We had elaborated about the BUDS Institutions of Kudumbashree, working in convergence with the LSGIs for the specially abled children in ‘Making an Impact’ Article - 30. As part of containing the spread of covid-19 pandemic, just like all other educational institutions, BUDS Schools are also closed. We had also explained about extending the support we provided to the children of BUDS Insitutions and their parents in ‘Making an Impact Article’ - 215 and in ‘Making an Impact’ Article - 279. As it would take more time for the functioning of these institutions, we are implementing the concept of extending training and services for the students of these institutions through online platform.

As of now, 289 BUDS institutions function under the leadership of Kudumbashree. 9002 children studies at the 138 BUDS Schools and 151 BUDS Rehabilitation Centers altogether. 430 specially trained teachers and 351 other staffs coordinate the functioning of these BUDS Institutions. Institutions provide all support to students through these teachers and staff.

We discussed with the teachers of the BUDS Institutions regarding video classes. The direction was to prepare videos on the important activities that could be done through the parents. Our teachers have prepared many such videos. These videos would be brought to the parents through Youtube Channel, WhatsApp, Facebook etc. Our teachers would ensure that all the students watch these videos regularly and do their activities with the help of parents. The District Programme Managers of Kudumbashree would monitor these activities.

Training through video lectures for children of BUDS Institutions
The videos prepared include videos of activities on daily life, knowledge of nature, mathematics skills, primary health skills, primary domestic skills and social skills. Also, videos of activities on livelihood activities such as paper bag making, paper pen making, handicraft making etc. are also prepared. Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/STATE-BUDS-BRC-116333783392685/) and Youtube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJzWrG-myT3fJ-0UdlvMtQ) had been started for sharing these videos. The videos would be shared regularly through these channels from the upcoming week.

As the next phase, we aim at preparing videos of health exercises for children with the help of therapists and take them to the children and parents. Appreciations to all those including teachers who are making relentless efforts to ensure that such academic-training activities of the BUDS Institutions are ongoing without any fail.