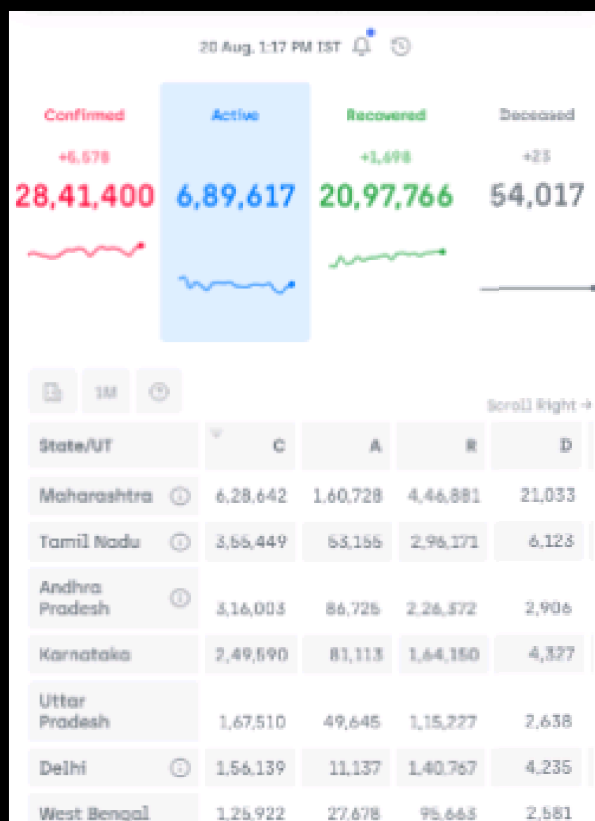


Anaikatty Rural Community College

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COVID SITUATION IN INDIA



The COVID 19 situation is taking a toll on the tribal people in Anaikatty, mainly because of the poverty and food issue more than the health issue. There has been continuous and partial lockdowns in Anaikatty because a few people had contracted the virus. But since it is a tribal area, the government is very strict with imposing lockdowns. In this situation, the movement is restricted in Anaikatty as they have police check posts everywhere. Also the education centers and places of worship are still not given permission to reopen.

To add to the trouble there has been a power cut in Anaikatty area continuously for 1 week to 10 days in some areas which made life miserable for them. Some of our students and staff charged their mobile batteries through the solar power system in the village, to be connected to the ARCC.

But the students and the staff are determined to continue the learning process and have indeed learnt a lot of new stuff as you read on, in this newsletter.

Thrilled to receive Free Sewing Machines



Lockdown was very difficult for the ladies in kondanur village. They had no source of income, no jobs so it was difficult to run the family. During this time, the government announced the scheme for releasing tailoring machine to women for income generation purpose.

15 of our students were trained in kondanur village through ARCC and received the central government BSS certificate in May 2019. So they applied for the machines and 13 of them received tailoring machines on 6th July from the government officials who came to their village. Now they can earn income for their families. They don't have to suffer for food. They have a tool to earn money.

Technically soaring:



Our staff team, joined a certification program conducted by the Karunya University, wherein they were trained in different ways to do online learning.

8 of our staff received their certificate after attending this training.

Inspired by it, in addition to – the current ways of reaching out to the students through

- Theory videos
- Conference call
- Notes writing / Record work
- Test
- Assignment / Project

