My Dear Friends,

Seasons’ greetings from the entire VIDYA family of students, teachers, volunteers and leaders!

VIDYA Integrated Development for Youth and Adults (VIDYA) celebrates its 27th year of providing outstanding opportunities for education and empowerment to children from the less privileged communities in the Indian society.

When I look back over the past 26 years, I feel an immense sense of satisfaction with the pace of growth and the relevance as well as the quality of the programmes that we have offered to the communities whom we serve. We have progressed from five little girls studying on my verandah at IIT Delhi in 1984 to educating and helping over 15,000 children, youth and women this year. In the beginning I was the solitary volunteer, while now we have about 400 employees and 150 volunteers working on 10 VIDYA programmes.

VIDYA owes its success to its motivated students, teachers, staff, leaders, generous donors, well wishers and the silent workers, across the country and the globe. These people have given their love, energy and dedication from the heart to make all that we have achieved, a reality, a dream come true. On behalf of the family of VIDYA I take this opportunity to thank all the teams and the individuals who have made this possible. I thank them for their generosity, for the lessons they have taught us all and for the inspiration that they have provided to all of us by raising the bar at VIDYA and setting the example.

As I look into the future, I see that VIDYA is poised to work towards achieving excellence and scaling up all its programmes across the metros that we work in. May it be the VIDYA School in Gurgaon, the Bhavishya Yaan programme in Mumbai or Bangalore or our community outreach efforts in the poorest slums. We make a consistent effort to give our best. We are focused on our Vision – “to be a significant force for change for India’s less privileged.”

The source of inspiration to us all at VIDYA are our children, our youth and our women – making their impossible dreams a possible reality!

The VIDYA Annual Report 2011 brings across our achievements over the past year, the success stories of the students, the challenges for the years ahead. It also brings out our aspirations and our un-fulfilled dreams where we need your help and support.

Please do come and visit us at VIDYA! Take the opportunity to inspire a child, mentor a youth, empower a needy woman. Celebrate the festive season by lighting up the lives of our students! Please see our wish list and contribute to our programmes with your generosity.

More than anything else we need your blessings and your good wishes!

With warm personal regards,

Rashmi Misra
Founder Chairperson

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A Bird’s Eyeview

VIDYA is a registered not-for-profit organisation that has been dedicated to the education and empowerment of less privileged children, youth and women through micro-level intervention for the last 26 years.

VIDYA today is a multi-layered organization that has initiated nationally recognized grassroot level development programmes in some of the poorest neighbourhoods in Delhi, Haryana, Mumbai and Bangalore. These include schools and programmes in remedial education, computer training, open school, adult literacy, skills training, microfinance and social entrepreneurship.

We have made a difference in the lives of over 2,00,000 families and are supported by a strong team of 200 personnel. The team includes local and foreign volunteers, teachers and staff as well as a large circle of committed friends, donors and well wishers. Their efforts paved the way for the establishment of The VIDYA School, Delhi in November 2009, which provides state-of-the-art infrastructure for holistic educational training to underprivileged children at par with the best public schools in the country.

History

The story of VIDYA started in 1984 when our founder, Rashmi Misra and the faculty wives of IIT initiated a unique experiment to educate children from the slums of South Delhi. Through the combined efforts of many volunteers, a class of just five children grew into an integrated school, ‘Bal Vihar’. It quickly became clear to the founders of VIDYA that only by educating the children and their mothers simultaneously could VIDYA make lasting progress. This inspired them to create the community programmes for both women and children. Through 25 years of working together to encourage awareness and self-worth amongst the economically challenged, the name VIDYA has grown to be synonymous with stories of incredible success. Our wide spectrum of activities clearly speaks our mission, which is to educate, empower and transform lives.

Major Activities

VIDYA activities can broadly be divided into two main areas – Holistic Education for Children and Women’s Empowerment Programmes.

VIDYA’s approach to education is to offer all-round development Programme that covers Primary & Secondary Education, Remedial Education and Pre School & Crèche Programme in rehabilitated communities and Youth Management Programmes.

For young girls and women, VIDYA conducts several Programmes that empower and build capacity, covering an integrated development in Education, Skill Training, Social Entrepreneurship and Microfinance.

For more information on VIDYA and its programmes, you are requested to please visit our website – www.vidya-india.org

VIDYA’s vision

To be a significant force of change for India’s less privileged.

VIDYA’s mission

An effort to educate and empower the less privileged through integrated methods and to initiate and implement progressive social change.
THE EXPERTS ON VIBRATION CONTROL

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The VIDYA School in DLF Phase III, Gurgaon, inaugurated in 2009 is a school with a difference. It is a role model institution offering the best opportunities of a holistic education to socially challenged children. The children who come into our fold are off springs of the marginalized society and VIDYA school's vision is to provide them a place for excellence in academics and all round development, a stimulating learning environment where they will be nurtured through their own stages of self-discovery, giving them skills they need, along with building self-esteem and positive feelings, thus educating these children for life. The VIDYA School has classes from Nursery to X. The total strength of the school is 325. The academic session begins in April and final exams are held in March.

VIDYA School has come a long way and is poised to take on the responsibility of providing well-rounded growth to all the students enrolled here.

Achievements

• One of the major achievements this year was getting the permission to start the school from the Haryana government. We are now on our way to seek recognition from the state government. This is one step closer to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliation. Meanwhile, students of standard X were successfully registered with National Institute of Open School (NIOS) through online application.

• The school released its first newsletter “VIDYA Vibes” on the Annual Day. Students are encouraged to write articles and give expression to their creativity.

• Annual awards are also given to students for regular attendance, general improvement and general proficiency of all classes. Prof. Ashok Misra instituted the Ms. Sushila Award for excellence. The recipients were Suchita of Class V and Komal Yadav of Class VI. Manohar Arora has instituted the “Library Awards” to instill and encourage the habit of reading among the students. He has also sponsored two students to learn dance.

• Students are preparing to participate in National Science Olympiad, International Mathematics Olympiad and International English Olympiad.

Special Events/Visits

• Sports Day: The Sports Day was held on March 18. The idea was to give students an opportunity to become familiar with the different aspects of physical education. Nathalie Comfort and Aftab Seth were the Chief Guests.

• Annual Day: It was held on March 26. The Chief Guest was Raghu Menon. Students put up a play called “Satrangi Bharat” presenting different aspects of our culture. The underlying message was the need to educate the girl child.

• Support Staff Day: It is celebrated every year. This year it was celebrated on October 22. It was an enriching experience for the students as they learn the importance of acknowledging and respecting those silent sentinels and behind the scene workers who help to provide a safe and clean environment in school.

• Plantation Day: In order to promote awareness and respect for our environment amongst our children, a plantation day was celebrated in July wherein students of VIDYA School planted trees at the biodiversity park.

• UHG visit: David Wichmann of United Health Group (UHG) along with his team members visited the VIDYA School on November 10. He was accompanied by John Santelli, Mark Duhaime, Steve Kooren and Chris Coleman from the US and 25 members of UHG Team in Gurgaon. He assured continuous support to VIDYA by UHG group.

Activities

• The VIDYA School works from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The students are provided breakfast and lunch. Students are engaged in different activities like remedial education, house meetings and co-curricular activities in the prep time from 3 to 4pm.
• All important national days and festivals are celebrated to apprise the students of the importance and significance of these vital days.

• Regular meetings with parents are held to discuss students’ progress.

• Two main examinations are held as per Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) in one academic year consisting of two formative assessments and one summative assessment each term. Academic reports are regularly sent to the parents and sponsors.

• Apart from regular school activities, several competitions like debate, elocution, art, music, dance and inter school poster competitions are also organised in the school.

• Regular health check-ups for students and their parents are conducted in the school. A dental check up for standards I to V was held on July 15 and general health check-up for parents on September 24.

• Summer camp is held for two weeks during the summer break.

