



## Newsletter July 2020

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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

**Pahal, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh:**



**Shakti Foundation, South Delhi:**



**Yeh EK soch (Yes) Foundation, Sitapur, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh:**



**Mahatma Gandhi Trust, Madurai & Dindigul, Tamilnadu:**



## Wonderoom:

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

1. Mr. Rajneesh Bisht gave five sessions on the topics-
  - 1.) Poetry Recitation & Mobile Photography Part-1
  - 2.) Poetry Recitation & Mobile Photography Part-2
  - 3.) Creative writing, Recitation & Mobile Photography Part-3
  - 4.) Kalam Ka Sipahi: Life of Munshi Premchand
  - 5.) Humari viraasat...Munshi Premchand



2. Mr. Pratul Vasistha gave four storytelling sessions on खेल-खेल में कैसे सीख जाते हैं बच्चे बड़ी बातें, प्रकृति निरीक्षण से संभव है उत्तम शिक्षण, संगीत से व्यक्तित्व का विकास सहज हो जाता है, पंचतंत्र की कहानियाँ: जरूरी शिक्षा का छोटा रास्ता

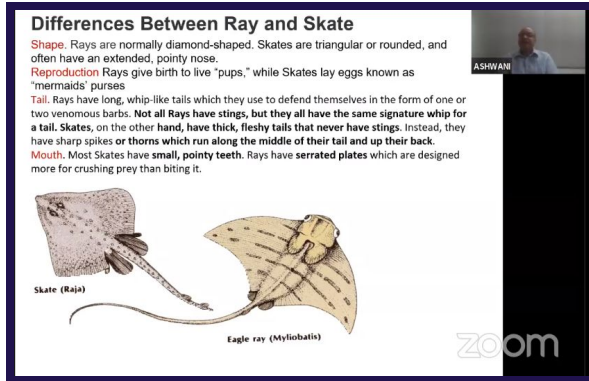


3. Mr. Rajneesh Bisht has also been engaged in English speech sessions and Wonderoom platform group on Whatsapp.
  - In English speech sessions group, children/volunteers presented more than 12 audio stories of famous writers, personal introduction [about self /family /surrounding], and current affairs. 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.



Skill lab team has been actively participating in the Sadbhavana with Nature festival. Mr. Ashwani A. Masih and Mr. Namik Sherpa gave 10 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 Tropical Rain Forest- 4, Ray Fish- 1, Ray Fish- 2 and Owl



2. Mr. Namik Sherpa gave 4 Arts & Craft sessions on the topics Paper Fish Toy, Paper Crocodile Toy, Paper Balloon Pikachu and Pop Up Greeting Card. He also took sessions of Sadbhavana Live Tree Plantation drive with Ms. Geeta on the topics Autobiography of a Tree, Creative Story Writing, Say No to Plastic and Colors of Life with Nature. He was also a part of an Online Discussion session on Sadbhavana with Food.



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

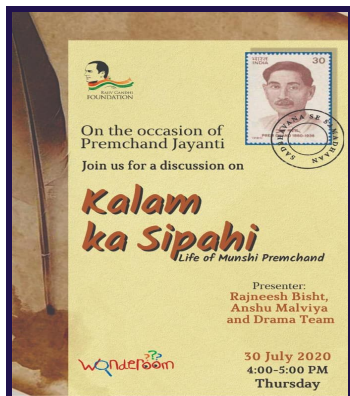
The video list follows, with the videos recorded and edited by the RSML Media Lab team:

1. *Sadbhavana Tree Plantation Drive- पेड़ों का हमारे जीवन में क्या महत्व होता है आओ मिलकर सबको बताते हैं-*  
<https://youtu.be/g01Ed869MXQ>
2. *Webinar: Vulnerabilities over Time-*  
<https://youtu.be/Jzw--PUpe1s>
3. *Bhagwan Ke Liye: Special Episode with Vijay Mahajan, Director, RGICS-*  
<https://youtu.be/UjNA6mD7ivg>
4. *Panel Discussion | The Likely and the Desirable Future of School Education in the time of COVID19-*  
<https://youtu.be/JKmcsQkXouo>
5. *Interview with Rukmini Karma - Bastar Zilla Parishad member-*  
<https://youtu.be/todh0JYS3Qc>

**RSML team has been engaged in editing following videos/Podcast:**

1. *Tree Plantation: This video is about the benefits of having trees and plants and also about the problems created by human beings by cutting the trees.*
2. *Podcast of " The Likely and the Desirable Future of School Education in the time of COVID-19."*
3. *Sahmat Exhibition Video: Sahmat organised an exhibition on 70 years of Constitution at Jawahar bhawan.*
4. *Premchand Samvad 2019 video*

30 sessions were organized under **Sadbhavana with Nature Festival** including a Plantation Drive as well as inviting various guest speakers from different fields and a two-day program to celebrate author Premchand’s birth anniversary.



