

RAINING HAPPINESS

Jijo Das, Specially Abled Artist,
VOSAP Art from Heart 2020 contest



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An Organization in Special Consultative Status
with United Nations ECOSOC


VISION

To operate as the “Transformation Catalyst” for the world to become an “ACCESSIBLE” and “INCLUSIVE” place where Specially Abled People enjoy equality as human beings, opportunity to excel and contribute based on their abilities and live with dignity and independence.

MISSION

Using technology tools, create a mass movement of “CHANGE MAKERS” with their collective THOUGHT LEADERSHIP, ACTIONS and ADVOCACY for the EMPOWERMENT of Specially Abled People (SAP). We promote Accessibility, Education and Employment with help of Assistive Technologies for SAP to build an INCLUSIVE 21st century society. We enable Specially Abled People, VOSAPians and ecosystem partners with user-friendly digital tools developed by VOSAP and information, research and data points to strengthen advocacy for bringing change.

VOSAP IMPACT

- » **1,300+** lives changed with Assistive Devices and Surgical Intervention
 - » Launched world’s 1st Virtual Art Gallery of 250 Artworks on theme of ‘DISABILITY’ (**4,200** Artists from **52 Countries** Participated)
 - » Growing mass movement of world’s 1st Online Community of **9,100+** Registered Volunteers sharing VOSAP mission, supporting Persons with Disabilities
 - » Engaged **3,000+** Youth (college going students) with **15+ Universities** (U.C. Berkeley, USC, Nirma University, etc.) to volunteer with VOSAP
 - » Supported **3,000+** Persons with Disabilities during Covid-19 pandemic with grocery and PPE kits
 - » Rated **14,000+** public places for wheelchair accessibility in VOSAP mobile app
 - » **400+ people** inspired to donate to VOSAP, raising **\$395,000 in 2020**
 - » **2 MN+** people outreach on social media platforms, promoting VOSAP mission, programs
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FOUNDER'S MESSAGE: 2020



Dear Friends,

Hope you all are safe and doing well.

The Year 2020 will go down in the history as the year that started with great hopes and dreams that quickly gave way to an unprecedented challenge with COVID-19 pandemic. Even though it has caused loss of life at a scale not seen in recent history and spread misery across the globe, a year after, we are more hopeful and the future looks more promising specifically because remote learning, remote working is now well accepted by ALL. **This sudden widespread emergence and acceptance of virtual environment has created enormous opportunities to mainstream** millions of Specially Abled People to be employed, educated from remote, non-accessible places!

While future looks brighter for many Specially Abled People, we saw that the lockdowns and restrictions imposed created the dire conditions for many of them. It prompted us to start new program on temporary basis "Helping Hands with Grocery and PPE Kits". Many SAP are disadvantaged in normal situations and the lockdowns left them with no means to earn a living to feed themselves. With support from our partners (Blind People's Association and others) and compassionate volunteers who donated, we distributed 3,000+ kits.

As the world pivoted online, VOSAP too expanded its advocacy with the launch of a global Virtual Art Contest – VOSAP Art from Heart with "Disability" as theme. This helped VOSAP mission spread to 52 countries, 2+ MN people with help of social media. We could spread awareness on disability in unprecedented scale and speed, touching many hearts! The 50 winners from 24 countries were felicitated in the Annual event (Dec 5 th 2020). VOSAP **launched world's first VIRTUAL Art Gallery on the theme of Disability to promote inclusion.** This innovative approach of leveraging technology and art for disability sector received many accolades including letter from Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

For data, research driven advocacy, VOSAP started virtual initiative, **VOSAP Research Internship** to engage youth, leaders of tomorrow. 28 students from 12 reputed US universities worked on 14 research projects related to disability sector, for 12 weeks. This unpaid program is run by compassionate undergraduate students.

VOSAP celebrated the Annual Event (virtual off course!) with 5,000+ global audience of volunteers and Art lovers. Jessica Cox (the world's first armless licensed pilot!) and program Emcee, VOSAP Youth Ambassador, Sparsh Shah (singer, motivational speaker) inspired many viewers. **The program was a record fundraiser for VOSAP with matching donation challenge from Shri Manu Shah (SMFT).**

Looking back at the year 2020 and the successes that came about, I am very grateful to each and every volunteer who has contributed time, energy, creativity and taken personal risk sometimes to help SAP in need. The most important takeaway from the past year is "Where there is a WILL, there is a way".

VOSAP is looking forward to continue harnessing its assets i.e. unique strengths of its compassionate volunteers, VOSAP digital tools and support of leaders, donors to accelerate achieving UN SDGs by 2030. As a founder, I am extremely thankful to God to have blessed us with this **global transformation opportunity and guided us to be the "Nimitt"**...may our path forward be continued to be enlightened with intellect and compassion!



