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EDITORIAL - "Our Kids and Pandemic"

Globally children are affected by the COVID – 19 Pandemic. Children's lives are being changed in profound ways. All children, of all ages, and in all countries, are being affected, in particular by the educational, social economic impacts. As families lose their sources of income due to COVID-19 and the global economy has been plunged into a recession, more households are falling into monetary poverty. For the poorest families, including those who do not have access to social protection, the situation is dire.

At least a third of the world's schoolchildren were unable to access remote learning when COVID-19 shuttered their schools. In many situations, despite remote learning policies and the presence of the necessary technology at home, children may be unable to learn due to skills gaps among their teachers or a lack of parental support. Though State government have been quick to implement online learning, health protocols and reopening plans, could not do it as per plans due to fear and anxiety from the part of parents and children. These disruptions in children's schooling can have long-lasting negative impacts.

The Covid19 brought untold struggles to the lives of everyone in particular way to our children and to their parents. They lost their jobs as most of them are domestic workers. No food and no money to purchase hence most of our children came back to our Homes. We also provided provisions and Groceries to the families of children, we visit them in their families and continue to give food kits as their parents are still without work and are struggling. The schools and colleges did not open and physical classes were out of question. We and our staff prepared for the situation started classes for them in the Home, made available desk tops and laptops for online classes. Schools were sending lessons online, so they could attend and study their lessons regularly. Not only the regular classes, we taught them handcrafts, Basics in computers, communicative skills in English, a thorough study of Kannada. Besides some Volunteers opted to take lessons in dance, singing, Hand works online. Children are also taken to places of study importance like planetarium and outings to close by places and parks.

As the situations are getting better off we pray that everything will come to normalcy and to regular life!

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# THE ACTIVITIES DONE BY OUR CHILDREN, DURING COVID 19



#### **GREETING CARDS & BABY SWEATER MAKING**

They spent their time in useful activities. Cards made by passing silk thread fetch them a learning a handwork, in future can bring them an earning.



#### **PENCIL STAND:**

They dream of greater things and achieve at least in their own ability and capacity. Enough to get a clue of making things there they are to work out in a wonderful way



#### **Photo Frames:**

Making beautifully decorated frames with using the waste management. Used card boards cut into small size and decorate with paper flowers.





The children express their talents in drawings and colouring the pictures. colour their life with pictures and colours. Their imagination takes wings and come on papers as beautiful images of birds. flowers, and fruits.

Children's imaginations are shared and put on papers. The outcome of this joint effort is canvas full of colours. They enjoy the team work and the result of team work is quality pics.





## **Room Decorations**

Budding interior decors of our Home. They are full of imaginations and initiatives. These young girls do not waste time instead support each other creativity takes shapes in various forms. A very good innovation by our girls, they are able to make dress and face mask with paper.





# **News Paper Beauty contest**

# **Face Mask**





Children make use of their study time: They have their guided study and learn to read and write other than what they learn in the class rooms. During lockdown they were all guided to read and write. They were followed very closely and they were all steadily progressed and were able to read and write. Communicative English, Basics in computer and Maths made our children smart learners.



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