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### Conducting classes in open fields to ensure continuity in Students' Learning

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#### **The School Context**

Govt. Higher Secondary School Shadipora is located in Sumbal block of Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir. It is managed by the Department of Education. The school is co-educational and situated in a rural area.

#### **Challenges Faced due to School Closure**

The lockdown was announced all of a sudden. The school building was under construction and the old one was demolished. Classes were taken in an open field following proper SOPs. The staff of the school attended on a rotation basis.

#### **Innovative Leadership Practices for Mitigating Learning Gaps**

To ensure the functioning and students' learning, teachers were called on a rotation basis to facilitate admission, examination, and collection of various certificates and related documents. Learning was facilitated through online classes via zoom app, WhatsApp, etc. At the beginning of the lockdown, all classes were taken online later on after the instruction offline classes were taken. The students were informed telephonically and were asked to follow the SOP. Handwashing arrangements were made near the school gate. A sanitizer with a foot paddle was placed in the proper place. There were plenty of masks made available to the students and staff as well an oximeter and a thermal scanner were used to detect the corona patient.



#### **Collaboration with Community and Parents to Ensure Student Learning**

School members contacted parents and other community members telephonically to motivate them the arrangement of Android phones for their wards.



## **Way forward**

Despite many challenges, the school was able to manage the Covid situation. The teacher and staff took the initiative to communicate with the students over telephonically for offline and online classes. The school also discussed with the community members and their suggestions and support are appreciated to manage the crisis or lockdown period. Schools also follow the instruction of the government for safety measures to be safe and guided students to be safe.

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## **Conference Presentation**

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1oG0PzVMR9X-43P8Z3XSL4lr6xcOUzVW7/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103705547766060522301&rtpof=true&sd=true>