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Newsletter Highlights

1. **Enablement:** VOSAP Organized 2 camps to Enable SAP (Divyangjan) in partnership with BPA
2. **Youth Connect:** VOSAP inspired 100+ students at [Gujarat Polytechnic](#) to be "Change-Maker"
3. **Corporate Connect:** VOSAP organized round table meeting with [12 HR leaders in Delhi](#)
4. **Community outreach:** Inspire NRIs at [Sevathon walk, Howdy Modi](#), Garba and Durga pooja
5. **Govt. Connect:** VOSAP met leaders in Gol, NITI Aayog, discussing [partnering for AIC and AT](#)

6,100+ building entrances rated for accessibility in VOSAP App!

Wishing you all a very **HAPPY DIWALI!!!** May divine forces bless us all with opportunities, energy and intellect to light Diyas of inclusion and accessibility, everywhere and reduce darkness of exclusion!

We are highly thankful to DD News, Rajyasabha TV and Business World to talk to VOSAP founder and take VOSAP's message of inclusion to millions of people across India. Everyone can be a change maker in community. Also explained benefits of Inclusive policy initiatives and what business benefits can be realized with disability sector for corporate people.

Please visit our website (www.voiceofsap.org) to find links of these TV interviews and every activity undertaken by volunteers in India and the US. You can too, join and start driving change, **become disability rights advocate in your community, ask for accessibility, inclusion - EVERYWHERE.**

1. Enablement Events with BPA, Ahmedabad, India

On Aug 31 and Oct 5 - 2 camps were organized with BPA. On Aug 31st, Honorable Member of Parliament (Loksabha), Amdavad, [Dr Kiritbhai Solanki](#) graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Over 300 applications were evaluated by VOSAP volunteers and gave everyone experience of understanding the need and

Next 2 events are planned on Dec 7 and Jan 9 during US donor's India visit and their desire to engage directly with beneficiaries to learn more to help more!

2. VOSAP volunteers organized session to inspire, engage 100+ engineering students:

Principal of Gujarat Polytechnic Shri Pankajbhai Patel and 2 Professors Ujjaval Buch and Dr Pinkesh Shah are VOSAP volunteers and they facilitated a session of VOSAP to inspire engineering students for VOSAP's motivational speaker and life Coach, Manisha Pathak.

Over 100 students participated and more than 30 students took VOSAP pledge to volunteer, be change maker in the community to Empower SAP.

This is repeatable in many colleges to sensitize our youth, provide guidance and certificate of volunteering for actual work so it helps them in career progression.



--> All readers of this newsletter are requested to organize such high impact sessions in your company, college or Govt department. Please write to us!

3. VOSAP Delhi chapter organized round table with HR Leaders to promote D&I:

On Sep 13, 2019, VOSAP's Delhi and NCR chapter leader Vijay Rai organized round table with HR and Industry leaders from Hitachi, JK Cement, Daikin, Human Capital magazine, Panasonic, Saviour, IBM, LT Foods, Schneider Electric to understand VOSAP opportunity from founder Pranav Desai so that they can take it forward as Chief, head, leader of their organization to achieve D&I (Diversity and Inclusion) goals with larger employee participation.



Everyone was inspired and took VOSAP pledge. Several follow up actions including employee town hall meetings are planned by these leaders. We thank Leela Hotel in Gurugram, its management team for their hospitality and taking interest as how Leela can differentiate with focus on accessibility in their business.

4. Community outreach events across America:

4 community outreach events (Silicon Valley, Houston, Washington DC and Los Angeles chapters) happened in last 2 months to inspire NRI community to join VOSAP to (a) make their school/place of worship in India - fully accessible including accessible toilet (b) Take VOSAP mission to their employer for achieving D&I goals and (c) inspire youth in the US to understand more on inclusion and accessibility needs of Persons with Disabilities.



Sevathon walk by Silicon Valley volunteers not only raised donations but spread awareness of VOSAP as 5,000 people participated from several NGOs.

Historic Howdy Modi event gave opportunity to 70 VOSAPIans to inspire many NRIs including CEO of OYO, Ritesh Agrawal and media interaction by Sparsh Shah, youth brand ambassador of VOSAP who performed National Anthem at [howdymodi](#).

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at Durga Pooja event by Bengali community.

5. Govt. Connect: Partnering for success of Accessible India Campaign and tapping into AT sector:

(A). AIC - Accessible India Campaign, initiative of VOSAP being adopted by Govt of India in 2014 can be made "People's Campaign". Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji wants everyone to participate, crowd sourced model with use of mobile app.



VOSAP founder met with H'ble Minister, MSJE and responsible team members for success of AIC, presented how to integrate VOSAP app with back end system for tracking people's complaints on accessibility and offer lot more innovative features.

Also for success of AIC, VOSAP presented policy inputs for finance ministry. Among list of recommendations, one point is to create demand, grow economy wherein Govt investment for example - **CAPEX in making all tourist places accessible can promote tourism, create service jobs.**

(B). VOSAP founder followed up on vision for AT sector opportunities and need for Govt. policy. He met with CEO and other officers at [NITI Aayog](#), discussed need for a policy to promote investments in AT sector in India. VOSAP submitted concept note on India's opportunities to take lead in "Assistive Technology" sector to help millions of people in India and around the world by innovating Assistive Devices for Indian conditions, lower price etc.

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

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