Deepening Right to Education in Delhi

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 As COVID-19 subsides from peak effect, employment and sources of livelihoods still aren't back on track. The marginalized are still living in distress fighting to make ends meet.

Post COVID-19 Social Response

- The government schools opened during the first week of February '21, classes 9th to 12th have become functional.
- Marginalized students belonging to class 1st to 8th are still struggling with the new normal of online classes.
- Over 80 mobile phones and 7 laptops have been distributed till now.
- Many fundraising events with media were run to pool in resources to help these students.

Smart Phone Distribution



Selling Vegetables Instead of Studying, 15-Yr-Old Needs Your Help

- Due to the lockdown and his family's debt Subhan had to stop his studies and his father, who is a vegetable vendor, was forced to join his father's profession.
- After this media story people from various parts of the country pooled in ₹ 5,30,000 so that the duo could venture into a new business.
- With this amount the family paid off its debt and their business has flourished. The overall conditions of the family and Subhan have improved.
- An Indian actress, Sayani Gupta, was acquainted to the family through this campaign and pledged to help the three children in the family to continue their studies in a private school.

Effect of Media Campaign

- To support students due to school closure tuition classes for students for primary and upper primary students were organized.
- As of now we are covering over 450 school going students and there are 43 volunteers aiding the students in this.
- Teachers are being provided with stationery for students and phone recharges to regularly check up on online classes. The resources for the same are being generated through donations.
- These classes have helped students to cope with online classes and school closure.
- In these classes, students undergo regular evaluation to track their improvement and learning outcome