We have embarked on creating New Google Classroom for the tribal students

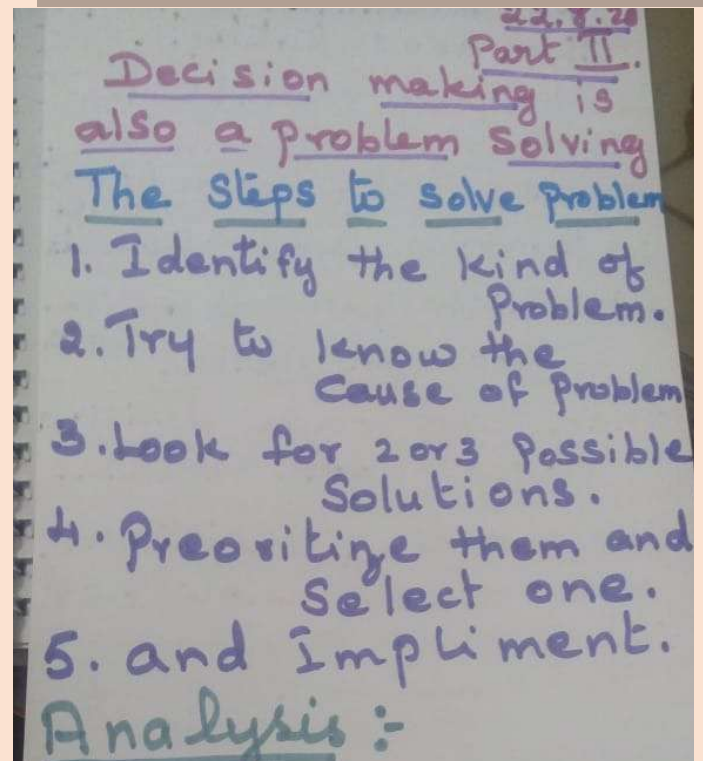
Computer and Tally Students

The Computer and Tally Students have been the first to embark on google classroom. While we understand that introduction of new technology, takes time to be received by the different departments, the computer students are acing it already. We had to create email ids for students so they can login. So we have a domain now and have created email ids for all students.

Google Class Room:

This is exposing the tribal students to a lot of technology on one hand, but we make sure it is done in pieces they can digest. At the same time, it is a giant step in minimizing the gap between the city students and the tribal students and hence we consider it a milestone.

Life Coping Class



Life coping classes have been going on and they have been learning on different topics very useful to them – Like Decision Making, It is posted in Tamil and English and also translated in malayalam for those who do not understand both. Mrs.Beulah who is passionate about seeing the students come up in life, sends a video and audio recording as well, to explain the topics and the teachers follow up with the theme during their classes.

Catering



Through, ARCC catering courses teaches. During this lockdown times **staffs** used to cook and show delicious food through online videos or they send videos. Because some of them don't have proper network and some of them don't have android phone to learn class. This is a challenge that the students are facing. This class right now helps them to practice in their homes or in someneighbor's functions and earn money small money

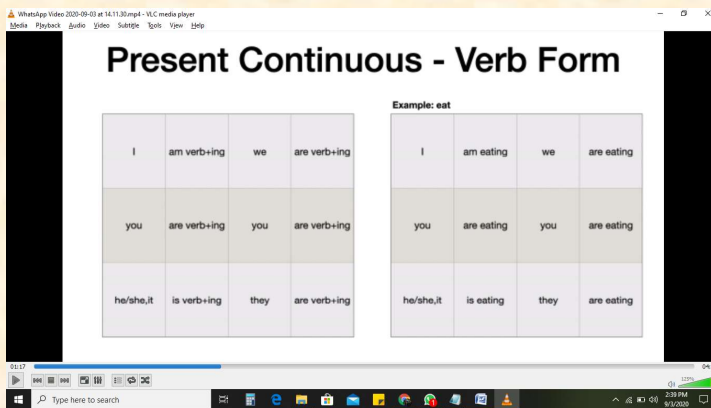
Spoken English

Spoken English class reaches out to all student to motivate and encourage them to learn English especially spoken. We also give some activity for them to do their self-development. About 15 students are actively learning Spoken English. Below is a video from our spoken english trainer Ms.Sheeba caroline on "Present Continuous" in English

Example of Spoken English meme: Through Online Training:

Let's check your knowledge in present tense...

1. I have been brushing my teeth for 10 minutes.
2. I brush my teeth.
3. I have brushed my teeth.
4. I am brushing my teeth.



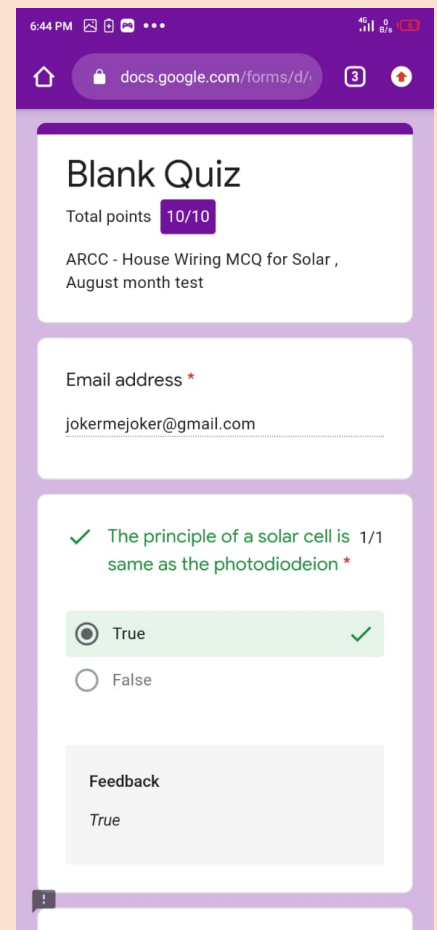
House Wiring



This is a good opportunity to learn about the concepts of electricals like electrical power system, power system production, etc. Some of the students are gone for some wiring work as a beginner stage. This is also one of the way to earn money to support their families. Right now because of the containment they are unable to go out and buy new raw materials for trying out new things.



