



Newsletter August 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

Utkal Gandhi Smarak Nidhi (RGF Sadbhavana Associate, Biswajit), Cuttack, Odisha:



Purbanchal Maitri Development Society, Guwahati and Tezpur, Assam:



Rajarhat Prasari, Sunderban, West Bengal:



1. Culmination of 5 day, 76 kms run kms run by Ultra Runner Sufiya, Guinness Record Holder for fastest run from Kashmir to Kanyakumari.

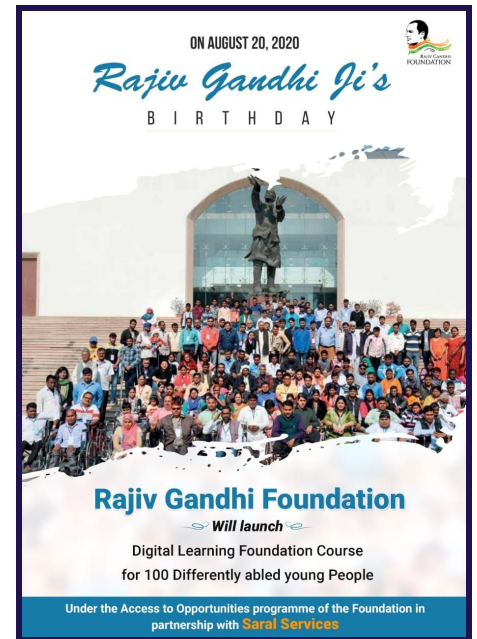


2. The Sadbhavana Pledge Ceremony was conducted at the Jawahar Bhawan and was led by Shri Suman Dubey, Trustee of RGF.

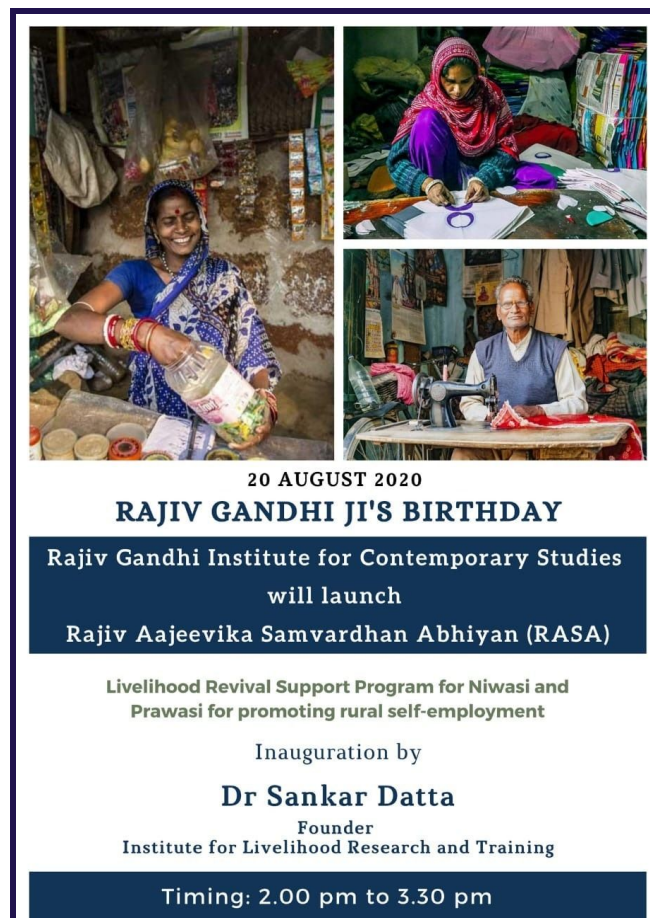


3. Skill Training on Digital Technology for Persons with Disability for promoting computer usage and self-employment

(<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=322488852203284&extid=3AdWGO5E4OYNhIZg>)



4. Rajiv Aajeevika Samvardhan Abhiyan (RASA) - Livelihood Revival Support Program for Niwasi and Prawasi for promoting rural self-employment

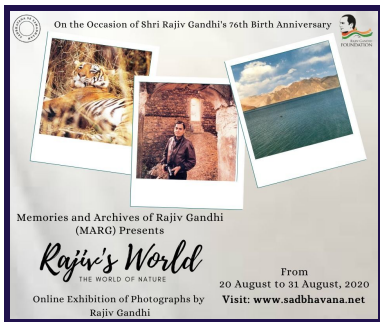


Wonderoom:

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

1. Mr. Rajneesh Bisht gave three sessions on the topics-

1.) Photography workshop



2.) Performances from different states on Independence Day

3.) Photography workshop- Digital Exhibition opening (Rajiv Gandhi: The Photographer)



2. Mr. Pratul Vasistha gave online sessions on book launch, Katha Utsav. He also handles a Facebook group named Online Research

Workshop-2020, in which he engages with children through various activities.



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 story telling, monologues, poem recitation and self made videos.

