



# RISE (India) TRUST (Regd.)

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FY2016-2017

It gives me immense pleasure to present you the following Annual Report of the RISE India Trust for the period from 01<sup>st</sup> April 2016 till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

### I. Trustees

During the period of this report no new trustees were inducted into or relieved from the Board of Trustees.

The following were the trustees in the Board of Trust at any time during the year.

S No	Name and Address of the Trustees	Trustee period during the year	
		From	To
1	Mr. R Krishnan RISE Campus, Samiyandipudur, Thimmanguthu Village, Pollachi Taluk – 642 005	01 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	31 <sup>st</sup> March2017
2	Mrs. Geetha Krishnan RISE Campus, Samiyandipudur, Thimmanguthu Village, Pollachi Taluk – 642 005	01 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	31 <sup>st</sup> March2017
3	Mr. V S Prasanna 2B, Satya Nivas, 113 Gill Nagar I Extension Choolaimedu, Chennai-600 094.	01 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	31 <sup>st</sup> March2017
4	Mr. K Ananthanarayanan 48, 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, Tatabad, Coimbatore -641 012	01 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	31 <sup>st</sup> March2017
5	Mr. T R Raghavan No.149, I Cross, I Main, ISRO Layout Bangalore – 560 111	01 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	31 <sup>st</sup> March2017

### II. Objectives and Activities

The main objective of the trust is to bring education to the rural Indian students. The mission is to bring equal learning opportunities to the students Rural India compared to students from any corner of the world.

The RISE Trust has, hence, established and is running a school at RISE Campus, Thimmanguthu Village, Pollachi. The School is recognised by the Tamil Nadu State Education Department (License Number 630/A5/2016) and follows the rules as supervised by the District Elementary Education Department, Coimbatore.

It has been the Trust's vision that apart from bringing in a curriculum based education to the rural students, it also needs to bring in the same opportunities in education and learning to these students as is open to their counterparts in cities and elsewhere. All the activities of the trust are in accordance to that vision.

#### School Report:

A total of 226 students were imparted education during the year. There was a net increase of 34 (17.35% increase YOY) children availing of education from the school.

The School had one 16-seater and two 41-seater bus to provide ride to and from the school for the needy students. A total of 5 trips each way, were made between all the buses every day, ferrying 194 (85.8% of total children in school) children.



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About 30 (13.27%) students were covered under the RTI, their fees to be reimbursed by the state government. Apart from these students, about 33 (14.6%) students were provided fee waivers by the trust.

Application was submitted to CBSE for affiliation to Middle School Syllabus. However, the same was rejected.

Plan is afoot to build a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 more classrooms and some toilets during the next academic year, subject to approval from DTCP.

### **Activities through External Organisations:**

RISE School has partnered with **Qrius Learning Initiatives** to implement Long story Methodology. Mr. Rajendran trained our teachers in the new methodology of teaching on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2016. In this method children are taught using one long story which runs through out the academic year to increase the natural curiosity to learn and create a language rich environment. As a pilot program this is being implemented for Tamil subject in LKG & UKG.

Three coaches (master Trainers) among RISE School teachers were trained by **Teach for India** in their Chennai facility. Teachers attend online training modules and get support from the coaches to implement best practices in their classrooms. Teachers get trained in skills like lesson planning, classroom management, assessments etc.

**English Learning Foundation** has continued to work with RISE School to improve the English reading and comprehension skills of the students. The goal of this program is to get the children to read English fluently. Starting with letters, progressing through reading simple words, children, in a graded step by step process learn to read simple sentences and stories using workbooks and apps in Tablets.

### **Events in School:**

Teachers day & Independence day were celebrated with usual fun and gaiety. Ms. Visalakshi Ananthanarayanan, a Sanskrit exponent, was the chief guest for Independence day celebrations and her speech was well received. Children planned and organized various events during the teacher's day celebrations for the teachers, including a treasure hunt.

Annual Day was celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Dr. R Nandagopal, Director of PSG Institute of Management graced the occasion as Chief Guest and delivered a wonderful address to the children, parents and teachers. The day was marked by various cultural extravaganza and skill sets exhibited by the students.

A Food Carving Competition was held and students showcased their creativity.

A 5-day teacher training cum trainers training program was conducted by Qrius Learning Initiatives in the RISE Campus. This was an in-house training program where the QLI trainers were on hand to train the RISE teachers. Teacher trainee students from PKD teacher training college also participated in the training workshop.

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, an exhibition was organized by the students and they displayed their works of creativity. The exhibits covered and were grouped under various subjects, viz, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Tamil & Arts.

A Night stay at School was organized for the top two classes, with camp fire and story telling. The students got to bond on a social level and engaged in cooking, puzzle solving, camping, dancing and singing.

A one-day Education trip to Aliyar Dam was also organized, using the event to incentivize the top rated students.

In order to give an exposure to democratic process, elections were held to elect School Pupil Leader (SPL), Asst. School Pupil Leader (ASPL) and Class representatives. Secret ballot was used to vote and all teachers, students and support staff participated in the election process.