• The VIDYA School launched its first women’s literacy classes on September 8 for the women of the nearby areas like Nathupura. The main objective of this programme is to empower the women community and bring them at par with the society.

• Various in-house workshops that covered a range of topics like Teaching Methodology, Computer Basics CCE, Differentiated Teaching and Life Skills were held this year for the teachers.

• 28 students visit the UHG office every fortnight to interact with mentors from UHG.

• KPMG has started a mentoring programme in English for III standard, held once a week.

• G.E/TSRS mentoring programme for remedial education is held twice a week for VII and VIII standards to help the students.

• American India Foundation Trust has started Adobe Youth Voices Year Six Programs 2011 to provide breakthrough learning experiences using multimedia, video, digital art, web and animation for VIII and X standards.

Volunteers Welcome

Make a difference, we value your time and efforts

Help with clubs, after school sports team coaching, counseling, admissions and office support. Extend support to organize book fairs, cultural events, talent shows and design a new database. In addition to all this, volunteers are welcome to help during meal times, teaching during leave vacancy, or be available on call to fill in for a teacher on short notice when a teacher is on an emergency leave, take charge in the library, supervise the playground…

Beyond VIDYA

• Vikram, a student of standard V after the death of his parents was saved from the clutches of his extended family. He was suffering physical and mental torture. VIDYA saved this young boy by timely intervention. Childline helped in rehabilitating Vikram and his elder brother.

• Raju of standard X was sent to his hometown in Nepal. He visited his parents after eight years. It was an overwhelming experience for him and his family.

• An article written by Komal of standard VI on Mahatma Gandhi was published in a Hindi newspaper AAJ SAMAJ.

• GE sponsored three students from standard VIII to Buddh International Circuit to watch F1 race on October 28.

“I like to come to VIDYA School because I find all the members of VIDYA like my own family members”. - Nidhi Yadav, VII
Pride of The VIDYA School

Gifted Sandhya

Sandhya Mandal joined the school in nursery and is presently studying in standard IX. Her father, who was a rickshaw-puller, expired when she was only four years old. Her mother works as a domestic help to support the family. Her eldest brother is doing a temporary job at a construction site. Her second brother is afflicted with paralysis. He is presently being treated in his village near Kolkata. His mother is with him, so Sandhya and her two siblings live with her maternal uncle. Due to various problems, her studies suffered. However, due to her determination and hard work there has been a marked improvement in all subjects. Sandhya is a gifted girl and is very good at fine arts. She is also a graceful dancer and takes part in all school functions. Her smiling face has endeared her to all. She aspires to be a teacher.

Daring Durgesh

Durgesh a class X student of VIDYA School has his feet in the rubble but his dreams touch the sky.

He comes from a family of construction labourers. He moved to Gurgaon from Chattisgarh after passing standard V, when his parents started working as labourers here. Due to lack of finances and awareness he was not sent to school for almost two years. Little Durgesh dared and took the initiatives of restarting his studies at a school run in a temple. Here his talent was noticed and he was sent to Happy School in Gurgaon to continue his education. Later he joined The VIDYA School in sixth standard. Presently, he lives in a small hutment at Parsvnath construction site in Gurgaon. In the absence of an electrical connection in the area he manages to study under the halogen lights at the construction site.

Durgesh also has to find time for cooking, washing clothes and grocery shopping for the household since his mother has moved back to the village to look after other family members. Durgesh has shown remarkable improvement in academics over the years and actively participates in plays, debates, dance, music, sports and all events organized by the school from time to time. He is also a school Prefect and carries out his responsibilities with aplomb. He is an asset to the school.

Durgesh aspires to be an engineer. VIDYA wishes him luck and pledges to support him wholeheartedly so that he is able to fulfill his dreams.

Education Programmes in and around Delhi

Bal Vihar
- Bal Vihar 1, Panchsheel Park (morning)
- Bal Vihar 2, Vasant Vihar
- Bal Vihar 3, Panchsheel Park (afternoon)

Remedial Education
- Munirka
- Pappankala
- Okhla
- IIT Campus

Youth Management
- Bridge Course at Okhla
- Bridge Course at Sainik Farm

Programmes in Mumbai
- Pragati Kendra
- Umang – Remedial Education
- Youth Management – Bhavishya Yaan

Programmes in Bangalore
- Youth Management – Bhavishya Yaan

VIDYA means “Knowledge”, which we received in abundance from VIDYA. All the teachers taught us very well and helped us morally, emotionally at the time of troubles and confusions. Whatever I have learnt here is an asset of my life. VIDYA has financed our Computer Course from Khazani Polytechnic which will help us in shaping our career.

Gulshan, Student, XII

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Bal Vihar

Advisor: Indu Mahajan

Principals: Gaytri Kapani, Promila Kataria and Rajesh

VIDYA Bal Vihar is one of the oldest programmes of the organization, with a mission to provide education equivalent to any public school to less privileged children. Almost 500 children of slums at various south Delhi locations benefit from this programme.

Bal Vihar provides primary education (Nursery to V) to the children in the age group of 4 to 13. It runs two shifts and at two different locations under the guidance of Indu Mahajan, Advisor. Bal Vihar emphasizes an all round development of the child. As a result, apart from regular activities like dance, music, yoga, computer and taekwondo, various tours and excursions are an intrinsic part of the curriculum. Liberty, Sincerity, Equality, Freedom are the four houses of the school and various inter house competitions like poem recitation, shlok recitation, calligraphy, story writing, quiz etc. inculcate pursuit of excellence in children.

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Healthy mind in a healthy body

Every year VIDYA celebrates Founders’ Day and Sports Day, where children from all centres collectively get an opportunity to showcase their talent. The 26th Founders’ Day in 2010 held at IIT Seminar Hall, Delhi was presided over by Mrs. & Mr. Vijay Thadani, CEO of National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT). The highlight of the event was an enthralling 40 minutes presentation on Delhi, where the children traced the history and growth of Delhi in a touching and colorful play. The outstanding children received awards for their academic achievements. The team spirit displayed by the staff, children and resource people made this day VIDYA’s pride.

Annual Report 2010 released by Vijay Thadani on Founders’ Day

Workshops: To upgrade the standard of the school, it is important to update and groom the staff members regularly. Thus VIDYA believes in regular workshops and seminars for the teachers. Hindi Workshop by noted writer Shakuntla Luthra was held on April 3.

- Workshop on the use of theatre in making teaching and learning process more meaningful by Manish Halda on May 11.
- Workshop on guiding teachers to teach through drama by Indu Mahajan on May 12-13.
- Workshop to educate teachers to help students learn better English on November 9.

Parent Partners: Parents are equal partners in the growth of their wards. Examinations at Bal Vihar are held regularly to check various skills of the children and parents are invited to share the development of their child. With the passage of time, there has been a tremendous growth in the turnout of the parents in Parent Teacher Meetings (PTM). Almost 80% of parents attend PTMs regularly. This shows an increase in awareness and sincerity, to educate their wards.

Taekwondo Champions: The 11th International Taekwondo Championship was held at Faridabad. In all 21 students participated and five students won the Gold Medal and school received trophy for maximum participation.

Michelle’s Magic

In November 2010, nine Bal Vihar students were honoured to meet and interact with US first Lady Michelle Obama at National Handicraft and Handloom Museum in New Delhi.

The Lucky Nine...The lucky nine students and their teacher, they met Michelle!
Bal Vihar and Beyond…

Though Bal Vihar deals with the primary education, the responsibilities do not end after the child clears fifth standard. The school takes utmost care to ensure that every child is admitted to a different school for higher education. In the last five years there have been no dropouts. Moreover, the school also financially supports for the higher education of these children, who are unable to bear educational expenses of public school. In the year 2010-11, 37 students cleared the fifth standard, 10 got admission in public schools and 27 in Sarvodaya and government schools. In the year 2010 – 11, four students of nursery and three students of KG were integrated in Manav Bharti School on merit. 16 children in different schools are being sponsored.