ADVOCACY

VOSAP's Advocacy aims to change the perception of Persons with Disability (PwD) by focussing on their "Ability" to harness untapped opportunities that exist with everyone and we need to highlight them, bring it to the notice of the masses and leaders to find sustainable benefits to mainstream PwD in our communities.

VOSAP's data driven advocacy, short films, infomercials, VOSAP digital tools, DII framework, initiatives such as Art from Heart are very effective in delivering the message to the people and decision makers.

Year 2020 provided unique virtual opportunities to expand VOSAP engagement with youth, artists and volunteers. During 2020, the fundamental shift to remote education, remote working has rapidly taken firm root and we see it as a Blessing in Disguise for many PwD to be mainstreamed in a new, virtual world. VOSAP has taken several steps to harness the power of virtual Advocacy by investing into VOSAP technology platform and social media outreach to find VOSAPians in 52 countries.

1. ADVOCACY WITH MASSES

VOSAP ART FROM HEART

- » Owing to the COVID19 pandemic, while stress levels were high and everyone felt limited, restricted the unique idea of a Virtual Art contest - VOSAP Art from Heart gave everyone an opportunity to come up with ideas of artwork depicting Disability in its various manifestations, and was a very successful initiative. VOSAP encouraged 4,200+ artists from 52 countries, 889 cities to participate in a virtual international art contest. These artists were challenged to understand lesser known aspects of the lives of Persons with Disabilities and get inspired to give profound, inspiring messages through their artwork and be the winner!
- » "VOSAP Art from Heart" digital platform reached 2+ million people around the world and gave global exposure to Artists and helped redefine disability with vivid paintings, drawings beautifully portraying aspirations, issues, talents, solutions, emotions of Specially Abled People. The entries were evaluated on VOSAP Art platform by a panel of 8 esteemed judges from US, India and UK, who volunteered to find 50 winners from 24 nations. The entries were an eclectic mix with 14% of registrations from the Artists with disabilities. 74% of artists who participated were under the age of 30.
- » On Dec 5, during the VOSAP Annual Gala and Award Ceremony, VOSAP's virtual, 3D Art Gallery on Disability theme was launched with 250 artwork chosen from the Art from Heart contest entries. The Art gallery has 4 exhibitions: Child Artist, Adult Artist, Professional Artist and Specially Abled Artist.



2. ADVOCACY AT UNITED NATIONS

As an organization with “Special Consultative” status with UN ECOSOC, VOSAP gets opportunities to promote inclusive perspectives in various social causes, conferences at UN. During the 58th annual conference of Social Development (CSocD58) in NY in February 2020, the social topic for discussion was “Affordable Housing“. VOSAP's written statement was selected and given the opportunity to present its disability centric view point to 180+ world leaders at the UN. The VOSAP paper brought out accessibility issues in affordable housing in the USA. Youth team of Shivam and Manushri carried out research and represented VOSAP at UN CSocD58 in NY.



Thank you very much. My name is Shivam Saran and I'm currently an undergraduate student at Emory University. I am honored to be here today with my colleague Manushri Desai, an undergraduate student at the University of Southern California as volunteers of Voice of Specially Abled People, a global advocacy organization for disability rights. We would like to thank Mr. Pranav Desai, founder of Voice of SAP, for giving us this invaluable opportunity.

The issue of affordable housing and the marginalization of persons with disabilities goes hand-in-hand. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities reaffirms the necessity of incorporating disability rights into the right to adequate housing as a priority for the State and the international community. To address the right to housing, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded Housing Choice Vouchers to serve non-elderly persons with disabilities.¹ The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Housing Task Force finds that, as of 2017, 1.41 million persons with disabilities in America are recipients of the Housing Choice Voucher Program.² The Housing Task Force also notes that the fiscal year 2017 federal budget provided nearly \$10 million for “mainstream” vouchers for extremely low income people with disabilities.

However, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, it is the responsibility of a family to find a unit that meets their needs once they have received a housing choice voucher.³ For persons with disabilities, the process of finding affordable and accessible housing is often a challenge. According to the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University, only 1% of the rental housing include all 5 of the following accessible housing features: (1) step-free entry way, (2) single floor layout, (3) wide doors, (4) lever door handles, and (5) low height electrical controls.⁴ The report follows that only 3.5% of housing units overall offer three of the most critical accessibility features. Despite the United States being the champion of disability rights and equal accessibility in the world, the accessibility issue is yet to be addressed. More so, this is problematic because the report further finds that by 2035, the number of older households with a disability will increase by 76 percent to reach 31.2 million, requiring an even higher demand for accessible housing.

