



Newsletter June 2020

Table of Contents

1. Summary of support provided by RGF for the covid response	2
2. Wonderoom	4
3. Socio-technical Knowledge, Innovation & Learning Lab (SKILLAB)	5
4. Rajiv Sadbhavana Media Lab (RSML)	6
5. Sadbhavana.net platform (www.sadbhavana.net)	7
6. Papers produced by RGICS	8

From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and its team members have responded with remarkable speed, flexibility, and commitment to adapt during extremely difficult times. We bring you the details of activities done by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and its team members for COVID relief.

Summary of support provided by RGF for the covid response

S.no	Partner	Location and type of people helped	State
1.	Purbanchal Maitri Development Society	Guwahati and Tezpur, Assam Domestic workers	Assam
2.	Sarva Seva Samity Sanstha	Women, children, jobless families, Muzaffarpur & Samastipur Districts, Bihar	Bihar
3.	Khudai Khidmatgar	South and East Delhi - slum dwellers, stuck migrants	Delhi
4.	Centre for Education and Communication (CEC)	East Delhi - slum dwellers, jobless workers	Delhi
5.	Shakti Foundation	South Delhi - rag pickers, slum dwellers	Delhi
6.	Manjari Foundation	Tikamgarh, MP, Migrants workers	Madhya Pradesh
7.	Roti Bank Foundation	Mumbai - migrants from other states, jobless workers	Mumbai
8.	RGF Sadbhavana Associate, Biswajit	Cuttack, Odisha-basti dwellers, beggars, returning migrants	Odisha
9.	Sir Syed Trust	Dera Bassi, Punjab, migrant brick kiln workers	Punjab
10.	RGF Sadbhavana Associate, Inamul Hasan	Puducherry - migrants from UP, Bihar	Puducherry (UT)
11.	Aajeevika Bureau Trust	Districts of Southern Rajasthan - migrants returned from Gujarat	Rajasthan
12.	Dhara Sansthan	Jaipur, Rajasthan - slum dwellers, jobless workers	Rajasthan
13.	Mahatma Gandhi Trust	Madurai & Dindigul, Tamilnadu	Tamil Nadu
14.	VISION Society	Varanasi, UP - basti dwellers, returning migrants	Uttar Pradesh
15.	Pahal	Allahabad, UP - basti dwellers, returning migrants	Uttar Pradesh
16.	Red Brigade Lucknow	Lucknow, UP - basti dwellers, returning migrants	Uttar Pradesh
17.	Vigyan Foundation	Lucknow, UP - basti dwellers, returning migrants	Uttar Pradesh
18.	Badlav	Lucknow, UP - basti dwellers, returning migrants	Uttar Pradesh
19.	Navodaya Institute - Bharat Navodaya Abhiyan	UP various locations - returning migrants	Uttar Pradesh
20.	Yeh EK soch (Yes) Foundation	Sitapur, Lucknow, UP-slum dwellers, jobless workers	Uttar Pradesh
21.	Rajarhat Prasari	Sunderban, Cyclone Amphan affected people	West Bengal

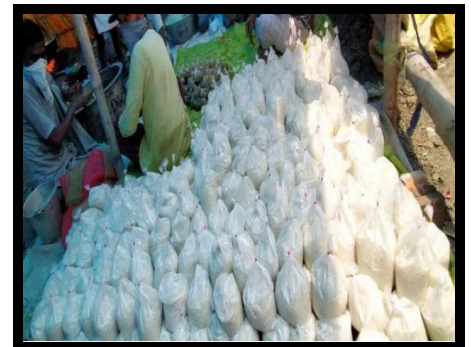
Badlav, Lucknow:



Manjari Foundation, Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh:



