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As Lockdown gave away to Unlock phase during July to September, 2020 there was introduction of various new online programs; online yoga and exercise classes, online group activities along with the existing programs. We wanted our students to experience all the typical school activities as far as possible despite all schools remaining closed due to COVID-19. So we had online Independence Day & Teacher's Day celebration. The Monsoon camp in July was a fun filled event. There were online workshops organised by ASWB too. ASWB staff and members were invited as resource persons in workshops and for online paper presentations. Members and staff participated in several online workshops too.



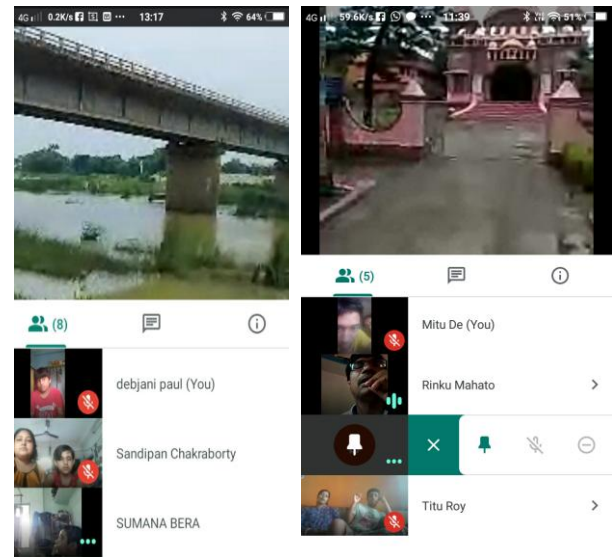
Students were elated to meet their friends online during group classes. Group classes were fun as there were games, lucky draw and other fun activities. However the teachers reminded students on maintaining safety protocols even though we were going through Unlock phase.



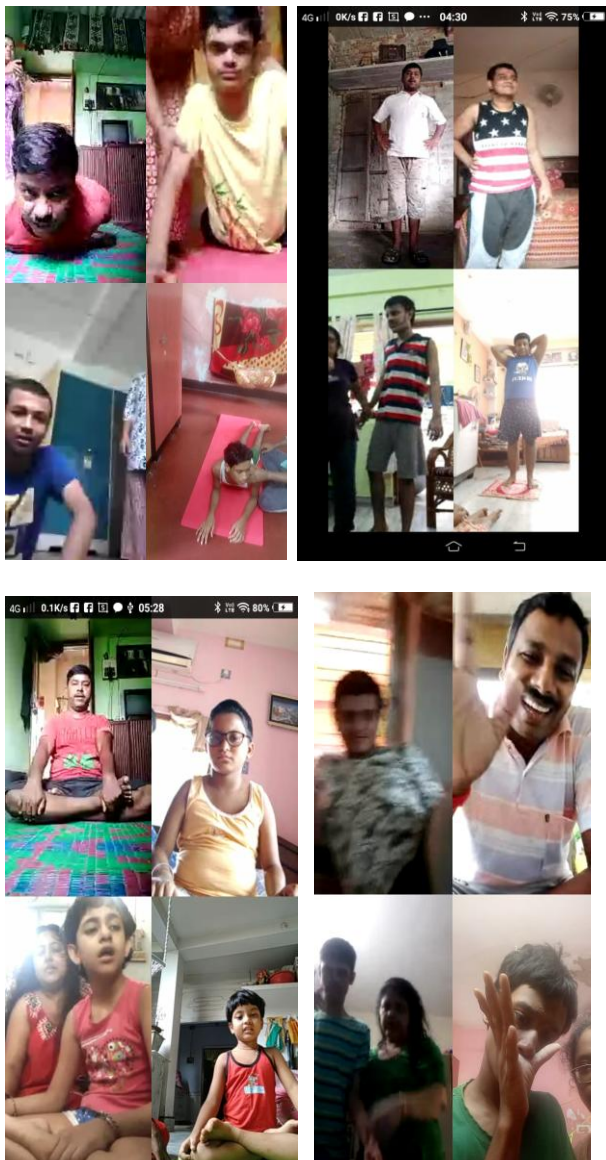
Online Environmental Science classes were introduced for the Aarohan trainees. They experimented with germination was fun.



