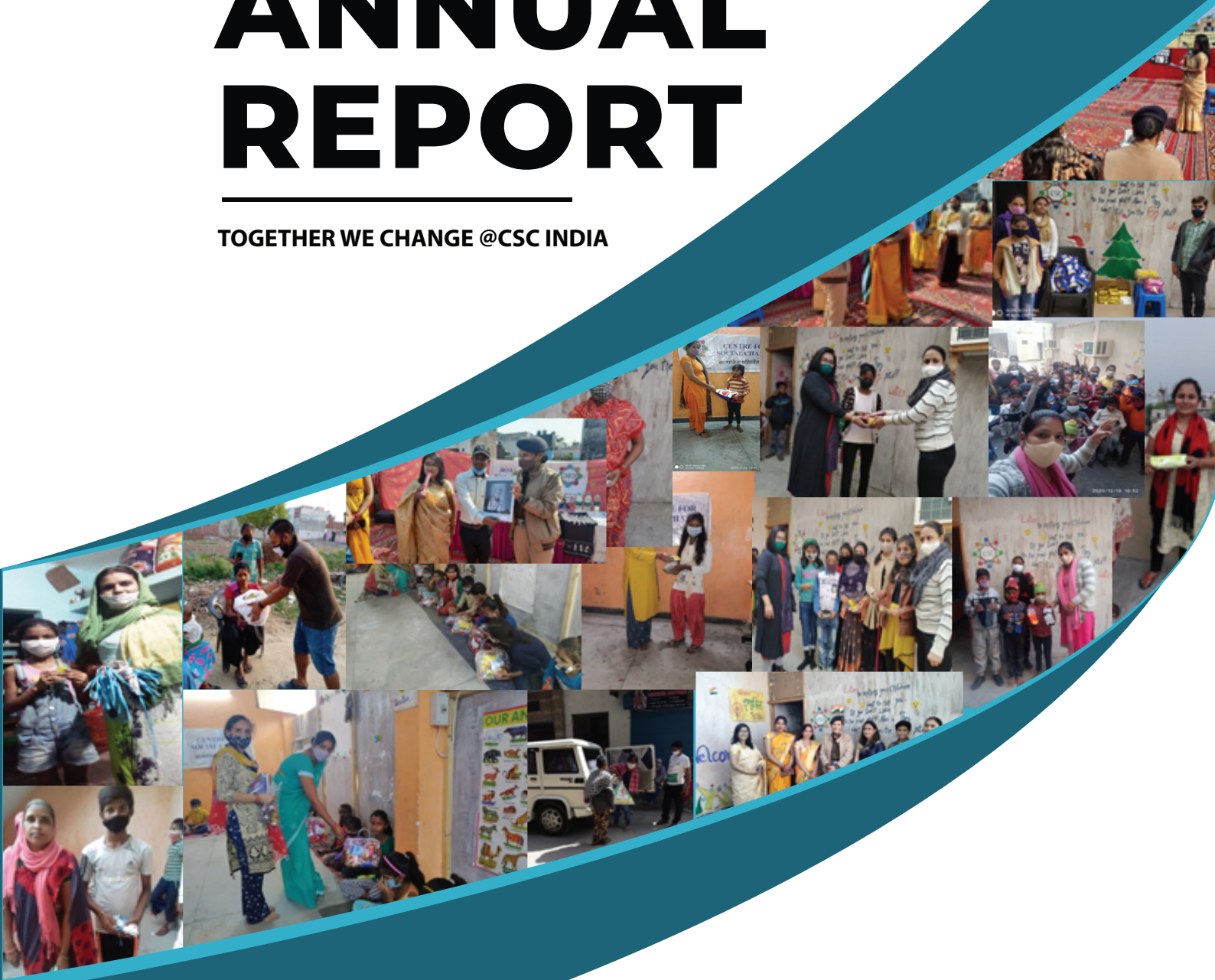


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The Director's Desk

The year 2020 was a year of giving with a difference. The world witnessed unprecedented people's participation for a cause to save humanity. Roti-sewa, mask distribution, awareness on health care, hygiene and sanitation became a priority for almost every individual. Centre for SocialChange has all the children from migrated families. When many migrated families decided to go back to their villages during the lockdown phase of Covid pandemic, many also decided to stay back, mostly because they didn't have a place to go back. Government of India, local authorities and citizens took up one agenda in hand to ensure that no one sleeps hungry at night. CSC joined hands with Noida Authority in this approach and created a pool of volunteers from the ACH society to contribute rotis everyday. CSC was a part of the Roti-sewa movement from 15 April to 7 June, 2020.

Mask making was another initiative of CSC where people's participation through used, washed and sanitized cotton clothes helped CSC to make thousands of cotton masks for free distribution in the community and helped mask makers to earn some money during the lockdown. When online became the only mode of continuing education, CSC reached out to nearly 15% of its children through online mode of learning and volunteering. For others, it was peer learning supported and supervised by the teacher coordinator at CSC.

From August onwards, almost all the families came back to their rented abode in search of livelihood. Parents started calling to find out when the centre started, children started visiting the centre randomly to find out if it's open. All throughout CSC stayed connected to the children, their families and parents. CSC with people's participation supported the families with dry Anaj, Nutritional food, Hygiene and Sanitation kit, Learning kit, Warm woollens and blanket along with Christmas goodies and books, daily newspaper as well. Certificate in Counselling Skills is one of the landmark initiatives of CSC which started during the lockdown phase and till now 100 participants from various states received training. Online learning and web discussions opened the door for exchange of learning at the international diaspora too. Participants of the CCS program very well appreciated this approach of learning.

We express our deep gratitude to our contributors and supporters who stand by us throughout the year. We also put on record consistent and active participation of our team members Anamika Pandey and Abhilasha Hayaran during the Covid phase, when they considered service to the CSC families as one of their priorities. We also appreciate the support of Chunnu Devi and Neetu towards post lockdown CSC activities. The year 2020-2021 was more about sharing and caring and it opened up new dimensions of learning for everyone, specially to the children who had to stay confined within the four walls of their homes. Let us all join together to transform social change to a social reality.

With Best Wishes

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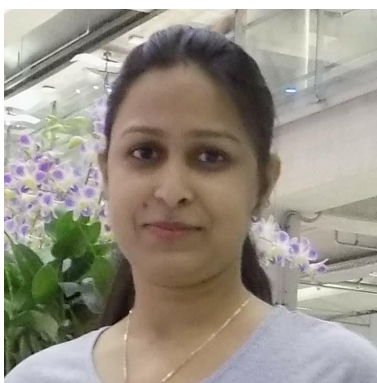


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Centre for Social Change:CSC

About us

Centre for Social Change, CSC, is a charitable organization, registered under Trust Act on 5th February, 2018. It is designed as a hub for people and organizations where thoughts assimilate to create amalgamation of resources so that need based actions could be taken to make change sustainable. We, at CSC, come together and contribute towards a most needed positive social change by engaging communities creatively and effectively to co-create a better future. We uphold the principles of secularism, transparency, and accountability in all of our activities.

Our Vision

Community empowerment through peoples' participation, co-creation and values.

Our Mission

Our mission is to create neighbourhood where people collectively contribute towards relief of poverty, improved socio-economic environment and bring positive changes.

Our approach of working with the communities is influenced by first hand understanding of community needs and techniques of experiential learning obtained from the field of development and social change which generate well-being of people in a community.

Our Work

CSC believes that everyone in this world is looking for a positive change. To make the changes happen as the way we wish to see, CSC focuses on its activity based on community need. To instil the feeling of belonging to a community, to imbibe the thoughts and values of social responsibility and to focus on self-development, CSC intervenes in communities through following programmes:

Gaon Mera: Green and Clean Community - Environment building

To live life in a beautiful village is the dream for many of us and it always remains as a dream as we are constantly in search of livelihood, from better to best.

More than thirty percent of rural youth migrates to metro cities and nearby urban towns in search of livelihood. As they come with a purpose to earn livelihood, they come with a vision to earn money and go back to the village once they earn enough. However, they never earn enough to go back to their village and in the process they

remain as a migrant in a small town or in a big city throughout their life. Gaon Mera focuses on bringing all shareholders of a community to one platform and co-create the dream of living in a clean and green environment a reality.

Ajeevan Siksha : Lifelong learning Ignited Minds:

Focuses on children, adolescents and youth in building up their self-esteem and training them to be socially responsible.

Khilta Bachpan: The programme aims at helping children to enhance their learning abilities through focused intervention and playful activities.

Health for life: A healthy body with a healthy mind, focuses on people's awareness about health care, emotional and psychological well-being, counselling and change towards positive thought process.

Learn and teach: To encourage adults and senior citizens to learn new skills as well as excel in the skills they have. A certification of prior learning to such skilled persons to facilitate teaching to the younger generations.

