

NEWS UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2024



"He who serves the most, reaps the most."

- JIM ROHN



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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY OF M S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Manu and Rika Shah founded MSI in 1975, in the basement of their home in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. MSI is now the largest importer and distributor in the world of Premium Surfaces including granite, marble, porcelain and ceramic tiles, slate, travertine, limestone and other natural stone products from 37 countries. Most notably, MSI provided the granite for the Vietnam Memorial in DC.

Manu and Rika Shah established Sarva Mangal Family Trust (Sarva Mangal means 'let all be happy' in Sanskrit) over 20 years ago with compassion as their driving force for philanthropy. Manu's vision for SMFT is to act as a catalyst, challenge status quo, nurture passionate change-makers and support leapfrogging ideas that are scalable and sustainable. Today, all members from the Shah family are involved in social impact initiatives that are undertaken by SMFT. Manu supports VOSAP – Voice of Specially Abled People, which has created over 10,000 change makers and rated over 18,000 buildings rated for accessibility. He also supports Lend a hand India, which provides digital vocational training to over 300,000 students in 20,000 schools.

In 2007, Mr. Manu Shah was named Ernst & Young's national Entrepreneur of the Year in the distribution, manufacturing, and security category.

ABOUT SARVA MANGAL FAMILY TRUST

Established in 1994 by the Founders of M S International, Inc. The mission of the Sarva Mangal Family Trust is to improve and strengthen the health, education and theyllness of communities and help them prepare for global jobs of the 21st century. Sarva Mangal is a Sanskrit word which means Goodness to All.

To advance this mission, the Sarva Mangal Family Trust has donated to and is continuing to work with various organizations and programs in health promotion and prevention, assisting victims of domestic violence, empotheyring seniors, entrepreneurship, technological literacy, community activism, and children's education.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



CSR EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY CONDUCTED AT MSI INDIA

The Corporate Social Responsibility team at MSI Bangalore successfully organized Blood Donation Drive as part of their ongoing employee engagement initiative. The event received an outstanding response from the employees, with over 120 individuals volunteering to participate in the noble cause. Held at the MSI office premises, the blood donation camp was managed, with all necessary health and safety protocols in place to ensure the well-being of every donor.

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EVENT – CSR EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

On 18th September 2024, MSI's Corporate Social Responsibility team successfully conducted a blood donation drive in collaboration with the Lions Blood Bank, Bangalore. This initiative was part of MSI's ongoing Corporate Social Responsibility efforts aimed at making a positive contribution to the community and supporting noble causes.

The event was met with an overwhelming response from MSI employees, with over 120 participants stepping forward to donate blood. The drive took place at MSI's office premises, where all the necessary safety measures were carefully implemented to ensure the well-being and safety of every donor.

The donation process included a comprehensive pre-check-up for all participants, ensuring that they were in good health and eligible to donate blood. After the donation, each participant was provided with refreshments to help them recover, and every donor received a certificate of appreciation as a token of gratitude for their generous contribution.

The medical team from Lions Blood Bank expertly managed the donation process, providing professional support and ensuring a smooth experience for all involved. Their involvement was critical to the success of the event.

The blood donation drive proved to be a resounding success, reflecting MSI's commitment to contributing meaningfully to the community. MSI extends its sincere thanks to Lions Blood Bank for their unwavering support and cooperation in making this event possible.

As a company, MSI remains dedicated to supporting impactful initiatives and looks forward to continuing its efforts to serve society through similar programs in the future. Together, we strive for a better tomorrow



