A new year, a new start and way to go!

With a cauldron full of brand new ideas, hopes and vigor to achieve bigger goals, VIDYA kick started 2018 by launching two new learning avenues for our women, under the banner of the VIDYA Mandira Margam Program. We feel proud to share that with the vision to empower more women by enhancing their knowledge and equipping them with skills, VIDYA is now offering a certified course in cooking, baking and cosmetology in Gurugram.
“Laughter is the fireworks of the soul.” - Josh Billings

While the entire VIDYA team was on pins and needles, executing new ideas for this year, Dr. Umesh Sahgal from Laughter Yoga Club lightened the mood with positivity. On 13th January 2018, the VIDYA School had its 'Laugh it all' moment where all the teachers laughed their guts out. After all, a team that laughs together, grows together and stays together.
India’s 69th Republic Day was celebrated at VIDYA Delhi NCR with lots of color, music, dance, fun and frolic. Not only was the event a spectacle of vibrant cultural performances, but it also marked a significant occasion of unity and celebration for the nation. At the VIDYA School Gurgaon, Mr Umashankar, Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) graced the occasion, adding to the grandeur of the event. His presence highlighted the importance of the day and the significance of the celebrations at VIDYA. The day was filled with joy, patriotism, and a sense of pride in being part of such a momentous celebration.
withstanding the cold weather, the entire VIDYA family participated in the celebrations with much enthusiasm and excitement. Children, youth and women across the community centers sang patriotic songs and had discussions on the significance of Republic Day.

Occasion as the chief guest. He urged the students to live their dreams and pursue their goals relentlessly.

At the Okhla Community Centre, Mr Sahiram Pehelwan, MLA- Tuglqabad and Mr NS Rana from Fena Foundation joined the celebrations.

Surprise visits, new friends and lots of fun!

It was a thrilling month for our children at the community centers as they got an opportunity to interact with new people & develop friendships. While the children at the Pappankalan Community were overjoyed to spend time with Genevieve from Give A Hand (Monde Par La Main), the students in Okhla felt privileged meeting Ms Amber Zaidi, the famous social activist and film maker. VIDYA extends a warm thank you to both of them for taking out precious time to be with our children.

Preparing to enter the big world!

Considering that our students will soon be entering the
professional world, a career counseling workshop was organized for the students of classes XI at the VIDYA School. This workshop was hosted by Ansal University in collaboration with Hindustan Times and Nurture Education Solutions Pvt. Ltd. The session focussed on unconventional career avenues and the rising demand of employees in the technology sector. The students were also introduced to work opportunities in the field of internet minute, internet traffic and cloud technology.

**Success Story of the month**

There is nothing that can stop a girl from fulfilling her dreams. All she needs is a chance. Keeping with the spirit of the National Girl Child Day, we asked Renu to share her story with us.

Renu’s son is a student of VIDYA School, Gurugram and her husband is a cook. She joined Usha Silai Centre in 2017 with the motive of learning something new. Being a quick learner and a smart woman that she is, she started practicing her skills at home. Today, she not only stitches her own clothes but also gets regular orders from community women. The joy of earning and her contribution to the family income has filled her with a sense of pride. Renu feels that this program has helped her introspect and has given her the courage to dream big.

**Join the movement and be a friend of VIDYA**

We would be delighted to welcome you to be a part of the VIDYA family. You could visit a VIDYA center close to you, mentor our students, sponsor a program, donate resources, join in our mission or be a a part of the movement to educate, empower and transform more children, youth and women to create a prosperous
educated India.

Trust us, the smiles on the faces of the beneficiaries will be worth your effort.

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