Voice of SAP's public utility mobile app, VOSAP, should be adopted not only by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, but also by every member state present here, to help persons with disabilities identify (1) rental housing units that have accessible housing features and (2) rental housing units that are surrounded by accessible public spaces. The mobile app allows volunteers to add to a growing dataset of accessibility friendly buildings all over the world which can later be accessed by housing voucher recipients who are disabled and are looking for a unit that meets their needs. Tackling this rapidly-growing issue requires a global commitment, one that encourages the advancement and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all states. With the support of the United Nations Commission for



¹ “NON-ELDERLY DISABLED (NED) VOUCHERS.” HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/ned.
² Schaak, Gina. “Priced Out: The Housing Crisis for People with Disabilities.” Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Housing Task Force, Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc., 12AD.

3. ADVOCACY WITH YOUTH

VOSAP has a huge focus on engaging youth to understand disability and develop compassion and be the “CHANGEMAKER” in their communities. So far 3,000+ youth have taken pledge in VOSAP app to help Specially Abled People.

LAUNCH OF VOSAP COLLEGIATE

During the COVID19 pandemic, whilst the entire international community was experiencing a lockdown, VOSAP youth volunteers Manushri and Anusha stepped up their dedication and VOSAP Collegiate was launched to start VOSAP clubs in Universities, map out for accessibility using VOSAP app, promote policy research among undergraduate and graduate students etc.

VOSAP RESEARCH INTERNSHIP 2020

VOSAP Research Internship is an initiative to strengthen VOSAP's mission of Advocacy with data, research, and findings so it has credibility. In 2020, 45 students applied and after a rigorous interview process, 28 Interns (undergraduate and graduate students) from USC, UCLA, UNC, Chapel Hill, NorthWestern, UT, Austin, Cornell, Skidmore etc. participated in 12 weeks of meticulous research internship on 14 topics related to Disability.



PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN

NO.	TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT	TEAM OF INTERNS
1.	Legal Milestones in the Disability Sector: An International Study on Employment	Kassidy Hamilton, Cornell Katelyn Lee, USC
2.	Economic Returns of Nations Investing in Specially Abled People	Caleb Li, Northwestern Matthew You, Northwestern Sarthak Pant, Skidmore
3.	Wall of Exclusion: The Americans With Disability Act's Failure to Close the Employment Gap	Shauli Bar-On, USC
4.	Study of the Inclusion of Specially Abled People in Corporate Advertising and Marketing	Julia Lin, USC
5.	Inclusion of Specially Abled People in Hollywood	Jacqueline Martinez, USC
6.	Disability Inclusion Index (DII) for Corporations	Esha Parikh, UNC Chapel Hill Anna Sheehan, Northwestern
7.	Disability Inclusion Index (DII) for Universities	Nicole Elliot, UCLA
8.	Comparative Study of Assistive Technologies & Their Use in Education	Nehali Shah, UT, Austin Sarah Schaefer, USC
9.	Comparative Study on Accessibility Across the United States	Nia Hammet, UNC, Charlotte Holly McCauley, USC Harshil Shah, High School
10.	Evolution of Inclusion In the U.S. for Specially Abled People	Emily Kennedy, UCLA
11.	Developing an Interactive Dashboard on Disability Population in the U.S. with Trends Analysis	Jiawei Wang, USC
12.	Impact of Covid-19 on Measles and Rubella Related Disabilities Following Vaccine Campaign Postponement	Shaneel Badani, BU Claire Post, USC Amanda Hmelar, USC
13.	A Study on Disability Representation in Individually-Curated Video Content	Eshana Seshadri, USC
14.	Accessibility Solutions in Public Transportation – Comparative Study of Evolution in India and selected 5 Countries	Suhas Peela, USC Nupur Jain, NCSU, Raleigh



UC BERKELEY

VOSAP and the Data Sciences Department of UC Berkeley have joined hands to start a strategic initiative to support the passion of highly talented students in the field of disability by undertaking research projects that will result in data and guidelines for advocacy.

During the FALL 2020 semester 6 students were selected for VOSAP research project titled “Why nations should invest in vaccination of women under child-bearing age against Rubella virus?”

Approximately, 110,000 babies are born with Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS) per year in the world, resulting in disability. Disabilities that are caused by rubella are preventable with vaccination, which was invented in 1971.

The detailed research findings were to help sensitize policymakers to understand the financial benefits of rubella vaccination. The outcome of the project is a very informative and impressive interactive data dashboard that is now available on VOSAP website for everyone. This comprehensive and persuasive presentation is a result of detailed analysis of Data available from WHO, UNICEF etc. since 1981 for all the countries and other sources. Executive Summary here : <https://www.voiceofsap.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Summary.pdf>

Timeline: Worldwide Map: Rubella Cases by Country - 2019





4. ADVOCACY WITH CORPORATIONS

DISABILITY INCLUSION INDEX : DII

- » Diversity and Inclusion as it relates to Persons with Disabilities (PwD) is gaining attention among corporate leaders. There is a growing need for inclusion as more people with disabilities participate in the labor force because of innovations, adoption of several assistive technology solutions have enabled them to perform their duties. There is a need for genuine matrix, score, methodology to baseline, benchmark companies for their practices related to PwD.
- » The goal of the DII framework is to promote inclusion of PwDs within corporations by providing a standardized and comprehensive framework, benchmark score to measure its efforts in disability inclusion. Corporations can work with VOSAP, adopt its digital tools and Centre of Excellence and achieve improvement in their DII score.