MSI Day Shift Employees at the Blood Donation



MSI Mid Shift Employees Giving Back Through Blood Donation



MSI Night Shift Employees Donating Blood



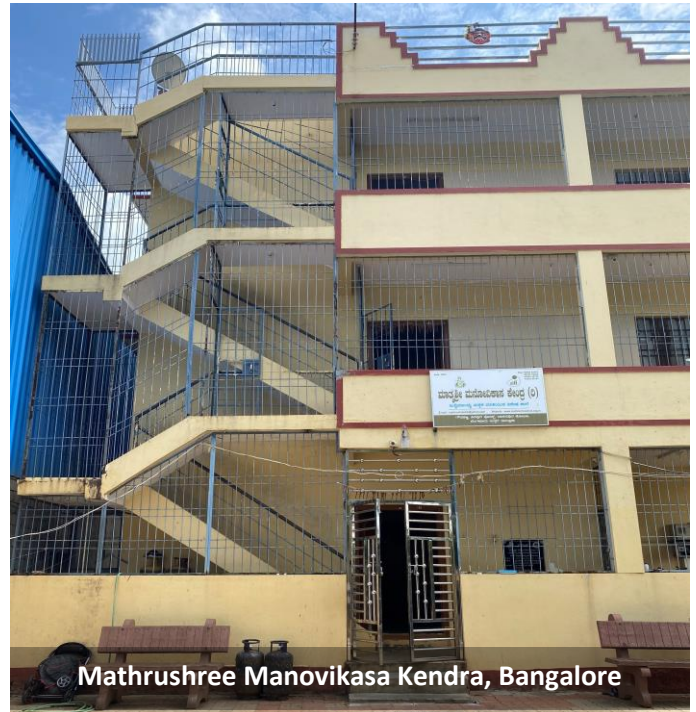
Felicitation of MSI's Senior Leadership

EVENT – ASSISTIVE DEVICES DISTRIBUTION

We are honored to announce that the Sarva Mangal Family Trust has made a contribution to Mathrushree Manovikasa Kendra, a residential facility in Bangalore dedicated to the care and development of specially-abled children. As part of our commitment to uplifting differently-abled individuals and fostering their holistic growth, the Trust has provided a range of assistive devices designed to enhance the quality of life for the children at the center.

The assistive devices donated include cerebral palsy walkers, physio gymnic balls, floor seaters/corner seats with lapboards, stand-in frames, walker rollators, wheelchairs, and more. These devices are vital in supporting the mobility, posture, and physical well-being of the children, allowing them to engage in therapeutic activities and everyday tasks with greater ease. By addressing their specific needs, these aids are instrumental in fostering independence and self-confidence, helping the children reach their developmental milestones and live with dignity.

Mathrushree Manovikasa Kendra has been a beacon of hope for specially-abled children, offering not only a safe residential environment but also a comprehensive approach to rehabilitation and education. The center provides a range of services that cater to the unique needs of each child, focusing on their physical, cognitive, and emotional development. Through the combined efforts of dedicated caregivers and specialized equipment, Mathrushree Manovikasa Kendra is making a profound difference in the lives of children with disabilities.



NGO IN FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER'24 – VOSAP

About the Nonprofit

Voice of SAP is a US based global advocacy nonprofit in 'Special Consultative Status' with UN ECOSOC and accreditation with UN COSP, dedicated to creating an inclusive, accessible and empowered world for Specially Abled People (SAP) by accelerating the implementation of goals of UN SDGs and the UN CRPD treaty.

VOSAP's vision is to catalyze global TRANSFORMATION by empowering SAP by providing Assistive Devices, Accessibility, Employment, Education and Healthcare while aiming to change the narrative of disability, by focusing on 'ABILITIES' of Persons with Disabilities



Hon PM Modi's 'Mann ki Baat' | April 24, 2022



Thank you very much Honorable PM Modi ji for your support, sharing VOSAP technology initiatives, it's digital platforms for Assistive Technology Innovators and Artists with Disability. 🙏

