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EMBODYING RIGHTS

Our students who had recently completed their class 12 board exams. Embracing the challenge of being trainers, they deliver spoken English classes to the YASH students based on the BBC English learning videos and Maha-Movie Cartoons. Saturday online training sessions are organized by the senior Columbans on a weekly basis. This engages 40 government school going students, from the 8th to 12th grade even as they brace the challenges of limited digital access of their vulnerable circumstances. Priya (grade 12) Farzana and Pooja (grade 11) bagged the 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively. These slogan writing and poster making competitions on 'Child Labour' were organized by Inner Wheel.

- Chhaya



Art by Peony Roy (Loreto, Elliot Road, WB)

We look forward to the official release of the jagART e-Books on the 13th of November (see www.pratyek.org.in for details) which will also be posted on a number of virtual art galleries.



Khushi Ansari scored 94.6% in her class 12 board exams and was awarded a cycle by the Arun Jaitley Foundation (former Union Finance Minister) which was presented to her by former cricketer Gautam Gambhir.

EMBEDDING JUSTICE

During the nationwide COVID restrictions, PRATYek organized jagART with young artists representing 96 schools across India. These online workshops drew the attention of these young artists to some of the environmental challenges like responsible consumption, sustainability, life below water, and life on land. It attempted to create 100 Greta's seeking climate action even as they painted a new world and wrote a new story towards earth-advocacy and policy change. The sessions were facilitated by Dr. Daniel Connell, from the Adelaide School of Art, Australia.

- Grace



EDUCATING LIBERATION

Members of our Delhi Inclusive Children’s Parliaments (DICP) planted 999 plants across various parts of Delhi. A webinar was conducted in August, 2020 on “Online Classes”, to motivate all the children to engage enthusiastically and consistently in the same. The children used online mediums to promote safe practices during COVID times. Regular online meetings and webinars were held on child rights along with virtual child-parliament sessions.

- **Yogita**



Around the 14th of November we aspire to have online State Children’s Parliaments in the Delhi, Assam, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand State Assemblies.

ENABLING PARTICIPATION

Inclusive National General Assembly (INGA) is an online platform, where children along with Child Ministers from across the country, discuss

and address crucial issues related to children. This platform was organized by the National Inclusive Core Organizing Team (NICOT) of the NICP (National Inclusive Children’s Parliament). On the 15th of August, we started with our first INGA where, around 400 Adult and Child participants took part. The theme for INGA I was ‘Children in COVID times’. On 9th September, the 14th NINEISMINE day, we organized our INGA-II on ‘Ending Violence Against Children’ (EVAC). A member of the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights Smt. Rosie Taba participated in the consultation.

- **Vijay**



Children from JLKP, Jharkhand receiving COVID relief Kits

After 14 years of persistent campaigning, the recently announced New Education Policy announced by the Government of India finally included 6% for Education.

Manisha Ram (17 years) has been chosen to represent India at the Climate Change Convention, to be organized by the UN HQ in New York.

ENGAGING WITH POWER

On International Youth Day (14th August) and the eve of Independence Day, young citizens from the states of Assam, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra interacted in the first ever online 'Bal Sabha' with Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) functionaries. It was attended by the Joint Secretary, Mr. Kushwant Singh, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, GOI and UNICEF India representative, Dr. Yasmin Ali Haque. The young citizens spoke passionately about the issues they have been facing during the pandemic. These ranged from lack of online educational facilities, nutrition, to increased stress, child abuse and child labour. **- Violet**

Each webinar had a keynote speaker who focused on Edmund Rice as an advocate from a historical perspective and a series of shorter presentations from those following in the footsteps of Edmund, involved in various forms of advocacy in today's time. **- Anisha**



We look forward to your participation in our TEDx PRATYek COUNTDOWN on Climate Change on the 17th of October, World End Poverty Day, to be relayed on Zoom and Twitch. (register at www.nineismine.in)

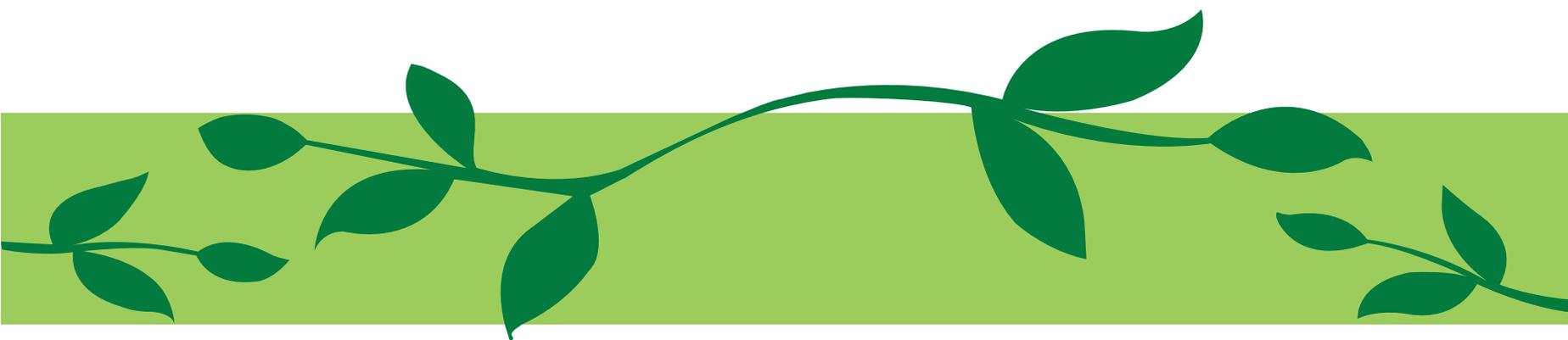


ENCOURAGING INTERNATIONALITY

Edmund Rice International with PRATYek coordinated a series of webinars on the theme of 'Edmund the Advocate'. Four webinars were organized across different time zones to maximize the participation of members of the International Edmund Rice network.

