



ANNUAL REPORT

2020 – 2021

We began the academic year 2020 – 2021 on the 1st of June on a rather unusual note. The COVID-19 Pandemic has altered the lives of millions of students and teachers by narrowing it down to their mobile/gadget screens inside of their homes. As a result of the Lockdowns, Virtual Learning has become the new norm of education and that has in turn resulted in a change in the dynamics of the education sector, while opening new grounds for the teachers to adapt to the virtual environment.

“Corona Virus” has indeed forced the world to reinvent and re-imagine learning. We at Sankalp with the parents and students cooperation and participation have adapted to this NEW NORM in quite a sportive manner.

Current Operations on Online Teaching:

Sankalp					
Unit	Students	Director	Teachers	Admin	Helpers
Learning Centre	94	1	23	4	15
Open School	108	2	22	1	7
Total	202	3	45	5	22

The teachers are using various online platforms for teaching such as:

WhatsApp

Google Duo

Google Meet

Google classroom

Skype

Classes are conducted for all students between the ages of 4 up to 22 years in various groups. Timing for the online sessions are between: 9.30 am to 12.30 noon.

The classes are conducted on a one to one basis or in groups of 3 to 4 Students.

The Student groups consist of:

- Primary - 4 yrs to 7 yrs
- Intermediate Junior - 8 yrs to 10 yrs
- Intermediate - 11 yrs to 13 yrs
- NIOS - 14 yrs to 18 yrs
- Sahayika (Skill Training) - 14 yrs to 18 yrs
- Samyukt (Vocational Training) - 18 yrs and above

School reopened for the second term on Monday, October 5th with classes mostly continuing online except for the Sahayika and Samyukt Units.

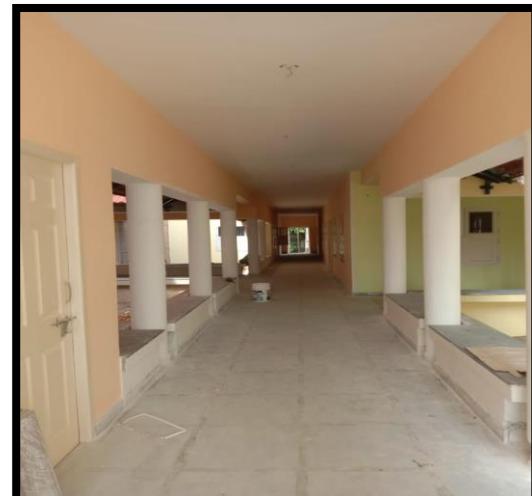
The feedback on the student's performance in the quarterly examinations of students with Learning Disabilities was given to the parents through online meetings. Detailed report cards with the marks or grades attained and the cognitive skills acquired were sent to the parents.

Major Highlights

Our New Campus at Kollapancheri, Poonamallee

The construction at the new site is in progress and due for completion by January 2021. In anticipation of shifting to the new premises, the Autism Centre at Mogappair has been shut down. On Government orders we hope to start physical classes from January 2021.

A few pictures of the New School Campus



September 5, 2020 ~ “An Ode to Teachers”

A good teacher is like a candle which consumes itself to light the way for others. On the occasion of Teacher's Day, Sankalp Trust in collaboration with two fabulous musicians Pianist Anil Srinivasan and Carnatic Vocalist Sikkil Gurucharan conducted a Fund-Raiser campaign through Milaap, to extend their gratitude to the front-line workers, the Special Educators. Two musical videos were released on Social Media platforms like Facebook and Instagram through the month of September. We are grateful and fortunate to have successfully raised the amount of the campaign way ahead of time.



Seeking Cover Art for 2021, Journal of Learning Disabilities

Every year, the covers of the Journal of Learning Disabilities (An International journal) features original artwork by individuals with Learning Disabilities. The cover is chosen from submissions received in the annual cover art contest.

Eligibility

Individuals with LD of any age are encouraged to submit their original work for consideration. The artwork could be a painting, drawing, photograph, sculpture, computer generated graphic, or any comparable medium.

Our students of Sankalp - The Open School, J. R.Hemanth Mishra and V. Amarnath of Class SS2, Jacob Sunder Singh and Aditi Ramachandran of SS1 had submitted their Art work for consideration in September 2020. **The artwork by J. R Hemanth Mishra entitled “Corona Virus (Free hand drawing)” has been selected to appear on two covers of the Journal of Learning Disabilities in 2021.**

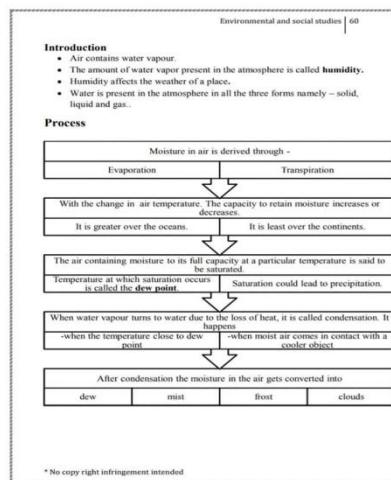
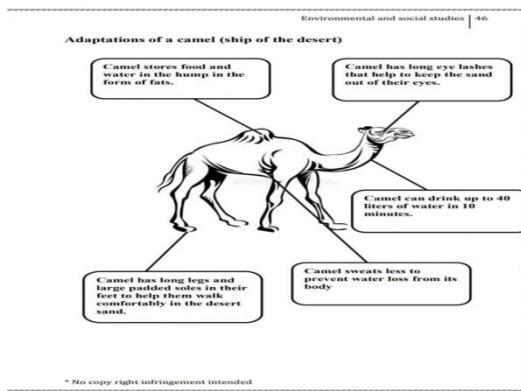


SANKALP~ THE OPEN SCHOOL

VIRTUAL EVENTS~ FIRST TERM (2020~2021)

The Open School's - VIRTUAL CLASSES was a totally new experience for teachers, students and parents. Needless to say the parent's co-operation and participation has to be highly appreciated. The teachers and children have adapted well to the NEW NORMAL!

- For the first time the text books for the academic year 2020-2021 were compiled by the teachers of the Open School. This learning material is specially created for children with different types of learning disabilities as it contains drawings, flow charts, bullet pointers, informative charts etc. to aid the process of learning. Not only that, it makes learning fun and easy to remember. We at Sankalp are utilizing lockdown effectively by creating lessons for children in a manner that will help them understand better and effectively.