Day- to-day life may seem just like in any other primary school, where class-time and playtime go hand in hand with tears and tantrums. But one can feel just how much more this school means to its students. Its a place that shapes long term development rather than offering a short term fix-it-solution. Nothing else exemplifies this better than when a past student comes knocking at the door with full of confidence, success and lots of gratitude towards the school.

Pride of Bal Vihar

Anita’s Aspirations

Anita, daughter of Ram Bahadur, a labourer at Delhi Jal Board, cleared her third standard in 2003-04 and then she was integrated in Kendriya Vidyalaya for further studies. Anita’s zeal to study helped her to score 98% marks in 10th board exams. Recognizing her talent, the prestigious Delhi Public School (DPS) invited her to join the school. Anita is now in 11th standard at DPS. She has joined science stream and is doing exceptionally well. She has a dream to join IIT, therefore along with her regular classes. She has also joined FIITJEE to prepare for I.I.T. Anita’s parents are very grateful, for providing opportunity to all their three children. The elder sister Sunita, also an ex student of VIDYA, is now doing History Honors from Venketeshwara Collage, Delhi University. The younger brother Anuj is in sixth standard at JP Model School after completing his primary education in VIDYA. Each one of them aspires to become professionally qualified to live a life of self reliance and dignity.

Rajan Guruji

Rajan, son of Ganga Ram, who was a cleaner at a dispensary and Laxmi Devi a homemaker, cleared his fifth standard from Bal Vihar in 1996 and was integrated in a government school. He was inspired by his Sanskrit teacher and joined Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit Vidya Peeth in Qutub Institutional Area. He cleared his Masters in Sanskrit in 2009-10. He followed it up with B.Ed scoring 64% marks. And today he has returned to Bal Vihar to share his learnings with community children. Rajan is now a confident and committed teacher. For a child of a cleaner to rise as a guruji is a remarkable achievement.

Thanks

Bal Vihar owes its continuous success to Panchsheela Cooperative Society. It has provided the school building and blessings of serene surroundings. The constant cooperation encourages Bal Vihar to achieve its means and goals. VIDYA extends heartfelt thanks to all the members of Panchsheela Society.

with Compliments
&
Best Wishes To
The VIDYA Family

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Remedial Education

Munirka

Advisor: Dr. Rekha Chaturvedi

Coordinators: Ruchi Raj, academics
Manjulata, social worker

The Integrated Community Development Programme at Motilal Nehru Camp, Munirka is the role model of all other community development programmes at VIDYA. It has been running successfully since 1994 and achieving its goal of attracting, educating and empowering women and children and mainstreaming vulnerable non school going and school going children especially girls, upto the age of 14, through alternative education and formal education systems, within their vicinity. It has a multipronged approach with programmes in various fields:

- Education
- Health
- Women’s empowerment
- Youth management

These interventions have transformed the lives of people and their empowerment is reflected in their enlightened attitude towards themselves, their work and people around them. The empowerment of women, youth and children is not a limited agenda.

Education has impacted the lives of children, youth and women very positively. This programme caters to 378 children and youth in non formal and remedial education programme. There are 95 women in adult literacy programme. The highlight of this year has been the placement of our youth in JNU, IIT and hospitality sector.

These children are given supportive education classes to improve their performance in academics since they do not get help at home (as they are all first generation learners). These children attend municipal and government schools in the morning and then come for supportive education classes in the afternoon. They are taught the subjects that they learn in school apart from building on their grammar and general knowledge. This caters to the largest number of children in the project.

Munirka’s Pride

Sarita – B.A. Honours (Hons.)
Dilip – B.Sc. Hons.
Manisha – B.A.
Rahul – B.Com

All are today students of Delhi University.
Girls have done wonders in the X-XII Board exams with 81% and more marks.

Satark Nagrik, an NGO is offering Right to Information Programme once a week thus empowering our women. This programme is part of Women’s Literacy Programme. VIDYA is grateful to Children Hope Foundation and Bani Jagatayani Trust for their financial support in all endeavors.

Pappankalan

Advisor: Malavika Goyal
Coordinator: Indu Uniyal

VIDYA’s interest in Pappankalan was aroused after the slum dwellers were relocated from Minto Bridge to Pappankalan. Once they moved, they were completely deprived of basic amenities and services like health, education, garbage disposal and employment opportunities. Initiated in a resettlement colony of West Delhi in 1996, the Pappankalan project aims at women empowerment and providing education to the wards of the underprivileged. For the past 24 years, we have been working at the grassroots level to create consciousness regarding issues related to health, education and development.

In February, the annual visit to the Surajkund Mela (India’s Handicrafts Fair) is looked forward to. These annual visits were started three years ago and have become popular with the women attending our programme. It is an opportunity for them to visit a highly creative fair and at the same time it is inspirational. Varied products like textiles, pottery, paintings, carvings and much more are on display. Cathy Hoch, volunteer from USA and 15 VIDYA members visited the fair.

Activities

- The NGO Going to School in India through the director Lisa Heydlauff has donated 200 school bags shaped like small kites for the children of KG and nursery. These bags were given to the children on the inauguration day of their new class room.

- In April, a teachers’ workshop was conducted by Daniel Lalande (volunteer) on how volunteers can be helped to make their work easier.

- Best from waste is a regular recycling project wherein students make beautiful models with the waste materials.

Activities

- In May, teachers attended a workshop on the importance of theatre in studies conducted at Panchsheel by Manish and Indu Mahajan.
• In August, a workshop was conducted for the young girls of the community on beauty training.

• Embroidery and tailoring classes are held five days a week equipping the women basic relevant skills. Reading and writing Hindi and English and simple calculations in maths are also imparted to the beneficiaries.

Under the Camera project, the children are encouraged to click on different given themes.

Pride of Pappankalan

Arun, Subham, Harsh, Shama, Usha…

• Arun is a student of VIDYA’s Pappankalan center for last two years (nursery and KG). Recently he has cleared the entrance examination at a Public School in Dwarka under economically weaker section (EWS). At present he is in standard I in Pragati Public School, Dwarka.

• Shubam has also got admission in a Public School under EWS scheme.

• Harsh has stood first in his IV standard in a government school.

• Shama and Usha who had enrolled in our women’s group to learn stitching and tailoring are on their way to self reliance by offering their services in the community.

Okhla

Advisor: Dr. Mandira Mukherjee
Coordinator: Rashmi Menon

Indira Kalyan Vihar is a slum in Okhla Industrial Area, Phase I, New Delhi. The population is a heterogeneous mix constituted mainly of migrants from the states of West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar who are employed as unskilled labourers or are doing work outsourced by the number of small scale industries located in the area. There are small vendors, entrepreneurs, traders servicing the community as well as those engaged in private jobs.

Activities

• Remedial Education for children upto standard V.

• Extra-curricular activities including - Music, Dance, Art & Craft and Taekwondo

• Library & Reading room for students

• Youth Management Programme includes - computer training for Youth and English language teaching

• Medical check up by doctors and distribution of free medicine for community arranged in the school by Satya Sai Trust

• Admission started in month of April and July. There were a total of 308 students enrolled at the end of the year.

• Summer Camp organized in May with different activities.

• Various important days were celebrated so that the children learn and understand the importance of these occasions like:

  Independence day - patriotic songs and dances.

  Republic day & Teachers’ day - celebrated by students and teachers.

  Children’s day - poem recitation, storytelling and drawing competition.

Festivals were made into fun events for the children:

  Eid - Children celebrated with community members and shared sweets.

  Diwali - Children took part in different competitions such as rangoli making, painting diyas, lamps making etc and sweets were distributed.

  Christmas - A teacher dressed like Santa Claus distributed sweets and gifts to children

Highlights:

Dental check-up of 61 children by Indian Dental Association in September.
Annual Sports Day on February 12 and different races organized for children. Children who got first, second and third positions were given certificates. Students were given refreshments after the sports events were over.

First term exam held in second week of September.

Midterm exam conducted in third week of December.