On behalf of 11,000 VOSAPians
Pranav Desai, Founder of Voice of SAP

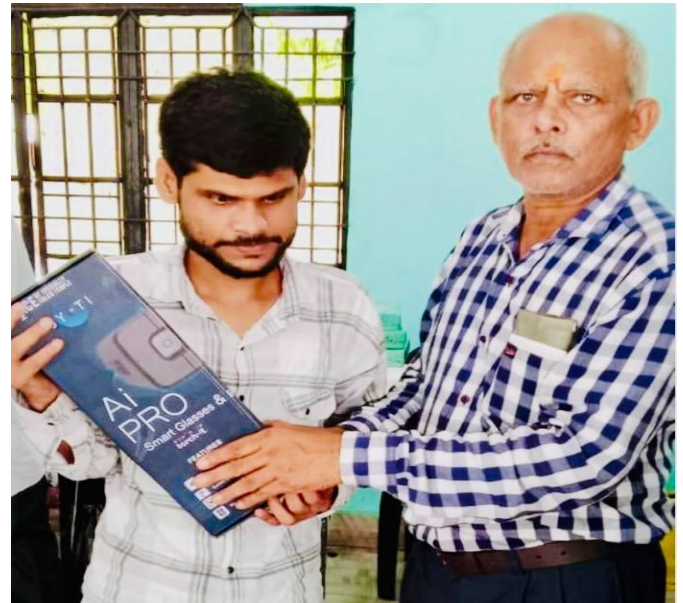


About the SMFT Funded Project

The Project aims to enable specially abled people by providing innovative assistive devices, and Advocacy to improve awareness about accessibility and the abilities of specially abled people, striving for their inclusion in society with strong economic arguments.

Leveraging VOSAP Digital Tools, a network of trusted AT, NGO partners are key strategies to increase the project's impact.

The expected outcomes include transforming lives of Specially Abled People by providing assistive devices to learn, earn and live independently, raising overall awareness for abilities of disabled people and need for accessibility.



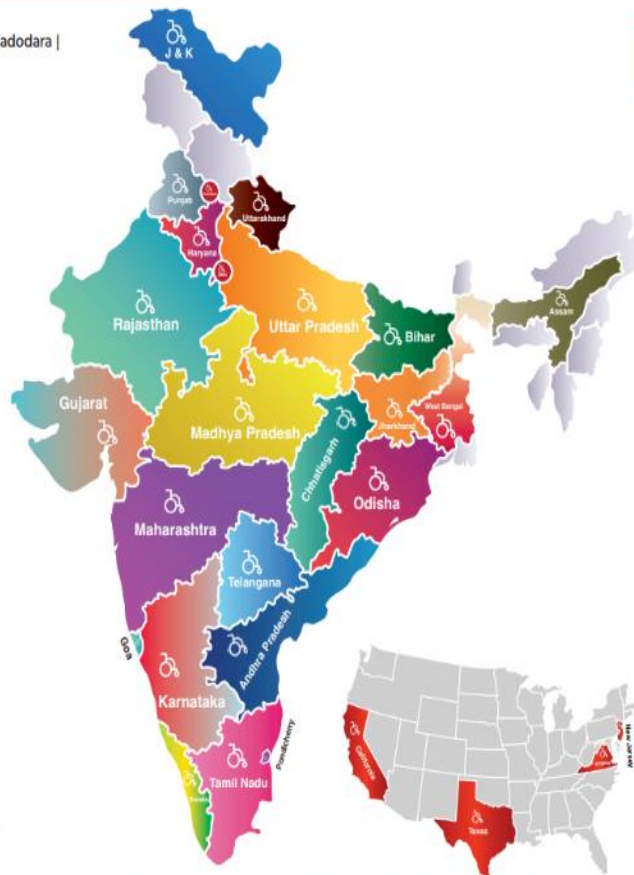
NGO IN FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER'24 – VOSAP (Cont.)

Project Location/Geography

- 23 States of India: Gujarat (Ahmedabad, Morbi, Halvad, Botad, Palanpur, Dang, Surat, Vadodara, Godhra, Bhuj, Dahod), Uttar Pradesh (Basti, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Sitapur, Hardoi, Varanasi), Karnataka (Belgaum, Bangalore), Maharashtra (Pune), Madhya Pradesh (Neemuch, Nagda), Odisha (Bhubaneswar), Telangana (Hyderabad), Rajasthan (Jodhpur), Tamil Nadu (Chennai, Coimbatore), Uttarakhand (Haridwar), Meghalaya, Kerala, West Bengal, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Punjab, Delhi, Jharkhand, Goa, Jammu and Kashmir. Union Territories: Chandigarh, Pondicherry.
- California.

