# THE COVID-19 CRISIS: SUPPORTING GUJARAT GOVERNMENT SCHOOL TEACHERS, 2019-20 Ravi J. Matthai Centre for Educational Innovation Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad

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## Key developments from the Government of Gujarat's side:

- Vacation begins on May 3, 2020. So we will be continuing our activity till May 2.
- On April 2 GCERT initiated a daily pdf message with links to audio and videos, Yoga video, activities for students, etc. that is sent to all CRC coordinators. They forward the pdf to all teachers who then pass it on to their students.
- SAMAGRA SHIKSHA Gandhinagar has started preparing a weekly pdf containing practice pages for Class 3-9. This is sent to CRC coordinators, who send it to teachers, who in turn pass it on to students.

### **Update on our activities:**

- 1. Our objective of encouraging teachers to remain in touch with their students and with each other continues. Our input has focused on including all marginalized children (children belonging to salt workers, migrant labourers, pastoral groups, etc.) It is not easy—some teachers give homework to children on phone (wherever feature phone is available but not smart phones), asking the children to keep a record of their homework and submit later when schools open. In some cases even feature phone access is difficult and here some form of indirect peer communication (through the nearest child/ parents with a phone connection) is being tried; children are also in touch with others who have only feature phones. There is very little one can do except appreciate teachers who are doing their best. We are gathering more details in the coming week, while trying to give whatever creative thoughts strike us—teachers are making the best of a very difficult situation. [SEE SOME CASE STUDIES PRESENTED LATER—COMPLICATED BY MIGRANTS STUCK IN VILLAGES]
- 2. The idea of helping teachers explore online methods of remaining in touch with children and with each other picked up significantly. Each of the 50 case studies discussed during the week reached on average **59,549** teachers.
- **3.** The consolidated sheet of teacher-contributed activities saw 17 additions, bringing the total to **239** educational practices.
- 4. The intern-developed videos (from RJMCEI) are also being shared. The app for this is now with more than 500 teachers.
- 5. Online tests/quizzes of students have become popular. Vishal Gauswami of Rajpura, Porbandar developed an app (free on Google Play store) for tests in science and math Class 6 to 8. The results are auto generated.
- 6. The three groups of Class 1-2, 3-5 and 6-8 have shown increased activity with many contributions on preparing TLM at home. The views on YouTube have also gone up significantly. Consolidated picture since the start of the initiative on March 21 is given below.

7. FROM 21/03/2020 TO 13/04/2020

		Total	Average Reach of	Average daily active
GROUPS	Total daily posts	Comments	each post	members
Class 1-2	298	3022	7085	9279
Class 3-5	237	634	6743	9090
Class 6-8	299	2371	11283	17057

YouTube: 21/03/2020 TO 13/04/2020: 78,788 visitors

- 8. Resource persons have started making videos on the subject topics. Mr. Prashant Sharma one of the SRG members of Science subject has started making videos for Class 6 to 8 science, which are shared through YouTube links. Till date he has produced five videos that are being posted on our Facebook pages. Similarly, SRG members of history social studies subject have developed content and have shared 34 drafts of reading material in last week.
- **9.** Teacher's online ICTE workshops are ongoing, daily one workshop is conducted by Mehulbhai Prajapati, Mihirbhai Solanki, Sandeepbhai Chaudhry and Piyushbhai Patel jointly, and now they have an "E- Shikshan" team of 20 members coordinating at state level. More than 500 participants have participated.
- **10.** Now very commonly, teachers and students' online classes are held. Homework through WhatsApp groups is also on. All material sharing is happening through WhatsApp groups. All this information is available on our Facebook group pages.
- 11. SUMMER CAMP activity: In the Summer Camp activity more teachers and students are participating, there are 350 members in 3 WhatsApp groups. Activities done in the summer camp till date are as follows. Diya making & questionnaire, Corona poster making & CIP Activities, lamp lighting, waste of best in use & Easy writing, Stone or leaf painting & Card making, Salad / Food dish making & Making balancing tower, Parachute making & I card Making, Picture description
  - & Make a Haldi card, Story Writing & Making of Mask, Paper Bag & picture Description. The activity is spearheaded by the school at ROPADA. Teachers, students and parents are giving their feedback in the groups and we have conducted some telephonic interviews for feedback. Till 12 April 2020, 18 telephonic interviews have been conducted and transcription from audio files to text has been started. In the summer camp, the teachers have started giving GK and history homework through google form link from 9 April 2020 and ten questions are asked.
- 12. Key teachers being supported:
  - a. Satishbhai Prajapat Bakrol primary school, Panchmahal
  - b. Kamlesh Shah Ajupura pay center school, Anand
  - c. Dimple Bhut C.R.C Gondal , motivates teachers and other members to join and shares task in other groups.
  - d. Jagrutiben Atara Chekhla primary school, Ahmedabad
  - e. Tejalben Parikh Popatpura primary school, Panchmahal

### **SOME OF THE SHARED STORIES**

## 1. Tarunbhai Kathbamana, Principal, Kanya Shala No. 3, Junagadh, a very active member of Samarth curriculum development group:

A small effort to develop food kits to last for 21 days (planned two days before lockdown started).

