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Navigating the COVID-19 times

The challenges continue, and so does our commitment to Educate, Empower and Transform. We have adapted, evolved and re-strategised our work by pivoting education to remote learning; conducting online counselling, storytelling, yoga, creative and stress relieving activities; organising webinars, donation drives, making masks, up-skilling our teachers and yes, ration distribution to our needy beneficiaries during lockdown.

We have had to close operations at some of our project sites due to migration of the beneficiaries and closure of offices as mandated by the government in March. Undeterred we continue to stay connected with our beneficiaries, provide help and assist them to tide over these tough times.

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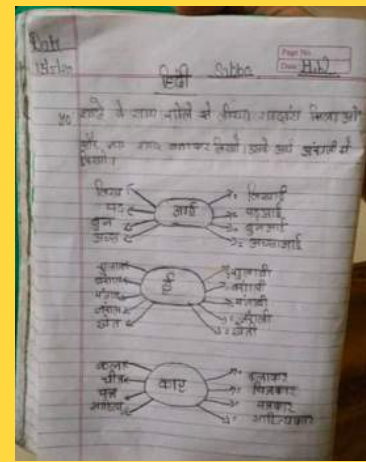
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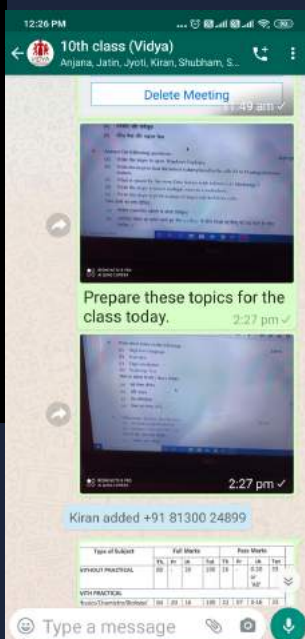
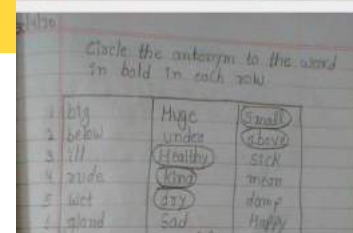
Bal Vihar and 3 SDMC Schools in Delhi continued to provide education through WhatsApp study groups. The teachers sent worksheets, and conducted art & craft classes. Children were at their creative best when they made posters on World Red Cross Day, and heart warming cards on Mother's Day.



In order to de-stress, educate and provide updates on COVID-19, Music Basti uploads informative and cheerful songs on WhatsApp groups for children.



The schools' summer break commenced from May 15, 2020. The teachers were in constant touch with the students to keep them enthused, challenged and motivated.

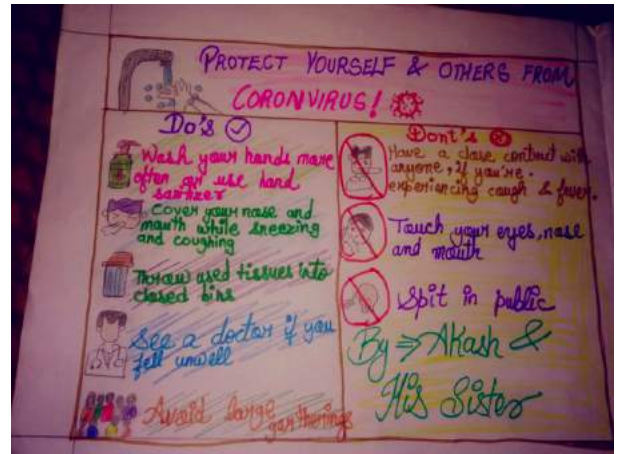
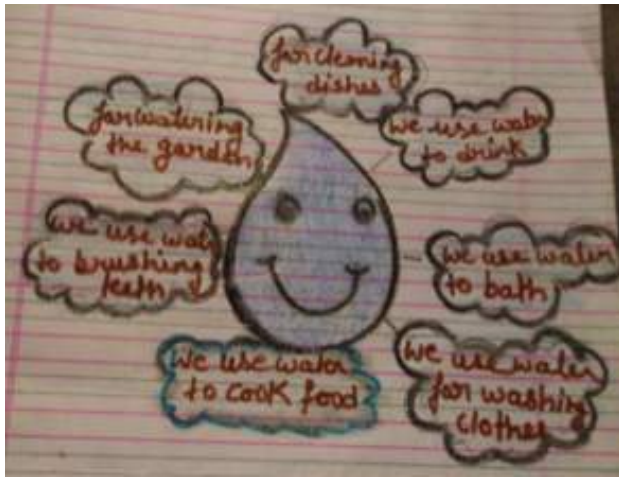


NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOL LEARNING

Leave no one behind! Our NIOS centre providing education to school dropouts also lost no time to initiate online classes on zoom and WhatsApp. Co-curricular activities remained centre stage across our projects. Children enrolled in the NIOS program also participated in yoga, salad making, life skills sessions.

