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"It was with great excitement and anticipation that I set out on my journey – a field visit to the schools in Purulia where eVidyaloka classes are run. The train reached Purulia early in the morning, and I was taken to the CESR Office by the West Bengal Field Coordinator, Shri Kushal Mandal. There I had the opportunity to have a talk with Shri Debasis Panda of CESR and get insights about the local community and the ongoing projects." - Sarbari Ghosh, State Coordinator, West Bengal

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With much fervor, Independence Day was celebrated across the 92 schools in 7 states. The children proudly assembled in their respective schools for flag hoisting. They also gave performances on patriotism and filled the schools with the feeling of pride for India.

The local NGO partners, along with the Class Assistants and Field Coordinators, actively participated in the event as well.



The COO of eVidyaloka, Lt. Col. (Retd) S Manohar, recently visited Topslip, a forest reserve in Tamil Nadu where some of eVidyaloka's oldest schools are run. The field visit aimed at understanding the rate of impact of the model. Accordingly, the online classes were observed to be very interactive and participatory, from the teachers as well as the students' side. The delivery of lessons by the teachers help the students understand better. The students seem to be very enthusiastic about the classes, especially due to the inclusion of presentations, video components and pictures etc. that were incorporated by the teachers.



Diagnostic 1 assessments were conducted in the Deoghar cluster in KGBV schools in Jharkhand. These assessments are carried out to test the level of understanding of the children in English and Maths. Term 1 assessments were also conducted in Podlara Hira and Podlara Mukto as the schools started later than usual and did not have the Term 1 tests earlier. Assessments and diagnostics were carried out for Class 6 (English and Maths) and Class 7 (Maths).



The Parent-Teacher Meet took place for the first time in Itki in Jharkhand. The parents' turnout was very encouraging. The parents were initially not too forthcoming but the more they got to know about the eVidyaloka classes, they became very happy to learn about the impact it has had on their children's education and confidence levels. They even promised to bring along more parents to attend the next PTMs.



"We used to feel shy to talk to the teachers during the Parent-Teacher Meets but after attending the sessions with the eVidyaloka teachers via Skype, we feel more confident, and our children tell us about the online classes every day too. We feel assured that our kids are learning well. We are also trying from our end to bring in more parents during the next PTM as this is a very good way of knowing the teachers who teach our children, and make an effort from our end to contribute."

- Anonymous Parent of Itki, Jharkhand

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