## VIDYA 2015

**30th Year Celebrations**

VIDYA is dedicated to teach spoken English and make our students employable

**February-2015 - February-2016**

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Going on Thirty…

Flashback 1985. The place, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi. Five little girls in rags along with their siblings were playing near a drain. Rashmi Misra, who then resided in IIT, reached out and lovingly took the girls home. It was in the courtyard of her home that these little girls started their first lesson, mainly that girls also can study! The seed was sown, VIDYA took roots.

The intelligence and curiosity of those first five were amazing. Soon others followed and the number of students swelled to 25, boys too came in. And the first formal classroom was thus functional with 25 students and two volunteers. Rashmi Misra was the Founder Chairperson. She still is and going stronger. VIDYA today is a movement spread across Indian slums as a significant force of change for India’s underprivileged.

VIDYA celebrates 30 years of giving back in 2015. Blessed are those who give without remembering and take without forgetting.

VIDYA Today

VIDYA Integrated development for Youth and Adults is registered as a non-profit organization. The nationally recognized programs include schools, remedial education, computer training, adult literacy, skill training, microfinance, social entrepreneurship... VIDYA is reaching out to more than 2,50,000 people across 20 rehabilitated slums in Delhi, Haryana, Mumbai and Bangalore.

The proud VIDYA team: 350 committed local and foreign volunteers, teachers and staff, friends, donors and well wishers.

The education and exposure at VIDYA is as excellent as in any elite school offering tailor-made solutions to social needs. Constantly new strategies are devised as VIDYA expands creating a dynamic and inclusive process of teaching and learning.

Reach and Impact

There are two broad areas of VIDYA activities: holistic education and community empowerment programs. 15,000 children and adults are involved.

The Bal Vihar Primary School and community empowerment programs in six large Delhi slums inculcate progressive social change through integrated methods.

The VIDYA School in Gurgaon, Haryana, a state-of-the-art English medium school spread across five acres is a dream come true. The quality of education and facilities are at par with the best public schools. The vision for the school is to shape and sharpen the core competence of underprivileged children. The VIDYA School has received recognition from the Directorate of Education, Haryana Government and affiliation with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), New Delhi.

In Mumbai's Municipal Schools, VIDYA conducts BhavishyaYaan, a skills enhancement program that addresses the lacunae of the present government school education system at a micro level. The program provides students of standards VI-IX, top class education in English, life skills and computer competence.

The Beyond School sessions provide an all round educational development for 700 children. There is also a ray of hope for dropout youth to be productive and contributing citizens.

In Bangalore, VIDYA currently conducts a Beyond School program in three government schools for 600 high school children.

VIDYA also runs Bhagini program that provides large-scale literacy, vocational and empowerment opportunities to exploited women to rebuild their lives with pride, dignity and confidence.

In Pune, VIDYA is taking wings. Phase 1: Target the schools for the lesser privileged in the Pune Cantonment area. Initially focus will be on English and reading skills for classes 1-4. Objective would be to remove the fear of speaking in English and make them more confident and incorporate lessons in life skills along with these sessions.

Phase 2: Start a Bhagini program to educate and empower the woman power.

VIDYA is working towards getting more women to learn driving, an unusual and daring opportunity. Women drivers are breaking down barriers and are storming into what was once a male bastion. These Angel Drivers from Bhagini learnt driving through Rotary Driving Classes and are working with Angel City Cabs. What a pleasure to see these women drivers from slums zipping around Bangalore.

The Bhagini group also enjoys music and yoga classes.

VIDYA appreciates the love and support from all our friends and sponsors who have walked all the way in this journey of... Going on 30!
Different Strokes

Making a Meaningful Difference

Friends,

Greetings and best wishes from the VIDYA family!

With the loving support and cooperation from all our friends, supporters, donors and well-wishers and the hard work, passion and sincere devotion of the dedicated VIDYA teams across the country, the year 2014 was an amazing one for VIDYA!

Our Annual Report 2013-14 brings to you details of all our programmes and shares stories and pictures of our students - children, youth and women across all VIDYAs and the nurturing leaders, teachers, staff and community workers who are the pillars of our movement VIDYA, and who I am so very proud of!

Our VIDYA School at Gurgaon was accredited to CBSE, and the students - already highly driven and competent - are now truly poised to be the future leaders of India. The Bal Vihar and the Beyond School programs have brought quality education to children and reinvigorated a love for learning and achievement in the schools and communities we work with.

Our community programs have grown and seen immense success. Hundreds of women, children and youth have become empowered from our work, and we have learned many things from them in kind. We are already on a path to collectively bring in world class processes into our administration so that we can speed and scale our operations. Our presentations and conferences in the United States and Canada have brought VIDYA into the international space, and won us many new friends and collaborators, all dedicated to social change and united in our mission.

This year, we are going to focus on achieving demonstrable and consistent results in women’s and the girl child’s empowerment, English proficiency and vocational and skill training for employability. Many less privileged youth are still not given adequate opportunities, exposure and guidance. India has a massive shortfall of several millions in the number of skilled professionals available for important vocations in major sectors like infrastructure, healthcare, construction, retail and many others. Jobs in these sectors can provide satisfaction, purpose and independence for the millions of men, women and youth in need of it. English proficiency significantly improves confidence and employability.

It is our duty to help and to prepare our students to be gainfully employable.

We have made exciting plans to celebrate our 30 years of VIDYA in 2015, together as one big VIDYA family! I hope you can join us and be a part of VIDYA during these events. Please visit us and see details of our 30th year celebrations on our website.

More than anything else we need your good wishes, blessings and loving support to fulfill the dreams of our students and to take VIDYA from strength to strength, to make it truly global and scalable.

Warm personal regards and best wishes from us all at VIDYA!

Rashmi Misra
Founder
Chairperson
Why is VIDYA Different

We believe that it is entirely possible, and necessary, to provide underprivileged children the same quality of education and exposure that one would receive at an elite school. We grow in response to need and believe in tailor-made solutions to social problems.

We also believe that one of the most effective ways to initiate social change in next generation is to empower mothers, as they are highly influential in their children’s beliefs about women and equality.

As we expand across cities and schools, community centres, adult literacy and youth program, we strive to empower our students to take back the learning to their families and community to magnify its effect, and we constantly devise new strategies to make this happen. For instance, as part of our spoken English program, the students are required to train in computer usage and life skills as well, and in turn, hold lessons for their mothers in the evenings. Our aim is to turn out some of the finest scientists, engineers, business professionals and leaders of the future.

EMPOWERMENT OF THE GIRL CHILD
Our Special Focus and Endeavour

Empowerment of the girl child is the need of the hour. We sincerely believe that educating a man is educating an individual but educating a girl is educating an entire family.

We, at VIDYA School Gurgaon, have been in the forefront of the endeavor to transform lives through empowerment of women and marginalized sections of society. It has been our consistent effort to persuade and motivate socially and economically disadvantaged parents of girls to be sensitive to and understand the need for the importance of educating and empowering girls.

Our priority being the girl child, we plan to admit at least 50% girl students.

Our singular mission at VIDYA is to EDUCATE, EMPOWER, TRANSFORM.

VIDYA’s Vision is to be a significant force of change for India’s less privileged.

VIDYA’s Mission is to educate and empower the less privileged through integrated methods and to initiate and implement progressive social change.

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WE thank the donors, partners, friends, volunteers and well wishers who strengthen the spirit of VIDYA!
EDUCATION

The VIDYA School, Gurgaon

At the VIDYA School in Gurgaon, underprivileged children are encouraged to achieve full potential in their academic, creative, physical, emotional, spiritual and moral development. It is located in the middle of two largest slums of the area. This is an English medium school recognized by Directorate of Education, Haryana government and affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Delhi.

Events and Visits

Concern India Foundation

A sports event was organized by Concern India Foundation, wherein 24 NGOs participated. Our students from standard 1-9 participated and were awarded certificates of participation.

American India Foundation

Students of standard 8 visited American India Foundation to showcase the three selected projects under film making category. These were, a comic strip called 'Stereotype' and two documentaries on 'Migration' and 'Superstition'. The entries were reviewed for the final release. As part of the grand projection, 'Stereotype' the comic strip and the documentary on 'Migration' were finally screened at the FICCI auditorium in New Delhi.

War Widows Association

At the annual prize distribution ceremony, Mohini Giri- Chairperson of War Widows Association was the chief guest. Prizes were distributed under different categories: Sushila Misra scholarship, Ram Lubhai Mela Ram Charitable Trust scholarship for excellence in academics and Raji Nambissan scholarship for excellence in Maths and science. Other prizes were also given for the categories like awards in library, academics, general proficiency, general improvement, full attendance and sports.

Cvent Friendship Class

Almost 80 junior school students visited CVENT, the corporate house that provides online solutions for events and surveys. This visit was organised by Bhavna Rout, CSR Manager. The children had a gala time and will remember the cheerful moments.

Genpact

Genpact organized a plantation drive for the students of class 4, 5, 6 in the Biodiversity Park. The students planted various saplings on the hilly area.

Youth Alliance

To celebrate the Joy of Giving Week, students from standards 3-5 visited the Ridge Valley School in Gurgaon. This exposure was organized as an activity under the Compassionate Delhi Project by Youth Alliance and Teach for India.

This project aims to develop a feeling of Oneness among the children. The experience involved a friendly Football Match, making of hand-made gifts and loving letters written to students of other schools. This was the first step towards generating empathy in children to value people and surroundings and celebrate the Joy of Giving.

Coming of Comforts

It was a sunny Sunday morning when the Comforts arrived in VIDYA. Nathalie and William Comfort, the great supporters of VIDYA were warmly welcomed in the school. They were accompanied by their grand children. The grand children lovingly planted a sapling. A special assembly was organized on Christmas and New Year followed by success stories of Comfort scholars. Comforts later presented badges to the school council and interacted with the staff and students. Madam Nathalie was highly impressed with the confidence and competence of the students. The grand children were captivated by the experiments being conducted in the physics lab.

Today VIDYA is a dream converted into a reality through the love and generous support of William and Nathalie Comfort.
Debi Breaks Silence

UK’s Action Break Silence group conducted a training session to promote empowerment of women through self defense. 150 girls from standards 4-10 attended the session which was conducted by Debi Steven. Twenty girls from Bal Vihar, Delhi also attended this session.

SPROUTS Take Roots

Anand Pendharkar from SPROUTS Mumbai enlightened the students about environment conservation. It was a novel learning platform for the students to utilize day to day waste material in a productive way.

Welcome Winkworth

The school welcomed Simon Agace, Chairman of Winkworth along with Vikram Rajaram, Ganesham Sundaram and Narayana. The respected guests attended the school assembly and later interacted with the students.

CBSE Katha

As per the CBSE guidelines, a CBSE-Katha Story Writing Competition was organized in the school in August. There was a huge participation from class 4-10. These stories were reviewed and 14 best stories were uploaded on the CBSE-Katha website. Results were declared in October and it was a moment of pride for VIDYA when two stories namely “Visit To Eguidea” by Sanjana Naagar of class 9 and “Carianne: A Ghost” by Leela of class 7 were selected. The selected students participated in the Regional Writers’ Workshop in November. They met literary agents and mentors who will guide them through online learning.

Earlier CBSE in its Feedback Report on evidence of assessment, appreciated VIDYA with the remark, “COMMENDABLE JOB, Keep it up!” The CBSE is committed to ensure fair and effective assessment. With the purpose to ensure reliability and validity of assessments practices at school level, CBSE has over the years initiated collection and verification of the evidence of assessment and the marks awarded are verified. VIDYA School has been evaluated and appreciated for its commendable performance.

United Health Group

A Friendship Class was organized by United Health Group in its corporate office in Gurgaon. Twenty students from class 3 participated in the session. Various values like honesty, caring, discipline, responsibility, forgiveness, patriotism were shared with the students. The youngsters were also sensitized on the issue of conservation of resources especially paper as they enjoyed creating best out of waste.

Big Bang with BBC

Preet Dhupar, CEO BBC India visited the School. The 5th standard students were thrilled to have Ms. Dhupar amongst them. It was an interesting session full of anecdotes and discussion on options and opportunities available in the field of media communication. The students were eager to know so many things about leadership, media skills, breaking news.

The star of the show was Vishal who confidently led a 15 minute session on the Big Bang Theory. He had planned this presentation with his class teacher. Every student present in the class was excited by Vishal’s session and soon he was bombarded with a volley of questions. He tried to answer the questions with best of his ability.

KPMG Girls Scholarship

Five students from class 9 and two from class 10 have been selected by KPMG for the Girls Scholarship program. They are selected on the basis of performance in academics and extracurricular activities. Presently the girls are taking lessons from Inlingua and also learning kick boxing.

KPMG in India has been sponsoring a number of initiatives at The VIDYA School since 2011, which include a nutrition program for the entire school, IT support, salaries of a few teachers and sport coaches, sport equipment and Pro Bono support. Each year they hold a number of volunteering initiatives at our school which include mentoring and reading sessions, carnivals etc. In addition, from 2014, they are also supporting education of five girls through merit based scholarships.
Workshops

• A CBSE workshop was conducted in Rosary Sr. Secondary school, New Delhi which was attended by three teachers- Anita, Tilak and Ranjana. The workshop focused on formative assessment which is an integral part of Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation. Queries and discussions on the anecdotal records, life skills, formative assessment and evidence were later shared.
• Dilruba Kalsi- Manager, VIDYA School conducted a workshop on co-scholastic areas to be tested for students. All related queries were duly addressed.
• Pooja accompanied by five students visited the Adobe Head Office at Noida, for an interactive workshop. American Indian Foundation in partnership with Adobe is carrying out projects in 35 schools of Gurgaon, out of which VIDYA School is one. Under this project, selected students are working on comic strips, two short films and documentaries. This workshop was held to review the ongoing projects and provide inputs.
• A workshop on ‘Dealing with the Adolescents’ was organised for the teachers, wherein teachers discussed the problems faced while dealing with the adolescents and ways to deal with them.
• British Council conducted a workshop on International School Award 2014-15 for the teachers. The resource person was Preeti Ohja who is a consultant with the British Council and also the local school ambassador.
• Considering teachers’ good health, both mind and body, a yoga workshop was organized for all the teachers. It was ably conducted by Jitendra, the sports teacher. Important postures and breathing exercises were practiced under his guidance.

