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UNIQUE NEWSPAPER FOR AND BY STREET CONNECTED CHILDREN

“Balaknama is the newspaper presented by Street and Working children themselves to fight for their own rights and problems because they are being completely ignored.

HOW THE LIFE OF CHILDREN WILL BE BACK ON TRACK WHEN CORONA'S INFLUENCE IS REDUCED

Balaknama Reporter

The journalists of Balaknama have made every effort to bring the problems of children among the government from time to time! Even today we remember the day when the first lockdown was imposed in our country on 22 March 2019 and since then the economic situation of our country has become very weak! And during this time, the street and working children and their parents were the most affected! Families of children became homeless, children were forced to live on the streets, children had to leave their studying, or children in large numbers were doing child labor. Children had to wander streets for food. Children were left with nothing to eat, the families of children have drowned in huge debt! And they have lost their old jobs. And because of this they suffered a huge loss! Journalists contacted these children and their parents and an attempt was made to know this! Now that the effect of the corona virus is decreasing in the country, how will the street children and working children, bring their lives back on track, how will they make a fresh start again. Talked to their parents about their plan in the coming moment,



how will they be able to start their life again, while slowly, everything is becoming normal in the country! And it is being speculated that now in the country Good days have already started! So when journalist Ravi organized a sports group meeting in Sarai Kale Khan, there was a talk about lockdown with the children and an attempt was made to know this from the children as well. Our reporters asked “Now that everything is slowly recovering like before. So how are you trying to run your life in a systematic way as before, or you have a plan for the coming time” in response to this 12-year-old Rahim said that now he will study diligently and will complete his studies by taking admission in Open Basic Education (OBE). In this meeting, 14-year-old Javed

told that now some work has been started and I have also started going to the wedding party work. After which, now their economic condition will again be as good as before. The 13-year-old Sultan said that now I have made a plan. So that my studies and earning both will also get done! For this, now I get up early in the morning and go to the station and pick the bottle. I will come and study in the park in the afternoon so that both of my work can be done successfully. The 15-year-old poet told that now he will talk to his mother to give him a cart so that he can start selling his sandal again! Because earlier he used to sell slippers for someone else. But his experience was not very good, so now he is thinking of doing his own work! In this meeting, 16-year-old Sameer

talked on the matter with journalist Deepak that due to Corona, which had stopped our work, now people have started calling us on the work of playing drums! And with the money I am earning, I am finishing my home loan too! Due to which the condition of my house is improving a little bit. Radhika, 16 years old told that the place where we live, there is a hospital in front of our colony, in which many Covid patients used to come during Covid, but the news of Covid being low made us very happy! This is a very good message for us because now we can play without being scared by putting a mask on outside. 13-year-old Mahi said that my father works to clean the ears. Lockdown was opened but due to the fear of Corona, many people have

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Don't waste the food; rather give it to the needy ones



Talkative Reporter Suraj & Aanchal, Lucknow

Balaknama reporter Aanchal contacted Sooraj, a Balaknama talkative reporter from the contact point of Shram Vihar Nagar, via phone, while talking reporter Suraj told that in this corona epidemic where there is shortage of food and water. On the other hand, some people living nearby are wasting food, they throw a left out food every day in the garbage heap where children go to pick up garbage every day! In the same garbage heap, the food to be eaten is lying in the garbage, when the cow or other animals are not near that garbage heap, so that even animals are not available to eat this food and after some time that food remains in the garbage heap. It is sad to see this, we children are very sad because we children get very hard to eat food, we children want that you people should not waste food like this if you give food to any needy child. The stomachs will also be filled and there will be no insult to throwing food in the garbage heap! Suraj also told that the cow does not come mostly in our area, then the food that has been kept, keeps rotting slowly, which later starts to smell very bad. Due to this corona pandemic the

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YOUNG AGE: BIG RESPONSIBILITIES

Talkative Reporter Rahul & Aanchal, Lucknow

Balaknama reporter Aanchal interacted with the children of Madiyanv Contact Point and tried to find out their problem. So talkative reporter Radha of Madiyanv Point told that the children here buy the burkha and then paint on it, the reporter contacted the children through the phone to get further information on the subject, then the 12-year-old



boy Rahul (changed name) told that first we buy the burkha and after that we color on the burkha. Rahul said that we do the color on the burkha so that we can sell it in good prices!

Talkative reporter Kajal told that we get Rs. 10 for coloring on a burkha, in the course of the day we can do about 10 burkha! When the reporter further investigated about this, she came to know

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WAKING UP EARLY TO HELP HIS MOTHER: RAJU



Talkative Reporter Anchal

When the balaknama reporter Anchal started talking to the children living in Aminabad through phone, she came to know that there are many families where one of the parents of those children does not live in the house! Who can take care of the housework! In this situation, our reporter talked to a child named Raju, whose age is almost 6 years, the child told that his father lives apart from them and has done second marriage, he has a brother who is older than him, he is about 3 years elder of age,

he also lives together. There are total 3 people in the family, the mother works as utensils washer in other houses to feed her and childrens stomach from the money she gets. Raju told that I am only 7 years old! And I do garbage pickup to help my mother. I leave the house from 4:00 am and when I come home in the evening there is a sack on the shoulder which has a lot of dumped garbage. I bring it home and sells it in separate sacks and get the money for that and I give money to mother to help nurture the house! When the reporter heard the problem of

the child, she was shocked that, a 4-year-old child goes to pick up the garbage from 7 in the morning to help his mother! The age at which children do not understand how to read properly, at such a young age, he has got involved with his mother in the helping expenses of the house! In such a situation, how will this child's education be? After talking to the reporter Anchal constantly, Raju is now focusing on a little education, he is slowly learning to write his name. Raju is very happy that he is getting the opportunity to study while working!

