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## VOSAP Impact in Nov-Dec 2022

Summary updates of Voice of SAP, impact in November and December 2022

### Newsletter Highlights

- Annual Event 2022, Announcement of 10 Winners of AT Hackathon
- SOI signed with Atal Innovation Mission, **NITI Aayog**, Govt of India
- Multiple Mass Enablement Events at Lunawada, Jodhpur, Palanpur
- Launch of VOSAP AT Acceleration Fund of **\$ 1 Million**
- 2 AT Exhibitors added: Smart glass, manual bed recliner. Subsidy available
- Identification of 3 Winners of AT Hackathon completed

Dear Friends,

A Very Happy New Year 2023, Happy Makar Sankranti, Happy Pongal, Happy Bihu and Happy Lohri to you and your loved ones. We are very pleased to share VOSAP impact, Updates of International AT Hackathon and Enablement of **775** Specially Abled People in November - December 2022, **putting smiles on ~4,000 faces.**

#### 1. Annual Event and Announcement of Top 10 Winners of International AT Hackathon:

To commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, On Dec 3, 2022 VOSAP celebrated its Annual Event. The live event was attended globally, virtually by 800+ Volunteers, Donors, and invited Guests from the US and India.

Dr. Chintan Vaishnav, Mission Director of NITI Aayog's Atal

A promotional graphic for the "VOSAP LIVE EVENT". The background is orange with white circuit-like patterns. At the top, it says "VOICE OF SPECIALLY ABLED PEOPLE". The main title is "VOSAP LIVE EVENT". Below the title, it reads "Announcement of Top 10 Winners of International Assistive Technology Hackathon". The event dates are "DEC 3, 7 PM PST" and "DEC 4, 8:30 AM IST". On the left, there is a circular portrait of Dr. Chintan Valsnav, Chief Guest, with his name and affiliation: "Chief Guest, Dr. Chintan Valsnav, NITI Aayog, Govt of India". On the right, there is a circular portrait of Pranav Desai, VOSAP Founder. At the bottom, there is a red button that says "CLICK HERE TO JOIN". The footer contains logos of various partners and sponsors.

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impressed with the compassion and nuances of the Top 10 innovators and is looking forward to start collaborative initiatives with VOSAP in the AT Sector per SOI signed in November 2022.

Pranav Desai, the Founder, presented updates for 2022 specifically the geographic spread of VOSAP Impact in 11 states of India and 1 state in the US. He expressed how VOSAP has changed lives of 14,500+ people so far and brought smiles to 75,000+ faces with its Advocacy, Enablement and various initiatives.

VOSAP Strategic Donors and Grand sponsors of the Annual Event, Founders of Sarva Mangal Family Trust, **Shri Manubhai and Rikaben Shah**, also joined the event, motivated the team, and expressed their satisfaction to learn about VOSAP's outstanding impact. They announced **\$\$ Matching Challenge of US \$500,000** to support the goal of creating a \$1 Million VOSAP AT Acceleration Fund.

VOSAP announced the Top 10 Winners of the International Assistive Technology Hackathon. The Winners showcased their patentable, innovations for improving the lives of Persons with Determination (PoD), Specially Abled People (SAP).

## 2.VOSAP signs Statement of Intent (SOI) with Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, Govt of India



Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) is Government of India's flagship mission to create and promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship across the country. Hon Prime Minister is Chairperson of NITI Aayog.

Voice of SAP is very encouraged for the opportunity to collaborate, be a transformation partner to promote innovation in the disability sector, be knowledge partner and provide inputs per SOI (Statement of intent) signed with Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog. VOSAP's AT Innovators will have access to 67 incubation centers and ecosystem of AIM.

## 3. Enablement Events: Lunawada, Jodhpur, Palanpur

**Lunawada :** On Dec 17, 2022, VOSAP enabled 106 Hearing impaired Children (between age 6 to 10) at Lunawada, Gujarat with WeHear, patented Hearing Aids with bone conductivity. We witnessed around 500+ happy faces of parents, special educators, beneficiaries, volunteers and invited guests.