Regular Activities

• Students are regularly participating in various inter-school as well as intra-school competitions such as debates, art, music, dance and elocutions. Most students are involved in different co-curricular activities like clubs, house-meetings etc.
• Regular preparatory and remedial classes are also being held.
• Sports training in Basketball, Football and Yoga is very popular amongst the children.
• Students of class 2 enjoyed a unique activity, to learn about the different aspects of plants, cereals, cotton, tea and pulses. This science activity was not only interesting but also a great learning process.
• Taekwondo displays are organized involving different techniques performed by the senior students from class 6-9. The display reflected the synchronized spirit of coordination and patience.

Hale and Hearty

• A Health Camp was held, wherein some doctors of SGT Hospital and College, Budhera organized a free dental checkup for all the students in VIDYA School. The aim was to make the children aware of their eating habits and at the same time, let them know about the corrective measures.

Major Event

Captivating Chaurasia

It was a major event in the history of VIDYA School. The Bansuri (Indian Bamboo flute) maestro Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia visited the school in May.

The VIDYA School was a glow in the morning sunshine, all decked up with fresh flowers and Rangolis. The stage was set with breathtaking props, the tables were ready with latest brochures and other literature, the walls glowed with banners showcasing collages of VIDYA activities, the stall of VIDYA Vishesh handicrafts awaited visitors... the ambience was touching.

Panditji was welcomed in a traditional Indian way. He was brisk, smiled, looked almost divine in his white silks with strings of pearls around his neck and red tikka on forehead. He planted a sapling in the courtyard.

Soon the children took over the stage and their song and dance performances were applauded by the appreciative audience of parents and well wishers.

Panditji is a dedicated Guru and teacher of music. He was very humble and he invited the children on the stage. There was an excited rumble-tumble as 400 children surrounded him on and around the stage and shared his space. These little flowers, he said, inspired him!

What followed was a sheer delight, and an impromptu conversation as Panditji became one of them, almost childlike. Jovial, naughty, he recalled his student days and shared anecdotes.

In the evening, the Stein Auditorium, Habitat Centre in Delhi had the...
connoisseurs of classical music spellbound. Pandit Ji performed in the evening to a packed house and regaled with renditions of Hindustani classical ragas and folk tunes. He also responded to requests from the audience.

This mesmerizing concert of Pandit Ji is a priceless contribution to VIDYA. VIDYA is deeply touched to receive his blessings.

Special Days

Independence Day
The 68th Independence Day Celebrations were held in the school with great enthusiasm. The entire school fraternity was present. The celebrations began with the flag hoisting by the Principal of the school-Meenakshi Roy. The grounds reverberated with the voices of the students singing National Anthem. This was followed by the march past wherein all the four houses namely Ganga, Godavari, Narmada and Sutlej ably led by their smart Captains, marched past, paying respects to the national flag.

Helpers’ Day
Helpers’ day was observed with great gratitude. Small gifts as token of appreciation were presented to the various helpers of the school during an assembly specially organized to honor them. The helpers participated in a Rangoli competition and sports. The day wrapped up with a special lunch.

World Environment Day
Noted Scientist and Educationist Dharmvir joined the school staff and students as a chief guest to celebrate World Environment Day. His speech on eco-friendly environment was very inspiring.

Teachers’ Day
Teachers’ Day started with an assembly addressed by Zal Daver, Education Consultant. Students offered a small thanks giving presentation dedicated to the teachers expressing their gratitude. They appreciated teachers’ contribution in making them what they are today. After the assembly, the well talked about movie “I am Kalam” was screened. This was followed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s speech. The innovative PM penetrated the nooks and corners of India via satellite and humble television and radio. Interactive, immensely invigorating, he was all over the country… VIDYA students also watched spell bound as he interacted with students from all comers.

Fond Farewell
Meenakshi Roy, the Principal of VIDYA School was touched and overwhelmed by the love and gratitude showered by the students. She has recently retired. A fond farewell was organised on September 17 where the students shared their memorable moments with Meenakshi Ma’am. She has been a mentor, philosopher and guide and leaves behind a trail of success stories.

VIDYA participated in the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon 2014 on November 23. The Airtel Delhi Half Marathon is Delhi’s largest fundraiser and popular annual event. The Delhi Marathon was a unique platform for both NGOs and corporates to link up through community involvement and make a real difference together for a social cause. For VIDYA and VIDYA’s corporate partners, the Delhi Marathon offered a fantastic opportunity to link up, co-brand and raise awareness.
Karan- Keen to Fly High
Karan joined the VIDYA family in nursery class. In the beginning, he struggled with academics but with guidance from teachers, his performance improved. By the time he entered class 4, he was a confident young student. After showing consistency in his academic performance, he won the general improvement award last year. He is also good at football and dreams of becoming an IAS officer someday.

Karan shares a humble home with three sisters and his parents who iron clothes for a living. Where academics are concerned, Karan is a bright, intelligent and sincere student. He is proactive when it comes to activities in the classroom and outside like music, games and arts. A boy with a keen mind, Karan is always eager to learn new things and ever ready to take on responsibilities.

Komal’s Call
Komal speaks outstanding English, excels in academics, and enthusiastically participates in dance, singing, sports, filmmaking and theatre. She is a gifted orator and has been awarded the general proficiency award several times. She has not missed a day of School, is highly disciplined, and cooks for her family and plays surrogate mom to her two siblings.

She is studying in the class 9 and has been with us throughout her school years. Komal’s father is a driver, her mother a homemaker, and they are both unlettered. She lives in a slum near the school. She would like to join the Indian Administrative Service and lead the change for a better India.

Her ever-smiling face reminds us of a quote, “Some succeed because they are destined to but most succeed because they are determined to”.

Wish List
For the Girl Child...

VIDYA School’s admission policy gives priority to the girl child as well as children of single mothers and widows. Our school scholastic, sports and co-curricular programme is geared towards entitling and empowering the girl child. With this objective we wish to provide additional programmes, especially for the 40 girls in standard 11.

• Basic course in Computers, duration three months at NIIT. Cost per child Rs 1000/-
• Advanced course in Computers, duration three months, at NIIT. Cost per child Rs 1000/-
• Training in Martial Arts. Cost per child Rs 1,500/-
• Cultural and Theatre activities. Cost per child Rs 1,500/-

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What a Roller Coaster Ride?
VIDYA CELEBRATES ITS 30 YEAR JOURNEY FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH
1985 - the birth of VIDYA!
2015 - VIDYA completes 30 years!

What a rollercoaster ride it has been! With big technicolour dreams for the five girl students Rashmi Misra decided to educate in 1985 from her IIT home in Delhi, the numbers just grew and grew! Thanks to Rashmi’s zeal, enthusiasm, and mission as VIDYA completes 30 years of its existence, we have touched the lives of over two lakh children and women in Delhi, Bangalore and Mumbai. From humble beginnings VIDYA has now become a powerful movement to EDUCATE, EMPOWER and TRANSFORM the socially challenged, less privileged communities in urban slums. Quite a feat!

We plan to commemorate our journey with year long celebration of our hopes, aspirations and dreams.

Commencing from the beginning of 2015 to March 2016 we have planned a series of events and we invite and solicit the support and cooperation of all our friends and well wishers in making these celebrations a grand success.

Three decades of perseverance and hard work is a good time for an institution to grow, evolve and mature. It’s a time to look back and take stock.

It’s also a time to redefine our goals and perspectives and to plan for the future.

So come on VIDYA family!!!

It’s the time to put our hands together to celebrate and introspect!

- Sarita Shahi, Education Consultant

Vidya is Vision in Action

What are we trying to achieve for the VIDYA school, what are the qualities in the children that we are working on? How are we creating leaders, Professional and great citizens? What does the school need? Why does India need more schools like the VIDYA School.

Nelson Mandela once said “Vision without action is just a dream… but vision with action can change the world.”

For us, VIDYA is vision in action.

While we make no tall claims to change the world, we at VIDYA do believe that we can make a difference in the lives of that other India- the India of the slums, the J hopadpattis, the Shanties, the India that cleans our cars and homes, that cooks our food, that transports our kids to school, the India that is silent, side lined from the mainstream.

How do you transform lives…. through empowerment...

How do you empower… by raising levels of aspiration...

And how does one raise aspirations…, through quality education..

Why is it assumed that quality education, with state of the art infrastructure and facilities is a privilege reserved only for the rich and affluent?

VIDYA is necessary for nurturing talent and leadership-not from the privileged mainstream but from among those who for so long have remained silent, aide lined, powerless and far from the mainstream.

We at VIDYA, have a dream!

A dream of a vibrant, energetic, aspirational, skilled and educated India... A dream of an India in which talent and leadership comes from the vast, untapped ocean of the voiceless, powerless, the marginalized.

Through quality, holistic education, we endeavour to shape our children into confident, assertive, articulate and professionally competent and compassionate young adults who will provide leadership and direction to the India of the 21st century.’

Visit us at VIDYA School... and see for yourselves the work we are doing.

Zal Daver, Education Consultant

Constantly new strategies are devised as VIDYA expands creating a dynamic and inclusive process of teaching and learning.
Bal Vihar, Delhi

Bal Vihar is the flagship and the oldest program of VIDYA, which aims at a child participatory approach. It equips children with life skills required to lead a dignified life. Bal Vihar salutes the hard work and dedication put in by all the staff members to make it an outstanding institution of learning.

With 300 students, 21 staff members and nine helpers Bal Vihar runs in two shifts for nursery to class 5.

**Goals**

- To learn basic reading, writing and arithmetic.
- To create a spring board to the next level of learning achievement, beyond the basic 3R's
- To change the attitudes of parents towards girl child's education.
- To prevent children from being exposed to vulnerable and abusive conditions.
- To sustain children in school and improve their level of learning.
- To mainstream children into regular school after class 5.

**Strategies to Attain the Goals.**

Bal Vihar is a well structured program catering to children with age group 3 to 12. The strategies are designed to create a stimulating learning environment where students are nurtured along with building self esteem and positivity.

- The school follows National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) syllabus with books of private publications with illustrations that attract the attention of the child.
- Regular morning assembly of 35 minutes is the integral part of the programme. It fills the atmosphere with prayers, gives a platform / exposure to children to speak in front of others, which boosts their confidence. Moral values are discussed and students participate in physical activities.
- English, Hindi, Maths, Social Studies and Science are the main subjects. Children are also trained in dance, music, yoga and computers. They are an integral part of the curriculum.
- School provides free uniform, books and stationery and mid day meals to every child.
- To develop healthy team spirit, the students are grouped into four houses - Equality, Liberty, Freedom and Sincerity. Every Friday inter house competitions are held on subjects like painting, calligraphy, poem recitation, cartoon making. Prizes are given to encourage children.
- Once a year, the school celebrates an Annual Function, to project the yearly achievements of the school. Children put up fun filled cultural programs and parents, guests, volunteers are invited to motivate children. The school also gives scholarships to outstanding children after class 5 to continue their education in public schools.
- The internal assessments comprise of four evaluations conducted in July, September, December and March.
- Various workshops are organized for students and teachers to expose them to new methods of teaching.

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Impact

- In 2013 – 14, the ratio of boys and girls admitted increased to 50:50.
- Value education has helped reduce anti social activities among children.
- There has been a reduction in dropout rate not only at primary but also at middle and senior school levels.
- Better health of children attending program through mid day meals.
- Regular Parent Teacher Association meetings have increased parents’ understanding of importance of education.
- Tremendous improvement in attendance of children, 80% of them are now regular in attending school.

Excursions

- The year was full of exciting excursions. Exposure visits lead to learning experience, team bonding and camaraderie. The visit to Jamali Kamali, Qutub Minar, Children’s park will remain in the memory for a long time.
- Ten students of Bal Vihar visited Bhatkhande, an institution for music and dance, on the occasion of Basant Panchmi to seek blessings of Goddess Saraswati

Special Assemblies

To ensure maximum participation of children, every Friday morning on rotation, students of each class put up a special assembly on topics assigned to them.

**April** - Special assembly by class 5 on “God helps those who help themselves”. The approach is, to work hard and be successful as there is no magic or shortcut to success.
Class 4A on “Pollution is our enemy and we must keep our environment clean to live a healthy and safe life”.
Class 4 B on “Importance of parents in our life and right ethics always lead to right path”.

**May** - Class 3 on “Importance of good manners everywhere”. Children discussed Labour Day and presented a small play on “Honesty is the best policy”.
Class 2 on “National flags of various countries, their colour, importance and material used to make it”.

**July** - Class 5 on “Health and hygiene” the message was delivered by small play.
Class 4 on “Types of health-physical, mental, emotional and spiritual and various methods to develop them so that children grow into balanced human beings”.

**August** - Class 2 on “Responsibility”. A play depicted the responsibilities of every citizen. Children presented various responsibilities towards one self, school, society, country, world and environment

**September** - Class 3 on “Love, Care and Compassion” depicting Love and care towards parents, teachers, helpers, animals and nature.

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We Can, We Will!
Workshops

Regular workshops develop practical skills, logical thinking and make learning a joy.

Meditation. The spiritual teacher Ma Purnananda of Chinmaya Mission guided children and staff to develop a strong and stable mind and choose the right path. The importance of meditation was the high point of this workshop.

Teaching English. Ms. Ekta focused on various techniques of teaching English to junior classes. The workshop was attended by English teachers from all the projects of VIDYA Delhi.

