

NEWS UPDATE

APRIL-JUNE 2020

“ *When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts* ”

His Holiness the **Dalai Lama**

The COVID crisis has truly brought all of us together like never before. The unprecedented lockdown has elicited hidden potential, talents and creativity of teachers, students and parents. There has been a lot of reflection and experimentation to devise innovative ways and means to make the teaching/learning process more enjoyable and meaningful that can have a lasting impact on the students - and leave a lesson for lifetime.

Glimpses of COVID relief efforts

Max India Foundation took active steps to provide direct and indirect relief, through NGOs and social support groups. Around **1.5 lakh individuals, 8000+ children** and **1596 families** were supported with large-scale distribution of **2.5 lakh food packets** (cooked and uncooked) and **40,000+ masks**. Significant support was extended to NGO United Sikh and Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara, GK1, Delhi to provide cooked food and dry rations to the needy. Besides providing ongoing learning solutions for children, MIF supported the communities with cooked food, dry ration, medical and sanitary supplies, protection kits, N95 masks and other basic supplies. This support was made possible by launching **#StayHomeIndia** campaign in April 2020. As part of the campaign MIF was able to surpass it's goal of 1 lakh pledges in 10 days and promised to donate Rs. 500 per pledge, up to a sum of Rs. 5 Crore for Covid-19 relief efforts.

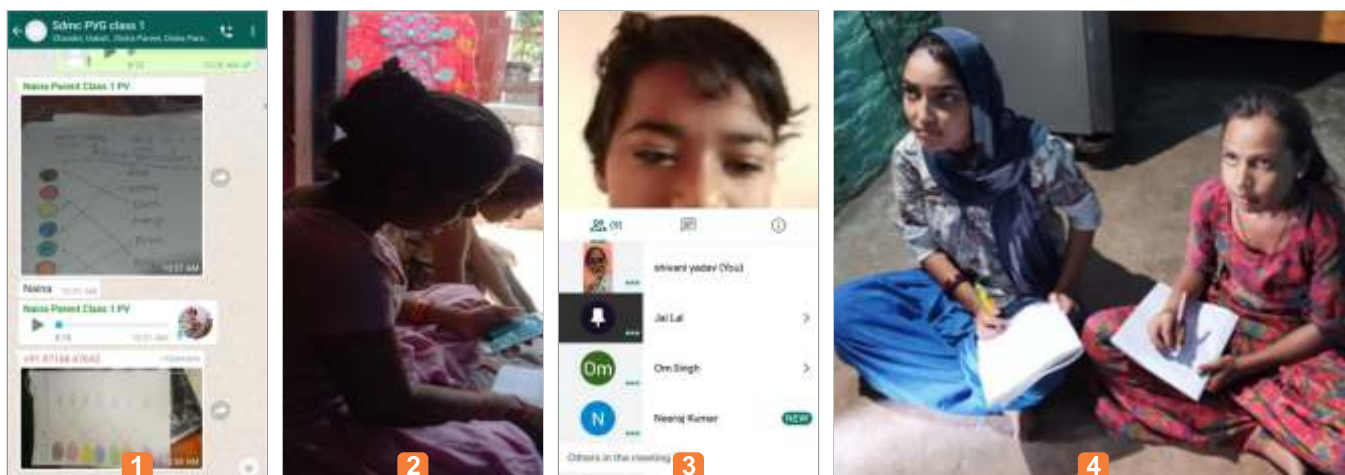
COVID Support at a glance (April-June 2020)

NAME OF THE ORGANISATION	COVID SUPPORT	# OF BENEFICIARIES	LOCATION
Teach For India	COVID Relief (Food, ration & Basic Supplies)	50000 needy individuals	Delhi
	Ongoing Learning Solutions (All round support for Children)	8000+ Children	
HelpAge India	Survival kits (22 kg dry ration and medical supplies)	Approximately 1870 families (8000 individuals)	Dehradun
Jamghat	Dry ration and sanitary supplies	1000 families (street and vulnerable children, homeless adults (DUSIB shelter home), migrant workers)	Jama Masjid, Delhi
UBOONTU	Dry ration packets, protection kits containing soaps and masks and sanitary pads	500 Migrant Families	Delhi NCR
Safe in India Foundation	Dry ration packets, cooked lunches, arranged water supply at some communities, accelerated mask distribution	2,50,000 ration kits distributed Cooked Food to 500 people per day for a week 10,000+ masks	Villages (Kasan, Kho, Manesar, Naharpur, Kadipur, Nevada,) in Manesar, Gurgaon area
PRATYeK	Dry Ration	96 Families	Jahangirpuri, Delhi
United Sikhs	Cooked Food	1000 individuals daily for 58 days	Noida, Delhi NCR
Adhikaar Foundation	Two meals a day	27,000 people (daily wage labourers, migrant workers and the homeless)	3 districts of Delhi
Langar support	Cooked food	140 migrant labourers over 68 days	Okhla, Delhi
	Dry Rations	390 packets over 3 weeks	
CGN Research Labs Private Limited	N95 masks	30,000 individuals	Punjab



From "Chalk and Talk" to "Type and Skype"

The conventional classroom method of teaching - learning was replaced by 'At Home' digital learning solutions transferring the control of teaching from teachers, to the students who took the control of learning - a progressive step towards lifelong learning. Online teaching was supported by digital curricular content, activities, audio books, besides curating videos and delivering sessions via different digital media i.e. Whatsapp, Zoom, Google Hangout, Skype, etc.