5. ADVOCACY FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

With the evolution of the internet and other assistive technologies, the 21st century has given us all an opportunity to mainstream 1 B+ Persons with Disabilities. To harness this potential, VOSAP has been deeply committed to be the platform to bring in all ecosystem partners together to accelerate innovation, commercialization and adoption of assistive devices. As part of this advocacy goal, VOSAP engaged at several high visibility platforms.

IIT GUWAHATI

On Sep 15, 2020, VOSAP founder talked via a zoom meeting to IIT students on occasion of TECHEXPO2020 on opportunities with Assistive Technology, career opportunities with the disability sector, market demand etc.



VAIBHAV SUMMIT

VAIBHAV (Vaishvik Bharatiya Vaigyanik) Summit was launched by the Hon'ble PM of India on Oct 2. On 10th October 2020, in this summit, VOSAP Founder Pranav Desai was one of the 4 panelists on the subject of "Assistive Technology, Disability and Ageing". The other four panelists were Mr. Chapal Khasnabis (WHO, Geneva); Prof. Arindam Basu (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore); Dr. Devvarta Kumar (NIMHANS, India).

VAIBHAV

Vaishvik Bharatiya Vaigyanik Summit

GLOBAL SUMMIT OF OVERSEAS AND RESIDENT INDIAN SCIENTISTS AND ACADEMICIANS - OCT-NOV 2020

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SOCIAL SCIENCES



Will Be Speaking On Topic Of:

- **Assistive Technology**
- **Disability**

Date: 10th Oct, 2020
Time: 4:30pm to 7:30pm IST

Event's link:- @<https://innovate.mygov.in/vaibhav-summit/>



Mr. Pranav Desai
 Founder, Voice of SAP (USA)


<https://www.voiceofsap.org>

NATIONAL ABILITY SUMMIT

- » VOSAP Partner Varija Fashion's initiative 'National Ability Summit' is an international platform where the govt. agencies, health and educational institutions, private sector and non-profits come together to share their best practices for the development of the disability sector.
- » In 2020, a virtual international conference for inclusive global society was held on Dec 2 and 3. Various dignitaries from world including Head of Accessibility Programme & Disability Inclusion - Google, Tata Trusts India, Localisation & Accessibility, Microsoft - India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment -India, Head of Digital Inclusion-AbilityNet (UK), Disability Activist, Fashion Designers etc. were present.
- » VOSAP Founder Pranav Desai addressed the Summit, promoting the need for physical and digital accessibility, enabling economic expansion by main streaming the 15% population with disabilities.



NATIONAL ABILITY SUMMIT

RECOGNISING ABILITIES OVER DISABILITIES
VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR INCLUSION
3rd Dec 2020, Time: 12pm(IST)

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ENABLEMENT

VOSAP goal is to empower Specially Abled People. Empowerment is possible by enabling them with customized Assistive devices (hearing aids, imported wheelchairs, tricycles, imported daisy player, mobile phone etc.) that allow improved mobility, ability to hear, access and ease of learning, independence, self - employment with training etc. VOSAP also started enabling the visually impaired with surgical intervention whose disability can be reduced or cured.

Assistive technology tools and Surgical Interventions allows individuals to overcome their physical limitations and be able to have productive, independent, and dignified lives. It facilitates active participation in work and civic life. In the year 2020, the in- person distribution of devices was greatly restricted due to the COVID pandemic but before the onset of the lockdowns. VOSAP enabled over 100 visually impaired students with Assistive Devices. VOSAP started a new program, under which 600 visually impaired people were helped with surgical interventions. VOSAP thanks its partner in India - Blind People's Association leadership (Dr Bhushan Punani and team) and every volunteer who worked for months to find genuine beneficiaries, local hosts in Surat, Vadodara to join hands with VOSAP mission.

ENABLEMENT 1. ASSISTIVE DEVICE DISTRIBUTION AT SURAT

In the tribal region in Dang District of southern Gujarat, there are very few facilities for people with disabilities. VOSAP extended its enablement program and facilitated students of the Andhjan Shala Shivalimal, district Dang; a residential school for Visually and Physically Impaired students that provides the students with education, residential facilities and care. On January 7, 2020, VOSAP enabled 37 Visually Impaired students of this School and provided Samsung Galaxy A10 Smartphone and Daisy Player where VOSAP donor Shri Kiritbhai and Nilamben Gajera (USA) were present as Chief Guest for the event with family members and friends.

