

## HAVING TO RELY ON HANDOUTS

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**TOUGH TIMES:** Food kits, including meat and vegetables, were distributed to LGBT community members at JP Park in Bengaluru on Sunday

## 1.2k private school tutors get food kits

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**Bengaluru:** BNM Institute of Technology together with Swami Vivekananda Shreshtha Bharata Pratishthana and Yuva Brigade, on Saturday distributed food kits to 1,200 teachers in unaided schools, who have not received salaries after their institutions shut down because of the pandemic.

The food kits prepared by students were handed over to a few select teachers. The rest of the kits will be home-delivered to eligible teachers over the next two days. Each kit consists of rice (10kg), tur dal (2kg), jaggery (2kg), rava (2kg), avalakki (2kg), flour (2kg), sugar (1kg), chana dal (1kg) and sunflower oil (1 ltr).

Speaking about the initiative, Chakravarthy Sulibele, mentor, Yuva Brigade, said, "The education sector is fac-

ing several challenges because of Covid. Many private schools are unable to function as students have quit education and school owners are unable to pay salaries to teachers. We decided to help such teachers in distress."

Admitting many teachers in distress, primary education minister S Suresh Kumar had urged chief minister BS Yediyurappa to announce a relief package for tutors in unaided schools.

Narayan Rao Mane, secretary, BNMIT, said, "We launched our Covid relief work in 2020 by addressing the needs of essential service personnel such as hospital staff, police, BBMP pourakarmikas and garbage collectors as well as stranded migrant workers and slum dwellers. We distributed food packets to them. This year too, we are continuing our relief work."