NEWS LETTER of VIDYA
BANGALORE
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A very happy New Year to all on behalf of VIDYA family!

It’s been a perfect closure to a very successful year in more ways than one! Many Thanks to All! VIDYA is indebted to the souls and hearts that have made this success a reality!

As we enter into the New Year, a new episode of VIDYA blooms and we are looking forward towards a brighter future. We hope to continue to have all the support of our donors, volunteers, staff members and the unsung souls whose anonymous donations in all forms have steered ahead the VIDYA cause into great heights all through these years.

In retrospect, we are extremely delighted and proud of our achievers; their success in placements, empowerment related endeavors, knowledge gain, attitudinal changes, confidence in approach and a life changing phase that they have witnessed.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Semikron, Mali Foundation and Mrs. Rekha Rao for offering a structure for us to work in.

Our deepest regards to Societe Generale, AIG, Synergy, Broadcom, LDSG, Total Yoga, Phoenix & LawNK for all their support and partnership in our mission.

ACADEMIC COURSES: Spoken English, Computer Literacy, NIOS & NTT:

Communication is the road map to all vocations and VIDYA believes in stressing the need for good communicational skills for stepping ahead in life and career. The students of Spoken English classes have gained confidence to speak in the language and the major breakthrough is that they have shunned their fears. Students are clearing their respective levels and are moving in the path of knowledge.

All 3 VIDYA NIOS Senior secondary students from VIDYA Bhagini - Pallavi R., Haseena, and Manjula K. - who had appeared for their board exams have successfully passed with good credentials.
This is indeed a proud moment for us, as we have witnessed them bloom into beautiful flowers, despite limited means, opportunities and approval from their near and dear.

Many congratulations to 13 students on the successful completion of their NIIT Computer courses.

Every story is a success in itself and every success is an inspiration to their peers to follow suit and enhance their life and family status and eventually the society at large.

VIDYA NTT students are getting into teaching practice; they are getting real time experience and are learning from their errors.

**VOCATIONAL COURSES: VIDYA Vividha, Vastra Varna, Vahaan & Aahar:**

VIDYA looks forward to create entrepreneurs and make students employable after they complete the academic and Vocational courses.
Sell and learn:

The big Indian festive season continues and VIDYA had a display and sale of products made by our vocational training students at SG ITPL. The students made hay while the sun shined. They made good sales and took home rich experience viz-a-viz, practical knowledge of marketing, attractive setting and presentation of products, confident exhibition of their craft, an even more confident detailing of their products and consequently working towards doing good business.

Seeing and Learning: Exposure visit to an exhibition

Observation is a pleasurable and practical way for teaching & learning the attributes of entrepreneurship. VIDYA Bhagini vocational training students were taken on a field trip to an exhibition at Marathahalli, from where they definitely had valuable lessons to take home.

The art of displaying is one learning for sure that caught their attention and they felt that the same has also attracted other customers to the stalls. The next lesson was that of receiving the clients, followed by presenting the products, pricing, together with a peek into the latest designs. The students were also inspired to learn to be on par with the consumer market.
A professional baking experience, thanks to Marriott:

Christmas fervor ran across the city with gifts, jingling bells, red themed decorations, sparkling lights, and the flavor of yummy delicacies. Speaking of it, the first to pop up in mind is cakes. Students at VIDYA certainly relish cakes and who can be a better choice to teach the soft, spongy, yum cakes than a five star chef from hotel Marriott! For the VIDYA Aahaar students & Coordinators, it was an enlightening and enjoyable trip through the hotel; the awe struck students not only learnt the tricks and tips of the art of baking but also the etiquette of hospitality straight from the hospitality industry!

Career oriented visits:

Closely followed by the CSR activity of a team from hotel Marriott at VIDYA Bhagini, a select group of VIDYA students visited the hotel to get an understanding of the workings of a hotel, an insight into the professional life of a hotel employee and the job avenues available for them in the hotel industry.
Laurels to VIDYA Team

Dr. Deepa Srivastava's (Director Operations - VIDYA Bangalore) and Mrs. Devika Mathur's (Centre Head – VIDYA South Bangalore) priceless contribution towards educating children, youth and women from marginalized sections of society, was recognized and awarded by BEET Force (Bangalore effective Education Task Force), a conglomerate of 100 NGOs. Many congratulations to the deserving duo, who made and are incessantly striving to make a striking change in the lives of the less privileged through VIDYA.

Extended programmes:

Teaching of Math and science for students who have to clear their board exams has started, thanks to Volunteers. The extended classes are held on Saturdays to get them exam - ready by March.
Students of the Month:

Padmini, our English and Computer alumini is a teacher at one of the Government schools where VIDYA runs its Beyond School programme. With teaching being her passion and dream, she made every effort to equip herself with better communication skills and Computer knowledge, followed by a NIIT certificate. After having gained the requisite skills, the job was just waiting to happen.

Ms.Rajitha, our alumni joined hotel Marriott as an Engineering Coordinator. She has risen above her limitations and has put her humble background behind, to climb the steep steps of her career ladder.

Good luck and many congratulations to our VIDYA stars

The Beyond school Programme- Bangalore East

Plastic is a major source of pollution and causes damage to the environment; hence it is important for us to involve our children in the efforts of minimizing this damage & taking the message through them to their families. One such endeavor at VIDYA Beyond School is about teaching paper bag making using old newspapers to children of government schools.
The Month saw a lot of planning and activity for our upcoming VIDYA Utsav early next year. Students are excited and eager to participate.

**English** - Our students have completed their basic Spoken English Course and some have moved on to the Advanced level. They are specially enjoying the reading with Expression sessions.
Computers – The NIIT students are preparing for their examinations; new students are completing their fundamentals while others are becoming proficient in the use of Power Point. Three students have also started their Tally classes. This will give them better job opportunities.
**Vastra**- Students who have completed their Diploma got a wonderful opportunity when they got an order to stitch 65 gather frocks for young girls of Sahasra Deepika. We visited them with our students and teachers and it was a pleasure to see the excitement on their faces when they received their Christmas gifts.
Vividha – Nearing the completion of their course, students are gaining a lot of experience with putting up stalls and exhibitions. This is not only a great exposure but also a great earning opportunity. They have made good connections to promote their artwork. Students had a session on making Cooker cake. This was a big hit and the students enjoyed the activity a lot.
Varna – Many students who have completed their course are getting orders from export houses, which they will complete from their homes.

**The Beyond School Program - South Bangalore.**

Our 10th grade students at Champakadhma and Puttenhalli schools are now gearing themselves towards the approaching preparatory exams while classes 8th and 9th are nearing completion of their course. The counselling for students on Scholarships will begin from next month. The Students of Champakadhma school paid respect to their current and old teachers in a program organised by them – “Gurunamana.” What a wonderful way to show their Love!!

Beautiful New year greeting cards designed by students of Arekere and Champakadhma students.
Scholarship/ Buddy Program:

In the month of November, VIDYA scholarship team received study materials from Mrs Jayashri and family. VIDYA is very thankful for the yeomen service of Ms Jayashri and family. The scholarship students have started getting their afternoon lunch from this month. In addition to this, Ms Madhavi an ex ITM professor has started mentoring our science students in science and math.

The semester exams for UG students have started and they have been performing well in their exams. The PUC students of Loyola College will be taken for a picnic trip by the college.

THE VIDYA UTSAV 2018 HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE CELEBRATED ON THE 7TH OF FEBRUARY 2018. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PARTICIPATION.