

Initiative 2

Motivating, Counselling and Creating Awareness among stakeholders

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The School Context

AP Model School is located in Seetharamapuram block of Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh. It is a co-educational school situated in a rural area. The school is managed by the State Department of Education. The school consists of Grades from 6 to 12.

Challenges faced due to School Closure

During the time of lockdown, conducting online classes was a big task for teachers of the school. As the students are from rural areas, they didn't have required gadgets for attending online classes. Teachers also faced difficulty in personal monitoring of students, checking notebooks and conducting counselling. The biggest challenge was to deal with the fear of spread of COVID-19, another challenge was the declining motivation among children towards learning. Due to subsequent COVID waves there was a delay in getting back to the normal routine of Education. Students were facing lot of difficulties in coping up with the new mode of learning due to lack of mobile device, high speed internet connectivity and not being able to engage in peer learning.

Innovative Leadership Practices for Mitigating Learning Gaps

The school head and teachers applied a multipronged approach to deal with the situation, it became utmost important to organise awareness programmes at various intervals among the stakeholders about the spread of coronavirus and SOPs to be followed. The school also conducted Online classes for all classes and WhatsApp groups were created to send class notes, video links, weblinks etc. Continuous motivation and counselling sessions were conducted online and offline so as to motivate students and teachers.

School teachers and school head also organised sports and games both for students and teachers to develop coordination and integrity. Through getting students engaged in the activities they used to remain active during the day. Playing games helped to stimulate students' minds. Teachers and school head also conducted reading programmes regularly.



Conducting awareness programme



Collaboration with Community and Parents to ensure Student Learning

Participation of parents and community brought significant change in the learning of students at the time of pandemic. For the ease of students, community members came together and asked students who did not have a laptop/mobile phone to join the others in the vicinity to attend classes.

Way Forward

Head Teacher of the school plans to conduct meetings with SMC and talk to parents and try to listen to the problems of students and parents. They also plan to encourage practical ways of learning and counselling students. Better coordination with teachers to go for study hours will also be taken care of.

Conference Presentation

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1DoDkUxWNxToYeo5IibaavpcQDmm1qilz/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103705547766060522301&rtpof=true&sd=true>