Swabalamby Hum: Economic empowerment

Empowerment comes along with the economic independence of self. This could be achieved by enhancing one's skills and knowledge. To facilitate youth to learn skills to produce and earn livelihood, thereby, contributing towards a sustainable economic growth of the self and family, CSC supports a training cum production centre at the Community.

Action Research

This area is mainly responsible for conducting research and providing policy feedback and inputs to policymakers. Publishing books, reports, policy briefs and promoting innovative development techniques and approaches are also part of its responsibilities.

I. Tackling Covid-19

To ensure availability of dry rations with the CSC families and to take care of children's nutrition, health & hygiene and education, CSC distributed dry rations, nutritious family packets comprising of chirwa, gur, roasted channa, dettol soap, sanitary napkins colgate tooth paste, and copies and pen, pencils etc. were also distributed during lockdown. Mask making by the participants and mothers of CSCs stitching programme and free distribution of the masks at community through sponsors helped community to easily access cloth masks which could washes, re used and environmentally sustainable.

Contributing to Roti Sewa

CSC with the support of the residents of Aditya Celebrity Homes, joined Roti Sewa initiative of Noida Authority from 15th April, 2020 and continued till 7th June, 2020. It's an unprecedented initiative where about 50 societies joined together and contributed nearly 25 lakhs rotis to feed lakhs of migrated people during lockdown. Roti Sewa worked in a chain system. Rotis from family kitchen got deposited with their tower guards and then all these rotis were collected, accounted and handed over to the Noida Authority's carriers at the main gates of each apartment who made a final count on the total roti collection. Noida Authority then would carry these rotis to the community kitchen, where dal/vegetables were cooked for people depending upon the number of rotis they had received each day.

Roti Sewa, was not just a contribution and collection of rotis. It was also the collection and distribution of thoughts, blessings and people's willingness to stand together to save humanity. It's an extraordinary artful of saying by CSC families, "We Care, so that no one sleeps hungry in Noida".



ROTIS MADE IN FAMILY KITCHENS BEING COLLECTED FROM EACH TOWER

Support to flood victims of Assam and Bihar

It was again that time of the year when continuous rain created havoc to a major part of Assam and Bihar. Millions of people became homeless and forced to take shelter at alternative high rise places. This time the situation was more challenging considering the fact that Covid 19 pandemic situation demanded social distancing and more of sanitation and personal care, whereas for flood affected people to get even basic facilities was a challenge. CSC believed in people's contribution, whether small or big, together we can make change happen. With this belief, CSC started a campaign to collect generic medicines for the flood affected people in Assam and Bihar. A total of 33kg of generic medicines were contributed by the residents of Aditya Celebrity Homes, Lotus Panache and Prof. S.Y.Shah and Amar Gupta. On 3rd August,2020, we sent the medicines and cotton masks by courier to Indian Council of Child Welfare, Kamrup District, Assam and Sochit Sewa Sangh, Bihar.



Distribution of Dry Rations

It was one evening nearly after a month of lockdown due to pandemic Covid 19, when CSC received phone calls from children and parents requesting for providing dry rations to them. CSC contacted Noida administration and local resources, who responded with promptness and humanity. CSC started its first phase of dry ration distribution from 26th April. Till the end of June, it distributed dry rations in five phases. Apart from organizational and institutional donors our individual donors were Mukesh Vaish, Puneet Sharma, Prof.S. Y. Shah, Rony Sahai and Dr. Pranab J. Patar whoes continuous support encouraged CSC to continue it's dry ration distribution event phase wise. The fifth phase of reaching out to families and distribution of dry rations, sanitizer and masks to CSC families started from 18 June,2020 onwards. Awareness on use of masks and use of sanitizers were an important part of the distribution.

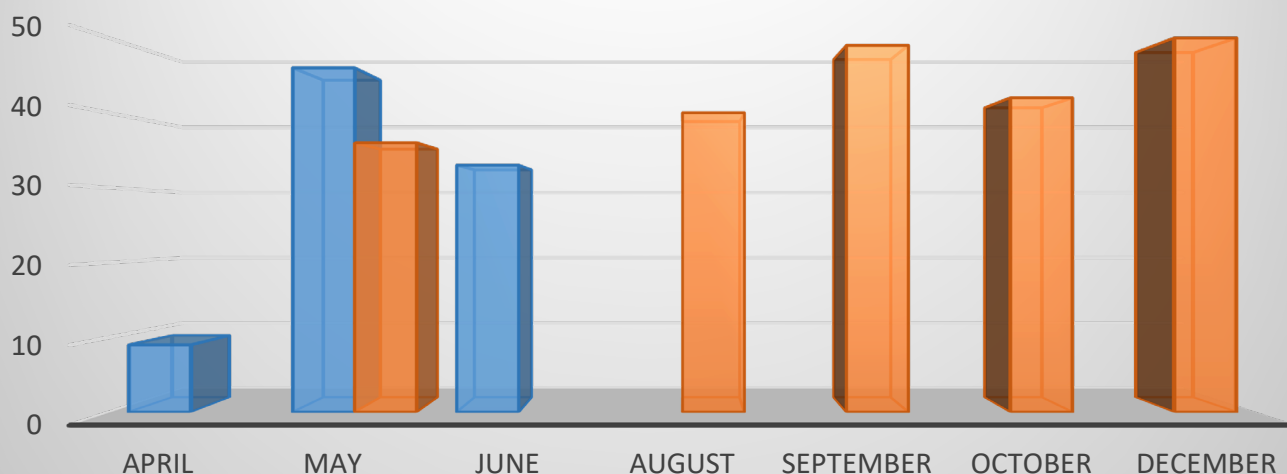
Due to lockdown and Covid 19 pandemic situation it was not possible for people to go shopping during festival time too. On 25th May,2020, the day of celebration of Eid, CSC distributed 20 packets of dry rations and 120 masks to the CSC families who were celebrating Eid. Dry rations packets were contributed by Arun Vihar Community Centre through Col.I.P Singh and Manjula Dhar. The transportation of the rations were facilitated by Mukesh Vaish.



Phase I of dry ration distribution was in April,2020, when 9 families were covered. Phase II, III and IV were in the month of May,2020 on 14th, 25th and 30th May, when CSC reached out to 11, 15 and 20 families respectively. Phase V was in the month of June, when 33 families were covered. A total of 88 families were covered during this period. Rice,Ata, Dal, Oil, Salt, Tea, Masala were the main ingredients of Dry ration packets.

Nutrition packets were distributed from the month of May onwards, starting with the celebration of International Family day on May 15th , 2020. Dry nutrition packets consisted of chirwa, bhuna huwa chana, gur, moong sabut and suji and other refreshments. A total of 36 families were covered in May, 40 families in August, 49 families in September, 42 families in October, and 50 families in December,2020. CSC appreciates the participation of all the contributors to ensure that some amount of nutritional care of the children could be taken care of.

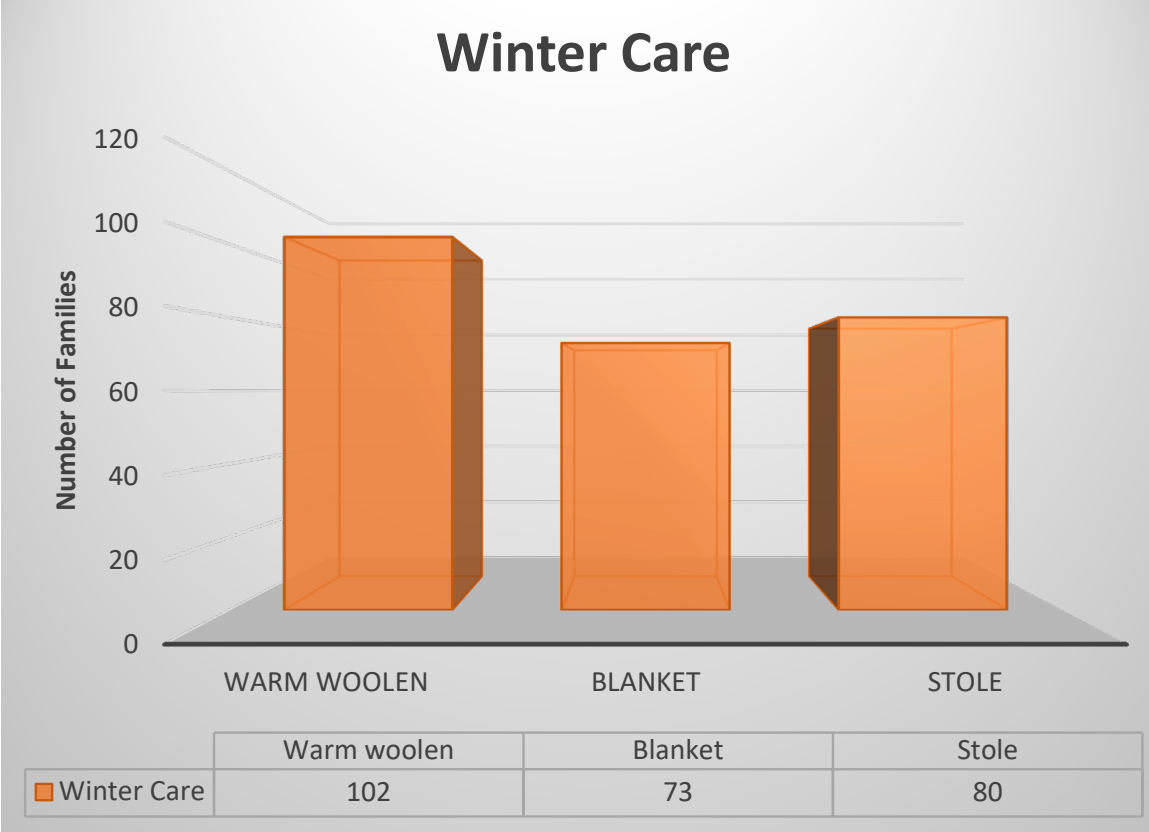
Food Distribution



	April	May	June	August	September	October	December
Dry Ration	9	46	33				
Nutrition Pack		36		40	49	42	50



