

Initiative 50

Active Participation of Students in Curricular and Co-curricular during Pandemic

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The School Context

Zilla Parishad High School is a government Co-ed. school located in Karimnagar district of state Telangana. This school is situated in a rural area.

Challenges faced due to School Closure

Due to covid 19, schools in rural areas faced many challenges and so did Zilla Parishad High School. As students were not able to attend physical classes, online classes were arranged. But, since most of the students belonging to poor families, they couldn't access digital or virtual classes. They did not have smartphones, computers, laptops or internet connectivity. Because of this, their studies have been badly affected during lockdown. Academic learning of students became a cause of concern for parents.

Innovative Leadership Practices for mitigating learning gaps

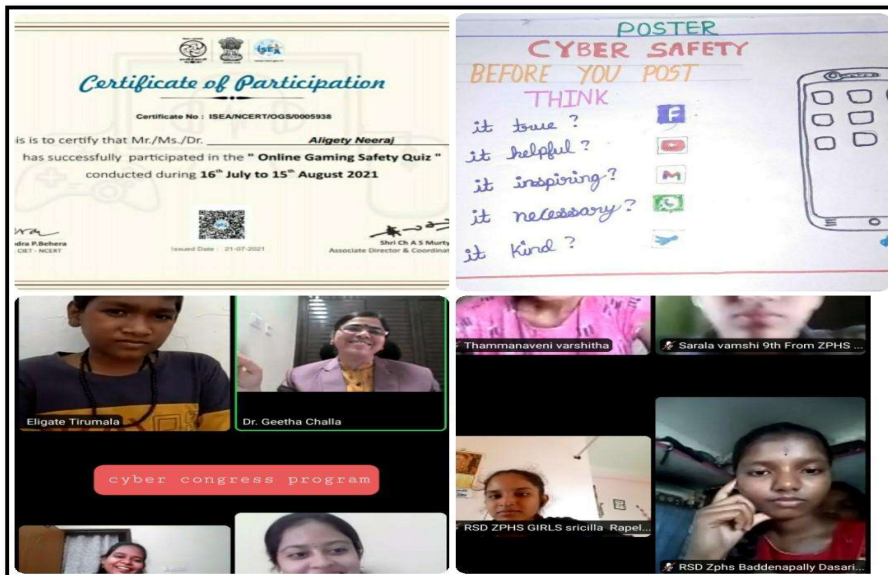
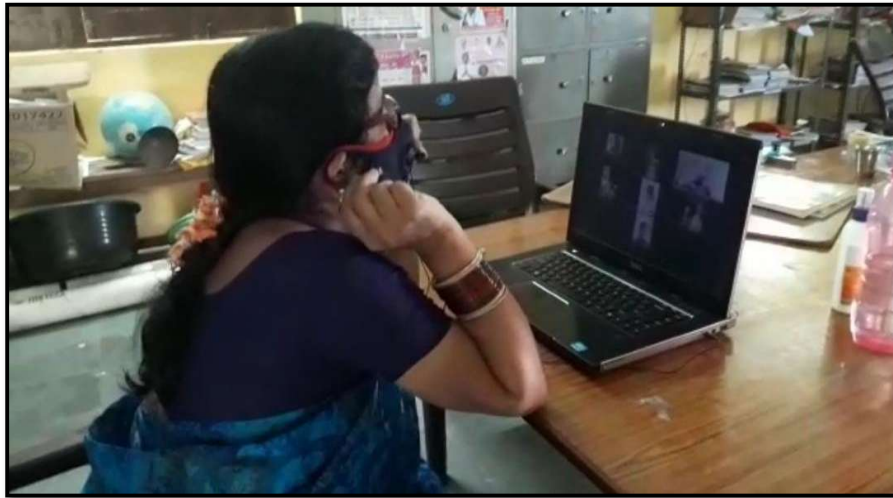
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Certificate and poster shared by students after participation in activities and images of teachers and students connecting online

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Headmaster and teachers of the school made sure that all students should be connected to every subject teacher and prepared a timetable and also updated all class 'WhatsApp' groups and started sharing academic worksheets and previous class worksheets on some important topics. They talked with parents and enquired about students' well-being and studies. Each teacher adopted some students and took the responsibility of calling them and sending online TV classes schedule every day and monitoring that they watch regularly and also completing the worksheets in time. Learning was also ensured by preparing a quiz in all subjects using Google form and Google classroom and feedback was sent to them. All teachers also supported children in clearing their queries



Posters prepared by students during Virtual Classes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPICvldkwyE&list=PLSiPjXQ11pfac7VJn9ya1_JxSjbU_p_zQ&index=7

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LN3KiL8SLHs&list=PLSiPjXQ11pfac7VJn9ya1_JxSjbU_p_zQ&index=8

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFhhbpAKEk&list=PLSiPjXQ11pfac7VJn9ya1_JxSjbU_p_zQ&index=10

Collaboration with community and parents to ensure student learning

Schools and teachers collaborated with SMC and parents to facilitate the learning of students during the lockdown. The collective efforts and teamwork by all the staff connected students and continued learning during a lockdown. Parents supported a lot to arrange smartphones with students during zoom sessions and writing worksheets and online competitions. They guided and encouraged their children to participate in all virtual events. They also helped other neighbouring students to use their mobiles at times.

Way Forward

School heads and teachers have planned to reach out to each student to facilitate continuous learning by speaking to parents in zoom sessions, taking support from SMC and the community and seeing that all students continue their studies in a safe environment at home.