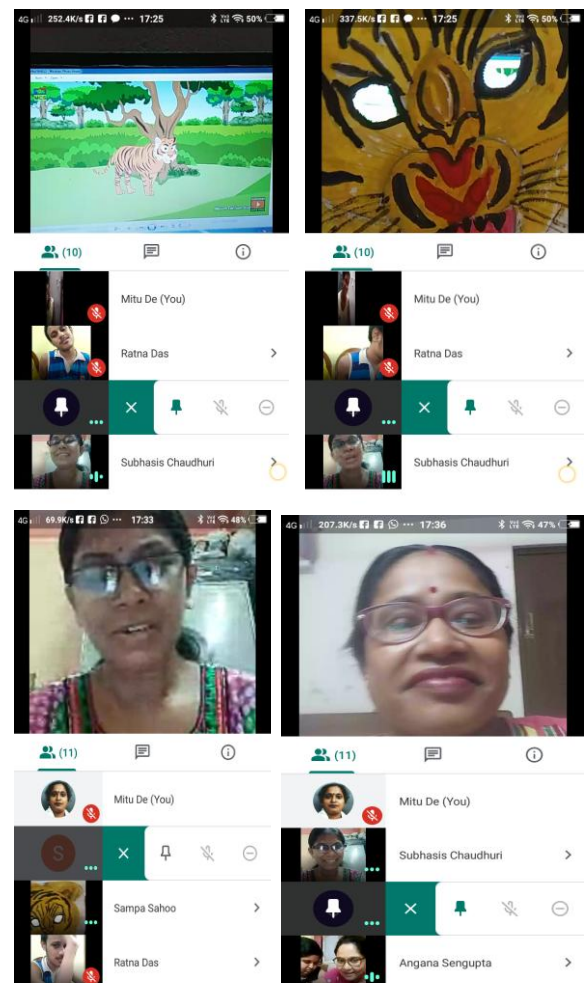
Virtual tours during Monsoon Camp kept everyone captivated. Students were whisked away to different places.



Online Yoga & exercise started.



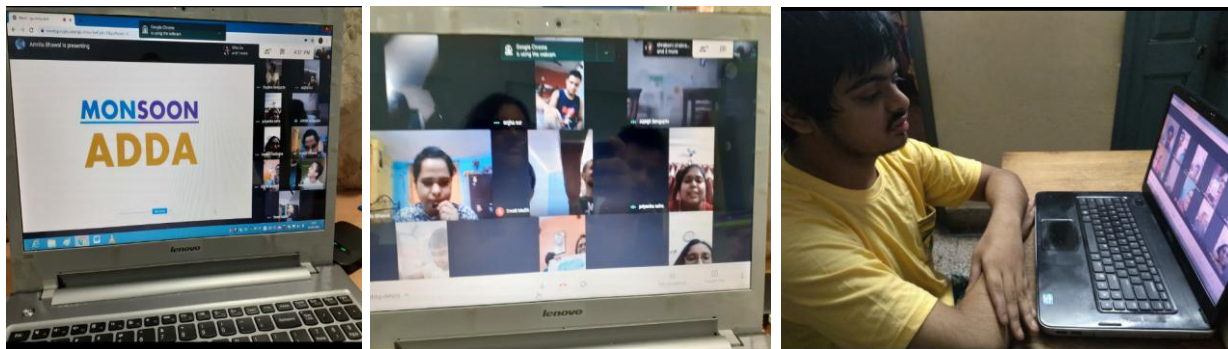
Online story telling during the Monsoon camp made the students stay glued to their smartphones.



Smiling faces during the Online Rabindra Sangeet during Monsoon Camp.