The smartphone or Daisy player are used by students with visual impairment for learning the curriculum, research, getting to know the world, enjoyment and interacting with other people socially. They are also commonly utilized by students to record and check ideas among themselves to apply smartphones efficiently. Access to audio books have helped them to gain knowledge about literature, current affairs, competitive exams arrangements and preparation etc. giving them added confidence and boost in their outlook of life. It was a timely help as they all scored very well during lockdown.



ENABLEMENT

2. ASSISTIVE DEVICE DISTRIBUTION AT VADODARA

35 visually impaired students of rural Vadodara, residents of Lions Blind School were given Samsung smart phones and Daisy players (Angel E10, E5 models). This event was organized at Kalyanraiji Haveli and P. P. Dwarkeshlalji was the Chief Guest who distributed these devices to these 35 girl students. Dr Divyangbhai Patel, VOSAP donor and volunteer from San Jose was Guest of Honor for this event. The impact and long term life change that these devices are able to produce in each and every life is huge because they come from rural and poor areas of Vadodara district, living in Govt Hostel and for them these high tech devices are too expensive and beyond reach. We thank our donors for each life they have enabled.

Each event gives VOSAPians on the ground the opportunity to speak, engage and learn a lot from these high spirited Divyang youth while finding a sense of purpose, satisfaction and happiness.



ENABLEMENT

3. SURGICAL INTERVENTIONS

Surgical Interventions can correct impairments or prevent or limit deformities and complications that can be associated with lifelong disability. For instance, removal of cataracts which are causing blurred vision, orthopaedic surgical procedures to deal with fractures or deformities and reconstructive surgical procedures at the right time alleviate issues that can get debilitating with growing age.

VOSAP in partnership BPA has been engaged in enabling people with Surgical Intervention or the 'Gift of Vision' and in 2020 with COVID restrictions, we are very proud to report that 600 people in Gujarat were able to avail of the benefits of this program with minimal cost and risk.



ENABLEMENT

4. INSPIRING EXAMPLES AS HOW LIFE CHANGED WITH ASSISTIVE DEVICES

There are several heart warming, emotionally moving experiences and stories of our beneficiaries' life changing for the better after they receive Assistive devices from Voice of SAP camps. We are happy to share some of those unique examples with you. Our volunteers talk to them from time to time and their feedback is uplifting, inspiring all of us in the US to do even more!

Arvindbhai Gamtibhai Vaghri, the head of the family of 9 is physically challenged. Arvindbhai received a tricycle from Voice of SAP, getting the tricycle was so empowering for him that he said, "I will sell Garlic on this Tricycle all over Amraiwadi and surrounding areas". Today thanks to the tricycle and his hard work, he is selling "Garlic on Wheels," going to the doorsteps of homes and earns Rupees 6,000 to Rs 7,000 per month.



Harshadkumar Dabhi, Visually Impaired, believes that he will succeed in getting a government job with his hardwork and dedication in preparing for the qualifying exam. After receiving the assistive device – Daisy Player, he is able to concentrate more on his study. He said, "Using braille books for studying becomes tiresome sometimes. Studying using "Daisy Player" makes it easy and fun. He is aspiring to become class II officer in Government.

ENABLEMENT

4. INSPIRING EXAMPLES AS HOW LIFE CHANGED WITH ASSISTIVE DEVICES

Palak Desai, 100% visually impaired, 11th standard student in tribal district of Dang, Gujarat received Samsung smartphone in January 2020. Thanks to the amazing connectivity of the internet, VOSAP team conducted a zoom call with her and saw the spark, confidence and aspirations to become a Historian. She uses smartphone to listen to audio books, download study materials from an online library. She has learnt how to operate computers and typewriters. She is also helping other students with how to use smartphones, computers etc.



Vinodbhai Karsanbhai: He lives in palanpur and received a tricycle from VOSAP in December 2019. He got mobility, started a tyre repair shop. He is self dependent now and earns Rs.3000-4000 monthly. He aspires to expand his business and hire people for the same, go even farther to start a shop on the highway for repairing tires of trucks etc.

COVID 19 RELIEF EFFORTS

In the Year 2020, Covid 19 came stealthily and became a pandemic around the world with not many people knowing what it was and there was no known cure..It caught people and communities off guard and since continues to be a roller coaster ride for everyone. It displaced lives and took away livelihoods and Persons with Disabilities were the most vulnerable people during this time. They lost sources of income and also the support systems, people they were dependent on, people to support and care for them.

