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1 Introduction

The period from April 2020 to March 2021 was very difficult for the voluntary sector organisations and civil societies that were playing an important role in the development sector for nation building. Despite various restrictions due to the COVID Pandemic in the country, RGF has undertaken a number of activities such as COVID relief and livelihood, Education through digital medium, conduct a number of webinars on social and economic issues, producing of policy watch papers on various themes, publishing of articles and research papers etc. In addition, we have celebrated birth anniversaries of famous personalities for promoting their ideals and values through our programs and activities.

This was a difficult yet an eventful year for the entire team and the team is full of zeal to carry forward this journey of building and spreading Sadbhavana. The report details out the activities in each of our programs.

2 Livelihoods

2.1 COVID Relief Activities done in collaboration with NGOs

Due to the lockdown crisis, lakhs of people in the informal sector were without work and without food. There was an immediate need for relief support at all places. The only way of providing support was daily need food grains, pulses, cooking oil and essential grocery items. During the lockdown, RGF supported more than 20 NGOs in 12 states for COVID relief work. The NGOs were from the various locations of the states. In some states, we have carried out the relief work by engaging RGF Sadbhavana Associates. Through the NGOs and Sadbhavana Associates, RGF provided food materials to the needy workers who were in transits, daily wage earners, unemployed, homeless people, beggars and low income-group families in the highly affected areas. More than three lakhs people were reached and provided the relief material during the reporting period. The details of the partners and location of relief work have been given in the following table:

S.No.	Partner NGO	State	Location and type of people helped
1.	Purbanchal Maitri Development Society	Assam	Guwahati and Tezpur - Assam Domestic workers
2.	Sarva Seva Samity Sanstha	Bihar	Muzaffarpur & Samastipur Districts - Women, children, jobless families
3.	Khudai Khidmatgar	Delhi	South and East Delhi - Slum dwellers, stuck migrants
4.	Centre for Education and Communication (CEC)	Delhi	East Delhi - Slum dwellers, jobless workers
5.	Shakti Foundation	Delhi	South Delhi - Rag pickers, slum dwellers
6.	Manjari Foundation	Madhya Pradesh	Tikamgarh - Migrants workers
7.	Roti Bank Foundation	Mumbai	Mumbai - migrants from other states, jobless workers
8.	RGF Sadbhavana Associate, Dr Biswajit Roy	Odisha	Cuttack - Basti dwellers, beggars, returning migrants
9.	Sir Syed Trust	Punjab	Dera Bassi, - migrant brick kiln workers

10.	RGF Sadbhavana Associate, Inamul Hasan	Puducherry (UT)	Puducherry - migrants from UP, Bihar
11.	Aajeevika Bureau Trust	Rajasthan	Districts of Southern Rajasthan - migrants returned from Gujarat
12.	Dhara Sansthan	Rajasthan	Jaipur - slum dwellers, jobless workers
13.	Mahatma Gandhi Trust	Tamil Nadu	Madurai and Dindigul - Women domestic servants, HIV patients, Transgender
14.	VISION Society	Uttar Pradesh	Varanasi - Basti dwellers, returning migrants
15.	PAHAL	Uttar Pradesh	Allahabad, Basti dwellers, returning migrants
16.	Red Brigade Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow, Basti dwellers, returning migrants
17.	Vigyan Foundation	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow, Basti dwellers, returning migrants
18.	Badlav Foundation	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow, Basti dwellers, returning migrants
19.	Navodaya Institute - Bharat Navodaya Abhiyan	Uttar Pradesh	UP various locations - returning migrants
20.	Yeh EK Soch (Yes) Foundation	Uttar Pradesh	Sitapur, Lucknow, Slum dwellers, jobless workers
21.	Rajarhat Prasari	West Bengal	Sunderban, Cyclone Amphan affected people

Below are the some of the images of relief work done by the NGO Partner:

- Khudai Khidmatgar, Delhi -



- Roti Bank Foundation, Mumbai -



Badlav



- Foundation, Lucknow -



- Manjari Foundation, Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh -



- Sarva Seva Samity Sansthan, Bihar -



- Aajeevika Bureau Trust, Rajasthan -



- RGF Sadbhavana Associate, Inamul Hasan, Puducherry -



- Dhara Foundation, Rajasthan -



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



- PAHAL, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh -



- Yeh EK Soch (YES) Foundation, Sitapur and Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh -



- Mahatma Gandhi Trust, Tamil Nadu -





2.2 COVID Relief Activities done by RGF Team Members and Volunteers

From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, RGF team members have responded with remarkable speed, flexibility, and commitment to adapt during extremely difficult times. Details of the activities and some images related to the COVID relief work done by team members are as given below:



Mr Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, RGF Volunteers and his team members organised a Covid-19 relief distribution camp at various districts in J&K, and distributed dry ration kits to more than 150 families.



Mr. Sushil Kumar distributed homemade masks in the community in Delhi.

Mr. Arun Kumar and his friends distributed fruits to migrant workers, sweepers, policemen, labourers and people in rain basera in Sonipat, Haryana.



Mr. Kasim Raza made Coronavirus awareness posters and distributed homemade masks in his neighbourhood in East Delhi.



Mr. Rajesh Verma helped in distributing cooked food daily at relief venue Dakghar, Nangloi, an initiative by the Government of Delhi.

In Rewari, Haryana Mr. Vinod Sharma distributed face masks and dry ration kits to migrant workers, labourers and other people in need. He



also helped 9 labourers in his village to get a place to stay.

Mr. Basant Kumar distributed dry ration kits to labour and small washermen families in his neighbourhood.

Mr. Anoj Kumar distributed cooked food to

labourers in Paharganj, New Delhi.

Mrs. Anju Sharma distributed dry ration kits to around 45 needy families in Dilshad Garden,

New Delhi and Mr Suresh Pal distributed cooked food to around 80 labourers in Uttam Nagar, New Delhi.



Ms. Pratibha Gautam distributed groceries, homemade masks and other essential things to the people in need. Also, she fed street dogs.

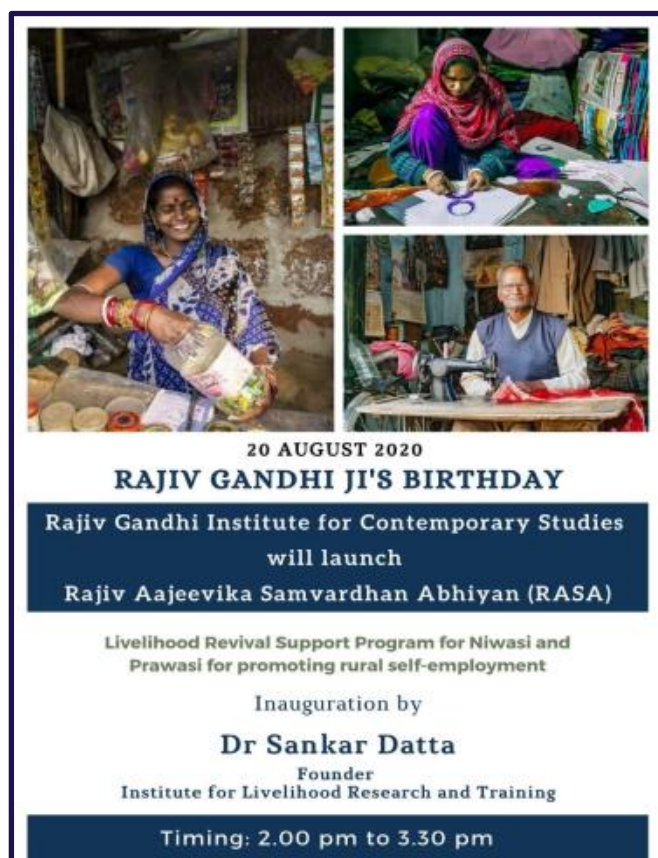
Mr. Bachitter Singh helped other villagers to fix up a well and get clean water in his village in Himachal Pradesh.

Mr. Vedprakash Singh has joined the initiative of his childhood friends at Saarthi Fundamentals, where they distributed dry ration kits to migrant workers and children orphanages in Thane city in Maharashtra. Apart from this, they have network partners who donate PPE items as per the request of doctors and other health workers.

Mr. Manoj Mishra became a part of The National Youth organisations and Utkal Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, where they distributed cooked food to almost 300 people everyday in Cuttack. These 300 people are migrant workers, rickshaw pullers, beggars and destitute women.



2.3 Rajiv Aajeevika Samvardhan Abhiyan (RASA)



The Rajiv Aajeevika Samvardhan Abhiyan (RASA) for the rural residents and migrant returnee people was inaugurated on 20th August 2020. The RASA initiative aims at reviving the livelihoods of the migrants and residents. This abhiyan is to support the potential entrepreneurs from farm sector as well as non-farm sector to become an Atmanirbhar through capacity building and handholding support. RASA endeavours to stimulate the emergence of about 600 Aspiring Micro-Entrepreneurs (AMEs).

This Livelihood Revival Support Program was launched with 13 NGO/SHG/FPO partners in seven states and 22 districts covering over 600 aspiring micro-entrepreneurs. By the end of March, over 85 percent started micro-enterprises.