VOSAP Beneficiaries in 23 states, 3 Union Territories (India) and 4 in USA

- 01 Gujarat: Ahmedabad | Palanpur | Surat | Dahod | Vadodara | Dang | Botad | Porbandar | Godhra | Bhuj | Morbi
- 02 Uttar Pradesh: Basti | Varanasi | Gorakhpur | Lucknow | Sitapur | Hardoi
- 03 Madhya Pradesh: Nagda
- 04 Odisha: Bhubaneswar
- 05 Maharashtra: Pune
- 06 Telangana: Hyderabad
- 07 Karnataka: Belgaum | Bangalore
- 08 Rajasthan: Jodhpur
- 09 Tamil Nadu: Chennai
- 10 Uttarakhand: Haridwar
- 11 Andhra Pradesh
- 12 Bihar
- 13 Kerala
- 14 Chhattisgarh
- 15 West Bengal
- 16 Assam
- 17 Haryana
- 18 Punjab
- 19 Jharkhand
- 20 Goa
- 21 Jammu and Kashmir
- 22 Union Territories: Chandigarh, Delhi, Pondicherry
- 23 California



VOSAP Team

- 👤 Ahmedabad
- 👤 Baroda
- 👤 Delhi
- 👤 Varanasi
- 👤 Belgaum
- 👤 Haridwar
- 👤 Hyderabad
- 👤 Nagda (MP)
- 👤 Los Angeles
- 👤 San Jose
- 👤 Houston
- 👤 Dallas
- 👤 New Jersey
- 👤 Atlanta
- 👤 Washington DC

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NGO IN FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER'24 – VOSAP (Cont.)

Recent Project Updates

ADVOCACY:

- VOSAP raises over \$1 Million to Empower Specially Abled People in India
- VOSAP Mission recognized by Artesia City Council, received certificate from Mayor of Artesia Tony Lima
- VOSAP Volunteers and Igniters taking mission to masses at several booth events in Dallas, Houston, Virginia and Los Angeles



ENABLEMENT:

- 27,000+ Specially Abled People enabled as of September 2024
- Added new innovative assistive products for deaf-blind (Orbit Research)
- Mass enablement events - ongoing in addition to direct to beneficiary model with online portal by shipping devices to beneficiary
- VOSAP launched Project HITARTH to help individuals with intellectual disabilities avail healthcare benefits under the NIRAMAYA scheme
- Online system launched, over 1,000 beneficiaries enrolled



VOSAP Founder Advocating For Vision 2047 For Divyangjan

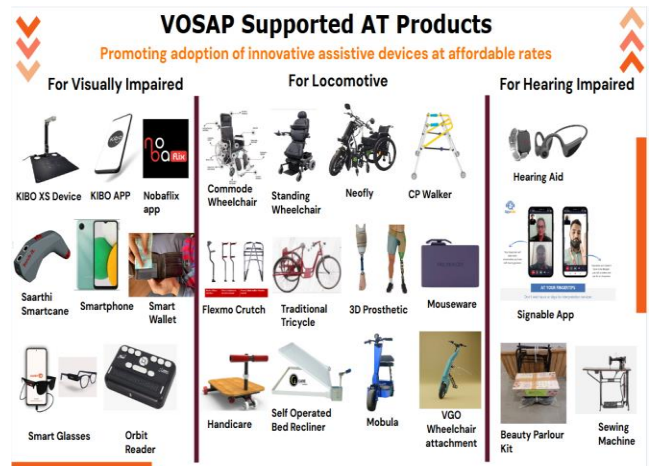
NGO IN FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER'24 – VOSAP (Cont.)

Overall Impact

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY:

VOSAP Virtual AT Exhibition :

- Bridge gap between AT Suppliers and People with Disabilities
- 35+ Assistive technology product and service suppliers at VOSAP AT Exhibition at no cost to them or visitors to spread awareness
- Launched AT Acceleration Fund of \$1 Million to promote AT Sector
- VOSAP AT Hackathon: 500+ students engaged in innovation of AT products, came up with amazing innovative solutions to help SAP - 10 winners



ENABLEMENT:

- Launched subsidy program to promote adoption of Innovative Assistive Devices
- 27,000+ Lives Changed with Assistive Device (India), Surgical Intervention (India) and scholarship for Education (USA)

ACCESSIBILITY: Promote awareness on accessibility of public places. 23,000+ public places rated for Accessibility information



NGO IN FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER'24 – VOSAP (Cont.)

