

Dear Friends and Well wishers,

We wish you good health and a lot of patience to resume as soon as possible normal life. Just like you in the U.K., Telangana's life is totally paralysed and all are requested to remain at home. Schools and many companies are closed, streets are empty and building sites deserted.

We thank you for your strong support that helped us give good education to many under privileged children. Here are the important news of the past three months:

AT MARICA KESARAM

On going construction of an open air study / play hall to protect children from the sun, mainly. The construction is over. The aluminium sheets were delivered but remained on the ground as all activities were stopped on last March 15, 2020.

After re doing the files twice and getting many promises, we have recently obtained the permission to run class X. There will be no legal need to send our elder children study in another school.

Medical supervision was done regularly. The nutritious porridge was distributed twice to thrice a week according to supplies. Children are healthy and joyful. In addition, under the control and in the presence of government doctors, a vermifuge was given to the children.

For children, the academic year was completed, all revisions and pre final exams done. So, when exams were officially cancelled, it was an easy step to consider these pre finals are final exams and declare the year over. Considering the situation, the Government of Telangana, Department of Education requested all the schools to promote children to the upper class. As for class X students, they still wait for instructions regarding the secondary school final public exams.

Many activities marked this term and made learning a pleasant and joyful experience. Among them, the most popular activities were the following ones:

- displaying dynamic models working with batteries or with the phone command on the occasion of the the annual science and arts exhibition,
- gardening and plants protection,
- solar technologies, immediate re-use of paper, plastics mostly to make decorative or useful items
- competitions and contests: painting on the sand on the occasion of Sankranti festival and the science exhibition
- portraits drawing of any of Gandhi postures on January 30th, Gandhi Memorial day,
- visit of Shilparam, a museum village displaying scenes of old traditional rural life. Children could compare with their present working and living habits and accessories.

IN HYDERABAD, AT TOLICHOWKI

Since January 2020, all teachers and students intensively revise and get ready for the final exam of class X. Luckily, they could write all the subjects before the lockdown. Students and teachers helped Habeeb Ullah, our low vision and cerebral palsy patient. His scribe also prepared to write promptly under Habeeb's dictation to be sure that they would coordinate efficiently on the day of

the exam.

Maryam, after 8 years of studies cum physiotherapy can walk with a walker. She was allowed to appear for the class X exam with a different programme.

Mudassir, paralysed keeps the same push-driver who takes him to the neighbour Iqbalia college. There Mudassir gets sympathetic support of students and management and studies in the general class.

Adnan has just finished class IX and starts class X. He becomes our 'student of the year'. We upload several new software and download all books in verbal and written version so that he can listen and his tutor read. He will receive one to one classes, whether on line or face-to-face. We have obtained the permission to get a scribe for the public exam, too.

KARADI CLASSES FOR THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH

to underprivileged children of the urban and rural areas

This dynamic programme has permitted to teach successfully 575 children of 5 villages and 3 urban schools. Children learnt how to understand, speak and read through music, dance, songs, stories and activities. Whenever, our teachers could not come, we have noticed that several school principals would substitute our teacher to make their students repeat the past class. The last inspection conducted on last March 8, 2020 showed that all had studied 90 to 100 % of the programme.

This experience was so successful that all villages and schools are asking us to come back next June. We wait for the government's authorisations to move.

VISITORS

Quentin came last December 18, 2019 and could stay three months with us. He helped children prepare their December and march letters to their sponsors. He made them talk, explain and write their ideas. Quentin also helped to the maintenance of all sports material and equipment and games. He inspected the school to check the needs of finishing works. With this help, Sarasvathi our Kesaram principal could command the workers and get some work done.

Since March 15, 2020, we are training to all teachers to work on the phone and on line to give online teaching and home studies. These last 15 days were hectic to make every person learn technics first, then teach another person. At Tolichowki, the new academic year starts on April 1, 2020. Will it start ? But let's get ready for a new futuristic mode of learning.

Once more, we thank you for showing us many ways of doing, encouraging us and supporting our children's studies. It makes such a difference in their life.

With best wishes of good health to you and the love of all at Marica.

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