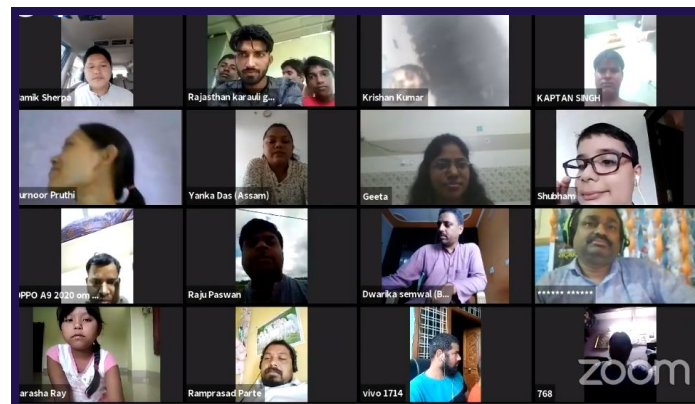
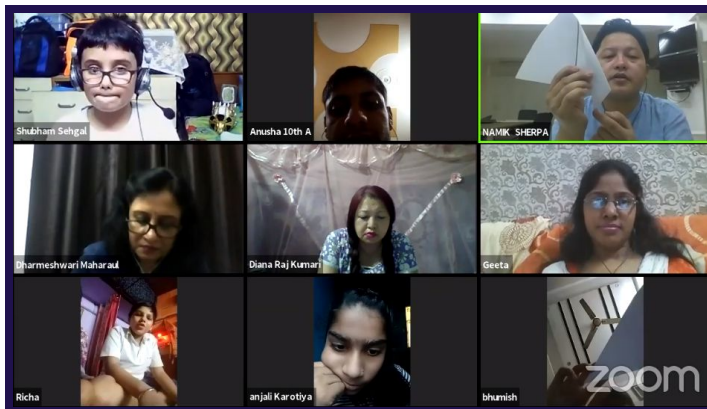
Socio-technical Knowledge, Innovation & Learning Lab (SKILLAB):

Skill lab team has been actively participating in the Sadbhavana with Nature festival. Mr. Ashwani A. Masih and Mr. Namik Sherpa gave six 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 three Fun Science sessions on the topics Oceans Part 1 and 2 (Oceans: Secrets of the deep) and Owl Part 2.



2. Mr. Namik Sherpa conducted an Arts & Craft session on the topic Paper Flapping Bird. He also took sessions of Sadbhavana Live Tree Plantation drive with Ms. Geeta on the topics Colors of Life with Nature, Speak your Heart and Culmination event and Learn about Beej Bomb.



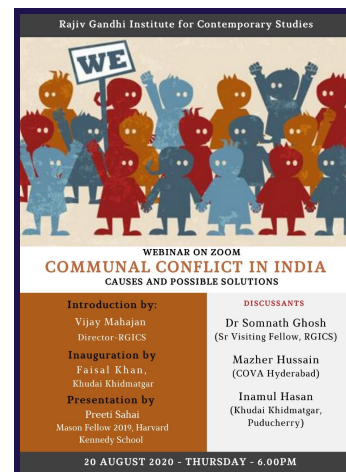
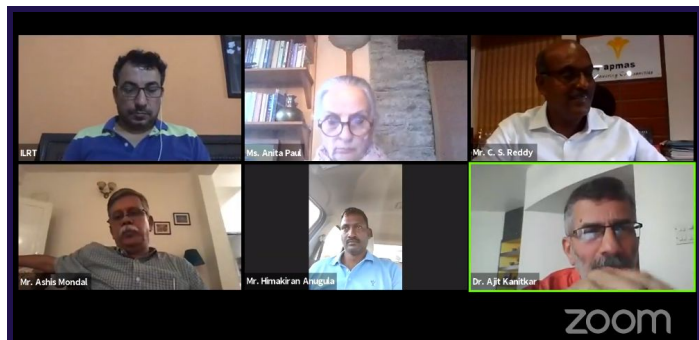
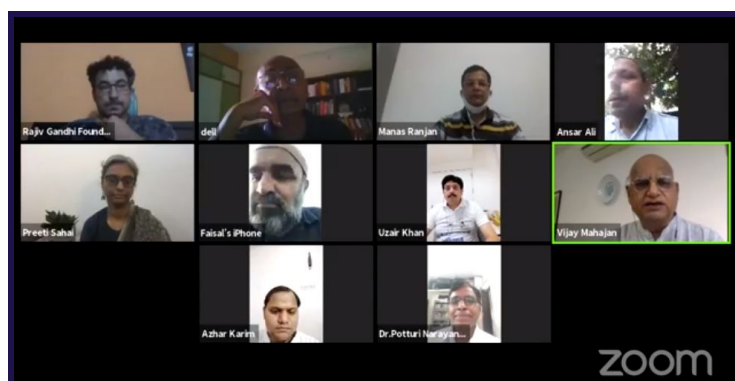
RSML has been working on engaging social media viewers by creating videos and posters for RGF, RGICS and for Sadbhavana Web portal.

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. *Panel Discussion | The Likely and the Desirable Future of School Education in the time of COVID19-* <https://youtu.be/JKmcSgkXouo>
4. *Interview with Rukmini Karma - Bastar Zilla Parishad member-* <https://youtu.be/todh0JYS3Qc>

RGICS Director conducted and/or participated as panelist in several Webinars.