HAVE TO SELL POORI KACHORI TO PAY THE LOAN OF RS 10,0000

Talkative Reporter Suraj & Sangeeta, Lucknow

When Lucknow reporter Sangeeta interacted with the children of Shram Vihar Nagar Contact Point through a conference call and tried to find out the problem of the children, reporter Suraj told that Didi a child who lives here goes to school and to run the house expenditure, he has opened a shop in which he makes Pudi, Kachodi and Pakode etc. Sooraj tried to find out the reason for sitting at the shop from 13 years old Abdul(changed name), then Abdul told that since the



corona epidemic started and that caused the lockdown, my mother father took a loan of ₹ 100000 from someone in this lockdown. They are now asking for their debt!

For this reason, along with mom and dad, I also do the work of frying the Puri, Kachodi and Pakodi so that the loan of Rs.100000/- is paid to us quickly. Abdul

told me that while talking, I am scared of making poori kachori in the frying pan but even then also I have to do this work. If I do not work with my parents at this time, then our debt will not be able to go away quickly! Right now I get homework by calling in school, I also do that homework, but I also

do my shop work with a lot of vigor. Similarly, I help my mother and father every day. I also feel scared while frying the entire Kachodi, this oil work should not cause any harm to me. I am very afraid that this oil will not be reversed! But I am doing this work with great care and fear.

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not come to get ears cleaned! So because of this father's work was becoming less, so I had to go to the job of selling balloons! Due to which I was not able to study and play! But as soon as Covid-19 is getting less the work of father is increasing and I am now studying at home and I am getting full opportunity to do

my studies! 15-year-old Neha told that before Corona, father used to play the drum, but due to Corona, since father's work was reduced, we had opened Momos Chowmein's shop outside our colony and now from 4:00 pm onwards we open shop. But for the shop, we have to do the work of making momos chowmein from 11 o'clock, so we wake

up early in the morning every day! And from 11 o'clock we make momos and chowmeins, after that we start our own shop from 4 o'clock! Now when I get some time, I go to the park and play with my friends! This is how our day begins! 12-year-old Kajal (changed name) said that my parents have taken a small grocery shop with a loan, thus we are starting our life! In this meeting, 13-year-old Diler said that now I am working with my parents to sell blouses! At the same time, 12-year-old Radha said that now our work has started again, but the owner of our old Kothi did not call us, we have started working in the Kothi elsewhere! Radha also told that earlier she used to get good money, but now she is working in very less money! In this meeting, 14-year-old Raju said that the corona virus has reduced in our country but we are still looking for work and we are not able to find work easily! 14-year-old Radhika, who lives in Agra, said that everything is slowly recovering in the country, but I used to work as a shoe merchant before, our work is still closed, our boss is not hiring us yet. I'm still looking

for a job or my parents get any work so that our financial situation will be normal! 12-year-old Rajkumari said that now our schools are open as soon as our parents get work, then I will start going to school because I used to go to tuition earlier like if my parents get employment then I will start going to tuition again! Because now we have slowly started going to school! 12-year-old Ayan told that my father is still working but the problem is that my father has got work in very little money, so that he will pay the room rent for the first time only after that some of our financial situation will be rectified because we have a lot of debt! I am also looking for work to pay it off! In this meeting, 12-year-old Asha (changed name) said that my father had passed away during the time of Lockdown and I live in my house with my mother, brother and sister! We are currently staying at home with my uncle aunt! But the dilemma is that I am not able to get some work due to which uncle aunt will not be able to give us shelter in our house for many days now! That is why I am looking for work, if I do not get work soon, then

how will my siblings be taken care off! In this meeting, 13-year-old Sunita said, "My mother is very sick, for which I am working to cure her!" I take care of my mother in the morning and go to work in the Kothi in the evening! In this way the views of the children came to the journalists after knowing their views it was clear that it is very difficult for these children in these situations.

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lockdown was imposed but some people used to come in the lockdown to distribute food or ration, but since this lockdown has now been lifted, no one has come to our colony till now. There is no rationing or sharing of food, our mother and father are still not getting any work in other people's houses, due to which we are still having a lot of trouble to eat, but there are some people here who cannot give food but can ruin it and when we go to explain this to these people, they say you mind your own business.

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that they get involved in different works at different festivals in the same way! Presently, children are currently doing paint work

at cheap prices. From which he is trying to manage his household expenses. With that money, the problems of children and their parents are being solved to some extent!

