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More than one-third of the dropouts (boys as well as girls) happen at the secondary and upper primary levels of education. While 19.8 per cent students discontinued education at the secondary level, about 17.5 per cent dropped out at the upper primary level. Even urbanised states like Delhi too have a dropout rate of over 20%.

Financial constraint or non-affordability of education is still one of the major reasons for discontinuation of education in India. About 25% of the boys and 18% of girls drop out from different levels of education due to financial reasons.

Around 25 crores students were affected due to school closures during Corona. Children from low-income homes suffered the most as they faced the most difficulty in accessing remote learning. Yasumasa Kimura, UNICEF India Representative, fears that there is a risk of a "lost generation of children" who will never return to school and that the impact on female students is disproportionately worse.

Dropping out of school has serious consequences for students, their families. Students who drop out of school face social stigma, fewer job opportunities, lower salaries, and higher probability of involvement with the criminal justice system and lead to higher unemployment. SAVRAM Foundation has initiated a program during the year- "No One will Drop School Now" to extend support to such students whose families are unable to support their education, so they can continue to complete their school education. The identified children were supported under this initiative in the following forms:

- Payment of tuition Fee to the School
- Support in the living expenses of the child
- Support for Books and other educational accessories to continue education of the child
- General counselling to the family of such children for their support in educating the child





Our interaction with lot of students revealed that many of them (of 5th Std) are not even able to write their names despite attending regular schools. Many of them, despite their willingness, are unable to study effectively in absence of basic resources and proper support/guidance. In order to assist such children, we have decided to organise Free SAVRAM Classes by setting up SAVRAM Centres.

We began with first centre at Kolkata followed by Second at East Delhi. Currently more than 100 students (up to class VIII, 50% being female students) have been enrolled and are attending daily classes under strict CCTV surveillance, where they are taught with utmost love and care by our highly motivated and passionate teachers/ student volunteers. We are endeavouring to provide books, stationary, snacks and other accessories without any cost to them. The results of these classes are now visible in their improved and brilliant performances. Out of 21 Kolkata students, 50% are promoted with more than 60% marks and 5 with more than 75% marks in final exams.

We plan to set up more SAVRAM Centres PAN India to support at least 1000 children (studying up to class XII) in next 1 year with multi-fold objectives:

- Supporting underprivileged students in their studies by providing quality education from trained subject experts and with necessary books, educational accessories and career counselling support
- Providing opportunities to student volunteers to groom themselves as a subject expert teacher at SAVRAM Centres
- Providing opportunities to serve as subject expert teachers at SAVRAM Centres to deserving unemployed youths
- Providing a platform for likeminded persons to volunteer for this noble social cause in different capacities (e.g. mentors/ career councillors/ advisors/ donors) to contribute in educating children and thereby eradicating illiteracy and poverty and making a better India

LIFE AFTER CORONA WITH SAVRAM FOUNDATION

We continued to provide support to all Corona hit families in this year as well. With consistent support, we were successful in ensuring that almost all families were able to reach a self-sustainable living conditions after they have started getting pensions etc. and/ or one of their family members was able to begin to earn their livelihoods. While it wasn't possible to bring back their family members lost due to Corona, we were able to bring back financial stability in their lives.

We are continuing to provide monthly financial support to students pursuing higher studies till the time they complete their education and settle down in their respective jobs.





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