Trust to the address given below.

**DTEA Alumni Trust,
804, Sahyog Building, 58, Nehru Place, New Delhi -- 110 019, INDIA.**

The contributions can be in Indian or foreign currency. If your contribution is specifically towards either Project Janakpuri or Project Moti Bagh, kindly mention 'For Project Janakpuri' or 'For Project Moti Bagh' as the case may be on the back of the cheque/DD.

Please be informed that all contributions by *resident* Indians will be eligible for tax exemptions under Section 80 G of the IT Act. The appropriate eligibility certificate will be forwarded along with the receipt towards the contribution. Kindly provide your mailing address as well on the back of the cheque/DD for the Trust to be able to send this.

The Trust is a registered body under the Foreign Contributions Regulations Act (FCRA) and recently, with the help of the Trust, the Association too has obtained its registration under the FCRA in March 2014. So the Trust now can, and has begun to, accept donations from foreign citizens and foreign organizations as well.

Funds can also be transferred electronically to the Trust account, the details of which can be obtained from the Trustee Mr. Srikanth Chakravarthy, who manages the Trust finances, by sending a mail to him to that effect at either the Trust email ID dteaalumni@yahoo.com or his personal ID srichak@vsnl.com.

PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY TO THE CAUSE!!!

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