

# Brotherhood Updates

*Empowering the people to create their own destiny*

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## Women Helpline's response during COVID-19

For last three months during the lockdown the Women Helpline was very busy in counselling, distribution of ration to the vulnerable women in the localities. Surprisingly, during lockdown there was a sharp surge in domestic violence. Women Helpline workers were very busy in sorting out the cases. This is about story of Saroj who has two children Rakesh and Suraj. Rakesh was running a petty shop of ration and Suraj was a driver. Due to lockdown both have lost their income. The economic situation went grim of their house to the extent when they started to beat their mother and forcing her to leave the home. Reason they cited for this situation



Distribution of ration in the community

was that they have no money to feed their mother. The matter came into the knowledge of helpline staff they counselled both of her sons and tried to pursue them to keep the mother in the home with love and comfort, but soon counselling went in vain, again after two days both of the sons started beating their mother. The helpline worker called the police and mother was taken into shelter home and sons were reprimanded by the police. The Women helpline workers were also engaged during this lockdown period in distribution of ration and medication to the vulnerable families of the area.

## ONLINE Classes in Deenbandhu Schools

The biggest challenge we are facing in our schools to keep the children learning during this lockdown. Since March our schools have been closed down and we never thought it would happen for this long period. Over the times we have engaged now to teach the



A teacher conducting online class

children through the online teaching. Our teachers are now using the Apps like Zoom and Google Classroom to teach the children. Unfortunately not many of the

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## Dalit Chintan Bhaitak

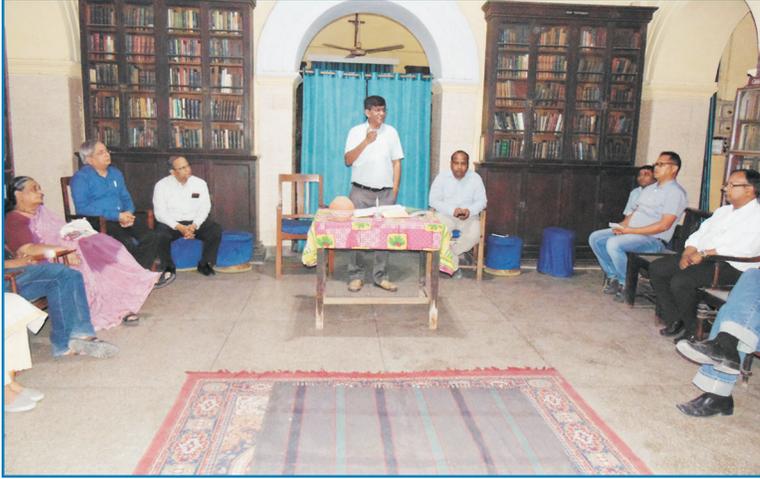
Dalit Chintan Baithak (DCB) is one of our regular learning and interactive programme of the Brotherhood through its project Centre for Dalit Subaltern Studies (CDSS) situated in Dwarka, West Delhi. It is a powerful tool for Bible study and discussion on Dalit theology, Dalit issues and concerns. While the main idea of this programme was for Bible study and discuss of Dalit Issue, this has given the Centre to constantly be in touch with the people, their struggles, aspirations, needs, testimonies etc.

There is no fixed format for DCB, every DCB sitting is

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unique with different - topics, Bible passage for reflection, guest speakers and different level of discussion and participation. However, every Dalit Chintan Baithak session starts with sharing of the aims and objectives the programme,



Dalit Chintan Baithak in progress

singing of Hindi bhajans, prayer and over the years we ceremonially break a clay pot and light a candle. These acts signify the Dalit brokenness and are reminded of our call to lighten the corner where we are. In every session we read and deliberate from Dalit perspective on a certain Bible passage followed by discussion and exchange of views. At times we invite a speaker for the evening and discussion follows.

## Your Compassionate Action

Greetings in the Name of Jesus! Hope you all are keeping well by the grace of God. We all in the Brotherhood are continuously upholding you all in our daily Eucharist. By the grace of God we are able to reach out to the people whom God has entrusted in our care. As India is going through height of Covid-19 cases and we are struggling in our projects to keep the environment safe and sound for the staff and beneficiaries. In fact our social workers are running the campaign for the communities and distributing the masks, medication and counselling during this stressful time and there is no sign so far from the record that soon it will disappear.

We are praying to merciful God to provide a solution to the depriving humanity in this time of crisis. We are also distributing rations to the daily wagers and labourers who have lost their job and income. To arrange these logistic for our beneficiaries a huge resource is being arranged everyday and we couldn't manage this without your support and help. We would appreciate from our well-wishers in this time of stressful period if any support for this special need is provided. It would be a great help to the children in our schools and in the streets, abandoned elderly in our Homes, the exploited women in our care and homeless people whom we are taking care. Please remember us in your

prayer as we do for you every day in our Eucharist prayer.

Yours in Service of Christ,  
*Fr. Solomon George, BAC*  
*(The Brotherhood of the Ascended Christ)*

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children have android mobile to cope up with new situation of learning. But our teachers make sure that they contact such children on whatever phone they have through talking, guidance and instructions. We are sure that very soon we will tide over this difficult situation. Most of the children who were very eager for their holidays now longing to come back to their schools. The excess of lockdown are now affecting the children, they want to meet their friends and want to have fellowship with their teachers. We hope that very soon the children will come together to the school.