S.No.	State	District	Name of NGO / Resource Agency
1	Bihar	Muzaffarpur	Meenapur Federation
2	Bihar	Gaya	Adarsh Mahila Federation
3	Bihar	Nawada	Gyan Ganga Federation
4	Bihar	Katihar	4S Team
5	Chhattisgarh	Bastar	Bastar Samajik Jan Vikas Samiti (BSJVS)
6	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	Chhattisgarh Action and Research Team
7	Chhattisgarh	Mahasamund	Nidaan Sewa Parishad
8	Chhattisgarh	Kabirdham	Shram Vikas avum Shodh Sanstha
9	Jharkhand	Giridih	Ambedkar Social Institute

10	Jharkhand	Ranchi	Torang Trust
11	Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur	Mahila Samiti
12	Madhya Pradesh	Tikamgarh	Prakrati Seva Sansthan
13	Odisha	Gajapati	Agami Lok Kalyan Sangh
14	Odisha	Nabarangpur	Assn for Secular Initiatives for Social Humanism
15	Odisha	Rayagada	Bapuji Gramay Kayan Samaj
16	Rajasthan	Barmer	Dhara Sansthan
17	Rajasthan	Jaipur	Dhara Sansthan
18	Rajasthan	Alwar	Sir Syed Trust
19	Rajasthan	Karauli	Gram Gaurav Sansthan
20	Uttar Pradesh	Faizabad	Sir Syed Trust
21	Uttar Pradesh	Jhansi	Margshree Charitable Trust
22	Uttar Pradesh	Lalitpur	Bundelkhand Sewa Sansthan

The present training methodology is planned with three-fold objective:

- Systematic understanding/ exposure/ awareness of the components enterprise (very small, small and cluster-based) enterprises.
- Understanding of the traits of a very small entrepreneur.
- Planning the entrepreneurs training and handholding in the current situation.

At the end of the training we expect participants to have:

- Some knowledge about enterprise, to help them to help entrepreneurs in their enterprise selection, and later on provide bases for hand holding in running the enterprise smoothly.
- Understanding of entrepreneurial traits, which will help them to identify and select entrepreneurs.
- Concretizes the first training of entrepreneurs with special focus on practicality in current situations (covid induced limitations), hence the outcome is a practical action plan of training at field level.

- Established Aspiring Micro Entrepreneurs (AMEs) under RASA -



- Few glimpses from training under RASA -



2.4 Reconstruction and Livelihood Restoration at Wayanad District, Kerala

To rehabilitate the most affected families due to heavy rains and landslides in Kerala in 2019, various activities with the involvement of local civil societies, local panchayats, technical agencies and local individuals were planned for reconstruction of broken houses. After several meetings with local agencies and

field visits in villages, assessment and surveys, we identified most affected Adiya Tribal families for resettlement and rehabilitation activities in the panchayat. Under this project, a Model House and a Community Centre were planned for resettlement of tribal families. A model house was completed in Wayanad and training in bamboo handicraft production was carried out in Idukki with NGO partners. The nearly 50 trained tribals were able to make products and sell these through an exhibition as well locally on a regular basis, to augment their earnings.





2.5 Restoration of Livelihood and Skill Development at Wayanad District, Kerala

The project's objective is to provide a recovery mechanism for Tribal communities in Wayanad to realize their livelihood. Specifically, the project addresses an alternative, assisting women to seek a viable activity by developing their skills with better prospects earning a steady supplementary income. Intervention at this juncture means hand holding, by introducing alternative means, for which support is essential. Keeping in mind the need of the families, the following activities have been started in the month of March 2020 in the four selected areas of two blocks in Wayanad District:

Poultry rearing in Cages

Goat rearing

Rice / Tuber/Plantain etc cultivation (JLG)

Revival of cultural troupe of Tribal youth

Support for Semi skilled youth- Tailoring

One of the livelihood activities approved was Buffalo calves rearing. They were able to do the initial work in the month of September 2020. They received five Calves and they prepared a strong buffalo shed. Now they take care of them by cleaning the shed and feeding the buffalo calves as they decided within the small group.

In addition, they will be taking one acre of cultivable land on lease for cultivating string beans; the latter will continue as paddy cultivation.



Our staff member, Ms Cicily Francis visited the program villages to assess the progress of the project. She had a meeting with the youth group and their panchayat member Mr Joseph who has been a great support and guide to them. They formed a youth group of 20 persons who were also the members of a cultural music group. They opened a bank account and did transactions of money to buy buffalo calves for rearing them as a team as they got support from the NGO to continue the livelihood program. A big number of tribal youth groups are very active in the various activities for livelihoods in the region.

One of the activities the youth group perform is their Nasik dolls music and earn for their daily needs. We could see a dynamic and energetic tribal youth group with great goals while they took their livelihood activity.

2.6 Flood Relief and Livelihood Restoration, Jammu & Kashmir

A project titled Actions for Sustainable Livelihoods (ASL) was implemented in flood affected areas of Kashmir, with partnership of Indo-Global Social Services Society (IGSSS). This work began after the 2014 floods, the work has been completed with over 500 households taking up three income generating activities - vegetable and fruit cultivation, sheep rearing and carpet weaving.









Progress made by FPO-OFPO/Artisan/Farmers:

- Eight artisans completed weaving of 192 square feet worth Rs. 2.18L.
- Demonstration sites harvested vegetable crops of Rs 1.54L from knol-khol, Shimla long Radish, pink table radish.
- Two SHGs namely Hamasa & Shama sold 13 quintals of vermi-compost.

- SHEJAAR Vegetable Producer Company sold fresh vegetables like Knol-Khol, Radish, Garlic, Bottle Gourd, Cucumber, Cauliflower, Cabbage, broccoli, lettuce, turnip, Farash beans, Onion & Sukash Bottle Guards worth 125,000 INR.
- Backyard Poultry Model Replication: A part of sustainable and diversified livelihood, 35 progressive livestock producers of Gadakhud and 11 families of Najan and Tularzoo villages of Bandipora district adopted and replicated the previously implemented pilot project on backyard poultry at Najan village.
- Keeping in view the Covid pandemic and subsequent expansion of this model has been realized. The people in and around the Najan village showed their keen interest and took steps forward to explore more opportunities and harness the benefits accordingly under this concept.
- Department of agriculture Sumbal distributed vermi-compost among 40 families at Ankhulla village of Bandipora district (5 kgs each family) free of cost during July under VFPO banner.

Indo-Global Social Service Society Kashmir

Capacity Building & Skill Upgradation Training of Farmers, Artisans & Other Groups. Under Actions for Sustainable Livelihoods Project

Trainings Conducted

- Use of Virtual Space for Planning and Engagement:
 - 1. A Capacity Building Group and Covid-19 Crisis was created in collaboration with Centre for Law and Development
 - 2. Comprising of 16 members (10 active youth group representatives, three advocates, Greater Kashmir editor & two staff members of IGSSS)
 - 3. Dialogue on conflict transformation and community engagement during COVID-19 crisis in rural areas.
 - 4. Two rounds of virtual engagement meeting conducted on Disasters and Peace Building Opportunities and Organizational Capacity Development.
- Farmer Field School- Rice Cultivation Technical Trainings:
 - Ten onsite technical trainings for trainees of FFS rice Cultivation with a focus on growing chemical free rice varieties in Ankhulla village of Bandipora district organised.
- Farmer Club Awareness Meet Program with NABARD support:
 - One awareness meet program of Al-Mustafa (Ankhulla) farmer producer group was organised with the expert Gh Mohd Dar, retired chief agriculture officer.
 - Discussed the services, schemes, and technical inputs available with the department of agriculture.
 - One agri expert met and field with a producer group organised to provide technical inputs on spot to these farmers and future course correction for their transplanted vegetable & rice variety crops.
- KISSAN Pakwada Meet: 200 farmers participated in this meet in three blocks of Sumbal, Pattan and Singpora to get awareness about the KCC and other related schemes from the agriculture department, J&K Bank & other departments online.

Many meetings and interactions were organised such as:

 - Interaction Program with Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Bandipora on Sheep husbandry and related government schemes
 - Meeting with Agriculture Officers of Sumbal and Pattan zone to provide inputs on the strengthening of the Shejaar FPO & building the capacities of its board of directors and registered members.

In addition, various relief works is done in response to COVID crises such as ration, food distribution, sanitation and awareness

2.7 Water Conservation Structures in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh

In Karauli district of Rajasthan water harvesting work by Gram Gaurav Sansthan (GGS), a local NGO, continued with funding from both the DS Foundation directly to GGS, and with MGNREGA funding directly to panchayats. Work on several structures completed during the COVID period and it provided both much needed employment as well as built permanent water structures to enhance agricultural area and yield and reduce drought risk.

A project to strengthen women's self-help groups and take up goat-rearing was also started. A project to install solar panels to provide both domestic lighting, water supply and also some irrigation is being planned and is likely to commence in March 2021. Mr Uzair Khan and Mr Murari

Goswami provided technical guidance and RGF has placed a team of three grassroots community mobilizers in the area.

In the Tikamgarh district of Madhya Pradesh, after almost six months of no action due to COVID as well as change in government, by October, some more proposals for building farm ponds under MGNREGA were accepted by the district administration.

3 Education

3.1 INTERACT

Due to COVID and the closure of schools and colleges, INTERACT children were all at their homes. Ms Sujatha and Ms Vibhuti, along with Ms Diana in Guwahati and Ms Kaneez Zehra and Mr Aijaz Sofi in Kashmir continued to reach out the children through audio and video calls and provided all kinds of support and counselling. To keep the children engaged, programs were organised digitally to educate and entertain them jointly with the Wonderoom team. By March, by enrolling the last six children from Kashmir, we were able to complete the target number of providing scholarships to 300 children.

In the middle of all this, Sujatha was able to secure admissions for seven scholars who had finished 12th standard, to join professional courses in the Suresh Gyan Vigyan University, Jaipur with full waiver of tuition fees and some concession in hostel fees. Four scholars were admitted to Renaissance University, Indore with partial scholarships.