14 families of the school students identified by teachers (simple criterion: in the teacher's assessment the family will not be able to pull through for 21 days). The 14 included unemployed, plastic waste collectors, students who don't have parents and living with some other families, and families of children with disabilities. All are from Devipujak, Valmiki, Bavaji and Muslim communities. Funding raised from 13 staff members. Kit included rice, pulses, oil, tea, sugar, biscuits, soap, flour, chili powder, salt + 2kg per kit added by shopkeeper of village (see picture). Total cost 1200. 10 families collected kits from the school and the rest from the teacher's home.



## 2. Mahendrabhai Bhalgamiya, Kavi Shree Botad Ghar Primary School No. 3

In Botad, MLA has decided to keep migrant workers from MP, Dahod and Godhara in schools of that area. The school is hosting 44 people, including four children, at the moment. Food is provided three times a day and other items necessary for living—all by the local govt. School staff come to the school in rotation in teams of 2. School has "Aushadhi Garden"; so immunity-boosting decoction supplied to all 44 people every 2 or 3 days. School has a library and has 4000 books. The library is open to those of the 44 who can read (see picture). The teacher has provided the people games equipment like badminton, carom, chess and football—they can play but strictly maintaining social distancing is maintained. School has digital classroom and so the teachers also show videos on farming and organic farming. Most of the people are addicted to smoking, but since smoking is not possible, two teachers Ashwinbhai Borecha and Jayantibhai Parmar are taking counselling sessions.





3: Nishitbhai Acharya of RPS ROPADA, primary school, Ahmedabad: In this school some students from Vanjara community of Mehsana had been admitted, and after the annual exams were supposed to return to their hometown. Because of lockdown they could not. The school has organized Food Kits and enrolled them in "Ann Bhrama Yojana". The villagers have given shelter to one family with three children in the school (migrant family), and the teachers do all the coordination. The school has also organized provided food kit for three weeks with the help of a donor for 80 families living below poverty line.

**4.** Charulataben Raj, Navvadhpura, Garudeshwar, Narmada district Class 6-8:

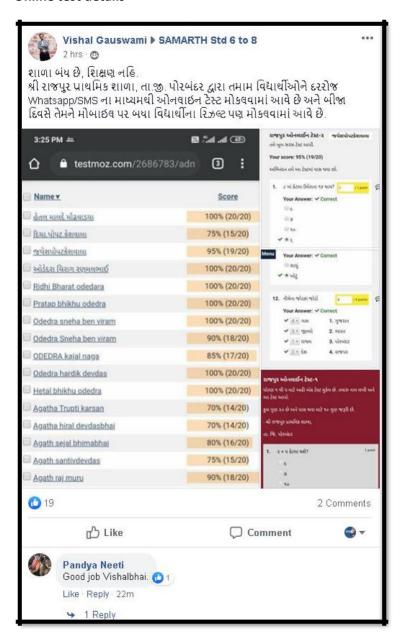
The teacher has formed a WhatApp group of 8 students who have access to smart phones. These children have to reach out to others while maintaining social distancing in their streets. The teacher calls up every student every two days for giving the tasks and taking feedback.

The Mid-day meal worker of the school has a smart phone and so reaches out to those students who do not have phone and shares/disseminates the given information/task and also collects the completed work from the children on daily basis, while maintaining social distancing. Then the MDM worker gives transmits the material to the teacher on regular basis over phone. The teacher is also member of online Summer camp group and shares information/task on daily basis to students.

## SOME ILLUSTRATIONS

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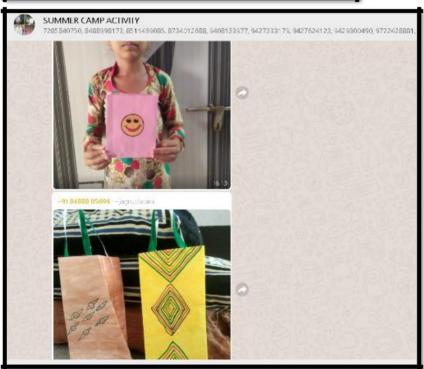
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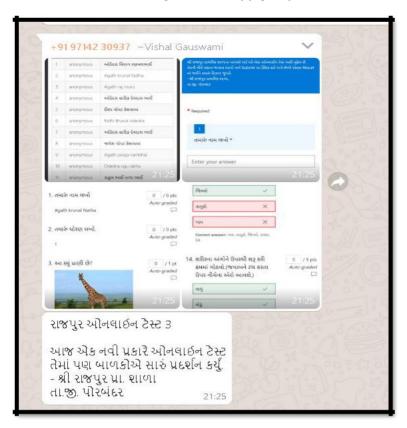
## Summer camp activity







