Gram Bharati Samiti (GBS) engaged in coping with COVID19

A team of GBS volunteers has been engaged in different activities to combat corona in Rajasthan since March 24 right from the outbreak of the virus. Activities like distributing food packets among the poor and migrant families in the villages of Amber and Jamwaramgarh in district Jaipur, feeding the fowls near the Amber palace and producing and distributing low cost washable masks according to the guidelines of WHO etc. are being carried out regularly.

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Kusum feeding the fowls near Amber palace
Kusum making washable low cost masks to distribute among the people free of cost

Masks produced by Kusum have become so popular that Mr. Ashok Gehlot, the Chief Minister of Rajasthan has appreciated her for this social work and took two masks for him. Also, the doctors of S.M.S. Hospital, Jaipur have appreciated the masks produced by Kusum and requested for 50 masks for them, which Kusum supplied happily.

Ankit Sharma, GBS community support workers together with his team of youth volunteers cooking food for the slum dwellers near Jal Mahal
Sarita Yogi, GBS coordinator, GBS women’s program distributing food packets among the Jobless Gadia Lohar (the blacksmith) family (above) and poor migrant workers in the villages of Jamwaramgarh (below)

GBS area of operation is increasing day by day as lots of migrant labors affected with lock down have no access to food or rashion packets distributed by the Government in lack of proper documents. Also, GBS has extended its service to the poor Muslim families who remain on fast during the Ramzan. Hundreds of these families wait for Kusum and Sarita in the evening at the time of their Roza Iftar (breaking the fast).