To help and offer relief to affected Specially Abled People, VOSAP launched its Covid 19 Relief efforts. This initiative was launched in April 2020. VOSAP is committed to do whatever is possible to help Divyangjan so our volunteers came together and collectively discussed the options.They came up with the idea of dispensing Grocery with PPE like mask, soap, sanitizer etc. The kit contained 9 grocery items for 1 month and personal protection/sanitation supplies like soap, sanitizer and mask as a “Divyangjan kit”.

With generous donations of VOSAP volunteers from the US, India and UK along with 17 multinational companies who matched employee donations, VOSAP has so far helped 3,000+ Specially Abled People in 3 states of India (Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka).

We salute our partners Blind People Association (Gujarat), SNEH (Madhya Pradesh) and APD (Karnataka) for their invaluable and sincere efforts. We are thankful to our Volunteers who extended their ‘Helping Hands’ in delivering these kits to Divyangjan. The happiness of being able to help the helpless and the satisfaction that is derived is what motivates us to keep putting efforts to do our best for the benefit of Specially Abled People.





VOSAP ANNUAL GALA AND LAUNCH OF VIRTUAL ART GALLERY

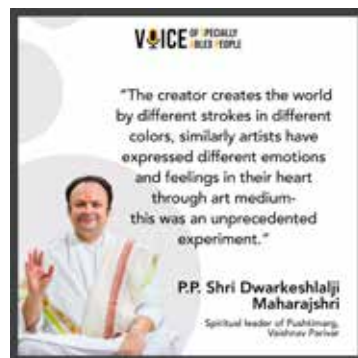
Voice of SAP launched the International Art Contest **“VOSAP Art From Heart”** in June 2020. It was a great success with participation of 4,200+ artists from 53 countries and ultimately an international panel of 8 judges found 50 winners from 24 countries using the online platform of VOSAP.

The VOSAP Annual Gala and Award ceremony was organized virtually on Dec 5 to announce and felicitate the winners of the contest. This live event was hosted by VOSAP youth Ambassador, singer and multi-talented Sparsh Shah. Ms Jessica Cox, who is the world's 1st licensed pilot with no arms, was the motivational guest speaker. Over 5,000 people watched it on social media platforms, and they all were very inspired by the soulful singing of Sparsh and the life story of Jessica.

In a letter sent to VOSAP Founder, Honorable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi appreciated the VOSAP Art gallery and congratulated 50 Artists. Honorable Health Minister of India Dr. Harsh Vardhan ji, Hon Social Justice Minister of India Dr Gehlot ji appreciated the strategic importance of this initiative and graced the occasion with their virtual presence.

Spiritual Leader of Pushti Margiya Vaishnav Parivar P.P. Shri Dwarkeshlalji Maharajshri, donors like Shri Manubhai, Shri B U Patel, Shri Vasant Rathi and many others supported this initiative and the matching fundraiser was a huge success.

On this occasion, VOSAP 3D Virtual Art Gallery with exceptional artwork of 250 Artists was launched.





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प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

MESSAGE

It is heart-warming to learn that the Voice of Specially Abled People (VOSAP) is organising an Award Ceremony on 5th December 2020 to felicitate 50 artists from more than 20 nations, who participated in 'VOSAP Art from Heart' contest on the theme of 'Disability'. The endeavour of VOSAP to provide artists from more than 50 countries a robust platform to showcase their art with the use of technology is commendable.

Our Divyang brothers and sisters have always been inspirational with their remarkable contributions in various spheres of activity. Divyangjan are blessed with special powers and possess immense potential to excel with their unwavering determination and unparalleled dedication.

We are constantly striving towards providing our Divyang people enabling opportunities to facilitate limitless possibilities for them. We have been working towards creating an ecosystem that empowers Divyangjan to fulfil their dreams and aspirations. Organizations like VOSAP are strengthening this vision with their determined efforts as valued stakeholders.

A powerful apparatus for socio-cultural expression, art provides the performers a great medium to showcase their talents. Platforms like the 'Art from Heart' go a long way in instilling a sense of empowerment to the participants.

We are the people who believe in the tradition of *Seva Parmo Dharma*. It is the spirit of selfless service with which people are helping others during the COVID pandemic. The organization's efforts to provide assistive devices and medical help to Divyangjan has added strength to the Nation's resolute fight against the pandemic.

In the midst of the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID pandemic, coming together of over 4200 artists for the concert to voice the noble cause of disability is appreciable. It is heartening that technological interventions such as Virtual VOSAP Art gallery will lead to a better understanding of the skills and talents of Divyangjan.

Heartiest congratulations to all the award winners of the 'Art from Heart' contest. May these winners and all the participants attain greater heights of excellence.

I extend my best wishes for the International Day for Persons with Disabilities observed on December 3 every year.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi

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29th November, 2020

Shri Pranav Desai
Founder, VOSAP



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Specially Abled Professional Adult Artist

01 **Chetan Pashilkar**
Thane, Maharashtra
India

02 **Adarsh Baji**
Vedadara, Gujarat
India

03 **Manas Kumar Das**
Anandapur, Odisha
India

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50 WINNERS OF VOSAP ART FROM HEART CONTEST 2020!

