

ADVERSITY BRINGS OUT THEIR BEST

Hard times also have a positive side. Schools in Delhi-NCR have taken up the challenge posed by Covid-19 to conduct virtual classes as well as online activities in fields as diverse as yoga, painting, cookery, dance and aerobics.

SC DAVCPS combines learning, activities

Covid-19 forced people across the country to stay indoors but it failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the teachers and students of Sarla Chopra DAV Centenary Public School, Sector-56, Noida.

Learners were engaged using online video-conferencing portals. Principal IP Bhatia said, "It is imperative to keep children occupied and creative in these testing times. Online classes were started in March. I appreciate the effort by teachers and students who came out of their comfort zones and embraced the new teaching-learning method."

Lessons are imparted and discussions held using the school online portal. The school conducts and assesses assignments and quizzes. The students posted queries and assignments.

Students also took part in an online competition organised on World Earth Day by Veda Vyas DAV Public School. Rohan Kumar Sahu of Class 10 bagged the second prize for a presentation using Microsoft Sway on Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Srijoyee Chatterjee of Class 9 won the second prize for his views on climate action using Flipgrid app. Shishant Dhoundiyal of Class 11 and Navdha of Class 12 expressed their thoughts on the current crisis through paintings.



DAVPS, NTPC, F'bad launches online classes

DAV Public School, NTPC Faridabad began online classes in the new academic session in the wake of the lockdown.

The school shared a convenient weekly timetable and the staff endeavoured to constantly reach out to students. They connected with students over video-enabled virtual classrooms, audio-video tutorials, WhatsApp groups and emails. Links to the CBSE's Diksha platform and NCERT were shared with students. Teachers were in constant touch with students and parents through interactive online sessions.

E-competitions including poetry recitation, poster-making, slogan writing, art, craft and creative videos were organised. The students were also encouraged to take up recreational



activities. Earth Day was celebrated through virtual activities and created awareness about protecting the planet. Principal Alka Arora was involved in the virtual classes to ensure smooth functioning. Parents appreciated the school's efforts.

Army Public School, Noida, marks AWES Day

Army Public School, Noida, celebrated the 37th Raising Day of the Army Welfare Education Society (AWES) that has endeavoured to provide the best possible education to the wards of Army personnel.

Since its establishment in 1983, the AWES has set up over 137 Army Public Schools and 249 Army Pre-Primary Schools across India. It has 12 professional institutions of higher education catering to engineering, medical, dental, management and law streams. It has played a commendable role in providing quality education at affordable cost for the wards of Army personnel across the

nation. To celebrate the special occasion amid the Covid-19 lockdown, APS, Noida organised online competitions such as video making, poster making,



slogan, poetry and article writing and encouraged maximum participation of students.

The students shared their work on virtual platforms. The best entries were awarded certificates of merit.

Principal Jyoti Rana congratulated the entire team and motivated all to follow the directions given by AWES to put in their best. AWES has carved a niche for itself in the world of education, she said.



At DLFPS, birthdays celebrated virtually

DLF Public School, Sahibabad, has found ways to bring smiles to students' faces during the pandemic by many initiatives. The school is celebrating birthdays of children virtually. Students, parents, and teachers see the faces on little squares on their computer screens. They shout "happy birthday" and relish home-baked cakes. The school has also organised academic, physical and co-scholastic activities online for the holistic development of children. Virtual learning has become a "new normal". Till the pandemic ends, online birthday celebrations would continue.

Kamal Public goes all out for e-learning

Kamal Public Sr Sec School, Vikaspuri, has taken steps to ensure e-learning in the new academic session during the Covid-19 lockdown. A timetable for online learning and assessment for the classes primary to 12th was created. Teaching was done using Internet classrooms, Zoom sessions, Google Classrooms and Hangouts Meet. Assignments were given and students' work assessed. Yoga, dance, music and art sessions were also held online.



GPS, Dilshad Garden, hones Gen-Y's talents

Though the Covid-19 pandemic has caused concern the world over and forced people to stay at home, it has given them a chance to pursue their interests and develop their talents. Greenfields Public School (GPS), Dilshad Garden, has made every effort to ensure that the educational needs of students are met during this time.

The school has started online lessons and virtual classes. Mentors prepare lesson plans and share study material in the form of presentations, notes, assignments and YouTube links with students. Founder principal Dr Manik Barsale and principal Dr SK Sharma are involved in the initiative. The students who



miss classes due to technical problems are provided study material. Teachers record attendance daily and conduct assessments through Google Forms. The success shows that schools like GPS are equipped to meet the current challenges with the help of technology.



GTB 3rd Centenary promotes traditions

The students of Guru Tegh Bahadur 3rd Centenary Public School, Mansarovar Garden, explored ways to face the pandemic under their mentors' guidance. The students have realised the positive side of our traditions such as greeting one another with folded hands, using Ayurveda for healing, encouraging vegetarian diet, taking care of plants and animals and performing yoga. They made a collage using pictures of activities they had undertaken. They are motivating one another to follow our traditions to stay safe and healthy during the pandemic.