CHILDREN NOT PAYING ATTENTION TOWARDS STUDIES

Reporter Kishan

When our journalists reached out to the children, our journalists tried to know whether the children are getting good education at this time or not. During the conversation with the children, a lot of things came to the fore as we will tell you through the story. Children told that brother, as you know, the first problem is that there is an epidemic of corona, the second problem is that the school is also closed at this time, so we children are not able to get education on time. Then a 10-year-old girl told as you also know, due to this corona, some parents are still working and some are

not, due to this they are also facing a lot of difficulties in taking care of themselves and their families and those who are not working, they get their children educated in private schools, but at this time they do not even have the money to take care of their home. Then our journalists went and talked to the parents of the children who doesn't have any job to do, parents told to him that brother, as you know, how much problem we are facing at this time, schools are closed at this time and children are getting online education, but the problem is that we do not have a mobile, because of this children are still unable to do education. Our reporters questioned



parents, what do these people do throughout the day, do you not get education, parents said we are not that much educated that we can teach

our children, these children start playing in the morning and when we call them they start running far away, that is why these children do

not listen to them. Then our journalists reach the parents who are working at the moment and started talking to them. The mother and father told us that we go to work in the morning and then we do not even know what these children are doing and when we come from work and check the work of our children, then these children don't do any kind of work and start playing in the morning. The parents say that all the education that these children received before the lockdown was forgotten all day by day. And they are saying that the corona epidemic should be over as soon as possible and so children can start paying attention to education.

CHILDREN REQUESTING ELDER PEOPLE NOT TO DEFECATE IN THE PLAYING AREA



Reporter Kishan

This news is from Sector 126 of Noida, our journalists went through the support group meeting and talked to the children, then the children told that brother there is a big park just a little ahead of our house and we children go to play in that park but people around do not let us go inside that

park. There is no bathroom built in there. If anyone have to go to bathroom, then they do not go outside the park instead they do it in the corner of the park. Because of this there is also a lot of stench and if there ever comes a person for checking, then he shuns us from there, he says that you people do bathrooms here and we also tell them that

we do not but other people do that. So whenever they do not understand our words they start getting abusive and beat us and even drive us out of the park. The children also told that brother in the village where we children live, we have told this thing to the people there, so they explain it to them and also drive them away from that place. But when they goes away from the park, then the people who do bathrooms in the park, they beat us and they also abuse us and that is why we children are not going inside the park at this time because that people are also there and we are not going inside the park, so that they cannot bother us again! We children want to request the elders that you people should not piss inside the park, nor should drive children away from the park, we children come to the park to play!



YOUNG HANDS WASHING USED UTENSILS IN ORDER TO SURVIVE

Talkative reporter Monika and reporter Kishan

As you all know, at this time the corona epidemic is not over yet, the whole country is facing so many problems. When our journalists reached out to some children, during the conversation, the children said, Brother, there are some children who work at the

hotel in Noida, they wash the dishes and to spend their house expense these children work at the hotel and during the conversation, the children told that brother, as you also know how much it is getting cold and during this time putting hands in water is very difficult and these children are compelled that if they do not work, then where will they get the bread for two times, because of this they have to do work. These children stay at the hotel from morning 8 am to night 11 pm and these children also eat there. And when the food plate is gathered together, so when the children go to wash it, the water is colder at this time but children have to put their hand in cold water. The problem is that when these children goes to boss after a month and if we ask for salary, they lure and say the work is not going on at the moment, next time we will give you money and the children are forced to obey the owner. If we leave the work in anger then we will not get salary even for the first month, so we have to listen to the owner and when we tell this to the parents, then the parents also scold us how we will run the expenses of the house, and we also have listen to our parents.

ARVIND HAVE TO COLLECT GARBAGE UNDER OWNER'S PRESSURE



Talkative reporter Arvind

This news belongs to two young boys, Arvind and Deepak of

Atrauli region of Agra city. During a visit, our reporter interacted with them to know about their current problems

and situations. 11 years old Arvind live behind the Atrauli State Bank and studies is 1st class. He said, "One day a man came to my home and told that I am now big enough to work and earn and he can provide me some kind of work. He greeded me for good food and money for working whatever he asks too. Sadly, I and my mother agreed with his terms. Later, this man asked me to work as a rag picker and said that I will be paid proper for

my garbage. That's how I started working as a rag picker. Now the situation is, this man irritates me a lot. Whenever I don't get enough garbage to collect, he beats me and don't even pay properly for my colleted garbage. He doesn't even provide me proper food to eat on time. I feel so sad for my current situation. I don't feel like working more. He might have money to pay me but I don't want to work under him."