The Collector of Mahisagar District, Shri Bhavin Pandya joined the event as Chief Guest. He appreciated the initiative undertaken by VOSAP and congratulated VOSAP Founder for taking this mission to the Mahisagar District. He also assured to work closely for Specially Abled People in next couple years in response to appeal from VOSAP founder.



The hearing device of VOSAP's Partner and AT Exhibitor, WeHear is helping hearing impaired children to listen and then speak with training provided to them as how to use device. This early intervention with hearing device will help these 106 children get their hearing ability as per early audio gram test results done by government officers. **This eliminates need for costly surgical interventions.**

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Jodhpur, during its inaugural event in Rajasthan.

Hon. **Union Minister of Govt of India**, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawatji joined the event as the Chief Guest along with other invited guests like Mayor of the city.

VOSAP Founder Pranav Desai and Volunteers, Team joined the event virtually. **Rajasthan Har Ek ke Liye**, an initiative under VOSAP Jodhpur Chapter focuses on making Jodhpur completely accessible and inclusive for all, UDID cards for all the SAP in Jodhpur and further in Rajasthan helping them receive benefits of various government schemes and programmes for their betterment.

VOSAP Founder Pranav Desai and

**Palanpur:** On December 31, VOSAP enabled 70 Specially Abled People with Sewing Machine, Tricycle, Smartphone, Smartcane, etc.

VOSAP Founder and team joined the event Virtually. Various Volunteers and team members of Partner organization Blind People's Association, also joined the event virtually and in person. VOSAP Founder shared how VOSAP is enabling and empowering SAP with Assistive Devices, making them self dependent, live with dignity and contribute to economic expansion by becoming tax payers.



We are proud to share that 500 people received gift of vision during Nov - Dec. Also several beneficiaries received assistive devices directly from our vendors, outside of the mass distribution events.

#### 4. New Exhibitors at VOSAP's 3D Virtual Assistive Technology Exhibition

We are excited to share that we have added new Exhibitors to our Assistive Technology Exhibition.



**Creativiti Council:** Creativiti Council is a Kerala based company that develops innovative and affordable products for Bedridden, Elderly and Palliative care. Their primary product CiCARE is an innovative self-operated bed recliner for bed ridden patients.

Anyone can apply online to receive this highly subsidized product by VOSAP.

**SHG Technologies:**  
SHG Technologies has created SMART

VISION GLASSES, a wearable device for the blind/visually impaired using Artificial Intelligence, Machine Vision, and Machine Learning. The device has an electronic brain (artificial intelligence) which transforms their dark world into a more interactive, interesting and independent world. Over 1100 blind people have benefitted so far and now VOSAP will offer it on its



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To learn in detail about their products, connect with them, visit their booth at VOSAP Assistive Technology Exhibition on [events.voiceofsap.org](https://events.voiceofsap.org)

**5. Announcement of Top 3 Winners:**

To accelerate innovation in Assistive Technology, VOSAP organized the International Hackathon on Assistive Technology in 2022 with LD College of Engineering which then expanded largely with AKTU (India's #1 technology University with 763 colleges) and we received participation of 114 teams (~500 students) from 11 states in India and CA, USA. Our expert grand jury from AT Industry, Academia and Incubation, identified top 3 winners after months of continuous evaluation of entries and multiple rounds of presentations.

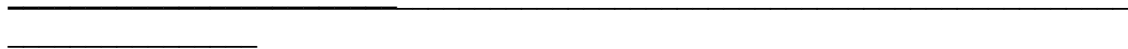


**Congratulations to All the Winners!!!**

All the Entries received were very unique and had a lot of potential. We heartily Congratulate all the 500 Participants of the International Assistive Technology Hackathon. All the Participants would also receive Certificate of Participation from Voice of SAP.

VOSAP with its partners will now support selected teams for patent filing, incubation etc. for accelerated entry to global markets to help millions of Specially Abled People.

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