## Online test details sharing on WhatsApp groups





## TLM making by teachers at HOME

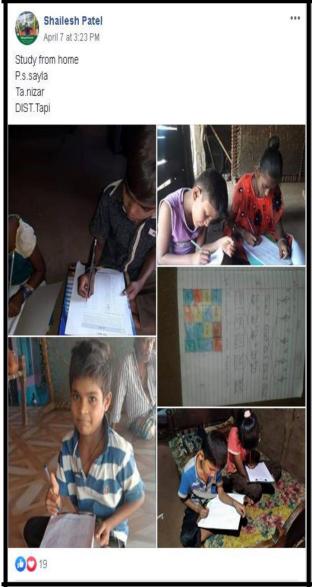






Students who do not have net connectivity taking the help of other schoolmates with connectivity and completing homework and other tasks

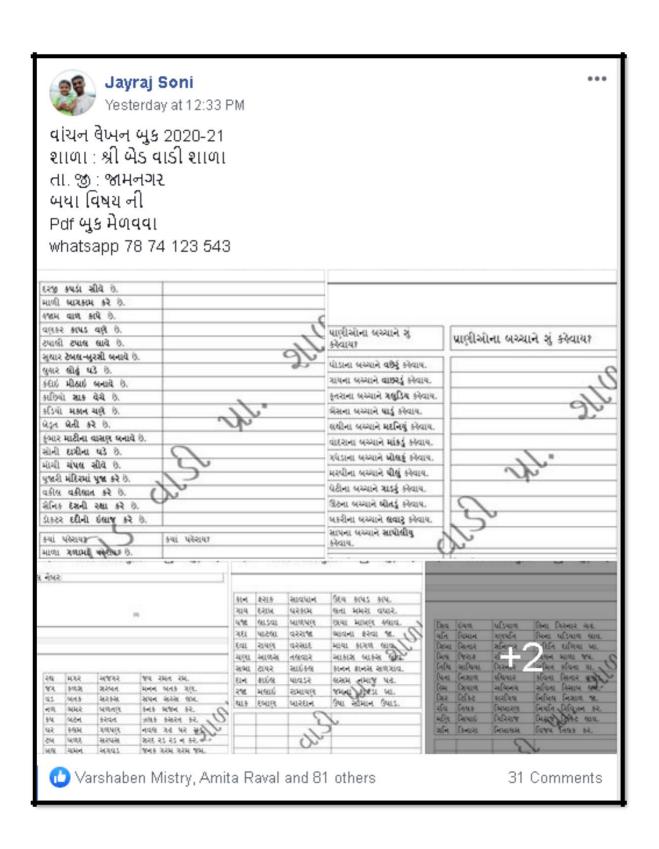




### Posts on Social Media









## Hari Nandava shared a link.

22 hrs

યાલો શૈક્ષણિક સજ્જતા , લર્નિંગ મટીરીયલ માટે એક પ્રવૃત્તિ કરીએ.

અંગ્રેજી વિષયમાં બાળકોને સ્પેલિંગ પાકા કરવામાં મુશ્કેલી આવે છે.

તો સૌ પ્રથમ તેઓને સરળ શબ્દોના પરિચય માટે આ પ્રવૃત્તિ કરાવીએ.

આપણાં વિદ્યાર્થીઓને સૌ પ્રથમ સરળ સ્પેલિંગનો પરિચય કરાવવા આ પ્રવૃત્તિ કરવામાં આવે છે.

શરુઆતમાં સરળ સ્પેલિંગ આપતા તેઓનો આત્મવિશ્વાસ વધે છે.

એ માટે એક પ્રવૃત્તિનું આયોજન છે.

આ માટે દરેક સ્પેલિંગ આપશે. કંઇક અલગ સ્પેલિંગ વિચારવા વિનંતી. સરળ તો દરેક આપશે.

👉 જે અંગ્રેજી શબ્દનો સ્પેલિંગ અને ઉચ્ચાર સરખો હોય તે જ લખવા.

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અહીં એક વિક આપું છું. તે ખોલી અને ઉચ્ચાર અને સ્પેવિંગ સરખા જ હોય તે અર્થ સાથે લખવા.

અહીં આવેલા તમામ સ્પેલિંગની યાદી રજુ કરવામાં આવશે. એકથી વધુ સ્પેલિંગ માટે બીજીવાર જવાબ સબમિટ કરો .

સ્પેલિંગ માટે લિક:-

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મિત્રો આ પ્રવૃત્તિ તારીખ 15/04/2020 સુધી ચાલશે.

ત્યારબાદ તારીખ 15 /04/2020 ના રોજ સાંજે 7 વાગ્યે નીચેની લિક પર સ્પેલિંગની યાદી આપવામાં આવશે.

સ્પેલિંગની યાદી માટેની લિક:-

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#### **ENGLISH WORDS**

મિઝો, વિદ્યાર્શીઓને સૌ પ્રદામ સરળ રપેલિંગનો પરિ થય કરાવવા આ પ્રવૃત્તિ કરવામાં આવે છે. ઉ ધ્યાર અને રપેલિંગ સરખા જ હોય તે અદિ લભવા. અદિ આવેલા તમામ રપેલિંગની યાદી રજુ કરવામાં આવશે. એક્કદી વધુ રપેલિંગ માટે બીજીવાર જવાબ સબચિટ કરો.

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