# Himalayan International School Ladakh Dambuchan, Leh, Union Territory of Ladakh.





# PROJECT COMPLETED REPORT

# Work Compilation Report

Submitted to : The Athenstaedt Foundation, Germany

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#### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

PROJECT COST	1. Introduction and Acknowledgment
	On behalf of the entire Himalayan International School Ladakh (HISL) community in Ladakh, we extend our deepest and most heartfelt gratitude to the Athenstaedt Foundation for your generous donation of €10,000.
€ 10,000	Your timely support has led to the successful completion of critical infrastructure projects, each contributing to the safety, dignity, and quality of life for our students, many of whom come from poor and ultra-poor backgrounds in this remote Himalayan region.
	Your kindness has not only empowered physical improvements but also instilled confidence and pride in our children, who now walk into a campus that truly feels like a place of learning, safety, and belonging.

# 2. Summary of Projects Completed with Your Generous Donation

Below is a detailed account of the projects completed using your benevolent grant. All work has been carried out with transparency, efficiency, and with the direct involvement of our school management committee.

### 2.1 Completion of Roofing for the Mini Hall

Budget Cost: ₹90,000Status: □ Completed

Thanks to your generous donation, the roofing work of the Mini Hall, previously left incomplete due to budget limitations, has now been successfully completed. This space is currently being used as a temporary multipurpose activity center, accommodating storytelling sessions, indoor games, group learning, examinations, cultural programs, and the celebration of important occasions. It will continue to serve these vital functions until a fully developed hall is constructed in the future.



"FIGURE 1: ROOFING OF THE MINI HALL SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED."

# 2.2 Construction of the Approach Road from Main Gate to School Building

Budget Cost: ₹3,50,000Status: □ Completed

The uneven and dusty path leading to the school building has now been transformed into a clean, levelled, and structured approach road. Key features include:

- A well-graded, walkable surface using locally available materials.
- Side retaining walls with cement concrete copying.
- Installation of 24 flagpoles, each with flags symbolizing unity and diversity.
- Low-height roadside walls for both safety and aesthetics.

The road has significantly improved accessibility and cleanliness and gives a dignified welcome to every child entering our school gate.



FIGURE 1-2: CONSTRUCTION OF THE ACCESS ROAD COMMENCING FROM THE MAIN ROAD, WITH ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF A JCB MACHINE AND LABORERS.





Figure 2: Boulders removed to prepare a leveled surface, followed by smoothing and grading..





Figure 3: Construction of a low-height retaining wall for road support."



FIGURE 4: CEMENT COPING CONSTRUCTED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD'S SIDEWALLS TO ENHANCE STRUCTURAL STRENGTH.



"FIGURE 4: SPREADING THE THIRD LAYER OF SOIL FOR A SMOOTH AND STABLE SURFACE."

MATERIAL RATIO	RATIO
Cement Ratio	1 part cement ( 53 grade )
Sand	2 parts fine sand (clean, well-graded river sand)
Gravel	4 parts coarse aggregate (crushed gravel, 10 & 20 mm size)



"Figure 4: Final layer of soil spread to ensure a smooth, compact, and stable road surface."

#### 2.3 Installation of the Main Gate

Budget Cost: ₹95,000Status: ✓ Completed

A secure main steel gate has now been installed, putting an end to frequent intrusions by stray animals (bulls, dogs, donkeys) and helping to regulate access to the campus. This has enhanced both security and campus aesthetics, giving the school a proper institutional identity.



"Figure 1: Preparing the ground for the installation of the main gate."



"FIGURE 2: ERECTION OF PILLARS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE MAIN GATE."



"Figure 3: Main gate installed, painting work pending."



Figure 4: The newly constructed steel gate, with a strong foundation and side pillars, now provides a secure and dignified entrance. The structure is fully complete, including all painting work."

#### 2.4 Construction of the Veranda (Front of the School Building)

Budget Cost: ₹2,50,000Status: □ Completed

The front veranda of the school building, previously uneven and unsafe has now been fully renovated. Improvements include:

- Raised retaining walls for support.
- Proper soil levelling and coping finish for durability.

Installation of flower beds to make the space vibrant and student-friendly. This area is now a safe and welcoming space, particularly benefiting our youngest students in Nursery and UKG.



Fig. 1: Preparation of Foundation for the Veranda Construction



Fig. 2: Removal of Boulders and Stones for Veranda Construction

Fig. 3: Excavation of Foundations for Veranda Construction





Fig. 4: Construction of Stone Retaining Wall for Veranda



Fig. 5: Stone Pitching and Cement Concreting and curing of the Veranda









Fig.-7 Construction of a Flower Bed in Front of the Veranda



Fig. 9:Varenda Completed



#### 2.5 Beautification, Plantation Drive & Irrigation System

• Budget Cost: ₹1,50,000

• Status: ✓ Phase 1 Completed

We are pleased to share that, with the generous support of your organization, we have successfully completed the entire building painting work at our school, as well as installed a deep irrigation water supply system to nourish all seven flower beds across the campus.

