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Newsletter Highlights

1. VOSAP Granted **"Special Consultative Status"** with **UN ECOSOC** (Economic & Social Council)
2. VOSAP Impact - **122 SAP's life to change** with Assistive Devices. Volunteers evaluated 300 applicants
3. Youth Connect - **26 MSc students** at Nirma University received **VOSAP Certificate of Volunteering**
4. Community outreach - **700+ Telugu, 2000+ Jain (JAINA) community** presented with VOSAP opportunity
5. Corporate Connect - **30+ employees of leading tech company in Silicon Valley** volunteered for VOSAP

New version of website and VOSAP App released to support growing mass movement!

Dear all,

To Empower every volunteer to be a "Change-Maker" in the community, our VOSAP mobile app and website are upgraded with improved user experience and easy to use new, innovative features. Please check it out, update your app and share valuable inputs to improve.

~1 MN people watched VOSAP's [short video film \(43 seconds\) on facebook](#). [Clearly it indicates that VDO has a great appeal, promoting Special needs of everyone - Inclusive perspective.](#)

VOSAPians are serving the cause in India as well in the US in multiple ways. Here are 5 noteworthy contributions for past 2 months. You can too, join and start driving change, **become disability rights advocate in your community, ask for accessibility, inclusion - EVERYWHERE.**

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On Jul 23rd, ECOSOC management team adopted recommendation of NGO committee to grant "Special Consultative Status" to Voice of SAP. It is a proud moment for all the volunteers, donors, supporters as this status, opportunity provides larger access to UN system and member states with exclusive privileges per ECOSOC resolution 1996/31. It is also a big responsibility for all of us to continue to accelerate implementation of UN SDGs by 2030.

Together, we can make every place accessible and create inclusive world for 1 BN+ PwD.

2. VOSAP volunteers screened 300 applicants to receive Assistive Devices:

VOSAP volunteers from the US and in Ahmedabad called 300 applicants to assess their needs. Team approved 122 applicants to receive assistive devices, self employment kits etc. from Voice of SAP.

We are very thankful to Blind People's Association, Ahmedabad whose highly experienced team is committed to enable these hundreds of SAP. They are organizing this event on Aug 31 2019.

To inspire these beneficiaries, Honorable MP of Ahmedabad, Dr Kiritbhai Solanki will grace the occasion as Chief Guest. We appreciate his commitment for the community.



--> VOSAP invites applications from eligible SAP/Divyangjan to receive assistive devices. Please contact us immediately on website with details and one of our volunteer will call you!!!

3. VOSAP volunteering session included as part of Orientation Program:

The Institute of Science, Nirma University included VOSAP session in the formal orientation program for new batch of 2019. VOSAP team led by Manisha Pathak, motivational speaker and life coach inspired over 100 master degree students. Several students immediately engaged and took the pledge to be a "Change-maker".

At the end of the session, **VOSAP certificate of volunteering was given to 26 students of 2018 batch.**



4. VOSAP opportunity presented to thousands of NRIs:

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VOSAP volunteers in Los Angeles had a booth, participated in India's Independence Day celebrations by Telugu community and Global gathering of Jain community at JAINA 2019.

Sparsh Shah, youth brand ambassador of Voice of SAP inspired over 2,000 people during his speech at JAINA for VOSAP mission. At Telugu community event, Pranav Desai spoke and presented VOSAP mission to gathering of 700 NRIs. He met and inspired Ambika ji, very successful South Indian actress and Meenakshi Sheshadri. Voice of SAP thank organizers (Sudhir ji, Varma ji, Krishna ji and team) to provide this opportunity.

At the JAINA booth, many Jain community leaders like Pujya Rakeshbhai Jhaveri, Shri Manubhai Shah, Dr Anil Shah, Dr Jaswant Shah, Shri Virendra Shah, Shri Nareshbhai Bhakta, Shri Nipun Mehta, Dr Jitubhai Adhia and others came to the booth and took VOSAP pledge also!

5. Corporate Connect:

VOSAP volunteers have started taking the mission in their organization, inspiring CSR, ERG, HR leaders, Indian community working at the company. As part of that, unique initiative was taken by volunteers of one of the very large tech company in silicon valley area wherein 30+ volunteers joined, performed volunteering tasks to support Voice of SAP's enablement program of \$100 can change 1 life. We thank our lead volunteer Vijay Chaugule ji and Sridhar ji for organizing this event for VOSAP.



Similar initiatives are taken by volunteers in other technology companies and bio tech company.

We have several volunteer tasks. Please [sign up here](#). Download VOSAP mobile app, start volunteering!