RANK	NAME OF ARTIST	ARTIST CATEGORY
1	TRISHITA KAR	CHILD ARTISTS (PRIMARY SCHOOL)
2	ARUNABHA DE	CHILD ARTISTS (PRIMARY SCHOOL)
3	PRITHA CHAKRABORTY	CHILD ARTISTS (PRIMARY SCHOOL)
1	ANNYA ANYESHA MISHRA	CHILD ARTISTS (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
2	AYANTIKA MUKHERJEE	CHILD ARTISTS (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
3	AADHAYA GUDDADAKERI	CHILD ARTISTS (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
1	SHRIYANSHI MOHARANA	CHILD ARTISTS (HIGH SCHOOL)
2	MEEMANSA SINGH	CHILD ARTISTS (PRIMARY SCHOOL)
3	SREE PRANATHI MAMIDI	CHILD ARTISTS (PRIMARY SCHOOL)
1	ARITRA DEY	ADULT ARTISTS
2	CZARINA JAS RABENES	ADULT ARTISTS
3	GAURAVI ALAVE	ADULT ARTISTS
1	RAJENDRA DINDORKAR	PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS
2	DR. BIBHUTY ADHIKARY	PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS
3	B LAVANYA	PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS

RANK	NAME OF ARTIST	ARTIST CATEGORY
1	SOUHARDYA HALDER	SPECIALLY ABLED CHILD ARTISTS (PRIMARY SCHOOL)
2	NIVRITI CHENNAGIRI	SPECIALLY ABLED CHILD ARTISTS (PRIMARY SCHOOL)
3	DEBASHRUTI SARMA	SPECIALLY ABLED CHILD ARTISTS (PRIMARY SCHOOL)
1	AAYUSH KUNDAL	SPECIALLY ABLED CHILD ARTISTS (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
2	DHROV TIKOO	SPECIALLY ABLED CHILD ARTISTS (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
3	PRIYAL JAIN	SPECIALLY ABLED CHILD ARTISTS (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
1	SAILI JADHAV	SPECIALLY ABLED CHILD ARTISTS (HIGH SCHOOL)
2	ABHILASHA KUBA	SPECIALLY ABLED CHILD ARTISTS (HIGH SCHOOL)
3	JOYAL K BIJU	SPECIALLY ABLED CHILD ARTISTS (HIGH SCHOOL)
1	SVIATLANA KAPITAN	SPECIALLY ABLED ADULT ARTISTS
2	GARIMA NATH	SPECIALLY ABLED ADULT ARTISTS
3	KARTIK VYAS	SPECIALLY ABLED ADULT ARTISTS
1	CHETAN PASHILKAR	SPECIALLY ABLED PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS
2	ADARSH BAJI	SPECIALLY ABLED PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS
3	MANAS KUMAR DAS	SPECIALLY ABLED PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS

RANK	NAME OF ARTIST	COUNTRY	CITY
1	KSENIYA GRIGOR	RUSSIA	MOSCOW
2	NURALY ORYNBASAR	KAZAKHSTAN	ATIRAU
3	ARNAB BARUA	GERMANY	BRAUNSCHWEIG
4	JACQUELINE OGOLLA	KENYA	NAIROBI
5	MARIA BINTE AZAD	FINLAND	VANTAA
6	AHANA AGARWAL	DENMARK	GENTOFTE
7	ALONA NOVIKA	LATVIA	RIGA
8	JOHN PETER LOWOT	UGANDA	KOTIDO
9	TRAN KHANH VAN DOAN	VIETNAM	HO CHI MINH CITY
10	RUSTAM MAKHKAMOV	UZBEKISTAN	TASHKENT
11	LUCAS KINCELER	BRAZIL	FLORIANOPOLIS
12	AFSHAN QURAISHI	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	DUBAI
13	JAZMINE CABALUNA	CANADA	COQUITLAM
14	ALEXEY ADONIN	ISRAEL	JERUSALEM
15	ALMAS RASHEED	PAKISTAN	LAHORE
16	GLORIA KEH	SINGAPORE	SINGAPORE
17	ADRIANA-MIHAELA TOMESCU	UNITED KINGDOM	MATLOCK
18	KUDSIA BEGUM DALIA	BANGLADESH	CHATTAGAM
19	TUAN NGOC PHAN	VIETNAM	HA NOI
20	MONIKA DIAK	AUSTRALIA	SYDNEY



VOSAP IN MEDIA

VOSAP Advocacy of changing narrative of disability, focusing on “Ability” of disabled people to mainstream them, compassionate capitalism and innovative initiatives, digital tools of VOSAP has huge potential for making this world a better place for millions of Specially Abled People. Media partners play a very important role to achieve this goal.

