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MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

The Indian education system is rapidly evolving and shifting from traditional chalk and board to new engaging and experimental techniques. Currently, the majority of children are using technology as a source of education. A massive amount of information and learning opportunities are available at one's fingertip through the internet. The traditional role of a teacher and students has evolved. Now, the teachers are not the only source of information. However, I still believe that technology cannot solely enhance children competency in reading, writing and arithmetic skills. The three skills each child is expected to master for a better future. Besides this, children also need to interact and socialize as they will learn to cooperate, share and respect others opinions.



The Toy Bank recommends experiential learning, i.e. **learning by doing**, rather than a teacher and textbook centered approach. We believe in learning through play, where studying is not dull or monotonous but full of engaging activities to enhance creativity and critical thinking in children. Education should not be limited to scoring good marks but applying what they have learnt in real life. The Toy Bank implements play sessions with children from age-group 3 to 11 years to strengthen their foundational learning. Each module performed is unique, engaging and gives hands-on experience to each child. The play sessions allow them to retain the concept for a longer time and use it in their lives. Within 12 months of continuous engagement with the students through the play-way method, we have witnessed nearly **15% improvement** in language, numeracy, environmental awareness and life skills.

I believe that active engagement and correct teaching technique makes the learning more effective.

Vidyun Goel
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Distribution of Activity-based Learning kits

Schools are shut for one more academic year for primary government schools and students staying at home to keep themselves safe and healthy. However, the school closure has started affecting the children, especially children from marginalized communities, as they have started suffering from anxiety. Moreover, we witnessed a wide gap in the student's learning levels and no access to learning aids at home. To mitigate the adverse effects of the current crisis on young peers, The Toy Bank initiated Reach and Teach Program. The Toy Bank team has come forward and distributed Activity-based Learning Kit and Toys in South Delhi Municipal School on 2nd and 3rd July. The kits were distributed to the students studying till fifth grade.

The customized kits as per the student's grade and educational aids needed to engage and participate actively in remote learning. It contains items like a Rubik cube, activity book, watercolors, art and craft material, puzzle and other aids.

We have received a positive response from the school administration and teachers while distributing the kits. As they believe, kits are fun and very useful, which will help these students during the crisis, as they have very little or no access, and the kits will allow them to learn and enjoy at the same time.



Engaging Activity Worksheets for primary students

Activity-based worksheets and virtual guiding videos are developed and Implemented regularly with the students of Delhi primary government schools. The virtual guiding videos explain the concept and how to conduct an activity at home till fifth grade. Since most of the parents are not competent enough to support the students in education. The E-learning classes are flexible to the student's availability to mobile phones or any other electronic item so that no one is left behind. Till now, The Toy Bank has implemented 576 worksheets with the primary government students in the current academic year.

Virtual Celebration

Raksha Bandhan



Independence Day



Gandhi Jayanti



Creation of 21 Toy Libraries in Madurai and Tenkasi

The Toy Bank has successfully created 21 Toy Libraries in slums, semi slums and rural villages near Madurai and Tenkasi district, Tamil Nadu. The library will benefit more than 500 children from marginalized and rural communities from age group 5-11 years. The library will create a free secure space for the children to play and explore. The Toy Library will enhance child's knowledge, learning attitudes, perception and eventually enjoy their Right to Play and have a healthy childhood.



It's Playtime in Tamil Nadu

Play is considered essential in helping the child to grow, learn, explore and blossom. But, what we don't understand is that play is very crucial for early childhood development. When children play, they gain the confidence to make decisions and think critically aids holistic development.

The Toy Bank created a Toy Library in a Girls shelter home in Tamil Nadu. The Toy Library is for girls from the age group 2 to 10 years. The library will provide a healthy space for nearly 100 young girls to feel safe to express their beliefs. Different varieties of toys, board games and storybooks will create a positive atmosphere to try new activities, express themselves and learn to socialize with others.

Toy Joy in Karnataka

For young children, the school often becomes a magical place to learn as they explore and learn. Playing with toys nurture their imagination and enhances problem-solving skills, teamwork and much more. But children living in vulnerable circumstances in Mysore, Karnataka, do not have access to toys, board games and storybooks.

The Toy Bank has created Toy Library in 3 community centres for underprivileged children in partnership with U & I Trust. The Toy Libraries will help us bridge the gap between the privileged and unprivileged children, as they are getting equal accessibility to play material and storybooks.



Creation of Toy Libraries for tribal children in Kerala

Children learn more effectively when it's by the play-way method. But, many children are living in tribal areas and do not have access to toys and storybooks. And, to provide them with access, The Toy Bank has created Toy Library for more than 200 children between the age-group of 5-11 years in collaboration with Book Pire Tribal community centres.

The library will cater to the children living in the tribal areas for both educational and leisure activities. Games like puzzles, blocks, monopoly will keep them engaged and improve their physical and mental skills.



Bringing the Childhood back in Bihar

Due to various grounds, thousands of children in India leave their homes in search of; and expectation of having a better life. But unfortunately, they are exposed to exploitation, abuse, hunger and poverty. Therefore, they lose their precious childhood. The shelter home tries to bring back the lost childhood by creating a healthy environment where they are engaged in various activities with toys and other educational tools to bring the lost innocence and push them towards a bright future.

To address the need, The Toy Bank partnered with the Social Welfare Department of Muzaffarpur, Bihar and has successfully created Toy Libraries at the child Care and Adoption centre. The library provides a healthy space to the children where they can feel protected and express their feelings. Different varieties of board games, soft toys, storybooks and colouring books allow them to think, build and explore in a stress-free, safe place.



Toy Collection Drive in Neighborhood

During these challenging times, we have received support from our young volunteers. They have conducted the toy collection drive in their neighbourhood on behalf of The Toy Bank. The contribution and support from the young volunteers allow us to reach one step towards our goal.

**Number of Children
Impacted
2,031**

**Number of Toy
Libraries created:
21**

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