Final exam conducted in March and after that results declared and children promoted to higher classes.

Computer classes were held on an ongoing basis. There were 109 students in the class at the end of the year.

English language classes held regularly for students aged between 13-24. There were 45 students at the end of the year.

Welcome Volunteers

11 volunteers visited the centre to teach children English, Mathematics and encourage activities like storytelling, arts and crafts etc.

Volunteers teach children life skills, English and Mathematics, mentor the teachers at the school and assist the librarian in reading room, storytelling activities.

In Gratitude

• The Fena Foundation has also funded the expansion of library and a librarian has since been appointed to help children to improve their reading and learning skills. A reading room for older children is also proposed to be set-up.
• The Fena Foundation has also helped to renovate the school infrastructure including toilets, overhead water tanks, library room, etc.

Indian Institute of Technology

Advisor: Dr. Rekha Chaturvedi
Coordinator: Jyoti Naik

IIT remedial education program commenced in July 2006. There are 100 students in this program which functions in Kendriya Vidyalaya IIT Delhi Campus. The students in this program are from standards I to XII. They all come for remedial classes after school. Sports activities are held twice a week. Parent Teacher Association meetings are held once in a month. Four teachers teach the children of various classes.

A computer lab inaugurated by GE helps to hold regular computer classes and 40 children attend the computer literacy program. There are 20 children enrolled for National Institute of Open Schooling examination for standards X and XII.

This program is supplemented by many fun activities like festivals celebrations, 14th November celebration and creative art and craft and yoga.

Thanks

VIDYA is proud of the partnership with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi under a Memorandum of Understanding and the support from Director IIT Delhi and cooperation of the IIT NSS students and IIT faculty wives. Very special thanks to Dr. Ravi Kumar his wife Sangeeta and Dr. Poonam Pathak for their consistent support.

Pride of IIT
Youth Management

Advisor: Indu Mahajan

Coordinators: Sushila Sharma, Taruna Nagpal

Bridge Course

The youth management programme uses a multi-pronged approach to keep underprivileged dropout youth to enter mainstream education and rehabilitate through several different interventions. Besides holding regular classes, it is ensured that the students clear standards X and XII through National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and are exposed to meaningful vocational skills. Life skills through value based education is an integral part of Bridge Course.

Total 130 beneficiaries

Highlights

Sangam Vihar scored 100% results in academics

Sainik Farm, standards X scored 100% and XII 90 %

Okhla had an average of 70%

Activities

Okhla

- Guidance in all subjects from the well qualified staff to create interest and to excel in studies.
- Regular Home Science practical classes.
- Spacious premises of the school encourage participation sports. They play volleyball, badminton and other games.
- Mentoring classes organized by GE executives at their GE office at Gurgoan widen their horizons.
- Five students who cleared standard XII this year were admitted in one year Computer Science course at Khazan Women Polytechnic, Khanpur. The students were sponsored by Rani Suri, Reena from Canada, Anil Dev, former Chief Justice, Jaipur and Prabha Mehta.

Hunar Se Rozgar

Twenty students of VIDYA Bridge Course have been enrolled in the Vocational Training Programme organized by India Tourism Development Corporation named “Hunar Se Rozgar” by its Human Resource Development Division. Duration of the course is six weeks. Job placement for the successful students is the main feature of the programme.

VIDYA currently runs The ‘Bridge Course’ in Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore. This youth management programme of VIDYA educates and motivates ‘dropout’ youth and adults to come back into main stream education by clearing standards VIII, X and XII through the syllabi and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). The Bridge Course creates the ideal environment where youth who have been labeled as failures by their community, grow into confident adults who believe in themselves and realize their career dreams and become role model citizens, we can all be proud of.

VIDYA achieves this through our multi-pronged approach:

- Classes are held everyday.
- Besides academic, cultural activities, help built personality.
- The visits and excursion to places of interest are organized, value based education, life skill and vocational training are part of the programmes.

- Vocational training includes computers, beauty culture, nursery training, travel & tourism, hospitality, personal choice by their attitude.
- Volunteers and mentors are networking and working on enhancing this programme and sending selected candidates for the training and placements.
- Each programme has its own financial support.
- As of now 1500 students got placement

Sainik Farm

- A number of competitions were held this year. Kite flying competition was held to celebrate Independence Day, Mehendi competition was held on Karvachauth Day and Diya competition was held on Diwali. Winners were given prizes.

- A motivational trip to Ramila Grounds to meet Anna Hazare, they were inspired and motivated to support him and actively took part by raising slogans, singing patriotic songs and making flags.

- Students are also making documentaries on their experiences. The project is funded by American Indian Foundation. Its aim is to expose the students to their communities and encourage change through dialogue.

- One of the students, Sanjay Kumar of standard XII, was sponsored to F-TEC for one year computer course (Multi Skills Development (FD-MSD)) by Anil Dev. Sanjay has come to Delhi from his village to study as he had shown interest in continuing his studies.

Computer Lab

We grateful to Arvind Verma to have set up computer lab in Okhla with six new desk top computers and a printer. The
computer lab in Sainik Farm has been upgraded with three new computers. Verma has been a great supporter since 2000. There are many other donors like Vinod Poddar, Geeta Dudeja, Geeta Madhok, Usha Vishwanath, Triveni Mahajan, Vandana Mahajan any many more who have helped us to get the furniture, laser printer etc.

**Impact**

Students have developed interest in the studies and our participating in extra activities. They have now more confidence and disciplined. There is an over all development of the personality

**Pride of Bridge Course**

**Taradutt's Journey**

Taradutt Joshi was admitted in standard VIII in the academic year 2006-07. He passed his XII in 2010-11 with good marks. He is a hardworking, sincere, obedient and confident student. He took active participation in all the programs and activities held at school. He won the first prize in Hurdle Race at Annual sports meet of Ankur Charitable trust school. He also participated as main anchor in the play at VIDYA’s Founders Day Celebration Program in 2010.

He has done Retail Management course organized by Travel Management Institute, Defence Colony in 2008 held at VIDYA School. He participated in Ek Naya Asmaan (Business Class) in 2009 held at Vidya. He attended GE mentoring classes with keen interest and enthusiasm.

He is doing graduation in Arts from IGNOU.

He is now working as a Cashier at Ambience Mall, Gurgaon.

**Ivan's Growth**

One of the brightest and most diligent students is Ivan, son of a gas mechanic. He joined VIDYA in 2006. He did his XII standard in 2009 and passed with first division. He has taken part in all activities of VIDYA including Founders Day and his attempt of making a documentary, “Signal Red” was appreciated by Youth Voices.

After completing his studies he joined All India Institute of Medical Sciences and then moved to World Health Organization where he is employed in their Health Programme. He is the only earning member of the family and is drawing a salary of Rs.10,000/- a month.

**Beyond Bridge Course**

- Rahul, who did his O level is now doing his MBA and is working in Chandigarh in a government job.
- Shravan, completed his O Level and is now working in GE.
- Salim did his BFA from Jamia University and is doing his Masters.

**Wish List**

**The VIDYA School**

- Bus 42 seater, television set (LCD with plasma screen), CD/DVD players, printers, computers, photocopiers, RO +water coolers, music room (with instruments and furniture), file cabinets and cupboards, intercoms, fly track machines, shoe racks.

**Bal Vihar**

- Water Cooler
- Computers
- Notebooks
- Diaries
- CD player
- Inverter (important)
- Small School Vehicle
- School maintenance

**Okhla**

- Qualified and capable teachers particularly for teaching English, life skills and Mathematics.

- Vocational training for the youth of the community.

- Funding / donors to enable improvement in teaching facilities, sports equipment, acquiring letter supply of uniforms and shoes.

**Udyog Kendra**

- We need sponsors to start special professional training sessions for the women at Gurgaon to kick start the programme.

- We invite visitors to see the display of items at Gurgaon and buy as the work generated will directly benefit the women and encourage them to start a progressive new life.

