

## Haadibadi Community Library

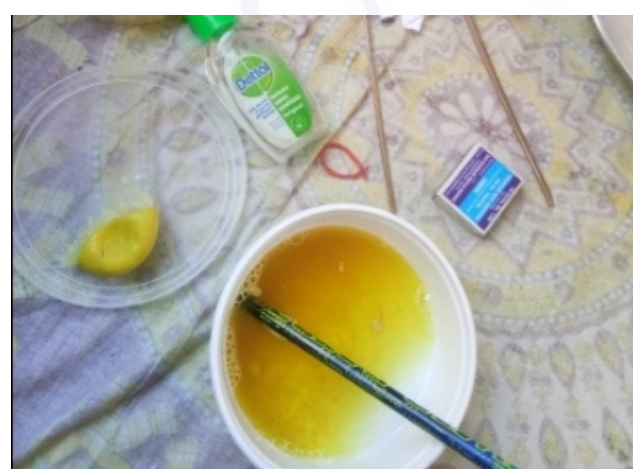
As the lockdown extended for another month, we, at Haadibadi, are striving to engage our members through multiple activities online every week. We aim to create a space for them to delve into their creativity all the while also focusing on their academic learning to not compromise on the integrity of their overall growth.

## Workshop on 'Dreams and Goals'

On 13th May, a workshop was conducted on the concept of 'Dreams and Goals'. This online session was conducted by Anitha, a resource person at Haadibadi who asked the listeners about their ambitions in life and how they are planning to tackle failure. She explained the differences between the meaning of 'dreams' and 'goals' and further used metaphor of a tree to explain the importance of dreams and goals. In her session, she explained how each one of our lives resembled a tree. The roots represented our family (that which keeps us grounded), the trunk represented the education which provides support; the branches represented the social connections that we make in life that helps us grow and the leaves represented our hard-work and prosperity while the flowers and fruits represented the achieving of our dreams and goals. Children were inspired by this idea and even drew the picture of a tree to represent these different aspects.

## Thochiddu Geechu

Art therapy is proven to provide a safe space for the young minds to express their feelings and emotions; both negative and positive. This is the reason why we organize Thochiddu Geechu, a weekly online session on art and crafts where the young artists explore their creative ideas. As weeks progressed, some of the members volunteered to teach other learners which turned into a great way of incorporating the sense of community and learning.



## 'Know & Grow' with Science

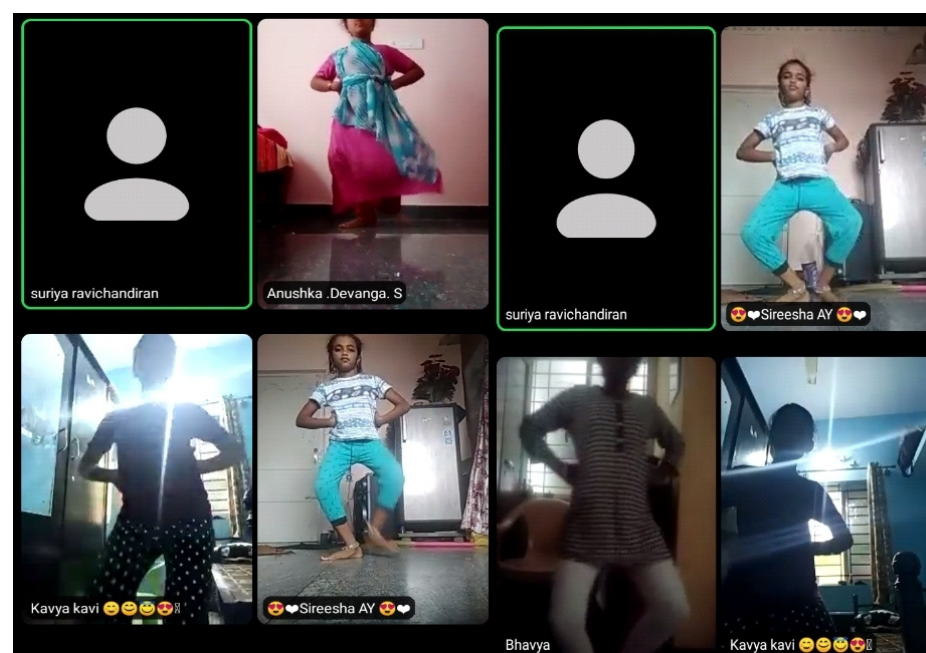
Haadibadi conducted a workshop called the 'Know and Grow' science workshop where we taught them the ways of science through experiments. This helped us engage the enthusiasts better and encouraged them to observe their surroundings, making the entire process of learning science much more interesting.

## Fun with Math

Taking parents' suggestion into consideration, we have begun to conduct sessions on academic subjects like Math, Science, History, etc. We have started a new series of online classes called 'Fun with Math'. In these sessions, we dealt with concepts such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. We taught them how they can relate theoretical math and apply it to real life scenarios by using daily objects to explain the basic concepts.

## Dancing Together

Bharatanatyam dance classes are held every week to keep the members active. However, this time, we witnessed such a unique response not only from the little dancers but also from their parents and grandparents. The elderly members of the family joined with great zeal and inspired their young enthusiasts by showing them that learning happens at any age. Although it is very difficult to reach out to people on virtual platforms, it is also very reassuring to see that such online modes help in breaking barriers for the elderly, especially women. This has given them opportunities to learn new things from the privacy and comfort of their homes.



## Online Assistance for Covid-19

The second wave of Covid-19 has seen a rise in number of cases of death and because of this, we see an insurgence of various helpline resources that are trying to help the citizens and the hospitals. Hence, Haadibadi took an initiative to contact the family members of Haadibadi's young learners and enquire about the wellbeing of the family members and provide them with the helpline numbers of the above verified medical services for emergency cases, for other health related issues, for enquiries related to isolation wards, booking beds, and oxygen concentrators as well. Volunteers of Haadibadi have begun the process of reaching out to many families within the locality and collate information about the members, monitor their health conditions and will continue to do so for the following month as well.

## Chilipili

Every week, we organize Chilipili, a storytelling session aimed to give our young members a platform to express themselves. It allowed the enthusiasts to see familiar faces on an online platform and share their experiences, joys and struggles during the lockdown.

