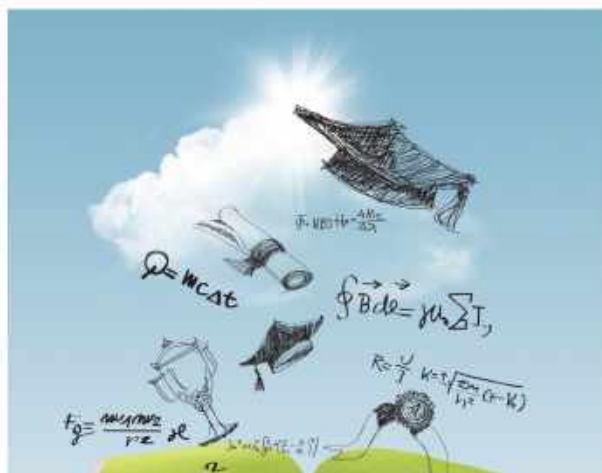




VIDYA VAANI

To The Batch Of 2020

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Students

My study mantra was- "Study less, study effectively"

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JAI HIND

The VIDYA School, Gurugram is a centre of excellence. We in VIDYA believe in a joyful holistic education and we work on creating outstanding citizens who are confident, hard-working, speak impeccable English, have a positive attitude and are geared to be leaders of change in their communities. VIDYA has always worked like a family and each student and alumni is an integral part of that family. Our effort is to fulfil the dream of every student and we hold hands with them till they complete their education and are employed. While the student is enrolled in our program, a day boarding with facilities at par with the best schools, their mother is a part of the Women's programme where she gets a chance to learn and earn.

I am delighted to share that our teachers took up the pandemic challenge and have been teaching and mentoring every student over phones and tabs, in the last few months. There are many hurdles as one family shares a phone with five members. I am proud to share that the teachers paced their classes and taught anytime convenient to the student and every subject is being covered with distance learning. We extend our support to the student and the family for any needs from emotional counselling to emergency kits and food. Hopefully, we will all be back together soon, and School will not be on the phone!

I am extremely proud of the outstanding results of the VIDYA School this year. We had a 100% result. Some names that stand out are Monu scoring 95% (Science), Shreya scoring 90.4% (Commerce) and Ankush scoring 89% (Humanities). As you know, our VIDYA School alumni are studying in the most esteemed colleges - The NIITs, Lady Shri Ram, Gargi College, just to share a few. All our alumni from the 2019-20 batch have expressed an interest to go to college. Out of 57 students who appeared, 25 of them have been awarded scholarships. Our challenge is to find financial support for 32 students who at present in need a scholarship. As per our analysis, on an average, a student requires approximately Rs. 50 thousand to further applications in the discipline of his/ her choice after 12th standard and the school provides the necessary aids and funds. Your support and sponsorship would make a huge difference. Do connect with us if you can help. We also seek your help to source old phones, tablets and desktops in good working condition.

We are looking for mentors, volunteers to teach and work with all the co-curricular activities as well. Please connect with us and we look forward to your visit to the VIDYA School! More than anything else our Students need all your blessings.

We thank all our donors, partners and Friends of VIDYA for their love, concern, and thoughtful giving.



Rashmi Misra

Chair Person, VIDYA



It gives me extreme joy to write this article for our VIDYA e-newsletter, and share with our readers the accomplishments of the VIDYA team. I would like to congratulate my VIDYA TEAM, especially our students, for raising the bar in academics and making us proud this year. They have shown growth, especially in mathematics. Our students are intrinsically motivated to do well. At VIDYA, we provide them with an integrated environment to grow and prosper. They have gone through rigorous training of remedial classes, extra classes, one on one discussions with teachers and practical experiments that have helped accomplish this new milestone. Teachers have cooperated in assisting them in improving their scores by working extra hours.

The recent result declaration compels us to take a glance at our students' performance over the years and thereby creates a need for looking out for them even more by creating a support system for them, which would ensure their sustenance. Aspiring Vidyans have taken the school to new heights. Our 2018-2019 result had a 100% clearance. Our toppers were Anshul scoring 95%, (Science), Shivani scoring 86% (Commerce), Aniket scoring 84% (Humanities). Out of 29 students, 13 were awarded scholarships.

This year too, VIDYA students have done us proud. A total of 57 students appeared for the 12th Board exams 19-20, and all of them have passed with flying colours. Our toppers are role models for the juniors to perform well. They are the living examples of the change VIDYA has been making.