- We would welcome donations of fabrics, cotton or silk saris, borders, used bangles.

- We constantly need materials-scissors, threads, fevicol, iron.
Umang, Beyond School Learning

The VIDYA Umang Beyond School Learning Programme is a programme conceived to impart comprehensive education to those children who are unable to cope with school work. It is an effort to create joyful learning environments, make learning fun and prevent dropouts. The programme is for children up to standard X, who come to VIDYA beyond their school hours. It provides academic support, enrichment and social and emotional skills needed to achieve success at school, work and life. Nurturing children and moulding them into socially responsible citizens and also empowering them to make informed life choices is a step in building human capital for the nation.

VIDYA is in a transition phase, till last year the children programmes were being run as community outreach programme at different centers. These programmes were developed from scratch in community centres of Chaitanya Nagar, Phulenagar and Gautam Nagar. With great efforts over the years these programmes have matured and stabilized and now the focus is on standardization of beyond school learning programmes bringing in common templates for curriculum, assessment, reports, programme evaluation. Bringing together all the best practices across all these centers in the name of VIDYA's flagship the programme is now known as VIDYA Umang, Beyond School Learning Programme.

This branch of VIDYA was conceived to ‘catch them young’, by imparting comprehensive interactive education, especially for children who need that extra effort. Also the students are given personal attention and ‘one-to-one’ interaction to overcome individual problems. The objectives of Umang are twofold:

- To ensure that children perform well at school and enjoy learning
- To prevent school dropouts

There are currently three Beyond School Community Out-reach centres running in the community of Powai, Mumbai: Chaitanya Nagar (CN), Phule Nagar (PN) and Gautam Nagar (GN).

Chaitanya Nagar

The shift of Umang programme from the Campus School IIT Mumbai to the community posed a challenge. From a structured class room environment and easy access to playground facilities, the team had to regroup in a hall in the community. This meant restructuring the programme and an attention to fine detail, use of innovative ways to reach the children and the parents. The focus was on delivering quality within the constraints. At all times the effort was to involve all stakeholders with a clear and honest communication and seek solutions. The First Science Exhibition held in the slums drew support from mothers and saw a great solidarity in community. This meant restructuring the team had to regroup in a hall in the community.

Extension of the programme to the Evening Study Circle was hugely welcomed by the older classes.

The team of teachers ably led by their coordinator continues to provide children with a joyful learning environment, despite space constraints. A lot of innovation by the team and emphasis is on concepts, application and drill, use of audiovisual learning and parents meeting aimed at gender sensitization, and encouraging the girl child.

Children are being trained to anchor circle time and zero hour free questioning by children is just introduced. Creativity is encouraged. Learnings are shared. Introspection by the teachers has become a regular feature.

Umang alumni list has been created. Performance improvement is noticed every year in the children’s Senior Secondary Certificate results. 87.3% success is achieved and almost all the students are enrolled for higher education.

UBS with their unstinted support, the parents with their faith and involvement in the childrens lives, the teachers with their commitment and dedication and the stability that they bring to a child's life, the volunteers for bringing in their skills and expertise and CAF with the wonderful facilitation have all a to the programme.

Phule Nagar

Phule Nagar has made a start this year with club activities. For the first few months it was held for an extra hour every week, due to unavailability of the premises. After the shifting of office premises out of IIT Mumbai campus, one more day has been devoted to the activity. Practice and drill academic inputs and learning sessions for some women in the community continue with discipline and rigor. Regular assessment, parents teachers meetings for performance appraisal ensure that the teachings are well taken and the essence is absorbed.

Teachers’ active participation in skills upgrade sessions and training from time to time aids in bringing up the quality aspect reasonably. Rita Sahani, a teacher aid at the centre has recently completed the diploma teaching course successfully, thanks to Sufi Trust.

Gautam Nagar

Into its third year of existence, Gautam Nagar centre continues to operate from the Small Budh Temple.

The centre continues to practice inclusive education, referring children with special needs to the appropriate places and obtaining volunteer help to provide special attention to children who need it in class. This has been challenging for the staff but was achieved with much elan.

Providing social, academic, and enrichment learning opportunities has benefitted into building upon individual strengths and interests. The shared
reading session using the big books is an integral part of the library and the language program. Life-skills class in line with the Lions Quest training programme introduced in July 2010 has become a regular activity at the centre. The DEAR time – Drop Everything and Read Time has become indispensible in the curriculum!

Bhavishya Yaan

This is a skills enhancement programme that addresses the lacunae of the present public school education system at a micro level. It was launched in August 2009 by VIDYA-Mumbai in partnership with Education for All committee of the Rotary club of Mumbai.

The Programme fast tracks selected regional language municipal school students of standards VII, VIII and IX by providing them with education in English, life skills and computers at no cost. Within a short span of around two years at present there are seven Bhavishya Yaan centers operational across Mumbai.

Computer Literacy and Resource Centre

September 6, 2011 was a milestone date for VIDYA Mumbai’s Computer Learning and Resource Centre (CLRC) Project at Chaitanya Nagar. CLRC is abuzz with glowing screens, clicks of mouse, typing on keyboard, inquisitive participants and knowledge-sharing by trainers. The aim of setting up the CLRC is to give access to computer literacy and computer proficiency to VIDYA beneficiaries and the community at large. Adhering to VIDYA’s holistic approach, life skill modules and spoken English courses would also be incorporated with the courses that are offered. Thus the centre is envisioned as a hub for computer learning complemented with life-skills courses.

Youth Management

Open Schooling

Aimed at giving dropout youth a second chance in career, this course enables students to complete standards X and XI within a year. VIDYA is a facilitator of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), a government initiative. The program provides support for English, Hindi and Marathi medium students. In addition, VIDYA helps the students with their registration and submissions with the affiliated institutes. Along with academic inputs, the aim is to increase employability skills for which we organize counseling sessions, spoken English classes, and personality development workshops.

Pride of VIDYA Mumbai

Ruby’s Rise

Ruby Singh cleared her standard XII from VIDYA NIOS centre in the year 2010-11. When she joined VIDYA she was shy but the teachers persuaded her to continue studies. Through constant motivation she developed confidence. As soon as she completed her standard XII, her parents wanted her to get married. However highly spirited with her performance, she wanted to continue her higher studies.

She discussed her problem with her teachers at NIOS and requested them for help. The staff at NIOS took charge and persuaded her parents to let her continue her studies.

Now with the support of volunteer Manju Sharma, the trustee Chandrabhan Degree College helped Ruby to get admission in B.com first year course.

VIDYA Umang Phule Nagar

Radiant Rita

Rita Sahani is a teacher at Phule Nagar Beyond School Learning Centre. She completed her higher secondary education, from VIDYA NIOS. She was sponsored through SUFI Trust for one year Diploma Course in Early Childhood Care & Education. She has recently completed the diploma and received certificate from Indian Technical Education Society in June 2011. Now she is quite delighted and cheerfully exclaims her gratitude to Dolly Thakore and VIDYA. She also acknowledges the support and mentoring from the Centre Coordinator, Kadambabari Joshi.

Umang Chaitanya Nagar

Rohan, the Budding Leader

Rohan Navnath Pawar joined Umang in standard V and is now studying in standard VII. When he joined VIDYA he was unable to read properly, gradually he started improving and showed a remarkable progress. Now he can comprehend and also speak fluently in English. He has developed more interest in Mathematics and is getting good scores. He likes social studies, history and geography. He enjoys reading books and newspapers in the library, speaks with confidence and has developed leadership qualities.

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Bhavishya Yaan

VIDYA in partnership with Rotary Mid Town Bangalore works for the less privileged children of Gottigere High School, Bangalore for academic excellence and providing a holistic education. VIDYA Bhavishya Yaan aims to bridge the gap between the school system and the skills needed in the real world. This programme is designed to benefit the students from the lower economic strata by equipping them with skills required for a successful career.