In 2020, VOSAP organized various programs including Art Contest, VOSAP Research Internship program, Covid19 Relief efforts, VOSAP Annual Gala and Award ceremony and launched 3D Virtual Art Gallery on the theme of ‘DISABILITY’. These activities were covered under various Digital and Print Media in the US and India, which helped create large scale awareness, a key objective of VOSAP mission without incurring any cost for media coverage.

VOSAP leveraged FaceBook and Instagram to promote Art contest on disability to 50+ countries and this was a huge success, case study as how social media can promote the worthy causes to help outreach, globally.

Here are details about VOSAP media coverage in 2020.

TELEVISION

DoorDarshan News (DD News TV), which has the highest reach across India relayed 30 minutes of interview with VOSAP Founder during prime time with a couple repeat broadcasts on Dec 3, International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

The video is available on youtube.



NEWSPAPERS

Many mainstream newspapers and digital media covered VOSAP Art Gallery to promote inclusion.

India : The Indian Express, DailyHunt, India News Live and many local newspapers from Kerala to Jammu and KAshmir, covering VOSAP artists, winners.

United States: IndiaWest, DailyTrojan, IndicaNews etc.



MAGAZINE AND PRINT MEDIA

Hollywood Monthly: Mission VOSAP covered by 'Hollywood Monthly' under the theme 'Celebrating Diversity in the Entertainment Industry' featuring a 4 Page Article (Page 28-31) on The World's First Virtual Art Gallery on the theme 'DISABILITY' by Voice of SAP.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook and Instagram handles of Voice of SAP reached 2 Million people promoting inclusion and accessibility.

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VOSAP has inspired hundreds of donors to enable its programs of Empowering Specially Abled People. We thank everyone for their generous donations.

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GOALS OF 2021

INCREASE USAGE OF VOSAP DIGITAL TOOLS FOR ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION WITH SCHOOLS, COUNTY, CORPORATES

GROW REGISTERED VOLUNTEER BASE TO 12,000+ VOLUNTEERS

CHANGE 2000+ LIVES OF SAP (PERSON WITH DISABILITIES) BY ENABLING THEM WITH ASSISTIVE DEVICES AND/OR SURGICAL INTERVENTION

25,000+ PLACES RATED FOR ACCESSIBILITY USING MOBILE APP



EXPAND VOSAP COLLEGIATE PROGRAM, CONDUCT 7-10 RESEARCH PROJECTS IN DISABILITY SECTOR

LAUNCH VOSAP IGNITE PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEERING AMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

EXPAND ENABLEMENT PROGRAM WITH ASSISTIVE DEVICES WITH ONLINE APPLICATION ON VOSAP

HELP SELECTED PWD WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ 700+ LIVES CHANGED WITH ASSISTIVE DEVICES & SURGICAL INTERVENTION IN 2020 BRINGING THE TOTAL TO MORE THAN 2000 + TILL DATE
- ✓ LAUNCHED WORLD'S 1ST VIRTUAL ART GALLERY OF 250 ARTWORKS ON THEME OF 'DISABILITY'
- ✓ DEVELOPED VOSAP ART PLATFORM FOR GLOBAL VIRTUAL ART CONTEST WHERE 4,200 ARTISTS FROM 52 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED, INSPIRED TO THINK ABOUT DISABILITY FOR CREATING ARTWORK
- ✓ SUPPORTED 3,000+ PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC WITH GROCERY AND PPE KITS
- ✓ THE BASE OF REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS GREW TO 9,800+ IN 2020 COMPARED TO 8,400 IN 2019
- ✓ 2 MN+ PEOPLE OUTREACH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- ✓ MESSAGE, APPRECIATION LETTER BY HONORABLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA FOR ONLINE 3D VOSAP ART GALLERY
- ✓ "VOSAP" THE PUBLIC UTILITY APP FOR ACCESSIBILITY REACHED 14,000+ PLACES RATED FOR ACCESSIBILITY (ACTIVITY SEVERELY IMPACTED BY COVID 19 PANDEMIC IN 2020)
- ✓ EXPANDED YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN THE US WITH THE LAUNCH OF VOSAP COLLEGIATE
- ✓ ENGAGED 3,000+ YOUTH (COLLEGE GOING STUDENTS) WITH 15+ UNIVERSITIES (U.C. BERKELEY, USC, NIRMA UNIVERSITY - INDIA, ETC.) TO VOLUNTEER WITH VOSAP
- ✓ REPRESENTED VOSAP AT UNITED NATIONS DURING 58TH CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ RAISED \$200,000 WITHIN 1 DAY WITH \$ TO \$ MATCH BY STRATEGIC DONOR SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH