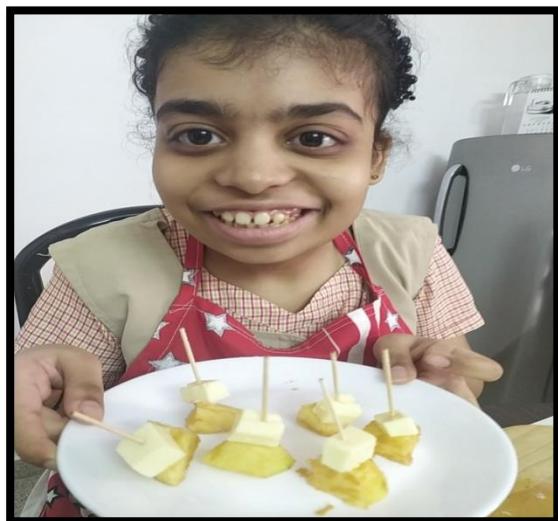


- The Senior Secondary students graduated with very good scores based on their previous performance, Assignments and Practicals. It was heartening to hear that all of them have been admitted to various institutions to pursue further studies.
- The students and parents were briefed through online sessions on the norms for the online classes. At present classes are being conducted through Google Classroom with 3 sessions of 40 minutes each.

- On 13 August, 2020 the staff and students of Sankalp The Open school observed a few minutes of silence and a prayer as a mark of respect to the departed soul of a dear student Krivith Krishna of the NIOS group.



- In-house training programs were conducted for the primary and middle group parents to suggest various doable activities to improve the children's reading, comprehension and Math concepts.
- Online assessments (Unit Tests, Quarterly Exams) both Oral and written were conducted in a very smooth manner. Reports were sent to the parents in order to update the child's progress and feedback held to suggest alternative ways of helping their wards at home.
- Home Economics and Practical Math sessions were introduced to create awareness and ways to handle day to day activities at home and basic money matters.



15 August,2020 ~ Independence Day Celebrations

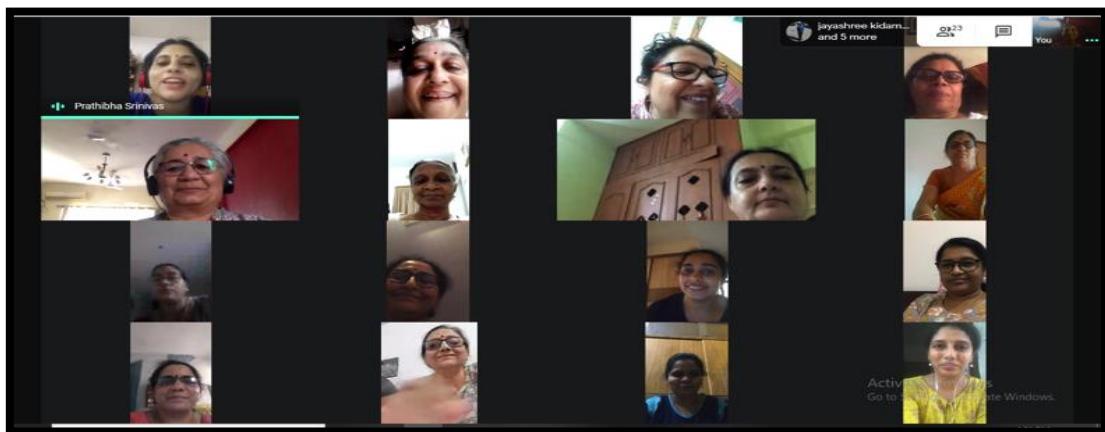
The 74th Independence Day Celebrations were held virtually on 15 August, 2020. The children very enthusiastically put together a few events in less than 24 hours. The program began with the National Anthem being sung by our Principal, Mrs. Pratibha Srinivas. Kevin Paul delivered the National Pledge. The invocation song was sung by Jyotsana, Amarnath played the mandolin, Harinath and Keerthana played the keyboards. Aditi gave a short speech on India's Independence following which a quiz for the children was conducted. The programme ended with Pranjal dancing to a patriotic song that defined the spirit of Nationalism.

29 August, 2020 ~ Soroptomist Competition:

Inter-school talent contest (Art, Oratory and Music) was conducted by Soroptomist, Chennai on 29th August and 5th September on the Zoom App. Many students from our school enthusiastically took part in these competitions and exhibited their talents on screen. In the Art Contest, G. Ashish Shankar (Sub- Junior Category) who drew a picture on the topic 'When I went to a park' secured the second place. Similarly, Jacob Sunder Singh (Senior category) who drew a picture on 'Education for all ' secured second prize.

21~22 September, 2020~ Workshop on Fundamentals of Sentence Writing Strategy”

A two-day in-house workshop on “Fundamentals of Sentence Writing Strategy” was conducted for the teachers on the 21st and 22nd of September, by Mrs. Lakshmi Krishnakumar, Mrs. Pratibha Srinivas and Mrs. Suganthi Udayagopal. It is a part of the Pre-skills in sentence writing from the Strategic Interpretation Model developed by The University of Kansas, Kansas State, U.S.A. The objective of the workshop was to train the teachers to apply concrete strategies to teach children with SLD, helping them with a thorough grounding on basic concepts and terms such as subject, verb and infinitive. The emphasis was mainly on helping children understand the requirements for a complete meaningful sentence. Around 30 teachers attended the workshop.



5 September 2020 ~ Teachers Day Celebration 2020

The students of SS2 presented a short virtual program for the teachers. A year of lockdown, distancing from school, friends and teachers did not change the spirits of our dear students. The students of SS2 were keen on organising a virtual show, for their dear teachers.

They proved that if lessons, examinations and meetings can happen online ‘Why not celebrations?’ The senior students got the entire school to come together for this special event.

The event was hosted by Pranjal and Fahim of SS2. The show started with Hemanth presenting a lovely card to all teachers, on behalf of the students of Sankalp. Vaishnav dedicated a wonderful speech to show his regard to all the

teachers. Next, was a short skit directed by Harinath, enacted by Pranjal and Moti. Vybhav's speech and Kevin Paul's poem were dedicated to the hard work and commitment of the teachers. Amarnath's artwork, Sujith's performance on the drums and the dance by Pranjal and Dhanuvarsha were enjoyed by the teachers. The show ended with a slideshow put together by Moti. It was a delightful event, organised by the students for their TEACHERS.

Sankalp~ The Learning Centre & Sahayika

I Term Report (2020~2021)

The beginning of every new academic year used to be all about the smell of freshly printed books, new classrooms, new teachers and new peer groups, however due to the pandemic the world has moved to a rather virtual one. Online classes have become a new trend with class schedules for the day arriving on WhatsApp, Skype, Zoom and Google classrooms. The whole education system is right now just a click away.

Sankalp - The Learning Centre too, has adapted this new wave in education and began the new academic year through various virtual platforms. The Learning Centre teachers have strived hard to create virtual classrooms incorporating a creative education plan with fun filled activities and skills.

June, 2020

Virtual learning has helped build a strong connection between the students, parents and teachers A typical day starts with a prayer, followed by fitness routines, activities, games, narrating stories, cooking, and academics.



June 7, 2020 - Drawing Competition

A drawing and painting competition was conducted by VIDIYAL CHARITABLE TRUST, ON 25TH May, and around 6 NIOS students from the Learning Centre sent their entries of their paintings. The results were announced on the 7th June, and Anish bagged the 1st place. The theme was a village scene and he aptly titled it - "**The Future of India lies in its Villages, Mahatma Gandhi**".



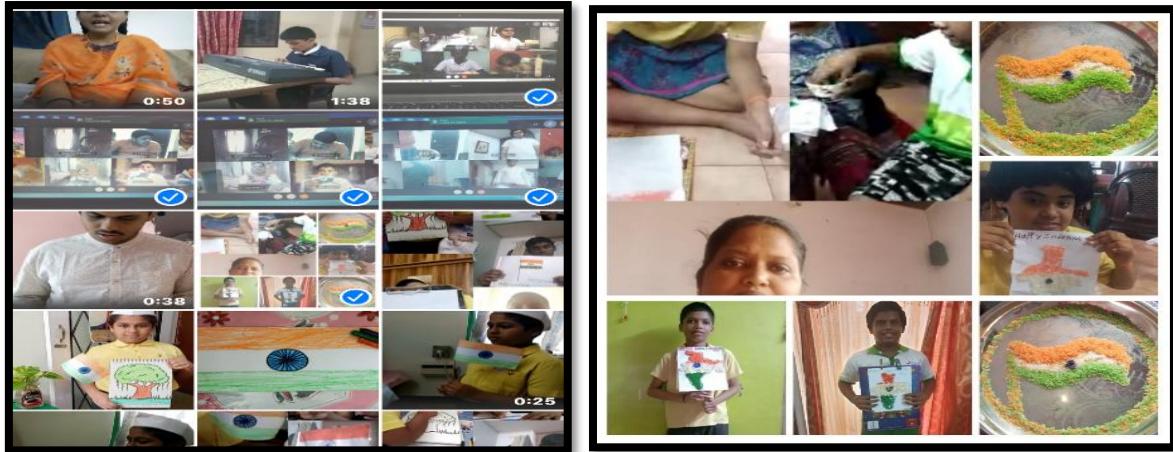
July, 2020

"All work and no play makes jack a dull boy", so true for our students. We had a "No Books week", for the Intermediate students, and they thoroughly enjoyed doing activities like drawing and painting, and cooking instead of academics



August 15, 2020 - Independence Day

This year marks the 74th Independence Day of our country. Students of the Learning Centre virtually celebrated it with a host of wonderful and creative programs, like speech, painting, activities and games,



August 21, 2020 ~ Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations

Ganesh Chaturthi is a significant Hindu festival dedicated to Lord Ganesh. Children from the Primary group made Ganesh idols at home, using clay and decorated it with flowers.



September 3, 2020 ~ Onam celebrations

Students of the Learning Centre had a great time virtually celebrating the festival of Onam . They decorated their homes with Pookalams or flower carpets and also made different kinds of sweets



September 4, 2020 ~ Teachers Day celebrations

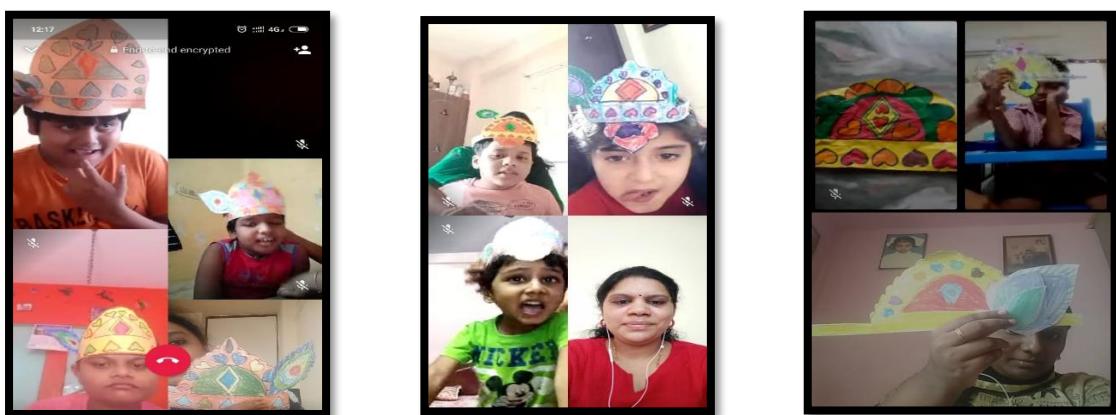
"Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, calibre and future of an individual. "If people remember me as a good teacher that will be the biggest honour for me." - Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Teacher's Day was again virtually celebrated. The students participated in a quiz, gave a few speeches, sang and played patriotic songs on the keyboard.



11, September, 2020 ~ Sree Krishna Jayanthi Celebrations

Janmashtami marks the birth anniversary of Lord Krishna and the students of the Learning Centre celebrated the festival virtually by making crowns for Lord Krishna and also preparing sweets during the cooking class.



A FEW OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Most children with Special Needs have challenges with their fine motor skills. Teachers from the Learning Center have incorporated activities like making eco-friendly products, soaps, decorative coconut shells, hand wash, door mats, paper products, envelopes, masks, etc. into the online

classes, to help the students be more organized and focused. Skills like folding, rolling, cutting, stitching, grating, braiding and painting have improved their overall development.



- Financial problems and challenges are faced by most people at some point. Some of the teachers and students have been struggling because of poor connectivity or lack of devices that support online classes.

Sankalp has stepped in and supported them by providing the teachers with laptops to take classes and Tabs for the students to attend the classes and pursue their education.



- The NIOS results for classes 10th and 12th were declared by the National Institute of Open Schooling on the basis of assignments (TMA) and practical exams given by the students. 11 students, from Sankalp – The Learning Centre appeared and all of them got good marks.
- The Learning Centre has introduced a new Database Management System called “**GOONJAN**”, for documentation purposes. The teachers are currently using this platform to document and record all the reports of the students and their daily activities.

Our heartfelt gratitude to the Directors, teachers and parents who continue to support our students' online, as today, e-learning is the need of the hour.

Samyukt (vocational programme) and Sahayika (skill-training programme) kick-started the second term, on a highly creative note with several useful ideas.

Physical classes commenced on 12th October, 2020

The online classes which had become an important part of our daily routine, gradually shifted to physical classes for students from Samyukt and Sahayika.

After over 6 months of lockdown, a total number of 6 students started attending on-ground classes, which commenced from the 12th October, 2020. The students were elated to get back to school after a long gap. The SOP's (Standard Operating Procedure) were very strictly followed. Students of the Learning Centre however continued to function in virtual classrooms.

Some products made by our students with the help of their teachers and parents, is showcased below. The students have crafted some very creative products like woven basket, woven fabric, face masks, coasters, soaps, laptop bags, cake boxes, book marks, etc.

PRODUCTS





LD AWARENESS – October 31st, 2020

To commemorate LD awareness month, which was in the month of October, the Rotary District Literacy team in association with the Rotary Club of Chennai, Kilpauk and Sankalp -The Open School presented Project “TEJOMAYA” which featured students of Sankalp showcasing their talents. The event began with the Mrs. Lakshmi Krishnakumar, Director, Sankalp the Open School, giving a small introduction about the school. It was followed by a presentation by the Principal, Mrs. Pratibha Srinivas, on the challenges faced by our students in the areas of Reading and Math.

Our students Sujith, Harinath and Amarnath of SS2, Sai Sugesh of Std 7 enthralled the audience with their performance on drums, mandolin and the keyboard. Keerthana of SS1 presented her work on calligraphy which she said was very therapeutic for her and helped reduce her stress levels. Jacob of SS1 presented his artwork.

A short film on Consumer Awareness filmed by the students of SS2 was also shown. The programme was an eye-opener for the Rotarians. Rotarians and Guest Speakers from Malta attended the event. They were all highly appreciative of the talents showcased by the students.

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LITERACY TEAM
RI DISTRICT 3232


SANKALP
Literacy OpenSchools


Rotary
Club of Chennai Kilpauk

District Literacy Team 3232
in association with **Rotary Club Of Chennai Kilpauk**
& Sankalp - The open School
(A school for children with special needs and SLD)
present a mega joint project



TEJOMAYA

Join us on ZOOM to meet the
MAGICAL BRAINS
that work differently!

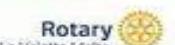
October 31, 2020 6:00 pm
CHIEF GUEST
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RTN KATHIR GANAPATHIAPPAN DLCC CHAIRMAN	RTN G S. RAJASEKARAN PRESIDENT - RC CHENNAI KILPAUK
RTN SHOBANA PRASAD LITERACY CHAIRMAN	RTN JAYASHREE KIDAMBI EVENT CHAIRMAN

Participating Clubs


RC CHENNAI SILK CITY


RC GUINDY


RC LA VALETTE MALTA


RC CHENNAI AMETHYST

Orientation for parents of students with Learning Disabilities

An orientation session was conducted for the parents of classes. Teachers demonstrated various strategies that the parents can use at home to help their children learn the concepts taught at school retain the information and recall the same whenever required. Various tips and tricks were shared to encourage learning effectively at home.

Dussehra Celebrations ~ 23rd October, 2020

On the occasion of Dussehra, NIOS students of the Sankalp - Learning Centre came up with some creative ideas to virtually celebrate Navaratri Pooja. The celebrations started off with a prayer song followed by different activities like reciting slokas, singing devotional songs, and the popular Dandiya Raas.



Diwali and Children's Day Celebrations ~ 17th November, 2020

Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights and Children's Day were celebrated by both schools virtually in full zest. The occasion was marked with singing, quiz, picto-word game and creative activities that lit up the virtual sessions with festive cheer.

An episode “Cricket Team” from the popular show ‘Malgudi Days’ was shown to the children of Sankalp – Open School.

It was heart-warming to see the enthusiasm of the students as they lit Diyas - a symbol of illuminating the light within.

Captures from DIWALI CELEBRATIONS



Captures from CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



‘Project Mazhalai’ ~ 21st November,2020

We are very happy to inform you, that ‘Project Mazhalai’ conducted a zoom meeting, on Saturday, 21st 2020. This project was organized and initiated by Dr. Shanthi Raj and her team. It was a wonderful show conducted by various children from different special schools. They conducted talent shows, a variety of online games, took us all on a virtual zoo safari and also made one of us do moving with some physical activities like dancing, exercising and aerobics.

Few of our students participated in the games, talent show and creativity.

Hats off to Anirudh (Learning Centre - Intermediate) for beautifully rendering a devotional song. S.Nitheesh (Learning Centre -Intermediate) exhibited his yoga skills so naturally. S. Nithilan (Learning Centre - Intermediate) exhibited his art and craft skills. They were appreciated by all everyone.

Abinav Sriram (Learning Centre - Intermediate), Jayvarshan (Learning Centre - NIOS), S.Abinav (Samyukt) and S. Vairavan (Samyukt) took part in the games. The children enjoyed the games and activities thoroughly.