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY: 12,400+ Registered volunteers have taken a pledge to support the mission including 3,000+ youth volunteers

ADVOCACY:

United Nations

- VOSAP has 'Special Consultative Status' with United Nation's ECOSOC
- Presented 8 times at UN since 2018

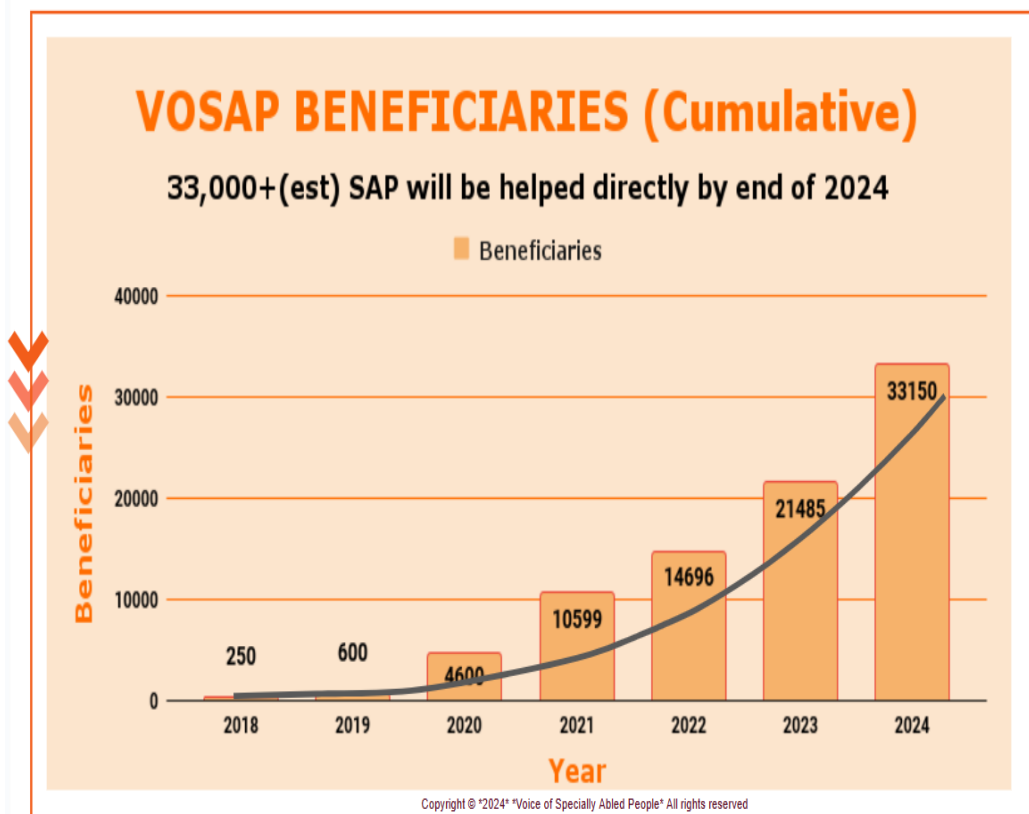
GOVERNMENT:

- US – Engagement with City of San Jose, LA for Accessibility. Met with US Congressman Brad Sherman, promoting ADA 2.0
- India – Worked with PM office for Accessible India Campaign, framework for RPWD Act 2016



YOUTH:

- VOSAP Research Internship to engage students at college in Data Driven Policy research. Engaged 100+ youth in 25+ research projects on disability
- VOSAP Ignite Program for Highschool students in the USA. So far 4,000 hours of volunteering by 100+ students under VOSAP Ignite program, 20 Students received PVSA under VOSAP Ignite Program