Student Copying Notes through the mobile phone



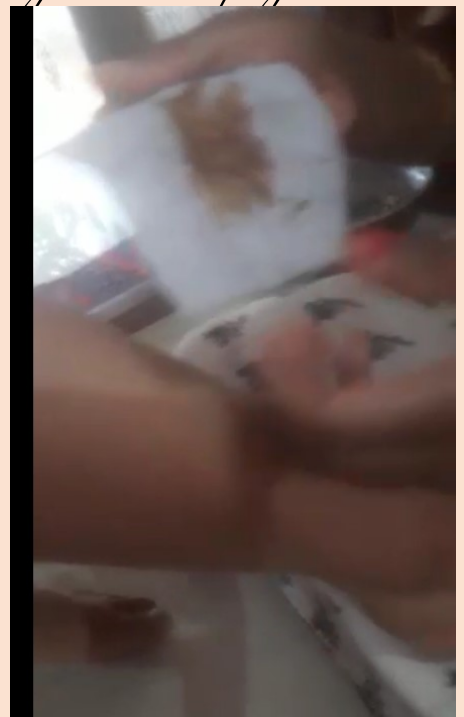
Evaluation for House Wiring students – Regular tests

Group work station:

We introduced this concept of Group Work Station in the beginning of 2020, as it would be a source of income generation both for staff and the students, as they partner together to generate extra income for their families. We were allowing the concept to sink into them and they were ready to kick start in June, but unfortunately the corona disaster intruded in. During the lock down times, it has been difficult to bring this to pass in each department. But still some are making progress.

The beautician class has been dealing with the topic waxing for students. How to make home made wax and how to use it was shown in videos by the beautician teacher deepa. The students have also been doing them and doing record work.

Beauty Therapy



Mobile Phone Service

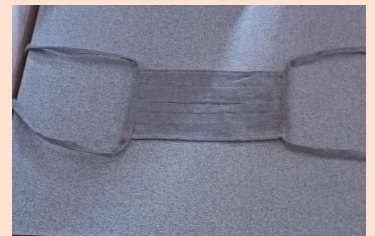


In Solaiyur village in Kerala, there are some families who are suffering to run their family for daily living. Though their area is a containment zone, they learn mobile services class through online classes. Students are getting great training and them working effectively. Although, solaiyur students work with mobile shop and they service some mobiles and earn some money from it in anaikatty. They support their families by giving this small amount for a month. We thank ARCC for this opportunity.

Bag Production & Masks Stitching

In ARCC in Anaikatty provides a way for students to earn income through bags stitching. Initially 1000 bags of stitching were completed by students (Nadhiya team-kannuval, deepa team-chinnajambugandi, and Padma-anaikatty.) The same group was given a 1000 bags stitching order from the GNFM in Netherlands. They have successfully completed it. We are now putting handles for the bags and are waiting to do printing on the bags to send it to the Organisation in Europe. In spite of lockdown, the team has been persistent in getting this done.

Tailoring department has taken steps in stitching masks. We had brought some material from Tirupur. Material is given to each and every student for mask stitching. Nadhiya, Kalpana, Rajeshwari, and Malika have completed stitching 500 masks. As they sell it, it is a source of income. They sell the mask for Rs.15. Out of which the material cost is about Rs.5, the stitching cost is Rs.7 and the sales margin is Rs.5. In this way, the students earn a meager income.



Masks done by our Team

Summary:

The corona is peaking in the Coimbatore district right now as we speak, in this month of August. It is a difficult situation, but the industrial world is working its best. At ARCC, we have many challenges right now, in addition to the power shut down, the wind problems, and the Corona containment zones increasing. It is also a frame of mind of the students, so we do a lot of motivation and encouragement just to say, it is going to be all-right and this too shall pass.

It is an all-time low right now. But our staff and team are doing the best to connect with the students and bring about the vision of ARCC.