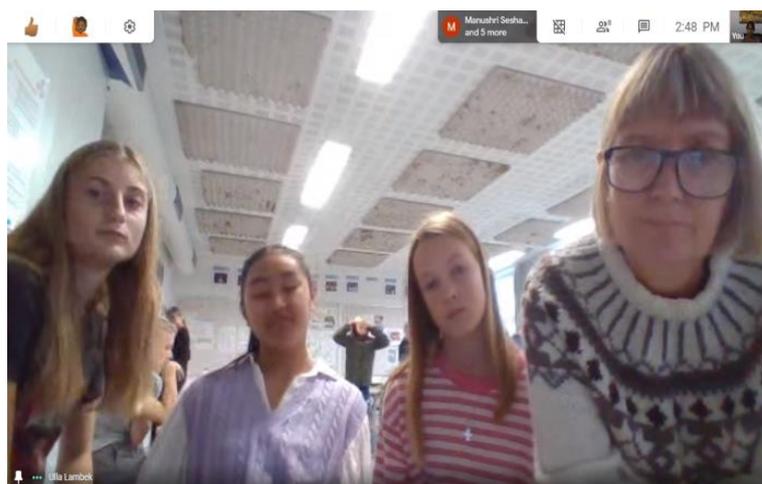


Virtual International Meet

The Sanskrit dictum, “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” which means ‘the whole world is one family’ was understood unanimously by all those who participated in the Google meet on 27th October 2020. The participants were students of **Agerbæk School, Denmark** and students of **Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Senior Secondary School, T. Nagar**. The topic for discussion was “Schooling during Covid.”



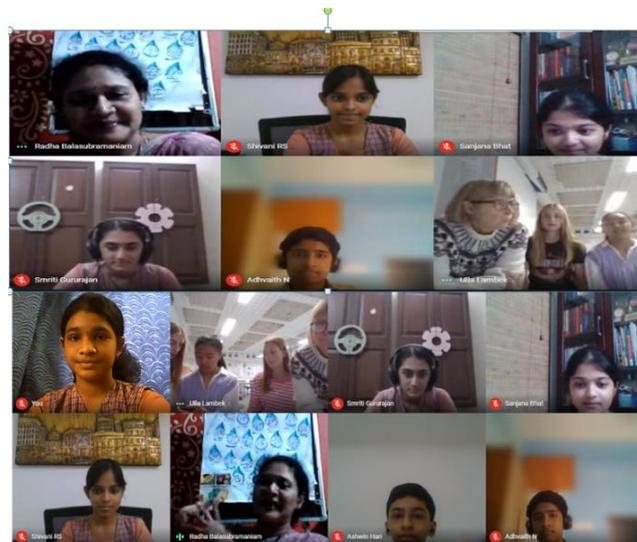
During the course of the discussion it was evident that each one cared for the safety of the other as the line of questioning revolved around –problems faced, precautions taken, alternative course of action planned etc.



Seeing their counter parts attending regular school in Denmark did not deter our students. “Teaching-learning approach in our school is imbued with care, concern, and compassion taking adequate steps to avoid straining of vision,” said Sanjana. “Yes, we have been unable

to attend school physically but virtually attending school has been truly intriguing and productive” joined Shivani. Smriti quickly concluded to say “It’s a new experience which we’ve never seen in our lives before and we are trying to get used to the new normal. However, our school has been helping us adjust to the practice of virtual school and has been making the learning experience easy and fun”

“But what about sports?” was another quick question thrown by the students of Denmark. “We have exercises on the virtual platform.” replied Sanjana and informed that most training academies had begun their schedules in a staggered fashion with strict enforcement of the rules of social distancing including not sharing personal belongings nor giving the customary high fives. Manushree said “our own P.E teachers are conducting virtual online classes for physical education” She also informed them about the Sportz Village 'Play At Home Digital Sports & Physical Activity' programme .



Many such questions and answers were exchanged between the 12 and 13 year olds including sharing of how the students kept themselves engaged during the lockdown, before school opened virtually. Advaith admitted that they were confined to their gadgets, as they were unable to go out but kept themselves active by doing exercises at home.

Ashwin asked students of Agerbæk School, “What are the positives you noticed during this pandemic?” The students admitted that they spent more time with their family and were getting adjusted to the new normal. This was exactly what our students said too.

The extraordinary crisis has taught students to acknowledge, accept and appreciate the efforts of one another- the value taught by our elders that we should always focus on the positive side of every situation and try to make the best of it.