The nutrition and hygiene education program to combat Acute Encephalitic Syndrome (AES) in Muzaffarpur, Bihar was restarted by partner NGO Save a Mother Foundation in March.

3.1.1 INTERACT Plus Activities

We had organized zoom meetings in the month of August with the INTERACT family of Assam and Manipur. The topic in the meetings was “Life during Covid” and everybody shared their experiences. It never felt that all were sitting in different corners of the country. It was like all were sitting together discussing matters like a big family and happy that all are doing their bit to help fellow human beings.



One more zoom meeting was organized by the RGF Kashmir team regarding Covid-19 and its effects on mental health and how to deal with the situation. The meeting was attended by eleven present Scholars, four alumni, two guardians and Kashmir Team of RGF with Ms Sujatha and Ms Vibhuti. The following issues were discussed:

- The main objective of the meeting was to inform the participants about the pandemic situation of Covid-19 and its effects on mental health.
- The participants were made aware about the SoPs and guidelines by the administration to fight against Covid-19.
- Focus on maintaining social distance and work from home was discussed with participants.
- Utilization of existing resources to keep in touch with studies was also explored in the meeting.



- Engagement with indoor games, storytelling and other recreational tasks.
- Phoning counselling in case of any need.
- Information in case of any emergency need of daily essentials.

3.1.2 INTERACT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In this financial year, we are supporting a total of 252 scholars in 14 states for their school education activities. Following are the details of INTERACT current scholars:

State	No. of Scholars
Telangana	10
Assam	32
Chhattisgarh	7
Jammu & Kashmir	94
Manipur	85
Maharashtra, Mumbai	4
Puducherry	3
Nagaland	2
Gujarat	1
Karnataka	1
Jharkhand	4
Rajasthan	1
Haryana	6
Uttar Pradesh	2
Total	252

Higher education at free of cost:

INTERACT ALUMNI AT SGV, JAIPUR & Renaissance University, Indore				
S.No	Name of Student	Gender	State	Course of study
1	Mrinmoy Barman	M	Assam	B Tech Mechanical Engineering
2	Gracy Salam	F	Manipur	BBA
3	Korimayum Salima Sultan	F	Manipur	B.Sc. Hons. Agriculture

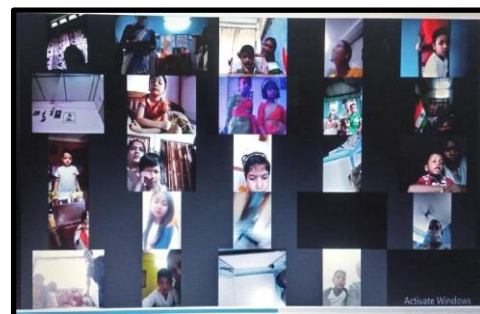
4	Thokchom Riya Devi	F	Manipur	B.Sc. Hons. Agriculture
5	Anjali Vinod Gupta	F	Mumbai, Maharashtra	B Tech CSE with Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
6	Heisnam Joshila	F	Manipur	B.Sc. Biotechnology
7	Sinam Rezia Devi	F	Manipur	B.Tech. Computer Science & Engineering with Specialization in *Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning Powered by IBM*Data Analytics powered by IBM
8	Singamayum Baby Niyhaad	F	Manipur	B. Physiotherapy
9	Saboor Ahmed Mir	M	J&K	BA Journalism & Mass Communication
10	R Meghana Reddy	F	Telangana	B. Physiotherapy
11	Nishanta Barman	M	Assam	MBA
INTERACT ALUMNI AT Renaissance University, Indore				
12	Md Abdul Wahid Sheikh	M	Manipur	BA Public Administration
13	Suhail Mushtaq	M	Jammu & Kashmir	BCA

Activities in Bal Sadbhavana Kendra – Guwahati

RGF Sadbhavana Associate at Manipur says that during this period besides attending zoom meetings organized by RGF, we have been trying to co- ordinate and get our Wonder World kids active even though we make them stay at home. We give them tasks to draw, paint, craft, dance and share their activities in our whatsapp group. We also make them participate in most of the activities given on the zoom meetings. We have organized 3 zoom meetings with our Wonder World kids in the month of July and August.



Then on Independence day, along with Mrs. Uma Lakshman, Principal of Padma Tiny Tots organized the Independence day celebration on Zoom reaching out altogether to the school kids as well as our Wonder World kids who mostly are pass outs from this school. We stay at home to be safe but we reach out to the kids by one way or the other.



3.2 Update from Rajiv Gandhi Cambridge Trust Scholar Devarchan Banerjee:

'Between 2019 and 2020, Devarchan worked in Uganda as a research associate with the Booth School of Business, University of Chicago. He assisted with three nationwide randomised interventions involving 4000 firms engaged in public procurement. The interventions were aimed at reducing information frictions between firms and public procurement agencies. Later, He was promoted to lead the design and implementation of a lab-in-the-field experiment. The experiment measured how firms are disincentivised to be more active in the public procurement market by their perceptions of the corruption of procurement agencies.

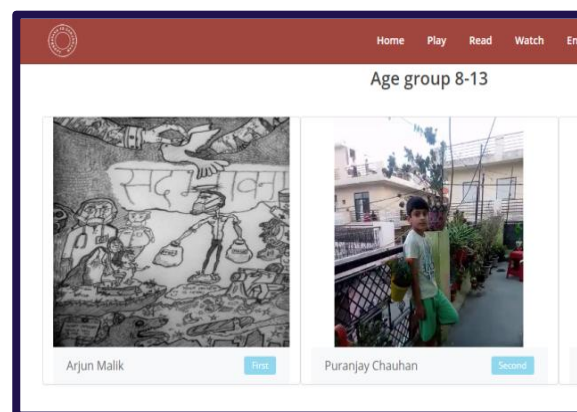
Currently, he works for Dalberg Global Development Advisors as an Associate Consultant. A global strategic advisory firm that focuses exclusively on international development. I have advised the Indian Government and three international agencies on preparing a research design to understand the impact of COVID-19 on early childhood development. For the ongoing study, he created a panel survey to be delivered to 10,000 primary, secondary, and institutional caregivers across ten Indian states and conducted several 'Human-



Centred-Design' interviews with institutional caregivers. He has also worked with Jai Vakeel Foundation, India's largest intellectual disability organization to design an innovative Monitoring and Evaluation strategy based on Amartya Sen's Capabilities approach.

3.3 Rajiv Sadbhavana Media Lab (RSML)

RSML has been working under the coordination of Dr Ankush Gupta on engaging social media viewers by creating videos and posters for RGF, RGICS and for Sadbhavana Web portal. Under the program of Interactive Digital Education and Assessment of Learning (IDEAL) - Sadbhavana se Samadhaan (S2S) Platform, the team has engaged a number of children from various parts of the country. The children were approached to register in the platform and engage themselves in the related activities during the lockdown. In the reporting period, a total of 500 children from different parts have registered at the IDEAL platform of RSML.



Keeping in mind their needs to engage and also to help them think positively, on April 14, 2020, RGF launched a competition titled "Sadbhavana in the Times of Corona". Children in the age group of 8-13 years have made their entries on www.sadbhavana.net on acts, experiences and learning about Sadbhavana around them that they have come across during this time of dealing with Covid-19. This competition also marked the launch of the 'Engage' section of 'Sadbhavana say Samadhaam' (S2S) platform, where children made their profiles, created groups and shared Sadbhavana related content with each other. The competition was open for 14

days (14-28 April 2020). There were cash prizes and two consolation prizes in different age groups for the winners.

The competition was successfully completed. Results announced during a Zoom event on Shri Rajiv Gandhi's death anniversary with the children participating and Shri Sandeep Nagar, Dy. Director Education department, Government of Punjab was the Guest.

We started a 76 days long activity on the theme of "Sadbhavana with Nature Festival" on 5th June 2020. The Wonderoom team along with some resource persons delivered various online sessions for this theme. There were a number of sessions on various topics related to Sadbhavana with Nature. During the sessions with children, the importance of Sadbhavana with Nature (Jal, Jangle, Jameen and Jaanwar) was discussed. During this festival, plantation of trees was also done in different locations of the country.

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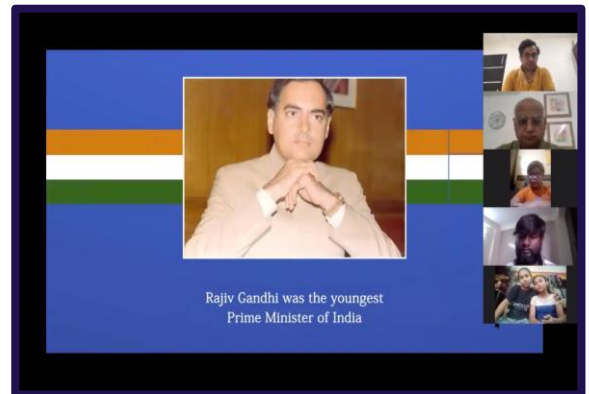
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This festival was till the 20th of August, where it ends on Rajiv Ji's Birth Anniversary. We have had a total of 19 sessions on varied topics. Mr. Ashwani, Mr. Namik, Mr. Pratul, Mr. Rajneesh, Mr. Ankush and Mr. Jeet Singh have all taken sessions along with a few external guests. 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 40-45 participants.

Apart from regular sessions we had also organized an online speech competition from the 19th June to 28th June 2020. 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 Mr Ankush Gupta, Mr Arun Malik, Mr Raju Paswan and Ms Vibhuti.





The Finale of the event happened on the 1st of July 2020. A total of 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.

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.