International Differently Abled Day~ 7th December, 2020

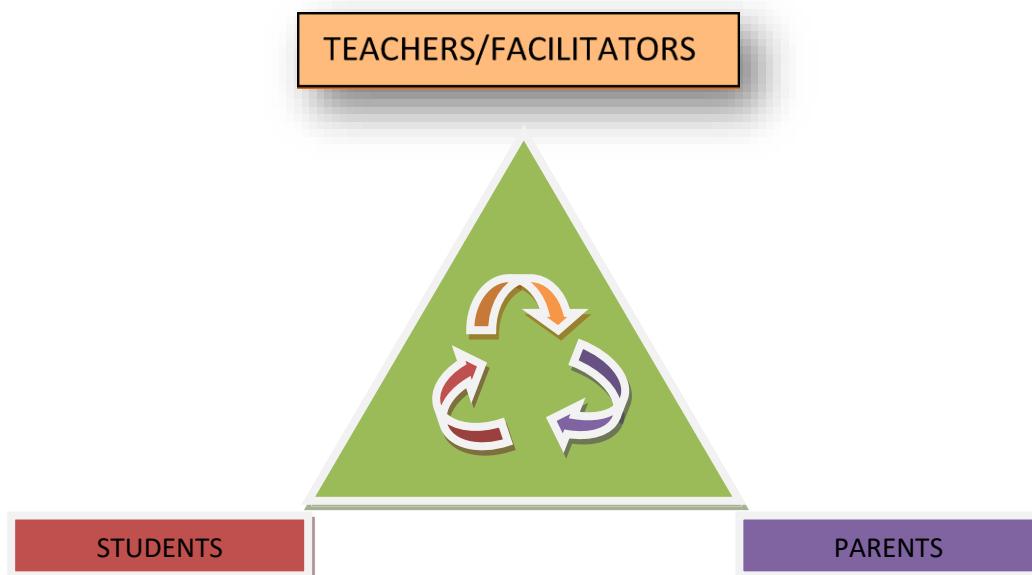
The school nurtures the true potential by awakening the student's passion and cultivating their innate talents. In view of "International Differently Abled Day Celebrations," around 46 students from Sankalp - The Learning Centre, participated in the virtual inter school differently abled children's competition, held between 4th December and 10th December.

Students earned laurels and accolades for Sankalp, by winning many prizes in different events like solo singing, dancing, drawing and colouring, instrumental music, cooking and yoga. Sankalp - The Learning Centre won the Best Performers certificate and the Overall Championship. Indeed a proud moment for us at Sankalp!



Christmas and New Year Celebrations at Sankalp – The Learning Centre was held 18th December, 2020

Virtual learning has helped build a strong connection between the



On 18th December, 2020 Primary and Inter J Groups of Sankalp - The Learning Centre celebrated both Christmas Day and New Year.

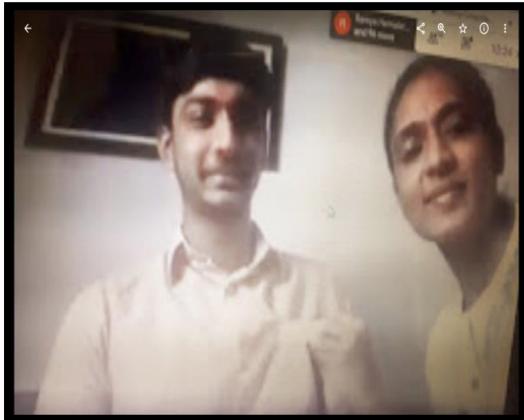
To set an example for secularism, we celebrate all festivals in our school with utmost gusto. This year the celebrations happened on Google Meet. Students and parents decorated Christmas trees using the craft items made by them. We started the program with the traditional candle lighting ceremony and a welcome dance by Ms. Oviya. This was followed by the videos of our students exhibiting their talents.

'Awards 2020' was the highlight of our program. Awards were given to students by our Directors.

We had a group dance and Christmas song by Ms. Oviya and team. We also had 'The Nativity Story' with the photos of students dressed as characters in the Manger scene. The teachers wished the students and parents with love, joy and happiness exhibited through a song.



Samyukt and Sahayika, also virtually celebrated the Christmas on the 22nd of December. The program started off with a welcome speech, followed by lighting of candles. It was followed by a virtual exhibition, singing of carols, baking a cake, cooking, dancing with Santa and a trip down memory lane.



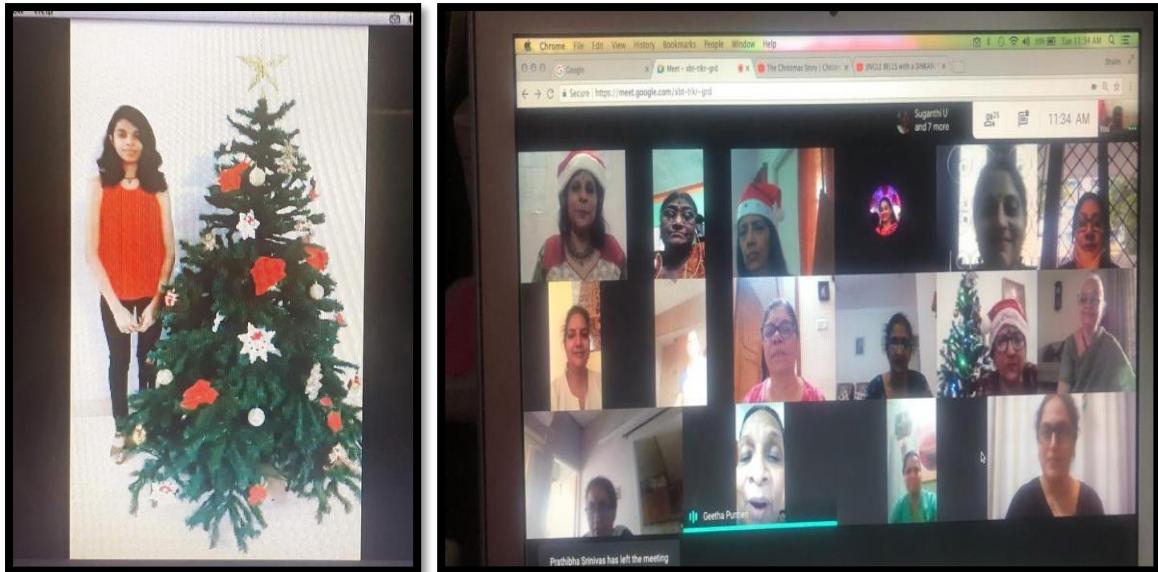
Investiture Ceremony and Christmas Celebration of Sankalp – The Open School –was held on 22nd December 2020

The Investiture Ceremony for the newly elected captains was held online. The parents/ guardians/ siblings pinned the badges on the new leaders.

