



Dare to Dream...Learn to Act

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"
Nelson Mandela

Dear friends,

As you know probably that India continues to struggle with growing COVID-19 infections rapidly again. Fresh infections now exceed more than 75,000 a day and the weekly count is over 500,000-the highest-ever rise anywhere. Daily fatalities are 1,000 a day in India.

The COVID-19 pandemic is one of the most unprecedented challenges we have ever encountered in our life. More than one million lives have been lost to COVID-19 since of the year and the toll continues to rise. Many more have suffered serious illness. Close to 90 million people are expected to fall into extreme deprivation this year but this pandemic has also shown us that the world is vastly interconnected in this difficult time. We need to rely on each other support to address the challenges facing by the most vulnerable people and children in the world because of COVID-19.

In India, the COVID-19 crisis has put more than 400 million people into extreme poverty and angst. They are struggling to get food for themselves and their children. More than 6 million children out of school and face learning loss because of the schools closure due to COVID-19 pandemic. For many children from marginalised communities, the question isn't when they will return to school but it's if they will return at all. Even before COVID-19, millions of children from low-caste communities were not in school. Now, due to ripple effects from the pandemic, millions of children could remain out of school-not just this year, but possibly forever.

We all know this is an uncertain time for all of us, but this is also time for us to put ourselves in another person's shoes who are suffering badly due to COVID-19 pandemic to think about the suffering and impact of COVID-19 on their lives.

We don't know how long this crisis will last, but what we know is that the most vulnerable communities suffering badly because of COVID-19. Please join and help us to take care the most vulnerable communities in this bizarre situation. Your contribution that you make in Mudita school activities will protect the most vulnerable people in India.

Thank you.

With best wishes,
Bharat Wankhade
Founder
Mudita School

Mudita School response in COVID-19 pandemic

Running Mudita School Effectively in COVID-19:



The government of India has shut schools and colleges in efforts to slow the transmission of COVID-19, and asked schools to run an online teaching class for the students. This is only possible for children who live in the big cities, but what about those children who live in the villages where getting access to electricity is hardly possible, so how they will get access to online teaching classes? As India continues to face many changes caused by COVID-19, the Mudita School team has also adapted its work to the current situation. We are ensuring our beneficiary that Coronavirus doesn't steal their right that is "Right to Education". Unfortunately, we are not able to run Mudita School in Amravati as Government asked to shut down schools in India due to COVID-19, but we have found new ways to help Mudita school children effectively during this crisis. We are three teachers of Mudita School going in three different villages to continue teaching for Mudita School beneficiary in COVID-19. Currently, we have 20 children from three different villages.



Mudita's COVID-19 Food Relief Effort:



The prevailing COVID-19 pandemic has pushed millions of people towards the brink of starvation. As a response to this, we at Mudita School have been continuously providing rations and essential goods to the poor and marginalised people who have lost their work due to the Coronavirus. From April 2020 to still now, Mudita School has been able to reduce the hardship faced by over 3,700 people (575 families) from the marginalised communities who lost their daily work due to the COVID-19 crisis. Our aim to support 1500 families.



Mudita Happiness Kit:



Coronavirus is already having devastating consequences for children and their rights. But, it has a big impact on the life of low-caste children from Dalit and Tribal community and children living on the streets. They are facing bigger risks and greater challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. More than millions of children from Dalit and Tribal communities are deprived of education due to schools closed. They are suffering from hunger and malnutrition because of this pandemic. On World Food Day, Mudita School initiated an activity called Mudita Happiness Kit to address these unprecedented challenges faced by children who are living on the street and remote village in the Amravati district. We are providing Happiness Kit which contains educational materials, hygiene products, dry rations, snacks, Bourn Vita, and Banana to needy children to keep them healthy and in touch with education in the COVID-19 pandemic. We have provided Happiness Kit to 65 children, and our aim to reach out 3000 children.



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