To keep children warm during the winter of 2020-21, CSC distributed warm woollens comprised of socks and headband to 102 children from 18-23 December, 2020, blankets to 73 families on 9th November 50 families, 28th December 11 families and 12 families on 26th January, 2021. CSC appreciated the empathetic approach of all the contributors and caring to keep children and their families warm during this winter.



Learning and Hygiene Kit : Learning kit comprising of copy, pen , pencil, eraser and basic learning books were distributed to 120 children. Eldest child of the family was given the responsibility to help the younger one’s to stay connected with their learning of basic alphabets and numbers. One child from each child were asked to come every week to meet the teacher co-ordinator and report their progress. Hygiene kit was distributed in two phases. Phase I : 36 families, Phase II : 33 families, a total of 69 families were covered while distributing Hygiene kit containing dettol soap, sanitizer and tooth paste. A total of 150 packets of sanitary napkins were distributed to the mothers and girls during the year. Masks were distributed to all the family members of CSC’s 88 families.



II. CSC Activities

Life & Livelihood: Maskmaking

COVID19 pandemic is not only taking lives, it is also taking away livelihoods of many. In the face of this unprecedented humanitarian crisis, everything went topsy-turvy leaving people requiring to seek help from various quarters. It is a critical time of all of us and even more difficult for the marginalized, so support is needed at multiple levels and at a very large scale.

Despite best efforts by government agencies, there's scope for further intervention and every possible player has been trying to do their bit. It's a larger ground that's being attempted to cover in this time of crisis in a rapid manner more so at the governmental level and equally significantly at the community level by people at large including civil society organizations.

Centre for Social Change (CSC) and Global Foundation for Advancement of Environment and Human Well-ness (Global Foundation) joined together with their resources and efforts to help the needy in the Noida region. In the current context, the priorities focused around life and livelihood.

CSC engaged migrant women of the community as well as former learners of CSC's cutting and tailoring course and prepared washable cloth mask. Volunteers and contributors from different sectors supported CSC in this endeavor. Prof.S.Y Shah, Rony Sahai, Nisha Rai and Puneet Sharma facilitated in reaching out about 10 thousand community people with CSC's masks. The masks developed through this community-based initiative were environmentally sustainable: could be washed and reused. With in-kind support received from residential societies in the form of cloths, these women were able to reinvent their livelihood and to support their families at this hour of crisis.



Mother's Day

CSC conveys its deep appreciation for the mothers of CSC kids, who left their natives to work hard and earn a better life for their little ones. All the way they indeed compromised with all odds, specially during this crisis time they might have compromised with the expenses of their basic hygiene needs. Our thoughtful contributor Team Passion for Compassion, Noida, supported young girls/ women's of CSC families by sponsoring Sanitary napkins. CSC invited one member from one family and distributed packets to the mothers of the families. Thank you Team Passion for Compassion for taking care of hygiene of the mothers on this special day.



UP Board Results Day at CSC

27th June, 2020. It was the day of class X Board results of Uttar Pradesh Board. Results were announced in the afternoon. As some of them went back to their villages due to lockdown and there were not enough network facilities to check their results online, the excitement of knowing their results continued till evening and finally we collected everyone's results. Seven girls passed class Xth UP Board Examination. They were in class VIII when we met them for the first time. They wanted to learn stitching and it was because of their wish to learn stitching CSC started WW its three months stitching course. After two years, they not only learnt and practicing stitching, but also they put on their best effort with their studies and here they are today the CSC change makers in real sense. Best wishes always.



Happy Independence Day, 2020

CSC celebrated the Independence Day with children and mothers of 7 new families from the nearby cluster of rag pickers. Children came with their mothers. Little ones were worried, scared. They were in the age group of 5-11 years and all were out of school kids. They came without masks, we distributed masks and told them the need to wear it. Sanitized everyone's hand and ensured that everyone maintains social distancing. CSC distributed nutritional package, hygiene and learning kits to the families. However, it was realized that the cluster needed regular intervention to help the families practice cleanliness and hygiene. Mothers expressed their wish to provide learning facilities to their children at CSC. Five women from the cluster also wanted to learn cutting and tailoring at the CSC. Everyone paid tribute to the freedom fighters of the Country and ended the programme by singing National Anthem.



Happy Teacher's Day

CSC celebrated teacher's day, 5th September, 2020 with the presence of CSC team members and online volunteers. CSC wished its teachers Anamika Pandey, Neetu Kumari, Chunnu Devi, Abhilasha Verma and all virtual teachers and volunteers including Anju Ma'am, Shreya, Mehak, Ritika, Vishal for sharing your time, knowledge and expertise with CSC families and children.

Our special thanks to Hritik Seth who volunteered to teach Biology to these two students, though he is based out in Chandigarh. After a few days of rapport building Hritik started his first session from today i.e 5th September, 2020. Welcome to CSC on your new role as a virtual teacher. Let's co-create positive changes to the lives of people around us through teaching.



Stitching centre Reopens

It's nearly six months that there was no training took place at the stitching centre of CSC. With many participants willing to learn stitching, cutting and tailoring, CSC started its post lockdown training on stitching to begin with stitching of masks as well as cloth carry bags from 15th August, 2020 onwards. Five learners per batch, two batches per day would receive training. Maintaining distance, safety and personal hygiene would be must during the time of training. Our hearty appreciations to CSC team members Neetu, Anamika and Abhilasha for their commitments and willingness to take up the tasks in hand.



Student's Scholarships

Our two young student volunteers who joined Class XI in Science this year, assisted in learning Science and English to five students of class X. We are providing monthly scholarship of Rs.500/- (Five hundred only) to both of our student volunteers, starting on the Teacher's Day. Thank you Kishore Das for sponsoring their scholarship.

Peer Learning and Volunteering

CSC initiated peer learning during the post-lockdown phase amongst the students of class IX, X and XI. Kumkum, student of Class XI (Science) helped six students of class X in completing the Science and English course. Rinki, student of Class XI (Science) was into basic education for eight children from nearby rag-pickers cluster. Cleanliness, mask, sanitization and social distancing were taken care of during the interactive time and more of home work was given to the children. CSC facilitated online English learning training to both Kumkum and Rinki during the lockdown phase.

It was important that CSC stayed connected with the children and keep them engaged with some learning. CSC used to call senior class children and give home work for the siblings and elders were taught to help the younger ones in completing their work. In the process, CSC adopted family based volunteering support also to facilitate learning for all the children in one family. Annu Kohli from Noida and Hritik Seth from Ludhiana were our two of the most valued volunteers continuing online teaching with persistence.



Gandhi Jayanti and International Day of Non-Violence

Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated on 2nd October every year to mark the birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, who was famously known as Mahatma Gandhi. Father of the Nation, as he was called, led India's freedom movement along with many other national leaders against the British rule in India.

According to General Assembly resolution A/RES/61/271 of 15 June 2007, which established the commemoration, the International Day is an occasion to "disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness". CSC students of class Xth prepared a video talk on the theme of non-violence, and paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birthday, 2nd October

Nav Durga: Kanyaa Puja

Kumari Puja is a Hindu holy ritual, carried out on the eighth and ninth day of the Navaratri festival. The ceremony primarily involves the worship of nine girls, representing the nine forms of Goddess Durga (Navadurga). This year it was different. People could not invite girls to their homes and offer puja and gifts. Few residents of ACH requested CSC if something could be organized at the centre. CSC invited girls in batches and arranged for puja and rituals on 24th October, 2020 on behalf of Mansha and her mother, Poonam, Abhilasha, Avilasha, Anamika and Bobita.