Online 'adda' during Monsoon Camp

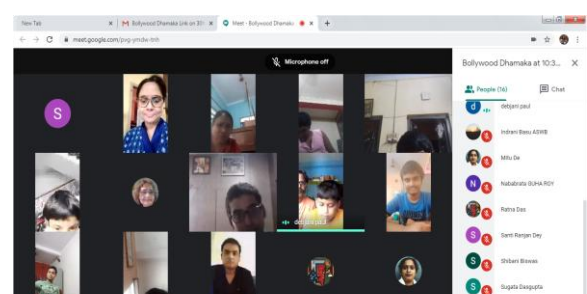
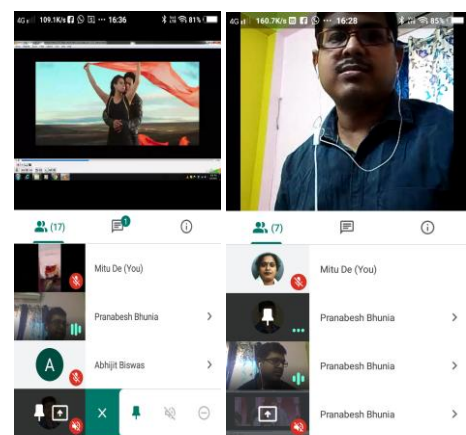


Online Baking Class for Parents & students

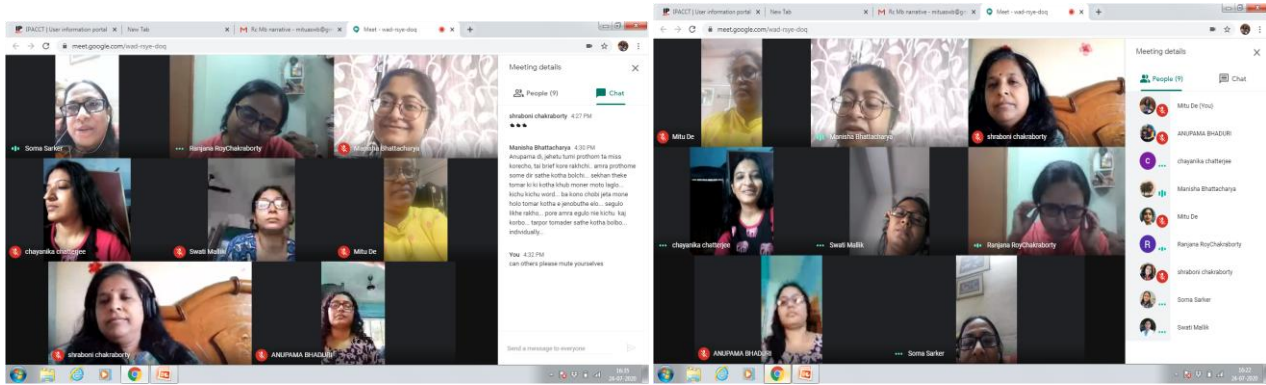
Yummy cookies were baked.



Monsoon Camp ended with the grand finale –The Bollywood Dhamaka.



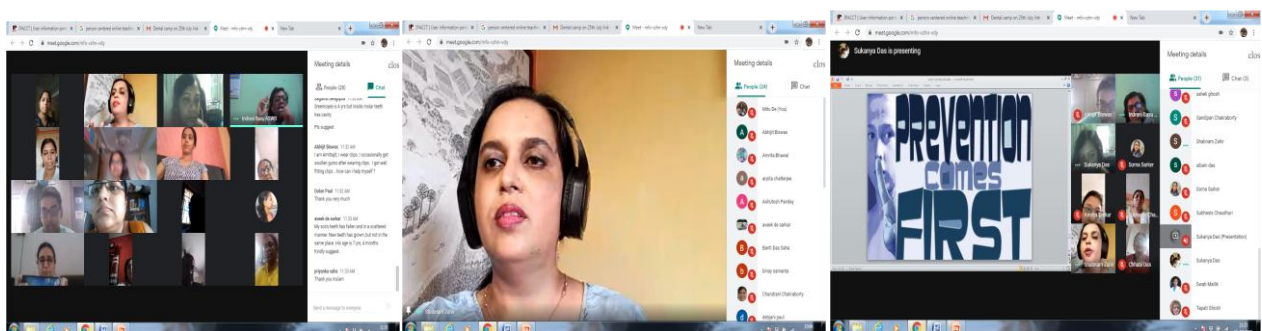
Online Narrative Sessions for parents during the Monsoon Camp