**CHILDREN'S HELP
LINE NUMBERS**

**CONTACT THESE TOLLFREE
NUMBERS IF YOU FACE ANY
PROBLEM.**

Child line Number

1098

Police Helpline Number

100

KIDNAPPERS CHANGING LOOKS TO KIDNAP YOUNG CHILDREN

Talkative Reporter Rohit & Kishan

This news is from Sorakha village of Noida, when our journalists held a journalist meeting, the children participated in maximum quantity and the children kept their own problems in the meeting. It has been informed by the children that in Sorkha village, the child kidnappers are coming and they are also taking the children. A 12-year-old boy said that those people are coming to our village to kidnap the children and brother, one child was caught and he ran from there and came here. After hearing this thing, our

journalists reached out to that child and they collected full information from him, that boy's name is Rohit and he is 12 years old, he is a resident of Sorkha village. The boy gave his information and said, I was out of the house at 6:30 pm in the evening and I had gone to get my elder sister's mobile fixed, I went to the mobile shop to get the mobile fixed. After getting the phone fixed, I called up sister and said that the phone is fixed, if you say, I will bring it, then sister said yes bring it and while returning from there towards the house, it was completely dark at that time and on the way towards my house while laughing



and enjoying, a person suddenly grabbed my hand and started scaring me and I got even more scared at that time, when I saw two people passing by on way, I told them that "he is threatening

me and trying to take me, when I told him this he left me and ran away. And then both of them followed him but he did not come in hand and I ran from there and called my sister and she picked up

the phone and I told all this to my sister, she ran towards me till then I talked. While telling, I reached out to them, then I gave all the details and the person who held me, had tied a completely white towel on his face so that he could not be recognized and at that time I was more scared and I went towards my house while giving information! The children said that when these people come, we recognize them as those people who are seen to pick up junk or are begging or are seen to be babas, then we have to be very careful of these people and children also say that you should take care of your children yourself!

HAVE TO CLEAN TOURIST'S BUSES IN ORDER TO SURVIVE



Talkative reporter Arjun and reporter Kishan

This news is from a village in Noida, when our journalist was visiting the field, so our journalist saw a 12-year-old boy whose name is Arjun(changed name), he was mopping in a big bus. When the journalist went there and started talking to Arjun, Arjun said that due to Corona

epidemic, his family is facing a lot of problems! And said, brother, you already know that we live on other's land, if we do not work here, neither our nor our house will be able to spend, that's why we have to do some work and because of this corona, Inflation has also increased a lot, due to which we are not able to get work easily.

After so much of effort I

got work of bus cleaning, in continuation, Arjun told that the bus in which cleaning work is been done, it's a big bus that runs for a long tour, it is a tourist bus!

When this bus comes back, I have to wipe bus with wet cloth and we have to clean the entire bus! The problem is that as you also know when this bus goes on a tour for 2 to 3 days, a lot of dust gets mired on this bus and the passengers who travel in this bus also vomit in the bus. We have to clean all of that, there is a lot of stench in it, the mind also gets disturbed while cleaning. Arjun said that whenever the bus has to be cleaned, the owner of the bus calls me to clean the bus, I get Rs. 5000 a month to do this work, out of these money I keep some money and the rest of the money I give to my parents so that a we can spend little on house expenses. That's how we are living.



SAHIL'S STORY OF SURVIVAL

Talkative reporter Sahil

This story belongs to the beggars. There is a program organized by AHTU in order to rescue beggars. Our Balaknama reporters participated in this program to help them. A 10 years old boy, Sahil said, "I live in the Nobasta region. One day a man came and said that he will give me food and money to work according to him. Now, he picks me up from my home

and leaves me at different red lights to beg. For this, he feeds me one time a day and gives Rs 100 from whatever I earn daily and keeps the leftover amount with himself only." He further added.

"There is a whole gang of such people, who greeds young minds and leave them to beg" Policemen has started searching for such gangs and according to the current news, the leader of the gang has run away.

CHILDREN GETTING FEAR OF PARENT'S EARNING

Talkative Reporter Monica & Kishan

When our journalists visited every contact point, during the tour, came to know about 15 children said that as you know, at this time, we are troubled by Corona period and now it is slowly ending. We children have a problem that our parents used to work in other people's homes before lockdown. A person used to work in four to five houses, wash the dishes in their houses and take care of the children. Before the lock-down, when the parents used to go to work, they used to work in about 4 to 5 houses, so that the entire household's expenses were run properly. In continuation, the journalist also talked to some parents, who used to go to work in other people's houses said, "Brother, when

we went to work before lock-down we did not face any problem at that time and now the problem is that when before lockdown we people used to work in more homes and now we go to work in some homes at this time, it is difficult to find work even in one house and when we get work in one house and when we go to search for work in another house, those people refuse us and send us back by saying that we don't want any worker/helper and the parents also told us that



after the lock-down, we are looking for work in houses, when we went, we got our corona checked completely, then allowed us to come inside their house and now the problem is that we are facing more problems than before, neither do we are able to meet our house expense nor we are able to pay room rent, and due to the school being closed at this time, we have also got tuition for the children, and there is a lot of difficulty in giving the money and the children say we want the corona period to be over as soon as possible so that all these troubles do not have to be faced.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO FACE SUCH PROBLEMS?

Talkative reporter Sahil and reporter Kishan

This news belongs to an area of Noida with about 200 slums. During the interaction, young children said that they are being facing problems due to electricity issues. A 10 years old young child said, "We have to pay Rs 1200 as rent for this slum. Sadly, there is no proper facility of electricity in the slum. We have to steal light from

poles and that too is supplied between 6 pm to 6 am only."

He further added, "Our parents leave us alone at home with mobile phones to stay connected with them whenever in need. Problems arises when we get bore and starts playing games and watching videos in the mobile and battery gets low. We don't have any way of charging our mobile phones and have to wander here and there in search of electricity.