Activities

• Empower children with an effective and holistic programme
• English classes focuses on reading, writing, understanding, vocabulary and speaking capabilities of the child
• Computer classes on basic knowledge required for higher education or employment.
• Life skills for the skills required in daily life necessary to adapt themselves to the society. In addition, career and placement also extended.
• Women empowerment programme initiated.

Beneficiaries

• Students of standards VIII and IX are enrolled in the Bhavishya Yaan Programme.
• Mothers of the students of Gottigere Government High School.

Field trips

• Visit to restaurant in June 2011 to learn about basic etiquette (mainly to increase the attendance of students for life skill class)
• 140 students visited Cinemax theatre on Sarjapura Road to view the movie “I am Kalaam”. The event was sponsored by Smile Foundation and transportation provided by a private sponsor
• Visit to Hypercity at the Meenakshi mall on Bannerghatta Road. It was especially a novel exposure to variety of food, vegetables, fruits and meat products. Thanks to Hypercity management for the certificates and chocolates distributed to the students. This visit in addition to being educational was fun as many of the students had not visited a huge retail store or a mall. The students were also treated to burgers from McDonalds courtesy a private donor.
• A workshop on issues of teenagers faced by the teachers of Gottigere Government High school and counseling techniques.
• Independence Day was celebrated.
• Bhavishya Yaan children and teachers participated in a walk around the village of Gottigere. The main objective of this walk was to make the community aware of the rights of children.
• Sherwood High School on Bannerghatta Road has donated 100 scholastic books for the Bhavishya Yaan programme. This is the beginning of a continued relationship with Sherwood High School.

Since inception of the VIDYA Bhavishya Yaan programme November 2010, there has been a remarkable change in the attitude of the students attending the program.

Bhavishya Yaan Programme has made the students:

• Confident in their demeanor
• Positive in acquiring knowledge.
• Higher self esteem
• More aware of their surroundings
• Better vocabulary and knowledge
• Increased willingness to participate in programmes
• Acquired values and principals.
• Become well versed with the computer operation.

In addition

• There has been an increased awareness about the programme in the community.
• The highly motivated principal and staff of Gottigere High School have contributed immensely to the attendance and smooth execution of the programme.
• Parents appreciate the changes in their children.

Pride of VIDYA Bangalore

Naveen’s Quest

Naveen Kumar is a bright young boy who excels in class. His father is a gardener who earns about Rs. 4000 per month and the mother is not well. Naveen is a dropout from school as he was working to supplement the family income. With the intervention of teachers, the parents sent him to school again. Despite tremendous pressures his determination to make a career as an English Teacher and his quest for learning English along with computers keeps Naveen engrossed in Bhavishya Yaan class. He actively participates in school programmes.

Manikanta Moves on...

Manikanta is a dedicated student of IX standard. He has a learning disability which was not detected due to the breaks in education. He is aware of his limitations and wants to supplement it by learning conversational English. He wants to be a businessman in future. He is regular with hundred percent attendance in class and loves English and computer classes.
Community Development Programmes
Community Development Programmes in and around Delhi

Vocational Training

**Munirka**

Vocational Training for the Youth has been introduced through Skill Development Initiatives. Under this programme every year, we are sending eligible youth for the training and placement. So far we have been able to place 40 youths from Munirka Community.

**Okhla**

In Indira Kalyan Vihar mostly children who are in their adolescence age have nothing to learn apart from their school education and some are school dropouts. VIDYA in process to understand the need conducted need assessment and surprisingly it found that most youth waste their time in unwanted activities. VIDYA started the vocational training centre in Okhla. When VIDYA setup this centre, there was very little computer literacy in children. Now impact can be seen easily among the slum children. There are two qualified teachers with adequate qualifications. There are two computer labs with internet connectivity with 14 computers, 109 boys and girls enrolled in basic and advance course in year 2010-11. Three of our students are placed in BSES customer care call centre. Now there is a long waiting list of students to take admission in computer course. In future we plan to start certificate courses in computer hardware.

Women Empowerment

**Udyog Kendra, Gurgaon**

**Advisor: Pratima Goel**

VIDYA Udyog Kendra spreads the message about VIDYA through the social workers to the underprivileged women of slums to learn special skills to enrich their lives by becoming economically empowered, and through products that underprivileged women are capable of immense creativity and professionalism, given the enriched environment. The programme basically encourages women to come and learn new life skills to upgrade standard of living and to earn a livelihood.

The programme has functioned successfully since 1993 by giving special training workshops to women for technical skills (making saleable products), professional skills (quality control), and awareness on health, literacy, managing accounts and saving, gaining confidence and being responsible. By giving earning opportunities to women through marketing of products, a professional environment is created and by constant upgradation of products and market research, the products made are of excellent quality and fetch appreciation and brisk sales.

The income generated and awareness leads women to lead a better quality of life.

Pilot Project

In January 2011, a pilot project of training the women associated with The VIDYA School at Gurgaon was conducted. 15 women were trained to make newspaper bags, and efforts to sell them in Gurgaon were moderately successful. The women were eager to learn new skills as they were encouraged by the social workers to become active earning members of their houses and play a stronger role to educate their children and lead a healthy life.

Voice for Empowerment

The center at Sainik Farm (place donated by Rotary) has been vacated but the women continue to function, with bulk orders coming in from Switzerland, Netherlands, London, and online selling through Awaaz Empowerment for Women in US. (Do check out the link http://voiceforempowerment.blogspot.com/)

Over 15 women made the items for sale and earned between Rs 2000/- per month. The women independently work from home now on a per piece basis, and collected the work from the center.

A Workshop on decorating shawls with swarovski crystals was held in March 2011 by Suchitra. Rimmi taught the women special embroidery on dupattas, for which she later placed orders. All appreciated the enthusiasm and learning powers of the women!

Sambhava Foundation, Fair Trade Forum visited our center and Taj Palace hotel, Ernst and Young, Aries International were some organizations which showcased our products and showed an interest in the programme.

In August 2011, Udyog Kendra shifted to Gurgaon, to start this special programme which has successfully impacted the lives of over 500 women at Sainik Farm.

From September, we have displayed all our products at S-3126, phase III, Gurgaon. We will start basic skill training of a group of up to 15 women for making diyas (lamps) and paper bags, and move on to making products suitable for corporate gifts.
We have orders from Deutsche Bank Singapore and Hong Kong for many of our bags, dolls and handicraft items. It is appreciated that we supplied them with our special products last year, and the success and sale of these items prompted them to repeat the order.

Our team of 15 women of Sainik Farm continues to work from home and execute the bulk orders. We gave six women stitching machines (from Okhla) to enable them to easily work from home.

Our successful Diwali sales included display at the Blind School, Lady Shri Ram College, Epicenter, Leela Hotel Gurgaon, Ranbaxy, ICICI etc.

We have developed special gift cards designed by the children of Vidya to encourage their creativity, and also help raise awareness about our programs.

**Pride of Udyog Kendra**

**Confident Shalu**

Shalu stays in Dakshinpuri. She has studied till VI standard, and stays with her family. Her father is unemployed, and mother works in ‘anganwadi’. Her mother was the sole earning member of the family and it was difficult to make ends meet. Shalu joined Udyog Kendra three years ago as she learnt about the programme from our social worker Geetanjali. She proved to be a creative person, and soon learnt to make paper diaries, jewelry, and bangles. Her personality grew from a shy, quiet girl to a confident cheerful one, as she soon started earning upto Rs 2000/- per month. She also joined ‘anganwadi’ as a food supervisor, as she knew the importance of hygiene, and quality control by working in a group at the center. She now earns upto Rs 5000/- a month (or more depending on orders), and looks forward to the future with optimism, as she is self reliant.

**Welcome Volunteers**

We need the support of volunteers for conducting designing workshops for the women, for helping us organize attractive display, and a graphic designer to design flyers/pamphlets for circulation in Gurgaon to spread awareness of our work and get orders for the items made.