Keeping the spirits of Christmas high, the students and teachers, came together to celebrate it online with great delight.

The program started with students taking us to their homes virtually, to see their decorated trees and homes. Students exhibited their talents by performing for us. They sang, danced, played the keyboard, guitar etc. Santa too gave a virtual visit to shower our children with love and blessings.





The program ended with a video, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Time to give back to society

Our tradition of giving back to society was followed this year too. The generous donations from parents, teachers and students were used for Anna Daanam and buying mats for an old age home and an orphanage at Aminjikarai and Egmore.



In years to come, 2020 will certainly be remembered as the year that we all learned to live life at a distance from each other with minimalism and yet continue to function as a society.

22nd December was the last virtual working day for the year 2020.

Term III

FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS

PONGAL CELEBRATIONS

13 January, 2021: The virtual Pongal morning began with a brief narrative about the festival which was followed by an invocation. A video on the significance of Pongal, explaining how and why the festival is celebrated for 3 days was shown to the students. We also had a beautiful Power Point presentation, melodious song and graceful dance as a part of the celebration. There was also a virtual display of colourful Rangolis done by the students at home and a folk dance by Nellai Manikandan sir's group.

The grand finale was a video of cooking Pongal by our dear student Rajeev.



Samyukt and Sahayika, Celebrated Pongal on the 12th January. The students enjoyed making Thoranams, singing Thirupavai, patriotic songs and making charts. The students participated enthusiastically in a game of breaking the pot but blindfolded.

The students of the NIOS section also had virtual celebrations of Pongal. They sang and danced to patriotic songs, and played some games.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS – 26 January, 2021

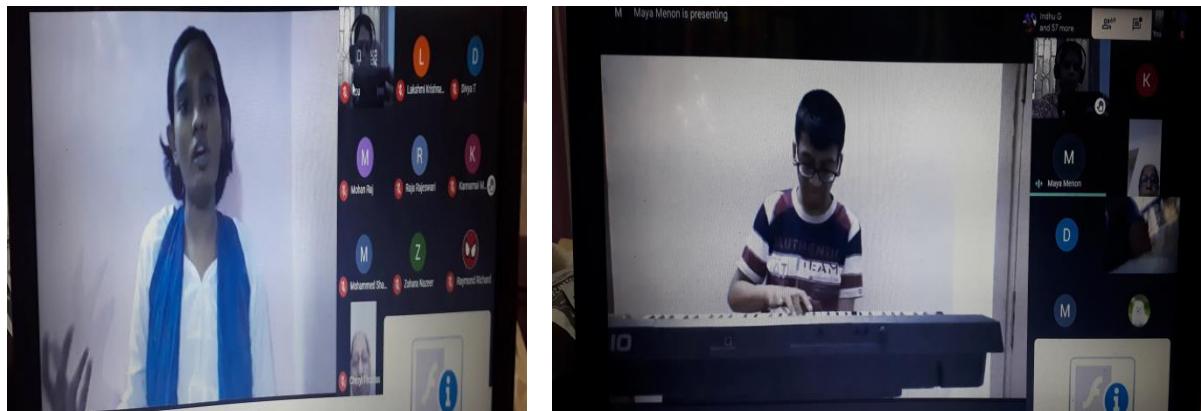
Republic day at the Open School was celebrated virtually and entirely in a different manner.

The programme was started off with the rendition of Vande Mataram followed by the pledge by the School Pupil Leader.

The purpose and significance of celebrating Republic day was highlighted in a speech by our student. Some of our young artists at Sankalp were encouraged to draw or paint pictures depicting the Republic day celebrations. These were showcased online.

A quiz was conducted where children were expected to identify pictures of ancient monuments, which stand majestically till today. Some interesting and unique facts

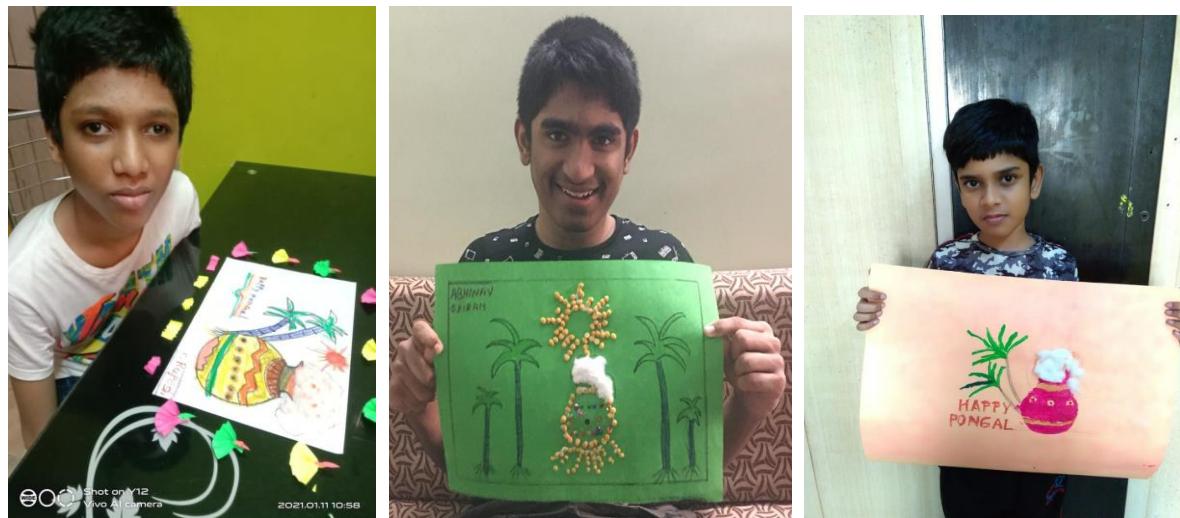
about the monuments was shared as well. Sai Sugesh played a song on the keyboard. Few senior students rendered speeches by famous freedom fighters and personalities. The event concluded with a patriotic song ‘SARE JAHAN SE ACCHA’.



The primary and Inter J group, of Sankalp – The Learning Center, had a virtual celebration, of the Republic Day and Pongal. Both parents and students participated with zeal and enthusiasm.



The intermediate group of The Learning Centre celebrated the Republic Day and Pongal on 29th January. The teachers came up with brilliant and creative ideas. The students along with their parents executed the same with great interest.



