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Leading Innovative methods to ensure Student Learning during Pandemic

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The School Context

Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Miran Sahib, is located in rural areas of Tehsil -R.S.Pura, Jammu, and Kashmir, especially for girls.

Challenges Faced due to School Closure

Student awareness of the Covid-19 Pandemic during lockdown (Covid -19), was a big challenge especially to start classes through online mode. As school falls under rural areas parents and students were not aware of technology and online education. The principal and staff members faced many difficulties to communicate with each student of the school telephonically and making them aware of online/digital modes of education and the pandemic Covid-19 and its guideline about preventive measures. Sensitization & maintenance of the school complex is the first key challenge faced in school during lockdown (Covid -19). During the period of the pandemic Covid-19, the principal and staff members of the school faced many problems to reach safely school for administrative work. During Covid—19 many of the staff members suffered from Covid -19 and faced many health issues. Principal Mussarat Jabeen tested positive Covid -19 in November 2020 and remains under isolation for 15 days. Despite Isolation principal remained in contact with staff and students through online mode. Residential areas of many staff members were converted into Cantonment Zones (Red Zones during Covid -19). Once an area of the school was converted into Cantonment Zone and according to guidelines, staff members were not allowed to enter even for sanitization.

Innovative Leadership Practices for Mitigating Learning Gaps

To bridge the learning gaps, online classes with the help of HOIs/Parent/VEC Members in 82 schools during the lockdown. Another innovative way, the school mitigated the learning gaps was by preparing a weekly calendar for the cleanliness and sanitation of the school. During the lockdown (Covid-19) cleanliness and maintenance of school buildings are a big challenge with the help of local staff members' weekly cleanliness drives started for maintenance of school buildings and allotted duties to all staff members for maintenance of all assets of the school on weekly basis with the help of

SMC members/PRI Members. Committees were formed with the cooperation of staff members. Nine committees (including 4 to 5 members) of teaching and non-teaching staff were framed to deal with online /offline work of school on daily basis. Apart from this, online meetings of staff members were conducted on daily basis to discuss the progress of the academic/administrative work of the school. The classes started for students on daily basis. During 1st phase, certain numbers of students were allotted to each staff member for communication telephonically to make them aware of online education. During the 2nd phase, separate subject and class-wise WhatsApp groups were created to discuss and communicate with students about any problem faced during the lockdown. A counselling cell was framed to make students aware of cybercrime, to conduct online activities as per the calendar issued by Directorate School Education Jammu, and to reduce mental stress faced by students during the lockdown. Online yoga classes also started for students to reduce stress and maintain good health at home during the lockdown. The cultural cell was also framed to conduct and involve students in cultural activities as per the calendar issued by the Cultural cell DSEJ Jammu. It is also intended to reduce mental stress and make students aware of our cultural heritage/Art through online mode.



Online meeting with Staff and parents

Collaboration with Community and Parents to Ensure Student Learning

During the initial stage of lockdown, all parents and SMC members are contacted by staff members of the school telephonically but later weekly online meetings are conducted with SMC Members/Parents and requested all to cooperate with action plans of school administration regarding online education and other activities conducted by

the school. Staff members also make aware of all parents /SMC Members follow SOPS of Covid-19 issued by the government from time to time. During the Period of Pandemic COVID- 19, school administrations distributed free Masks/Uniforms/shoes to poor students with the help of a SMCs/PRI's awareness camp organized by a team of doctors from ASCOMS at GGHSS, Miran Sahib. MDM is provided at door step to all eligible students along with an honorarium as per guidelines issued by the Education department. Regular online meetings are conducted with HOIs of High Schools/Middle Schools/Primary Schools to guide and discuss the action plan of HOIS to provide Education along with all benefits provided by the government to each student of Government Schools. Community classes were also conducted as per guidelines issued by the Education Department at the village level with the help of local Teachers.



Village Programme

Way Forward

School administration is ready to face the challenge of Covid-19. All staff members are fully vaccinated and aware of SOPs issued by Government from time to time. Regular online, as well as offline classes for the guidance of students, are conducted and staff members, are in regular contact with students and parents. Regular assessment tests are conducted online. Regular online/physical monthly meetings with SMC, Community, and parents will be conducted in the future by following the SOPs of Covid -19 to discuss the process of online/offline methods of learning as per guidelines issued by the

government and maximum use of technology for the education of students during Covid-19 at home.

Conference Presentation

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