Another activity of the summer school 'Research-Oriented Course on Water for Children' was also completed in this period. The online competition 'Nature and Me' was conducted between 15th July to 25th July, 2020.

Highlights of Sadbhavana with Nature Festival:

- The 76-days long Sadbhavana with Nature Festival was completed successfully on 20th August 2020.
- 70 zoom sessions were organized with around 3000 attendees under Sadbhavana with Nature Festival.
- 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.
- These sessions garnered 115000 Facebook views and 40000 post engagements.
- The total footfall of 30000 on Sadbhavana.net website, with a six minute average session.
- The culmination of Tree Plantation Drive was organized on 16th August 2020 in which more than 5776 trees have been planted in various parts of the country.
- A two day Independence day program Rang-e-Azadi was organized on 15th and 17th August, 2020. Different performers from all over India participated in this program.



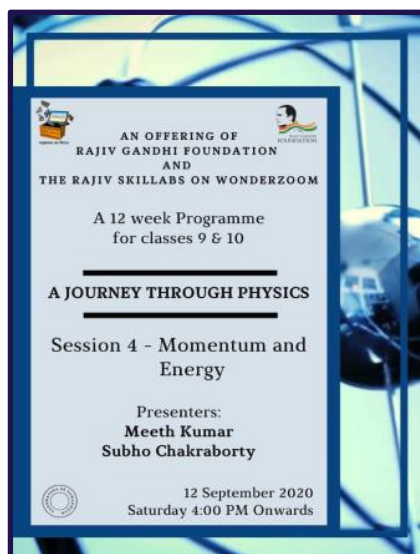


- An online exhibition 'Rajiv's World: The World of Nature' was curated by MARG on the occasion of the 76th Birthday of Shri Rajiv Gandhi from 20th August to 31st August 2020.
- Development of Sadbhavana App announced on 20th August 2020.
- Winners of 'Nature and Me' competition announced with five winners in each age category
- New content uploaded on the platform as well as on social media accounts.

A Journey through Physics – online sessions

We have announced the Science, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (STIE) sessions for the month of September 2020. It was started with 'A Journey through Physics' series.

1. At Sadbhavana.net platform we celebrated Science, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the month of September.
2. Bringing together various experts from Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, and creating educational, entertaining, and accessible programs for children, we started our WonderZoom sessions this month.



3. These sessions included workshops, talks, presentations, as well as sessions by various guest speakers from different fields.

4. Mr Meeth Kumar and Mr Shubho Chakraborty started a 12-part course for children titled 'A Journey through Physics'. Mainly 9th and 10th standard children were covered during the sessions.

5. A total of 18 zoom sessions were organized with around 750 attendees from all over the country under this program.

6. These sessions included workshops, talks, presentations, as well as sessions by various guest speakers from different fields.

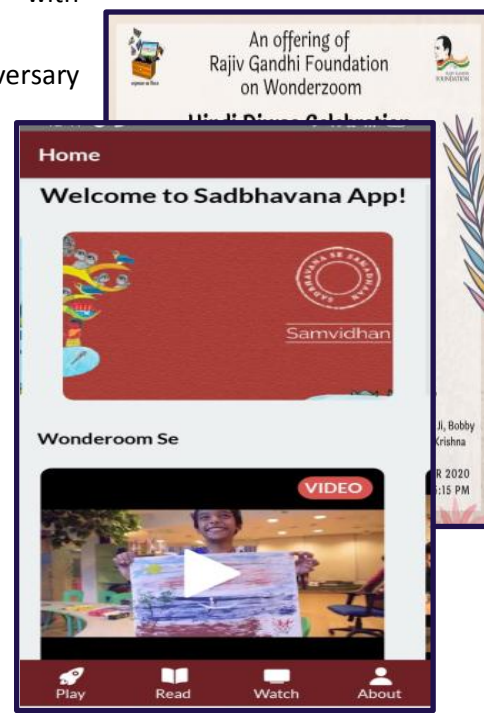
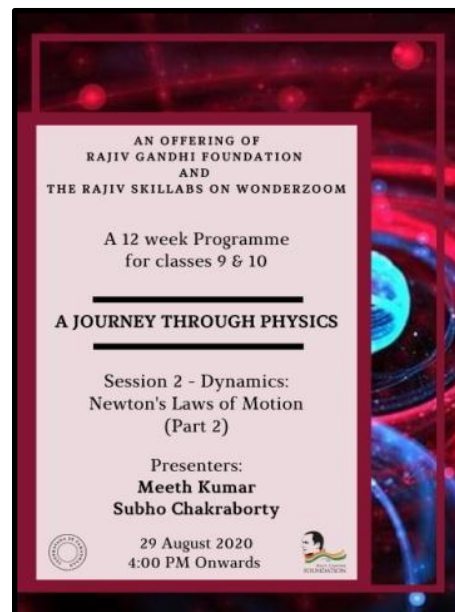
7. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's Birth Anniversary was celebrated as Teachers' Day on 5th September, 2020 with presentations by several artists.

8. Acharya Vinoba Bhave's 125th Birth Anniversary was celebrated on 11th September, 2020 with Mr. Sudarshan Iyengar in conversation with Mr.

Vikram Amaravat.

9. Hindi Diwas was celebrated on 13th September 2020, with a debate competition on the topic- 'The language of Hindi books should be changed from Hindi to Hinglish.'

10. The life and work of Dr. C.V. Raman was celebrated on 20th September 2020, by a series of performative presentations and discussions.



11. A special program on Mahatma Gandhi's childhood was organized with Dr. Satyavrat and Mr. Anupam Dixit as speakers.
12. The Sadbhavana App has been created and available on google play store.
13. Development of Sadbhavana website into a more interactive and user friendly platform.
14. New content uploaded on the platform as well as on social media accounts

The team of RSML has also worked on engaging social media viewers by creating videos for RGF and RGICS and for Sadbhavana.net portal. The following videos have been recorded and edited by the RSML Media Lab team during reporting period:

- Interview with Sri Kamal Chakraborty- An Environmentalist- <https://youtu.be/G8cgM73PaA>
- Economic Challenges for India's Health Sector by Dr. Amir Ullah Khan- <https://youtu.be/J0Oz1G247ik>
- Rebooting Rural Economy: Policy Perspective- <https://youtu.be/loDo9DBArvs>
- The Forest Warrior: Interview with Sri Kamal Chakraborty, an Environmentalist- <https://youtu.be/G8cgM73PaA>
- Bhagwan Ke Liye: Special Episode with Vijay Mahajan, Director, RGICS- <https://youtu.be/UjNA6mD7ivg>
- Sadbhavana Tree Plantation Drive- पेड़ों का हमारे जीवन में क्या महत्व होता है आओ लकड़बको बताते हैं - <https://youtu.be/g01Ed869MXQ>
- Panel Discussion | The Likely and the Desirable Future of School Education in the time of COVID19- <https://youtu.be/JKmcsQkXouo>
- Do Bailon Ki Katha (दो बैलों की कथा)
- 125th Birth Anniversary of Acharya Vinoba Bhave
- The Hydrological Cycle
- A dialogue with Pratap Bhanu Mehta- <https://youtu.be/4v184yLmWcE>
- "A Retrospective Overview of Social Action in India: 1817-2017" by Vijay Mahajan, Director, RGICS- <https://youtu.be/k8J91hpgs18>
- Conserving Water, Promoting Livelihoods - English Version- https://youtu.be/ZbuVgf8HZ_E
- #Trailer: Water conservation for rain fed agriculture - PRADAN, Birbandh, Bankura District, West Bengal- <https://youtu.be/hs-an7iCHLw>
- Conserving Water, Promoting Livelihoods - Hindi Version- <https://youtu.be/N5u8wMonrr8>
- Interview with Rukmini Karma - Bastar Zilla Parishad member- <https://youtu.be/todh0JYS3Qc>
- #Trailer: Farming with Sadbhavana.- <https://youtu.be/TaDccR6TuJs>
- #Trailer: 5 Percent Irrigation Model- <https://youtu.be/MjnTcvEpzzQ>
- Smt Vimla Karma, Member, Janpad Panchayat, Katekalyan Block (Dantewada District, Bastar, Chhattisgarh)- <https://youtu.be/9KSFaMtYMMU>
- Achintya Ghosh - Pioneer in Development and Social Change- <https://youtu.be/eFNRTBIN0aQ>
- Munshi Premchand ki Kahani "Boodhi Kaki"
- The Bhagvad: Maa Ganga Dhyayati- Dance Ballet Performance by Shovana Naraya
- Online Nature Appreciation Workshop on nature observation for better education and Art and Craft Online Sessions by Namik
- The Coolie Sangha of poor peasant families in Ananthapur District of AP.
- Ram Esteves: Pioneer in Development and Social Change

- Aloysius Prakash Fernandez: Pioneer in Development and Social Change
- MYRADA: A non-government organisation working in drought-prone areas
- Ganga Ahwan activists Hemant Dhyani and Mallika Bhandt talking about the Chamoli disaster and its causes
- Dr Ashok Khosla, Dr Rajesh Tandon and Mr Vijay Mahajan talking about Civil Society
- A series of videos on Sufi Saints and the Bharat Ek Khoj series by Rajneesh Bisht and his team

Sadbhavana Edutainment Platform

During the Lockdown, the attendance for fixed time Zoom based events used to be high but it slowly came down. We found that many more people visit the curated programs on Facebook and YouTube. So to make all our programs available in one location, we technically upgraded the earlier platform www.sadbhavana.net and established a new edutainment platform www.sadbhavana.academy.

- The birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated through various programs that threw light on various key aspects of his life and philosophy.