1. Parents of SDMC Pushp Vihar (Simple Education Foundation) sharing student work assignments from home.
2. Mothers of students writing down the worksheets in notebooks to help their children(supported by Saarthi Education).
3. Aasra's teaching staff conducting online classes under Wings program.
4. Students under Girls Blossom Bus Program studying at home with government schools TV assisted teaching program.

Nutritional Security and Continued Educational Support

To provide timely basic needs, parent check-ins were conducted to understand ration needs while nutritional safety was ensured by the distribution of food kits. At the same time, some organisations reached out to children with class wise educational packs, stationery, story books, etc.



1. Distribution of food kits and worksheets by Vatsalya's team (iPartner).
2. Distribution of education materials to students enrolled in NIOS-OBE program by AASRA Trust in Govindgarh.

Emotional Well-Being- A Priority for ALL

The pandemic-imposed confinement and restrictions placed an emotional toll on the well-being of children, parents, caregivers and the educator community. Mental Health support initiatives like calls to check welfare, safe spaces to share, collaborative sessions to engage families, parent teacher meetings and emotional welfare for teachers have played a key role in ensuring well being for ALL.



My take away from today's session is that we really should create a place in our life for us and for the people around us where they can feel happy and comfortable to Share what they truly feel because jab hume koi sunta h ya hum kisi se apni baatein share krte hain toh woh bahot hi khoobsurat cheez h aur phir hume achha feel hota h. 5:21 pm



1. Kshamtalaya organised an Interplay Workshop for its teachers to build body awareness.
2. Student sharing feedback on safe sharing space created by Alohomora over zoom sessions.
3. Parent Teacher Meeting being conducted by Samarpan teachers.

Camping at Home

A virtual summer Camp was held by Samarpan Foundation (iPartner) to ensure continued student support during summers. Numerous activities such as riddles, sudoku puzzles, pictionary games, quizzes on nutrition and food, storytelling, seed germination and story making were conducted during the camp.



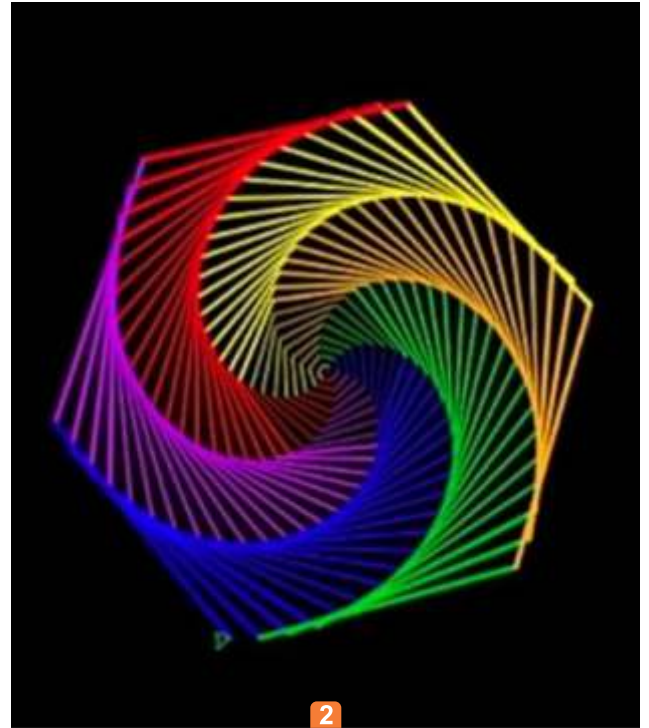
Some activities/experiments conducted during virtual summer camp: germination, solubility of substance and arts and craft.

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Alohomora's response to the pandemic was to launch an online 'camp' for students to remain connected to their peers and also gain exposure to various careers using various digital mediums.



1. Student exploring future in healthcare industry prepared a first aid kit from home.
2. Student currently considering a career in the software industry drew a spiral using the coding language python.



Travelling without Moving

Katha (supported through Network for Quality Education Foundation) circulated the Katha Khazana reading App to make digitized reading content accessible to students.