Cloth carry bags , three layered masks, decorated diyas in making

Cutting and stitching unit at CSC made cloth carry bag from materials and designed it too. The new batch of trainees became expert in bag stitching and mask making. Now our products are ready for marketing. CSC's team is ready for custom designed items too.

Thank you Abhilasha Hayaran and Neetu ma'am for your initiative and efforts.



Ma ki rasoi se

Ma ki rasoi se, from Mom's kitchen, second time this competition was organized by CSC on 7th November 2020. This time FSSF (Fair and Sustainable Support Foundation) joined us to create more nutritional awareness amongst children and mothers. Ms. Promila Joshi was the expert on this occasion, who had a lucid online talk on home cooked nutrition rich diet and judged the dishes prepared by children/mothers from nutrition rich content perspective. Mothers and kids from ten families participated in this event. All the participants were awarded a gift with special appreciation for the best three. Excellent team work by Pratibha Thakur from FSSF, Anamika and Neetu from CSC, and Mridul for the beautiful clicks.



Diwali Celebration at CSC

This Diwali CSC created awareness amongst children by making posters on 'Say No to Crackers' and 'Pollution Free' Diwali. Rangoli and Diya's were a part of a small group celebration of Diwali at CSC on 12th November, 2020.



World Children's Day

3Is, Innocence, Inclusiveness and Inquisitiveness defines childhood. To make this phase as interactive as possible CSC provides opportunities to its children to learn, share and develop. During one such occasion, Nishita and Kusum participated in Assamese poem recitation virtual competition organized by Assam Association Delhi (AAD). Their efforts were well appreciated by everyone. Awareness, integration and love of another culture begins with learning the language of the land. Beautiful trophies couriered by AAD were awarded to Nishita and Kusum on this day, 20th November, 2020, World Children's Day.



Awareness on Mission Shakti



Mission Shakti, launched by Hon.C.M. Yogi Adityanath vows 'zero tolerance' to crimes against women. CSC created awareness amongst mothers and daughters to understand how the process of standing up against any kind of violence against them would be supported by the police personnel.

Know your community : Rag pickers cluster

An evening at the neighborhood community of CSC on 28th December,2020, a cluster of rag-pickers. Though the clusters were made of cardboards it had neat and beautiful interiors. They said, "happy to be with what we have, only working hard for a secured future". An interesting interaction with one Ravi Ram ji, 73 years old rag-picker. His respect for his work, his awareness about self- worth, and most of all, understanding of his responsibility towards his children, all of these were lessons learnt from life.



Know Your Neighbourhood

DCP Mahila Suraksha, Police Commissionerate, Noida Police, Vrinda Shukla - IPS took an initiative to address the reasons behind child beggary in Noida. She visited all the major slums of Noida and talked to the family members of the children why it is important to stop children from begging and child labour. To engage children productively, DCP suggested to keep them occupied with basic education. For this initiative Noida Police invited NGOs and volunteers to implement the work in the field. Dr Bani Bora Director Centre for Social Change and Nisha Rai joined DCP Vrinda Shukla and officer Devendraji in four locations on 7th and 8th January, 2021. The visit was taken further to discuss implementation plan as per the convenience of the NGOs. CSC opted for Rag Picker's Cluster, Barolo and volunteer Nisha Rai was assigned Sec 76 cluster. CSC is looking forward for a long-standing partnership with Noida Police in the field of children and women safety.



January 26: Republic day

CSC celebrated 72nd Republic Day of India with joy, sharing and awareness about the importance of the day as well as history and current affairs. Children were also taught to how to pay respect to the National Flag of our Country. CSC celebrated the day at the centre as well as at the rag-picker cluster of Barola. Nisha Rai, volunteered to join the celebration at both the places and distributed refreshments to the children.



Web Discussion

1. Teacher's Day

A teacher is known by many names – Guide, mentor, advisor, trainer, guru, educator, tutor, instructor, master, coach, supervisor, lecturer, professor, pedagogue, etc. But as stated by Radhakrishnan, “True teachers are those who help us think for ourselves”. India celebrates 5th September as Teacher's Day since 1962 in remembrance of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan whose birth anniversary is a reminder to recognise the contribution of teachers in the making of human and the society.

Centre for Social Change organized a webinar on teacher's day with the eminent speakers from Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Chandigarh. They were: Dr.Dimpy Mahanta and Hiramoni Saikia from Assam, Promila Joshi from Uttar Pradesh and Dr. Bhavna Sood from Chandigarh. Dr.Bani Bora, Director CSC moderated the discussions. During the discussion, Promila Joshi gave her inputs on parents teachers responsibility in shaping the learning base for young kids. Hiramoni Saikia talked about present time challenges with adolescent students during online teaching and how to overcome such challenges in a positive direction. Referring to the theme Dr. Bhavna Sood stated that the dedication of teachers to continuously teach even in today's testing times. They have always accepted the challenges and are working like a cohesive team, learning new skills to keep students engaged online. Dr.Dimpy Mahanta emphasized on teacher's role in higher education as well as in mentoring adult students in achieving their goals.

Summarizing the discussion, Dr.Bani Bora stated that counselling skills of a teacher is one such dimensions which would be playing a major role both at the time of crisis and while rebuilding the future. The quote of Radhakrishnan was aptly referred, “The end product of education should be a free creative man who can battle against historical circumstances and adversities of nature”. And for doing this teacher need to play a pivotal role. Participants from eleven states attended the discussion online.

TEACHERS: LEADING IN CRISIS, REBUILDING THE FUTURE “A Web discussion”



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2. International Literacy Day

Hundred percent adult literacy in India: Vision to Action

“Literacy is not the end of the education, nor even the beginning.” - Mahatma Gandhi

International Literacy Day (ILD) was celebrated annually around the world, to remind the public the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity, human rights, and to advance the literacy agenda towards a more literate and sustainable society. Despite progress made, literacy challenges persist with at least 773 million adults worldwide lacking basic literacy skills today.

In India, where the average literacy rate is maintained at 77.7% in the contemporary times, the New Education Policy is seen as the new vantage point to elevate it, to the perfect 100% adult literacy. As an ambitious goal to transform the vision into action, Centre for Social Change (CSC) organized a discussion forum for the proposals from many participants, enrolled in the course of Certificate of Counseling Skills from various states of India.

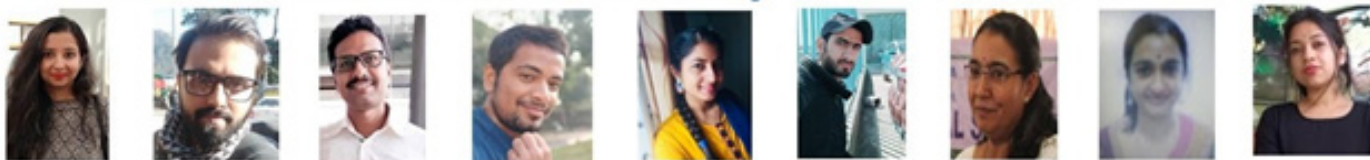
On 8th September, 2020, CSC celebrated International Literacy Day by organizing an webinar. Enterprising speakers from different backgrounds highlighted the following visionary key points while being the proponents to elevate the literacy rate in India:

Parinita Batra said that equal prominence of Adult Education as an opportunistic tool, for achieving the higher literacy objectives whilst, focusing on the continuum of learning from Early Childhood Education to Continuing Education. She said role of volunteerism and community mobilization so that each one can at least teach one.

Abhijatya Kumar emphasized on insights on current status of education department of the most populous state in India, Bihar. He said portrait of the educational infrastructure of the state, and the essentiality of its up gradation.

Manish Sharma stated that accentuated the high drop rate as an equal potent factor as the poor enrollment rate in schools, responsible for the low average literacy rate. He said that right to elementary education be considered as an obligation to elementary education, and the need to introduce the concept of Digital Literacy in this breakthrough era.

Hundred Percent Adult Literacy in India: Vision 2 Action



Speakers: Parinita Batra (Delhi), Abhijatya Kumar (Bihar), Manish Sharma (Delhi), Siya Bihari (Bihar), Soumya Kammar (Karnataka), Tahseen Imtiyaz Khan (Kashmir), Chitra Shah (Puducherry), Madhu Madhavan (Maharashtra), Ananya Saikia (Assam)

Siya Bihari said that propitious prospects of New Education Policy, and its linkage with the existing prototype education scheme. Initiating a milestone step to enable someone to read for a long journey - educating the enthusiast.

Chitra Shah stated that vast disparity between the statistical lucrative figures of the states with maximum literacy rate and the ground reality. She said that paramount need to include the degree of change observed in daily life, while labeling someone literate.

Madhu Madhavan stated that relocate the sight from the fancy average literacy rate of a state to its constituent elements, for brining transparency to the substantial disparities. Differences such as literacy rates of urban vs. rural, and males vs. females to be recognized. She said that spreading legal literacy for enabling socio-legal equal roles that play twin entities, while coming to a decision for a juvenile accused, for instance.