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## New Initiatives:

In order to facilitate sharing of best practices among teachers and to support each other in their teaching assignments, **Learning Circle Meetings** were started. Subject wise meetings held every Saturday, helped the teachers discuss their lesson plans, effective teaching methods and progress made by students and the effectiveness of the new teaching aids.

To build the natural curiosity of the children and foster fearlessness to question, '**Ask Why**' campaign was initiated. Children are encouraged to ask questions about day to day things. One question is discussed in detail each day during the morning assembly. The campaign also included a competition and prizes for most difficult questions raised.

Exams have been done away with for computer training and instead a **Project Based Assignments** have been initiated to give hands-on training and familiarize the children to the computer usage.

## Awards & Recognitions:

Students from RISE School participated in the Inter-State Yoga Competition held on October 09, 2016 in Sri Krishna Engineering College, Coimbatore, and won prizes in various age groups. Praniga, Deepan won Second Prize, Madhan won Third Prize and Yazhini came in fourth position in their respective age group. This being the first exposure to the race of this kind, it was a commendable achievement.

Students participated various cross country runs conducted in and around Pollachi and won prizes. 17 Students participated in the event conducted by Swami Vivekanand Ilainar Narpani Mandram in Anamalai on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and three of them finished in 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> positions. 20 Students took part in Run for Anamalai on 19<sup>th</sup> February and took home 2 top 5 finishes. 16 Students participated in the race conducted by Forest Skill Academy School and two finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

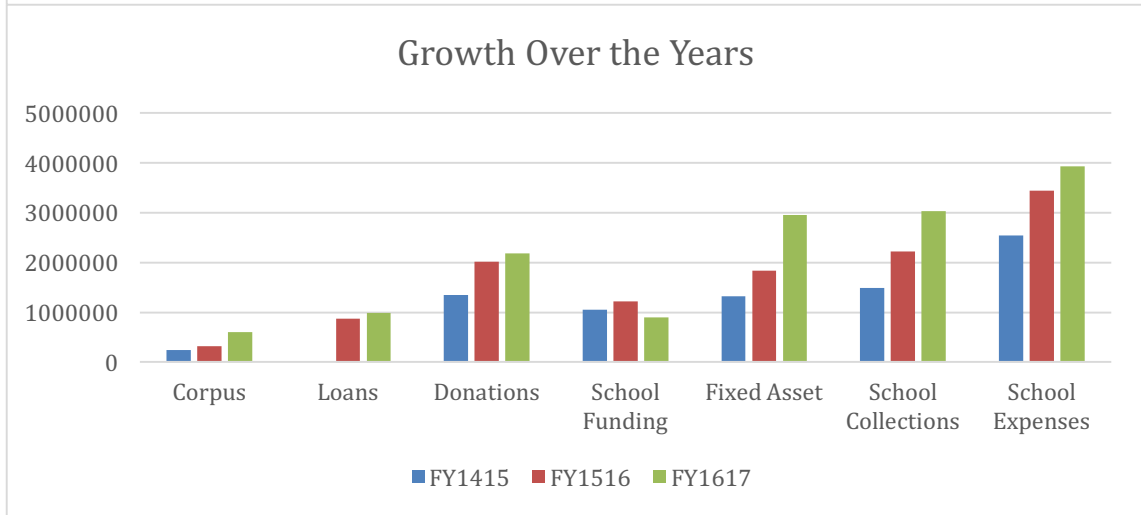
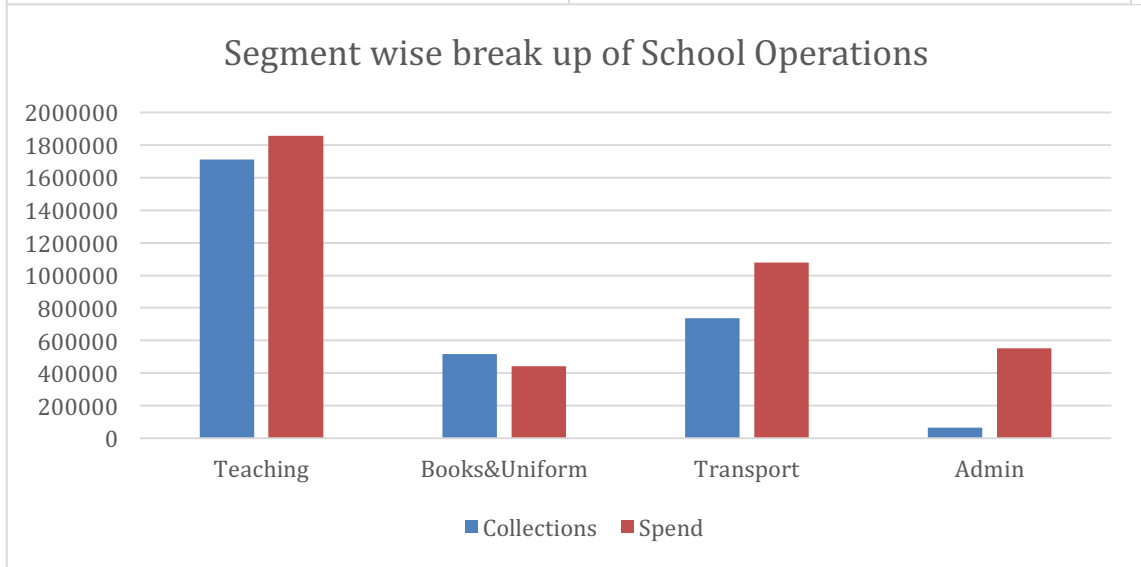
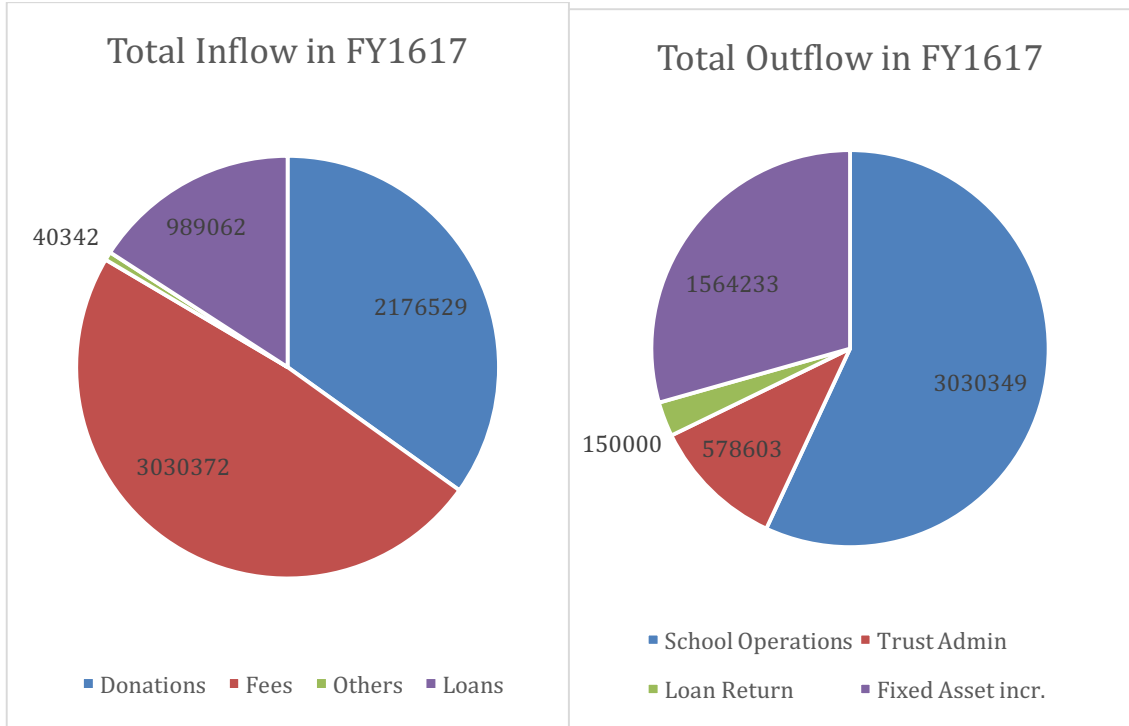
### III. Financial Review