SANKALP THE OPEN SCHOOL VIRTUAL EVENTS – TERM III

The Open School reopened for the III Term on Monday, 4th January, 2021. Classes continued in the online mode.

Ms. Sangeetha Karthike took over as Principal of The Open School from Ms. Pratibha Srinivas.

GUEST LECTURES

a. Junior guest lecture - A virtual story telling session by Mrs. Kavitha Krishnamoorthy, from the KILI KILI organisation was conducted on February 12, 2021. She narrated a story from the book "The Jungle Story Telling Festival" by Janaki Sabesh. Mrs Kavitha told the story in a fun - filled and entertaining manner. It was a wonderful interactive session for the Juniors. The children enjoyed the story and Mrs. Kavitha's friendly approach encouraged them to pick up some story books and read them during the session.



b. An online Art and Craft Workshop was organised for the students and teachers of the Middle group on Friday 12th February 2021 to provide opportunities for creative minds.

Mrs. Poomani Rajan, one of the core members of the Camlin art and craft team conducted this workshop. The main aim of this workshop was to gain hands-on experience in the learning process.

The children were asked to bring their own materials for the workshop. Children were taught to do flower making and fabric painting. They participated with a lot of enthusiasm and were awarded with e-certificates for their active participation.



c. Guest lecture for the Senior students was organized on Friday, 19 February, 2021. The guest lecturer was Mr. S. Gajraj and the topic was 'Career Guidance'. Mr. S. Gajraj, is graduate mechanical engineer with specialization in Industrial Engineering from Govt. College of Technology, Coimbatore. He has also done an M.B.A in Marketing Management from Annamalai University. He owns Alpha Tech Industries, a foundry in Pondicherry which manufactures

centrifugal casting for cylinder liners. He is also involved in various social activities including representing industrial organization to government forums like TANSIA and TIEMA for MSME.

The lecture was held in two sessions and the students and parents attended. Mr. S. Gajraj presented various employment opportunities for people with Specific Learning Difficulties in the manufacturing sector and the retail sector. He said that there was more demand than supply for man power in the areas of assembly, packing etc. He also informed the students about the various vocational courses conducted by SIDCO with placement opportunities. The guest lecture was a very interactive session with the students and the parents.



VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY – 5 March, 2021

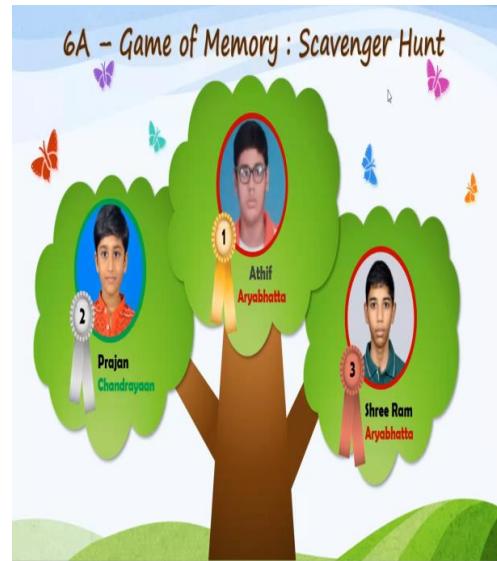
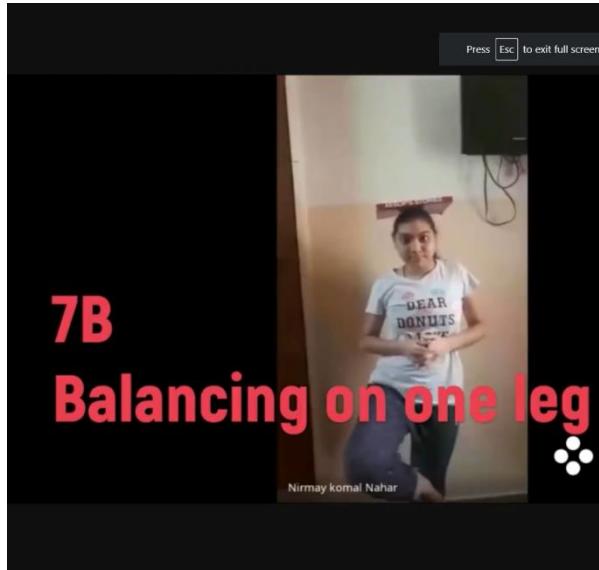
The first ever virtual sports meet of The Open School was held on March 5, 2021.

The events were divided under three categories

- 1) Games of luck- Snakes and Ladders, Tambola, Ludo etc.
- 2) Games of skill- Memory Games, Scavenger Hunt etc.
- 3) Games of physical endurance – Book Balancing, Blowing balloons, Brain Gym etc.

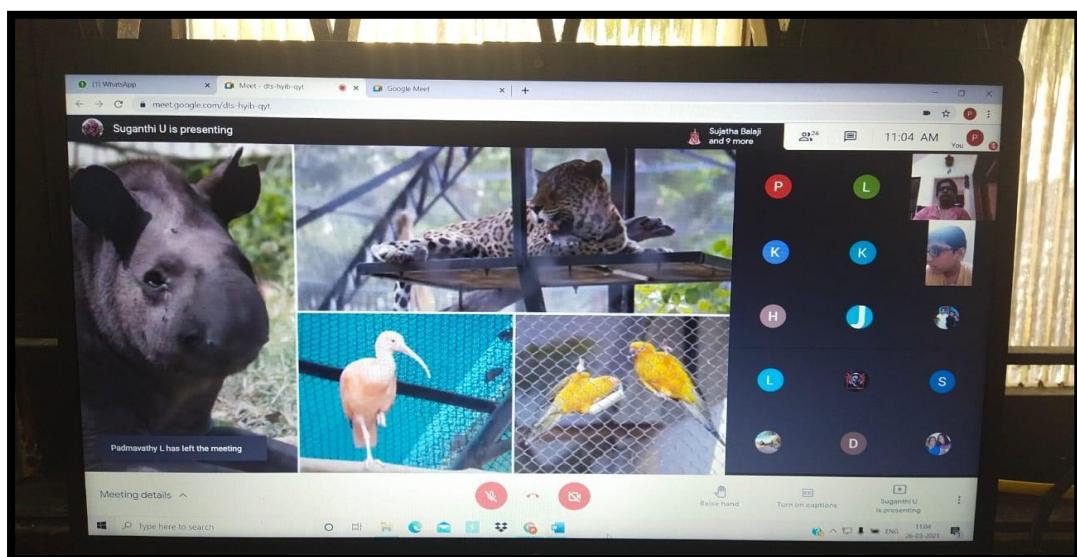
The event was inaugurated by National Swimming Champion and Coach, Mr. Sharath Mukundan. All the events were conducted by the class teachers in their respective classes before the final sports meet. A pre-recorded version of the events was presented on PowerPoint and the prizes were announced

during the meet. The House championship was won by Bhaskara with 187 points. The sports events were a novel and unique experience for all the students who showed a lot of enthusiasm and participated actively.