Independence Day celebration was online. Program was hosted as a FB Watch party and also streamed on ASWB's YouTube Channel. Artists of Dikshan & Aarohan did artwork based on Independence Day theme.



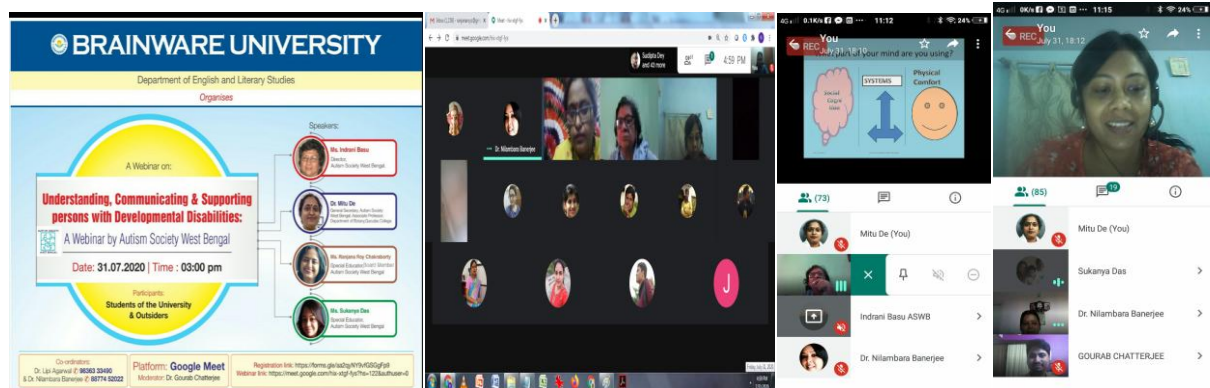
ASWB organised a **Dental Care Webinar** on 25th July, 2020. Dr. Prof. Shabnum Zahir was invited as Resource person. She spoke on 'Oral Health Care for Special Child during COVID-19 Pandemic'.



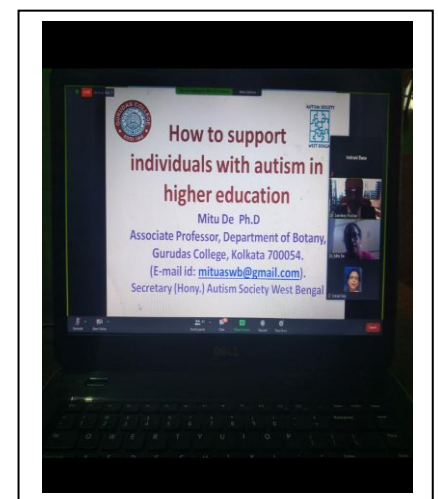
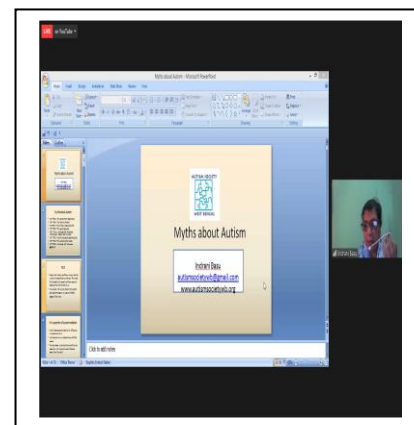
ASWB organised an online workshop where Dr. Prasanta Kumar Roy was the resource person on 8th August, 2020.




Invited talk for Team ASWB at Brainware University on 31st July, 2020.