01	Total Donations Received this year	Rs. 21.76 Lacs
02	Number of Donors	16
03	Corpus at the end of this year	Rs. 05.98 Lacs
04	WDV of Fixed Assets at end of this year	Rs. 29.53 Lacs
05	Total Investments made as at end of this year	Rs. 01.78 Lacs
06	New Loans raised this year	Rs. 09.89 Lacs
07	Old Loans repaid this year	Rs. 01.50 Lacs
08	Total Collections from School Operations	Rs. 30.30 Lacs
09	Total Expenses on School Operations	Rs. 39.30 Lacs

A 41 seater bus was purchased at the beginning of the year. About a lakh of rupees was spent in purchasing new school furniture.



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## IV. Governance and Management

Mr. Prem Kumar was the Chief Operating Officer for the whole year with a mandate to govern and manage the trust activities. Mrs. S E Sangeetha was the designated Headmistress of the School. Mr. T Karunakaran was hired as Principal in the month of January.

The School License is renewed and is valid till 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

It was decided that the School shall apply to the CBSE

It was decided to apply to CBSE for operating till Class VIII, before the last date for application, viz. 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. However, the application was rejected by the CBSE for want of NOC from Tamil Nadu Education Board. Further it was decided to apply to Tamil Nadu Inspectorate of Matriculation Schools. A prerequisite for the application was approval of school building by DTCP and the process for getting the approval is underway.

The Fees are being charged at a lesser rate than prescribed by School Fee Determination Committee. The next hearing by the Committee to fix school fees for the years 2018 onwards is expected at the start of the next academic year.

No statutory dues are pending as of this date.

Teacher's salary is being credited directly into their bank accounts. Application shall be made to register the school under the EPF Act.

## V. Declaration

I hereby declare and assure that the above annual report and the audited financials for the given period has been sent to, reviewed by and accepted by all the trustees.

**For RISE India Trust**

**Trustee**

Chennai  
01<sup>st</sup> July 2017