Volunteers Conduct Classes



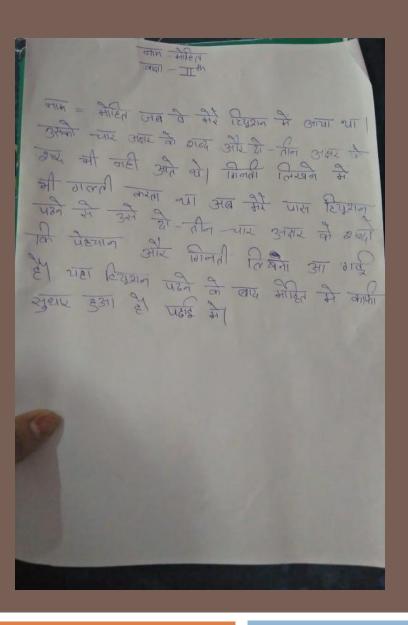


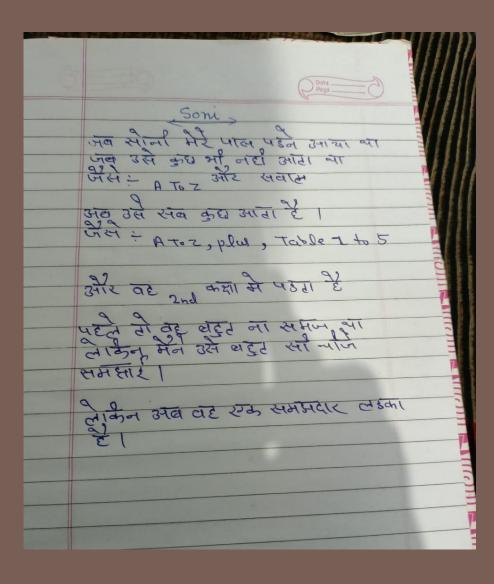






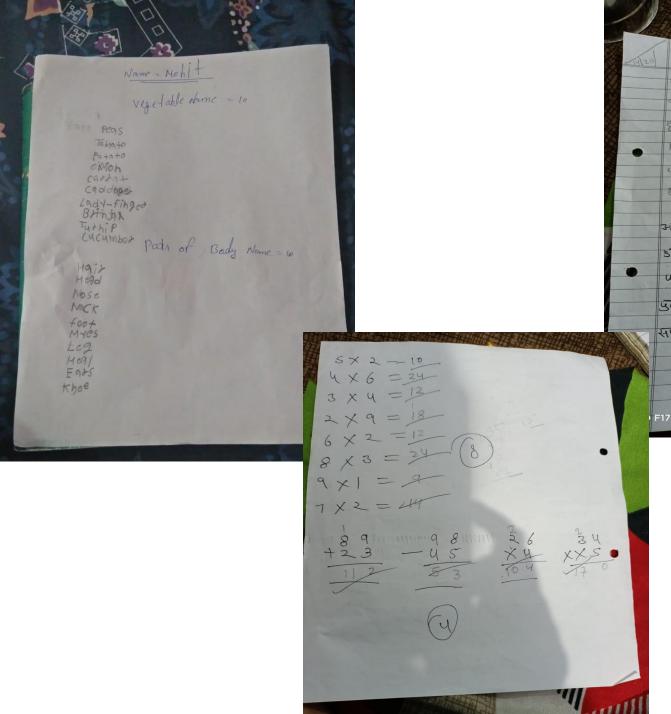


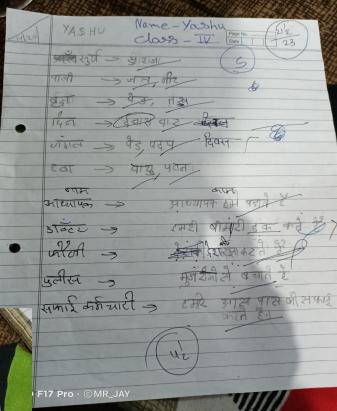












- Post-COVID, to uplift the spirit of the community a plantation drive was initiated.
- Over 10 schools were covered and nearly 500 saplings were planted.
- The local community, teachers, parents and students connected with the school came forward and became part of this initiative.



- SMC members and school staff attended the meetings to monitor and oversee things like distribution of Mid Day Meal. Presently they are distributing dry ration as MDM on a monthly basis.
- Issues such as how to prepare for school reopening was closely discussed.
- Classes 9-12th have been reopened however, there are no government orders for when the rest of the primary, upper primary and secondary classes will resume.
- During COVID many students were enrolled for classes 9th to 12th through online and offline admissions with the help of SMC members and school staff.

SMC Meeting in Schools







- SMC members were trained on:
 - New education policy
 - School budgeting
 - Post-COVID management of schools

The training was aimed at making the SMC members proficient in the changes that they will encounter in the new scenario of education.







Answers have been received on the following RTIs:

- On number of teachers: permanent teachers, contract teachers,
 special educators
- Lesson plan during COVID
- Drop-out students during COVID
- Online class timetable

Scope of further actions is being devised based on the responses compiled.

Goals	Indicator	Means of Verification
Economically Weaker Section (EWS) admission in private schools	Improved learning skills	List of number of students admitted in private schools
Identifying dropout students during COVID 19 and help them going back to school	Increased student to teacher ratio	Reports of schools on readmission of dropouts
Continuation of volunteer teacher program	Improved learning levels of students	Teachers report Analysis of worksheets of students

Short Term Goals

Goals	Indicator	Means of Verification
Train community leaders and volunteers on tracking issues arising out of COVID 19	Improved safety & hygiene in schools and also an improvement in curriculum coverage and dropouts	Reports of schools
Free and fair SMC elections Campaign to drive 'Government Training' for SMC members	Better informed SMC members elected More informed SMC members and Government officials on mutual collaboration in training process	Reports of schools SMC meeting minutes Letters from SMC members to Education Department Reports of meeting with government officials

Mid Term Goals

Goals	Indicator	Means of Verification
To improve community led monitoring of schools post COVID	Improved school functioning in regards to MDM, curriculum, dropouts and safety & hygiene of students	Report of schools
Strengthen and empower the SMC	Improved interventions within schools by the SMC members	Report of schools

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Media and Coverage

