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India has been in lockdown and ARCC has been closed down since 18th March, as the Government had declared lockdown till the 15th April. The government has been very strict about the lock down, and monitors Anaikatty through drone cameras and issues warning and disperses gatherings very strictly.

INDIA COVID-19 TRACKER

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Online Learning

We have been brainstorming with our team about how we can overcome this situation and still fulfill the purpose of ARCC. Our team has been very enthusiastic. The Academic Co-ordinator (AC), had a session with all the staff about how we could make learning possible despite this lock down. Our Field Co-ordinator (FC) connected with all the students and motivated them and instilled in them a passion to continue learning despite the situation.

The different teaching staff have framed a syllabus, the dates on which the classes will be conducted in the given situation, and the timing. We have asked them to try different methods and see which one is the most effective.

One of the ways is through making videos of the topic for the class and posting it ahead of time, giving the students a few minutes to watch and understand the video and then do a conference call connecting all the students and clear their doubts. Each of the courses have a whatsapp Group, comprised of the students, teacher, AC, FC.

Some of the challenges they have faced right now, is about 20% of the students is out of network coverage area, and some don't have smart phones. We have identified some of the very poor students and our FC is doing online recharges for their phones after doing a research on the quantity of data package required for them for studies and the best offers available, so that they can continue learning unhindered.



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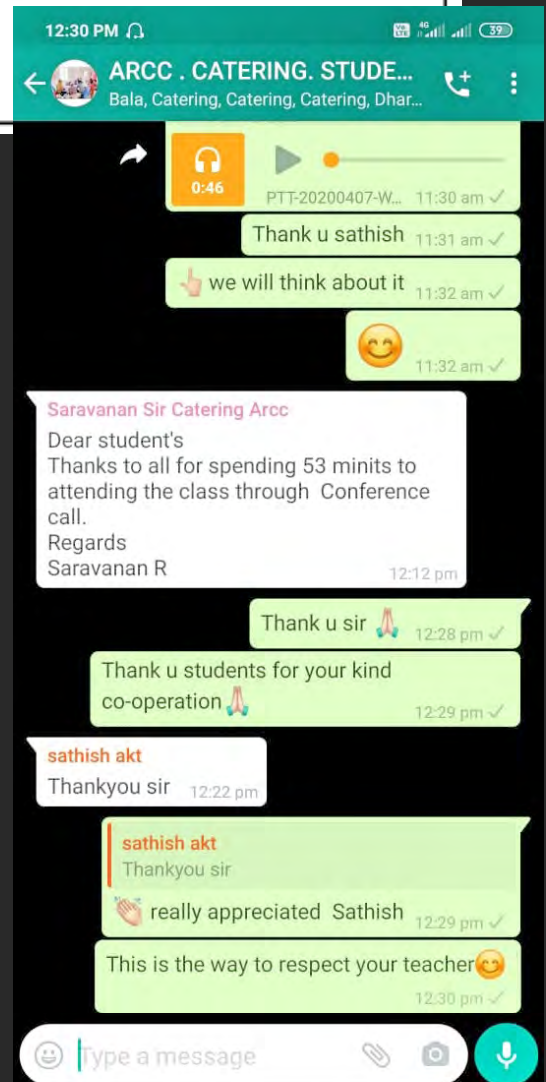
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Online Schedule

S.no	Class	Days	Time	Syllabus	notes
1	Tailoring	Monday wednesday Friday	10:30 AM to 12:30 PM	umbrala frock(Video) midi (Video) midi bottom(Video) plain blouse	paper cutting cloth cutting notes of theory practicals
2	Beauty Therapy	Tuesday Thursday Saturday	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	eyebrow threading(Video) hot oil massage(Video) manicure,pedicure(Video) mehandi practicals(Video)	theory and practical theory and practical theory and practical theory and practical
3	Computer	Monday to Friday	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	basic computer fundamentals(Video) ms word basic theory (Video) MS Word create tables & header & footer(Video) mail merge,& tittle bar and manu bar(Video) practicals class(notes of lessons)	theory and practical theory and practical theory and practical theory and practical
4	Catering	Tuesday to Thursday	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	brinjal sambar (Video) coconut fried prawns(Video) veg clear soup(Video) masala fried rice(Video)	theory and practical theory and practical theory and practical theory and practical
5	House Wiring	Wednesday	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	earthing(Video) types of connection switches(Video) resetting of wire rating colour choosing and current rat regulator, stabilizer capacitor(Video)	notes of theory notes of theory notes of theory notes of theory
6	Life Coping	Saturday	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Empathy Empathy story explanation exercise 1 yes or no and tips	
7	Spoken English	Thursday	3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Video spoken english class	
8	Mobile Service	-	-		

The ARCC Team: So our monthly review meeting with about 10 staff and trustees happened through a telephonic conference call this time on the 6th of April and each staff gave a review of how they plan to teach in April, the challenges they face and how it could be overcome. We are happy that they are all motivated and enthusiastic about online learning during these times.

