



"A child without education is like a bird without wings." -Tibetan Proverb

We are ended the perhaps most memorable year of the century. Many emotional moments overpowered us during the pandemic. People couldn't meet their loved ones in the moments of most desperation. Many precious lives lost, and many more. Thinking about it, it is simply incredible what a virus, that is invisible to the eye, is capable of doing. It came in like a wrecking ball and caused a lot of destruction on our lives.

In India, the impact of this invisible virus is devastating on the life of underprivileged children and created the largest disruption in education, health, and jobs. As schools close and classes move online, underprivileged children are still deprived of learning as they have no access to computers or smartphones. These children already have had difficult journeys, having fought the shackles of poverty, child labour, and caste discrimination, and much more to finally reach school. But the pandemic has reversed their years of struggle.

More than 320 million children in India have been adversely affected by COVID-19 school closures and most of them are girls from the marginalised communities particularly at risk. They are paying the highest price of the pandemic. Not surprisingly, Poverty and Gender discrimination making it harder than ever for girls from marginalised communities deprive to learn. This an uncertain time for all underprivileged children, especially when it comes to their education. Sadly for many children from destitute families, the question isn't when they will return to school-it if they will return at all.

Though, COVID-19 pandemic is one of the most unprecedented challenges we have ever encountered. But, Covid-19 has also forced everyone to come out of their comfort zone and set a pattern work structure, and seek new and better ways to continue work. We at mudita school, too, are living our credo of alternative thinking and looking at this crisis as a distinct opportunity to work even more effectively for the most vulnerable children.

We want to thank you and all others who have continued to support the work that we do. As supporters and well wisher of mudita school, you can be proud of what you have made possible in this difficult time. Unfortunately, we were not able run mudita school in Amrvati, however, thanks to your support, we are able to run mudita school in children villages and focus on other important problems that COVID-19 created. In this quarterly newsletter, we wish to share a few updates about this.

On behalf of mudita school, I want to thank you for your ongoing support. Your contributions have been crucial in offering marginalised children the opportunity to stay in touch with education and live healthy life in the COVID-19 pandemic. Please take good care, protect yourself and protect others. We are wishing you and your loved ones an amazing, healthy, and productive 2021.

With warmest regards,
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mudita school work in COVID-19 pandemic

SHIKSHA NA RUKE (Education cannot Stop):

One of the most affected victims of a "tiny invisible virus" are children from marginalised communities who now have no access to schools and online education. Despite the outbreak of the virus since July 2020, we kept mudita school running in this vicissitude situation in three different villages for our beneficiaries - maintaining protective measures and keeping our children safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.



mudita Happiness Kit:

The coronavirus pandemic has thrown unprecedented challenges on the life of children from marginalised communities. Even before the pandemic, many families and communities struggled to provide their children a good nutritious food and quality education which is necessary for the physical and mental development of the child. Now, due to pandemic the most vulnerable children are set to fall even further behind. The UN (United Nation) in a statement said that the "costs of the pandemic for children are immediate and, if unaddressed, may last a lifetime." On World Food Day, mudita school initiated activity to keep underprivileged children healthy and in touch with education during the COVID-19 crisis through mudita Happiness Kit which provides nutritious food items, hygiene products, and education materials to ensure children can continue to learn and live healthy in COVID-19 crisis. So far, we have provided a Happiness Kit to 355 children, and our aim to reach out to 3000 children.



mudita COVID-19 Food Relief

Children and women have been most affected by COVID-19 where livelihoods have been lost and household savings shrunk during the lockdown. In this difficult time, thousands of families are still struggling to get back their life on track. Many of them are struggling to repay even the small loans taken to sustain themselves during the lock-down period while trying to make the ends meet. mudita school has been mindful of the financial condition of a low-income segment of the society such as daily wage workers, migrant labourers, and construction site workers in remote villages in Amravati district who have been trying to survive without jobs. For the past nine months, we have regularly supplied rations and essential items to the neediest families—an undertaking we plan to continue until the situation stabilizes. Still, now, mudita school has been able to reduce the hardship faced by over 4,100 people (612 families) from the marginalised communities. Our aim to support 1500 families.

