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The measure is a response to dropping attendance levels at Stonehill as students face increasing difficulties of commuting from nearby villages. Mphasis' donation is expected to have a profound impact on bridging the attendance gap, empowering students to attain new levels of educational achievement and removing one more infrastructural roadblock to success.

These initiatives are the latest in an ongoing undertaking to transform Stonehill Government Higher Primary School through Embassy Group's Community Outreach Program, which aims to improve the education outcomes for children from low socio-economic backgrounds in partnership with corporates, the Department for Education Board of Karnataka and other organizations such as Stonehill International School. One of Embassy Group's 19 adopted Government Schools, Stonehill Government Higher Primary School has benefited from a complete school makeover in 2012 (including a new school building and modern facilities) as well as a host of high-quality, integrated educational support in subjects such as Mathematics, English, Life Skills, Art and Craft, and Sport. The school's housekeeping and maintenance, sports activities, library and computer lab are taken care of by Stonehill International School, as part of their community outreach initiative.

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