All our students have made it to good universities and colleges in the past, and we wish to see our batch of 2020 making it to prestigious institutions.

The contemporary times are more challenging for the world, and especially organizations like VIDYA, where most of our students need constant support. With digital education being the need of the hour, we have taken up initiatives to provide our students with the necessary paraphernalia of studying online, e.g., tablets, laptops, desktops, and smartphones. We have been able to procure devices for 70 students, and the distribution process has started as well. But we have a long way to go, and we require the assistance of our benefactors now more than ever.

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Mrs Ila Sarin

Principal, VIDYA School

ACADEMIC GROWTH

As compared to last year's result, the average percentage of almost all the subjects has increased by this year.

As shown in the table below:

Subject	2018-19	2019-20
English	69.6%	76.6%
Mathematics	54.5%	72.2%
Physics	68.2%	72.1%
Chemistry	66.2%	75.6%
Fine Arts	91.2%	92.2%
Business Studies	70.4%	74.6%

Percentage wise result:- XIIth
Total student appeared:- 57

PERCENTAGE	NO. OF STUDENT
90% and Above	2
80% - 90%	13
71% - 80%	19
61% - 70%	19
50% - 60%	4

"The best teachers are the ones that change their minds." –Terry Heick



Sunita Mohanty

Teachers at Vidya provide their best guidance to the students so that they can achieve their objectives and be the responsible citizens of this country. Graduating batch was the class of talented gems. Some were sports stars of the school, like Jahangir, Rajan, Sandeep Singh, Suparna Ghosh, who represented the school in several sports events and brought laurels for the school. Lakshmi, Shanaj, and Shalu are the graceful dancers without whom school cultural programs would feel incomplete for a long time. Prashant, who topped in the 10th board exam, is a cheerful boy who loves to play cricket in free time. He is a dedicated and focused student. His determination made him the topper. Sakshi, second topper in the class, is a hardworking girl. Sincerity, time management, and concentrated study made her perform exceptionally well. I am glad that I got a chance to know such bright students. I wish to see many of them doing great things in life.



Ruchi Ojha

The year 2020 with class X has been full of new experiences and challenges. I was teaching 10th grade and continuously figuring out what would work best for my students, many of whom were at different academic levels, having different skills and aptitudes. Although it was a batch with great abundance, being a board class, it still needed a lot of preparation. The role of a teacher is as important as a student. For me, it was not just completing the syllabus, but it also required reinforcement, seeking feedback, and a million other things. The hard work and the efforts put up by our students turned into an astounding Class X result, which made Vidya proud. Nothing makes a teacher prouder than seeing their students succeed. Our students know how to balance their studies with other things. Some of them have got extraordinary problem-solving skills, which made them score excellently in Mathematics. I would wish that all my students come up with such a fantastic result in the upcoming years.



Aamir Nabi

It is a responsible as well as a rewarding job to be a class teacher of the board class. I feel happy that all the students in my class performed exceptionally well in their boards. The school topper, who was a student of my class, is an intelligent and hard-working boy. The most important quality to be a topper is to believe in oneself, and he has that capability. He is full of confidence. These qualities helped him to score well in his boards. I feel proud and overwhelmed to have had such amazing students. I look forward to teaching the new batch and helping them set the benchmark one step higher than what it is right now.

Student's Corner



Despite living in single-room apartments and chaotic neighbourhoods, our toppers have been able to overcome all socio-economic barriers to produce commendable results. When asked about the secret to their success, this is what the class 10th and class 12th toppers had to say.

My board exams commenced in February 2020. However, I started revision from the very first day after my pre boards ended. I thoroughly revised all essential notes and suggestions as provided by the teachers. Moreover, my elder brother helped me a lot during my exams, as always. The credit for my success goes to him and the school for providing one of the best teachers. At Vidya, every student has high hopes, and they get required support from the school to accomplish them. The teachers always believed in my potential and always pushed me to perform better. I listened to their advice carefully. They helped me whenever I needed them, no matter if I was in school or at home. My hard work reaped the fruits, and I topped in my class. Now I have opted for the science stream in grade 11. I am very proud to be a student of Vidya School.