We organised a 2 day workshop on resume building with Paras Consultants to make our students job ready.

CREATIVE CORNER CHILDREN AT THEIR CREATIVE BEST DURING LOCKDOWN



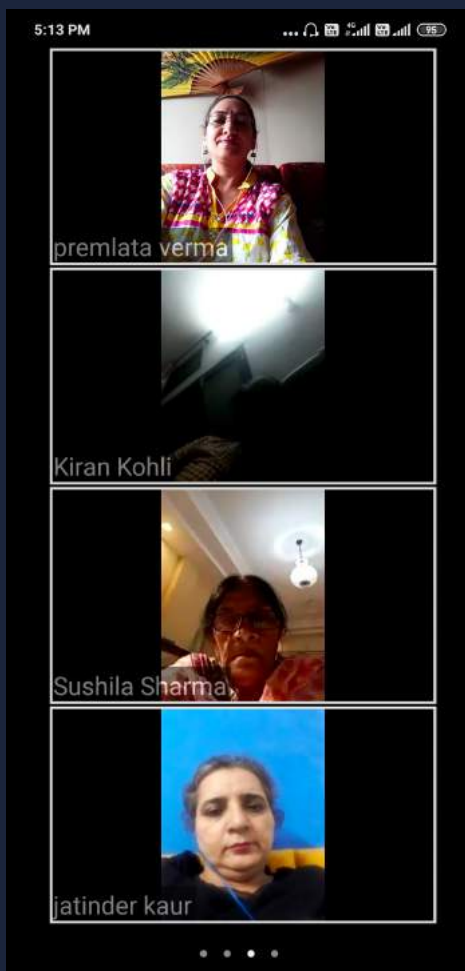
MANDIRA MARGAM

- Women trained in stitching under Mandira Margam, our women empowerment project, were engaged in making masks for a corporate
- COVID-19 relevant information was shared with them on WhatsApp group
- New ideas and youtube videos on cosmetology, stitching and hairstyling were also shared with them
- Families who had lost employment were provided essentials



COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Lockdown, migration and donors' channeling their funds for COVID-19 relief work sadly led to the closure of our community programs at Okhla and Pappankalan in Delhi. The community program at IIT, Delhi continued the awareness drive on coronavirus. The teachers and co-ordinators imparted information on how to wash fruits and vegetables, packets and clothes. They stressed the significance of healthy mind and body, and building immunity through regular exercise and good nutrition.

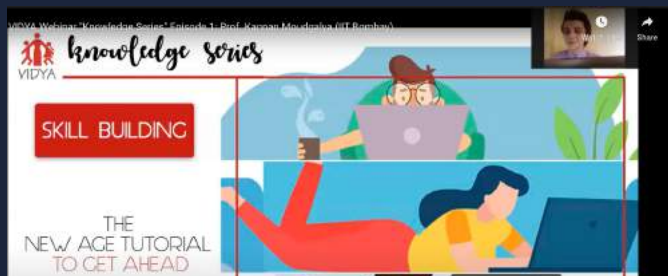


RATION DISTRIBUTION

Dry ration was distributed to 100 VIDYA families in partnership with DLF Foundation at the VIDYA School, Gurugram



"KNOWLEDGE SERIES" WEBINARS



VIDYA kickstarted "Knowledge Series" webinars in May 2020 with eminent personalities in their domain on topics ranging from Wellness to Leadership to Skill Development. Three webinars were conducted in May with Prof. Kannan Moudgalya on Skill Building, Mr. Johncey George on creating a reinventing mindset in leaders during difficult times, and Mr. Manish Pole on yoga, meditation and pranayama.

Watch the Webinars @
<https://vidya-india.org/vidya-webinar-series/>

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

Many of VIDYA's families have lost their jobs or means of livelihood. As a result, in spite of the remote learning that VIDYA provides to its students, many students lack resources / gadgets to continue learning. We request you to donate old or used - in working condition - laptops, smartphones or tablets for our students.



AN OBSOLETE GADGET CAN HELP A CHILD STUDY



COVID19 has forced the globe to lockdown but not education. VIDYA School, Gurugram is offering virtual learning classes to its 1000+ students, helping them continue their education but many are deprived of basic e-learning resources like smartphones.

DONATE!

An old smartphone, tablet, laptop to transform a life with the gift of education !

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To know more about VIDYA, visit www.vidya-india.org*



E - VOLUNTEERING DURING COVID-19

VIDYA values the contributions, positivity and optimism that volunteers infuse in the organisation. We are seeking e-volunteers for:

1. E-mentoring our children - Guide, assist, mentor, help our children in these traumatic times. We will match the volunteers depending on their skills and strengths with our students.
2. Updating our website, posting regular updates on Social Media
3. Fundraising
4. Organising smartphones, laptops, tablets donation drives
5. Upskilling our teachers' computer skills
6. Curricular support to students in English, Maths, Science, Computer Science
7. Documenting case studies, success stories
8. Career guidance
9. Design specialists for new and innovative ideas for women's skill development

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