ASWB Director Ms. Indrani Basu and Secretary Dr. Mitu De were invited to give talk at an International Webinar organised by Lincoln University College Malaysia & University of Bengkulu, Indonesia & Techno India NJR Institute of Technology, India on 10th August, 2020.



Team ASWB invited by St. Xavier's College, Ranchi to deliver talk on 14th August, 2020.



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, RANCHI.
WEBINAR BY AUTISM SOCIETY WEST BENGAL (ASWB)

"Understanding, Communicating, and Supporting Persons with Developmental Disabilities for an Inclusive Society"

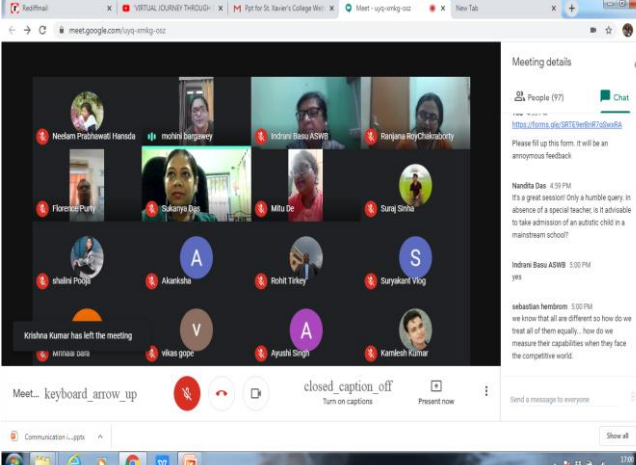
Live on Google Meet : Friday, 14th August, 2020. At 3:30 P.M.

Conducted for the Department of Education, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi. (Session:- 2019-21)

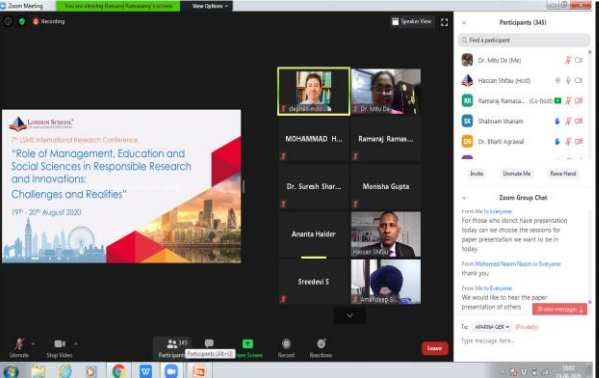
Mediated by : Mohini Bargaway

PANELISTS OF THE DAY:

- Ms. Indrani Basu.** Director, ASWB.
- Dr. Mitu De. (Hon.)** Secretary, ASWB. Associate Professor Dept. of Botany, Gurudas College.
- Ms. Ranjana Roy Chakraborty.** Special Educator and Board Member, ASWB.
- Ms. Sukanya Das.** Special Educator, ASWB.



Oral presentation of a paper by Dr. Mitu De & Indrani Basu at the 7th LMSE International Research Conference organised by London School of Management Education on 19th & 20th August, 2020.



A case study on the challenges and the reasonable accommodations for students with autism in the mainstream education system


