During the pandemic, Boston ASHA team had 2 zoom call meetings with KSV’s CEO Adam Woodward. 

After the first lockdown and school closure, KSV had started to welcome the students back onto campus in batches from January. By mid-March, KSV had the 10th to 6th standards back on campus, but it was at that time that a second lockdown was declared and that KSV had to be once again closed.

Since then, like all schools in the state, KSV has remained closed. For the duration of the lockdown and school closure, KSV has been in regular contact with all the students and their families to ensure that everyone is keeping well. They were also in regular contact with all the KSV staff to ensure that everyone received their full salary during these challenging times.

KSV has ensured that the students stay up to date with their education through online classes. Whilst it is clear that the physical classroom is much more effective than online learning, the online classes have helped the students to remain disciplined and focused on their studies during the pandemic, has encouraged them to explore new digital learning tools, and has given them an opportunity to become much more familiar with tech in this digital age.

Last month, the situation in terms of the number of COVID cases was reducing. The colleges have restarted regular classes, and we were anticipating that schools would also resume in the coming weeks. However the situation remains uncertain and challenging to predict. KSV hopes to be able to reopen as soon as it is safely possible to do so to help bring life back into the KSV campus.

**KSV’s Sponsorship Campaign**

To ensure the financial sustainability of the school and respond to the new challenges brought on by the pandemic, on the 1st June 2021, KSV launched a Child Sponsorship Campaign [link](https://ksv.org.in), with a goal of securing 150 new sponsors by the 1st of September. KSV is delighted to share that since the start of the Campaign, with the kind help of our team and supporters, it has found 35 new sponsors. KSV is still in need of 115 new sponsors to reach its goal.
**KSV received valuable funding from Nilekani Philanthropies**

KSV was the beneficiary of a grant from [Nilekani Philanthropies](https://www.nilekaniphilanthropies.org). This generous funding enabled KSV to purchase a new school vehicle, the new Mahindra Bolero. Nilekani Philanthropies is a foundation that seeks to support ground-breaking work anchored in networks and movements, to create and strengthen communities that work for their own betterment. KSV is blessed to partner with them to create a better environment for the students at KSV.

The vehicle will be used for various purposes such as taking the students to music concerts & educational visits, daily transport for some of the teaching staff, and for bringing items from the market to the campus.

![New School Vehicle](image1.jpg)

**KSV’s new computer lab**

With the generous support from [Danfoss Power Solutions India](https://www.danfoss.com/india), a company offering engineering solutions that allows the world to use resources in smarter ways, KSV is in the process of setting up a new computer studies center. The work is currently ongoing to create a space within the Education Hub which will contain twenty computer workstations. The computer studies center is slated to be completed in time for when the students return to campus after the current lockdown.

![Computer Lab](image2.jpg)
The Himanshu Roy Award
Another exciting recent development is the launch of a new annual award, the Himanshu Roy Award for Excellence in Music. Every year, this award will be presented to two students from the outgoing 10th Standard batch who will be selected based upon their performance, interest, and commitment towards music. The awardees will receive a certificate and a musical instrument which will greatly assist them to pursue their higher education in music. The award pays tribute to and honors the memory of, Himanshu Roy.

Himanshu Roy was a dynamic and admired IPS officer, chartered accountant, fitness enthusiast, animal lover, loving family man, and a kind soul who helped countless lives; he wore many hats and left behind a legacy and memories that will last many lifetimes, but what nourished his own soul was his love for Hindustani Classical Music. One of his dreams was to build a residential music school for children, that would create a new generation of musicians and artists who would keep the Hindustani Classical music tradition alive and thriving.

It is on Himanshu Roy’s 58th birth anniversary, that we are proud and honored to announce the Himanshu Roy Award for Excellence in Music. This year’s awardees will be announced in the coming weeks, and in subsequent years the awardees will be announced on the 23rd June.

KSV receives The TiE Award
Earlier this year, and as a part of the TiECON 2021 event organized by the Hubli Chapter of the The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), KSV was the proud recipient of the Social Enterprise of the Year award.