Ananya Saikia said that vision to educate the marginalized, and the various initiatives undertaken in Assam. She also gave an overview of the status of Assam in terms of education infrastructure, and literacy.

Inputs pertaining to the concerns and challenges, raised by other participating members to find possible solutions, enriched the discussion further. Dr. Bani Bora, summarized the discussion stating that there was an immense scope for a surge in the literacy patterns of the nation. Her faith in achievement of 100% adult literacy in India had been deepened, after witnessing the passionate and inventive thoughts from the participants who were sowing the individual seeds of actions, for accomplishing the mutual vision.

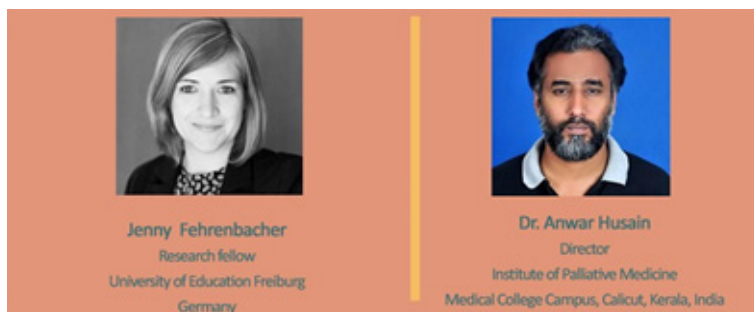
3. Individual Social Responsibility, Self-Concept, Palliative Care

On 9th October, 2020, CSC organized a web discussion on three different topics. Dr. Bani Bora initiated a discussion on individual social responsibility, where case studies of people who contributed towards betterment of humanity were discussed.

International PhD scholar Jenny Fehrenbacher from Germany spoke on the topic of self-concept and individual learning. Her presentation focused on the opinion which individuals had about oneself. She spoke on the three self's – The ideal self, public self and the real self. She also dealt with evaluation of behavior in specific situation.

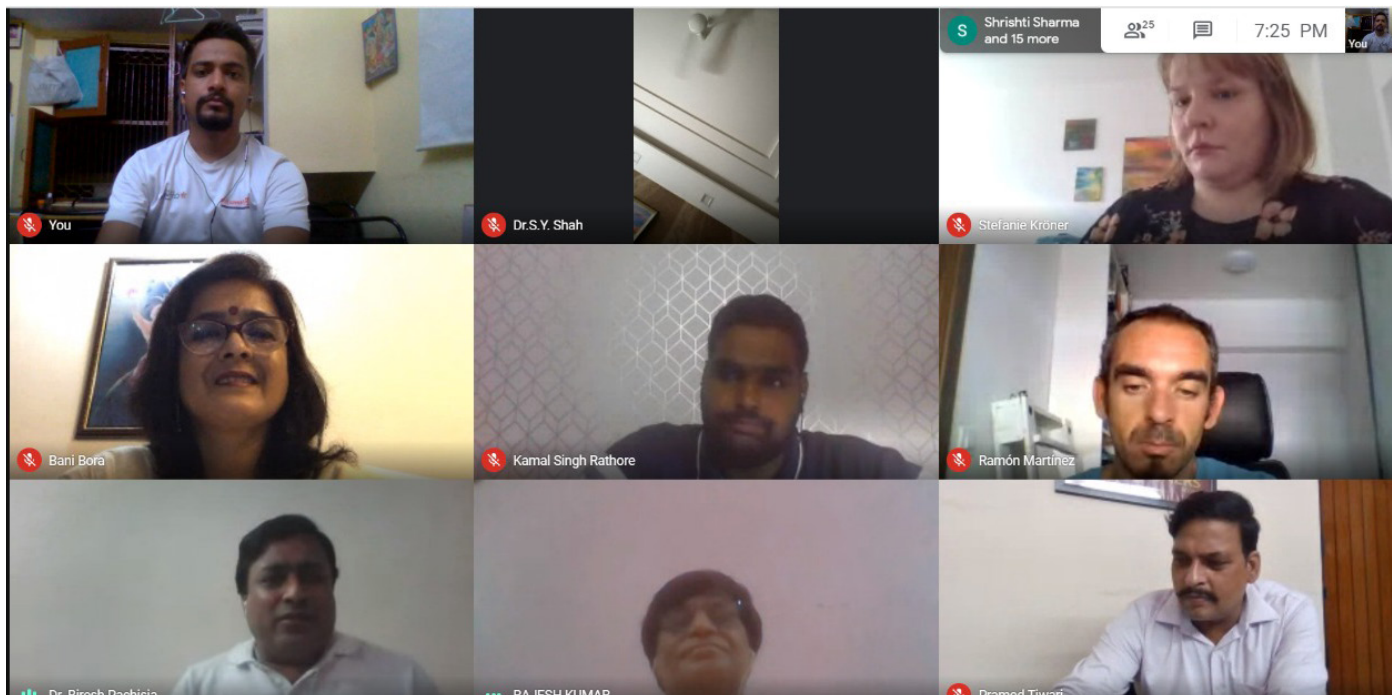
Dr. Anwar Hussain practicing doctor from Kerala at the Institute of Palliative Medicine working on Palliative Care talked on 'Palliative care and community participation'. He referred that elderly people faces problems at the three levels : Physical Level, Emotional Level and Spiritual Level

He presented figure which were a sort of revelation for all that 95% of Palliative care is in Kerala as compared to less than 5 % in rest of India. There are 1.5 lakh trained volunteers for palliative care. He also shared the palliative caregivers training module with the participants.



4. Counselling in Empowerment and Lifelong Learning : International Perspective

A web discussion on Counselling, Empowerment and Lifelong Learning : International Perspective, as part of Certificate in Counselling Skills program on 17th August, 2020. Dr. Steffani Kronner from Germany and Ramon Martinej from Spain talked about counselling as a profession in Europe and had a critical analysis on need for counselling. The discussion was well appreciated by the participants



People's participation: CSC contributors

CSC received immense support and contributions in cash and kind which helped us to take care of 88 families and a total of 184 children in the year 2020-21. It was invariably a challenging time, but together we all could make change happen in the lives of our families. Families became more aware about hygiene and sanitation, cleanliness at home and around, use of masks became a habit for them. Learning amongst siblings grows with the help of CSC's teacher coordinators. Our deep gratitude to all our contributors. We look forward to your continuous support.

Rupam Baruah, Rony Sahai, R.S.Engineering Works, Kishore Das, Bidhan Baruah, Taazaa Tech Pvt.Ltd, Megha, Neeru Abrol, Suneel Kapur, Mridula Seth, Nirmal Gupta, Usha Agrawal, T.R.Chadha Foundation Ms. Poonam, Fair & Sustainable Support Foundation, Amitabh Jindal, Swati Sinha, WhiteHatJr, Ms. Poonam, Nupur Chopra, Pritpal Singh, Hiranya Kumar Das, Satya Special School, Amar Gupta, Sritanaya, Shruti Nagpal, Polyplex Corporation Ltd, Hemen Goswami, Sarang Dev, Global Foundation, Prof.S.Y.Shah, Ananya Sikia.

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Khilta Bachpan reopens: Happy Learning at CSC

Post lockdown, CSC re-started its activities from 15th August, 2020, only for senior students through peer learning and stitching classes for women. From 15th January, 2021, learning sessions for young children also started. Children were happy to be back to CSC almost after a year.



Inauguration of CSC Library



On 16th February, 2021, coinciding with the auspicious occasion of Sawaswati puja, CSC inaugurated its library at the centre, books were contributed by Nisha Gupta, Tanushree Bose and Sushma Pradhan. Children were happy to see numbers of story books easily available for them to read, learn and share. Children and teachers offered puja to the Goddess of Education, Saraswati on the day. Thank you dear contributors for your care and share.

Ma ki Pathshala

An initiative of CSC since 2018, with the support of Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Learning, New Delhi, successfully created awareness amongst mothers of CSC children on the importance of literacy, nutrition, health, hygiene, safety measures for self and daughters. As any other adult education programs, 'Ma ki Pathshala' also had its challenges, when it came to actually learning literacy. Out of 12 willing mothers, two self - motivated mothers continued with the learning and practices, Nimrana and Shamsadi. Nimrana successfully completed her learning with fluency in reading, writing and numeracy. Shamsadi was able to identify the alphabets but faced problems in remembering the same.



Volunteering by WhiteHat Juniors

Swati Sinha from WhiteHat Jr. initiated online volunteering activity with CSC children from 3rd March, 2021 along with Roopam, Harpreet and Ranu. After overcoming few operational challenges, the sessions were well received by the children. Towards the end of the month, Mumbai Zone teachers also joined. Anjali Kadam and Rashmi Nemani delivered a session on soft skills on 30th & 31st March. The session covered topics like time management, anger management, team work, problem solving and self-motivation. Both the teachers worked on making the session as interactive as possible and the kids enjoyed it. Thank you Mansee and Vasuda for leading the project.