If we don't keep our mobile's charged then our parents beat us to play games and watch videos.

Even if we get to charge our mobiles with our own chargers in somebody else's home then also we have to sit there and look after it else there are high chances of getting our mobiles robbed. There are many such cases that's why we are afraid of leaving our mobiles on charging."

VILLAGE'S LAND YIELD IS THE ONLY WAY OF INCOME FOR FEW PEOPLE



Reporter Kishan

Journalist reached out to the children and sat and had conversation with the children in the circle. During this, a 13-year-old boy told his problem. He told that we have 5 members in our house, we are two brothers and one sister, younger brother is 9 years old. And the younger sister is 6 years old and my

father works as a cobbler. Before the corona disease, our father used to earn 400 rupees but at this time, due to corona disease, there is no earning. At this time earning 150 rupees in the whole day is difficult. Due to this corona disease, customers are not coming in large quantity. Sometimes even earning the money to get the ration of the house is very difficult. The journalist

asked the child, if there is no sale then how do you spend? The child said that father has some fields in our village and farming is being done there, and nowadays Paytm is being used mostly and our uncle lives in our village, so he sells the crops and sends money. We sell and get the money on Paytm, our house expense is currently being spent with these money, our journalist asked one more question, Why your mother did not work, then the child said that our mother's stomach is full of pus due to which she remains mostly sick, due to which her stomach starts to ache! Our mother does not go to work because of this, the child said that we have said to father many times that we can also get work somewhere, so the father says, as long as I am alive you have no need to work and it is called child labour, you do not have to work until you are 18 years old, after that you can work.



YOUNG RAJNI: BIG RESPONSIBILITIES

Talkative Reporter Monica, Kishan

This news is of 14-year-old Rajni residing in Bar Street in Agra city area. During the visit, Balaknama journalist spoke to Balika Rajni. During the conversation, a girl named Rajni told that I live in rented house with my family and my three younger brothers, I am older than my siblings so I have all the responsibility of taking care of the house! I do the work of adding beams to the chain, which is worth ₹ 25 on making 1 kg chain. It takes a whole day

to add beams in 1 kg chain. I have a lot of difficulties in working, like while joining beams in chain it hurts in the eyes because this work of connecting the beams in the chain, requires good sight and it has to be done very finely. It is my compulsion to do this work, but if I do not do this work, then it will be very difficult to spend my house expenses because my mother and father lives in a rented house and at the moment my parent's work is not going on, so I spend the expenses of my house by doing this work. We are facing a lot of problems at this time!

NO PROPER ELECTRICITY, WATER AND FACILITIES EVEN AFTER PAYING 600 RS AS RENT

Talkative reporter Sahil and reporter Kishan

Those children who show games and sell penguel balloons, these children often have to change from one place to another frequently. We will get information why they have to do that through this news? It has been heard that one year ago in Noida's slum area a cottage was broke, due to which they have to change many places. They choose those places where the forest are shrub or fields are buried, they clean the place and make it their own slum and they

have to pay rent also because these people are the daily earners, they do not have enough money to take a good room and stay on rent! But they face many difficulties because of frequent shifting! For example, the place where they are currently living neither have electricity nor fresh water facilities, they do not even get water to wash clothes. They have to wear the same clothes for days to weeks because there is absolutely no means of water around them. when we discussed this matter with children, they told that



when we ask for water from the people living in the near house, they give us water once but when we go to ask

for it again, they shuns us by abusing. At these places we get a bottle of water at cost of Rs. 10 which we have to buy

daily to drink but we do not get water easily for washing our clothes. Because of this, we choose different places every day, but we never find a place where we can get water and electricity facility! The shocking thing is that despite having no means, they have to pay the rent of a slum from 500 to 600 where there is no facility! Because of changing the place repeatedly, their children also get away from education, in such a situation, they say that someone should help them so that they can work in one place and they do not have to wander!

SELLING COW'S MILK FOR SURVIVAL



Reporter habita

Anchal, a balaknama reporter from Lucknow, went to visit Lavkushanagar contact point after many months and tried to find out the problem while interacting with the children by making social distance, stating her problem a girl said nobody

goes to work from our home and as many girls live here from assamese colony, their parents do not allow them to go out, so our mother and we do not go to work. Then our balaknama reporter Aanchal asked if any of you don't go to work outside the house, then how do you spend your house expenses?

Then a child, whose age is about 15 years old, told that the cows are reared here and they get money by selling the cow's milk. That's how they spend house expenses, but sometimes they have to go to bed hungry because the municipal corporation comes and takes cows in their vehicles. When they go to rescue them, municipal corporation people asks them to bring the money and take back the cows. And if they don't give them money, they will not get their cows back, so they are forced to take a loan to redeem their cows, they give them loan money and take back their cows. That's how these children and their parents spend house expense and fills their stomach. If their cows are taken by the municipal corporation, then they are not able to supply milk, because of which they do not get money and they have to stay hungry.