Satyagraha through Non-Cooperation, and Civil Disobedience, were discussed. A tribute to Bapu, where artists from all over the country came together to perform online, was accompanied by heartfelt renditions and some enlightening discussions. This was followed by a beautiful evening of performances tracing 'The Journey of Mahatma'. Taking a cue from the 'namak satyagrah', a two-part series on salt was also organized by SKILLabs as part of our Wonderzoom program.

RSML team members Dr. Ankush Gupta (filmmaker, theatre director, music composer) and Mr. Nishant Tiwari (cinematographer, editor) conducted a two-day workshop (8-9 October, 2020) '**Script se Screen Tak**' in Varanasi with the puppetry artists from Creative Puppet Theatre Trust in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The workshop was attended by 15 artists that included puppeteers, writers, camerapersons, editors and production designers from the Creative Puppet Theatre Team. The workshop aimed at working with these artists to create content for online platforms and included sessions on scripting, visual language and production design, shot divisions, shooting techniques, and content development. Four video puppet shows were made

1. [Satyagraha Part 1 : Mahatma Gandhi in South Africa](#)
 2. [Satyagraha Part 2 : Mahatma Gandhi in Champaran](#)
 3. [Satyagraha Part 3 : Mahatma Gandhi in Dandi March](#)
 4. [Satyagraha Part 4: Mahatma Gandhi in Noakhali](#)
- A talk by Dr. Rakesh Batabyal titled 'The idea of Excellence in India's Educational Vision' was organized on the occasion of the 132nd Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.
 - A two-day program was organized to celebrate Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru's birth anniversary in collaboration with Jawahar Bhawan Trust.
 - A special program was organized for Smt. Indira Gandhi's 103rd birth anniversary.
 - Two consecutive programs were organized on the occasion of Constitution Day (26 November)
 - To encourage the spirit of Sadbhavana, a competition called Sadbhavana Santa was organised from 25th December 2020 to 5th January 2021.
 - Remembering Bapu events were organised on 30th January, 2021. A Discussion on Gandhi and Gandhians in the Northeast with Prof Sanjeeb Kakoty and Mr Dilip Sarma with Prof Vikram Amarawat of the Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad, established by Gandhiji in 1917.
 - Organised Fun Science Quiz for students of 6th, 7th & 8th class from 21st to 25th January, 2021

- A felicitation ceremony of teachers from Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh was organised by Kashi baidhik manch with support from Rajiv Gandhi foundation on the occasion of Basant Panchami on 16th February, 2021. In this programme, a puppet show based on Mahatma Gandhi's Satyagraha at Champaran was presented by artists from the Creative Puppet Theatre group.

Mr Ankush Gupta and Mr Nishant Tiwari of the Rajiv Sadbhavana Media Lab travelled to Varanasi for supporting the organising and online webcast of this program which was attended by several award winning teachers from various districts of UP and Chhattisgarh. There was a special address by Dr Alok Shukla, Principal Secretary, Education, Chhattisgarh describing how the state tried to continue to provide education to children using a combination of online as well face to face openstreet teaching through the program Padhai Tohar Dwar.

- Mr Ankush Gupta also travelled to Jana Sanskriti in Madhyamgram near Kolkata and then to Shanti Niketan to discuss various possible projects with our collaborators and various other artists present there who want to promote the philosophy of Sadbhavana.

The print magazine Civil Society organised a series of lectures on the work done by various civil society organizations with the intention to turn the lectures which are being conducted in distance-learning mode with Miranda House into professionally produced videos for repeated access and archival value. Nine lectures have been successfully held. The speakers for the nine lectures have been:

- i. Dileep Ranjekar, CEO of the Azim Premji Foundation: Why better government schools are the answer in India.
- ii. Siddharth Shriram, industrialist: Values beyond the bottomline: A traditional company in modern times
- iii. Ratish Nanda, CEO of the Aga Khan Trust for Culture: People and restoration: Urban renewal in Nizamuddin.
- iv. Osama Manzar, CEO and Founder of the Digital Empowerment Foundation: The digital divide: Why a phone is not enough.
- v. Sunil Kaul, Founder of the Action Northeast Trust: Working in Assam — Mental health camps and a clothing brand.
- vi. Dr Evita Fernandez of the Fernandez Foundation and Fernandez Hospitals : Making public-private partnerships work in healthcare.
- vii. Dr RA Mashelkar, National Science Professor: Innovation and inclusion: Using technology for everyone.
- viii. Dr Archana Godbole, Founder AERF: Protecting private forests and sacred groves in the western ghats.
- ix. Dr S. Vishwanath, water activist: Bengaluru and a million wells: Catching the rain in cities.

3.3.1 Wonderzoom Sessions

The Wonderoom team has been very active digitally. We offer three main activities spread across different sessions: Fun Science, Art & Craft and Theatre.

Wonderoom organised a number of online sessions under Wonderzoom with children covering many states. There were different sessions on diverse issues such as science and environment, health, education, arts and crafts, theatre, stories etc. The team also organised various counselling sessions for children on reducing mental and physical stress as well as session for improving English language and understanding about important aspects of physics.

The team contacted more than 7000 children in different states for attending the Wonderzoom online session on various skills development aspects and information. During the period, we have organised more than 300 sessions on zoom for children. On an average, around 60-70 children attended each session. In total, around 4000 children participated during online zoom sessions from 16 states. The states are Delhi, Rajasthan, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala and Telangana.

Online sessions under Wonderzoom

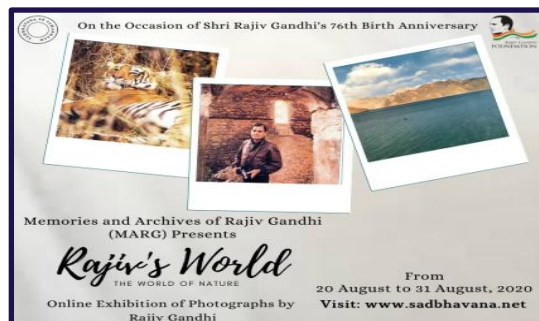
Mr. Rajneesh Bisht delivered drama sessions, organised workshops and some sessions on special occasions. Rajneesh conducted sessions on the topics-

1. 'The Bhagwat': Ma Ganga Dhyayati
2. Do Bailon ki Katha
3. Boodhi Kaki
4. Poetry Recitation and Mobile Photography Part-1 and 2
5. Creative writing, Recitation and



Photography

6. Kalam Ka of Munshi Premchand
7. Humari Munshi Premchand
8. Performances different states



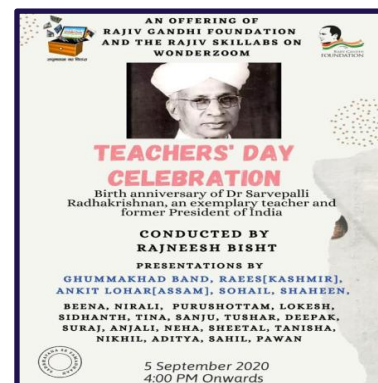
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9. Photography workshop- Digital Exhibition opening (Rajiv Gandhi: The Photographer)
10. Teacher's Day celebration on the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
11. CV Raman- Life and Work
12. Gandhi Jayanti
13. Remembering Jawaharlal Nehru
14. "Hum Bharat Ke Log" (on Constitution Day)
15. Tribute to poet Manglesh Dabral

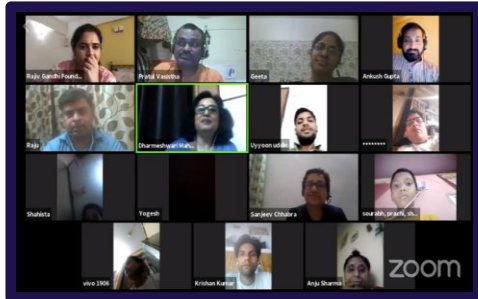
The Discovery of India series and Sufi Saint series launched in the month of January has proved to be a big draw as it speaks to the increasing craving for rebuilding Sadbhavana in society.

English speech sessions were also organised by the Wonderoom platform group on Whatsapp. In these speech session groups, children/volunteers presented 12 audio stories of famous writers, personal introduction about self /family /surrounding, and current affairs. This group has around 50

members. It is an open platform where people present storytelling, monologues, poem recitation and self-made videos.

Mr. Pratul Vasistha organised sessions on Storytelling, Poetry, Yoga, Nature, Hindi Diwas Celebration- Debate Competition and Mohan Kare Sawal etc and engaged children during the lockdown. These activities focused on the daily life of children and therapy on how it helps in reducing mental and physical stress. There were also some

online sessions on Sadbhavana, Book Launch, and Katha Utsav etc. These were through a Facebook group named Online Research Workshop-2020, in which children were engaged through various activities.



1. Srijotsav Online Workshop [5 days] Participants: 125 children and teachers
2. Online Summer Workshop [37 days] Participants: 349 children and 22 facilitators
3. Online Nature Workshop [43 days] Participants: 405 children and 14 supporters
4. Online Research Workshop [40+ days] Participant: 184 children and 20 Guest Speakers
5. Story Telling - Katha Utsav sessions

Brief about the online workshop

Srijotsav Workshop - A five days' workshop was organised in April 2020 in which more than 100 children, teachers and parents participated through whatsapp group. In this workshop, online sessions of painting, animation, cartography, cartoons, poetry, story, memoirs, reports, letter writing and child journalism were held. In which Poetry, Memoirs, Report and Child Journalism was facilitated by Wonderoom Resource persons.