Knowing Students Better. To help teachers know their students better, Shubh Gupta from the Hindustan Times (leading newspaper of Delhi) conducted a workshop where various challenges faced by the staff like indiscipline, lack of parental support, learning disparity, short attention span were discussed. Suggestions to overcome these challenges and talk on various learning styles were the main highlights. She insisted upon the teachers to use positive approach.

Art as Medium. Anjali Ahuja, a trained artist from Singapore showcased art as a medium to sensitize children towards flora and fauna. She suggested easy methods to draw flowers, animals and human beings by using oil and water colours.

Good Karma. Ruby Gill highlighted “Self Awareness” and how teachers are role models for the children. She taught the teachers to do their karma (duties) with complete truth and dedication, as good karma is not registered between two individuals but between them and God.

Moral Values. Pratima Goel addressed the teachers on “Importance of including moral values as a part of regular curriculum”. She also conducted a workshop on “Gender sensitization” and empowerment of girls. Significant roles of teachers were discussed in helping children understand their physical growth and safeguarding themselves from danger.

Integrated Teaching. Two teachers, Garvita and Manju Aggarwal attended a two day workshop at Katha, an organization that encourages reading skills in children. The teachers were guided to use integrated methods of teaching to make learning easy and interesting. Their performance was appreciated and they were awarded certificates of merits.
Celebrations

At Nestling. On December 24, a group of children of Bal Vihar children went to Nestling, a school for Tiny Tots for Christmas. The Children of Nestling distributed special gifts and presented a play on Christmas. The atmosphere was filled with joy, children sang carols and songs to mark the festival followed by a delicious feast.

Republic Regalia. Students from Nursery to class 3 celebrated Republic Day with great enthusiasm in January. Nursery and KG children created the national flag with the help of ice cream sticks while those from class 1 prepared message cards. Rangolis by the students delighted everyone.

More Accolades...

Pawan and Tanisha of class 5 participated in a drawing competition at Waulden School. The topic was ‘Solar Energy’ and its benefits. Their drawings were appreciated.

Four children attended a speech competition on ‘Reducing Noise Pollution’. It was organized by Tamana, an NGO working for mentally challenged children. Anshu from standard 4 won the third prize.

The students also participated in the ‘Reuse of Waste Materials’ activities. They were applauded for their discipline and whole hearted participation.

VIDYA is Grateful

At every step and every turn, year after year, it is the unstinting support of our donors and volunteers that has helped us to achieve so much and reach out to so many.

Panchsheel Co-operative House Building Society for beautiful premises.

Jim Lawrence (Sikri Trust)
Robin Nayar (Friends India Association)
K C Mahindra Education Trust (Nanhi Kali)

Wish List

Bal Vihar Needs Help
Transportation: Rs. 54000/- per month X 11 months = Rs.5,94,000 per year
Nutrition: Rs. 1400/- per day X 200 working days = Rs. 2,80,000/- per year
Books: Rs. 1000 per set X 300 children = Rs. 3,00,000/-
Uniforms: Rs. 1050/- per child X 300 children = Rs. 3,15,000/-
New Computers with Tables
Water Cooler, Stationery, Inverter

Republic Day celebrations at Panchsheel Club were well appreciated. Sixty students and five former students of Bal Vihar performed in a cultural programme at the club. There were patriotic songs and dances. The choreography by Manju Prasad won the hearts of the members of the Club.

For Family. On the occasion of Rakshabandhan, the junior classes created rakhis in their classrooms. They also discussed the relevance of the festivals and family ties.

For Country. Independence Day was celebrated in August. Children gave thought provoking speeches followed by Hindi and Bangla songs and then danced on “Vande Matram”. Children were awarded for their academic achievements and finally the function was concluded by the famous poem by Rabindranath Tagore “Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high”. Students of Bal Vihar also enacted a cultural presentation at Panchsheel Club. The members of the Panchsheel Society praised the children and staff. Students also wrote poems and participated in a poster making competition.

No Evil. Gandhi Jayanti was observed on October 2. Students shared information about Gandhiji’s life and teachings. The thought of the day was based on Gandhiji’s three wise monkeys - see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil.

As we expand across cities and schools, community centres, adult literacy and youth program, we strive to empower our students to take back the learning to their families and community to magnify its effect, and we constantly devise new strategies to make this happen.
What Does the Oldest VIDYA Program Needs?

1. Every child of Bal Vihar should be able to read English fluently.
2. Restart the training of Marshal Arts.
3. Computers to introduce as a regular subject for classes 2 to 5.
4. Empower teachers with computer and life skills.
5. Integrate students in English medium school of Delhi.
6. Enroll and empower more girl children in school.
7. Raise funds – need for a regular games and dance teacher to streamline the energies and inculcate the discipline and confidence.
8. More interaction with parents and their involvement with school activities.
9. Stress on inculcating values.
10. Improve the English conversation of the teachers.
11. Increase communication with various centres.

Gaytri Kapani and Indu Mahajan
Principal and Project Head of Bal Vihar School

Pride of Bal Vihar

Sibling Success

Maya and Sita

Maya has now completed her graduation from Moti Lal Nehru College and has joined B.Ed course. Sita is pursuing her graduation from Delhi University alongside working as an assistant Charted Accountant to gain experience, as she wants to become a Charted Accountant.

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Looking at success of these two daughters, the parents admitted their other two daughters in Bal Vihar as well. Now, all their four daughters are educated and are the pride of their family and Bal Vihar.

Maya and Sita

The Bal Vihar Team

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Community Empowerment Projects for Children, Youth and Women, Delhi

Munirka

Munirka Community Project is one of the first projects started by VIDYA. This project has been changing lives for almost 30 years and offers many opportunities, focusing primarily on education and community welfare programs. First generation learners from this migratory slum community are provided non-formal and remedial education. Non-formal education, for pre-nursery (age 1.5-3) through standard 10 students, caters to non-school going children and prepares them to be mainstreamed into formal public schools. This project also offers remedial education for students in standard 1 to 8 that are attending public schools but need additional support to improve their academic performance in core subjects.

In partnership with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) program, youth that have dropped out of school are able to enroll in classes and are given a second chance at completing high school. Many students have passed their exams and obtained their high school education, which is an empowering step towards a better life for themselves and their families. Projects for adults such as adult literacy, tailoring, and computer basics classes are offered to women in the community to give them employable skills and empower them to be able to earn money for their families. Total beneficiaries in Munirka project are 251.

Children’s Hope Foundation

They came, they saw and soaked in the warmth and love of children at the centre. Kavita Gugnani and Hema Rao of Children’s Hope Foundation visited the centre and interacted with the staff and students in 2013.

Cheers Again!

The Children’s Hope Foundation team visited the centre once again in 2014 and interacted with the children. The importance of education was explained and some videos were also shot.

The Saral Shikshka project initiated by the India Sponsor Foundation is supported by Children’s Hope Foundation.

VIDYA is grateful for the support from Children’s Hope Foundation.

Thank you
CCS Volunteers

The volunteers from Cross Cultural Solution (CCS) have made a huge difference in the dynamics of teaching and learning. CCS volunteers are also helping to develop various art and craft activities for the young children.

Holi has a special place in our hearts. It’s a festival of colour and joy. The community women and girls along with the volunteers from the CCS prepared special sweets for Holi. The feast of sweets was followed with a splash of colours.

Activity Spectrum

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Campaign)

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency, a public sector undertaking has initiated a cleanliness drive. In this drive, Munirka project is selected for construction of Bio Toilets. These toilets were installed on October 2, Mahatma Gandhi’s birthday and are in use.

• An eye checkup and health camp was organized by Mahavir Association.
• Parent-Teacher meeting was held in October as the first term results were announced.
• Community staff joined the Bal Vihar School on the joyous occasion of pre Deepawali Puja followed by lunch.

In addition to academics, activities like Taekwondo and music classes are being held regularly.

• A workshop was organized for participants in the age group of 15-36 years highlighting the health hazards of alcoholism, smoking and violence.
• Cancer Patients Aid Association team conducted a health camp handled by a gynecologist and physician. More than a 100 women and children were checked and tested.
• The community awoke to the melodies as people walked through the lanes and by lanes singing songs of patriotism on the Republic Day. These Prabhat Phereys are often used as a powerful medium of collective strength. The children visited RajGhat in January to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi.

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New Academic Year

Planning of the new academic year was initiated with a fruitful meeting with Parmananda Santra of National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT). A new chapter has opened with the NIIT Computer Program at the Munirka Centre and Sanjeev from the community has been trained to take the responsibility of conducting the program. The first batch of NIIT for a three months certification course with 13 children has been successfully completed. The next batch has come in...

Brilliant Results

Munirka students have shown their brilliance in their board exams of 10th and 12th. All the students have cleared their exams with honours. Kiran has scored 85.5% in the 10th and Ashu has got 76% in 12th class exam. VIDYA goes all out to support these students from modest families to move ahead and lead a better quality of life.

During the summers, besides holiday homework, the students were engaged in many extracurricular activities including training of art and craft conducted by Bal Bhawan.

Precious Premises

In Basti settlements, the urban slum dwellings, there is always an anxiety about lawless elements. The VIDYA premises in Munirka Basti has been long under threat of trespassing and capturing by the locals who perhaps want to use the place for some other activities. Thanks to the intervention of the local MLA Pravesh Saheb Singh Verma who has assured the possession of the centre only for education of children and women. VIDYA is grateful to Vermaji’s support
Pride of Munirka

Suhana, the Scholar

She is only 13, and is already a scholar. Suhana, the class 7 student has just won the coveted first prize in Vedic and Mental Maths in her school. She attends remedial classes at Munirka centre. Suhana loves Maths which is very rare in girl students. Well done Suhana, VIDYA is proud of you!

Rahul, the Budding Chef

Rahul, a former student of VIDYA Bal Vihar School. Multitalented, Rahul dances, paints and loves cooking. Rahul has grown in harsh conditions. His father was a guard at a community washroom. With a sick sister and unemployed brothers, he hardly had any family support. Just before his class 11 exams, his father expired. His father’s job has now been given to Rahul. Rahul is continuing his education, juggling between his dream, job and family commitments. Refusing to give in, Rahul continues to reach out to fulfill his dream- to be a world famous chef one day! He is preparing to study Hotel Management after school. VIDYA wishes you good luck!

Wish list

- 12 Folding Chairs for Computer Class and Staff
- 6 new Mouse for Computers
- 4 Carpets or Thick Mats

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IIT NSS Project

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi was the location of the first programs offered by VIDYA almost thirty years ago. Today, in partnership with National Social Service (NSS), women and children are being educated and empowered.

VIDYA is honored to have a partnership with IIT, Delhi, where it runs this project on its premises. Children from the surrounding slum communities are offered remedial education for classes 1-8 students that are attending public school but need additional support to improve their academic performance in core subjects, since they do not get that support at home or at their school.

In partnership with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) program, youth that have dropped out of school are able to enroll in classes and are given a second chance at completing high school. This project also provides classes on basic computer for children and literacy programme for women. This empowers them to take care of their families better.

Vibrant Volunteers

As usual, volunteers are the strength of this program. Students from Lady Sri Ram College, IIT faculty wives, NSS members and many more offer their skills and services. Thanks to kind donors like Shail and Veena Jain that the centre now has new carpets and stationery items.

Academics

Beyond Classes

Beyond the regular academic classes, effort is made to improve computer efficiency and adult literacy. Extra-curricular activities also include art and craft, dance and music, story-telling, yoga and meditation. Health and hygiene issues are discussed. Regular sports and spoken English classes are also conducted. Cleanliness is an everyday activity and each child is motivated to follow simple health and hygiene routine.

Success Cent Per Cent

All the NIOS students have cleared their 10 and 12 board exams. The successful students are confident that they can pursue higher studies in the subjects of their choice.

Activities

Celebrations

Festival and special days like Independence Day, Republic Day, Teachers’ Day, Children Day, are celebrated with joy and reverence. These occasions provide moments of togetherness and a sense of belonging.

Summer Bonanza

Bal Bhawan conducted a workshop for the children in June. Twenty five students registered for the workshop and learnt to make useful articles out of waste materials, like flower vase, pencil stand, wall hanging. The students also played various games like chess, badminton and inculcated team spirit.

Thank You Teachers

On teachers day teachers were honoured and gratitude was expressed in different ways. It was a moving experience. The students put up variety of entertainment- dance and music.
How can we have a powerful impact on the community and how do you see the future?

What have we achieved, where do we seek partnerships?

Every individual carries the potential within her/him to be a leader and hence a change maker. We at VIDYA, work with various communities to support this process. VIDYA took its first step exactly 30 years ago by reaching out to a small group of children. We soon realized that the greater impact of this social change can happen when the entire family, at the community level, participates in the journey. The women, the youth, the old, the children, the working, the young mothers - all from different strands of life in a community and each has a different set of needs. VIDYA supports the communities, and reaches out to all those who aren’t able to step out. We design innovative programmes keeping in mind that be it education, be it job oriented training, it must reach the doorstep of the disadvantaged.

If one were to ask what is the one thing that VIDYA has achieved in all our community work, we would say “Trust”. Gone are the days when women and children had to be collected from their homes for a class, now we have a long line of eager to learn women and children who enroll in our programmes. As for the kind of work VIDYA does - it could be the Beyond School program to enhance learning for school going children, classes for dropout youth, computer classes for adolescents, courses in beauty care and tailoring, or sessions of adult education. As far as possible we design the programme in each community as per their needs - each community project of VIDYA is unique. Our various projects have led to contributing to the community in terms of increased income for housewives, better school performance for the children, increase in digital literacy, education completion for dropouts, improvements in adult literacy; this has been made possible with the whole hearted participation of the community and the VIDYA staff who truly work together as a family.

A common thread across the various community projects are the volunteers who contribute their time, energy and passion to make a difference. All members get an opportunity to be in a warm and supportive environment where they are nurtured. Like all the programmes of VIDYA, all community members participate in several cultural activities besides the programmes in which they are enrolled. In the coming years we hope to leverage what we have learnt across the various communities and design a common curriculum and create an advantageous partnership for all our projects.