National Girl Child Day

CSC celebrated National Girl Child day on 24th January, 2021 at its centre. National Girl Child Day aims towards promoting awareness about the rights of the girl child and to increase awareness on the importance of girl education, and their health and nutrition. Nisha Rai and Ms. Chaaru were the guests present on the day, who had informal interactive session with the girls and presented stalls to each one of them, which were sponsored by Vinita Jagdish Singh, referred by Karuna Bawa. CSC team members Abhilasha Hayaran and Anamika Pandey ensured smooth conduct of the event.



III. International Days Celebration

International Family Day

This year's 25th anniversary of Copenhagen Declaration and Beijing Platform for Action comes at a time of one of the most challenging global health and social crises. The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic brings into sharp focus the importance of investing in social policies protecting the most vulnerable individuals and families. It is the families who bear the brunt of the crisis, sheltering their members from harm, caring for out-of-school children and, at the same time, continuing their work responsibilities.(un.org). As the world struggles to respond to the COVID-19 crisis, CSC takes this real opportunity to ensure availability of dry rations with the families and to take care of children's nutritional need. The day also emphasized on distributing health & hygiene kits and basic education kits so that the holistic development of the family could be ensured through these sharing and caring. The complete project was supported by individual donors and CSC's resources.



World Environment Day

CSC organised online painting competitions amongst the children and received amazing responses from the participants. Use of colour and expression of thoughts were remarkable for each one of them. Their painting work was evaluated by Col.Jiten HazWarika, who very much appreciated everyone's work and awarded first the paintings. Our winners were: First : Kusum , Second: Tapasya and Mohit, Third : Ravi.



International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

2020 UNiTE Campaign Theme: “Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!”

As the world retreated inside homes due to the lockdown measures introduced to curb the COVID-19 pandemic, reports showed an alarming increase in the already existing pandemic of violence against women.

“Accompanying the crisis has been a spike in domestic violence reporting, at exactly the time that services, including rule of law, health and shelters, are being diverted to address the pandemic,” stated the UN Secretary-General’s report, “Shared Responsibility, Global Solidarity: Responding to the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19”.

The color orange symbolizes a brighter future, free of violence.

It also serves as a means of demonstrating your solidarity in eliminating all forms of violence and it is therefore used as the color of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in our world today remains largely unreported due to the impunity, silence, stigma and shame surrounding it.

In general terms, it manifests itself in physical, sexual and psychological forms, encompassing:

- intimate partner violence (battering, psychological abuse, marital rape, femicide);
- sexual violence and harassment (rape, forced sexual acts, unwanted sexual advances, child sexual abuse, forced marriage, street harassment, stalking, cyber- harassment);
- human trafficking (slavery, sexual exploitation);
- female genital mutilation; and
- child marriage.

Eminent Resource persons who shared their knowledge and experience on that day were:

Dr.Manda Parikh, Director, Rural Development & Management Institute, Ahmedabad

Major Rajneesh Dhar, Electronics & Telecommunications Engineer from Mumbai University and management graduate from XLRI, Jamshedpur is a passionate sales professional.

Dr.Bhawna Sood, Asst. Professor, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh.

Dr.Bani Bora moderated the discussion and participants actively interacted and shared their experiences too.



Dr.Manda Parikh
Director:RUDMI,Ahmedabad



Rajneesh Dhar
DGM : Hexagon, Delhi



Dr.Bhawna Sood
Asst.Prof:MCM DAV College, Chandigarh

World AIDS Day

The theme reminds us of all we can achieve together when we focus on impact by using data to deliver high quality, people-centered HIV prevention and treatment services to those most in need, tackling stigma and discrimination, and empowering communities. It reaffirms the essential role of resilience, which enables individuals and communities to meet the challenge of HIV/AIDS even in times of adversity. A session by Dr. Shankar Chowdhury on this was not only informative but also interactive. Participants of the Certificate in Counselling Skill program found the program immensely useful.

Special session by: **Dr. Shankar Chowdhury**

Co-authored the 1st Counselling training manual on HIV for WHO in the year 2000, which was later adapted for India by NACO.

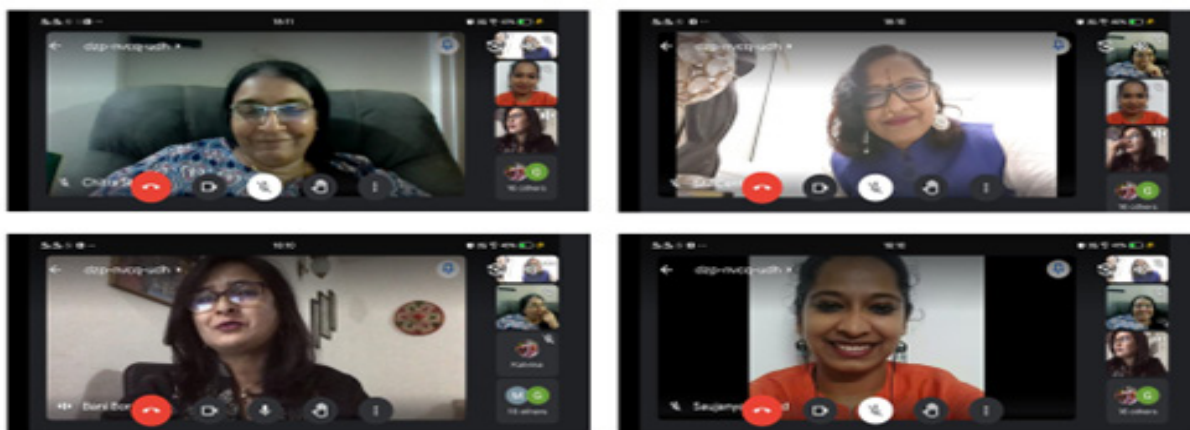
Earlier association:
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Sr. Programme
Manager, UNESCO



International Day of Persons with Disabilities

UNESCO marked the International Day of Persons with Disabilities with a week-long programme from 25 November to 3 December 2020 under the theme: “Building back better: towards an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 world by, for and with persons with disabilities”.

A session, full of learning, sharing and experiencing the disability in a family, a sibling’s journey, mother’s activism and people’s participation. Each one’s role with so much of positivity, energy and empathy that it made this world a beautiful place for all to live. Our eminent speakers were Chitra Shah, KVJ Dr Sumithra Prasad and Saujanya Prasad, who’s contribution from life experiences made the learning not just experiential but also very much valuable.



Human Rights Day

This year’s Human Rights Day theme relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and focuses on the need to build back better by ensuring Human Rights are central to recovery efforts. We will reach our common global goals only if we are able to create equal opportunities for all, address the failures exposed and exploited by COVID-19, and apply human rights standards to tackle entrenched, systematic, and intergenerational inequalities, exclusion and discrimination.

CSC organized an online web discussion session on 10th December, 2020 with the participants of Certificate in Counselling Skill programme. Participants gave group presentations on the themes as follows:

- Illegal trafficking
- Child labour
- Disabled peoples rights
- Women’s rights
- Transgender persons rights

The session was facilitated by eminent Advocates of Supreme Court of India, Adv. Samdarshi Sanjay and Adv. Monika Sharma. A very enriching learning happened during the session and it was once again established that implementations of the law is the essence of ensuring our rights.



International Volunteer Day

International Volunteer Day (IVD) mandated by the UN General Assembly in 1985, is held each year on 5 December. It is viewed as an unique chance for volunteers and organizations to celebrate their efforts, to share their values, and to promote their work among their communities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), United Nations agencies, government authorities and the private sector. Together We Can Through Volunteering was the theme for the year 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged across the world, volunteers have been at the forefront of medical, community and societal responses. Headlines in the world's media have paid credit to volunteers for all kinds of work, from helping to provide medical care, to doing shopping for vulnerable neighbours, or checking up on elderly people living alone. The COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan by the WHO identifies community volunteers as key stakeholders for risk communication and community engagement. This indicates the valuable and great effort the WHO believes volunteers are doing during COVID-19.

Our deep gratitude to the resource persons of IVD2020 , Dr. Mridula Seth , Kevin Hickey, Cecilia Gamez Campanella ,Jorge Ruiz Villasante for their valuable inputs and sparing their time to be with us. It was a privilege to have two authors in the panel, Dr. Mridula Seth and Jorge Ruiz Villasante whose books were a product of their volunteering experiences. Jorge Ruiz Villasante, from Spain, who volunteered in India for two years, authored and published a book on 2nd October 2019 and organised a photo exhibition to celebrate Gandhi's 150th birthday. Kevin Hickey, professional in the intercultural exchange and volunteering field for 30 years and Cecilia Gamez Campanella trains and promotes volunteering in Mexico. Thank you dear participants and guests, specially Ray Shivaji Nath, Former Chairman , EIL India, Patna, Anju Kohli , Canada, Gabi Pi ,Austria, Nisha Rai,Noida for your active participation and inputs.



