



Flying Birds

Annual Report 2021



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As the schools at primary level remained closed due to COVID-19 from January to September, the efforts were made to keep the children engaged through different activities following all the COVID norms of social distancing and hygiene practices. The schools were allowed to open from 27th September onwards for three hours daily following all the Covid safety measures.

Teaching

Teaching was ensured by calling the children in small groups at different time slots at an open place near school. Assignments were given to them for home which was checked next day. Home work was given in subjects like Hindi, English, Mathematics, Art & craft etc. The teachers ensured special attention on younger children who needed additional support in learning the topics. All the children were given necessary stationery including note books, colours etc. to study at home. Extracurricular activities like games, story-telling, general knowledge quiz, awareness sessions on COVID-19 were also ensured during.



From September 27 onwards, the schools were allowed to open for three hours every day following all the COVID-19 safety measures like parents' consent, proper sanitization and cleaning of classrooms, screening of children in the morning, no food during the school etc. Seating arrangements were made ensuring adequate social distancing among the children. The children were very excited with opening of the school and attended the classes with great zeal.

The senior children of the community who are enrolled in the government school were also engaged in the school activities from time to time and encouraged them to continue their education and not leave the session mid-way.

Considering the closing of schools, a need assessment of children at Labour Basti was conducted in June to know their real time requirements regarding education. All the children including those going to government school were also called. The requirements were identified and purchase orders were made. As per the need assessment, 9 students were provided stationery and toys.



Stationery distribution

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Children were given geometry boxes and writing clipboards so that they can continue their study at home.

Infrastructure maintenance

As the children were studying from home during pandemic, 6 children were provided with chair and desks from the school for their home. Six new sets of chair and desks were purchased for the school.

Although the school was closed but the school compound required regular maintenance and care. A gardener was engaged to look after the school compound the plants in it.



Clothes and Slippers Distribution

On 11 August 2021, clothes and slippers were distributed to children. Total 23 children received the seasonal clothes and slippers.



Clothes and slippers distribution

Food Kit Distribution

As the provision of regular mid-day meal was on hold due to closure of the school, Food kits were distributed to the children to cater their food needs. Children received Food Kits which contained all the necessary food items in the quantity that was sufficient for one month during entire year.



Monthly Food Kit distribution



Packed Lunch distribution

To meet the nutritional needs of the children, 50 ayurvedic kits were distributed for the children in the community.



Parents of the children receiving Ayurvedic kits

Milk Distribution

Nutritional diet is extremely important for the growing children and is an integral component of school meal programs. Keeping this in view, milk was given to children to address their nutritional needs. The children came to school in smaller groups and took their share to their home. 50-60 children received milk on regular basis.



Sweater Distribution

As the winter season started, sweaters were distributed to the children on 12th November. Mrs. Rekha Bohra, an RDI Guest, and Dr. V.D. Semwal distributed the sweaters to the children.



Sport Activities

Children in Flying Birds kept participating in different sport activities. Outdoor games like badminton, cricket and football were played by the children at University Sports Complex from time to time.



Umbrella Distribution

Umbrellas were distributed to every family in the Flying Birds community. Total 25 families received umbrellas which made them very happy as this was a much-needed item for the rainy season.

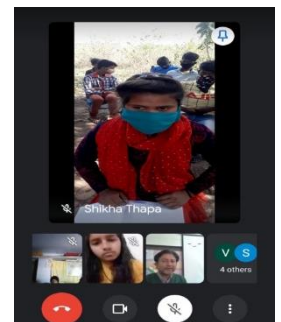


Children's families receiving umbrellas

Events organized at Flying Birds:

- **Youth and Science Days celebration**

Following all COVID guidelines, Youth and Science days were celebrated on 12th January and 26 February respectively in the school. The children joined online activities conducted by RDI on the occasion. An online session by National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences, Bangalore was conducted for adolescents on the occasion of National Science Day which was joined by 15 Flying Birds children.



- **International Women's Day**

On 8th March, International Women's Day was celebrated at school in which women from the Labour Basti community were invited and given opportunity to join the online program conducted by RDI. Health checkups were also facilitated for 9 women at Himalayan Hospital. All the tests were done free of cost.



Women Checkup at Himalayan Hospital



- **Birthday Celebration**

On 17 April, children at Flying Birds celebrated the birthday of Ms. Ashna. As the school was closed, the children made birthday poster and decorated it by themselves. The teachers and children expressed their heart felt wishes for Ms. Ashna. All the children enjoyed the day with delicious cake and snacks.

- **RDI Foundation Day Celebration**

On 20-21 September every year, RDI celebrates its Foundation days. On the occasion various activities are held to commemorate the day. Flying Birds children and students of Bella Tailoring also participated in the celebrations and enjoyed their day.



- **Diwali Celebration**

On 3rd November, children celebrated Diwali in Flying Birds. Diwali is the festival of light which is celebrated across the country. Diwali is celebrated because it is believed that on this day Lord Rama along with his brother Laxmana and wife Sita returned to his kingdom after the 14 years of exile. On the occasion, the children painted diyas (earthen lamps) and played the role of Lord Rama, Laxmana and Sita.



- **Christmas Celebration**

Christmas was celebrated in Flying Birds with great zeal. The dresses of Santa Claus were arranged for children. Children sang Christmas carols, party songs and enjoyed the sweets and snacks.



Health Camp

Regular monthly health camps (8 Nos) were conducted in Flying Birds. The camp was held in the open space near the school with following all the COVID norms. Each child was examined in the camp for their general health and hygiene issues. The community people also sought consultation from the doctor.

One specific maternal and child health camp was also conducted for the women of the community. The women from the community sought consultation for their health issues from the doctor.



Health Camp in Flying Birds

Bella Tailoring

Bella tailoring program continued training the women and girls of the community. Some of the trainees started from the basic level however some already had basic knowledge and skills on tailoring. The trainees were also engaged in mask making. From May to September, the



Women and girls learning tailoring skills

program remained closed due to lockdown, which resumed its operation in October.

Flying Birds Compound

A clean and green school compound plays an important role in children's growth and development and improves quality of learning. Flying Birds and the entire campus of RDI-HIHT also maintains the same and always strive for having an ecofriendly campus.



Flying Birds' green comound