

Ed Innovations in Lockdown



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Format: Presentation by each panelist followed by small group discussions in the breakout rooms

Synthesis of each panelist

Sandhya Gupta - Aavishkaar, Palampur, HP

Making an Avishkaar in Lockdown

“Most children can’t learn on their own, by reading the NCERT textbook themselves”

In such times, reaching out to - teachers, parent educators and students, to train and support learning becomes crucial and hence we innovated to reach out through online sessions, and have worked with 400 teachers and 150 students so far.

“Make Science and Math build curiosity, skills of critical thinking and creativity”

Science and math are often seen as procedural and not creative, we need to shift our way of thinking to shift how we approach teaching and learning these subjects.



How?

We bring a conceptual understanding through visual and interactive sessions. Allow for inquiry and space for a child to explore different answers, multiple ways at which to approach a problem.

Always ask - **What was your process to reach the answer?**

Stuti Gaur - Working with children with special needs, disability,
District Coordinator Delhi Govt.

Making special education really special

“ The virtual teaching at a generalised level was not turning out to be beneficial for Children with Disabilities since they require an individual approach rather than a general.”

Hence an initiative named HBIP was taken by us – where all the skills & activities are planned in a manner that can be practically implemented by the parents within a home setting, with low-cost or no-cost aids. We have reached 1000+ children so far in district South East.

When it comes to children with disabilities, we must give importance to even the simplest of the activities that we perform at home during this lockdown period since such activities often act as an important source of learning for them, for instance: squeezing clothes which facilitates important skills such as grasping skills & eye-hand coordination. They constitute an important aspect of



Occupational and Physiotherapy Exercises. Various Domestic skills can be learnt in the kitchen too, by involving and supporting children, under adult supervision.

What is your process to manage this work?

Each educator builds a complete focused plan for activities and shares a report about each child. Providing flexibility to educators to choose language for sharing, encouraging and being empathetic goes a long way.

We also maintain regular communication with parents to understand their challenges. When basic needs are not met, then education becomes a backseat. We try to approach this holistically, understanding and supporting what is needed by families first.

Innovative Idea of the day

Can TV become a medium to make learning happen for children?

Emergent thought of the day

Inclusive education is not just restricted to those with disabilities, but also extends to different vulnerable groups of children like migrants, those without access to technology, without access to food, victims of domestic violence, victims of physical abuse, individuals with alternative sexualities etc. This is a time to relook at learning and becoming human, more than just looking at the syllabus.

How are we human beings and not just human creatures?



Resources and contacts to use:

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Any link for resources: Check our Facebook Page where we keep posting pictures, videos and information on upcoming sessions.

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