Prashant (90%)

I have recently cleared my boards with 89.4%, which would not have been possible without the consistent support of my family and teachers. A heartfelt thanks to Vidya for providing the right kind of guidance to achieve heights. It is crucial to stay disciplined and focused. I always concentrated in class and made notes whenever required. I attended all the extra classes to clear all the doubts and core concepts. I devoted 3-4 hours each day for self-study. There were times when I lost faith in myself, but my teachers, family, and friends supported me during those times. I am also a part of the Aspire program, which equipped me with extra learning opportunities outside the school curriculum. It is a privilege to be a part of Vidya.



Sakshi Pathak (89.4%)



Besides school hours, I devoted at least 2-3 hours of self-studying daily and approximately 1 hour for revision at the end of each day. My only motive to study was my insatiable hunger to learn, because of which I scored so well. I didn't have a lot of pressure because I was regular in classes and was very punctual towards my academics. I took out some time for outdoor games, movies, and music to cope with all the stress. My study mantra was- "Study less, study effectively". To save time, I used to finish my assignments during school hours when I got free time or during extra classes, so that I could do self-study at home. I did not leave anything for the very last moment and revised everything the day before examination and had plenty of good sleep. I had no issues in managing my social life because my friend circle was quite small and likeminded. We discussed and engaged in productive things rather than doing the typical high school teenage stuff. In fact, I never isolated myself because of boards. I was able to juggle between my social and academic life. On the other hand, I always motivate my colleagues, so did they when I was low. We helped each other by teaching the topics that we lacked in and exchanged notes and queries through out the year. My advice to the upcoming 12th students is that don't run after marks, just stay attentive from the beginning and be regular at studies, focus on gaining the knowledge and understanding the concepts rather than gaining marks. Don't leave anything for the last moment only to freak out later on —be committed to your academics and prioritize it. My inspiration was LeBron James (a basketball player) because I learnt from him that hard work always pays off. It may be a bit late, but it always pays off, and for that hard work, you have to be determined and never give up.



Name - Monu chaurasiya
Class - XII(Science)
Percentage in boards - 95.2%



I used to study for 3 to 4 hours daily. My motivation to study was both to absorb knowledge and score well. However, the primary motivation was knowledge since it is the key to success. But at the same time, scores play an essential role in getting admission in the prime colleges, so marks were also a part of my focus. Self-discipline, regular practising, and revising the concepts regularly was my study mantra. I used to consider assignments as a part of my self-study. Assignment made me look for answers in books, which enhanced my knowledge. When I got to know that my business exam has been postponed, I was a little happy to get some more time to prepare myself for exams. I started to prepare one chapter daily, along with the case studies of those chapters. I am satisfied with the marks I received as it was as per my calibre. I didn't isolate myself before the board exams because studying 24X7 is a very unrealistic concept and it is not possible for anyone. I used to take breaks from study, in which, I used to talk to my friends. For the current 12th batch, I would like to say that believe in yourself. For reducing stress, avoid last moment preparation. Self-discipline is the key to success. Try to clear all your doubts as soon as possible. Don't pile your doubts for the 'tomorrow' which never comes. Give your best and make studies a regular habit. I don't have anyone's name to tell as my inspiration. Everyone, including my teachers, family, friends are my inspiration. They all played a vital role in my growth.



Name - Shreya Mishra
Class - XII(Commerce)
Percentage in boards - 90.4%



I was determined to study 1- 2 hours daily. I focused on acquiring knowledge as well as marks. I used to chill with my family members a lot. Their constant love and support kept me going. My study Mantra for boards was - 'Aaltu jalaaltu padhle warna, fail ho jayega tu' (Hokus pokus, don't lose focus). Time management skills are very important to stay focused on the goal. When I got to know that some of the exams were cancelled because of the COVID-19, I was sad, but when the results were announced I was on the ninth sky. I am content with my score. A day before each exam, I used to have a good glimpse of the main concepts and brushed up all the maps, important dates and facts. My friends have provided me a lot of support, especially Khem Chand. I didn't necessarily isolate myself because of boards but yes, I did cut down my time spend with friends. For the current class 12th batch, I just have one thing to say- stay home, study and be happy. My future plans are pretty vague at the moment, given all the uncertainty. However, I plan to get enrolled in one of the prestigious colleges of Delhi University.



Name - Ankush Kumar
Class - XII(Humanities)
Percentage in boards - 89%

In Conversation with parent

Q- Sir, how did you feel when you came to know that your child scored such a good percentage and did so well?

Ans- I was delighted and proud of my child, and I was sure that his hard work would certainly pay off.