Mitu De^{1,2*} and Indrani Basu³

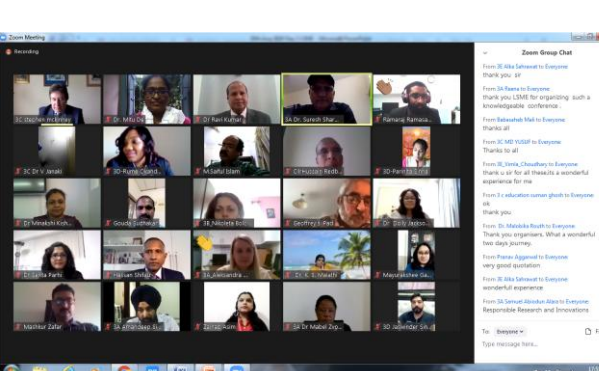
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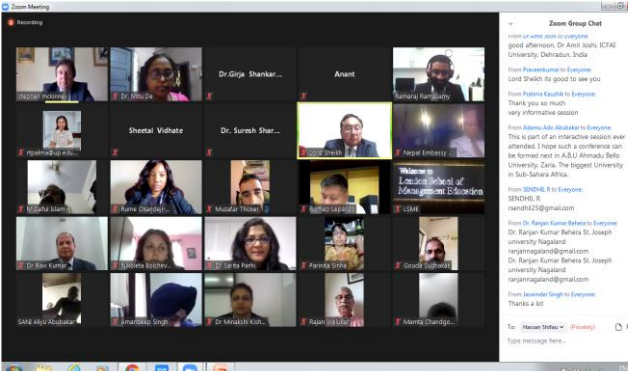
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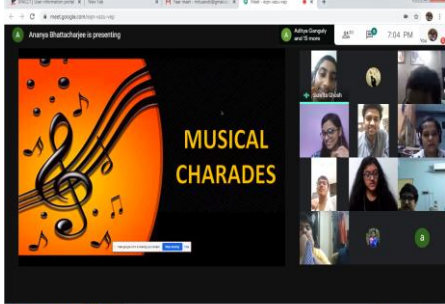
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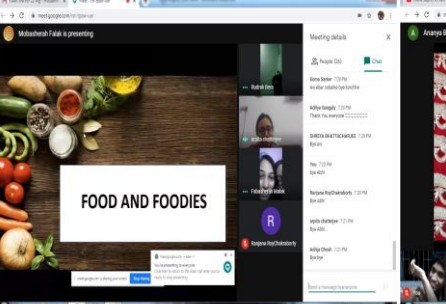





Online YAAR held in July, August & September with different themes of the 'adda.'



MUSICAL CHARADES



FOOD AND FOODIES



Pujar Gandho r Ghure Dekha

ASWB organized a free Parent Training workshop on 26th & 27th September, 2020.

Autism Society West Bengal's
PARENT TRAINING WORKSHOP
Learning during lockdown - A two day webinar for teaching early learners with Autism

This workshop will address the following areas:

26th September 2020 (Saturday)

- Making home environment more learning friendly
- Sitting and attending skills
- Getting child to respond to online classes
- Teaching Communication
- How to provide communication support

27th September 2020 (Sunday)