Prerna Bhargava, Director Operations & Strategy
Bandana Agarwal, Project Head Okhla

Inner Wheel Club

inner wheel club is providing volunteers and teaching aids to the Adult Literacy program.

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The IIT Project Team
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Okhla

The Okhla Community Project has been providing education to women and children in one of South Delhi’s biggest industrial slums since 2004. First generation learners from this slum community are provided non-formal and remedial education. In addition to academic classes, women from the community often attend the project’s skills training classes in tailoring, health and beauty, English literacy and computer basics. Attendees are rewarded with a sense of accomplishment and self-confidence which leads to enthusiasm and determination to move forward with their educational and career goals. The program also has a computer centre for the youth, a library and dance classes for young girls.

Volunteers’ Volleys

The Deutsche Bank observed a volunteer week. Through a friendly Volleyball match with the children, volunteers helped to build a team spirit. Volleyballs and sportswear was donated by the Deutsche Bank. Smaller children played Football and Badminton. The sports activities were followed by an enthralling storytelling, drawing and colouring session.

Nakshatra 2014

A meeting of 14 NGOs was organized by Bhoomi – an NGO. In a one day event called Nakshatra 2014, 29 students from Okhla Community participated in various activities like skits, drawing and painting, music and dance and bagged 17 prizes in individual and group events. One student did a mono act and won the first prize.

Academics and Extracurriculars

Pledge to Protect

Girls and women will no longer suffer in silence! A pledge was taken to protect and stop eve teasing. Okhla team reached out to Delhi Crime against Women Cell for self-defense training. The training lasted for 15 days conducted by women constables. Now 78 girls are trained with certificates in self-defense.

Republic Regalia

The Republic Day became an occasion to showcase the dreams to achieve more. The focus was on honouring the rights and responsibilities of every individual under the Constitution of India. Nirmal Singh Rana of the Fena Foundation was the guest of honour. Highly applauded was the Project Mashaal that encourages women to be strong and self-reliant. The computer students who have cleared their basic IT exams were awarded the certificates.

Inter Agency Interaction

Gala Event at Jamia

Students participated in an Inter Agency meet at Jamia Millia Islamia University. The four interns from this University were associated with the Okhla Project. These volunteers prepared and encouraged the students to participate in a gala event attended by 600 participants from different NGOs.

Teach India Convocation

The Convocation was organized by The Times of India Group of publications to facilitate the students who have successfully completed the three months English Speaking Course. The students of last three batches of Teach India initiative attended the convocation in Siri Fort Auditorium on March 9 and received their certificates. CEO of Teach India
honoured VIDYA with partnership certificate. VIDYA is grateful to Teach India for supporting the program.

By the People...

It was for the people, by the people and of the people, the great Independence Day celebration. 800 community members attended the activities in large numbers. The local leader graced the occasion and distributed prizes to children performing well in academics and extracurricular activities. Little Chahat welcomed Ramesh Bidhuri, Member of Parliament who was the chief guest and N S Rana of Fena Foundation and Vikram Bidhuri, the Youth Leader were the guests of honour.

Media Power

Kids Power Media (KPM) is creating magic in movies in Okhla community. The movie ‘Mad about Khan’ was shot in July but till date it is a rage! As popular request, this movie was once again screened in October. KPM went all out to promote. Posters and pamphlets were distributed and passes were issued. In this movie the community children are the lead actors and whenever they appeared on the screen, they got a round of roaring applause. The last time there were more than 600 people at the screening.

Rangeela Rangmanch

The graduation ceremony for the members of Rangmanch Media Club was held in October. The members of this club had made a documentary on their community that included footage of intensive interaction with the locals. Many girls narrated their experiences and learning and were honored.

On this occasion, a book was also launched based on the community survey to highlight the socio economic profile. The results of the survey conducted by the girls are compiled in the book. It is very encouraging that the girls and children themselves wrote the script and shot their own documentary. KPM facilitates Rangmanch’s activities.

Say NO to Child Labour

A meeting was held to highlight the problems of child labour. Effort was made to extricate, educate and support such children. This meeting was also attended by police officials, elected representatives, local leaders, school authorities, factory owners, middlemen and parents.

Sports Day

Students of remedial centre, computer and English speaking classes participated in different sports activities like the hurdle race, spoon race, a game of volleyball, badminton... Bandana Agarwal-Project Head was the chief guest and distributed certificates to the winners.

I Can, I Will

A new empowered women force is emerging in all walks of life. To honour this force, the International Women’s Day was celebrated. The women spoke fearlessly on various issues affecting them in day to day life, their safety and security. Twenty three women were appreciated and honoured for their courage to step out of their four walls. They were also given special kits.

Teachers Compete

A teachers’ competition was organized, they were at their creative best to decorate their classrooms. The classes were all aglow with 3D charts, posters and various novel decorative pieces.

Graduate Chefs

A graduation ceremony was organized for the girls who had completed a three months cooking class conducted by Laura from the Tiffin Community. It was a proud moment for the parents to see their daughters receive the certificates. A specially compiled recipe book by Laura was an extra bonus. It is remarkable that this project has enabled introduction of nutrition and better eating habits in the community.

Celebrating Change
Banking on Banks
Under Prime Minister’s Jan Dhan Yojna, mobilizations were successful in the community to encourage banking. In a single day, 530 people opened their bank accounts and laid the foundation of future prosperity.

Queens of Delhi
Worldwide premier of the movie “Queens of Delhi” was organized by Kids Power Media (KPM) in Lok Kala Manch. Thanks to KPM that children are getting exposure to films, music and theatre. Recently a Rangmanch Media Club has been created and the children of this club bagged the lead role in the movie “Queens of Delhi”. This movie was shot in and around Okhla Centre creating pools of excitement. The film touches the sensitive issue of girl’s safety. Jyoti and Bharti of the club were the show stealers. This master piece of a movie comes from the makers of and Bharti of the club were the show stealers. This master piece of a movie comes from the makers of and Bharti of the club were the show stealers. This master piece of a movie comes from the makers of Hand wash, another movie highlighting the hygienic practices. The girls of Okhla project are not only the heroines but also the Queens of Delhi!

Pride of Okhla Project
Mandeep, the Rock Star
Mandeep, 16, is a musical genius but considering the poor economic conditions of the family, music education was a luxury for him. Mandeep joined the musical classes organized by VIDYA for the community. His teacher says, “During the first few classes itself, I could see the spark of brilliance in the kid”. When he joined, he lacked the confidence to perform in front of a crowd.

Mandeeps dedication encouraged many children to join the music course. He is now confident and has won many accolades in various competitions. During the summer break, VIDYA appointed him as a music teacher. He handled this responsibility perfectly and at the end of the course, his students presented a wonderful performance for the community. He has come a long way from being a shy boy to a much loved musician. He is currently learning computers at the Centre.

“VIDYA has completely changed the course of my life. My self-confidence has increased a lot since I joined and the guidance provided to me by the teachers at the Centre will always remain invaluable for me” adds Mandeep.

Laxmi Niwas, the Rising Star
Not long ago, a small boy walked in hiding behind his mother. Shy and awkward, he could hardly speak. He was admitted in the remedial classes. Laxmi Niwas was gently encouraged to mingle with his classmates. To make him confident and smart, new clothes were also handed over to him. Laxmi Niwas felt that his school was a wonder world. He never missed a single class and was awarded for having maximum attendance.

The shy, awkward boy is now blooming as an achiever. This boy today stands tall with high percentage in academics. He is a star in sports. His drawings are captivating. He loves reading books and is a regular in the library. Mandeep wants to be a doctor one day.

His mother, who brought him in, is teary eyed as she thanks VIDYA for grooming her son. The family has migrated from a village and depend on daily wages. Five children and a widowed mother are living on the edge.

Okhla Community Project Beneficiaries

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Wish List
Winter Garments for Beyond School Children
Sports Equipment

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Pappankalan

In 1997, VIDYA initiated an education program in the community of Pappankalan to help mainstream children back to school. Families living in this community were resettled in their current location so that urban construction could commence on their former land. VIDYA stepped in to help this disoriented community. This project has offered an array of programs to this displaced slum community. Students in classes 1-8 are attending public schools, but need additional support to improve their academic performance in core subjects, attend this remedial education program. With this help, students are able to thrive rather than feel lost in the public school system.

Apart from academic support, students participate in various life enriching programs which help them to be competent and confident individuals. Women within the community also attend classes to learn essential skills such as reading, writing, tailoring and computer basics. The project strives to empower the women of this community and gives them skills to help them provide financially for their struggling families. The women and children who attend Pappankalan classes are planting the seeds of change within themselves, their families, and their communities. A computer training course for the community has been very successfully completed.

Going Extra Mile...

There is a world full of learning with fun, beyond the regular activities. However the main focus is on:

- Remedial classes with 80 students in two shifts
- Women’s group activities with 30 participants in two shifts
- Computer classes with 40 students in two shifts

CAF’s Capacity Building

Prema Bhargava and Shreya Sinha attended a two day capacity building workshop on May 22-23 conducted by Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) for its Accenture supported partner NGOs. The workshop was very interactive and participative. It included sessions on Accenture projects, understanding project cycle management, planning monitoring and reporting framework, financial management and communication and branding. VIDYA is proud to be a partner of CAF – Accenture.

Accenture Assures

In July 15 volunteers from Accenture, a noted management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company visited VIDYA Pappankalan centre. After brief introductions, the students showcased their talents in music, dance, yoga... It was indeed a happy and fruitful day as the students gratefully accepted the precious gifts of sports material like carom boards, badminton rackets, footballs, volleyballs, cricket kits. Students gave return gifts of self created masks. Thanks Accenture!

Activities

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle...

The World Pollution Day was observed to create awareness about hazards of pollution. The residents were motivated to take simple steps as responsible citizens to reduce pollution by reducing, reusing and recycling. They were encouraged to plant more trees, save water and keep the environment clean.

Health and hygiene particularly keeping the hands clean was the focus of ‘Mad about Khan’, a movie by Kid Power Media, screened for the children.

Music Basti for Social Change

‘Sapno ki Duniya’ is one of the songs composed by VIDYA students at Pappankalan centre. It is part of RE-SOUND, a six month community music program introduced in 2013. The objective of the program is to use music as a medium to build critical life skills through music-learning and song-writing taught in a group based, creative and fun methodology, with children and adolescents. The song talks about the world of dreams and aspirations, how while they may be young yet they are in fact the conquerors of their dreams. This project was led by Ipshita Roy and Shantanu Chaudhary from Music Basti. The project is working with over 100 children across selected NGOs. Re-Sound is being led by a select and trained group of 20 musicians.

Academics

Computer Classes

The computer classes are in full swing. This year VIDYA has started basic computer course with the NIIT INTEL certification for the youth of the community in collaboration with the NIIT Foundation. So far 27 students have successfully completed this course. At present 20 more students have been enrolled for the same.

Photo Fantasy

Tanu Dogra, a professional photographer conducted a small session of creating stories through photographs, giving children a unique out of the world experience of fantasy and fun.

Lotus Club Music

It was a proud moment when the Lotus Club music students performed at Music Basti’s RE-
**SOUND** Concert at India Habitat Centre. This concert celebrated children's music and voices from communities. The children received certificates and applause. It is heartening to see these children shedding their inhibitions and performing on stage with professional ease.

The Lotus Club continues to provide exciting opportunities to children and youth in learning music, dance, yoga... This program is supported by the NGO “Give a Hand” based in Canada.

The project strives to empower the women of the community and gives them skills to help them provide financially for their struggling families.

**Cleanliness is next to Godliness**

To inculcate the importance of cleanliness, an educational film “Mad about Khan” was screened with the help of Kid Power Media, an NGO that also highlighted the importance of hand washing. This movie focuses on life in slums and how and why hygiene is important. The message of cleanliness was strong and clear followed by a lively interaction. Another documentary, “The Switch” based on the issue of gender discrimination was also screened.

**Women Empowerment**

VIDYA’s Pappankalan program has an important component of empowering the community women. Away from their daily routine, they now have new avenues of learning and earning. Regular sessions are conducted for proficiency in tailoring and computers. Several women have been trained who are now moving towards self-reliance through the training provided. There are regular classes for computer training for women thereby strengthening their employment potential.

**VIDYA is Grateful**

VIDYA has signed and extended the MoU with Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) India for supporting the Pappankalan project. CAF is a grant making foundation and a Public Charitable Trust. VIDYA is grateful for the continuous support.

**WISH LIST**

- Computers
- Storybooks
- Art & Craft Material
- Stationery
- RO Water Purifier
- Digital Cameras
- Vacuum Cleaner for Carpets
- Step Ladder

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Bridge Course, Sainik Farms and Okhla

Bridge Course was established in 1991 in Bal Vihar School and later shifted to Okhla and Sainik Farms.

The Bridge Course Projects, in partnership with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) program, allow youth that have dropped out of school to enroll in classes and are given a second chance at completing high school. In India, major exams are in standard 10 and 12 and clearing these two boards is required to obtain high school education. To date, 2,500 VIDYA students have gone through these projects and all have successfully passed their exams. Besides core classes to prepare for exams, students participate in extracurricular activities of sports, dance, drama, computer basics, English speaking and other awareness programs. Students are provided guidance in their career development through admissions in vocational training programs, such as hospitality and retail, which lead to many getting jobs. Students gain a sense of self-worth, confidence, and a spirit of empowerment to better their lives. Students from this program are also mentored by employees from various corporate houses.

Price Water Coopers (PWC)

Global Dignity. A workshop on Global Dignity was organized by PWC staff at their Head Office in Gurgaon on October 7. Sixteen students along with the teachers attended the workshop. Shweta, Deepa and Sangeeta shared their own experiences as they explained the nuances of the term Dignity. Ambassador Badges were given to the students after the presentations. As Ambassadors, the students are encouraged to spread the message of Dignity in their homes, neighborhoods, school and community in general.