Our Admin team comprising of our AC, FC and the Accounts Staff, have said they will come up with a Monitoring system and an Evaluation plan for finding the effectiveness of this method of learning.

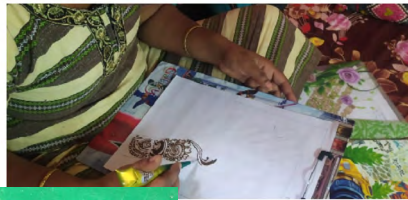


ONLINE LEARNING ::: LEARNING FROM HOME



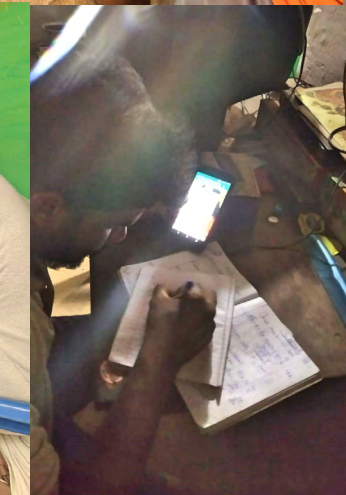
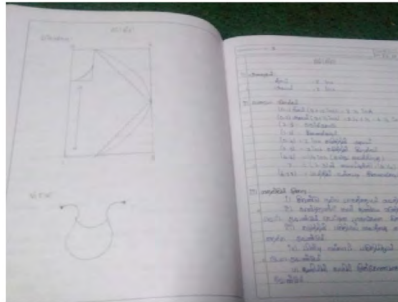
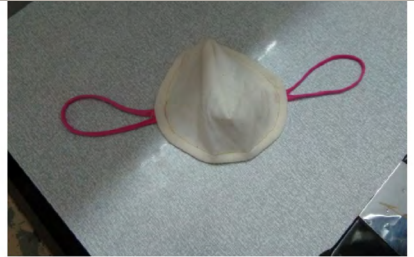
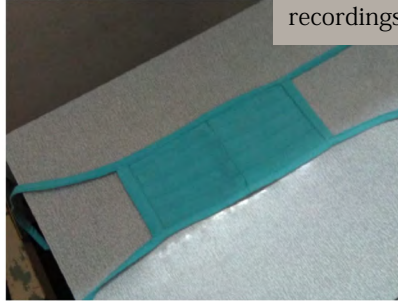
Students learning and practicing from Home... (clockwise)

- Tailoring student practicing from home
- Housewiring students with wiring material
- Dress practiced by Tailoring student
- Beautician student practicing mehandi making
- Computer student with government given laptop

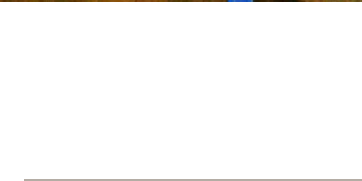


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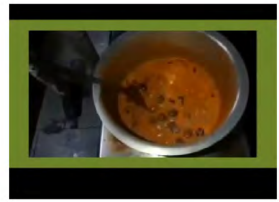
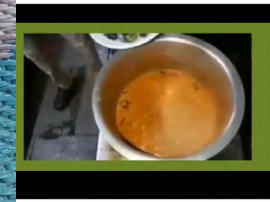
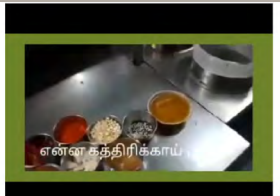
- Masks made by ARCC students. We are unable to source material due to high demand, but if the need arises, our students are ready to make. They are well-prepared
- Record work for Certification being done at home
- Spoken English teacher taking classes as video recordings and co-ordinating with the students



The Catering teacher saravanan doing video recording of classes and then posting it on whatsapp and then co-ordinating with the students and he sends the details to be written in the record work on whatsapp, so the students can continue to learn unhindered.



Looking at their mobile phone and copying their record work and lessons



Group Work Station

With a vision to become a Learning Organisation, in December, we had wanted to bring the ARCC to into Self-organised working Groups. These groups would be similar to the Self Help Groups, but it is not exactly that because the groups will be doing income generation activity along with learning. So was birthed the concept of GROUP WORK STATION (GWS).



In the month of January we had a meeting with all the staff and we brainstormed with them again about how everyone could work together in their corresponding fields and generate self employment. The staff made some presentation in January and each of them explained how they would form a team with the students, the alumni and someone from the industry so that they could make it profitable and also what kind of jobs they would undertake and the expected income.