A clean, beautiful, and welcoming school campus inspires not just academic learning but also in stills a sense of dignity, pride, and belonging among our students. When a child enters a vibrant classroom, walks through a freshly painted school building, or spends time in a green, blossoming area, it sends a silent yet powerful message: You are valued, and this space has been created with care - for you.

Additionally, we have completed the installation of a deep irrigation system connected to an overhead water tank, which now efficiently supplies water to all the flower beds. This system allows us to maintain the greenery without wasting a single drop of water, making our efforts both beautiful and sustainable.

While we were unable to begin the "One Student, One Tree" initiative this year due to time needed for ground preparation. And we will do it nest time, which will not cost any funds as one student can bring tree plant and we plant it on Saturday as co-curricular activities. Instead of trees, this year, we implemented a creative alternative: "One Class, One Flower Patch" where each class has been given a small flower garden area to cultivate and care for, promoting environmental ownership and hands-on learning.







We have developed a total of seven flower gardens within the school campus under grant support. Each of these gardens is being maintained by students with the active guidance and supervision of their respective class teachers. This initiative not only enhances the beauty of our school environment but also serves as a meaningful educational activity.

Every Saturday, the gardens are transformed into open-air science labs, where students engage in hands-on learning to better understand how nature works. Through observing plant growth, studying soil and water cycles, and exploring various elements of the ecosystem, students gain practical knowledge in an enjoyable and interactive setting. This initiative has sparked a deep interest in science and nature among the students and has become one of their most cherished learning experiences.

#### 2.6 Play ground levelling Playground Levelling Report

With heartfelt gratitude to your esteemed organization for your unwavering support toward the development of our school, we are happy to share a significant step forward in our efforts to create a joyful and safe learning environment for our children.

Thanks to your generous support, we were able to engage a JCB machine along with manual labour to complete approximately 70% of the playground levelling. This playground is not just an open space — it is a vital lifeline for our students' physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It is where they laugh, play, grow strong, and build lasting memories.

We have spread a fine layer of soil across the levelled ground, transforming it into a much-needed usable space where children can now play safely and freely. For many of them, this is the only place where they can truly run, jump, and simply enjoy being children.

However, due to limited resources, we were unable to complete the full levelling, and the **construction of** the retaining wall and other critical components still remains. Without the retaining wall, there is a risk of soil erosion and safety concerns, especially during the harsh weather conditions of Ladakh.

We humbly appeal for your kind support to help us complete the remaining works. Finishing this playground will not only secure the space but also fulfill the dreams of many children who deserve a safe and joyful area to grow and thrive.

Once again, we thank you deeply for walking this journey with us. With your continued support, we believe the day is not far when we will have a fully functional and beautiful playground that will bring smiles to many young faces for years to come.



Fig-1: Playground levelling work in progress



Fig-2: After levelling, a fine layer of soil was spread and moistened



Fig-3: The final look of the playground with students assembled for morning prayers

#### 3. Transparency and Documentation

We maintained **meticulous records** of every expenditure, supported by receipts, photographs, Videos and site inspections regularly. We reiterate our unwavering **commitment to accountability and transparency**, and we welcome future audits, visits, or evaluations by the Foundation.

#### 4. Voices from the Himalayas: A Message from Our Students

"Before, we used to walk over rocks and uneven ground. The open area made us feel exposed and uncomfortable. But now, we have a proper gate and a beautiful road, it truly feels like we're walking into a real school. Thank you for thinking of us from so far away."

Ms. Chosdon. Class 8

#### **BUDGET OVERVIEW**

CATEGORY	SPENT	WORK STATUS
2.1 Completion of Roofing for the Mini Hall	₹ 90,000	Completed
2.2 Construction of the Approach Road from Main Gate to		
School Building	₹ 3,50,000	Completed
2.3 Installation of the Main Gate	₹ 95,000	Completed
2.4 Construction of the Veranda	₹ 2,50,000	Completed
2.5 Beautification, Plantation Drive & Irrigation System	₹ 1,50,000	Completed
2.6 Playground levelling	₹ 35,000	Only the levelling part done
Total amount	₹ 9,70,000	Completed

#### CONCLUSION

#### 5. Conclusion: A Gesture of Transformation

Dear Ma'am Evelyn Reuter, Dr. Klaus Schuback, and all respected members of the Athenstaedt Foundation,

Your donation has done more than build walls and roads. It has built **confidence**, **safety**, **pride**, **and joy** in the lives of young Himalayan children.

From the depths of our hearts, we thank you for walking beside us in this journey. May this be the first of many milestones we achieve together in the name of compassion and education.

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