UNBEATABLE BADRA
At House of Lords

Imagine a young tribal boy who had a dream to become an engineer addressing the House of Lords!

At age nine, Badarjan Negi left Kalpa in Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh and reached Delhi. He wanted to be an engineer. His girl saw him through the grind. From being a humble domestic help and studying in a government school and finally reaching VIDYA, the journey was tough. VIDYA embraced him, he jumped from X to X standard. With the visit of Hillary Clinton and CNN sharing VIDYA’s efforts, Badra took off to the USA for further studies. Yes, that tribal is today a computer science engineer in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. Badra is VIDYA’s pride and a role model for his village.

Badra is scheduled for a talk at the House of Lords, London in mid-September 2011. This visit is being facilitated by Women India Association, U.K. Details follow in our next issue.

SCHOOL UPDATE

The VIDYA School, Gurgaon

August 5: Mothers’ Literacy Programme is soon to be launched in the school. Noted social worker Late Kathurum interacted with the parents and enlightened them on the benefits of being a literate mother. A parent-teacher meeting was held for nursery and kindergarten classes.

United Health Group’s (UHG) 15 members welcomed 29 VIDYA’s students in the UHG liaison programme where English language skills were imparted.

August 6: A Summer Gurgaon’s initiative was celebrated with enthusiasm as students planted various trees in the biodiversity park.

August 11: A Hindi education for nursery and kindergarten classes was conducted followed by Independence Day appreciation held at UHG premises attended by 10 students.

August 12: Celebrations of Independence Day with Col. Ranj P. Madan as a special guest included flag hoisting, march-past, principal’s address, students’ speeches and patriotic songs and dances… sweets and refreshments.

August 24: An Inter School Poster/Painting competition was organized in partnership with ‘I am Gurgaon’. Almost 50 students created innovative paintings, leaves etc., to create artefacts.

August 25: A tree plantation campaign was conducted by ‘I am Gurgaon’ initiatives in its endeavor to plant a million trees.

MS Excel was introduced to the teachers in computer workshop conducted by Vij and Liby.

Bal Vikas, New Delhi

As the whole nation is watching Anna Hazare with awe, how can VIDYA be a part of Anna’s anti-corruption drive? A group of children and staff members visited Ramila ground to support Anna.

Independence Day was celebrated with great zeal at Chandigarh Club.

Bal Vikas students participated in drawing competition at Bal Bhawan where Sharika, Anjali, Rekha and Aniket were awarded. Science, poem recitation, and Janmashtami, Raksha Bandhan programs were organized.

VIDYA Bridge Course

August 25: The first mentoring session for 12 students and two teachers of Bridge Course. Ooty was held at VIDYA School, Gurgaon. It was organized by G.E. and 10 mentors interacted and offered help in their syllabus an English conversation.

Anna Hazare’s crusade motivated the students of Bridge Course, Sainik Farm. They wore Anna caps, they painted flags, they sang patriotic songs and raised pro Anna slogans... 20 children with staff made a trip to Ramila ground and saw history in the making.

Independence Day celebrations were held under the guidance of Umesh Pal and 25 students participated in kite flying and other activities.

VIDYA Bhavishya Vyan, Bangalore

Gottigere Government High School

Many Rotarians from Rotary Mid Town graced the Independence Day celebrations. The students’ confidence and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated.

A workshop on issues of teenagers faced by the teachers and counseling techniques was organized. Mina Pal, psychiatrist social worker and counselor who worked with NIMHANS volunteered her time to conduct the workshop.

‘I am Kalam’, an inspiring movie thrilled the school children in a multiplex theatre. VIDYA extends sincere gratitude to Smile Foundation for arranging a corporate sponsor.

Press Update

A well read Hindi magazine, Vanta has captured the spirit of VIDYA in its current issue of September 2011. A glimpse…

VIDYA Udyog Kendra, Delhi

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