

Project 'Sadhan Siliguri'
Report –October 2021 to December 2021



Virtual Sessions continue during the Quarter

During the period, a new Community Mobiliser, Arpita Chakravarty, was recruited to replace Geeta Kundu. The two Teachers along with the two CMs were able to reach out to 53 deaf children and their families. Individual Sessions continued on the Virtual Mode as per the State Covid Protocol.

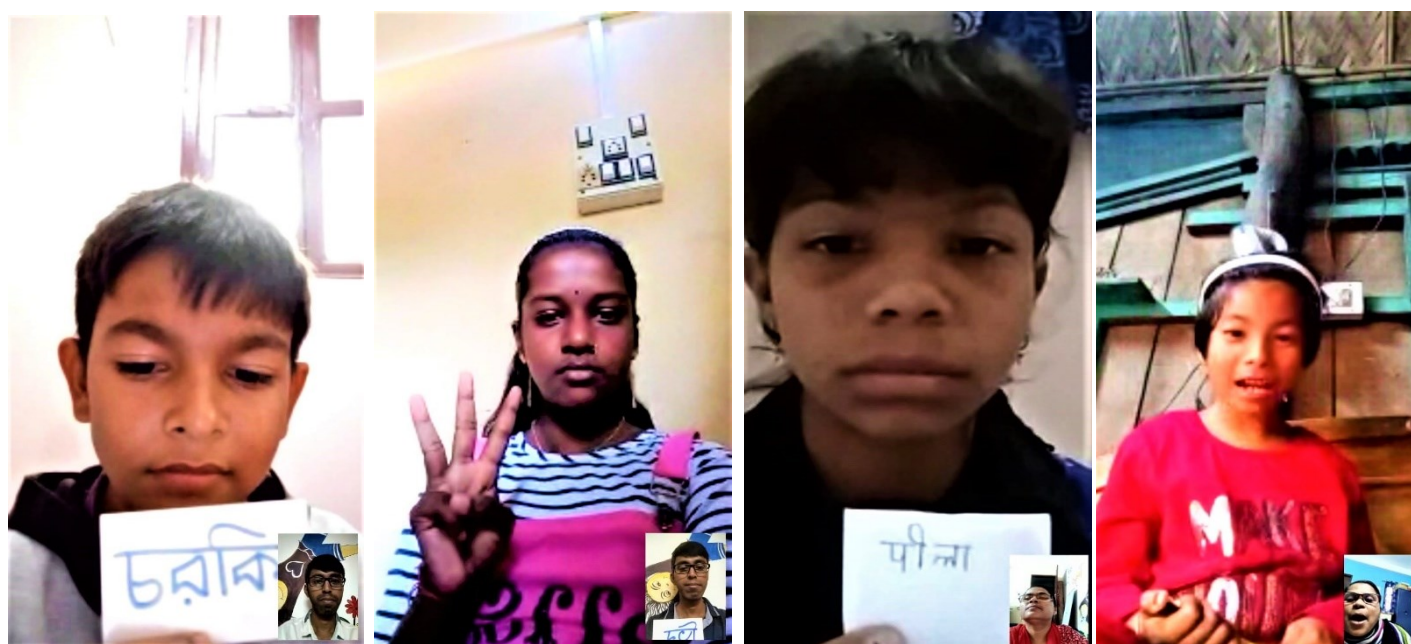
Activity details:

1. Individual Sessions

From October 2021 to December 2021. the following number of Individual Sessions were taken forward by continuous use of the virtual medium using WhatsApp and Google Meet.

Total no of children	No of parents with SMART phones	No of Parents without Smart Phones	Month	No of children with whom sessions were conducted through Whatsapp/Video	No of children with whom instructions/guidelines have been given through phone/SMS to parents	Total Virtual Sessions	Centre Sessions
53	24	29	Oct'21	22	26	159	0
			Nov'21	22	26	159	0
			Dec'21	24	29	228	0
TOTAL	24	29				546	0

Below are glimpses of some Sessions conducted through WhatsApp by teachers Soma and Indrajit from the Centre





Conducting Virtual Sessions from the Centre

Teachers had no choice but to continue the use of the Virtual mode of teaching as the COVID protocol for young children were not relaxed till December 2021. Parents had no choice but to learn and adapt to the New Normal. They were very involved in ensuring that learning continued for their children. As support for parents to work with their children at home, worksheets and videos were shared by the teachers.

Below: Parents follow up at home



2. Learning through Directed Activity:

(a) Diwali Activity – As part of IEP Sessions, Diwali Activity was conducted during the week from 01 November 2021 to 5th November 2021.



Our teachers communicate to the children about why Diwali is celebrated – Lord Ram's victory over Ravana – also signifying victory of Good over Evil . People celebrate by lighting diyas, making Rangoli designs , bursting crackers and sharing sweets.

(b) Christmas Activity- was also conducted in a similar way



This Activity was done as part of IEP Sessions when children were communicated about Christmas – celebration of the birthday of Jesus Christ. The Christmas tree is decorated , people go to the church to pray , the christmas cake is cut and shared with all and Santa Claus brings gifts for all . Children also draw Christmas cards.

3. Face to face Skills Training Workshop with Parents and children : on teaching Emotions through Story Telling was conducted by Project Manager Tonny on 17th November 2021



4. Life Skills Training Workshop : was conducted on 18th November 2021 by Tonny for the Parents and children at Siliguri .



The parents were made aware of the vulnerability of their children who could become victims of abuse especially during the lockdown situation. They were made to understand the types of Child Abuse.

Above right & Below: Parents participate to identify the types of Abuses



Parents were demonstrated the signs of the private parts of the body and were also made aware of how they can help ensure Safety of their children by knowing the 'No Go Tell' Rule





We hope to resume Centre Sessions as soon as the COVID Protocol allows children to begin attending schools in the district of Siliguri in West Bengal.

In the next Quarter, we hope for a change in the Lockdown status in Siliguri and accordingly plan activities there.

We remain ever thankful to Rajni Nijhawan Charitable Trust for their continued support during the Challenging times which has kept the VAANI Team motivated to ensure that learning did not come to a standstill for the deaf children in Siliguri during the pandemic.