Online Summer Workshop 2020, a non-stop 37 days' workshop was organised from 9th May 2020 to 14th June 2020. A total of 349 children and 22 volunteer facilitators participated in the workshop. The Workshop started every day at 9:30 am with 'Sadbhavana Baalsabha' Baalgeet and storytelling by children and authors, and then creative sessions were held by participants' teachers. Following were the topics covered during the workshop:



- Letter Writing : Facilitation by Dr. Arshad Khan, Associate Professor, Storytelling by Dr. Arshad Khan, Story "Hassu Ki Chitthi Dadu Ko"
- Letter Writing, Patra-Mitra: Facilitation by Dr. Arshad Khan, Storytelling by Ms. Shridha Pandey, Hindi Teacher, Alcon Public School, Mayur Vihar, Delhi
- Baalgeet Gayaki: Session Facilitation by Pratul Vasistha, Poem Recitation by Deepanshu and Sheetal (Children Poets)
- Create Comics: Session Facilitation by Mr. Pranav Vashisht, Storytelling by Ms Usha Chhabra, Teacher, DAV School, Rohini, Delhi
- Nibandh-Lekhan: Session Facilitation by Dr. Nagesh Pandey 'Sanjay', Storytelling (Nibandh) by Ms. Vedha Singh, 7th Class Student

- Baalgeet Gayaki and Atmakathya, Vyangya-lekhan: Facilitation by Pratul Vasistha, Poem Recitation by Divyanshi and Sheetal (Children Poets)
- Paper Toy: Session Facilitation by Mr. Namik Sherpa, Poem Recitation by Shadab Alam, Children Writer; and Divyanshi
- Origami: Session Facilitation by Mr. K.K. Dixit, Poem Recitation by children
- Journey through the Solar Wind, Dairy Lekhan and Sakshatkar, tribute on the death anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, Session Facilitation by Mr. Anupam Dixit, ARTWORK, Executive Officer for Science, Session Facilitation by Pratul Vasistha for Dairy Lekhan and Sakshatkar
- Sansmaran Writing: Session Facilitation by Pratul Vasistha, Storytelling by Pratul, Story "Mere Khel Mas'sab" Writer: Mr. Gyan Chaturvedi
- Chitra -Kavita: Session Facilitation by Mr. Gaurav Vajpai, TAX Officer in Balrampur, Dr. Arshad Khan, Story "Nana Ka Ghar Jadumantar" Writer: Self
- Poetry Writing: Session Facilitation by Mr. Rajneesh Bisht, Storytelling by me, Story "Fitna" Writer: Begum Saida Naseem Chishti
- Object Story: Session Facilitation by Mr. Rajneesh Bisht, Storytelling by Shaheen Sheikh, Story "Premchand Ke Fate Joote" Writer: Harishankar Parsai
- Animation and Movie Making: Facilitation by Mr. Piyush Kumar, College Student, Storytelling by Ms. Shraddha Pandey "Bharosa".
- Rekhaachitra-Writing and Poorak Kavita: Session Facilitation by Mr. Gaurav, Storytelling by Pratul, Premchand's story "Paipooju" and Dr. Arshad Khan "Samanta"
- Lokgeet Gayaki and Origami Advance session: Facilitation by Pratul Vasistha, Storytelling by Mr. Nishchal "Satrangi" medium Brajbhasha language
- Sculpture and Paper Batik Painting: Session Facilitation by Mr. Amitabha Rajan, Storytelling by Mr. K.K. Dixit with Origami "Gopalak Ki Kahani"
- Rangoli and Twing Art and Roti Art: Session Facilitation by Dr. Rakshi Rajan, Storytelling by Mr. Rajanikant Shukl on brave children "Jalate Makan Me"
- Kavita-Lekhan, Doha Chhand: Facilitation by Mr. Diniesh Chandra Gupt 'Ravikar', Poem Recitation by Rajanikant Shukl for motivation on Corona
- Kavita-Lekhan, Muktak: Facilitation by Mr. Ramesh Raj Gupt and Pratul, Poem Recitation by Pratul topic: muktak, few examples and given various task
- Kahani-Lekhan: Session Facilitation by Mr. Siraj Ahmad, Storytelling by Pratul "Chana Na Chabboon Kya" and Mr. Shekh Sohail "Gubbbarewala"
- Pradeshik Geet Gayaki: Session Facilitation by Pratul
- Rapat-Lekhan: Session Facilitation by Pratul, Storytelling by Ms. Shaheen Shaikh, Story by Dr. Arshad "Babban Ki Chitthi"

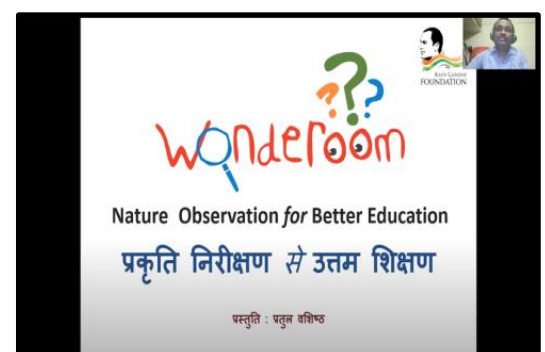
The culmination of the Online Summer Workshop was done on 14th June 2020 on Zoom-Meet in which following activities were done:

- Baal Patrakar Reporting Sharing by participants
- Distribute Certificates of participants
- Cultural program 'Dance and Music Show'
- Feedback by all participants, NGOs partner & parents, teachers, authors and Facilitators

Online Nature Workshop 2020

This workshop was organised from 20th June 2020 to 1st August 2020. This was the 43 days' workshops in which a total of 405 children and 14 facilitators participated. Following were the topics covered during the workshop:

- Yoga in Daily life: detailing of Yoga and Quiz sharing of Yoga
- Kavya Therapy: detailing of Poetry, Ras-Charcha



- Education by Games: detailing of Education games, Diwaswapn and Gijubhai Stories
- Nature observation for better education: detailing of Education games, Diwaswapn and Gijubhai Stories, and various literary topics discussion
- Music Makes Personality Development Easier: Classical Dance, Music, Folk Dance and Musical Instruments.
- Panchatantra: Shortcut of Education: Panchatantra stories, Premchand stories and Premchand Jayanti.

The culmination online nature workshop was on 1st August 2020 on zoom in which Baal Geet Zummelan; Book Launch-Hansi Ka Choor; Feedback by Parents, Teachers and Partner NGOs were the main activities. Besides the above online workshop, the team has organised Sadbhavana Katha Utsav with partners FXB India Suraksha and Salam Balak Trust.

Online Research Workshop

During the reporting period, we have also organised "online research workshop" on two WhatsApp groups on the subject of science. This was around 40 days workshop from 21st August to 30th September 2020. Around 184 children and 20 guest speakers participated in this online workshop. The sessions include general knowledge quiz per week and various feedback activities (puzzles, knowledge puzzles, picture puzzles and interesting topics) continued in the month of September on getting better feedback from the participants' children. About 32 children participated in the competitions organized on Hindi Day, which were also given a citation. The following were the major activities:

- Rajiv Jayanti - Introduction to the Divyang Role Model Lalit Kumar's book 'Vitamin Zindagi'
- Vitamin Zindagi: Writer Lalit Kumar; Narrative session: Rat (author- JBS Halden, paraphrasing: Arvind Gupta); Pyara Kunba (Russian author- Nikolai Nosov).
- Hindi Diwas "Debate and Slogan Competition" and four Hindi-speaking children of non-Hindi area, interacted with the Speaker: Dr. Aarti Kumari, Dr. Mamta Pathak, Mr. K. K. Dixit, Dr. Madhu Pathak, Mr. Nischal Sharma.
- Hindi fortnightly content shared. At the same time, the conversation of Mahatma Gandhi's childhood began. Compiled the stories related to the compilation 'Mohan Kare Sawal' and 'Aaj Bhi Khare Hai Talab'.
- Mohan Kare Sawal storytelling, hymns and discussion of Mahatma Gandhi's childhood. Speakers - Dr. Satyavrat Singh and Mr. Anupam Dixit.
- Connected with the subject of science and shared material about the Non-Cooperation Movement, Satyagraha and Civil Disobedience Movements started by Gandhi.
- Seeks Gandhi through ballads, introducing children to the basic nature of the Non-Cooperation Movement, Satyagraha and Civil Disobedience Movements.

In addition, there were also regular column run on:

- Vigyan Vedha ka pahala Mitra, Sawaliram, Vigyan Ki bat, Vishu ke sath etc.
- Science fiction session - Audio video forms of science writers' stories shared.
- Gandhi Katha Session and Ramkatha Session - Storytelling and children's singing by children.
- Arvind Gupta's science experiment and fun toys from junk-ridden techniques - two videos per day.
- Three enlightening puzzles by teacher Prashant Agrawal daily, some videos were also shared.

Story Telling - Katha Utsav sessions

- Search for Gandhiji through Baalgeet: Non-Cooperation, Satyagraha and Civil Disobedience.
- Ram of Kamban-Tulsidas: Storytelling, Play and Discussion.



- Constitution “Our Fundamental Duties”
- Balgeet Jummelan & Book release and discussion on Child Rights with partner NGOs.

Pratul also handles a Facebook group named Online Research Workshop-2020, in which he engages with children through various activities. He also manages WhatsApp groups to keep children engaged in various activities.

3.3.2 Rajiv Socio-technical Knowledge, Innovation & Learning Lab (R SKILLAB)

Skill lab team has been actively engaged in the Science sessions, arts and crafts sessions and Sadbhavana with Nature festival. Mr. Ashwani Masih and Mr. Namik Sherpa delivered various sessions on fun science and arts and craft activities. Skill lab children made the tippy tap, a hand washing machine using waste material. Keeping the Corona situation in mind, it will be helpful in washing hands without touching the soap and tap.

