

Maris Stella College (Autonomous), Vijayawada

A Report on Fighting COVID-19

As the whole world grapples with the pandemic **COVID-19**, Maris Stella too has been doing its bit for community and society.

On the 7th and 8th of April, representatives of college management, staff and students, with the support of the authorities, visited three shelter homes in Vijayawada to distribute kits comprising bedsheet, towel, toothpaste, soap, detergent and hair oil to migrant workers and needy persons housed there.



Shelter for migrant workers at Singh Nagar



kits ready for distribution



Distribution at Prakash Nagar, Kandrika Shelter in the presence of Shri N Chandra Mohan Reddy,



At Payakapuram Shelter Home

The main Rythu Bazaars (farmers' markets) have been split into smaller units by the municipal authorities to prevent crowding. One such unit is operating at Maris Stella campus to cater to the neighbourhood.



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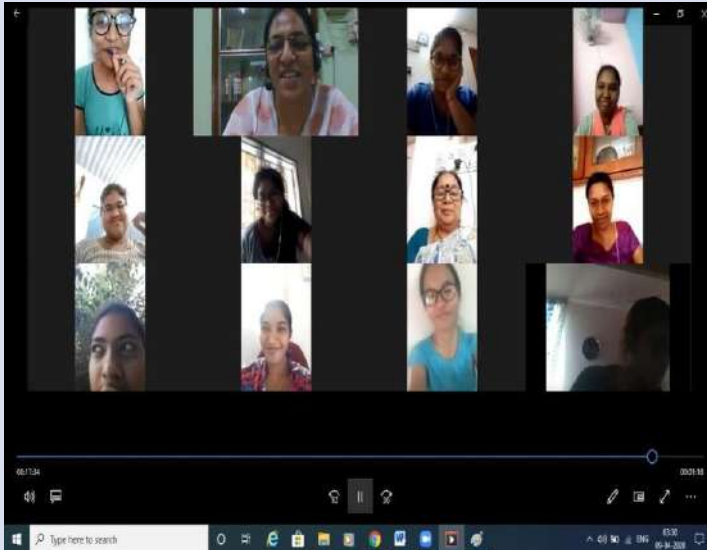
Sale of vegetables

Our indoor stadium was used for distribution of ration from the 15th to the 17th of April



The college has offered the use of twenty classrooms for quarantining, if needed.

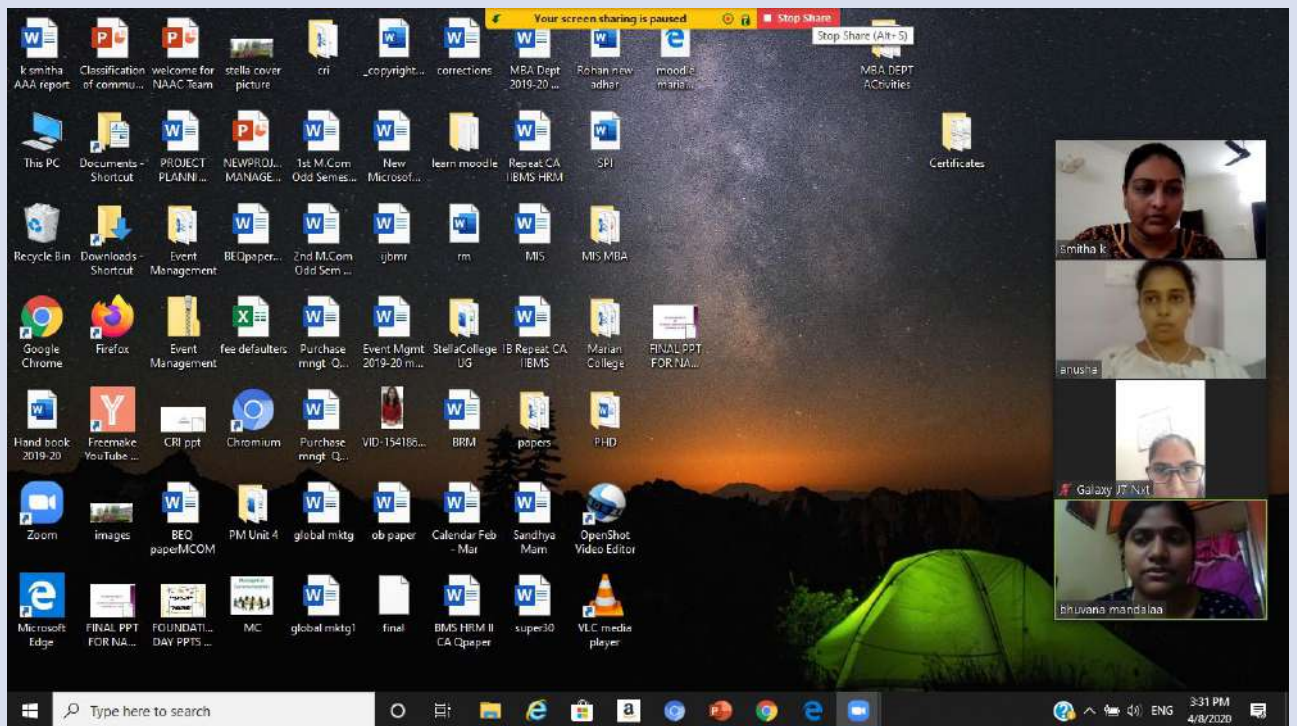
To ensure the mental and psychological well-being of students, the college is making use of its very organised mentoring system. Every student in college has a teacher as mentor. Even before the Commissionerate of Education passed directions to take up mentoring, our mentors were in contact with their mentees online, ensuring their well-being and extending mental support to ride the corona storm. Some mentees interacting with their mentees:



Dr. Sr. Innyasamma interacting with the students



Ms. Parveen with her mentees



Ms. Smitha holding an online mentoring session

Faculty are engaged in preparing video lessons for the coming academic year. The college had held several training programmes through the academic year 2019-20 to enable the use of ICT in teaching. Besides, some faculty have made use of suspension of classes due to COVID-19 to complete online courses in Video Content Creation. Some others have finished online professional development courses during this period:



Online professional development course offered by Dr. Indira Koneru