Q- How did you make your child realize the importance of boards and made him study?

Ans - I never made him realize anything, nor did I ever pressurize him to study. He has always been smart and mature enough to know his responsibilities and work for his future without constant nagging from our side.

Q- How did you motivate your child during the times when he was feeling low?

Ans - I reminded him of his capabilities and the good times. I always motivated him by telling him to try and perform even better next time.



Alumni Buzz

Commerce and Confusions

Whenever I speak to any junior, I get to hear a lot of confusion about the options available after class 12th. Whether to take Commerce with Maths or without Maths, is a pertinent issue that students face. It is said that Commerce without Maths is of no use. On the contrary, taking up Commerce without Maths has no such vital drawbacks than opting for Commerce with Maths. However, the former does have slightly fewer vocational choices available at hand as high school Mathematics is essential in most of the competitive examinations such as CPT, ACET, CAT, SSC, bank jobs, and many more.

If Maths doesn't interest you or if you have quite a hunch about not scoring well in that subject, you can always take some other item as your additional subject. Nonetheless, you must take up Maths if you are confident about it. It not only edifies your problem-solving skills but also prepares you for further competitiveness.

'All Maths need is time, practice, and patience.' You need to inculcate resilience and persistence to ace maths. Consider it as a game, and it will never be boring again. The career options available in the commerce field are Chartered accountant, Company Secretary, Banking, etc. Rest, it depends on the sphere one is intrigued in and what one wants to stick to for a livelihood. Make an informed choice.



DIVYA YADAV

B.Com student at
Aurobindo College

Moment of Pride



Being the Head Boy at Vidya instigated immense confidence and many fundamental leadership skills in me, which turned out to be lucrative in real life. Mostly we fail to determine what's appropriate for us due to lack of guidance. Speaking from personal experience, one shall have a good base in Mathematics of XI and XII grade for clearance of 'NDA Examination.' The next stage would be the five days 'SSB Examination,' which is more empirical-based, observing one's optimism, reasoning ability, and other OLQs. The eligibility criteria are different for male and female candidates. For students aspiring to get admission in engineering colleges, there is an engineering entrance examination conducted for admission to various engineering colleges in India. It is constituted by two different exams- JEE Mains and the JEE Advanced.

The practice is the key. Without hard work, there are no fruits. Moreover, taking up leadership responsibilities during school life can help in the long run.

I have been an active member of the National Cadet Corps in my college. Last year, after undergoing a strenuous multi-leveled selection process, I was selected as one of the 20 fortunate NCC Cadets all over India for a foreign exchange program to Bangladesh. The Government of India sponsored the entire excursion. The duration was 13 days, during which I partook in several activities. I had the golden opportunity to interact with the President, Prime Minister, and other distinguished officials of their Army, Navy, and Air Force. We were under tight security all the time. The underlying intention of this program was to attend Bangladesh's Liberation Day (16th December) as well as to understand the functioning of their foreign relations. The Victory Parade Ceremony was held in the capital city of Dhaka. Cadets from four other South-Asian countries -Sri Lanka, Maldives, Nepal, and Bangladesh itself- were also present. The harmony between the Cadets as well as the Defense Chiefs was unparalleled. I made several good friends over there. As India had played a pivotal role in Bangladesh's freedom struggle, the cadets from India acquired particular limelight.

It was an honor for me to carry India's flag on my chest. I also visited many monumental sites and cruised in the Bay of Bengal. The taste of their traditional delicacies lingers in my mouth until today. This life-changing exposure boosted my self-belief and helped me realize that I have an abundant potential in me. I not only came back bold but a responsible chap too. My family and relatives are proud of me. I wish to continue being the apple of their eye by rising and shining in whatever ways I can.

Neeraj Bhatt

Engineering student at LPU

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'It's all about how we look at it'

- A COVID-19 Chronicle

When the first lockdown was announced, my entire existence was jolted. It took my mind almost five days to retrieve a normal state again.

Things changed drastically after 27th March 2020. It was my birthday and I was determined to get out of the limbo and do something. My best bud Anmol and I decided to utilize this lockdown rather than wasting our time. That is how we set out on a journey of self-growth from zero to one. We laid down a stringent schedule and swore to abide by it religiously. This small effort changed our perspective towards every action we used to take earlier.