Programs for school age children under R SKILLAB:

1. Transformation of Wonderoom Fun Science group into a digital platform - over 30 Zoom sessions led by Ashwani Masih.
2. Transformation of Wonderoom Fun Crafts group into a digital platform - over 20 Zoom sessions led by Namik Sherpa.
3. Transformation of Wonderoom theatre group into a digital platform - over 30 Zoom sessions led by Rajneesh Bisht.
4. Transformation of Wonderoom literary and storytelling group into a digital platform - over 30 Zoom sessions led by Pratul Vasishta.
5. Introduction to Physics 12 Sessions on Zoom led by Meeth Kumar and Subho Chakraborty.
6. Environmental awareness and tree plantation in numerous urban and rural locations, mobilization by Namik Sherpa.
7. Demonstration of Mobile Science Lab of the Agastya Foundation jointly with Jawahar Bhawan Trust.

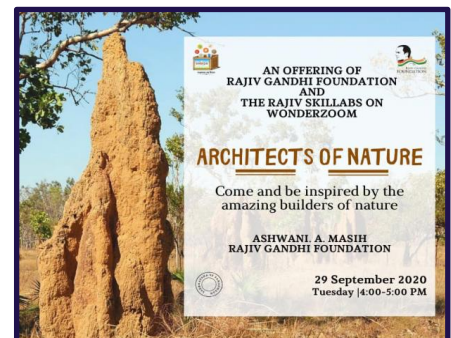
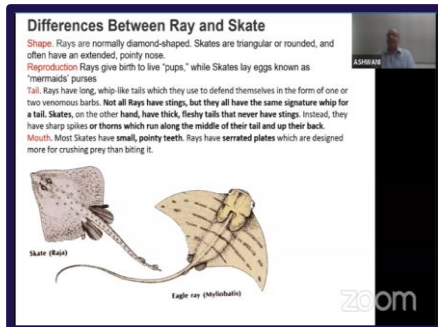
Programs for college/university students

1. Summer school on Water - the Hydrological Cycle led by Jeet Singh, Fellow RGICS.
2. Indian Innovations in Human Development (IIHD) series of four webinars, covering water and sanitation, solid waste management, renewable energy and education curated by Yuvraj Kalia, Fellow, RGICS.
3. Working with the DU chapter of ENACTUS, a global platform promoting social entrepreneurship among students, Namik Sherpa.

Participation in Seminars/Webinars/Conferences/Events/Book Publications

1. Keynote Address at the National Conference on Social Innovation (NCSI) Pune and follow up by Vijay Mahajan.
2. Webinar on Social Stock Exchange for Voluntary Action Network India (VANI), keynote by Vijay Mahajan.
3. Livelihoods India annual conference of Access Development Services, Delhi – presentation of report on State of India’s livelihoods by Vijay Mahajan.

- Mr. Ashwani Masih conducted Fun Science sessions on the topics- Coral Reef, Tropical RainForest, Ray Fish, Owl, Oceans, A walk in Desert, Architects of Nature, Octopus, Salt, Caves, Shark, and Butterflies. He also started a Green Club with the help of children in his society. They planted around 50 plants to keep the society green. He also organised Fun Science Quiz for students of 6th, 7th & 8th class from 21st to 25th January.



- Mr. Namik Sherpa conducted Art & Craft sessions on the topics- Marine Life : The Ocean Doctors, The Racing Caterpillar, Paper Bookmark, Paper Fish Toy, Paper Crocodile Toy, Paper Flapping Bird, Paper Balloon Pikachu, Pop Up Greeting Card, Sadbhavana Live Tree Plantation Drive, Say No to Plastics, Colors of Life with Nature, Sadbhavana with Food, Learn about Beej Bomb, Autobiography of a Tree, Creative Story Writing, Cone paper puppets, Finger Puppet, Paper Hand Puppet, Paper Diya, Paper Flower, Origami-Shaping Papers, Paper Jumping Frog, Paper craft for Christmas, Origami Paper Flower.



RGF Associates Mr Meeth Kumar and Mr Subho Chakraborty conducted sessions on "A Journey through Physics", which was a 12 week Programme started in the month of October, for classes 9th and 10th. In this programme, they gave sessions on Oscillations and waves, Sound Waves, Electrical Current, Atomic Nature of Matter session and Light.

- Four Webinars were conducted by Yuvraj Kalia on Inclusive Innovations – covering water, sanitation, waste management and renewable energy – serving the masses.
- Mr Subodh Gupta, our resource person from Malinda, Bihar, conducted a session on making Mathematics fun for children on 14th March, the International Day of Pi.



3.4 Antyodaya Shiksha Abhiyan

Aimed at providing reading, writing and arithmetic learning opportunities to slum children, the **Antyodaya Shiksha Abhiyan (AShA)** was launched on 1st January 2021 under the guidance of Shri Ajay Sahai, a Gandhian social worker and the leadership of Shri Parmanand Bhatt, with support from staff members Ms Geeta, Ms Anju Sharma, Mr Vinod Sharma, Mr Pratul Vasistha, Mr Madhaw, Mr Wahid, Mr Rajesh Verma, Mr Suresh Pal, Mr Sushil Kumar and Mr Anoj Kumar. By the end of February, 15 centres were run in Delhi and NCR. By the middle of March another 10 centres were established in Rain Baseras run by an NGO, SPYM. The program will be expanded.



3.5 Law Scholars program for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya students



With the motivational support of our Associate Mr Anoop Maurya, himself an alumnus of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Baharaich, UP, a Law Scholars program was launched for selected 35 students of 12 Standard from various Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNVs) in Uttar Pradesh. They were provided residential coaching to prepare for the Common Law Admission Test with the aim that some talented, underprivileged children may get into the top level schools in India. This program was carried out in collaboration with the Bharat Navodaya Institute, which is an alumni association of JNV students run by Mr Anoop Maurya.



4 Sadbhavana – Heritage Outreach and Public Engagement

4.1 Memories and Archives of Rajiv Gandhi (MARG)

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 20th August to 31st August 2020.

The work of cataloguing various archival material – photographs, videos, documents, etc. - and digitising it as well as adding meta-tags to make it searchable, which was the main activity undertaken during the Lockdown period by MARG staff Mr Pankaj Kumar and Ms Pratibha Gautam working from home, continued after October. The software Sanchay has become dated and we decided to port the data to a new web based platform to make it easily searchable. The technical support for this is being provided by Mr Varun Chandra and IT professionals.



Unfortunately due to a notice served by the Land and Development Office on the Jawahar Bhawan, the ceiling of the new MARG Gallery had to be removed and that required the exhibits to be dismantled. While many of the exhibits have been saved for reuse, some will have to be made again.

We have resolved to restore the gallery to its earlier status in the coming year, with the help of exhibition designer Ms Vasundhra Sangwan who had designed MARG earlier.



4.2 Rajiv Sadbhavana Abhiyan



Rajiv Sadbhavana Abhiyan was organised from 16th August to 20th August 2020 in loving memory of Shri Rajiv Gandhi. This run started from Jawahar Bhawan and covered Veer Bhumi to India Gate to 10 Janpath to Indira Gandhi Memorial and ended at Jawahar Bhawan. Ms Sufiya, a Guinness World Record holder runner for peace, led this run. The Sadbhavana Pledge ceremony was conducted at the Jawahar Bhawan on the culmination day and it was led by Shri Suman Dubey, Trustee, RGF.

RAJIV GANDHI
FOUNDATION

SADBHAVANA PLEDGE

On this day
Sadbhavana Divas, 20th August 2020, the birthday of
Former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi,

I take this pledge that I will strive for Sadbhavana (empathy, sincere fellow-feeling, mutual goodwill) with others and with our beloved mother nature, as captured by the sloka Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

I pledge to work towards spreading Sadbhavana among people of different religions, castes, classes, occupations, linguistic and ethnic identities within India, and to spread Sadbhavana across nations.

I understand that to spread Sadbhavana among others, I must have Sadbhavana with myself, which can come through acceptance, inner peace, love, truth and non-violence and working for others less fortunate.

I am confident that every step I take towards spreading Sadbhavana will help in making my country more progressive and prosperous for all Indians and the world a better place.

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Sadbhavana Abhiyan with the theme **Sadbhavana se Samadhan** Run across Delhi-NCR from the 10th November to 19th November. The run was also led by Sufiya, a Guinness record holder runner. She was then joined by youngsters to spread the message of Sadbhavana se Samadhan (finding solutions to problems with empathy and mutuality). This run covered Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Sonipat,

Bahadurgarh, Noida, Gurgaon and Delhi over eight days. Support for this event was provided by our media consultants Noughts and Crosses.

RGF also sponsored The Golden Quadrilateral Run. Sufiya covered a 6000 kms long run in over 135 days. Sufiya was the 'First and Fastest Female' to cover India Gate to Gateway of India by running in 29 Days, 01 Hours and 11 Minutes. She covered this run in just 125 days.