READING CORNER

BOOKS THAT INFORM, INSPIRE, GUIDE US

Some of the books recommended in this section focus on how to take care of your body and to overcome gender barriers, others tell us about the life of astronaut Sunita Williams, the migration of birds and man's love for dogs.

SUPERGIRLS PLAY A TRICK

Edited: Geeta Dharmarajan

This book introduces young readers to the whys and hows of taking care of their bodies. As they read, they learn about water, sanitation and hygiene. The book is part of Katha's special WaSH series that promotes hygienic behaviour and clean environment. It helps children stay healthy and happy. It would supplement what children learn from their parents and older siblings. It has been illustrated by Sonal Gupta Vaswani and is also available in Hindi and Telugu. Children can try out the Kindle ebook if the printed version is not available during the lockdown.



MY BIG BOOK OF DOGS!

Edited: Geeta Dharmarajan

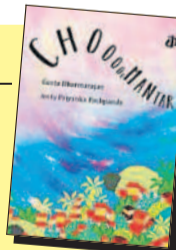
The book would interest children who love animals, particularly dogs. Wet noses, wagging tails, gentle licks, warm nuzzles - life can never be the same without our canine companions. This book celebrates dogs and gives us one more reason to be thankful to them. Most children instantly develop a bond with dogs and enjoying feeding them and playing with them. This book would give children more information about dogs and also entertain them. It would enable them to take better care of their pets. It is a part of the Katha Earth-Carer Library.



CHOO...MANTAR

Author: Geeta Dharmarajan

Many girls cannot pursue their dreams because society expects them to take up only certain kinds of careers. In the story, Jivuba wants to become a singer but she cannot do so because she has to get married. Luckily, Dammu, the wise apsara of the forest, casts a spell to remedy the situation! But what happens when the spell breaks? The story would motivate many young girls to develop their talents and pursue their dreams despite obstacles. Sujasha Das Gupta and Priyanka Pachpande have made the illustrations for the book which is part of Katha's Gender Series.



THE MYSTERIES OF MIGRATION

Author: Geeta Dharmarajan

The subject of migration of birds, animals and insects has fascinated children and adults alike. The book answers the questions that arise in the minds of children about why they travel thousands of miles away from home, and then travel back again a few months later. Why do they take this journey? How do they know where to go? How do they find their way back home? The book is packed with interesting information. Illustrated by Sarasija Subramanian, this book is part of Katha's Earth and Environment Library series.



FLYING HIGH

Author: Geeta Dharmarajan

This picture book narrates the story of Sunita Pandya, better known as Sunita Williams, who wanted to fly. Despite obstacles, she was keen to pursue her passion and made steady efforts. With her grit and determination, she became an astronaut and achieved her dream. The story would inspire and motivate thousands of girls to dream big and work hard to achieve it. This book is part of Katha's I Love Reading Series that encourages first-generation readers to read for fun and meaning. It is also available as a Kindle ebook.



(This list was compiled by Katha Books)

MIND GAMES

SUDOKU

	5	6						
				4	2			
1								8
	7		1		6	4		
				5				6
4				3		5		
	3			6	8	2		7
		7						
	4		9		5		3	8

SCRAMBLE

Solve the four anagrams and move one letter to each square to form four ordinary words

TAEER	*	*	*	*
BRIOT	*		*	*
KKMLUU	*	*	*	*
ELUBFM	*	*	*	*

Now arrange the letters marked with an asterisk (*) to form the answer to the middle or to fill in the missing words as indicated.

The longer I live the ___ life becomes. -Frank Lloyd Wright (4,9)

Answer: The longer I live the more beautiful life becomes. -Frank Lloyd Wright

NUMBER SEARCH

Find three numbers along a row, column or diagonal such that one is a sum of the other two. There are four sets of numbers in the grid.

12	1	2	50	46	13
0	10	30	40	35	18
8	41	66	19	11	90
18	14	16	36	33	7
17	19	22	9	14	16
6	14	18	22	9	13

MATHDOKU

8x	15x	3+		60x
4		11	5	
8+			7+	
		2		

Place numbers into the puzzle cells so that each row and column contains each of the digits from 1 to 5. No number is to be repeated in any row or column. Each bold-outlined cell contains a hint of a number and one of the mathematical symbols + x - /. The number is the result of the operation represented by the symbol to the digits contained.

SEE WHAT I HAVE MADE FOR YOU!



Eva Linn holds up a card made for her great-grandmother Chun Liu and her brother Landen holds flowers as they visit the Life Care Center, a care facility in Washington, US, on Sunday

REUTERS

Solutions

6	4	2	9	7	5	1	3	8
5	8	7	3	2	1	6	4	9
3	1	4	1	4	8	5	2	6
4	6	8	7	3	6	5	1	2
3	1	1	5	4	8	7	6	9
2	7	5	1	6	4	8	4	3
1	2	4	6	9	7	3	8	5
8	8	3	3	4	2	7	7	6
7	5	6	8	1	3	9	2	4

SNODUOTUS

1	4	3	5	2
3	2	5	4	1
5	1	4	2	3
2	5	1	3	4
4	3	2	1	5

MATHDOKU SOLUTION

Answer: 4. The columns alternate and each element moves up two rows.

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