We realised the importance of being in self-discipline, however hard it may be. Being night owls, it was difficult to wake up early. Every day, we looked up new strategies to wake up at 5 am, but all went in vain. Knowing that it takes at least 21 days to form a new habit kept us going. Working together as a team also contributed to it. As days passed, our efforts started showing better results. We started understanding the importance of 20 minutes and how much we can utilize it. Things like exercise and meditation became our morning rituals. We picked up books to read, and I realised it wasn't actually bad at all. I felt that pure contentment inside me. My love for life was overflowing day by day.

Another thing that this lockdown made me realise is that having a family is one of the most beautiful gifts you could have. It is a perfect set of people doing everything and anything for each other. Spending time with my mother, gazing at her used to be my favourite part of the day.



Anjali Prajapati



Coding had always challenged me during my first year in college. It was a pretty bad feeling to be surrounded by skilled coders. However, I never left coding. Again, we started from scratch, challenging each other to work hard and harder. I just used to sit in my room and practice coding at a stretch sometimes. I also utilized this time to bridge the gaps in my academics. I used to study class 11th and 12th mathematics as I really wanted to polish my basics. Earlier, I had just studied for the sake of it.

I have dived deep into mathematics and I am learning more and more each day. I also attend weekly sessions with around 150 Mathematicians all over India. In these sessions, we take up a problem and then discuss it in detail. We work on experiential ways rather than calculating it in the old way. We are also learning Geogebra along the way. As a matter of fact, I have collaborated with one of my friend and do mathematics weekly sessions. I'm learning so many different things on the way too.

This lockdown really connected me with a lot of people from diverse backgrounds. I have taken this opportunity to interact with people who are working with mathematics and also helping a community in writing blogs on mathematics. After a long tiring day, I used to write four lines questioning myself every day, about what life-lessons I learnt and what productive things did I do on that day. This helped me develop gratitude for small things. All in all, this lockdown became my biggest opportunity to acquire good habits for my academic sphere, understanding different perspectives of humanity, know people from different parts of the world, help my family and understand their love, focus on my health, something which I was never able to prioritize earlier. I am grateful that I took that birthday resolution and worked with a positive attitude rather than sobbing and doing nothing. Change your perspective, change your life!



- Anjali Prajapati
B.SC. Mathematics
Banasthali Vidyapith

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Creative Expressions

I am Vidya

Tiny fingers,
Pencilling A for apple.
Jittery lips
Sing singing Twinkle
Twinkle.
Ponytails
Bobbing down the aisle,
Shoot into
Gales of laughter and smile.