PWC conducted another workshop in its Gurgaon office on resume writing for 50 students of standard 12. Each one, teach one and every student had one mentor teaching the intricacies of structuring a resume, preparing them for a job market. A sports event was organized at the VIDYA School. The VIDYA Bridge Course students won the cricket matches whereas PWC scored ahead in football. There was a joyous sportsman spirit and a great opportunity to be with the mentors. Sports kits were presented by PWC followed by refreshments.

Boon of Bicycles. PWC organized another event at Anya Hotels and Resorts in Gurgaon in October where 20 bicycles were donated to socially marginalized and needy students. Deepak Kapoor, Chairman PWC presented bicycles to two VIDYA students who attended the event along with Principal Sushila Sharma. Fifty staff members of PWC were enthusiastically assembling the bicycles on the spot encouraging the recipients to join-in and decorate their gifts. VIDYA is grateful to Deepak Kapoor, Shakir and executives of PWC.

Thank You PWC for Bicycles

With GE Mentors

General Electric (GE)

They Came. Yes, they came, they saw and they won the hearts. These GE Mentors are truly charming. Viplav-Vice President, Treasury led the team of Yogita, Saurav, Shirley, Prachi and Anne mesmerizing the students of Okhla Bridge Course. This was a yearly New Year visit, eagerly awaited. Viplav spoke with authority laced with compassion, urging, persuading, cajoling and encouraging the students to open up and speak about their aspirations and dreams. It took some time to warm up on a cold winter morning of January 22 but once the inhibitions were down, the students were in a full flow of a fruitful interaction. Six students of Bridge Course Sainik Farms were also present. GE mentoring classes are very popular, thanks to the warmth of the mentors.

VIDYA is grateful for the gift of woolens.

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Bani Jagtayani
The Bani Jagtayani Trust team visited the centre and interacted with the staff and students. VIDYA is grateful for their trust in the competence of students and their continuous support in nurturing the centre.

Adobe Youth Voices (AYV)
The final event of AYV was held on February 13 at FICCI auditorium. Twenty five schools and NGOs participated in the event. Bridge Courses were represented by 11 students and one teacher. The documentary on Hard Work prepared by VIDYA students was screened and appreciated. Another comic strip on Domestic Violence was screened. A Shield of appreciation was presented.

Awards for Excellence
The students of both the Bridge Courses practiced for days to put up a fabulous dance performance for the Annual Day at Bal Vihar School. The students attended the Annual Day in full strength. Besides dancing capabilities, the senior students were appreciated for other talents as well. Abhishek, both the Shahrukhhs, Noor Quadir, Ritu, Nadie and Akhlaque from Okhla were awarded for excellence in their respective fields. Whereas in Sainik Farms Anju, Laxmi, Prakash, mansi, Nitesh and Nazia won the accolades for their best performance.

Workshops
- Ajay Agarwal organized a workshop for the teachers to introduce them to new age learning methods.
- Manju Chauhan and two students attended the Adobe Youth Voices workshop on photography and cartoon films followed by another workshop in Noida. They also shot documentaries on Reconstruction and Reinvention.
- Swati of Youthreach conducted a two day workshop on career counseling. The students were advised about various job options available in computers, hospitality etc. Maximum enquiries were about computer related jobs.
- Etasha Foundation organised a workshop on vocational training for students who have cleared the school exams. Students were exposed to various courses provided by Etasha such as data entry, computer teacher training, customer services etc.

Quiz Time
It was a strange quest for knowledge on Teachers’ Day. As PM Narendra Modi’s address was beamed all over India via Satellite, the children started preparing for a quiz competition. As the meaningful messages were received, the children were listing up their answers. Consequently when the questions were raised, the quiz turned out to be great success. They also learnt about cleanliness and conservation of environment.

After School
Five students have joined computer courses in hardware and networking and accountancy at Habitat Learning Centre.
Activity Spectrum

• A picnic was organized for the students at Pratapgarh Farms in Haryana. It had all the elements of fun and frolic in the rustic atmosphere of huts, water ponds, cattle barns full of farm animals. The students enjoyed creative activities like charkha spinning, pot making and painting and various games.
• Besides personal hygiene it is very important to teach students to keep their school surroundings clean. The responsibility of keeping school clean belongs to all. To facilitate this VIDYA encourages students to take steps like cleaning the road in front of the school.

Celebrating Festivals

• Children selected various topics for documentary films, photo essays and radio programs. This was an excellent exposure to various types of media under the guidance of capable youth volunteers.
• Children look forward to paper craft and fabric painting classes.
• Lady Sriram College Volunteer Astika attended to the needs of standard 10 and 12 students in English conversation in Sainik Farms. In Okhla, Beena Roy conducted English conversation classes for the seniors.
• Rakhi and Independence Day were celebrated

Sweeping Away...

Students are requested to use the several garbage bins that are placed on the road. VIDYA’s effort is to present a sparkling clean street. The students do not hesitate in carrying out cleanliness activities.
• GE and PWC continue to hold regular mentoring classes.
• Academics are full on with students of National Institute of Open Schooling heading for their exams.
• The girls participated in a Mehandi competition with great zeal and proved their creativity through spectacular designs.
• For Diwali Festivities, students had a session of creating colorful diyas (mud lamps) and cards using exotic material like tiny mirrors, laces, pearls, glitter powder etc. To mark the end of winter, Lohri is celebrated in North India with bonfires and joy for next harvesting season. Peanuts and popcorns were popped as the students went around the fire praying for a glorious spring.

Friendship Bands and Rakhi

With Gratitude

VIDYA is indebted to individuals like Arvind Verma, Vinod Poddar, Santosh Handa, Former Chief Justice of Jaipur High Court Anil Dev, Prabha Mehta, Geeta Madhok, Rama Tandon and many more who have kept the program alive through continuous donations.

Singh is King

Col. S P K Singh, a volunteer offered guidance in a plethora of activities from career counseling to job search skills, from time management to soft skills, labour laws and job interviews. Col. Singh is the Founder Vice Chairman of the Public Relations Society of India, Jammu and Kashmir chapter. He is an Executive Member of National Council of Public Relations Society of India, a distinction unparalleled in the history of Directorate of Public Relations, Ministry of Defense. VIDYA is truly honoured to have the services of Col. Singh.

Real Impact

The real impact of the project is visible in the changed lives of the students. Normally they would have followed the profession of their parents be it drivers, small shopkeepers, washers and cleaners. Now most of them are working either in multinationals, call centres, schools, fast food joints etc. Some of them have even gone abroad.
• Enrolled higher numbers of youth
• Assisted girls, in transitioning from alternative education programs to schools
• Improved regular attendance of youth
• Increased number of children, especially girls, who continue education after the age of 14 years in mainstream education
• Lower dropouts
• Improved quality of curriculum and teaching methods by teachers training programs
• Advanced health education and preventive health provisions for vulnerable children, especially girls.
• Raised self-confidence and creativity of youth
• Increased community participation to effectively support education programs
• Reduced anti-social activities among youth
• Decreased exploitation of children by parents and family members
• Created new ways to sustain the program
• Replicated VIDYA programs and models throughout India

High Achievers of Bridge Course

Bhadra Sen Negi, Mamta and Santosh. They are at the pinnacle of their respective professions and VIDYA remembers them with great pride.
Partnerships with the donors like PWC and GE has impacted the life of youth, both qualitatively and quantitatively.

Pride of Bridge Course

Kailash and His Dreams

Kailash is an 18 years old student of class 12. His parents have migrated from Bihar. His father is a daily wage earner and after an accident he started working as household help and soon became an alcoholic.

Kailash completed his 10th from Government School and was admitted to 11th but could not pass due to family atmosphere. Now he is a student of VIDYA. He has gone through many setbacks in life but did not give up. Right from childhood he has suffered from a problem in his leg which was neglected due to lack of medicines.

Kailash has a dream to become a Sub Inspector in Delhi Police. He is very good in studies. VIDYA is continuously helping him at every step until he gets settled so that he can lead a life of dignity and can become a responsible citizen of society.

Radiant Ritu

Ritu is a daughter of a migrant family. This 20 year old lives in an unauthorized colony and enroll

herself in Bridge Course Okhla in class 10. Later she passed her 12 board securing a first division. She took up Political Science in Delhi University for graduation. Today Ritu is working with Anganwadi, which is a government sponsored child and mother care centre at grassroots. She is drawing a decent salary and supporting a family of five.

Abhay goes Abroad

Abhay, a child of separated parents, was admitted to Sainik Farms School by his uncle who is a school bus driver. He has two brothers and both were students of Bridge Course program. In spite of their humble background, they were good in studies. Abhay joined VIDYA in 10th and after 12th, he completed his graduation from Delhi University. He also worked part time. Today he is working as a supervisor in Sharjah Oxygen company in Dubai and getting a decent salary. He is now supporting his family back home.

Shibu’s Strength

Shibu is working with a reputed firm earning a decent salary. He is self-made, supports his education by taking tuitions and doing odd jobs. His father is a carpenter and mother a homemaker. His parents could not support his expensive training for Multi Media course, so VIDYA stepped in and helped him to achieve his success.

Himanshi holds Head High

Himanshi works as a receptionist in the renowned Batra Hospital. She joined Bridge Course Program at Sainik Farms in class 8. Being a regular student, she went on to complete her board exams and graduated along with one year computer course. Her father runs the canteen of Rotary VIDYA Kendra. Himanshi is indeed a pride of VIDYA family.

Wish list

Sainik Farms

Printer, Water Cooler, Chairs - 20, Fans-2, Music System

Okhla

Photocopy and Scanning Machine, Sports Material like Cricket Kits, Badminton Sets, etc.

Books for Library, Woolen Uniforms, Midday Meals, Glass Utensils for Home Science Lab like trays, bowls, glasses, cups, etc


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VIDYA Mumbai

VIDYA Mumbai continues to surprise with delightful human stories.

- A young girl, employed by VIDYA and enrolled in VIDYA’s National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is able to sponsor the education of her younger sister.
- The sister of a girl married at the age of 14 by her parents is now a member of VIDYA’s sports team.
- A housewife since marriage is now able to contribute to the household income after enrolling in Margam’s tailoring classes.

VIDYA’s efforts to uplift the community and help make the students’ life better pays off in the most mysterious ways, makes us swell with pride and have faith in the goodness of the work we are doing.

VIDYA Beyond School, Umang

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VIDYA Mumbai’s flagship program, Umang, has reached out to 400 students this year across four community centres in Powai.

The program helps with academic enrichment, proficiency in reading, life skills, English and digital empowerment. Saturday Clubs, DEAR time, Circle Time, Excursions, are an essential part of the curriculum. The VIDYA Umang child is healthy, environmentally conscious, respectful of diversity, is curious and aspires.

The Beyond School program in communities and schools across Mumbai has made a difference to the lives of 2000 children across Mumbai since 2013.

This year, the centres have recorded cent percent results with everyone passing their senior school boards with flying colours and pursuing streams of their own choice. The most amazing achievement has been that each of these young students have enrolled in colleges for further studies. Beyond School Umang tries to inculcate healthy habits amongst its students by encouraging children to participate in interesting activities and excursions.

**Highlights**

**Summer Camp**

As is the convention at VIDYA, this year also witnessed extensive planning for the Summer Camp programmes held at the Beyond School centres in Powai, Mumbai in April 2014. The teachers decided to cap the 10 day long festival with a showcase by the VIDYA children. As the country was in the midst of elections, the children were taught about the nuances of elections through a presentation on the same.

The finale was graced by Rashmi Misra, Founder Chairperson of VIDYA. Each centre had a showcase of five programs – the audience was spellbound by the variety that the children presented – ranging from good values, good touch bad touch, patriotic songs, King Lear, a heart-warming story of a young sparrow, a Russian story ‘Alyonushka’, a “Save your Environment” story emphasizing on reducing wastage of natural resources, a role-play on an election campaign, a story from ‘Malgudi Days’ to name a few. The Chairperson interacted with the children and had words of praise and encouragement for their efforts.

Thus, the Summer Camp 2014 at Beyond School was a heady mix of story-reading sessions looked forward to by the children, art and theatrical talents of the children being discovered by themselves and the teachers, quizzing sessions that saw, in one centre, students of standard III trouncing the older children. In a nutshell, Summer Camp 2014 was ‘Infotainment’ personified.

**Science Exhibition**

The 2013 Annual Science Exhibition in Communities was held in January. Weeks of experiments during Saturday Club culminated in the event this time across four communities. Parents, volunteers, teachers, children from neighbouring schools and NGOs visited and enjoyed the event where science was made simple.

One of the main objectives of the event was to take science to the communities and educate the people. VIDYA wanted to include everyone in this truly interesting and informative event. To our delight, the
efforts paid off and the event was a smashing success! The footfalls exceeded the previous years and the children’s confidence was clearly visible as they managed the booths like professionals.

**Appreciation of Excellence**

One of the most dedicated teachers in VIDYA, Sudhakar Pednekar has now completed 10 years. The teacher has been a source of inspiration and motivation to all his students. His dedicated efforts to mentor and educate students has made everyone, be it teachers, students or the staff have a special respect for him. In February, 2014 he was honoured with a token of appreciation by VIDYA for his dedicated efforts towards education and loyalty towards VIDYA.

**Watching Wetlands**

SPROUTS, VIDYA’s environment partner was at Sewri jetty on the eve of World Wetlands Day on February 9 conducting a Flamingo and Wader Watch. Five staff members and 45 students attended the watch activities that also included nature trail, painting, flower rangoli, etc. The children returned with exciting stories of their adventures and a memorable experience of experiencing nature closely.

**Sports Day**

The last Sunday morning of April witnessed more than 150 VIDYA children coming together from all the centres for the Sports Day. Activities like short put, relay and football were enthusiastically played and cheered by children, participants, friends and donors of VIDYA. Teachers and adults participated too and everyone played and competed with full gusto. The event ended successfully with a vote of thanks, leaving thrilling memories of everyone present.

