Virtual Site Visit

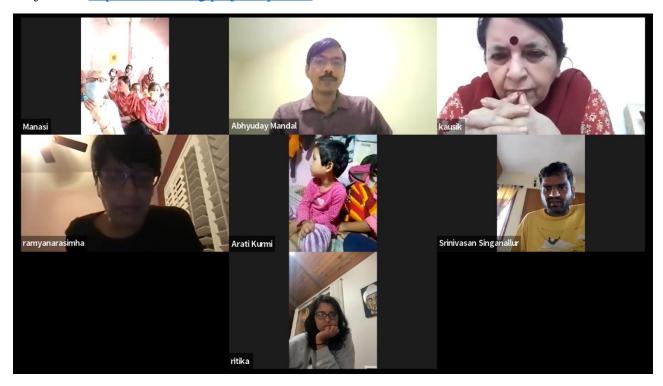
Institute of Social Work - Primary Education Project

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- Mansai madam was with her students in Kidderpore.
- Arati madam was with her students in Barasat.
- Nupur madam was alone.
- We spoke to the students directly. Students from Kidderpore sang a song ("we shall overcome") and recited a poem ("Jack and Jill went up the hill"). They also showed us some of their paintings. All were very impressive. They all said that they enjoyed the extra-curricular activities supported by ISW.
- Students from Barasat said that they prefer in-person schools (and Kidderpore students echoed that).
- They appreciate Asha support on food.
- Clearly the teachers go out of their ways to help the students (make phone calls to check on their physical and mental health). The parents appreciate their efforts.

- They need funds to support more teachers. Right now, because of the pandemic, teachers need to take extra load and can't support too many students.
- They had around 80 students but right now they can support more or less 40 students, given the extra workload. Some teachers take very little money (Nupur di mentioned one Math/Science teacher of Barasat takes INR 1000 per month).
- Overall the Asha volunteers found the project worth supporting. The students seem happy, and so are the parents.
- ISW does not have any other funding resources. This is a point of concern. We should look for other Asha chapters to support this project.



Some Photos from the Project