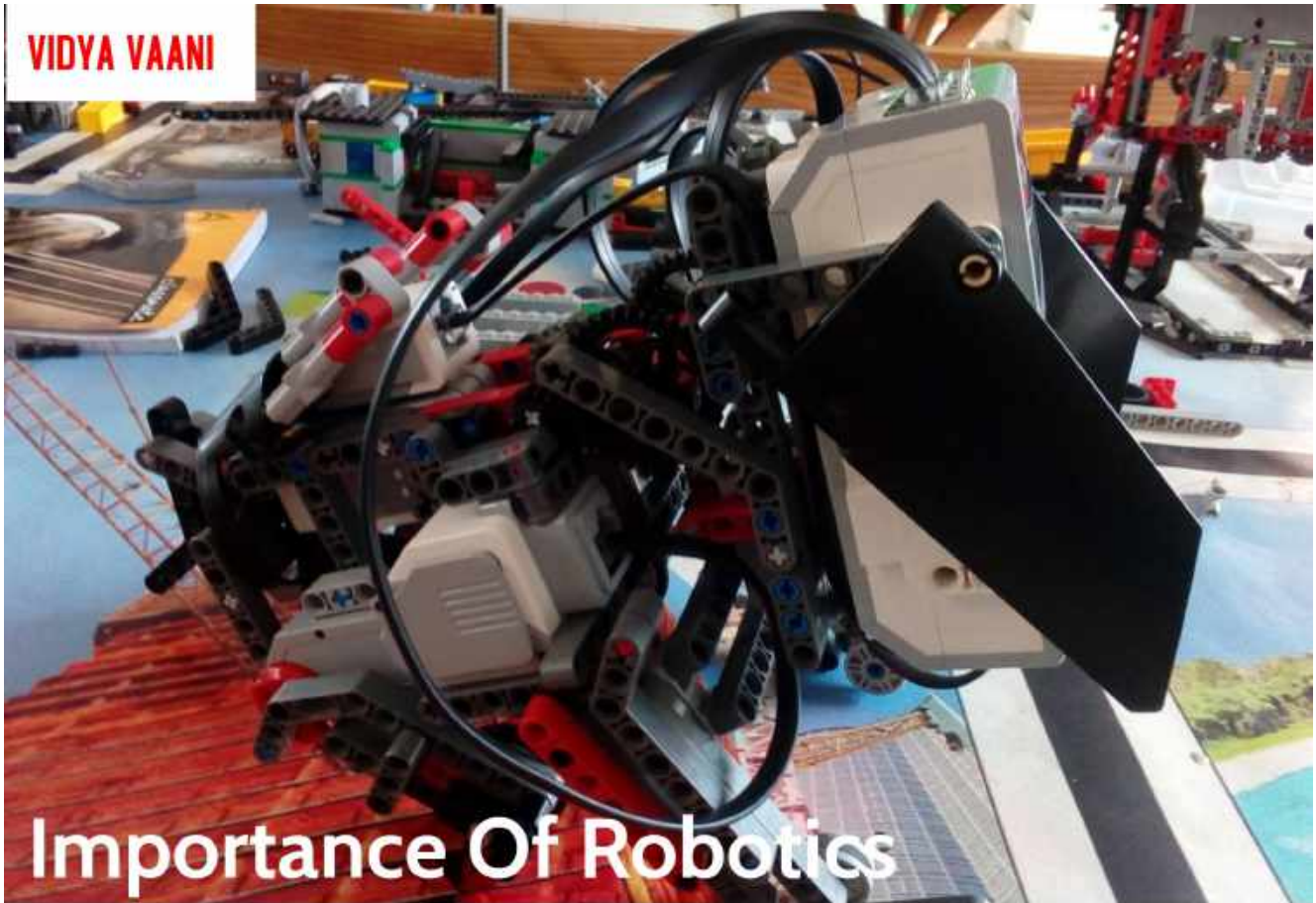
I am Vidya,
I shine in tattered shoes.
I palm heaven,
For dented destitute.
The policies
Bang bartan of equality.
My bunch
Overtimes for its quality.

Fair game
I invite you all to play.
To Slice
Your riches on our tray.
So that,
No child is left behind.
For Tomorrow
Could yet be redefined.



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Importance Of Robotics



Nikesh Patel

Class VIII

Out of all the co-curricular activities, I like robotics the most because it enables me to create new things. I like to see them work. My school has a robotics lab where I am free to create whatever I want. My dream is to remove corruption from society, and I believe that if we bring robots in labour, it would be one massive step against corruption. These human-operated machines are neither biased nor involved in bribery. I believe it might improve the current situation to a vast extent because then more human force could improve on other underdeveloped and developing areas. I firmly believe that Robotics can help us change the world. I would love to make most of the work automated. If we use robots in security departments, it can remove the danger of irresponsibility. It will decrease the number of criminals who now will not be able to bribe officials or get away with law. Robotics for security purposes will help keep an eye on criminal activity. I have seen many security guards who sleep on their duty. We can use robot security guards because they don't sleep at work. Thereby, India could become a leading developed nation in the world. I love how the separate parts of barely anything are almost brought to life and mobility. The human brain is really incredible. During the Coronavirus pandemic, we can use robotics in many areas like using robots in hospitality work and giving medicines to the patients on time. It could also be used in checking red zone areas so that the police workers do not have to risk their lives while protecting others. Robotics should also be given the same amount of importance as other subjects in our country.