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**BhavishyaYaan**

In partnership with Rotary Club of Bombay, this program runs in eight municipal schools for 120 selected students in each school from standard VI-IX. It provides guidance for computer skills, life skills and English with a view to enhance educational and employment opportunities for students of regional language schools. In addition these students also take part in specially designed camps and go on field trips conducted by VIDYA and Rotary Club.

The beneficiaries of BhavishyaYaan are regional language municipal schools students.

**Highlights**

**Summer Camp**

Students of the BhavishyaYaan project went into the world of fantasy and imagination this summer, exploring cartoon characters, both national and international. From Aladin and Jungle Book to Chhota Bheem and Barney, the classes came alive with movies, word games, storytelling, art and craft and tips on animation. Books were made by hand, skits were performed and songs were sung. Some BhavishyaYaan centers also took field trips to the museum and a biscuit factory while others involved themselves with debates, mock elections and dances.

**Science Exhibition**

The excitement among the students was palpable as they geared up for an interesting week filled with a variety of topics to be learnt. Each centre adopted a variety of themes based on science in daily life to make the experience more enriching. The main topics that most of the centres focused on were the Universe. A few centres also took up topics of nutrition vs Junk food and meditation.

**Action Exposures**

Debi Steven, Founder of UK based Action Break Silence conducted two workshops for VIDYA students of BhavishyaYaan program. The focus was on girls’ personal safety and self defence. A highly trained team from UK assisted by instructors from CSK Kalari- Kerala and Red Brigade from Lucknow encouraged the girls to shed their inhibitions and fight back.

What amazed our girls was the fact that being tiny did not matter while tackling even the heftiest of assailants. They were shown parts on
the assailants body which they could attack and then bring them down to the ground. Having Debi’s team as part of the Summer Camp proved to be an exciting addition as one of the themes selected by the Banganga centre for the summer camp was ‘Save the Girl child’. A play on this theme was performed for parents and Rotarians as part of the grand finale.

For girls who suffer from poor self image issues, due to old and suffocating mind sets of uneducated family members, this workshop brought a modicum of self confidence that something can be done to defend oneself from abuse. It brought a ray of hope and showcased the inherent strength of females.

Celebrating Achievements
On February 17, Rotary Club of Bombay along with VIDYA celebrated the 5th Anniversary of Bhavishya Yaan at the Colaba Municipal School. Selected students of Bhavishya Yaan from across all the centres came to sing and perform at the event. Students of Colaba School performed a skit directed by theatre personality Joy Fernandes and gave out flowers to the guests such as, former Sheriff Indu Shahani, Diana Penty and former DGP D. Sivanand. The dignitaries present appreciated the good work done by Bhavishya Yaan in improving the lives of thousands of underprivileged children across Mumbai and wished the initiative all the very best in its coming years. All the co-coordinators of Rotary Club of Bombay along with Neeta Pradhan and Manisha Ahuja from VIDYA were felicitated.

CLRC Digital Empowerment
The Community Learning Resource Centre (CLRC) program has reached out to more than 1000 beneficiaries since it was set up in 2011.

In partnership with S Prayas (the Corporate Social Responsibility arm of Syntel), the program is making positive strides towards bridging the digital divide in the community. VIDYA’s programs ensure not only learning of computer skills but also their application.

The program has been growing every year. It now has three centres with the latest one being inaugurated at Phule Nagar. The centre was inaugurated by Rashmi Misra on September 20 and began operations on September 22. This will provide an opportunity for the students of our Phule Nagar centre to avail of computer services provided by VIDYA.

Open School Youth Program
The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is an autonomous organisation in pursuance of National Policy on Education 1986 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India. VIDYA facilitates this program for which the classes are held at Powai English High School. Academic assistance is offered for standard X and XII. The courses are offered in English, Hindi and Marathi. The program aims to provide an opportunity to those who had to drop out of mainstream schooling, to complete their education, acquire requisite life skills and thus get empowered and more employable. The program aims at holistic development and encourages these through various activities and excursions.

Enrichment Camp
Like each year, the Enrichment Camp was conducted at VIDYA NIOS program with the aim of fostering creativity, awareness and confidence among the youth.

The camp had various events like General Knowledge Quiz (For all students), Aspirational Mapping, Paper Bag making and Avenues for future conducted by experts in their respective fields. The highlight was the skit by students about the change brought about in the life of a drop out youth and how newer and better prospects emerge for him after the holistic intervention offered by the NIOS program of VIDYA!

A “hatke” Independence Day
Amar Chitra Katha conducted a contest to interview people who were alive on the day India got Independence and shared their experiences. The people who were alive during our freedom struggle were interviewed by the NIOS students. These interviews were handled on the telephone as well as face to face providing a huge learning
experience. Amar Chitra Katha planned a special story on VIDYA and published the interviews on their blog. The stories by VIDYA students have been selected in the top seven entries and the winners were also gifted cash prizes and Amar Chitra Katha comics.

VIDYA Margam

VIDYA believes that in order for real transformation to happen, the change has to happen from within - from within the community, from within the home. The home is represented by the woman, the mother, who, if empowered can influence an entire generation.

The aim of VIDYA’s women’s empowerment programs is to establish an infrastructure whereby focus is provided on the development of the women through functional and financial literacy, awareness and vocational training programs thus providing income generation opportunities so as to build their identities. The group is slowly coming onto its own and has registered itself as a self-help group empowered and supported by VIDYA.

It conducts financial literacy classes for the women, has courses like beautician training, Warli painting, tailoring, etc to help women learn skills that will help them to be gainfully employed. It also conducted workshops of making eco-friendly Ganesh idols in various offices and Beyond School centres. The women have also recently setup stalls to sell Diwali related items.

EVENTS

Run! Run! Run!

The Standard Charted Mumbai Marathon 2014 had a huge VIDYA participation. Thirty five students and five staff members went for the dream run. Ganesh Khirsagar, alumni turned teacher, youth icon and leader ran the half marathon. Pradeep Deshpande, a true blue mentor, friend, fund raiser, dream maker also ran the half marathon. In addition Mumbai Core Management team raised an online handsome donation. VIDYA is grateful to Rashmi Misra for seeding the spirit of participation in the Marathon.

Shared Reading

J aysheer Murali, an active core management team member at VIDYA and an educationist at heart, took the Shared Reading Methodology to Luxor School in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu. J aysheer feels fortunate to be mentored hugely in this initiative by Sangeeta Gupta-Vice Chairperson VIDYA Mumbai, who studied under the great Don Holdaway. Shared reading is a collaborative learning activity, based on research by Don Holdaway that emulates and builds from the child’s experience with bedtime stories.

With this instructional technique, students have an opportunity to gradually assume more responsibility for reading as their skill level and confidence increase. This innovative and inclusive concept of making a Big Book, reading with voice modulation, singing, dancing and incorporating drama while reading were introduced to the teachers of Luxor School in a workshop.

Wish List

Long Books
Drawing Books
A-4 Size & Fullscape Paper
Push Pins
Fabric Colors
Big Scissors
Staplers & Pins
Paper Punch
Office Files
Markers
Digital Camera (5 megapixel or above)
Laptop 2GB Ram, Dual Core
Pen Drive (4GB above)
Speakers for Computer (Desk Speakers)
Laser Printer & Scanner
Wireless Mouse
Electric Kettle
White Board 3’x3’
Black Board Duster
Notice Board 3’x3’
Drinking Water Dispenser

Pride of VIDYA Mumbai

Modhale’s Merit

Babu Modhale joined VIDYA in standard V. He has secured 72.20% in 10th exam. He is the second person in his family to clear 10th. His mother has been a constant source of encouragement. J oval to talk to, she strongly believes that education is the only way to get out of the poverty cycle, and this is what she wants for Babu. His family is extremely proud of his achievement. His favourite cricketer is Suresh Raina and he hopes to acquire Raina’s flamboyance someday!

Siddiqui’s Success

Mohammad Hakim Siddiqui, a resident of Phule Nagar, Mumbai and a recent Commerce graduate was introduced to the VIDYA Computer Learning Centre for Big Byte course. After successfully completing the curriculum and following it up with a NIIT - Basic IT course, he is now a full time computer trainer at VIDYA, shining in his new avatar. The usually reticent youth is impressively confident while imparting training. Hakim belongs to an underprivileged migrant family from North India. He handles his home responsibilities along with the role of a computer trainer with élan. A bright learner with a great assessment record, he is now a dedicated teacher, much sought-after by his students.
VIDYA Mumbai grew just like other shoots of VIDYA – with dreams to reduce the education inequity. Undaunted by meager resources, the skeletal staff and the volunteers simply rolled their sleeves together and began: they put in learning plans for academic enrichment, forums for free expression to engage with people from all over and magical field trips that would help them think beyond. As the learning environment became joyful, the children continued to complete school and beyond, and embibed the VIDYA ethos of learning via integrated and diverse platforms.

The early days were pre laptop days and computer learning hours were slotted. Today the digital learning is integrated in the learning processes.

Our footprints span across five slum communities and eight municipal schools, we are reaching out to 2000 children, adolescents and youth with our holistic intervention in the Beyond School and the Youth Management Programs. The decade at Mumbai has been one of joyous learnings and challenges too, as numbers swelled, teams became larger and space hard to come by. What has stood us in good stead is the community networks and the goodwill that our teams created with their dedication to the mission.

And this is what we look back on with pride: vibrant reading programs, Science fairs across communities, strong life skill modules, awareness of responsibilities towards the environment; all interwoven with ICTT4-D, a Computer and Resource Centre which acts as a Hub of technology to all defying all divides; defined and monitored scholarship programs and the pipeline of alumni.

The alumni have begun to impact the communities with their positive engagements. We are coming full circle.

The women’s program is now a replicated self sustaining model, with the kitchen program, Aahar, having corporate clients.

Sustainability of our work is what we need to focus on. Building stronger grassroot leadership and getting more committed professionals on board across spectrums.

Strengthening forums for youth and adolescents through strong counseling and career desks; as well as access to help on staying safe and healthy.

In our goal: “From Education and Skills to Succeed to Employability” and becoming “Socially Responsible Global Citizens”, we seek to collaborate with both public and private partnerships in a shared vision.

Sangeeta Gupta, Vice Chairperson, Mumbai & Jayshree Murali

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THE VIDYA MUMBAI TEAM

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Beyond School

VIDYA’s Beyond School Program has made a significant difference in learning for the children of Gottigere Government Higher Primary and Integrated High Schools, Bangalore since inception in 2010.

The Synergy Property Development Company, VIDYA’s partner and sponsor of the Gottigere Primary School and the VIDYA – Synergy Scholarship program has gone out of way to make sure that children receive the very best.

In the year 2013-2014, about 410 students from standards VI-X attained academic excellence and benefitted through education in English, computer usage and life skills. Today, the children understand, converse, and give speeches in English, and win in competitions like Spell Bee. These students have completed basic MS Office and are ready for advanced courses. The life skills and sports programs have built a foundation of confidence, creativity, sportsmanship, health, and the right attitude for learning.

The objective is to create an environment wherein the school, children, and their parents appreciate the VIDYA programmes and embrace the values and principles that VIDYA is trying to inculcate in each child. Once this becomes part of their culture, VIDYA would have succeeded in making a change in their young lives.

The standard X results were declared in May and have been very positive. 88% of the 75 students who appeared have cleared the examinations. The topper for the school was Dawood Ibrahim, who scored a massive 94.88% overall and 93% in English.

The Beyond School Program has taken off very well under the guidance of the Rotary Midtown Bangalore Educational Committee. VIDYA is extremely grateful to Rotarians Ravi Shankar, Ajay Anjaria, Uday Masturlal, Sathish Manandi, and Seema Sibbal for their immense support and guidance.

Bhavishya Yaan

Synergy Scholarship Program

Through the Synergy Scholarship Program, students are very fortunate to have the opportunity to empower themselves with further education and skills needed for their future. Currently there are nine students who are enrolled in first PU Commerce at Loyola Pre Composite PU College. Three students have enrolled in Physics, Chemistry, Math and Computers. Two students have taken Physics, Chemistry, Math and Biology. Three students have joined Computers, Economics, Business Administration, and Accountancy combination. The medium of instruction is English. There are three students currently enrolled in Loyola technical training. The First PU Scholarship holders have done VIDYA proud by achieving First Division.

VIDYA has introduced classical Bharatnatyam dance to children, at both Primary and High Schools. The children have shown great interest and have picked up dancing fast. They have shown their skills by performing at various school events and have earned laurels for their tremendous performance. In January, their dancing skills were put to good use in the Annual VIDYA event and the Republic Day Celebrations.

The High School students danced, and mimed the VIDYA Story for an event held in central Bangalore in January and touched the hearts of people.

In February, two children of the High School had the rare opportunity of meeting Kofi Annan, former General Secretary of the United Nations. Listening to his inspiring speech at the Infosys Prize Ceremony was a great moment.

Keeping up the school and family tradition, Reshma won the Third Prize in the Spelling Bee competition and was awarded a tablet computer. Her brother Ibrahim has also won laurels for VIDYA.

Dancing Divas
In February, the High School had 11 students from the Sauder School of Business Management, University of British Columbia, Canada who spent the day learning the history of VIDYA and the school. They also played cricket and volleyball, learnt about traditional art. The children learnt about cross cultural diversity from their visit and were mentored on dealing with life situations. The children presented beautiful mementos and Thank You cards to the visitors.

In March, the High School students learnt in detail about the food, history, culture, politics, location, and climate of three states of India - Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. All of them enjoyed the feel of national unity and learnt critical life skills like teamwork, presentation skills, and the thrill of cooking. The boys also participated whole heartedly. There was a feast of finest food items from all three states of South India.

