

A Report

of

Sanitization Kits Distribution



Venue: RD Memorial School, Village Prahalad Garhi, Vasundhra, Ghaziabad, UP

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Life during COVID-19 pandemic is difficult for parents, children and teachers. As preparations are under way to reopen the school, safety and hygiene is the main concern for all.

Hygiene and Social distancing are the most effective ways to stay safe from coronavirus infection. With the help of these tools, one can put check on the spread of COVID-19 pandemic to a large extent. The practices of hand washing or sanitizing, wearing mask, maintaining cleanliness and safety measures will help to prevent human-to-human transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

Every child is eager to get back to school meet their friends and teachers. Life during the COVID-19 pandemic is difficult for parents and children alike. As the preparations are under way to reopen the schools *Pragarth* is taking every effort to ensure a new normal in school for teachers and staff.

Sanitization kits or personal protective equipment for teaching and non-teaching staff were distributed to RD Memorial School, Prahalad Garhi, Vasundhra, Ghaziabad, UP.

The Managing Director, Mr. Rajendra Tyagi and the principal of the School Mrs. Anuradha Tyagi warmly welcomed this support stating the difficulties that they might have during the education process because of the pandemic.



Pic 1: School Staff welcomed the Team *Pragarth*

The Managing Director of the school, Mr. Rajendra Tyagi, expressed his gratitude, emphasizing that the back-to-school process is a challenge for everyone. "In times like this, you see who your true friends are. I am more than happy to have friends like *Pragarth* who are supporting us on the challenge that we're facing to bring every child back to school", said Mr. Rajendra Tyagi.



Pic. 2: School Principal addressing the school staff of RD Memorial School, Prahalad Garhi, Ghaziabad, UP

While delivering an address to the staff of the school, Mrs. Anuradha Tyagi told them that “As a teacher, knowing the facts will not only protect yourself but also your students. Be aware of fake information and dangerous myths about COVID-19 circulating that are feeding fear and stigma. Some of our students might be returning to school from households where they heard false information about COVID-19. We will need to educate them on the facts”.

Mrs. Anuradha Tyagi also discussed about Understanding COVID-19, how it spreads and how one can protect ourselves and others is an important first step in establishing classroom procedures and protocols. Students need to understand what it is in order for them to follow the rules. Listen to their concerns and ideas and answer their questions in an age-appropriate manner. Discuss the different reactions they may experience and explain that these are normal reactions to an abnormal situation.

As part of the Sanitization distribution program, *Pragath* distributed kits containing two Face shields, two N95 masks and a Sanitizer bottle to each teaching and non-teaching staff of the school.



Pic. 3: Sanitization Kits Distribution at RD Memorial School, Prahalad Garhi, Ghaziabad, UP

While giving the Sanitization kits to the school staff Dr. Deepali Tyagi, Trustee Member, Pragrath emphasized that the school plans ahead and look at what additional measures they can put in place to help ensure students, teachers and other staff are safe when they return, and communities are confident in sending their students back to school.

“The most important thing to avoid coronavirus transmission is to protect one’s health by maintaining good sanitary hygiene, using masks, social distancing, etc. At the moment, the COVID-19 virus pandemic is still a very serious problem in the midst of people’s lives. So, to maintain personal hygiene, we are distributing sanitation equipment of hand sanitizers, masks, and face shields to staff of the school. It is expected that with the distribution of sanitation equipment, all teachers can maintain their personal hygiene, continue to adopt a healthy lifestyle and always follow the rules of the COVID-19 health protocols” said Dr. Deepali Tyagi.



Pic. 4: Sanitization Kits Distribution at RD Memorial School, Prahalad Garhi, Ghaziabad, UP

As per saying “Prevention is better than cure”, keeping this in mind *Pragath* is taking every effort to ensure a new normal in the school.



Pic. 5: Team Pragath with Managing staff of RD Memorial School

According to WHO, infection prevention and control (IPC) is a scientific approach and practical solution designed to prevent harm caused by infection to patients and health workers. It is grounded in infectious diseases, epidemiology, social science and health system strengthening.

In the context of schools and learning settings, *Pragrath* consider measures that can contribute to limit the exposure to the disease and reduce the probability of its transmission amongst pupils, students, teachers and non-teaching staff at school. A key lesson learned during the pandemic is the important role teachers play in ensuring that learning continues. As schools reopen, a lot will depend on teachers to ensure that children will be able to continue their education in a safe and healthy environment; and make up for knowledge and skills that may have been lost.



Pic. 6: Sanitization Kit donated to the teaching staff of RD Memorial School

Pragrath understands that non-teaching staff such as cleaning staff, clerical staff, drivers, security guards etc also plays an important role in the functioning of any school. In pandemic also these staff workers also require attention in terms of sanitization and hygiene. So, considering the same Pragrath also distributed the sanitization kits to these staff members.



Pic.7: Sanitization kits distributed to non-teaching staff



Pic. 8: Teaching Staff of RD Memorial with Team Pragath

The program ended with a vote of thanks to the *Pragath* team.