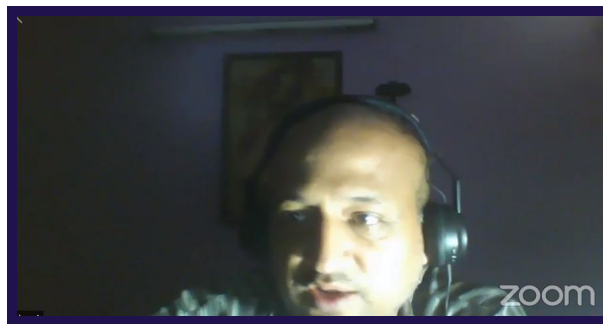
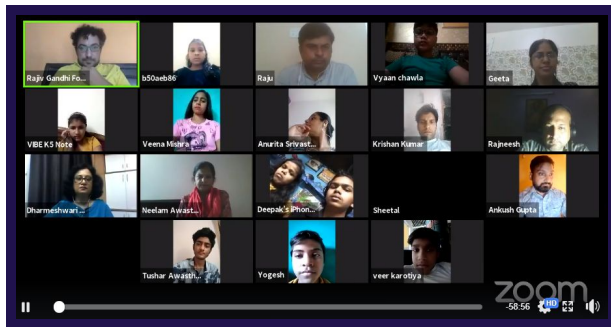
Sarva Seva Samity Sanstha, Bihar:



Wonderoom:

The Wonderoom team has been actively participating in the Sadbhavana with Nature festival. Mr. Rajneesh Bisht and Mr. Pratul Vasistha gave five sessions this month. The Wonderoom team has got more sessions scheduled for next month as well.

1. Mr. Rajneesh Bisht gave three drama sessions on the topics The Bhagwat: Ma Ganga Dhyayati, Do Bailon ki Katha and Boodhi Kaki.



2. Mr. Pratul Vasistha gave one storytelling session on Yoga Day- Yoga in daily life and one poetry therapy session on Poetry and how it helps in reducing mental and physical stress.

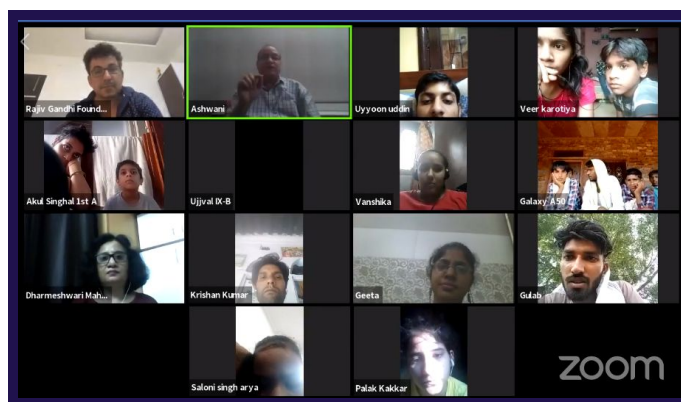
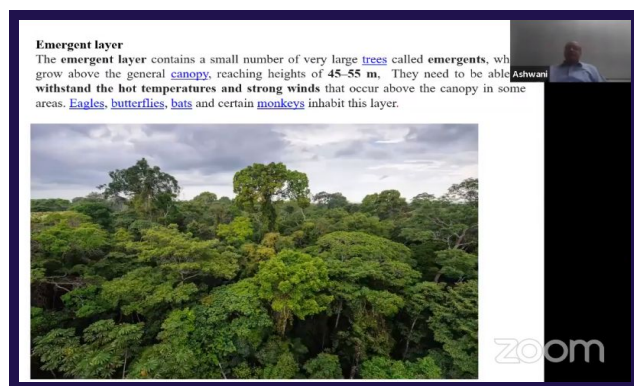


3. Mr. Rajneesh Bisht started English speech session and Wonderoom platform group on Whatsapp.
 - In English speech sessions group, children/volunteers presented more than 12 audio stories of famous writers, personal introduction [about self /family /surrounding], and current affairs. This group has around 30 members.
 - Wonderoom platform group is a mix group of children volunteers, teachers, and storytellers. This group has around 50 members. It is an open platform where people present storytelling, monologues, poem recitation and self made videos.