After the hectic study in March, the Gottigere Primary and High School students moved on to enjoy the fun filled summer camp in April. This camp chiselled out children’s creativity and hidden talents. About 40 children participated in this camp learning various arts and crafts. The younger ones also joined in. The children had a great time learning to cook without fire for example making delicious sandwiches.

Regular environmental sessions were organised to inculcate habits of Reducing, Recycling, Reusing, Rainwater Harvesting, Solar Energy Preservation and Green Conservation.

Storytelling sessions, dance classes and a maths club activity were also included in the summer camp.

The new school session started in the end of May and the children were delighted with the beautifully decorated new classroom. The new students have learnt the fundamentals of computers while the older students are preparing for the NIIT Intel Certification Program. Selected students will get certificates after successful completion under NIIT supervision.

The new students in English are learning the basics. The older students are developing their Spoken English and advanced grammar skills.

Apart from the regular classes, the students are also learning the moral values in life skill classes. Special emphasis and training has been initiated for making the children’s learning a joy. Such learning gives the students self-confidence, life skills and a raised awareness of health and hygiene among the students.

The staff and students of school participated in a tree plantation drive to bring back the green cover on the occasion of the Environment Week.

On August 15, the Primary School hosted the Independence Day celebrations. The event was attended by the Rotary President Ravi Shankar, other eminent Rotarians, Rashmi Misra. The local Corporator Smt. Pushpa also graced the occasion. The guests were welcomed by the school band. The flag hoisting was followed by a grand PT display and a short cultural programme initiated and organised by the children, who looked stunning with their new School ID cards.

August ended with the Ganesha Chaturthi celebrations at the Gottigere Primary School. A small prayer, song and dance was

VIDYA Annual Report was showcased in the Infosys Prize Ceremony.
organized by the children, invoking the blessings of their favourite Lord Ganesha.

On September 5, the schools celebrated Teacher’s Day. The children presented flowers and cards to their teachers, and in the evening the Rotary Midtown Bangalore invited the teachers of Gottigere High School, Primary School and Weaver’s Colony School for a felicitation and dinner at the Rotary House of Friendship. Jayalakshmi Bhat of the High School was honoured with the Nation Builder award for her dedicated service. Swarnalatha M of Primary School and Halamma B of the Weaver’s Colony School were given the Outstanding Teacher awards.

In September, a Super Brain Yoga and Meditation program was initiated at the High School, to be conducted weekly by volunteers.

**VIDYA is Grateful**

VIDYA is extremely grateful to Rotary Midtown Bangalore and Synergy Property Developers, who have wholeheartedly supported VIDYA in the endeavour to give the very best to each child and making many dreams come true. Special thanks go out to Aarthi Machangada for taking personal interest in all the activities. The year has been abuzz with activity and study. The students and the VIDYA teachers have enjoyed every bit of this active year, and are looking forward to the next.

**Wish List**

- Ten new Computers and a Printer
- Internet Connectivity
- More Books, Music CDs and CDs for Advanced English
- Smart Boards in the schools
- Sports Equipment - footballs, throw balls, carom board
- Educational Do It Yourself Models and Kits
- Musical Instruments such as guitar, tablas, mridangam, harmonica, tambourines, etc.
- A Globe, World Maps, and an Atlas
- Additional funding towards Books, Tuitions, Field Trips, Uniform etc for Scholarship Students
- Extend the Scholarship Program for more Students

**Pride of VIDYA Bangalore**

**Impeccable Ibrahim**

Dawood Ibrahim is VIDYA’s pride. He left his parents speechless after his tremendous success in the senior school exams. He scored 94.88% overall with 100% in Social Studies, 124/125 in Kannada, 98% in Maths, 93% in English, 92% in Hindi, and 86% in Science.

A regular student of Government Integrated Higher Secondary School in Gottigere, he is extremely hard working and determined. Starting his day before dawn, washing cars and delivering newspapers in the neighbouring apartments, Ibrahim always reached school before time to attend the VIDYA classes in English and Computers.

Never afraid of challenges, he proved his talent by winning the Spelling Bee for government schools in 2012-13. Ibrahim is fond of reading and sketching, specially cars. The school staff has always found a pleasure to work with Ibrahim amazing confidence, self-discipline, regularity and impeccable wit.

Ibrahim has joined Loyola Pre-University Composite College nearby, on a scholarship sponsored by Synergy Property Development Services Pvt. Ltd. His dream is to become an engineer and he strongly believes that the sky is the limit when one has the will.

**The VIDYA Team at Gottigere, Bangalore**

- Anbarasi A Computer Head
- Bindu B English Teacher
- Devika Mathur Coordinator, English Teacher, Life Skills Coach
- Jyoti Gurung English Teacher
- N Nandini Xth Remedial English
- Rashmitha S Computer Teacher
Bhagini Women’s Education and Empowerment Program

In association with Mali Foundation, VIDYA works towards educating, empowering and transforming women from the weaker sections of the society since 2010. The Computer and English programmes coupled with various vocational trainings in a friendly atmosphere have moulded the women into an epitome of confidence who have shed their shackles and broken their cocoons which had hindered their progress. They have revolutionised and are the shining examples of confidence.

VIDYA’s women are not only an inspiration to their peers, but also a motivational force for their family and friends, as they realise their goals and their long cherished dreams.

Education

Learning **English** is an added skill that aids these women to face today’s competitive world with a better perspective. They are able to express themselves better, have enhanced their life styles and changed the way the world perceives them.

The basic and advanced English programs have benefitted the young and old women of the community. The students enjoy the practical lessons and have gained immensely from the same. Two batches have passed out and VIDYA seeks to educate, empower and transform many more. Geetha Prasad, a senior teacher from the U.S. has volunteered to conduct English classes for a select few who need personal attention.

The **NIIT certified, basic and advanced Hardware and Networking courses** have transformed students into computer literates. These tech savvy students are now placed in various organisations and are at par with others. The outstanding performance of the students from the 12 batches that have passed out in the NIIT exams is amazing. Computer literacy has instilled a sense of pride and confidence in the students. For some, it certainly used to be a distant dream and for many more, a dream come true. The **NIIT Foundation** trained VIDYA teachers cater to the specific needs of women and professionally competitive.

**Two Dedicated Volunteers**, Thembi and Roni, are conducting jewellery making classes as part of vocational training. The duo provide professional training and also has agreed to offer employment opportunities. The classes groom the hidden talents of women. Sangeetha Goel is offering vocational training for making different products like paper bags and files. This training enables women to earn from home.

**Health Camps** and health talks by Dr. Seemanthini, an eminent member of the Inner wheel Club have been highly motivating. She addressed various health issues, hygiene and dispelled the fears and concerns. Free consultations are provided to the students in her clinic.

**Total Yoga**, a premium Yoga institute in Bangalore has volunteered to conduct Yoga classes once a week to emphasize the need for women to be fit and fine.

**Aahar**, the kitchen program endeavours to hone the entrepreneurial skills of the women by converting their domestic cooking skills into large scale income generating ventures with professional expertise. Thanks to Rasa, the training partner for offering training to the students on various aspects of running a full fledged kitchen for large scale production.

**Art of Living**, a rich life is always better than a rich living. To master the art of living, life skill sessions are conducted by Smitha R., which focus...
on the varied facets of life and the ways to overcome the day to day problems of life. The training aims to handle domestic, personal, psychological, professional and relationship problems. The training also extends to basic hygiene, discipline, honesty, anger management, family issues, work ethics and dressing.

**Driven to Drive**, it all started with feeble, tiny steps and today the women have grown in strength. As they shed their shyness, VIDYA is motivating them with many more career options. Driving is one of them.

As Indian society for long has remained unsafe for women and children, a need has risen for women drivers. VIDYA has embarked on the first of its kind activity by giving **driving lessons** to the women partnering with Maruti Driving School and The Rotary to promote the women drivers.

**Angel Cabs**, a Bangalore based operator has launched a movement called ‘Pink Revolution’ by hiring only women drivers and has extended its support as a mass career provider for VIDYA. Bharathi the women cab driver, from Angel Cabs shared her experiences and removed the apprehensions of the women by her motivational speech. This has encouraged them from going ahead with taking up driving as a career option.

**Martial arts** training was organized to prepare the women drivers for the challenges they might have to face on the road. Mahindra Tech has also agreed to train and employ VIDYA students.

**Events**

VIDYA views education as a holistic aspect of life and has a mission of imparting knowledge based skills and skill based knowledge in a cultural backdrop. So VIDYA at Mali celebrates the **festivals** cutting across religion with equal zest and fervour. The women enthusiastically took part in the pot lock party and reveled in joy besides deciphering the diverse culture and customs of our country.

The joy of sharing, the spirit of leadership, the value of labour was witnessed during the celebrations, as women enjoyed various delicacies of India.

The summer was certainly exciting in spite of the rising mercury levels when our students enjoyed learning art and craft, chocolate making, flower making, fire less cooking among many others in our **Summer Camp**. The environmental awareness session by Meethu Jose was certainly an eye opener and the need of the hour as Bangalore struggles to manage waste.

**Finishing Touch**

VIDYA had a very grand fund raising event in collaboration with Veda Art

![Contemporary Art by Artist Charan Sharma](image)

Gallery through an art auction at the SBI auditorium. Awareness was created about VIDYA programs. The event showcased VIDYA’s aspirations and approaches. The product and talent were presented amidst eminent personalities. The products sold well and many placed orders for more. The vision and mission of VIDYA was demonstrated through various program.

**Transformation**

VIDYA women’s lives have been transformed. From a meagre earner by working as nannies, cooks, housekeepers, security personnel to front office managers, receptionists, data entry operators and teachers, they have come a long way. They now understand that they have equal status at par with men and as a result have become capable of achieving many more feats. Education has made them to be a part of the work force of Bangalore and leaders of their community. As our leaders have rightly mentioned that educating a woman is educating the family, our students in turn help their children in their studies.

**VIDYA Bhagini Angels**

Bharathi and Vijayalakshmi have joined Samridhi Trust as computer teachers. Vijayalakshmi’s success story is very touching. She comes from a middle class home and has struggled hard to make both ends meet. The moment she stepped into VIDYA, she knew that it was the place of her dream. By her sheer grit and determination, she is today a computer teacher.

Bharathi, a multi-talented personality, actually grabbed the opportunity provided by VIDYA. Today, she is the right person at the right place to exhibit and utilize her talents. She is also teaching computers

**Wish list**

- Funding for Operations
- U.P.S. for the Computers
- English, Computer & Kannada books for the Vidvaan library
- Stationery and Art Materials
- Volunteers and Mentors for the program
- Employment Opportunities for Women

**VIDYA is Grateful** to donors, leaders Executive Board Members and partners for unstinting support and guidance. Thanks to Rashmi Misra, Meethu Jose, Sangeetha Goel, Shoma Bakre, Ranjani Ranganathan, Vandana Kumar for being the pillars of support. Special thanks to Malin, Smitha, Dr. S. Uma Rani, Kala Ramesh, Ekta Bisht, Kala Ramesh, Ekta Bisht, Kala Ramesh, Ekta Bisht, S. Uma Rani, Lakshmi.

**The VIDYA Team at Bhagini Programme, Bangalore**

- Ekta Bisht: Program Manager
- Kala Ramesh: Financial Manager
- Tutan Debnath: Computer Teacher & System Admin
- S. Uma Rani: English Teacher
- Lalitha Kumari A: NIOS Teacher
- Lakshmi: Tailoring Teacher
What is VIDYA’s Dream?

What is our passion and dream to achieve? What do we need to get there?

“I would work for an India, in which the poorest shall feel that it is their country... an India where there shall be no high class and no low class of people; an India where all communities will live in a perfect harmony... Women will enjoy the same rights as men. We shall be at peace with all the rest of the world.” M.K Gandhi.

Like Gandhiji, I also dream of India where there will be no inequality, poverty, social injustice, illiteracy, gender discrimination, social oppression, corruption, casteism and communalism and people will have an improved and good quality of life. An India where we are proud Indians first, before we add any other denominations, which separate us and make us different from each other.

To achieve this dream VIDYA Bangalore has been working tirelessly for the past 5 years to be the catalyst in the change to make the children, youth and women of this society confident enough to dream beyond what they thought was capable, and to achieve what they dare to dream.

A vision without a plan is just a dream.

A plan without a vision is just drudgery.

But a vision with a plan can change the world.

Our team at Bangalore is striving to create an atmosphere where anyone who goes through the portals of VIDYA will have all the support and encouragement they need. We are proud of what we have achieved through our Beyond School programme. Children whose parents would not have been able to dream of sending their children to college have been able to do just that with the help, encouragement and the vision of our team who inspire them to aim higher.

Women have always been marginalised no matter which strata of society they are a part of. Being a woman myself I know how we tend to push our wants and dreams to the backburner and focus more on our family responsibilities and children. At VIDYA-Mali through our Bhagini Program we are striving to make examples of ourselves and our students and help them to continue with their familial responsibilities while trying to realise their dreams. We make them more confident through education, giving them a better command of English and computers and assess their strengths and help them find job opportunities according to their strengths.

Our dream for the future of our women is for them to have economic and educational empowerment wherein they become equal members of society. Through this they achieve more self-respect and confidence by their contributions to their communities.

Our focus for the future will to increase the number of women who will be empowered and help them be financially independent.

We need more funding to realise this vision and our focus will be on identifying more long-term donors.

Our future endeavors to achieve our vision in our Beyond School programmes are:

- To increase the scope of our scholarship program from just PUC education to vocational skills and training, as 90% more students can benefit and we can create better job opportunities for them.

- We are fortunate to have a very supportive and dedicated Donor panel. They are willing to spend time and effort. We need to plan more initiatives, which involve them more so they get to see firsthand what their financial support has helped us achieve.

- Add more support to children with learning disabilities

- Programs to instill civic sense and social responsibilities including green initiatives in children, to become good citizens of India

All that we have achieved has been through the dedicated hard work of our team who have imbibed the VIDYA vision to Educate, Empower and Transform. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their drive and the sacrifices they have made to make sure our students are given every opportunity to achieve their dream.

