

# **DTEA ALUMNI TRUST**

## **APPEAL FOR DONATIONS**

### **Infrastructural, Educational and Nutrition Projects**

#### **At DTEA Senior Secondary Schools, New Delhi**

### **Background and Track Record**

The DTEA ALUMNI TRUST represents the alumni of the 7 DTEA Schools of Delhi (formerly known as the MEA Schools) to support their Alma Mater in meeting their infrastructural, educational and other needs. It may interest you to know that DTEA has been in operation since 1923. These schools together have about 6000 students and staff strength of over 300.

Registered in 2002 as a public charitable institution, the DTEA ALUMNI TRUST has been raising funds for its activities, largely through donations from the alumni, as well as others, including corporates under their CSR schemes. The Trust has valid registration U/s 12 A of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Donations to the Trust from **resident** Indians qualify for deduction U/s 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The Trust is also registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.

The funds raised in the past have been fully and successfully utilized, either directly by the Trust or under its close supervision. All the projects implemented by the Trust are, as is the practice, monitored and supervised by the Trust.

Details of the amounts spent in the past years are available on the alumni website [www.dtea-alumni.org](http://www.dtea-alumni.org). For instance, Rs. 1.09 crores have been spent over the last 5 years. The schools and the DTEA management have conveyed their appreciation and they look forward to continued assistance from the Trust.

### **Projects Currently Taken Up by the Trust for Execution**

#### **A. Infrastructural**

##### **1. Water-proofing and Complete Relaying of Terrace Flooring at DTEA School, RK Puram**

Since the buildings of the DTEA Schools are quite old, problems with their structural integrity, in particular water seepage from the terrace and the building walls especially during the monsoon, have been showing up to the extent of disrupting the normal functioning of the schools. During 2015-16, based on donations from alumni and other well-wishers, the Trust had undertaken the major job of water proofing and total relaying of the roof of the building and the associated civil repair works at the DTEA School, Moti Bagh, which was successfully accomplished. Thanks to the remarkable initiative of the Pusa Road School alumni under the 'GoSolar' banner and generous alumni contributions, the Trust could facilitate and execute a similar job at the DTEA School, Pusa Road, last year. Such major infrastructural repair works, which usually take a few months for completion, have been carried out with the guidance and expert supervision of architects and civil engineers to ensure that work done is of long lasting quality.

The Trust has now embarked upon a similar project at the DTEA School, RK Puram, which has been facing a serious seepage issue. The cost estimate for the job is around Rs. 30 lakhs. The work was started

on December 24 with the initial sum mobilized through donations from alumni and other well-wishers but the Trust needs to raise more.

## **2. Refurbishing of the Electrical System including Total Rewiring at DTEA School, Laxmi Bai Nagar**

Last year the Trust undertook an energy audit of all the DTEA Schools by engaging a Mumbai-based professional agency with the donation made by an alumnus specifically for the purpose. The recommendations that have emerged from the audit vary from school to school – ranging from upgrading of specific fittings and systems to complete revamping of the electrical infrastructure. With the funds available, the Trust intends to first take up the total refurbishing at the DTEA School, Laxmi Bai Nagar. The estimated expenditure for this is around Rs. 20 lakhs, a sum that calls for mobilization of additional funds to execute the work.

## **B. Academic Intervention & Nutrition**

In the initial years of the Trust's involvement with the schools, its activities were largely focused on improving the school infrastructure. Since 2016, thanks to the visionary initiatives of some alumni groups, academic intervention projects were also taken up at the schools in Lodi Estate (Project called 'Varsha'), Mandir Marg (Project called 'Meera') and Moti Bagh (Project called 'Converse'). The chief aim of this intervention has been to improve learning skills among primary class children through additional teachers and a hands-on activity centre. Student participation and the results have been quite positive and encouraging. These too were funded through donations from the alumni and other well-wishers.