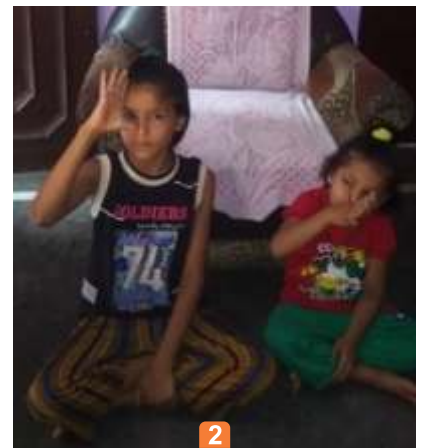
Celebrations Galore

To show love and respect to their parents on Mother's Day and Father's Day, students designed beautiful cards and whole-heartedly participated in celebratory activities.

1. & 2. Students of Sneha Doon Academy (AASRA Trust) and Rasta school express love for parents through self made greeting cards.

Students were sensitized and motivated to practice Yoga and different Asanas to celebrate Yoga day. The children practiced various mudras of Yoga at their home and made beautiful charts.

1. & 2. Students of RASTA and Simple Education Foundation practicing Yoga Asanas at home to ensure their physical well-being.



Pledge to take care of the Planet



On 5th June 2020, World Environment Day students planted young saplings, recycled non-biodegradable material into decorative items, designed 3-D models, creative charts and posters, etc. portraying the responsibility of mankind to save and preserve environment!

1. Students of Sneha Doon Academy (AASRA Trust) planted saplings and made 3-D models on the theme-protecting the environment.
2. Environmental awareness for Rasta students was stimulated by making cards and posters.
3. A student from Alohomora designed a flip book depicting a story of a girl and nurturing a seedling.

Training the Trainers

MIF partners repurposed their education delivery mechanism in response to the pandemic situation by building the capacities of teachers as it became imperative to learn and understand education through digital medium.

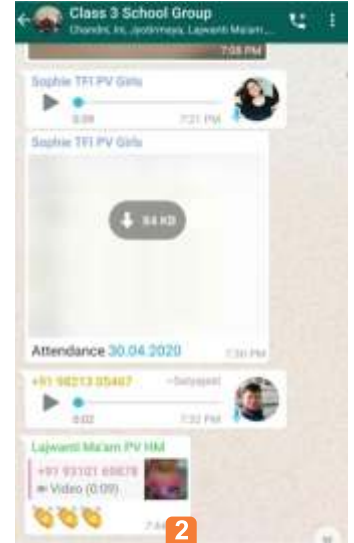
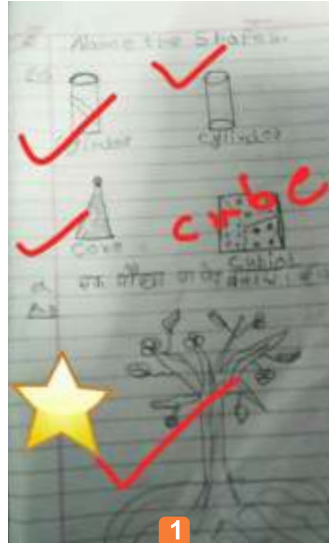


1. & 2. Online planning and in-campus training session (while maintaining social distancing) for Vatsalya teachers and staff.

A good education can change ANYONE; A good teacher can change EVERYTHING

Shashi Kiran Ma'am is a motivated teacher (Class III -Nagar Nigam Bal Pratibha Vidyalaya, Delhi) and she always tries to bring new innovations in her classroom. The same spirit continued when she was engaging with children online - she made consistent efforts to reach out to maximum children possible and ensured that learning continues in a fun and engaging manner. One of her students, Lavanya was so inspired that she created a storytelling video which got published on YouTube channel "Bacchon ki Rang Birangi Dunia" with more than 3 lakh subscribers.

OTHER TEACHER INITIATIVES:



1. SEF teachers pro-actively sending voice notes and using emojis, sketch-pen features to correct work and give feedback.
2. The Principal of SDMC Pushp Vihar school created grade-wise WA groups to appreciate students' effort.

Health and Education go hand in hand

As part of the Personalized Education Program, the teaching staff of Cankids provided tutoring and mentoring to children suffering from cancer.



SEE Learning™ India Update

As a response to the pandemic, SEE Learning India initiated two 10 week online sessions - '**Resilience Through Compassion - insights from CBCT®**' aimed to strengthen personal practice and '**Study Circle**' to strengthen the educator community. With overwhelming response, all these session supported the participants to access and nurture inner resources that are especially helpful in these challenging times.

SEE Learning India also offered a **6 Week Summer Challenge for the whole family** with the intention of introducing simple practices at home!!! These could be done by any family member who may or may not be familiar with SEE Learning. This continues to be open to everyone and can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3eaBUO6>.



Activity during virtual 'Study Circle'