**Highlights**

- Workshop on embroidery by Rimmi
- Workshop at Gurgaon on making newspaper bags
- Enchanting products
- Special gift cards designed by Vidya children
- Our special eco friendly bags in newspaper, jute and old jeans are popular and in great demand.

**Pappankalan**

**Women’s Group**. Regular teaching classes in embroidery and stitching are conducted for the women, who thereafter either take up jobs in the neighborhood, or become self-employed and generate certain amount of income for the family. Some of these women, while not taking up employment, tend to use their skills learnt in stitching their own and their families’ clothes, thereby saving money, going by the axiom ‘money saved is money earned’. 20 women come to the centre for education including health awareness and literacy programmes. We now also have cutting, sewing and embroidery classes.

**Creche Programme**

**Munirka**

They aim is to address the basic needs to the children and give them care and attention. VIDYA crèches opened in response to needs expressed by the mothers involved in morning and evening as domestic helps outside their community in adjoining areas for income. The pre-primary education classes were started to provide opportunities to the first timers, two-six year olds are taught here. These crèches provide innovative pre school education, give basic knowledge of colours, shapes, numbers, alphabets, rhymes etc. Supplementary nutrition and basic health care are also provided. The methodology of this class focuses on learning through fun - the kids enjoy.

It is hoped that the crèche programme will help to emancipate women motivate parents to educate their children and introduce pre school children to a learning environment.

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Rotary VIDYA Kendra (Sainik Farms)

Coordinators: Madhu Jaju, Ruchi Tulshan

Rotary VIDYA Kendra (RVK) is a pre-school dedicated to education for the less privileged children. It is a joint project of Rotary Club of Delhi South Central and VIDYA Integrated Development for Youth & Adults.

The Club provided financial support and a building space of 5000 sq. ft. where VIDYA started the RVK centre. Today the RVK centre has made a difference to the lives of more than 5000 children.

The RVK school provides holistic primary education by creating a strong foundation that helps the children face challenges of a competitive world. There are over 140 toddlers aged between three-eight years who attend classes from pre-nursery, nursery and K.G I and II. This is part of a larger five-year plan where every year a new class would be added up to standard V in order to take the school till primary level. A comprehensive curriculum is followed considering the age and competitive nature of the future ahead. Five qualified teachers are given a syllabus that has been carefully designed to meet the requirements of fulltime schools.

As we enter RVK’s 12th year, we are filled with pride and satisfaction for the many blessings and successes that we have received and achieved. It has been a long and fulfilling journey of education and empowerment.

The school provides the following facilities to all children:

- Two sets of school uniform and one set of winter uniform
- All books and stationary
- Mid-day meals on all working days keeping health and hygiene in mind.
- School bus at a nominal rates.
- Parent Teacher Meeting is held every month and is conducted by teachers and volunteers. Besides academics, important topics such as health, hygiene, social responsibilities, future prospects of the child etc are discussed with the parents.
- A complete health check-up and dental check-up for all children once a year with the necessary inoculations.
- Provide help and support to all children to enroll into government or private full time schools after clearing RVK programme.
- Sponsor children who need more financial support while studying at RVK or for further education on a need basis.

Learning Made a Joy

Friday Fun-day

This is an open weekly voluntary programme where volunteers help with extra curricular activities for children at RVK. A fun filled learning atmosphere is created as volunteers involve children in activities such as dance, drama, music, art and craft, story telling, personal grooming, etc.

School Picnic

Once a year a school picnic is organized to an educational place such as the Zoo, Ahimsa Shhall, Rail Museum etc. Games and snacks are arranged as the children enjoy a school day without books!

Basant Mela

The arrival of the harvest season is celebrated with the children and their families in the Basant Mela. The annual fair has many games, rides and various food stalls, at subsidized prices. Clothes and household items are also sold at throwaway prices.

Annual Sports Day

The Annual Sports Day is held to showcase the year’s learnings to the parents, mentors and patrons of RVK. Marchpast, P.T, races, dance and drama performances highlight the children’s competence in various areas. Excellence in academics, extra curricular activities, attendance and cleanliness is acknowledged and awarded.

Make a Difference

Lofty words need to be followed by tireless action. Volunteers and mentors are welcome to join us in our mission of education and development of the less privileged. Come and visit our programmes and join the RVK family and make a difference to those in need.

Health Programmes

Munirka

Health is a state of complete mental, physical and social wellbeing rather than the mere absence of disease.

Health is a primary concern at VIDYA. Unhygienic living conditions, malnourishment, poverty and ignorance have taken their toll on people. The approach towards health is also holistic, providing preventive, curative, diagnostic and rehabilitative treatment and awareness generation. These are brought to the children, to their education centres through their overall check-ups including eye, dental etc and help is provided wherever necessary. This is not only provided to the children but also to their parents and other community members.

Yearly routine health check-up for the children by professionals and referral cases are taken to specialists. Here we endeavour to teach women basic hygiene and family planning, while providing them with medical check ups and consultation.

Ongoing awareness programmes are aimed at bringing about a change in attitude. We hold health and nutrition
workshops as well as health camps, for the children and adults.

Our partners in health programme are Inner Wheel Club, Delhi South district 301, Ranbaxy, FPAG, NIHAI, Dr. Shikha Sharma’s Divyashakti, MCD, Mulchand Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital, Government Hospital (Mahipalpur), Rotary Viklang Kendra, Kailash Hospital (Noida), Cancer Patients Aids Society and Chopra Hospital, a paediatric hospital.

VIDYA provides to children and adults the following health services and these facilities are free of cost for the community people and VIDYA:

- Primary Health Care.
- All medicines are provided after check-up.
- Patients in need of further treatment are referred to the nearest government/private hospitals.

**Pappankalan**

There is a regular twice a week visit by a gynecologist and VIDYA provides medicines free of cost. About 25 to 30 patients are seen by the doctor on every visit.

**Adult Literacy**

**Women’s Education**

Women are the nucleus of the home activity and only education can enable a woman to give full expression to her personality. Initially established in the Katwaria Sarai in the slum, the adult literacy programme now runs in Munirka Village and IIT, Delhi.

A curriculum is provided by VIDYA literacy programme. Focusing on literacy, numeracy to standard V proficiency. The programme also attempts to simultaneously engage the women in issues related to women’s rights, health, environment and national festivals through discussions, creative activities and field trips. A computer centre is always there in the community to train group of women to develop professional skills and promote employment opportunities. In year 2000-01 English Literacy class for the women was started. There are 95 women in the Munirka and 10 women in IIT, Delhi adult literacy centres.

**Community Development**

**Programmes in and around Delhi**

**Vocational Training**

- Munirka
- Okhla

**Women’s Empowerment**

- Udyog Kendra
- Pappankalan

**Creche**

- Munirka
- Sainik farms

**Health**

- Pappankalan
- Munirka

**Adult Literacy**

- Munirka
- IIT Delhi

**Programmes in Mumbai**

**Vocational Training**

- Sanganak Vidya Kendra
- Computer Literacy

**Women’s Empowerment**

- Margam Aahar, IIT Powai
- Margam Udyogini

**Adult Literacy**

- IIT Powai

**Community Outreach**

- Phule Nagar

“We help bring about change that is enduring, because it is from within” - VIDYA

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Women Empowerment
Margam Udyogini

The Women’s Empowerment Centre at VIDYA Mumbai is fondly called ‘Margam’ which means ‘pathway’ - a centre for women that shows them the pathway to their future through imparting various vocational and life enriching skills.

Margam Udyogini empowers women by helping them make informed choices and equipping them with skills leading to economic and social betterment. In the last seven years, nearly 300 adolescent girls and women have been trained in different skills with a focus on revival of folk art like Madhubani and Warli paintings using ecofriendly products, and also sewing and beautician courses. Spoken English classes, personality development, classical dance training and yoga also form part of the programme. Awareness programmes on health, financial literacy and legal rights are held with the help of resource persons. Workshops on folk art and stalls to put up on sale the handcrafted artistic pieces help the women hone up the business skills. Regular and repeat purchase order from corporate and individuals is highly motivated. Margam’s significant contributions in the recent past has been ‘Aurat ki Adalat’ – which provides counseling and legal advice to those women who approach us seeking help while being victims of domestic persecution and violence. Besides, counselling is also required for those who are interested in receiving vocational training but face resistance from their families.