The Catering having their group meeting of the GWS - comprising of staff, student and alumni

Later on in February 60 students, staff and some alumni gathered together for a whole day and in the morning we had a GWS concept session. In the afternoon the teams sat together and brainstormed and worked out a plan on how it could be done. Some of the group started collecting subscription for the group that would serve as a capital and they have started to work out plans but we see that the process would happen in about 6 to 8 months and the idea is just now sinking into everyone. We may be dry running it for the next 2-3 months and there will be several sessions of brainstorming on how this can be done.

Production Team:

The ARCC has an order of about 1000 bags which have be exported to Netherlands by the month of June. The material has be bought and the cutting process is going on and it is distributed to the people in the tailoring group who take it and distribute it to the Field Training Center (FTC) students in the villages and stitch it and get it back to us. Each bag is quality checked, first by their FTC head and then by the Production head who is Mrs.Deepa. they are paid their labour charges - for stitching and for cutting seperately. A cutting machine has also been purchased to make the work easier.

500 bags have been made already and are in the ARCC. Because of the COVID 19 stituation, the rest of the work has come to a stand still because more material has to be sourced for the rest of the bags and the transportation is banned because of the lockdown.



Interns from Other Institutions



In the month of February, 2 interns from the American College in Madurai from the department of Social Work joined ARCC for internship for a period of 1 month. It has been a win-win situation for both the students and ARCC, they did case studies on why the students tend to dropout of their courses and they did some training programs in villages. They also did counseling for students to encourage them to join studies in different villages and they also went to different hamlets with our Field Coordinator (FC) Alvin and explained to them the importance of skill education and how it would help in life. They also had some brainstorming sessions with the staff on how they could encourage the students more. They were volunteering in many of the GWS meetings as well and they cooperated with us in an excellent way.



Interns doing field work: talking about the different courses at ARCC to the drop out people in the Villages

Courses & Internships



COMPUTER



HOUSE WIRING



SPOKEN ENGLISH



CATERING



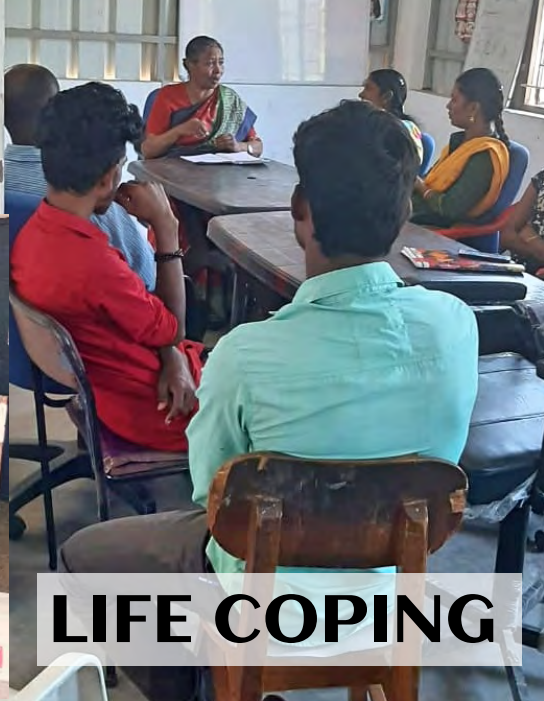
MOBILE REPAIR



BEAUTICIAN



TAILORING



LIFE COPING

Field Training Centers

REVIVING SOME STATIONS...

FTC has been started in 4 new centers in the past 3 months. FTC has been started in one of the old areas, especially in the hamlet of Seenguli, it is one of the places where ARCC began work about 8 years ago but we had to abandon it because of the laid back attitude of the people but right now our FC said that he would go and revive the place again and now a tailoring center has been started there.



**FIELD TRAINING CENTERS
COMPUTER AND TAILORING**



Another FTC has been started in kulikur where one of our tailoring staff Deepa goes everyday in her bike and she teaches the woman in that center.

One of our alumini Nadhia had to move out to another place called Kanuvai and even in this new place she wanted to be connected with ARCC and she started a new FTC there training the poor women in tailoring, and she is the one who trains her students in bag making and distributes the bags to them and helps them earn an income through that.

Another training centre has been started in Nalasingha where one, Rajiv, earlier associated with ARCC, has begun to start a computer FTC. So in each of the training centres we have about 10-15 students gathering there everyday and every month they have a meeting with the AC and the FC at ARCC who review their work and explains how it can be done, talk to them about the different challenges they face in their group in their villages and how they can overcome. As of now we have 7 Field Training Centres totally. But due to COVID 19 lockdown situation FTCs are in the pause mode.

GWS - Introduction MEET
FEBRUARY 7, 2020



Thanks to everyone for supporting the work of ARCC
and helping the tribal and rural people of Anaikatty
shape a career for themselves.