VIRTUAL TOURS

a. **The Junior Group** students were taken on a virtual tour to **The Mysore Zoo** on Friday 26 March, 2021 between 11am and 11:40 am. The tour gave them an opportunity to see animals like Lion, Hyena, Giraffe, Cheetah, Gaur, Bear, Elephant, Egret and parakeet. It was an amazing experience for the children as they saw various species of birds and animals on screen.



b. The Middle group students were taken on a virtual tour to Rajasthan on Thursday 25th, March 2021. They got a chance to explore Rajasthan in royal style aboard India's top luxury train "**The Palace On Wheels**". It was a seven day tour. The children witnessed the grandeur and rich cultural heritage of the Maharajas. They visited places like Delhi, Jaipur, Udaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur and finally Agra. The children enjoyed thoroughly and said that it had been a great experience.



c. Virtual Tour for Senior Students

Date : March 25th

The world is stuck inside due to the pandemic. The students of Sankalp missed out a lot of their regular annual activities. One of the activities was outbound trip, which was always a much-awaited event. The school decided to take the students on virtual tours instead. The NIOS students were taken on a virtual tour of the Singapore zoo. The safari, boat rides and animals caught our students attention and they enjoyed the trip.



The III term came to a close on the 12th of April for the students after the feedback sessions with the parents on the performance of their children during the year. Many parents appreciated the efforts put in by the teachers to successfully conduct online classes for a whole academic year. Many students wished that the pandemic would end soon and they could get back to school to meet their teachers and friends.

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VIRTUAL EVENTS REPORT – III TERM

Every crisis brings an opportunity with it. Whatever obstacles we have faced so far, humanity has always come out stronger.

For many students classes have resumed, thanks to technology emerging as a great enabler.

13th February, 2021- Super Special Chef Competition

ORANE KIDS, conducted a virtual cooking competition – ‘SUPER SPECIAL CHEF’, through the online platform. It happened at 3 levels and the final was held through a live cooking session. Out of many special children who participated

from all over India, Ganesh Ram, our student from the NIOS section, was awarded the title of The Thaali King for his Chennai Variety Rice.



20th February, 2021 - Talk by Mrs Sulata Ajit

Sulata Ajit conducted, a session on 20th February, 2021 for NIEPMD B. Ed & M. Ed students, on the Topic: Techniques and Strategies for ASD

7th March, 2021

Our Director Mrs Sulata, was honoured by The Green School, Bangalore on the occasion of International Women's Day Celebration.

On 9th March, Mrs Sulata was a part of the Faculty for a CRE Programme on Research in Disability Rehabilitation organised by Allagappa University in

partnership with NIEPM. She presented a paper in : Case Study: Mixed Method Research Design.



15th March, 2021 - Felicitation by ELINA

Mrs Sulata was presented the Doctoral research study with ELINA Mentors a group of professionals working towards inclusive education.



31st March, 2021- Autism Awareness Day by SPANDHAN

Autism is where the randomness of life collides and clashes with an individual's needs for the sameness. SPANDHAN Life Skill Enhancement Center (LSEC), conducted an Autism Awareness Day online awareness for children with Autism.

Anish from the NIOS won the 3rd prize for clay modelling. Saiprasad and Adithya also participated in the contest.



April 2nd 2021 - Autism Awareness day

Sankalp – The Learning Center, had a virtual inaugural function on 2nd April to launch the training videos prepared by the teachers. Mr. Anil Kundra - Founder Director of Autism Ashram in Telangana, was the Chief Guest. The teachers have prepared around 50 Training videos of different activities for Children with Special Needs. These videos are being posted in all our social media handles throughout the month of April.

SANKALP
THE LEARNING CENTRE
Invites you to their
virtual celebrations of the
**WORLD AUTISM
AWARENESS DAY**



On 2nd April, 2021, at 10:30 am
Chief Guest: Mr Anil Kundra
(Founder and Director of Autism Ashram in Telangana)
Training Videos to be inaugurated by
our esteemed Chief Guest
Meeting Link:
[https://zoom.us/j/9339603822?
pwd=OWNuMTI4b1p4QVdDOXEwR0hsaFpsdz09](https://zoom.us/j/9339603822?pwd=OWNuMTI4b1p4QVdDOXEwR0hsaFpsdz09)







April 2nd, 2021 – Project Mazhalai

Mrs Sulata Ajit, initiated and was the Coordinator for a training programme in Autism conducted by Project Mazhalai, an organization started by professionals working for the cause of Children with Special Needs. These training programmes are attended by Mainstream teachers from Ranipet and Special Educators from Jamshedpur.

April 9th, 2021 - Training Program on weaving

Ms. Sumathi and Ms. Sathya - teachers from Samyukt and Sahayika group attended a training programme in Weaving for 3 days conducted by Shuttles and Needles Pvt Ltd. They gathered information on textiles, materials, yarn, weave, weaving techniques and upcycling.



April 9th, 2021- Introduction to Autism

Mrs Sulata conducted a session on ‘Introduction to Autism’ for the MMM College of Health Sciences on the occasion of Autism Awareness Day.

Samyukt - Sahayika products

Our students have learnt to make bows, tassels and boxes, against orders from SNEH. These activities have greatly contributed for the development of their eye-hand coordination. They are also able to access a wider source of learning

activities and social experiences. They have made around 800 bows, 700 tassels, and 200 boxes.

The students have also woven fabrics on the looms. An array of products like pouches, dairy covers and purses have been made from these fabrics.



From March 2020, the teachers have had to adapt at short notice to multiplicity of changes in education. It has brought about a numerous learnings as well as a holistic approach to education.

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