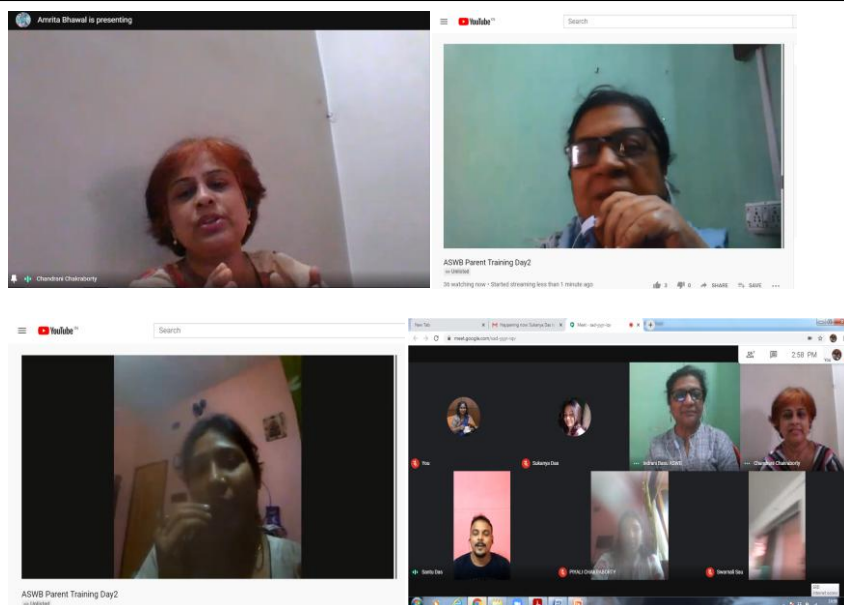
- Eating
- Toileting
- Sleeping

SPEAKER

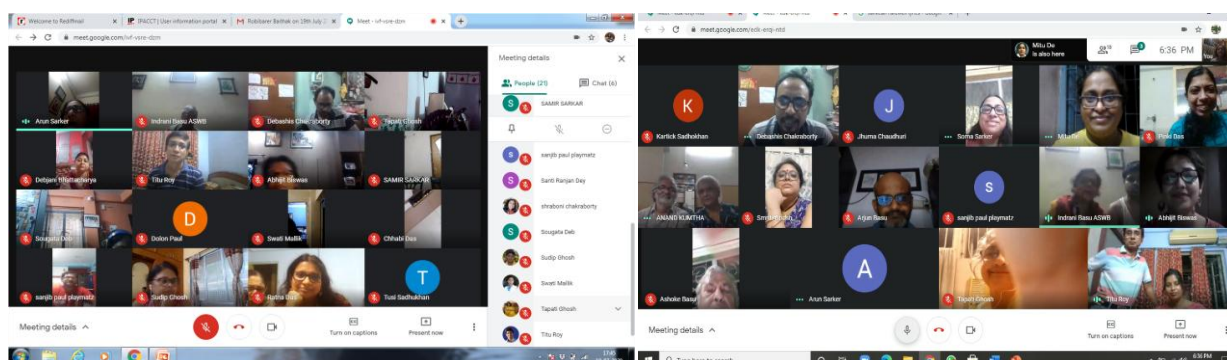
Ms. Indrani Basu and ASWB Team

Date: 26th and 27th September 2020
Time: 3pm to 5pm
Platform: Google Meet (Registration FREE)
Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3iPvG8n>

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Website: <http://autismsocietywb.org>



'Robibarar Baithak' the Online monthly Sunday Meet for parents of Dikshan & Aarohan units and all Board members of ASWB. A few hours of songs, dance, jokes and also online magic show!! Pictures of the July & August Meet.



Online Teacher's Day celebration. All students made personalised cards for all ASWB staff.



HOW YOU MAY HELP:

The Pandemic has a long term effect on our resources. All our staff opted for a severe pay cut which has helped us to stay afloat during these unprecedented times. As school is closed due to the lockdown we are unable to provide services to beneficiaries. We have started online intervention and counseling but not many parents are opting for it. Our Parent Training unit is closed. We are also worried that we can't provide intervention to those who need it most. Time is a crucial factor in autism management. Life trajectories can be changed with early intervention because of plasticity of the human brain. We directly require funds so that we may pay our staff.

Autism Society West Bengal accepts gifts in cash and kind from our well wishers. Their gifts are used to give concessions for our intervention services for those families who need it.

You may help ASWB in many ways. You could help in our fund raising efforts; some of the ways funds may be used are listed below.

1. For procuring Teaching and Learning materials
2. For purchasing Furniture
3. For Sponsorship of 10 days one to one intervention for families who might need your help.
4. Sponsorship of Parent Training for families.
5. For construction of Building
6. For procuring and maintenance of Infrastructure
7. For Equipment purchase and installation
8. Corpus Fund
9. For purchasing Computer, printer and accessories
10. For purchasing Books
11. For contributing to the relief fund for ASWB staff during the times of COVID-19.

Apart from the above there are others ways to lend a helping hand.

- You could help in our various extracurricular programs.
- You could also be a buddy with our some of our students.
- You could buy some of the products that our students make
- You could network for us to get CSR funds
- You could organize exhibitions of the handcrafted products our students make.
- You could help in our autism awareness programs in educational institutions, hospitals, police stations, airports and railway stations.
- You could pave the way for social inclusion.
- You could also give us some of your time and get to know people with autism
- You could give information about job opportunities in open/sheltered employment.
- You could accept an individual with autism as he/she is and see the person and not their disability.
- **Acknowledgement:** The pictures that have been used in this Newsletter have been taken by several persons viz. Parents & special educators.

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