### **1. Project 'Chitti' at DTEA School, Laxmi Bai Nagar**

Supporting a similar initiative of an alumni group, the Trust launched Project 'Chitti at Laxmi Bai Nagar last September on the Teachers' Day. Modelled along the same lines as 'Varsha' and 'Meera', 'Chitti' aims at providing special assistance to the primary class children by having an additional teacher appointed by the Trust to augment the efforts of regular school teacher in teaching the basics to the young. A colourful activity room with various books and teaching aids also forms part of this special basic skill development initiative. The programme is functioning well. The yearly expenditure for the project is about Rs. 2-2.5 lakhs. The Trust needs augmentation of funds for this project too.

### **2. Improving Mathematics Skill among Primary Class Children at DTEA School, RK Puram**

The manner mathematics is traditionally taught to the young in schools often ends up creating a phobia to the subject among them and foundation in it is found wanting in most of them at later stages. Learning mathematics can, however, be fun if taught in a creative and engaging way. The Trust has launched a programme, initially on a pilot scale at the RK Puram School, for training teachers of classes I and II in a new pedagogic approach to teaching mathematics based on a method pioneered by an NGO called 'Jodo Gyan'. This approach has now been adopted in nearly 3000 schools, both government and private, across the country, all the Navodaya Schools of Delhi in particular. The first workshop for the RK Puram School's primary teachers was conducted during last November. With the cooperation of the DTEA management and the school, and under the supervision of mentors from Jodo Gyan, the stage is now set for integrating the methodology with the normal mode of classroom teaching from the next academic year onwards. If successful, this will be extended to the other DTEA Schools, and subsequently to classes up to V, as well. The annual expenditure in the pilot phase will be around Rs. 2 lakhs per school. The Trust seeks your support towards raising funds for this project as well.

### **3. Project 'Nutrition' at DTEA School, Pusa Road**

The nutrition project, which was initiated in 2017 at Moti Bagh, provides nutritional food supplementation every day to children of primary classes (I-V), numbering +200 as they arrive at the school in the morning. This initiative arose from the observation that most children from economically underprivileged homes come to the school without any breakfast due to domestic compulsions. As a result, they are not able concentrate on lessons in the classes, even dozing off at times. A fuller stomach is likely to lead to better learning. Hence this initiative.

Under this, on a daily basis bananas are distributed to all the primary class children of the Moti Bagh School. In addition, or as alternatives, other nutritious items like peanut chikki are also distributed at times. The annual expenditure towards this is to the tune of Rs. 1.5-2.0 lakhs. The experiment has had a perceptible positive effect on the children in the class room. To replicate the Moti Bagh initiative at the Pusa Road School, the Trust solicits donations from alumni and others.

#### **Support Solicited from You**

Through this appeal the Trust is seeking support to its projects through contributions from DTEA alumni as well other well-wishers, including corporate entities (through their CSR schemes) and other organizations to meet the resource gap for the remaining months of this financial year as well as 2019-20. Your contribution will be invaluable towards the successful implementation of the aforementioned new project initiatives of the Trust.

Contributions are welcome from both Indian and foreign individuals and entities which may be sent by a crossed cheque/DD favouring **DTEA Alumni Trust** to the address given below.

If you wish your donation to be earmarked for a specific project, please mention the project name on the back of the cheque/DD. Kindly also provide your address and PAN on the back of the cheque/DD.

Funds can also be transferred electronically to the Trust account. Details can be obtained from the Trustee Mr. Srikanth Chakravarthy, who manages the Trust finances, by sending an e-mail to him and providing details about the donor including the Citizenship/nationality, address and PAN and the project (if the contribution is meant for a specific project) at either the Trust email IDs [dteaalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:dteaalumni@yahoo.com) and [dteaschools.alumni@gmail.com](mailto:dteaschools.alumni@gmail.com) or his personal ID [sc@rcadelhi.com](mailto:sc@rcadelhi.com)

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