YOUNG MINDS GETTING DEPRIVED OF STUDIES

Talkative Reporter noorjahan, Sangeeta

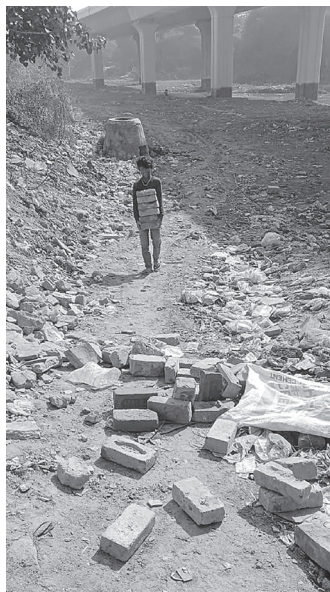
Journalist organized a meeting in Lavakushanagar, in which an attempt was made to find out the problems of children, during this time, the 12-year-old Rani (changed name) said that i want to study, I feel like studying but I go to work, I work from morning to afternoon. I just keep doing it. There is a market in which there are many shops, out of which I go to mop in about 11

shops, it takes me about 12 hours a day to do this work. I ask the owners for tea and biscuits and I stay hungry for 4 hours and do shop work! But after I finish my midday work, when we go back to our house then we go to have lunch only after going home, then after that we reach back to the shop to do your work! Similarly, everyday we work in shops, in this work, we get about 100 rupees a month from a shop, due to which our household expenses are being spent!

VISHAL WORKING HARD TO BUY A BICYCLE

Talkative Reporter Ravi

Friends, today we are introducing you to such a child. By knowing the reason behind his hard work, you too will become the admirer of this child. So let's meet 12-year-old Vishal whose family faced a lot of difficulties in the lockdown. Even so many times they had to stand in long queue at school to bring food and water so that they can eat and drink. Given the situation of his family, seeing their condition Chetna Organisation had also helped them several times by giving them dry rations. Now when everything is getting as it was before, his parents also got work to do. Although their salary is not much. But it's okay rather than having nothing. When Vishal was collecting the right bricks from the stool, then the worker of Chetna Sanstha asked him why you are taking out the bricks from the rubble in such a cold, you live on rent. In response, Vishal said that he needed a bicycle. So he is collecting bricks. Then the worker asked him how the bicycle would come from the bricks, so he told that this old brick is sold for 2 rupees and he is depositing the money from

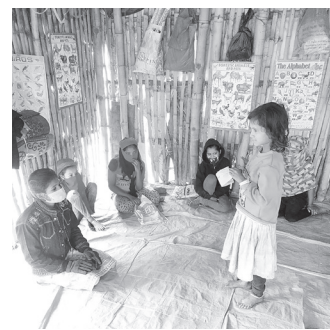


these bricks to his mother. And when 4.5K rupees will be collected he will buy a bicycle with this money! Hearing this, the worker told Vishal to ask his parents for a bicycle. So Vishal told that his mother is still working in other people's house and there is not much salary, and the father already works at a low wage and sometimes he get work and sometimes he doesn't. So I am arranging a bicycle for myself. So friends, you saw, what you think about 12 years old Vishal's courage and desire to do something. Please let us know by commenting.

CHILDREN SHARED THEIR PROBLEMS DURING A MEETING

Talkative Reporter Babita, Sangeeta

In Lavakushanagar township, when Balaknama reporter Sangeeta went back to meet the children in the town and organised support group meeting after seeing the situation normal, all the children were very happy to see Sangeeta, but only after looking at the face of a 13-year-old girl whose is Kiran (changed name). It seemed that she was in some trouble and was hiding something from us, then the reporter wanted to talk to her,



but that girl was hesitating to say anything. After a lot of effort, Kiran started speaking in a state of sadness. She told our reporter that one of there is a lot of injury to the leg, due to which she is having a

lot of difficulty in walking. The reporter asked the girl how did you get this injury, then the girl cried and told that she go to pick up the garbage in the morning and take the garbage from others' houses Then, on the way, a car went up on her leg, due to which her leg got hurt and today there is a lot of pain, due to the injury, the leg has also swollen. She also told that, she started crying right there and the car driver ran away with the car and did not even see her. After that, when she came home somehow, she applied medicine.

WILL TO STUDY BUT COMPULSIONS DON'T ALLOW TO!!

Talkative Reporter Sangeeta, Lucknow

When the journalists went to play with the children, there they saw that some children in the garbage heap were picking garbage, then the Lucknow journalist tried to talk to those children and tried to know their problem and when they asked them "What would you do with all this garbage and then a girl told us that we take away this garbage to our house and sort out the plastic and other good stuff and sell it. All the money



that we get from selling this we give to our mother and father and we run our home with the same money. After that, the journalist asked the children don't you go to school. In response, the child said that no, I do not go to school and our parents do not have any work to do that they can take care of us. We also want that we should be educated like other children, but who will run the expenses of our house, just thinking that we go out to choose junk and sell it and run the cost of your house.