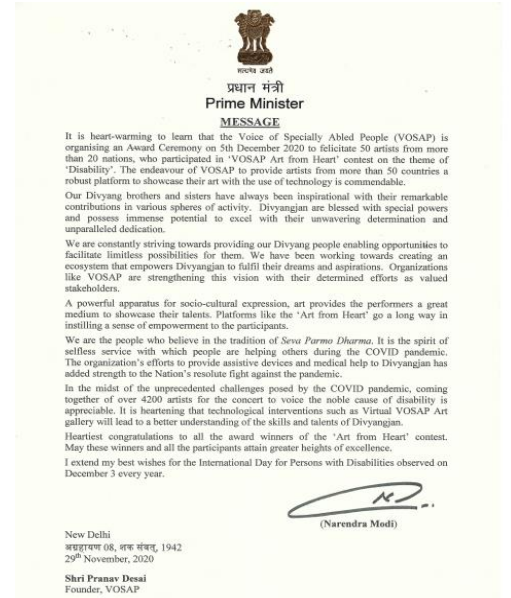
Highlight of the Month

- 1300+ smart wallets and several other devices
- 200+ smart glasses in Mumbai
- 23 Cornea transplant Surgeries
- \$1 Million raised to enable Specially Abled People in India
- VOSAP Mission recognized by Artesia City Council, received certificate from Mayor of Artesia Tony Lima
- VOSAP Founder, Shri Pranav Desai, received an award from the American Society of Engineers of Indian Origin (ASEI)



Awards

- 2018: VOSAP was approved by UN CRPD as an accredited NGO in disability sector
- 2018: Appreciation Letter from Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modiji for engaging youth for essay contest on disability topics
- 2019: VOSAP was granted Special Consultative Status by UN ECOSOC
- 2020: Appreciation Letter from Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modiji for launching 3D Art gallery on the theme of 'Disability'
- 2021 : Appreciation Letter from Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modiji for launching 3D Virtual Assistive Technology Exhibition
- 2021: VOSAP granted as authorized NGO to recommend for PVSA (President's Volunteer Service Award)
- 2022: VOSAP Digital Art Gallery and technology tools Received recognition from Hon. PM of India, Shri Narendra Modiji in 'Mann ki Baat' on April 24,2022.
- 2023: VOSAP's remarkable thought leadership has been acknowledged by the United Nations for 8 times.
- 2024: The Artesia (California) City Council recognized the VOSAP mission with a Certificate of Recognition from Mayor Tony Lima
- VOSAP Founder, Shri Pranav Desai, received an award in Feb 2019 from the CEO of NTT Corporation (\$110B MNC), Tokyo for social impact with VOSAP
- VOSAP Founder received several community awards including one from Indian Consulate General in San Francisco for his social work



In the News

- VOSAP in Media over years : <https://www.voiceofsap.org/print-media/>
- VOSAP in Digital Media: <https://www.voiceofsap.org/digital-tv/>
- Pranav Desai's interview on DD National Morning show Thoughtful Thursday, 2023: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAs_Pak7YoQ&t=7s
- Pranav Desai's Interview on DD National Aaj Savere: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJTPpG7lupM>
- DD News: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Repy3By52Tw&t=8s>
- DD News: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzLDvlaAmfE>
- VOSAP Founder with Secretary Shakuntala Ji interviewed on ITV Gold: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KT9a6cha-B4>
- Issuu.com https://issuu.com/hollywood/docs/carmelita?fbclid=IwAR2_pWpOF0pAQAnQo2QS05A59IHLkGow1rJDn1ugPoi1POLE4Uce98D3DJ8
- New India Abroad: Vision 2047 : \$1 Trillion Economy from Disability Sector: <https://www.newindiaabroad.com/english/opinion/unleashing-economic-potential-disability-sector-to-contribute-1-trillion-by-2047>
- New India Abroad: HITARTH: Transforming healthcare for Intellectually Disabled in India: <https://www.newindiaabroad.com/english/opinion/hitarth-transforming-healthcare-for-intellectually-disabled-in-india>
- Pranav Desai at TV Asia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxkH8EFOqu0>
- Times of India: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/topic/vosap/news>