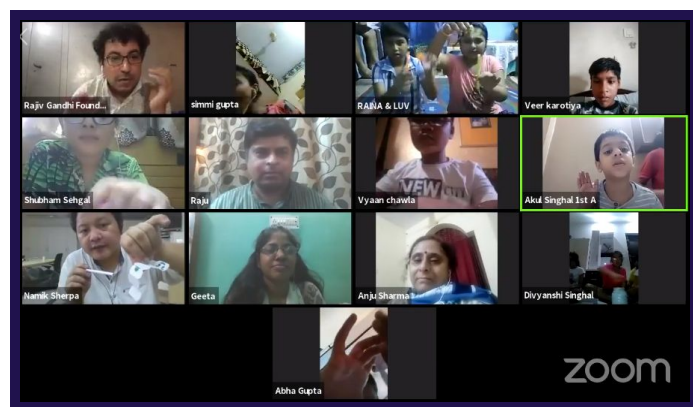
Socio-technical Knowledge, Innovation & Learning Lab (SKILLAB):

Skill lab team has been actively participating in the Sadbhavana with Nature festival. Mr. Ashwani A. Masih and Mr. Namik Sherpa gave 8 Fun Science and Arts & Craft sessions this month. SKILLAB team has got more sessions scheduled for next month as well.

1. Mr. Ashwani A. Masih gave 4 Fun Science sessions on the topics Coral reef (part-1), Coral reef (part-2), Tropical Rain Forest- 1, Tropical Rain Forest- 2 and Tropical Rain Forest- 3.



2. Mr. Namik Sherpa gave 3 Arts & Craft sessions on the topics Marine Life : The Ocean Doctors, The Racing Caterpillar and Paper Bookmark.

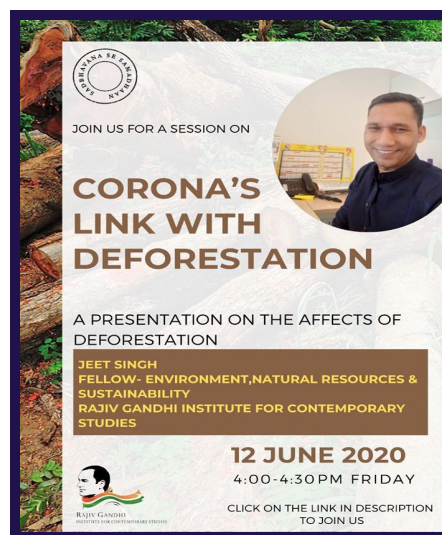


RSML has been working on engaging social media viewers by creating videos for RGF, RGICS and for Sadbhavana Web portal.

The video list follows, with the videos recorded and edited by the RSML Media Lab team:

1. *The Forest Warrior: Interview with Sri Kamal Chakraborty, an Environmentalist-*
https://youtu.be/_G8cgM73PaA
2. *Smt Vimla Karma, Member, Janpad Panchayat, Katekalyan Block (Dantewada dt, Bastar, Chhattisgarh)-*
<https://youtu.be/9KSFaMtYMmU>
3. *Bhagwan Ke Liye: Special Episode with Vijay Mahajan, Director, RGICS-*
<https://youtu.be/UjNA6mD7ivg>
4. *#Trailer - Conserving Water, Promoting Livelihoods-* <https://youtu.be/TSd4lpH079U>
5. *Achintya Ghosh - Pioneer in Development and Social Change-*
<https://youtu.be/eFNRTBIN0aQ>
6. *Panel Discussion | The Likely and the Desirable Future of School Education in the time of COVID19-*
<https://youtu.be/JKmcsQkXouo>
7. *#Trailer: Pratap Bhanu Mehta in conversation with Apoorvanand-*
<https://youtu.be/FLukTuzSWRM>
8. *Interview with Rukmini Karma - Bastar Zilla Parishad member-*
<https://youtu.be/todh0JYS3Qc>
9. *#Trailer: Farming with Sadbhavana.-*
<https://youtu.be/TaDccR6TuJs>
10. *Interview with Sri Kamal Chakraborty- An Environmentalist-*
https://youtu.be/_G8cgM73PaA
11. *A dialogue with Pratap Bhanu Mehta-*
<https://youtu.be/4v184yLmWcE>
12. *Rebooting Rural Economy: Policy Perspective-*
<https://youtu.be/loDo9DBArvs>

