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THE VIDYA SCHOOL GURGAON

Launching Literacy

September 1. A literacy programme was launched with an orientation for the mothers. The focus was on the needs, current status and core needs. They were apprised of the aim, objective, course content, methodology and learning's of the programme. Later on September 8, the first class was conducted for mothers' literacy. Each mother was provided a reader from class VI. The mothers were introduced to the basics of English and Hindi. Attended by 10 mothers, this literacy class will run every Thursday from 1.20 to 3.00 p.m.



Mothers' Literacy Day

Teachers Day

September 3. The teachers' day was celebrated in the school totally managed by the senior students. The teachers were felicitated with flowers and cards. The highlight of the day was a song depicting the importance of 'Guns' in our life.

Welcome Aboard Prof. Seal

September 5. In the VIDYA School Governing Board meeting Prof. Anil Seal, Honorary Director and Executive Trustee, Nitru Trust for Cambridge University was welcomed as the Patron on the Board of Governors. He planted a sapling in the school campus and appreciated the infrastructure and facilities provided. He found the students to be extremely confident, bright and cheerful, and had a motivating interaction with them.

Prof. Seal proposed encouraging the community, affluent schools and corporate houses to use school grounds for sports. They could also be requested to sponsor sports activities in the school. He felt that ultimately one should look at networking with the village schools and distance learning programmes where basic language literacy, numeracy and life skills can be imparted.



Prof. Anil Seal plants a sapling of aspirations

IT WIZARD

September 12. A meeting was held with Anil Arora, Territory Manager of National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) including the NIIT programme for VIDYA Schools. The meeting aimed at networking with NIIT for providing IT WIZARD software.

BAL VIHAR, NEW DELHI

Bal's Blessings

The highlight of the month was a visit of Vinesta Bala, Managing Director of Britannia Industries. A highly successful business woman, Ms. Bala blessed the children. Her determination and dedication to reach her great heights are an inspiration for every woman. Children were thrilled to interact with her. She also visited the community centres.



Vinesta Bala, an inspiration

Art Auction

An online art auction was organized by Deutsche Bank on 'My Dreams and Hopes'. 24 children had a chance to put down their dreams and hopes.

Community Round-up

Updating and Upgrading

Munika, Pappanagar and GANA were going full steam with their usual activities - music, taekwondo, computers, studies etc. The staff and volunteers held their meetings regularly for updating and upgrading welfare programmes.

VIDYA MUMBAI

Swapnil Baga

Eco-Garsha Workshop

VIDYA Margan organized eco-friendly Garsha workshops at 10 locations all over Mumbai in August. Around 1500 students and employees from corporate partners participated passionately. This initiative highlighted conservation of nature and environment. The Margan team of 20 women trained by VIDYA carried the learnings across and conducted the workshops successfully under the supervision of VIDYA Margan member Chaitali Soglia. It was truly empowering on display as mothers and children bonded over Garsha-do/taikin sharing experiences.



Created biology Eco-friendly Garsha

Every year Mumbai celebrates Ganesh festival with colorful idols and intense devotion.

First Byte, Next Byte, Big Byte...

September 6. A milestone date for VIDYA Mumbai's Computer Learning and Resource Centre (CLRC) Project. Aglow with multicolored screens, inquisitive participants, the dream came true with the inauguration of CLRC in the Chaitany Nagar premises with about 10 computers. So far 30 members from the community have benefitted from the basic courses and 25 more are currently undergoing training. Ex-VIDYA students who had received their computer training in the IT Mumbai have joined as volunteer trainers to impart various courses (except AI). First Byte, Next Byte and Big Byte. There is a mentor assigned who is an IT professional. The plan ahead is to liaise with the recognized IT education provider to impart certified courses which have direct impact on employability.

New Centres

Three new Shiksha/Vyasan centres have started in Mumbai recently. The Pwani Centre is located in the poorest slum community. The other two are located in the residential areas in Lower Parel and Vile Parle.

VIDYA Ambassador

Noted movie actor Shreyas Dadae agrees to become a VIDYA ambassador. On offer is a special screening of his latest movie 'Hum Tum Shabnam'. This is the first step to welcome and introduce Shreyas to VIDYA family and an interesting outing for our less privileged children.

VIDYA BANGLORE

Mindboggling Mail!

It was a trip with a difference. 60 children from VIDYA Shiksha/Vyasan, four teachers and some volunteers went for an educational trip to a mall. The hyperactive Super Store manager showed the team around through different departments. It was a mindboggling exposure to see such a wide variety/food, toys, electronic goods, groceries etc. This visit was not only educational but also fun as many of the students had never visited such a huge store in such a big mall! Children were given certificated and chocolates. Thanks to the support of Hony-Midowners, Bangalore.

UDYOG KENDRA

New Premises, Renewed Promises

Udyog Kendra has shifted its base from Sakinaka to Gurgaon School. Now there is great scope at Gurgaon for the mothers of VIDYA school students to be economically empowered. From September, on display are all the products of S. 3126, Block 3, DLF Phase III, Gurgaon. Basic skills are being provided to a group of up to 15 women for making various handicrafts and moving on to make products suitable for corporate gifts.

Very inspiring report order from Deutsche Bank (Singapore and Hong Kong) for many hand-crafted items. The team of women from Sakinaka continues to work from home and execute bulk orders. Come our volunteers, we need you for helping us to organize workshops and attractive displays! Where are you Graphic Designers? Please help us to design our Pamphlets and Publicity Material and spread the VIDYA spirit of empowering the less privileged.

BOOK YOUR DEBILLY ORDER NOW!

MANY ATTRACTIVE PRODUCTS AT LOW COST!



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