July 2025: Renovation of the Government Higher Primary School, Hosanagara, Belur



Under Saksham, the School Development Initiatives of IIM Bangalore, two new blocks – Anekal and Belur, in addition to the blocks of Tiptur and Madhugir, adopted as part of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, are areas of focus for the Centre.

In response to the request by the Block Education Officer who highlighted the unusable conditions of the school classrooms owing to severe seepage of rainwater in the GHPS at Hosanagara, site visits were organised by the Field Team of UBA, inviting Development Partners – Hoovinahole Foundation and Twin Glacier Foundation to assess and comment on the renovations needed.

With philanthropic input from Avakaasha Foundation, a sum of ₹5.2 lakh was outlayed for repairs and work was carried out by local contractors suggested by the Gram Panchayat.

For the first building that housed the classrooms, the old tiled roof and wooden joists were removed and replaced with metal sheets and angles. Both exterior and interior painting were completed, and new flooring was installed to replace the cemented surface.

For the second, sheet roofing was added atop the RCC building to prevent further water seepage. This also created additional usable space for classes or out-of-class activities. An external metal staircase was also provided for access.

This initiative has restored learning spaces and improved school infrastructure, ensuring a better and safer environment for students and teachers.

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