International Women's Day



This year, the theme for International Women's Day (8 March), "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world," celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and highlights the gaps that remain.

CSC celebrated the day by organizing interactive discussion session with mothers and sisters of CSC family. Awareness, Togetherness and Vision for Tomorrow were the main focus of discussion. Twenty nine mothers were present on the occasion. 72% mothers were illiterate and almost all of them were hesitant to speak out their names by holding a microphone. A year-long challenge of COVID in their livelihood made survival difficult for many of them. All the mothers expressed their wish for a safe and secured future for their children. CSC proposed to start self-help-group with the mothers and facilitate basic and financial lit-

eracy learning opportunities for them. The idea was well appreciated by all the participants. A hygiene kit was presented to all the women.

To understand expert views and vision towards achieving equal future, CSC organized online discussion on the theme. Dr. Bani Bora, Founder Director, introduced the theme to the online audience. Dr. Bora also presented the feedback from the grassroots interactive session with marginalized women. Dr.N.Vasugi, Dean, School of Home Science, Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, spoke on women in academia: leading and nurturing future citizens. Dr.Mousumi Roy, Director, Medical Services, Sama Hospital, New Delhi, addressed women leaders in medical services and road ahead. Amrita Sarkar, Advisor: Transgen-



der Wellbeing & Advocacy at Alliance India, Delhi talked about Transwomen: leading and empowering their self-identity. Dr. Priya Bir, Associate Professor, Psychology, AMV, University of Delhi addressed the theme from mothers' perspective. Mothers as leaders: Strengthening psychological needs of children, was the topic of her discussion. Dr. Sue C. Jacobs, Myron Ledbetter & Bob Lemon Counselling Psychology Diversity Professor, CEHS, Oklahoma State University talked about Women in Leadership: International Perspective. Dr. Mridula Seth, Advisor,

CSC India, Distinguished Professor, IIALE, New Delhi, spoke on elderly women and their social responsibility. While all the expert reiterated the need for women's full and effective participation and leadership in all areas of life, which will drive progress for everyone in return, yet everyone agreed that women are still underrepresented in public life and decision-making and illiteracy creates huge hindrance in this path of progress. Reshma Nakte, a participant in the Certificate in Counselling Skills programme of CSC, moderated the programme with good number of active participation in the program.



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Happy Women's Day**

**An international web-discussion on
Women's Day, 8th March, 2021**

Please join us :
<https://meet.google.com/jhw-amb-pud>
Time: 6.30 PM- 8.00 PM



Dr. Sue C. Jacobs
Myron Ledbetter & Bob
Lemon Counseling
Psychology Diversity
Professor, CEHS, Oklahoma
State University
**Women in leadership:
International perspective**



Dr. N. Vasugi
Dean, School of Home
Science, Avinashilingam
University, Coimbatore,
TN
**Women in academia:
Leading and nurturing
future citizens**



Dr. Mousumi Roy
Director, Medical Services,
Sama Hospital, New Delhi
**Women leaders in
medical services:
Road ahead**



Amrita Sarkar
Advisor: Transgender
Wellbeing & Advocacy at
Alliance India, Delhi
**Trans women:
Leading and empowering
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Tribute

Radha Gupta

CSC pays it's tribute to Late Radha Gupta, who celebrated her grand-daughter Amelia's birthday with CSC kids, two years back. Generation passes on its values... Thank you Nisha Gupta for this thoughtful gesture. We sincerely wish a happy learning for our kids at Centre for Social Change: CSC India. Lots of love & blessings to Amelia.

Karunasri

We, at CSC India pay our heartfelt tribute to Karunasri, whose sudden departure left us all in a state of deep shock and sorrow. Karunasri and her niece Sritanaya sponsored two full scholarships to CSC's Certificate in Counselling Skill course participants. The scholarships were given to two transgender participants Rihana and Satendra (Leena). This is the first time a transgender participant receives training on Counselling skills organized by CSC. The course started from 3rd September and Karunasri left for heavenly abode on 4th September, 2020. Karunasri's left behind her parents and brother, who are based out in Hyderabad and sister Shyamasri and her family in Delhi. We pay our heartfelt condolences to the family members of Karunasri. May the departed soul rests in peace. Karunasri, we would always remember your love for humanity with gratitude.

IV. Certificate in Counselling Skills

Batch I : 15th July- 30th August, 2020

Batch II : 1st September- 15th October, 2020

Batch III : 1st November- 15th December, 2020

Batch IV : 16th January- 12th March, 2021

Learning is a continuous process in the life of a human being irrespective of age, time and profession. “Learn till I Live”, is the motto behind “Ajeevan Siksha” programme of CSC. The year 2020 has changed many things, one amongst them was the teaching - learning process. Face-to-Face, classroom teachings got replaced by online mode to a great extent. So to create an opportunity for online learning irrespective of age, CSC initiated Counselling skills experiential teaching programme from July,2020 onwards. The hardship during the Covid phase faced by people from all strata, both at physical and mental level, was a significant indication of need for trained professionals and helpers in the Counselling sector. With this backdrop CSC announced the six weeks online training in July and till now fourth batch is running successfully. CSC believes that with the increased number of trained helping service workers the counselling service would be able to reach more people at the grassroots. This online program on Certificate in Counselling Skills is designed to provide necessary foundation to develop an ability to scale-up one’s interpersonal skills and empathetic understanding and use counselling skills ethically and safely.

There were 25 participants in the Batch I and 29 participants in Batch II and Batch III had 20 participants and Batch IV is running with 24 participants representing various states of India. After the completion of three batches, the program was further evaluated and discussed with experts like Prof.N.K.Chadha, USA. It was suggested that the program duration may be extended up to 12weeks. Keeping this suggestion in mind, the program duration in Batch IV was made of eight weeks. The course experts were: Prof.Rajesh: University of Delhi, Dr. Priya Bir : Associate Professor, AMV, University of Delhi, Dr.Dimpi Mahanta: Founder Head, Dept.of Psychology, Cotton University, Guwahati, Assam, Dr.Shankar Chowdhury, Gurgaon. Dr.Mridula Seth was external evaluator of the program. Apart from regular sessions, web discussions, group work, secondary research and individual presentations were important aspect of the program.

The programme is highly subsidised by CSC and it was well received by the contributors as well. In Batch II, there were two individual sponsor, Late Karunasri and Tanayasri, who sponsored two transgender participants. We had another corporate sponsor, TAAZA Tech Pvt.Ltd, Noida. MD Bidhan Baruah and team sponsored 5 participants each from Kashmir and Assam. In Batch III, there were five sponsored participants from NGO sectors, sponsored by R.S. Engineering Works. In Batch IV, R.S.Enginnering Works and TAAZA Tech Pvt.Ltd, both sponsored total 15 participants.



Feedback

Describing the overall experience in one word would be outstanding. Every other day was an opportunity to learn things, to grow oneself. I happily end the overall course with a positive mindset. I used to look forward to the sessions. The selection of excellent resource persons in their fields had been the strength of the course. The engagement and the founder's effort to unite people from different backgrounds must be appreciated. Can't believe it ended up so soon. I wouldn't mind continuing the course for a year or two.

Disha Tamuly
Assam, CCS Batch IV

I am extremely happy to share my learning experience. I always wanted to get into some solid counseling course and I was in search of it. When I saw the poster of CSC I was happy and immediately spoke to Dr. Bani ma'am regarding the course. Her response and the curriculum made me to join immediately without even having a second thought. This course has an immense impact on me as an individual. I felt it is important to understand our own self before we understand any extended relationships and society as a whole. I have personally modified myself on various emotional issues. The course content and the way in which the eminent resource persons handled it, was amazing. Priya ma'am experience as a counselor and the cases she shared with us was just like a practical session. Her classes helped us to understand the real life situation in a broader perspective. As a whole it was a brainstorming course for me to get into the field. I am planning do MA in psychology to understand the field more scientifically and presently is am doing six months counseling course on children and Mental health. I thank Dr. Bani Bora from bottom of my heart for providing such a fruitful platform. I wish you all the best for all your courses in future.

Dr.Mamtha,
Karnataka, CCS Batch I



V. Third Foundation Day



The journey which literally started from the open park of Barola, Noida with few children and their mothers on 5th February, 2018, completed its 3rd Foundation day on 5th February, 2021. The day started with full enthusiasm and visible discipline amongst the children. Children were repeatedly trained to be in the best of their appearance and behavior, as the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Vrinda Shukla, IPS was to grace the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest, DCP Vrinda Shukla was welcomed by the CSC team members and children to an ambience of joy, vigor and gratitude. It was an immense pleasure for Dr. Bani Bora, Founder Director-CSC, to introduce the Chief Guest to the children and their mothers, especially emphasizing on her hard work towards receiving the best of education and her dedication to serve the Country by becoming an officer in the Indian Police Service cadre.