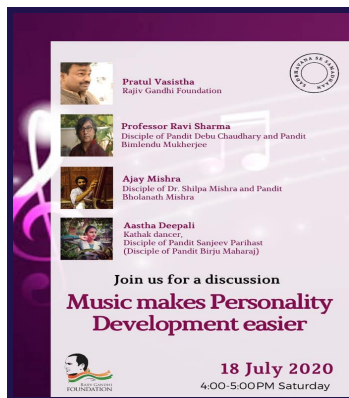
The sessions were attended by around 130 participants (many of them attending regularly) over Zoom as well as uploaded on Facebook with 1000 views as the average viewership. Also, mini challenges were given and the participants performed extremely well in them. The winning entries were uploaded on the platform.



The finale was organized and the winners were announced for the online speech competition – ‘Covid is caused by Humans Destroying the Environment’ and cash prizes and certificates were distributed. The winning entries along with the finalists are available on the platform.

Experts on Environment, cinema, yoga, theatre, music and literature spoke on these subjects along with in-house resource persons.

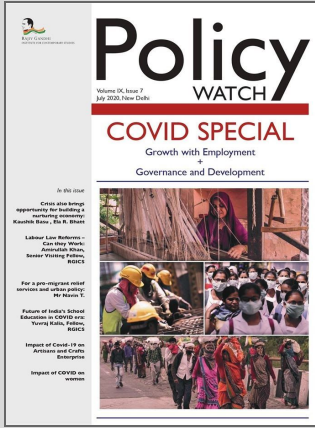
Teams from Rajasthan, Kerala, Assam, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Delhi and Kashmir participated in the plantation drive.



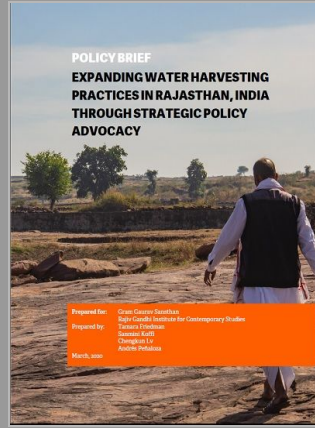
The summer school ‘Research-Oriented Course on Water for Children’ was completed. The online competition ‘Nature and Me’ was conducted between 15-25th July, 2020. Results to be announced soon.



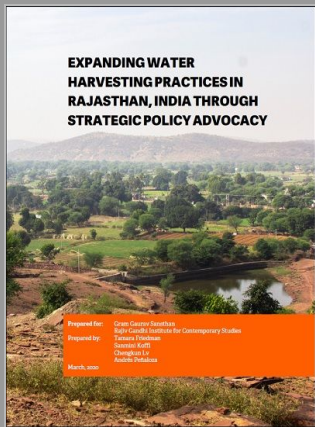
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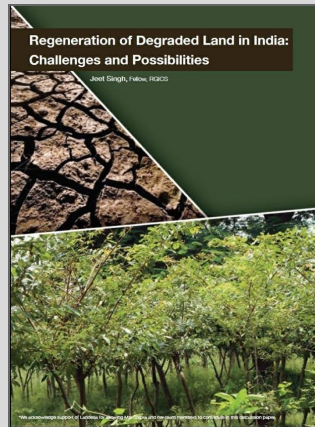
**Policy Watch 9.7: COVID SPECIAL**



**Policy Brief- Expanding water harvesting practices in Rajasthan, India through strategic policy advocacy**



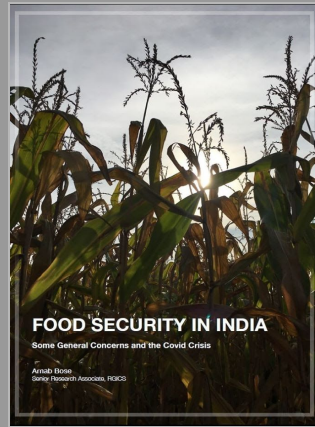
**Research Paper- Expanding water harvesting practices in Rajasthan, India through strategic policy advocacy**



**Research Paper- Regeneration of Degraded Land in India: Challenges and Possibilities**

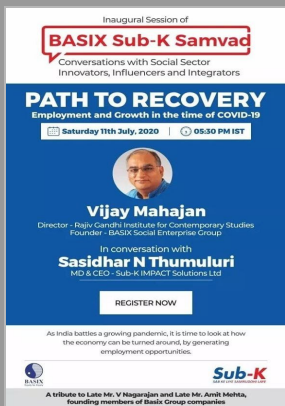


**RGICS Summer School- Water Crisis and Sustainable Solutions**



**Research Report Food Security In India: Some General Concerns and the Covid Crisis.**

**RGICS Webinars**



**Webinar | PATH TO RECOVERY: EMPLOYMENT AND GROWTH IN THE TIME OF COVID-19**



**Webinar | Vulnerabilities over Time**