Our volunteers have been a backbone to lean on when we needed them. Thank you so much for your time, help and expert advice.

“If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever.” Kofi Annan

I can assure you that being a volunteer has been one of the best and most satisfying decisions I have made. I invite all who can volunteer their time and expertise to help people who need a mentor or a friend and see for yourself how a little bit of help can go a long way. Last but not the least! I am proud of our students who have pleasantly surprised us and achieved much more than what we had dreamed for them! You continue to inspire us to give more and reiterate the fact that not all is bad in the world and we can change the world into a better place if we only believe and help others to believe.

“I marvel at how one role model can alter for the better the future of a young student” - N. R. Narayana Murthy

Meethu Jose
Secretary VIDYA Bangalore
Be a VIDYA Volunteer

VIDYA is a people’s movement, people helping people. The success story of every VIDYA initiative can be traced to the passion and energy of its volunteers from across the globe.

VIDYA receives a large number of international volunteers from Cross Cultural Solutions, ivolunteer and Youthreach. This dedicated group has contributed greatly to the spirit and development of VIDYA programs.

Volunteers from all walks of life, nationalities and backgrounds are encouraged to join the VIDYA movement. Their contributions are greatly appreciated and tailored around their competence and availability. They have hand-held and created growth patterns of various programs.

Volunteer at VIDYA and Help in
• Social media management
• Grant writing and fund raising
• Providing administrative support and event management
• Teaching English and computers
• Teaching art, craft, music, dance...
• Documenting activities with photographs
• Mentoring youth
• Organising excursions and events

Visit website for more details: http://www.vidya-india.org/volunteer.htm

VIDYA International Volunteers Academy - VIVA Program

Shortlisted Ideas for Projects
1. Train journey across India
2. Fundraising and building database in North America
3. Building an online curriculum
5. Managing the e-mentor program, connecting VIDYA teachers and students with volunteers
6. VIDYA Website and social media management
7. Create a water harvesting plan
8. Create a solar energy plan
9. Launch a vocational skill program
10. Teachers training program
11. Establishing VIDYA Employability Program (VEP)
12. Technology orientation for children, young adults.
13. Donor feedback surveys
14. Employee feedback surveys
15. SOPs for admin and HR functions across VIDYA

“I slept and dreamt that life was a joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was a joy.”
Gurudev Tagore
They come from across the globe, work selflessly and melt away.

Volunteers in 2014

Delhi
Aalika Pres
Abigevi Vacheron
Anjali Rai
Ashleigh Womack
Aditya Gupta
Ananya Gupta
Abhishek Sekhri
Amana
Abhishek Sekhri
Ashim
Anisho
Asad Ali
Anjali
Arjun
Ashika
Bhanu Priya
Beena Roy
B C Roy
Bruna Silva
Charita
Chayya
Dev Punj
Devika Kaushal
Emma Hill
Garima Bahl
Harshita Shree
Ishaan Gandhi
J uhi Mathur
J ana Tipulova
J ana chain
J ulia Raki
J ocelyn Devaney
Klugherz stephanie
Keerul
Karanraj Singh
Kavita Kapoor
Kiran
Kalli Mahajan
Lucia Toca
Monika Malik
Magda
Manav Bhargava
Matt Burton
Monika Sreerai
Melissa Brooks
Nancy Womack
Natalie Strickler
Natalie Alpert
Nanki Singh
Priyanka Kumari
Prabhat
Parampara
Parul Dutta
Paramjeet Bhutani
Rimayahim Aggarwal
Shiv Ahuja
Shivam Lodha
Sushiel
Shaun Holland
Supreet Kaur
Shibani Khungar
Soorya
Shweta
Shagun
Sanjana Gupta
Sujata Kaushic
Tarana Marwahi
Venkat Krishna
Vinay Goel
Yeshaswini

Bangalore
Agnes
Imran Basa
J ishu KrishnaKumar
Malin
Nandita Karpurkayastha
Kati
Praneeta
RonI Yoo
Sangeeta
Smita
Saloni
Sridhar Rajagopal
Thomas Jose
Thembi Palmer
Yeshwant
Yash Shah

Mumbai
Archit Sandhya
Abhishek
Abhishek Mujumdar
Anjan Kumar Patel
Arka Saphu
Abhishek
Aditya
Asha Lulla

Avaan Vakharia
Ami Shah
Aniket Mohite
Babu modhale
Bhagyesh Gaikwad
Ch.J yothi Durga Prasad
Chitrang
Chandrashekhar Bilye
Divam J ain
Divam J ain
Gaurav Deokar
Geeta Thakkar
Harshal Mahajan
Jaydeep
J hanj Vissanji
Komal Babu
Kanika Goyal
Kavya Thatavarthi
Khushal Ingle
Meet
Manoj Gaikwad
Minal Shah
Noshir Divecha
Patrick Moreno
Pulkit
Poulomi Sen Gupta
Prateek
Richa Iyer
Raj Kedia
Rohit Mohite
Rajlakshmi Dikte
Salma
Soumitra Chattopadhyay
Sham Shanbhag
Surya pratap Singh
Sanket Chairame
Samarjeet Suman
Sujit
Surya Prapat
Uday Mane
Vishal kumar
Vibha Mattal
Vasavi A
Vikram Dhanvte

Volunteer Coordination Team
Malavika Goyal · Vice Chairperson
Prema Bhargava Director, Operations and Strategy
Shreya · Coordinator
Email: office@vidya-india.org
Tel.: +91-124-4049559
Grover, Lalla & Mehta
CHARtered ACCOUNTANTS

FORM NO. 10B
(See rule 178)

AUDIT REPORT UNDER SECTION 122 (6) OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961
IN THE CASE OF VIVIKA INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH AND
ADULTS, NEW DELHI

We have examined the Balance Sheet of VIVIKA INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH
AND ADULTS, NEW DELHI as at 31st March 2014 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.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to explanations given to us, the said
accounts, give a true and fair view-

(i) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named society as at
31st March 2014, 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 2014.

The prescribed partculars are annexed hereto.

FOR GROVER, LALLA & MEHTA
CHARtered ACCOUNTANTS

(A.C. GOYAL)
Partner
M.No. 38/1/04

Place: New Delhi
Dated: 27-09-2014

94/29, MALVIKA NAGAR, NEW DELHI - 110 017
T.E.L.: 26645108, 46036498 Fax: 011-26645109 E-MAIL: gitma@rediffmail.com

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VIDYA INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2014

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<th>LIABILITIES</th>
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| | | CHARtered ACCOUNTANTS |
| | | M.No. 38/1/04 |

PLACE: NEW DELHI
DATED: 27.09.2014

TRUSTEE

Vice-CHAIRPERSON

CHAIRPERSON
## Financials 2013-14

### Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2014

#### Opening Balance

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#### Operations

- **Grants in Aid Received from:**
  - *Mouddion Trust - OKHA*
  - *Sikhi Trust - Bal Vihar - Admin*
  - *Children Hope CLINIC - Saral Shiksha*
  - *PWC India Foundation - Bridge Course*
  - *UHG - Vidya School Gurgaon*
  - *CITI Bank Project A/C*
  - *Malayanan Commonwealth Studies CEN.*

- **Vidya's Mumbai Receipts**
  - 1552811.24
  - 123737.00
  - 772616.00
  - 1042309.16
  - 506505.80

- **Vidya's Bangalore Receipts**
  - 3571722.00
  - 1320518.00
  - 2620418.00
  - 852718.00

- **Brought Forward**
  - 7948040.35

- **Total**
  - 75345168.35

### Notes

- **Total**
  - 76149168.39

**As per Report of even date attached for Grover, Lalla & Mehta Chartered Accountants**

**Address:** 2002-2009

**Chairperson:** Manoj Grover

**Vice-Chairperson:** Suresh Grover

**Chairperson:** Manoj Grover

**Trustee:** Suresh Grover

**Date:** 27.09.2014

**Place:** New Delhi
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

Finance Team updates
Mrs Swarn Gulhati retired in October 2014 from our Finance team after serving VIDYA for over 17 years. Leeway an outsource agency oversaw our finance and compliances for 5 months in 2014. Pulkit Khanna from KPMG did a probono with VIDYA where he designed a Finance policy and SOP for VIDYA.
The VIDYA Head Office

VIDYA Head Office pulsates with activities year round. The office communicates, networks, fundraises, oversees financial and compliances issues, Human resource management, public relations, volunteering and other administration for all VIDYA programmes.

As VIDYA continues to grow, the office has a challenge to keep pace with all the activities pan India and move VIDYA to run even more efficiently and effectively. It’s here where we brainstorm and work together to look at the vision, mission of VIDYA globally!

Our collective goal in the next year is make VIDYA truly global and scalable. VIDYA will have world class processes and high execution rigor that will make us efficient and even more effective and will allow us to reach a wider audience.

We are gradually but significantly changing how VIDYA supports and gets support from hundreds of members, volunteers, influencers, donors, students, teachers, well wishers and government agencies worldwide. We are integrating various programs, city and project offices to think globally and as one VIDYA but act locally and rapidly. The accounting, human resource, hiring, compliance, infrastructure and administrative functions and processes are being streamlined to support the new VIDYA, with direct support and insights from KPMG and other leading organizations.

Amit Rastogi, Hony. CEO

The monthly E-Newsletter VIDYA Vaarta is painstakingly put together and reaches the readers regularly. This Newsletter also shoots out from the Head Office.
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) Non FCRA

Cheque Name: VIDYA
IFSC Code: SBIN0001077
Bank Account: S.B.A/c No. 1077 357 1899
Name of the Bank and Branch address: State Bank of India, I.I.T. Delhi Branch, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016, India

Cheque Name: VIDYA School, Gurgaon
IFSC: SBIN0014678
Bank Account No.: S.B.A/c No. 32402839850
Name of Bank & Branch: State Bank of India
DLF City Court, Sikandarpur, Gurgaon

Donations to VIDYA are exempt under section 80G of Income Tax Act 1961.

FCRA

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
IFSC Code : SBIN0001077
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. Apama Dave
Law Office of Apama Dave
107, Alderwood Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20878, U.S.A.
Email: apamadave@immigration2us.com

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For further queries about sponsorship email us on: office@vidya-india.org

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VIDYA Mumbai
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Powai, Mumbai-400076 Tel: 022-25787317
E-mail: Mumbai@vidya-india.org

VIDYA Bangalore
Mali Foundation, Navajeevana Nilaya, Kundanahalli Gate Whitefield Road, Marathahalli Post,
Bangalore-560037
E-mail: Bangalore@vidya-india.org

VIDYA Website
www.vidya-india.org
VIDYA Donors - Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore

Accenture
Ashok Misra
Ajay & Radhika Relan
Anil Seal
Archana & Ashish Khosla
Apollo Tyres
Amita Group
Abhideep Singh
Arun Jain
BA Continuum
Bani Jagtiani Trust
BG India
BG Foundation
Bombay Community
Public Trust
Capita India Pvt. Ltd
Children Hope Foundation
Event
CX Partners
Canara Bank
Deloitte
Deutsche Bank
DLF City Resident’s
Welfare Association
Fena Foundation
Friends India Association
G. Ramakrishnan
GE Foundation
Genpact India
GERB Vibration Control
Systems Pvt. Ltd.
Global Giving Donors
HDFC
Indusind Bank
ICICI Prudential Asset
Management Company
K C Mahindra Trust
Kamla Charitable Trust
KPMG Foundation
Liberty Videocon General
Insurance Co.
Lions Club of Byculla
London Women’s Clinic
Malavika Goyal
Mark Parkinson
Mohit Goyal
Monash University
Manohar & Suman Arora
ONGC
Panchsheel House
Building Society
Prahaar Foundation
PTC Holidays Pvt Ltd
PWC Foundation
Pinnacle Knowledge
Group
Rami Holdings Pvt. Ltd.
Rami Investments
Rita Gupta
Rotary Club of Bombay
Queen City
Rotary Club of Deonar
Rotary Club of Bombay
West
Rotary Club of Mumbai
Rotary Club of Mumbai
Lakers
Rohan Relan
Rahul Bajaj
Raj & Aparna Dave
Rukmini Budhe
Sackumvitat Trust
Shashi Rajpal
Sikri Trust
Samrat Banerjee
Sir Dorabji Tata Trust
South Delhi Central
Rotary Club
St. George School
Suren & Raj Goyal Trust
Syntel
Synergy
Starwood Hotels
Sheneza Ayurvedics
Santosh Mathur
The Monsoon Trust
Tata Power
Trocilite
UBS
United Health Group
United Way of Hyderabad
United Way of Mumbai
United Way of Mumbai
Vivero International Pre-
School
VLCC Health Care Ltd.
War Widow Association
Woman's India
Association
William & Nathalie
Comfort
Yvonne Allemand
Freister
Sankalp Team
Kamla Sood
Urmilla Dongre (Kamla
Charitable Trust)
Malavika & Mohit Goyal
Mrs. & Mr. Anup Garg
Mrs. & Mr. Sushil Handa
Dr. Shikha Sharma
Vandan Mahajan
Vinod Poddar (Orient
Export)
Harish Verma Foundation
Aseem Dewan
Daraius Noohir Shroff
V. K. Karra
Geeta Madhok
KT Jatindra Mohan
Khanna Trust
Sandeep Chhabra
Prem Kumar Khullar
Harsh Prabha Mehta
Employees of GE
Anil Dev (Former Chief
Justice of Jaipur)
Geeta Dudevai (Former
Head Mistress of Modern
School, Humayun Road)
Divya Nagar
Manpreet Suri
Ved Vyas (Former
Principal of Modern
School, Vasant Vihar)

We sincerely thank people and institutions who supported us this year and have helped us make our programmes a success.

Ankur Charitable Trust
Air India
ApniShala Foundation
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