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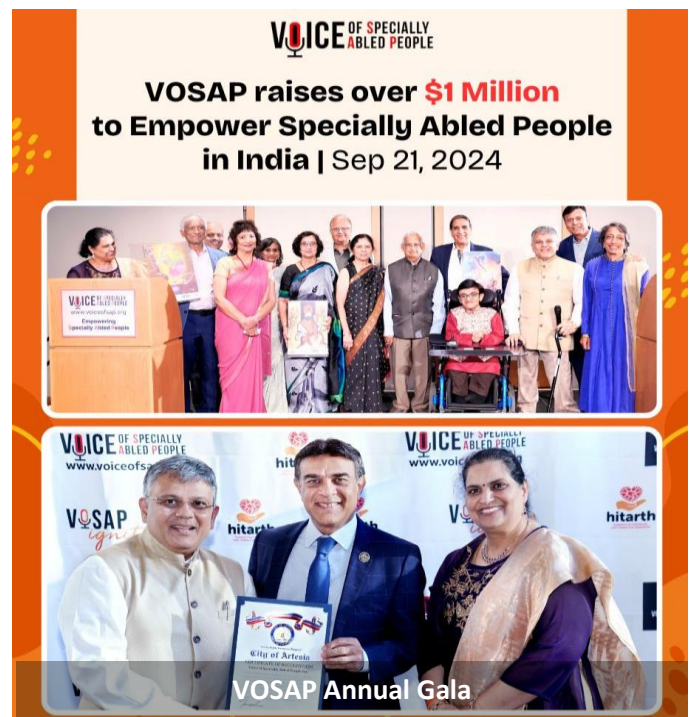
On September 21, 2024, Voice of SAP (VOSAP), a nonprofit supported by the Sarva Mangal Family Trust (SMFT), hosted its annual gala in Artesia, California, raising over \$1,000,000 to empower Specially Abled People in India. The event drew prominent philanthropists, community leaders, and volunteers. During the gala, the Artesia City Council recognized VOSAP's mission with a Certificate of Recognition presented by Mayor Tony Lima and Pro Tem Mayor Ali Sajjad Taj.

VOSAP founder Pranav Desai showcased the organization's impact, having transformed the lives of over 27,000 Specially Abled People. He also presented VOSAP's Vision 2047, explaining how a \$100 donation could generate \$10,000 in economic growth, a message that resonated strongly with attendees.

A highlight of the evening was the HITARTH project, launched in May 2024, which strengthens the Government of India's NIRAMAYA program by providing social workers to help families of intellectually disabled individuals access healthcare services up to Rs 1 lakh.

Manu and Rika Shah, key supporters of VOSAP and founders of the Sarva Mangal Family Trust, pledged to match donations up to \$500,000, inspiring further generosity among attendees. The evening featured a musical performance by VOSAP youth ambassador Sparsh Shah, accompanied by volunteers Dr. Dhiren Buch and Priyanka Dujari, capping off a night of celebration and impact.

Voice of SAP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with Special Consultative Status from the UN Economic and Social Council, working to empower Specially Abled People in India.



SUCCESS STORY – VOSAP

Nisha Kumari, from Gurugram, is an inspiring example of how technology can empower individuals to overcome significant challenges.

Nisha and her husband, both hearing

impaired, had long dreamt of building their own home. Despite the absence of family support, they embarked on this life-changing journey with determination, relying on each other and their resolve to succeed.

Name: Nisha Kumari

Location: Gurgaon

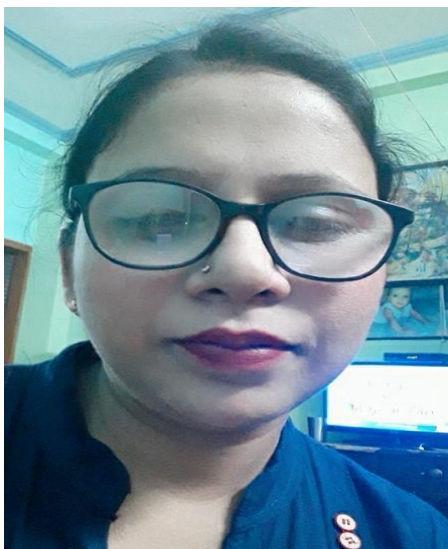
Project: Enablement with Assistive Devices

One of the key tools in their success was the Signable App, a platform designed to facilitate communication between vendors and clients using sign language. For Nisha and her husband, the app proved to be a game-changer. Traditionally, managing the construction of a house involves constant communication with contractors, vendors, and suppliers. The couple initially faced daunting communication barriers due to their disability. However, through the Signable App, they could express their requirements, monitor progress, and negotiate terms seamlessly, all in their native sign language.

