

Ellanthapatti and Govinthanpatti mini school article.

Last year a deadly disease called corona started in China and it gradually entered India. Due to this, all the schools were closed in March 2020. Corona spread too fast before schools were to reopen in June. So the schools did not open as in a normal year. But on behalf of the Asha charity, mini schools were launched in a few places in early June in the interest of the education of children.

In the small village of Elanthapatti in Thoothukudi district on 7-9-2020 a Mini school was launched. This mini school was run with a single in my century old house. At first only 14 children came to the mini school. A few weeks later another 18 children came to our mini school.



The children looked forward to Fridays when they were engaged in fun activity like making handicrafts as they were very interested in it..





Suddenly, one day a woman in the neighborhood contracted a corona infection and became very ill. So the mini school was closed for a few days.

The mini-school was then reopened after the woman recovered from the infection.

Mr. Rajaram Sir, Mr. Bhaskar sir came from Chennai to visit our mini school and Mr. Murugan sir was also present then..

My mini school students were very happy that day. Because they could present the honoured visitors with a bouquet which were made by the children the day before, working from 6 pm to 10 pm, We will never forget that day.

A few weeks later, sports competitions were held and prizes were given to all the children by Mr. Murugan Sir, the co-ordinator of the Kayathar.





Then on January 27 this year, another mini school was started in the village of Govindan Patti, 7 km from my hometown.

Initially the mini school was housed in a community hall in Govinthan patti village. The number of students there was 50 so we had 2 teachers running that mini school.

The mini school was relocated due to the large number of students and lack of space.

A few days after the mini-school was relocated, the mini-school in the village was closed due to spread of corona infection to three people in the village.

Thus our mini school functioned satisfactorily in spite of some adversity.