FINANCIAL PROBLEMS FORCED YOUNG GIRLS TO LEAVE SCHOOL

Talkative Reporter Sunita, Sangeeta

Through a conference call by a Lucknow journalist who spoke to the children of Purnia Contact Point and while talking, our talkative reporter Sunita said that, a girl lives here whose name is Shivani, she used to go to school earlier to study but when lockdown began due to corona epidemic, since then she has not been able to study and this lockdown had caused a lot of problems due to which now she has to go to other people's house to sweep, due to which now she doesn't come to center to study with us. She could not come to study with us, she used to come to the center to study with

us, but now she has a lot of problems due to which now she only concentrates in her work and now she is not able to concentrate on studies at all and now Even if she is studying online, she will not know because she does not have a smartphone due to

which she is not able to read at all and the person who used to come is also slowly forgetting her. School going children will not be able to complete their studies due to helplessness, and they are getting away from their education.

POOR KIDS PICKS SWEETS FROM GARBAGE TO EAT

Talkative Reporter Babita

It is reported that now the lockdown has opened in the residential area of Lavkushanagar Contact Point, due to which all people have started getting work, in the meantime, our Balaknama reporter Aanchal organized a support group meeting with the children of Assamese Basti in Lavkush Nagar Contact Point and tried to know the situation there. During the conversation with the children, it was found that now that the lockdown has opened, due to which almost all the parents are going out for work, in the meantime, the roadside and working children go out of their house without any fear. When our Balaknama reporter Aanchal was talking to the children, at the same time, the talkative reporter Sunita told that the children do not go for a walk outside, but instead pick the boxes of sweets from the litter which is lying in the streets and out of those boxes if a good dessert is found, then those children eat it and they do not even tell in their house where they go, their mother and father do not even ask where their child was all day because their mother father goes out for work and



meanwhile their children go out for a day and then come home in the evening, due to which their parents doesn't know where they were all day. As well as our talkative reporter Babita also told that these children make up the group and go to find the box of sweets in different places, if they find right box then they take them home and eat them and feed their younger siblings as well. Reporter also said that, still corona epidemic it is not over if their parents do not pay attention to them, then their lives can be in danger and these children can also fall ill. These children like to chug the sweet boxes in the garbage every day to fulfill their food and eat the remaining sweets out of it!

CHILDREN LIVING UNDER TARPULIN SHEETS HAVE TO SPEND NIGHTS IN FRONT OF BONFIRES



Talative reporter Vijay

This news belongs to the children living under tarpaulin

sheets and slum areas near the Cant station of Agra. During an outreach our Balaknama reporters interacted with few

children. One of them was a 12 years old boy, Vijay. Sharing his thoughts, he said, "As we all know how much the nights are cold these days. We children live in slum areas without proper house and facilities. We feel too cold to sleep. We can't sleep at night that's why we prefer to sleep in the day time under the sunlight for 1 to 2 hours daily. For the night time, we have to burn woods and garbage so that we can feel warm enough to sleep properly. There are times, when we fall ill due to cold. That's how we are somehow surviving."

SCHOOL'S LOCKDOWN RESULTED IN MORE CHILD LABOURING

Talkative reporter Mehtab and reporter Sangeeta

When Lucknow's Balaknama reporter Sangeeta went to a support group meeting at Madiava Contact Point then she started holding a support group meeting and when she asked about the problems of the children and tried to know the problem of the children, reporter asked that child what you do, then that child said that whatever festival comes, like now Karva Chauth or any other festival like Bhai Dooj comes, then these children paint little pots. Then they go to paint and sell them on the cart and those who are coming to Sakat are

going to sell the til-laddus that are made in them, and we go to sell them on the cart, then I asked what time you go in the morning and at what time in the evening If that child told that Didi goes in the morning at 9:00 or 10:00 and in the evening till 9:00 or 9:30, and I asked that you do not get tired while standing, then that child said that Didi does not get tired but helplessness. If you do, what should I do since the school is closed and when the school was open, I would just I used to go to the bus and sir to study and I would not do anything, but I started doing this work ever since the school was closed due to Corona pandemic.

EVIL MEN HARASSING YOUNG GIRLS

Reporter Shambhu

In this news, we are keeping the name of the place confidential where it is reported. We have learned that there is a lot of fields and grounds around this place where very few people are seen. But it has been seen that porn acts are done in cars and when the working girls are passing through the same way, the older people use the vulgar words due to which they feel very nervous to go through that way. But they can't do anything, those girls have to go through the same path because if they do not arrive at work on time, they have to hear the scolding of the owner of the Kothi. Those girls said it is their(men) daily job to molest them, if we say anything, then



they start using more vulgar words due to which we run away from there. But we feel very afraid that anything could go wrong with us! The 14-year-old named Radha said that we had discussed this topic with my parents too, but they said that do not listen to their words and ignore them and only focus on your deeds.

There are many such people in this world we might meet, but we have to keep focusing on our work! By saying this, our parents pacify us. 14-year-old Rupa said that we want to get out from such a situation so that we do not have face such problems whenever we get out of the house or go for a kothi work.