Margam Aahar

Aahar is a mission to empower women through their culinary skills. Most motivating thing for the 20 women working here is that Aahar is being appreciated and is in demand! Our corporate partners have given Aahar the opportunity to operate lunch and snack counters in their Cafeteria. The constructive feedback from clients has helped the unit to be more professional in its service. Aahar pursues skill upgrades at regular intervals by interacting with partners and friends in the hospitality business. The income generation of Aahar has helped staff members provide meaningful support to their families.
Partners in Change

“In isolation we can make but little progress, but when the community joins hands, there is no looking back”

Volunteers form the core of VIDYA’s workforce. VIDYA is dedicated to the empowerment of India’s socially disadvantaged people. As a volunteer driven non-profit organisation, we depend on the generosity and dedication of our volunteers. They are partners in change and come with a passion to give and bring into the programme a rich diverse bank of knowledge and expertise.

Our strong volunteer culture has formed a strong bond with the community and given strength to all our programmes. This bond has helped our organisation to achieve its dreams and aspirations. In this beautiful journey of 27 years thousands of volunteers from all walks of life in India and all over the world have contributed to the work culture of VIDYA.

They help us to achieve our mission. Each one makes a difference and derives strength, joy and satisfaction from seeing the wonderful transformation in the lives of our women and children.

“Since 2007, I have volunteered with VIDYA every year in the community of Pappankalan. I have created bonds with lots of people there, but most of all I have learned that the steps that lead to a real impact on the world around us start from within ourselves. Whether in India, Brazil, Guatemala, Indonesia where I’ve worked with diverse communities, the needs are the same but investing in relationships is the first investment you make on the path to results.” - Daniel Lalande, Volunteer from Canada, Mentor - Pappankalan Programme.

“I’m incredibly grateful to VIDYA and the girls of VIDYA’S English class for allowing me into your wonderful, loving, educational community. I have learned so much from each and every woman and child, I have had the opportunity to spend time with. I will miss you all very much and want very much to return.” - Daisy Montfort, Los Angeles.

“The association with VIDYA goes back to 15 years or so and have seen it grow from the open air theatre in IIT to its own building. Each day and every form of association has enriched the lives of our volunteers and us at Cross-Cultural Solutions. Every member of VIDYA from Rashmi Misra to the teachers of the Day Cares have egged us on to keep doing the good work and inspired us to be good human beings. I know, we will have many more years of fruitful association. Everyone at Cross-Cultural Solutions wishes the best for VIDYA family”. - Bela Singh, Cross-Cultural Solutions

Ways to Get Involved

- Classroom and audiovisual teaching
- Teaching English conversation to women and children
- Mentoring our children/women
- Help in fund-raising and sponsorships
- Marketing our products
- Counselling for women/children
- Helping in administrative work and documentation
- Organising excursion and events for children
- Medical volunteers for physical check ups
- Hygiene counselling

Volunteers can register directly on our website www.vidya-india.org
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Grover, Lalla & Mehta

CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

FORM NO. 10B

[See rule 17B]

AUDIT REPORT UNDER SECTION 122A (b) OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 IN THE CASE OF VIDYA INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS, NEW DELHI.

We have examined the Balance Sheet of VIDYA INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS, NEW DELHI as at 31st March 2011 and the Income & Expenditure Account along with Receipt & Payment Account for the year ended on that date, which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said society.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the society so far, as appears from our examination of the books.

(i) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named society as at 31st March 2011, and

(ii) In the case of the Income & Expenditure Account, of the excess of Income over Expenditure for the accounting year ending on 31st March 2011.

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

FOR GROVER, LALLA & MEHTA

CHAIRMAN ACCOUNTANTS

(A.K. Grover)

M. No. 081174

Place: New Delhi

Dated: 2.3.2011

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## Vidyamitra Integrated Development for Youth and Adults Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2011

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**TOTAL** | 11,254,758.85 | **TOTAL** | 11,254,758.85

AS PER REPORT OF DATE ATTACHED FOR GROVER, LALLA & MEHTA

CHAIRMAN ACCOUNTANTS

(A.K. Grover)

Vice-Chairperson

Rajeev Kushwaha

Partner

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Place: New Delhi

Dated: 2.3.2011

TRUSTEE

Rajeev Kushwaha
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**VIDYA INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2011**

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**TOTAL RECEIVED**

| TOTAL | 10565556.60 |

**TOTAL PAYMENTS**

| TOTAL | 10565556.60 |

**AS PER REPORT OF EVEN DATE ATTACHED FOR GROVER, LALLA & MEHTA**

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

**PLACE: NEW DELHI**

**DATED: 29/9/2011**

**UPDATED BY:**

**M NO. 381784**
IDENTITY
We are registered as a non-profit organization under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. (Reg.No.S-21626, dated January 1, 1991) with RoS, Delhi.
Memorandum of Association is available on request.
We are registered u/s 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961, and with the DIT (Exemptions), Delhi u/s 80G. Reg. No. DIT (E) 2008-09/V-257A/2138.
We are registered under section 6 (1) (a) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 (FCRA Reg. No. 231650839).

Name and Address of Main Bankers:
State Bank of India
I.I.T. Hauz Khas Branch
New Delhi 110016, India

CITI Bank
33, Basant Lok,
Vasant Vihar
New Delhi 110057, India

Name & Address of Auditors:
M/S Grover, Lalla & Mehta, Chartered Accountants,
90/20 Malviya Nagar, New Delhi 110017

M/S Malhotra & Associates
309, Delhi Chamber, Delhi Gate, New Delhi

M/S Vishal Madan & Co.
306, Chhoti Subzi Mandi, Janakpuri
New Delhi
How You Can Help

Donation Information

VIDYA an NGO is registered Under the Indian Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 and Under Section 6 (1) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976. (FCRA)

INDIA

i. All Donations via Cheque/Bank Draft are payable to “VIDYA”.


FOREIGN

BANK TO BANK TRANSFER

Please send through

“SWIFT” – Code No. SBI NIN BB 547”

FOR CREDIT TO : “VIDYA” “S.B.A/c No. 10773571617”

State Bank of India

I.I.T. New Delhi Branch

Hauz Khas, New Delhi – 110016

INDIA

NOTE : While Transferring the funds please obtain your SWIFT No. of your Bank and forward the same to us for issue of Receipt.

Donations to VIDYA in U.S.A. are TAX EXEMPTED.

Please send through:

Friends of VIDYA Office

India for Collective Action (ICA) *

3838, Mumford Place,

Palo Alto CA 94306

U.S.A.

OR

Ms. Aparna Dave

Law Office of Aparna Dave

107, Alderwood Drive

Gaithersburg, MD 20878, U.S.A.

Email: aparnadave@immigration2us.com

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For further queries about sponsorship email us on: office@vidya-india.org
The VIDYA Head Office, Delhi

VIDYA Delhi is the head office and the nerve centre of pan VIDYA!

Advisory board members are visionary leaders who have shown the way and their contribution covers the history and development of VIDYA. VIDYA Delhi’s Vasant Kunj office is where it all happens and here you can get information on all VIDYA’s projects. A monthly E-Newsletter, VIDYA Vaarta sends out regular updates on VIDYA’s activities.

The Head Office Team

Finance
S.K. Gulhati, Swarn Gulati, Sumant Kumar

HR & Administration
Swati Ojha, Neena Bhanot, Girish Chandra

PR & Fundraising
Pallavi Chaman

Publications
Sujata Kaushic

Consultants
Bandana Agarwal
K. C. V. Georgie

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