EMBRACING THE EARTH

A group of young ProActivists, gathered outside the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change on the UN SDG Day (25 September) seeking sustainable earth policies. Some other demands included an improved sewage treatment plant to tackle pollution in the Yamuna, saving the Aravalis, decentralized waste system and better environment education plans for schools. The Earth Pro-Activists followed social distancing norms and brought along their own sanitizers, consumables, and posters.



These gathering were inspired by Fridays for Future, which is a global strike movement that was started by Greta Thunberg, the young Swedish Environmental pro-activist

-Dennis

NINEISMINE led the India slot of the online digital strike led by Greta Thunberg demanding the declaration of climate emergency. PRATYek also supported the Climate Changemakers Series organized by Save the Children to mark the UN Global Goals Day.

-Ima



Students sit outside the Ministry of Environment



Coming soon: UNICEF- NINEISMINE online Earth Parliament with Members of Parliament on the 20th of November (International Child Rights Day)

100 children's parliaments associated with various children will be provided with devices to engage with online education, virtual children's parliaments and eCERTing Rights.

EMPOWERING COLLABORATIONS

PRATYek, collaborated with various organizations and movements to amplify voices of children along with many grassroots organizations. Some of the highlighted engagements were with the Wada Na Todo Abhiyan and 'Jan Sarokar' during the People's Parliament wherein our child advocates shared their recommendations on the impact of COVID on children's education.

ENHANCING CAPACITY

A Child Safeguarding (CSG) workshop was conducted for the staff and children on zoom on the 21st of July to address the social and legal protection needs of children and their families within vulnerable communities. Weekly meetings were held with the entire team towards the creation of the new five-year strategic plan for PRATYek.



A presentation skills workshop was delivered to the entire team by Cherry D’Cruz. The Executive Leadership Circle is currently engaged in organisational processes with the help of Tutul Consultancy. All our e-team members did the UNICEF AGORA course on Ethics in Evidence Generation.

- Iris



EMBOLDENING COMMUNICATIONS

More than 8000 students enrolled for our online eCERTing rights courses like Earth Pro-Activist, Global Goalkeepers, and Karuna Warriors. PRATYeK launched an Online E-learning App too to make learning easier and convenient for all. It can be downloaded via Google play store. On completion of these courses participants are provided with certificates from credible institutions including UNICEF, Edmund Rice International and Fridays For Future.

In response to the COVID pandemic, PRATYeK initiated a crowd funding campaign on Ketto. We are grateful to all our individual supporters as well as Misesan Cara and Edmund Rice Foundation Australia for their generous contributions that enabled us to gather over 9.5 million rupees to address this global emergency.

- Vedant

PRATYeK welcomes Br Lawrence Colaco onto our e-lead team after years of engagement with our indigenous people of Arunachal Pradesh.



A screenshot of our Ketto fund raiser

Over 2 million families were provided with rations through our Covid Emergency Response efforts.

ENSURING SUSTAINABILITY

Towards diversifying our funding, PRATYeK has begun seeking grants from varied sources including Indigenous Youth COVID-19 Response Small Grants Program by UNESCO and Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact, HCL Grant and ORG Impact Grant. PRATYeK also nominated young advocates for various awards based on their accomplishments. These include applications to Cisco Youth Leadership Award, Mbillionth Award, Children's Climate Prize and Humanitarian Award, 2020. These awards provide young children with an incentive to work towards realizing child rights and earth right.

- Varsha



Vishal one of our young advocates has been awarded the Humanitarian Activist Award, 2020 by IdealMe Enrichment Foundation, Canada.

ENCHANTING ASSAM

Our three-member Assam team operated online throughout the COVID lockdown. Along with the UNICEF state office in Assam, webinars were held with animators from numerous child rights organi-

zations across Assam. These weekly sessions on various child rights issues intend to build the agency of facilitators towards the creation of a Children's Manifesto for Assam, which is up for state elections early next year.

- Ranjeeta



Sandhya Saroj from YASH Mumbai addressed the UN General Assembly, 2020 on ending violence against children along-side numerous federal child welfare ministers of the world.

ENTICING MUMBAI

Team Mumbai coordinated themselves online to take forward the deliverables of the UNICEF Maharashtra collaboration. The SUNDAYS are FUNDAY workshops addressed the mental health of our children through creative crafts, arts and story-telling revolving around child rights issues and the UN SDGS. The online campaigns on child marriage, COVID 19, violence-free-society and climate change, effectively and proactively engaged our young advocates from Mumbai.

- Preethi