In a vibrant interaction using sign language, Nisha shared her immense gratitude for the app. “We don’t worry about any communication barriers because we use this service, and we will continue to use it,” she expressed with joy. For her, the app was not just a tool; it became a lifeline that empowered them to navigate complex challenges, removing the communication obstacles that once stood in their way.

Nisha and her husband’s story is one of perseverance and self-confidence. They didn’t allow their lack of familial support to deter them from their goal. Instead, they relied on each other and embraced modern technology to fulfill their dream of building a home in Gurugram. Nisha encouraged others in similar situations to believe in themselves and push forward, no matter the odds.

Their success is a testament to the power of technology, self-belief, and the importance of breaking down communication barriers. Today, Nisha and her husband are proud homeowners, and their journey serves as an inspiration to many others who face similar challenges.



SUCCESS STORY – VOSAP



Name: Bhagirathi

Location: Orissa

Project: Enablement with Assistive Devices

Bhagirathi, born into a farming family in tribal Odisha, is one of three visually impaired siblings. Despite the significant challenges posed by his disability, his unwavering determination drove him to achieve a master's degree in arts. His relentless pursuit of education and personal growth set him apart in his community, but he aimed even higher— aspiring to pass the prestigious Orissa Public Service Commission (OPSC) exam.

A turning point in Bhagirathi's journey came when SMFT supported nonprofit Voice of Specially Abled People provided him with a Kibo XS Device. This advanced assistive tool allowed Bhagirathi to access essential educational resources, empowering him to engage with a world of information that had previously been inaccessible due to his visual impairment. The Kibo XS Device opened new possibilities, enabling Bhagirathi to prepare for the OPSC exam with confidence.

With the support of VOSAP and the life-changing assistive technology, Bhagirathi shattered the barriers that once held him back. After months of tireless effort and determination, he successfully passed the OPSC exam, realizing his dream of becoming an assistant collector. This achievement marked a significant milestone in his life, underscoring the transformative power of assistive technology and community support in unlocking the potential of individuals with disabilities.

Bhagirathi's story is a powerful testament to how VOSAP empowers people with disabilities, helping them rise above the limitations imposed by their circumstances. From a farmer's son in tribal Odisha to a civil servant, his journey showcases the far-reaching impact of assistive technology and the crucial role VOSAP plays in creating opportunities for people with disabilities.

His inspiring success reminds us that, with the right tools, guidance, and perseverance, no dream is too big. Bhagirathi's achievement shines as a beacon of hope, proving that determination, combined with the right support, can truly transform lives.

SUCCESS STORY – VOSAP



Name: Vinod Bhai

Location: Palanpur

Project: Enablement with Assistive Devices

Vinod Bhai, from Palanpur, faced immense challenges due to his locomotor disability. Mobility was a significant hurdle, making it difficult for him to pursue his goal of starting and managing a business. For years, Vinod struggled with limited opportunities, unsure of how to overcome the physical limitations that stood in his way.

Everything changed when Voice of Specially Abled People provided him with a tricycle. This simple yet life-changing assistive device transformed Vinod's daily life, giving him the mobility and independence he had long needed. With newfound freedom to move around easily, Vinod took the bold step of opening his own tire repair and puncture shop. Now, he earns between 3,000 and 4,000 INR per month, a source of both financial stability and pride.

Beyond just commuting to his workplace, the tricycle has given Vinod the confidence to dream bigger. He now plans to relocate his business to a more strategic location on the highway, where he hopes to focus on repairing truck tires. With this expansion, he aims not only to grow his own business but also to employ others, creating opportunities for more individuals in his community.

Vinod Bhai's journey is a testament to the power of assistive devices in unlocking new possibilities for people with disabilities. The tricycle provided by VOSAP didn't just give him mobility, it gave him the tools to build a future. His story shows how the right support and resources can empower individuals to pursue their dreams, overcome obstacles, and contribute meaningfully to society.

Vinod's vision of expanding his business and helping others reflects the ripple effect that assistive devices can have, not just for individuals but for entire communities. His success highlights the transformative impact of organizations like VOSAP in enabling people with disabilities to achieve independence and fulfill their potential.

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