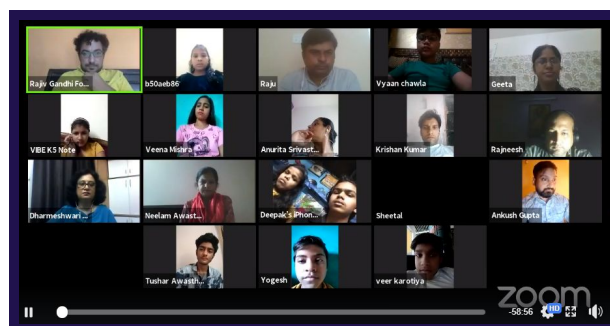
Sadbhavana With Nature Festival was launched on the 5th of June 2020. This festival has brought together all the teams of RGF working with Children.



This festival is to go on till the 20th of August, where it ends on Rajiv Ji's Birth Anniversary.

This month we have had a total of 19 sessions on varied topics. Mr. Ashwani, Mr. Namik, Mr. Pratul, Mr. Rajneesh, Mr. Ankush, Mr. Jeet have all taken sessions along with a few external guests. As you can see these are all experts in different fields and that is how diverse our sessions were. All of these sessions were taken on Zoom calls which simultaneously went Live on Facebook and were also recorded for future usage. **Each session had an average of 35 participants.**

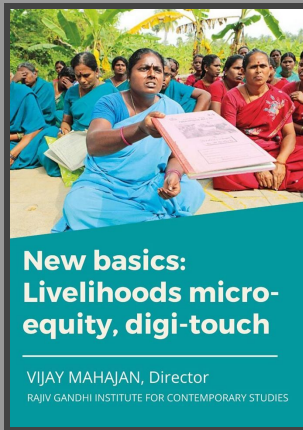
Apart from regular sessions we also organized an online speech competition (with cash prizes) from the 19th -28th of June. We got a total of about 44 entries, from all over India and the best 10 were chosen by the detailed scoring process done by Ankush, Arun, Raju and Vibhuti.



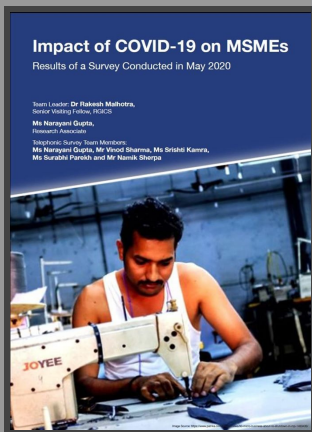
The Finale of this event happened on the 1st of July.



Policy Watch 9.6:
Special Issue
(Covering all Themes)



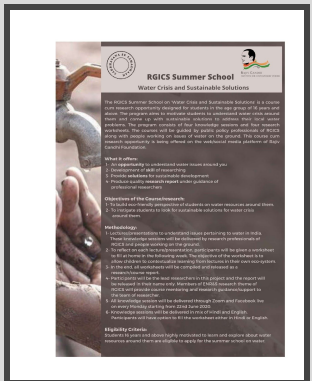
New basics: Livelihoods micro-equity, digi-touch



Research Report: Impact of Covid-19 on MSMEs.



COVID-19: Why Not Tweak and Expand the MUDRA Scheme to Throw a Lifeline to MSMEs?



RGICS Summer School- Water Crisis and Sustainable Solutions



“We just want to go Home!”

RGICS Webinars



Webinar | Enhancing Yields and Managing Risk For Smallholder #Farmers in #SouthAsia



RGICS Webinar | The Likely and the Desirable Future of School Education in the time of COVID19.