

Initiative 6

Building and Leading student teams to maintain continuity in Learning

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The School Context

Zila Parishad Secondary School is located in Bhatpally, Warangal district of Andhra Pradesh. It is situated in a rural area and managed by the local body.

Challenges faced due to School Closure

One of the major challenges faced was that students were unable to understand lessons online. They said that the teaching is fast online because of which they are not able to understand. Students prefer their teacher's face to face lessons only. Some students lose interest in online classes, and then parents try to send their children to the works like agriculture etc.

Innovative Leadership Practices for Mitigating Learning Gaps

To continue the teaching-learning process, school head and teachers of school conducted online classes through Google meet for two subjects (physics and English). Google meet classes were conducted at 6 am and 7 pm only because by that time only they will have access to their parents' smartphones after they come from their workplace. School head formed teams (each 20). Every team was led by students only. School head used to call the team in charge and other members of the team at any place such as a temple or under the trees to discuss their doubts and problems if they had any. The meeting used to be fruitful and engaging and children felt satisfaction while meeting the teachers and principal.

Collaboration with Community and Parents to ensure Student Learning

Community and parents participated in the education process. School Staff students and SMC members to discuss the issues with online lessons. They discussed with the parents about their problems and also explained them not to send them for outdoor works for earnings. They assisted in requesting parents to monitor and help their children while attending online classes and studying at home.

Way Forward

If there emerges the need for online classes the school is ready and have collected the contact details of all the students. To maintain the connect the school head along with teachers would also prefer to teach children at their colonies. Some students may be taught physically. School head also plans to discuss with members and parents about their problems