Dear <<First Name>>,

Greetings from team VIDYA!

It gives us immense pleasure to present the November edition of our VIDYA Delhi newsletter to you. Through this edition we bring to you the highlights of our work and some key events that happened at VIDYA Delhi in the last month.

November was a blend of learning, celebrations and preparations for VIDYA Delhi. Amidst the regular academic sessions in schools and training classes in the communities, several workshops and activities were organized to engage our students and community members.

CHILDREN’S DAY CELEBRATIONS

“Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.”- Charles R. Swindoll

Our dedicated team of teachers took a step ahead to make this day special for every child at VIDYA. They sang, danced and performed skits on classroom scenes for the students.

At Bal Vihar, Sarvpriya Vihar and PTS colony teachers
conducted special assemblies and recited poems on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The students of the VIDYA School were more than delighted to play passing the parcel with their teachers. Indoor games like chess, carom board, and ludo were organized for the children at the Pappankalan community center. The joy with which every child went back home was noteworthy.

WORLD TOILET DAY

World Toilet day is about inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis. Keeping with the spirit of this day, various activities were organized across all VIDYA centers in Delhi & NCR on 19th, November 2017. Students of PTS colony and Sarvapriya Vihar had organized rallies to create awareness about the issue. At the Pappankalan community teachers conducted sessions for the students to discuss the importance of using toilets for defecation. They also explained why it is important for every household to have a toilet. Teachers and students from the VIDYA School Gurgaon participated in the 'Airtel Half Marathon' and thoroughly enjoyed being a part of an initiative which is creating a positive impact on the health of the people.

WORKSHOPS

READING IS FUN: In order to inculcate the reading habit among children a workshop was conducted for the students of Sarvapriya Vihar school on 2nd and 3rd November.

SELF DEFENSE TRAINING: Sessions on self defense were conducted at the VIDYA School for the students of class 10 by Ms. Madhumita Sen & her team. Our students learnt some basic techniques that can be used to tackle

TIME MANAGEMENT: Our counselor Ms. Aarti Sharma conducted a workshop on time management at IIT Delhi for our NIOS students on November 24th. The students of class X & XII learnt how to work efficiently and make better work plans to achieve their goals.

FRIENDSHIP SESSION: Volunteers from Optum conducted a workshop for the students of class VI at the VIDYA School on natural disasters and its management. The volunteers interacted
physical assault like face punch, middle punch, upper block and lower block.

with our students and informed them about the safety measures to be adopted in case of a natural calamity.

HIGHLIGHTS

VIDYA DEEP PROGRAM AT IIT DELHI: Apart from the regular computer and spoken English classes, training sessions were conducted to polish the interview skills of the students. They were taught about the importance of body language and the right choice of words during interviews.

DISTRICT CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP: Prince Kumar of class VIII & Vishal Paudal of class IX who represented the VIDYA School Gurugram at the District level Chess Championship hosted by American Montessori Public School returned with laurels. We are proud to share that Vishal & Prince bagged the 2nd and 3rd position respectively in this competition.

PARENT COUNCIL: A council of 23 parents has been constituted at the VIDYA Bal Vihar school to ensure active participation of the parents in school activities. Parents from each locality have volunteered to look after the safety issues of the children. It is a delight to see how everybody is taking a step forward to be a part of our integrated development processes.

VISIT BY THE BEAT CONSTABLE: The students of VIDYA Hauz Khas were thrilled to meet the beat constable of their area Mr. Karamveer who paid a friendly visit to the school. Mr. Karamveer spent some quality time interacting with the children and also informed them about the safety norms that must be followed in our day to day lives.
TAEKWONDO BELT TEST:
The students at PTS colony school have been learning Taekwondo for sometime now. They have learnt the first ten steps like push, kick, punch and some basic self defense techniques. The Taekwondo belt test was held on 15th November to upgrade the students from white belt to white belt one & yellow belt.

SARVPRIYA VIHAR SCHOOL: The month of November for our little stars at Sarvpriya Vihar was a lot about exploring their creativity. They all participated in activities like creating animal puppets with ice cream sticks and wasted CDs. They also performed skits on the importance of forgiveness during assembles.

OKHLA EDUCATION PROJECT: Considering the Delhi pollution and smog an awareness session was conducted at the Okhla center. The children watched some videos related to the issue and then gave presentations in groups. They all shared their understanding of the problem and how it could be solved collectively. Everybody took a pledge not to dump garbage in the open and to plant a tree near their home.

PAPPAN KALAN COMMUNITY PROGRAM: We feel proud to share that all three programs namely the computer learning and resource centre, the beyond school and the Usha Silai center at Pappankalan experienced a 100 percent attendance in November. Well done!

USHA SILAI CENTER, GURUGRAM: Our upcoming entrepreneurs at the Usha Silai Centre not only learnt to stitch children's garments and jute bags but were also made to experience a day to day market scene. A role play was organized where some students posed as shopkeepers and tried selling garments to the other students.

The motive behind this activity was to boost their communication skills and also
uplift their confidence. A public speaking session was organized where the students got an opportunity to express their views on various social issues and important topics. They were also encouraged to compose picture compositions and recite poems.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Saeedur Rahman is pursuing his Masters Degree in Social Work. During his volunteering term with VIDYA he helped the Okhla Community Development Project with conducting surveys on the issue of substance abuse in Indira Kalyan Vihar. He also organised engagement activities for the community people to raise awareness about the issue. He submitted his final research titled 'Impact of Substance Abuse on Adolescent boys of Indira Kalyan Vihar, New Delhi'. We feel happy to share that this research is of great significance to us as it holds high social relevance and will help us design our program according to the community needs. We appreciate Saeedur's efforts and thank him for his contribution.