1. **Communal Conflict: Causes and Possible Solutions**
2. **Redesigning India's Healthcare Infrastructure and policy post-COVID 19**
3. **Digital Health - Myth or Reality?**
4. **Panel Discussion on The Likely and the Desirable Future of School Education in the time of #COVID19**
5. **Restoring livelihoods of Smallholder Farmers: Challenges and Way forward**



1. The 76-days long Sadbhavana with Nature Festival was completed successfully on August 20th, 2020.
2. 70 zoom sessions were organized with around 3000 attendees under Sadbhavana with Nature Festival.



3. These sessions included workshops, talks, presentations, as well as sessions by various guest speakers from different fields. Experts on Environment, cinema, yoga, theatre, music and literature spoke on these subjects along with in-house resource persons.

4. These sessions garnered 115000 Facebook views and 40000 post engagements.

5. The total footfall of 30000 on Sadbhavana.net website, with a six minute average session.

6. The culmination of Plantation Drive 2020 was organized on 16th August 2020 with 5776 trees planted in various parts of the country.

7. A two day Independence Day program Rang-e-Azadi was organized. On 15th and 17th August, 2020 with performers from all over India participating in it.



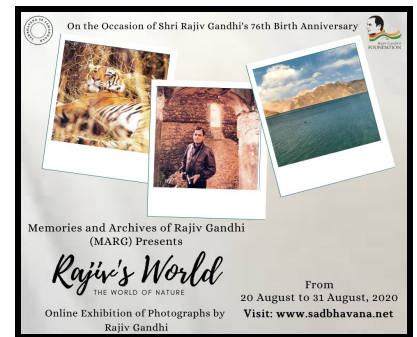
8. An online exhibition 'Rajiv's World: The World of Nature' was curated by MARG on the occasion of the 76th Birthday of Shri Rajiv Gandhi from August 20th – August 31st 2020.

9. Development of Sadbhavana App announced on August 20th, 2020.

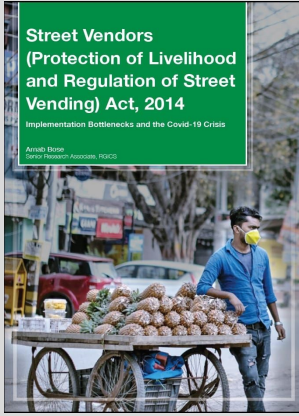
10. Winners of 'Nature and Me' competition announced with five winners in each age category

11. New content uploaded on the platform as well as on social media accounts.

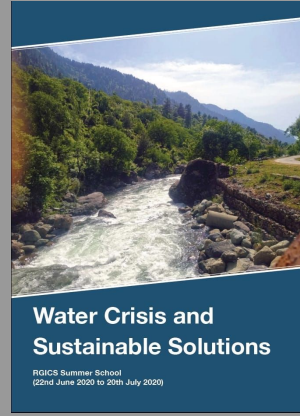
12. Science, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship sessions for the month of September Announced and started with 'A Journey through Physics' series.



Papers produced by RGICS Team:



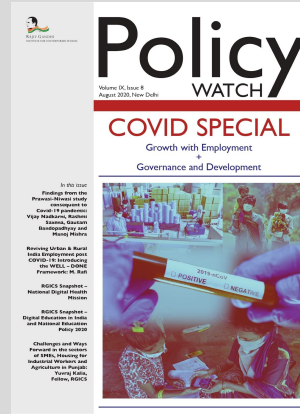
Research Paper-
Street Vendors
(Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014



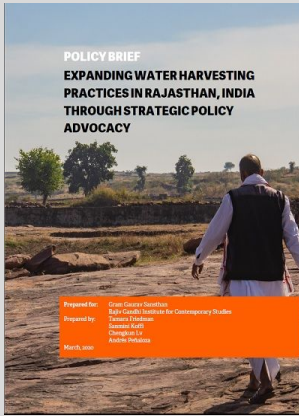
RGICS Summer School
Consultation Report-
Water Crisis and
Sustainable Solutions.



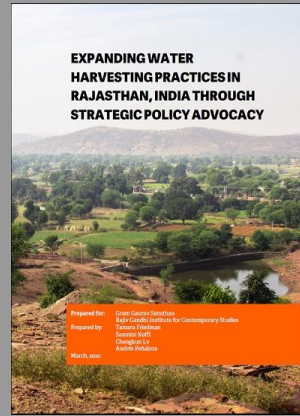
Research Paper: The
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Peaceful Solutions



Policy Watch 9.8: Covid
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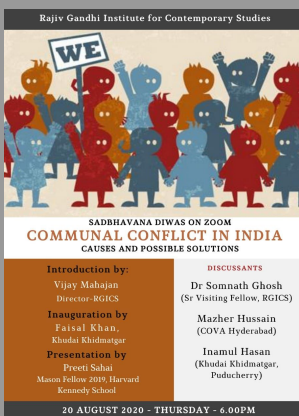


Policy Brief-
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RGICS Webinars



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Webinar | Restoring
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