NOW, WORKING CHILDREN CAN ALSO STUDY



Talkative Reporter Shambhu

You must have often seen children selling pens on red lights along the roads, selling flowers, selling balloons, especially away from education if they are asked study then these children are not able to study since they are always involved in their work. They are not able to do their studies except for their

work In view of the problems faced by these children; On the occasion of National Girl Child Day, a mobile van has been inaugurated with the help of Chetna Organisation and associate HCL Foundation and Police, in which alternative education will be provided to the street and working children on the go! This service has been run for children under the Little

Parinde Project! This mobile van will educate children by visiting such places in Noida where there are street children and working children! For example, those children who sell balloons alone will be educated in the same places where the children are working. To inaugurate this mobile van, Mr. Pankaj Singh (MLA of Noida), Director Nidhi Pundhir of HCL Foundation, GA Commissioner of Police (Noida) Alok Singh, (Member of Parliament) Mahesh Sharma, Director of GA Chetna Sanstha, Mr. Sanjay Gupta were also present and congratulated the children. Boosted the morale of the children and told that they are happy that the working children will also study with the help of this mobile van and will improve their lives!



MORE STUDENTS: FEWER BEGGARS

Reporter Shambhu

Children who have been working are especially seen begging around the red light on the road, the government is taking strict steps for those children and it has been heard that, now any child will not beg in the street or on red light, if a parent forcefully sends the children to begging then strict steps will be taken against them by Vrinda Shukla ji who oversees women safety and child protection! She told the parents that now they will not send the children forcibly begging, the children are the flower of our society, those innocent also have the right

that they should go ahead by studies! When this type of discussion was going on, parents said that we do not have any work, so our children earn by doing the work, if the children won't go to work then how will we survive! Vrinda Shukla ji told the parents that we will discuss this subject further but no child will beg from now on and the children have to be encouraged towards their education! If anyone of you have any kind of problem, then you can come and tell your problems in our workshop, we will always be ready to help you, but the children have to increase their education further!

CHILDREN STAYING UNDER THE FEAR OF STREET DOGS

Talkative Reporter Aarti

Our Balnama reporter Aanchal approached children through phone who were working on road and living on the footpaths on the side of the Charbagh railway line and tried to find out their problem by interacting with them, then it was found that the children living on the footpaths are facing many difficult situations everyday. 12-year-old Aarti (name changed) told her pain that our mother and father send us to the train to sell spices to passengers sitting inside. One day I went to sell spices inside the train but when I was leaving



the train after selling spices while returning to my house, a dog bitten my leg which caused a very deep wound in my leg. I went to the doctor with my mother and father, and then doctor uncle gave me

only one injection, he said do not cover this wound leave it open, but I have not been able to keep it open because the fly starts to hit my leg and starts biting, due to which I have to tie cloth to my leg. In this only, Sonu told that in this same way stray dogs bite us, but our parents are not worried about this at all, most of the children are very upset about their leg wounds and they cry in pain. Too many dogs bit children in this same way, because of deep wounds, children do not cover their wounds with clothes! These children do not even have a small house to live in which they can live freely!



SIDE EFFECTS ON YOUNG MINDS

Talkative Reporter Shambhu

A place in Noida, whose name is being kept confidential in this news, a child has been killed at this place, due to which the parents have stopped their children from playing sports. Since this incident has happened, parents have been very scared since they do not let their children out of the house, due to which the children are getting very upset, after talking to the children, it was found out that for the first time due to the lockdown epidemic, we had many months and had

to remain closed at home till now but recently we had the freedom to play but after this incident our parents do not allow us to get out of the house because of this we children are upset we want our parents not to do with us when the reporter of Balaknama met the parents, the parents said that ever since that child was brutally murdered, we are very afraid that this should not happen to our children. We do not allow our children to go out of the house and as soon as this atmosphere will calm down, then as before we will take our children out to play.

CHILDREN INDULGED IN MAKING BULBS GETTING DEPRIVED OF STUDIES

Talkative Reporter Suraj

At our Shram Vihar Nagar contact point in Lucknow, when Aanchal approached the children through video calling and gave the children a chance to put their troubles in front of her, the children did not let that opportunity go empty and the children kept their problems. From which a very important problem was coming out,



mostly on that problem, when our Balanama reporter Aanchal and talkative reporter Suraj wanted to get information, it was found that some children

of Shram Vihar Contact Point are working to make bulbs in a shop. They go to the store and the store owner gives them the bad bulbs and says, make these. These children get about 100 ₹ per day for this work. The children give this money to their parents so that they can keep the ration of the house by bringing water and other stuff so that the younger siblings can eat food comfortably!

STREET CHILDREN WORKING IN GREED OF MONEY

When the reporter visited the community in Lucknow's Vinayakapuram, and maintaining social distance from the children and started conversation, at that time an elderly person was bringing some sweet things on his bicycle and as soon as the children saw that uncle. They came running towards uncle and had a bunch of hairs in their hands, then our Balaknama reporter Aanchal spoke to the children

at the same time and asked where did you all get this bunch of hair, then the children told that, when our mother or the elder sister combs and the hair that comes out of that room, we collect them and when the uncle comes once or twice a month, we collect those hairs and give them and they give us something sweet to eat. Those children who do not have hair, they take money from their mother and father and

buy the sweet and children eat outside food and their parents do not say anything to them and ignore them. They also know that at this time corona epidemic is going on, due to which nobody should eat outside food, and openly let their the children eat that food, but they should know that the children who are eating outside food at this time may also be in danger of their life during the corona epidemic period.

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