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## Indian Schools in the Pandemic Time



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Can we really use the expression, 'Post Covid' when discussing opening schools? If this really was the case, we would not be talking about obvious precautions and unprecedented safeguarding measures that schools, parents and communities must take to keep our children safe while ensuring the learning continuum.

When and how to open the school is the moot question!

In India, no one is sure, including central and state governments. Although there was talk of holding CBSE exams in July, getting the marking done, compilation and result declaration by Mid- August and opening the schools after Mid-August.

The schools started planning for opening, like fumigating, sanitising, training the guards and support staff, augmenting infrastructure and housekeeping resources, contemplating the transportation adjustments, desk placing, calculating the numbers of pupils per day, which classes, timing etc.

We were then told that the Honourable Supreme Court, India had asked CBSE, if it could declare the results of the examination without actually holding the examination for the pending subjects. The question remained, Will the schools really open in August, given the rising number of Covid cases?

Parents are concerned, worried about the safety against this invisible pathogen and the need to start going to work. Not all may have the luxury of working from home. Teachers could work from home during the Lockdown and later too. We highly appreciate the resilience and resolution of the teachers and children in taking the learning forward.

In fact, many students have shown exemplary leadership and learnt new hobbies and showed traits of being independent learners, ready to share their new- found independence by organising events in small teams.

Teachers became proficient in technology, schools arranged online platforms and organised continuous online training, CBSE, FICCI Arise, Sankalp Sahodaya, CII, TCS, Microsoft, Scholastic India, International Universities, Adventure Unlimited, Rocksports and Publishing Houses organised online Training, many free of charge. Teaching Academies, Entrepreneurship and Career Guidance Webinars and many other opportunities were available free of charge. We were rubbing shoulders with international trainers and were part of a global audience.

Overnight many principals moved on from managing their own schools to motivating and guiding others by taking Workshops and Webinars. Parents invested in imparting Life Skills to children and their efforts paid off. Young students were not complaining and adjusted to the new normal beautifully.

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