

Dear Friends and well wishers,

We hope that you are all fine, despite terrible news of the Central London flood. We thank you for your very generous support and are happy sharing the past term news with you all.

TELANGANA AND SOUTH INDIA

Like anywhere else, people's opinion about covid and schooling is divided. All agree on the idea of protection but find it difficult to implement protective and sanitary rules. All want to celebrate and go shopping. *The more the merriest.* During Covid, can this old adage work?

The governments do their best to encourage people to get vaccinated. Teachers are on the priority list. Now comes the students' turn. There is no vaccine yet for the 6 – 18 years old school going group. **In city**, parents prefer keeping their children at home, safe with online learning. **In rural areas**, parents send their children to school for the mid-day meal. With online learning, this meal is not served. Parents then take their children to the fields. From the age of 8, children work and contribute to the economy of the family. This is a necessary step as many women now work more at home, which does not generate any income. They have less to eat, report the local papers.

MARICA KESARAM

At present, the school is empty. In turn, the principal, teachers, the administrative assistant and a driver come to school to do the needful.

Parents do not give importance or value to online education, in spite of Marica providing tabs wherever needed to guarantee a hotspot or wifi allowing families giving time to their children to study. As the local newspaper describes it, many children go and work in the fields.

Sponsored children must compulsorily attend all youtube and zoom classes, practice through worksheets and projects and submit their personal work and test sheets to evaluation to the school, if they do not want to lose the sponsorship offered by Marica. As for other children, we have very few arguments to convince them to learn regularly.

Parents want their children to go back to school. This is the leitmotif we hear whenever we communicate with them.

With this in view, we estimate that we have a hundred children on the roll. However, the communication is sent through what app the 13 class groups as created before covid and updated every year.

Formal online learning as per Telangana Government resumed on 1st July 2021, with the following schedule :

4 classes daily for secondary school

3 classes daily for the middle school

2 classes daily for the primary school

no classes for the very young children. They will come back whenever possible.

A weekly agenda is sent to all which includes for each of the main subjects:

- Three times a week, a lesson or repetition on youtube is immediately followed by the teacher's zoom meeting to check that all have listened carefully. If students can answer 4 out of 5 simple questions, they are listed and score a class assessment. Below 4 answers, they are listed absent.
- Three times a week, a 40 m. zoom meeting to discuss grammar, experiments, problems, concepts, clear doubts and share again the personal work to do later in the day

In addition, teachers call students who have difficulties to understand or execute. They repeat, guide, check and give more support, even in Telugu, take the help of mothers mostly, especially for the young children.

MARICA TOLICHOWKI

There too, many children have not joined Marica's classes. Their parents have opted for home tuition or tutorials in a nearby centre. At this date, we reach a number of 120 children attending classes.

The weekly agenda, cultural activities and all Delhi academy news are shared to all students as per enrolment before Covid.

The pattern of studies is the same as in Kesaram. The response is better than in the rural areas as the urban population gives more importance to education and does not want to lose time. Children must be promoted every year. Parents care more and several join the Marica parents association to be more involved and active. Such partnership is highly appreciated as it brings more awareness of the school's challenges. These Parents communicate more effectively with others.

PROJECTS

English for all in the urban government and private schools, in the villages government schools – As the local newspapers inform, there is a slight decrease in covid, but we are still far from resuming this project.

We express our sincere thanks to the French Consulate in Bangalore who volunteered to donate more books for the students. For the same reason, we had to decline as books are attached to a temporary licence and could not be used the following year.

Restructuring the f c r a account administration to be able to receive funds from abroad. On January 1, 2021 the federal government informed all NGO's and societies receiving funds from abroad about the necessity of opening an account at SBI, Delhi Branch to receive foreign monies. This apparently simple requirement took us more than 6 months to complete and be ready to welcome your very generous donations.

Marketing in France to raise more sponsorships and donations. This project is the child brain of a student of Edhec School of Commerce in Nice. Léonie could not come to Hyderabad for her internship. She decided to help while being in France.

Visitors –Marica Tolichowki Principal and a few teachers welcome Ms Shaheena of Microsoft, an exceptional young lady who told us with humor and fantasy the story of her life from a Mumbai slum to Microsoft. Far from hiding her origins, Ms Shaheena offered to help young girls who would have difficulties to find the right attitude to adopt to grow happily and reveal their potential in a modern and challenging society.

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PHOTOS GALLERY

collage 1 –

Miscellaneous articles of the Hindu and Deccan Chronicle – July 2021

Covid in Telangana

1. Women suffer more during Covid.
2. Limited students' interaction outside the class.
3. Parents of rural areas want physical classes
4. Before sitting for an exam, students receive an immunity booster kit.
5. India sees a slight decrease in Covid

Collage 2 –

Security and information at Marica

1. Marica waives some fees to help parents.
2. Municipal Sanitary staff sanitises Marica I.
3. Security standards.
4. Covid vaccine status information to CBSE.

Collage 3 –

Education at Marica , during Covid

1. Kesaram children observe the sanitary rules to come and write exams at school
2. In the staff room, at Marica I
3. Online classes for the very young ones.
4. A meeting on zoom, Big Mam welcomes the participants.

Collage 4 -

Social life at Marica

1. Celebration at Marica, a small representative group hoists the flag.
2. Inspection by a representative of the CBSE.
3. Daily morning yoga session at home, for all.
4. Inviting a Microsoft developer at Marica to prepare communication with workers of large companies within the programme of “career guidance.

Collage 5 –

Marica Kesaram

1. Marica buses at rest.
2. Regular distributions in the Chevella slums.
3. Marica students study online.