4.3 Skill Training Program on Digital Technology for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)

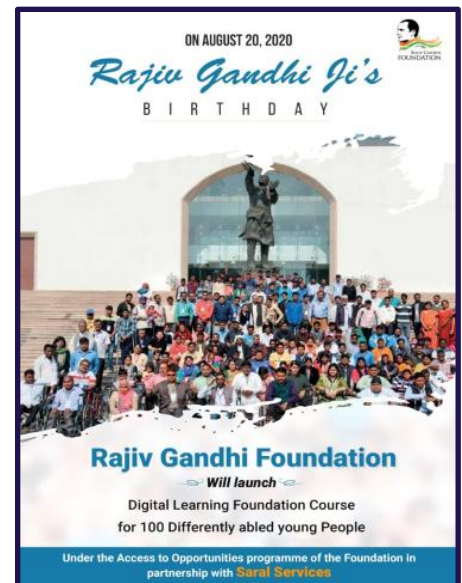
Due to the COVID pandemic and funding constraints, we could not carry out the Sadbhavana Vahan Pradan Karyakaram for Physically challenged individuals on Rajiv ji's birthday this year. This has been RGF's one of the main activities under the "Access to Opportunity" (ATO) Program for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

The Skill Training on Digital Technology Program for 100 PwDs was inaugurated on Sadbhavana Divas on 20th August 2020 at Jawahar Bhawan. Mr T D Dhariyal, Ex Commissioner for PwDs, Government of NCT of Delhi were the chief guests. There were other participants like CEO and program team from RGF, representatives from partner NGO, and more than 30 identified PwDs.

After a study on COVID impacts, we came to know that most of the PwDs were facing unemployment problems, especially those who were employed or engaged with the private and informal sector enterprises.

So, we came to the conclusion there is a need to provide skills training related to the information and digital technology for enhancing the employability of the PwDs.

We decided to support a total of 100 PwDs in 2020-21 by providing digital training on information technology, computer skill sets and productivity digital tools to enhance their skills, employability and access to opportunity. For this, we conducted a survey of ATO past beneficiaries who are students and located in 14 states. A total of 86 student PwDs were listed who were supported by RGF with a vehicle in the past during the last five years. The survey was based on need assessment, their interest for training, availability of tools, their availability for training etc. Out of 86 students, a total of 42 students were identified and selected for the training program.



The program is being carried out in partnership with NGO Saral Services in which a total of 143 PwDs candidates were trained on the topics. There were two batches and a three months course was designed for each batch. For a three months course, there were 36 lecture classes on 20 different digital tools. The course aims to build digital literacy of the candidate to a level that they can manage their life and work much better and faster.

5 Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies

Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (RGICS) is the Foundation's policy think tank working on contemporary issues in India. In the year 2020-21, the activities of RGICS were reviewed and reconstituted into five main themes:

5.1 Constitutional Values and Democratic Institutions- This theme focuses on gender, caste and marginalized sections of society within the larger ambit of social justice and equity. This theme explores through research and policy analysis, various contemporary dynamics related to issues of justice, equity, equality and communal harmony.

5.2 Growth with Employment- The reforms of 1985 and 1991 placed India on a high-growth trajectory. However, India is still one of the poorest countries on earth. To ensure better lives for our citizens, we need to sustain a consistently high growth rate for several decades.

5.3 Governance and Development- In the long term, the institutions of a country are perhaps the greatest determinant of its growth and development. Institutions are the “rules of the game in a society”; they determine incentives and outcomes in all spheres of human life.

5.4 Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainability- This theme focuses on contemporary issues related to climate change, sustainability and natural resources especially water, forest and land. Our work on these issues attempts to analyze policies and their implementation from people’s perspective, their experiences and learning.

5.5 India’s Place in the World- In an increasingly connected world, the nation-state is less sovereign today than it was ever before. Some of the most consequential issues today – climate change, terrorism, international trade, or global violations of human rights – cannot be dealt by any country in isolation.

Our Discourse Partners-

In RGiCS, we engage with a variety of discourse partners. This is born out of our conviction that public policy should be inspired and shaped by what is happening on the ground. Our discourse partners are:

- Members of Parliament
- Policy makers – civil servants, technocrats, regulators
- Policy takers – users, providers
- Narrative opinion leaders- media, academia, civil society
- The common public – citizens groups

The team has produced various research reports and policy watch documents and held webinars on the issues of interest of the general public. In addition, strategy papers for establishing a high tech power electronics manufacturing hub in Chhattisgarh were also prepared in this period.

Position Paper on SiC based Semiconductors

- A detailed research study was undertaken by members of RGiCS, FICCI (Ms. Eittee Gupta, Ms. Aishwarya), , along with inputs from CHIPS - Chhattisgarh IT Promotion Society (Mr. Karan Talreja, Mr. Praveen Sambani) with active advice from Prof. Yee Shee Chang , led to an initial; position paper to evaluate the possibility of SiC based Manufacturing Hub in India in Sep 2019.
- Subsequent to the release of the position paper, FICCI had organised an interaction with key investors from Europe and United States, along with industry experts in India to evaluate the SiC opportunity.
- The paper also was subsequently updated with the revised opportunities for various applications.

Research Study on National Electronics Policy (2012 and 2019)

- In-depth reading of the National Electronic Policy 2012 (NEP 2012), and progress made under the various schemes of the policy, and readings from Online literature available (i.e. Govt. websites, B2B Electronics magazines, Academic literature, Policy researchers). A similar study was also undertaken on the New policy i.e. NEP 2019 with a focus on key objectives, schemes and additional focus areas over NEP 2012.
- A specific research on the status of Chattisgarh in Electronics was also done through online research (i.e. Govt. websites, media articles, etc.).

Discussion with Key officials to explore Hi Tech manufacturing in Chhattisgarh

- A discussion with Mr. Praveen Sambani, Ernst & Young advisor to CHiPS was also done to understand the progress and status of Hi Tech manufacturing in Chhattisgarh, and the progress made under the National Electronic Policy.
- Inputs from Prof. Rajat Moona, Director – IIT Bhilai were sought on his expert opinions to set up a High Tech manufacturing facility in Chhattisgarh, and the support from IIT Bhilai required for the set up.

The activities and work outputs in 2020-21 under five main themes are as detailed below:

5.1 Constitutional Values and Democratic Institutions

1.	Case Study: The Jallikattu Movement, Tamil Nadu, India
2.	Case Study- Public systems: Health and Education – Save a Mother Foundation
3.	RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005: Examining Key Challenges within India's Transparency Regime
4.	Social action in India: Past, present, future
5.	The challenge for civil society
6.	India's Constitution needs to recognise civil society
7.	Democracy and Resistance: Two sides of a coin
8.	IDR Interviews Vijay Mahajan
9.	The challenge for civil society
10.	Research Paper- Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014
11.	Research Paper: The Communal Conflict In India – Causes And Peaceful Solutions
12.	Research Paper: Degradation of Biodiversity and Emergence of Zoonotic Diseases
13.	Occasional Paper: Bhoodan and Gramdan – Are They Relevant Today?
14.	Policy Watch: Constitutional Values and Democratic Institutions- September 2020
15.	Policy Watch: Special Issue- December 2020
16.	Policy Watch: Constitutional Values and Democratic Institutions- February 2021

5.2 Growth with Employment

1.	Policy Watch: Growth with Employment-March 2020
2.	COVID-19: Why Not Tweak and Expand the MUDRA Scheme to Throw a Lifeline to MSMEs?
3.	Impact of COVID-19 on MSMEs

4.	New basics: Livelihoods micro-equity, digi-touch
5.	INDIA-CHINA TRADE AND INVESTMENT STUDY PAPER
6.	Working Paper: Chinese Goods – Make in India and Create Jobs
7.	Occasional Paper: Establishing a High Tech Power Electronics Manufacturing Hub in Chhattisgarh
8.	Policy Watch: COVID SPECIAL- August 2020
9.	Policy Watch: Special Issue- December 2020
10.	Policy Watch: Growth with Employment- March 2021

5.3 Governance and Development

1.	How the Health System Works at the Grassroots in Uttar Pradesh
2.	Case Study: Turning around a Government School – The Case of Dhulagori Adarsha Vidyalaya
3.	The Status of Implementation of MGNREG Act, 2005
4.	RTE After a Decade: An Assessment of Bottlenecks and Some Ways Forward
5.	Research Report- Food Security In India
6.	Policy Watch: Governance and Development-July 2020
7.	Occasional Paper: Vision for Foreign Universities in the National Education Policy 2020: A Critique
8.	Case Study – Migrant Workers Tamil Nadu Migrant report
9.	Policy Watch: Special Issue- December 2020
10.	Policy Watch: Governance and Development- January 2021

5.4 Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainability

1.	Consultation Report- Water Crisis and Sustainable Solutions
2.	Policy Watch: Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainability- October 2020
3.	Occasional Paper: MGNREGS Effectively- A Facilitator's Manual
4.	Policy Watch: Special Issue- December 2020

5.5 India's Place in the World

1.	Policy Watch: India's Place in the World-May 2020
2.	Research Paper: India's Soft Power Challenges Opportunities
3.	Policy Watch: India's Place in the World- November 2020

Webinars

1.	Webinar: Restoring livelihoods of Landless Agricultural Workers and Rural Non-farm Sector Workers: Challenges and Way forward
2.	Drinking Water RGICS Indian Innovations for Human Development Episode 1
3.	Sanitation and Health RGICS Indian Innovations for Human Development Episode 2
4.	Waste Management RGICS Indian Innovations for Human Development Episode 3
5.	Clean Energy RGICS Indian Innovations for Human Development Episode 4
6.	Webinar Restoring livelihoods of Smallholder Farmers: Challenges and Way forward
7.	Webinar PATH TO RECOVERY: EMPLOYMENT AND GROWTH IN THE TIME OF COVID-19
8.	Webinar Vulnerabilities over Time
9.	Webinar Enhancing Yields and Managing Risk For Smallholder #Farmers in # South Asia
10.	RGICS Webinar The Likely and the Desirable Future of School Education in the time of COVID19