DCP Vrinda Shukla congratulated the Centre for Social Change: CSC on completion of its third foundation day. While addressing the gathering, DCP Vrinda Shukla appealed to the mothers to encourage their children, especially the daughters to learn and continue with formal education. Importance of education as well as measures taken by Noida Police to ensure safety of children and women were the areas of importance during the discussion. She also shared her vision of having a police force who would be empathetic in their approach to understand the pain and sufferings of common people.

Mahesh Verma, a mute youth, whose association with CSC started from the first year itself through his talent in art work, honoured Vrinda Shukla by presenting a pencil art sketch of her. CSC honored two of its team members for their enormous service to the CSC families and people in need, during the lockdown phase of Covid 19. DCP Vrinda Shukla, presented Certificate of Appreciation to both the team members: Abhilasha Hayaran and Anamika Pandey. CSC acknowledged the continuous support of another two team members, Chunnu Devi and Neetu for being with CSC to carry out its activities successfully at the centre and awarded a memento of appreciation to each one by the Hon. Chief Guest. Children participated in rapid fire quiz session, song, group dance, drama and story-telling activities while celebrating the day.

Presence of esteemed guests and well-wishers of CSC added fervor to the event. Hiranya Kumar Das, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Defense (Retired), presented a book, 'Music Legend Bhupen Hazarika', authored by him to the Chief Guest. Ashish from CBAS Flims, Puneet Sharma, Group Executive Vice President, YES Bank; Nisha

Rai, Social Activists, Karuna Bhalla, Educationists, Dr. Pranab J. Patar, Chief Executive-Global Foundation honored CSC with their presence and awarded prizes to the winners of various competitions organized during and post lockdown phase. CSC put on record the volunteering support of Puneet Sharma, Nisha Rai and Dr. Pranab J. Patar to reach out to CSC families by providing dry rations, raw materials for mask making and mask distribution during the lock-down phase. Post lockdown, Karuna Bhalla supported CSC children with learning material and nutritional food. On this day CSC fondly remembers all its contributors and supporters, especially Rupam Barua, Kishore Das, Hemen Goswami, Amar Gupta,



Prof. S. Y. Shah, Rony Sahai, R. S. Engineering Works, Bidhan Baruah, Taazaa Tech Pvt. Ltd, Alay Barah, Fair and Sustainable Support Foundation and Dr. Mridula Seth. The concluding highlight of the event was cake cutting to celebrate the birthday of Puneet Sharma. CSC warmly recognized this kind gesture of Puneet Sharma to celebrate his birthday with CSC Family on its Foundation day.

CSC was immensely grateful to the Chief Guest DCP Vrinda Shukla for sparing so much of her time to be with the children and members of CSC family and encouraging them to have a better life by educating themselves. CSC profusely thanked all the guests for their presence. CSC congratulates all the children, their mothers and all the team members for a successful completion of the programme.



CSC's Annual Competition Winners

Drawing Junior

1st	Anam
2nd	Gudiya
3rd	Nishita

Hindi Writing Junior

1st	Tarana
2nd	Kajal
3rd	Dishi

English Writing Junior

1st	Chandani
2nd	Pushpendra

Drawing Senior

1st	Kusum
2nd	Khusi
3rd	Muskan

Hindi Writing Senior

1st	Kajal
2nd	Muskan
3rd	Roshini

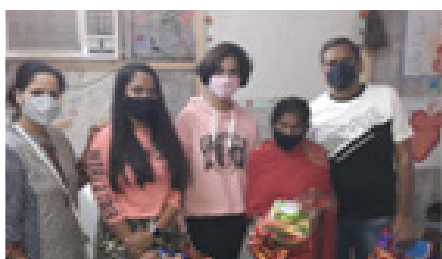
English Writing Senior

1st	Anjali
2nd	Diya
3rd	Nishita

Quiz Rapid Winner : Pushpendra



Birthday Celebration



This is the first time in 2020, a family shared their happiness with CSC kids on 9th November, 2020 on the occasion of their daughter Tanya's birthday. Tanya, her mother Poonam ji and the family celebrated the day by distributing 50 blankets, cakes and wafers to CSC kids. One member from each family were invited to come and receive the gifts, maintaining safe distance and hygiene. A very happy birthday and best wishes to Tanya Gupta.



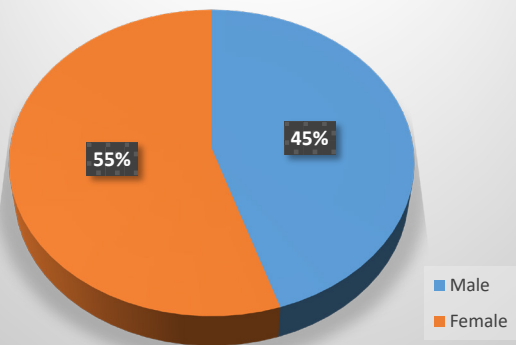
Ms. Poonam and her family celebrated second birthday of Jigyashu with CSC children on 30th March, 2021. We wish a very happy birthday to Jigyashu and many happy returns.

CSC's Community Profile

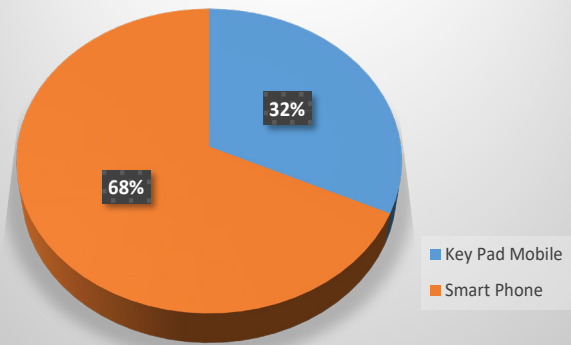
A brief overview

Centre for Social Change reached up-to 88 families in it's third year presence at the community of Barola, Noida. Families were mostly migrated from rural Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, in search of livelihood. Average family income varied from Rs.8000/- to Rs.15,000/- per month. However, 32% families had one smart phone in the family. Majority of mothers were illiterate with about 38% women's literacy. Nearly 80% children in the age group of 6-14 years had low BMI (Body Mass Index).Eighty eight families had a total of 247 children out of which 184 children were enrolled with CSC. Out of 184 children 33 were irregular, mainly because of their visit to village for longer duration. A total of 15% of children were out of school children. CSC had more number of girls i.e. 55% female children as against 45% of male children. During the pandemic CSC reached out to it's children through family based approach only. In the third year, which happened to be the year of pandemic Covid 19, CSC shared it's resources with a total of 423 people.

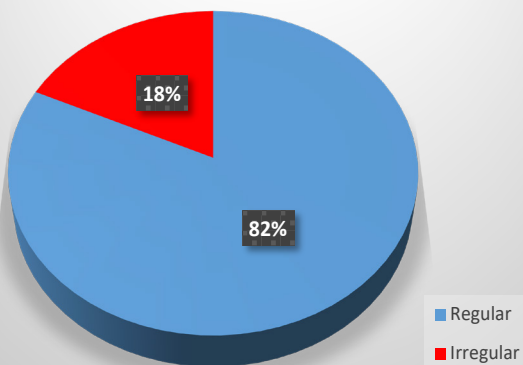
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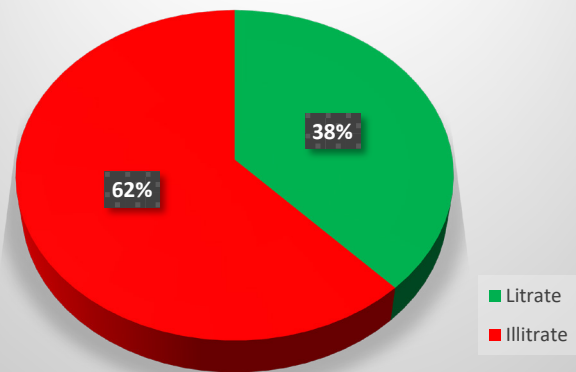
Technology reach



Regular reach out



Mothers' literacy



Guests at CSC



Devender Singh, officer at Noida Police visited CSC on 20th January with his colleagues.



Nisha Rai and Chaaru visited CSC on 24th January, 2021 and shared happy, interactive time with girls.



Upashana Baruah and S. Borah visited CSC on 13th February, 2021 and distributed sweets to children. They expressed their willingness to visit CSC once a month and volunteer to interact with children once a month.



Nisha Malhotra, visited CSC on 23rd February, 2021 to understand our ways of working and possibilities of extending support to CSC.



Priya Sharma from Aseem's Library visited CSC on 15th March, 2021 to share information about their working model. She also had a brief interaction with the children.



Swati Sinha from WhiteHat Jr visited CSC on 26th March, 2021 to share goodies and spent happy learning moments with the children.

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