

Offline classes being held for the less privileged

GMR Varalakshmi Foundation's 'Study Circle' ensures academics of students continue uninterrupted

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GMR Varalakshmi Foundation (GMRVF), which has been conducting online lessons for class X students of government schools in villages around the city airport due to the COVID-induced closure of educational institutions, has now decided on an offline programme to reach out to students of classes 1-8 too.

This offline mode has been taken up through the 'Study Circle' programme where a group of 'Vidya Volunteers' are trained to give focused assistance to stu-



A volunteer conducting classes for students of government schools located near the city airport. ■ ARRANGEMENT

dents in need. The volunteers are also empowered to pick up bright senior students from the same schools

to teach their juniors, said an official spokesman.

The foundation partnered with ConveGenius (CG), a Delhi-based tech startup, to implement online classes for class X students in August. Those classes have helped shortlist about 100 students of the Zilla Parishad Girls' High School, Shamshabad; Zilla Parishad Boys' High School, Shamshabad and Zilla Parishad High School, Mamidipally.

The firm has developed an app for students to track their progress using online learning tools. "The new way of learning through CG

slate app has helped us correct ourselves. Vidya volunteers are also very helpful in clearing our doubts," says R. Mahalakshmi, a class 10 student of Mamidipally high school.

A class 8 student from ZPHS Shamshabad K. Yagnesh says, "The study circle has come as a boon. We are able to continue our studies though schools have not opened yet". Study circles have enrolled 110 students of classes 1 to 8 belonging to four government primary schools, one each in Airport Colony, Gollapally, Mamidipally and Shamshabad.