THE VIDYA SCHOOL GURGAON

Launching Literacy
September 1. A literacy programme was launched with an orientation for the mothers. The focus was on the needs, current status and care needs. They were informed of the aims, objectives, course content, methodology and learning of the programme. Later, on September 6, the first class was conducted for mothers of literacy. Each mother was provided a mentor from class VII. The mothers were introduced to the basics of English and Hindi. Attended by 10 mothers, the literacy class will run every Thursday from 1.30 to 3.00 p.m.

Teachers Day
September 3. The teachers’ day was celebrated in the school totally managed by the senior students. The teachers were felicitated with flowers and cards. The highlight of the day was a song depicting the importance of Guru in their life.

Welcome Aboard Prof. Sasi
September 5. The VIDYA School Governing Board meeting Prof. Anil Seal, Chairman of the School, with Reena Trust for Cambridge University was welcomed as the Patron on the Board of Governors. He planted a sapling in the school campus and appreciated the infrastructure and facilities provided. He found the students to be extremely confident, bright and cheery, and had a motivating interaction with them.

Prof. Seal proposed encouraging the community, affiliated schools and corporate houses to use school grounds for sports. They could also be requested to sponsor sports activities in the school. He felt that ultimately one should look at networking with the village schools and distance learning programmes where basic language literacy, numeracy and life skills can be imparted.

IT WIZARD
September 12. A meeting was held with Arpit Ajmera, Director of National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) initiating the NIIT programme for VIDYA School. The meeting aimed at networking with NIIT for providing IT WIZARD software.

BAL VIHAR, NEW DELHI

Bali’s Blessings
The highlight of the month was a visit of Vineeta Bali, Managing Director of Britannia Industries. A highly successful business woman, Ms. Bali blessed the children. Her determination and dedication to reach her great heights are an inspiration for every woman. Children were thrilled to interact with her. She also visited the community centre.

Art Auction
An online art auction was organized by Deutsche Bank on ‘My Dreams and Hopes’. 24 children had a chance to express their dreams and hopes.

Community Round-up
Updating and Upgrading
Mahila, Prakashkari and Disha were going full steam with their usual activities music, table-tennis, computers, studies etc. The staff and volunteers held their meetings regularly for updating and upgrading welfare programmes.

VIDYA MUMBAI

Ganpati Bappa
Eco-Ganesh Workshop
VIDYA Mumbai organized eco-friendly Ganesh workshoos at 10 locations all over Mumbai in August. Around 1500 students and employees from corporate partners participated passionately. This initiative highlighted a conservation of nature and environment. The Margum team of 20 women trained by VIDYA carried the learnings across and conducted the workshops successfully under the supervision of VIDYA Margum mentor Chaitali Gupta. It was truly empowerment on display as mothers and children bonded over Ganesh ki vrat and sharing experiences. Every year Mumbai celebrates Ganeshotsav with colorful utsav and intense devotion.

First Byte, Next Byte, Big Byte...
September 6. A milestone date for VIDYA Mumbai’s Computer Learning and Resource Centre (CLRC) Project. After 16 months, work towards their inauguration, the dream came true with the inauguration of CLRC in the Chaitanya Nagar premises with about 10 computers. So far 30 members from the community have benefited from the basic courses and 25 more are currently undergoing training. In VIDYA students who had received their computer training in the At IT Mumbai have joined as volunteer trainers to impart various courses termed as First Byte, Next Byte and Big Byte. There is a mentor assigned who is an IT professional. The plan aims to bridge the gap of IT education provider to impart certified courses that have direct impact on employability.

New Centres
Three new Balwadiyaayan centres have started in Mumbai recently. The Powai Centre is located in the poorest slum community. The other two are located in the municipal schools in Lower Parel and Vive Parel.

VIDYA Ambassadors
Noted movie actor Shreyas Talpade agrees to become a VIDYA ambassador. On offer is a special screening of his latest movie ‘Horn’ to Shaheen. This is the first step to welcome and introduce Shreyas to VIDYA family and an interesting voting for our less-privileged children.

VIDYA BANAGLORE
Mindboggling Mall!
It was a trip with a difference. 60 children from VIDYA Bharathyaayana, four teachers and some volunteers went for an educational trip to a mall! The Hypercity Super Store manager showed the team around through different departments. It was a mind-boggling experience to see such a wide variety food, toys, electronic goods, groceries etc. This visit was not only educational but also fun as many of the students had never visited such a huge store in such a big mall! Children were given certificates and chocolates. Thanks to the support of Rotary Mikkosons, Bangalore.

UDYOG KENDRA

New Promises, Renewed Promises
Udyog Kendra has shifted its base from Swaraj Farm to Gurgaon School. Now there is great scope at Gurgaon for the mothers of VIDYA school students to be economically empowered. From September, on display are all the products at S. 3126, Block S, EEL Phase III, Gurgaon. Basic skills are being provided to a group of up to 15 women for making various handicrafts and moving on to make products suitable for corporate gifts.

Very inspiring report order from Deutscher Bank Singapore and Hong Kong for many handicraft items. The team of women from Swaraj Farm continues to work from home and execute bulk orders. Come On Volunteers, we need you far helping us to organize workshops and attractive displays! Where are you Graphic Designers? Please help us to design our Pamphlets and Publicity Material and spread the VIDYA spirit of empowering the less privileged.

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