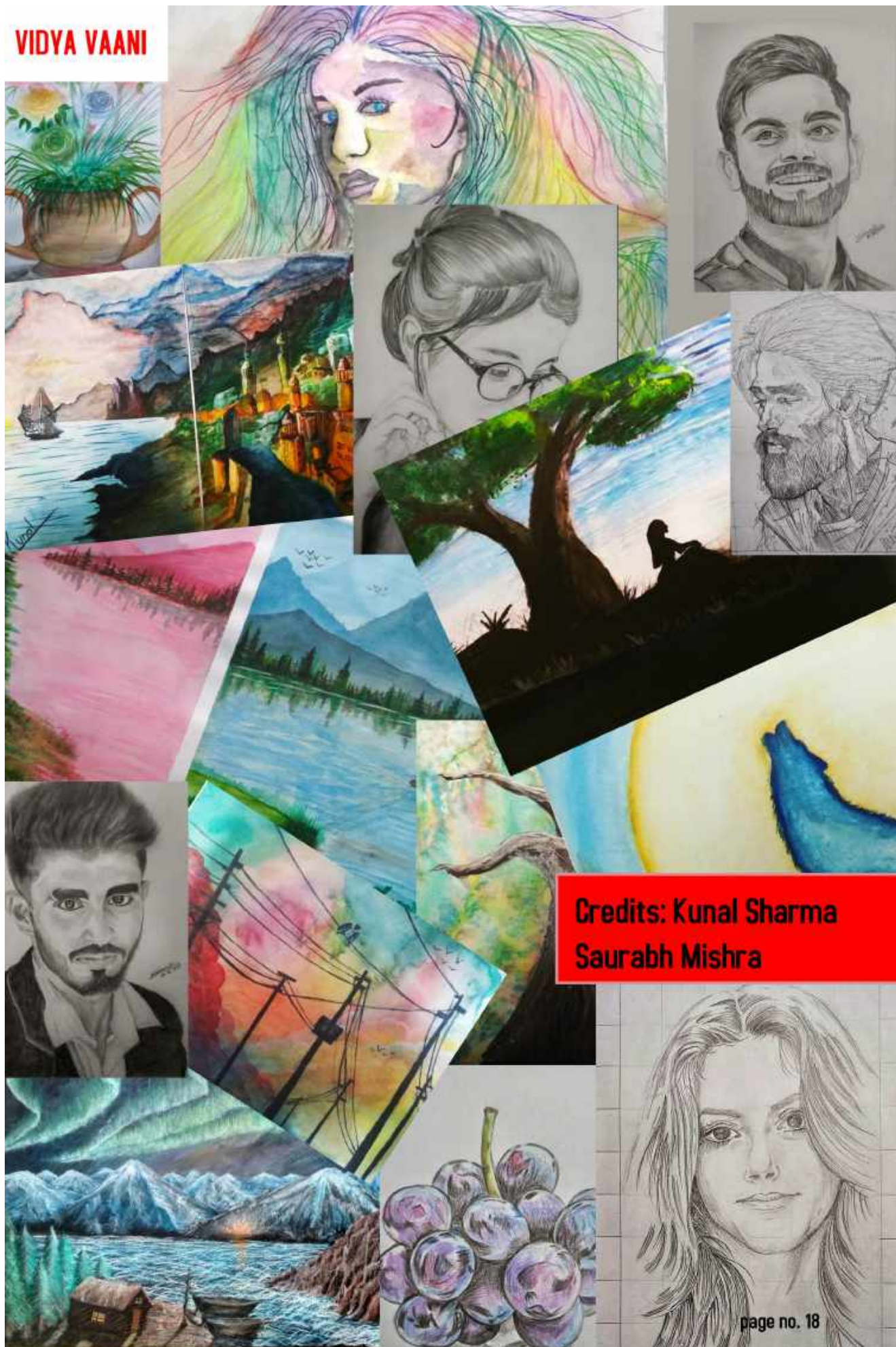
The Vale of Kashmir



The Kashmir valley, or the vale of Kashmir, is a region of Jammu Kashmir in India. Kashmir is famous for its rich cultural heritage, food, scenes, and views. Srinagar is a beautiful place located in Kashmir. It has a variety of tempting activities ranging from boating, bird watching, to water skiing. Locally this place is also known as the mirror to the mountains. Srinagar is the first stopover for every traveller, and there is a long list of places to visit in Srinagar. There are more beautiful places in Kashmir, like Gulmarg, Sonamarg Leh, etc. There is a big temple known as Vaishno Devi. Every year lakhs of devotees visit here. Vaishno Devi is also known as the heaven for pilgrims.

Anjali Kharel
Class VII

Kashmiri cuisine is scrumptious, rice is the staple food of Kashmiris and has been a core element of Kashmiri households since ancient times. Meat, along with rice, is the most popular food. Rogan josh is a food that is popular in Kashmir. It is made of flesh and different spices. Kashmiri dessert-like Kashmiri pulao, Kashmiri cardamom cookies are famous all around India. The Kashmiri shawl is a type of wrap identified by its unique Kashmiri weave, and it is made of mulberry or pashmina wool. Pashmina wool is one of the best examples of yarn found all over the world; it is mostly found in Kashmir. Beautiful shawls are woven from this wool. Kashmiri paper mache is also popular craft famous all around the world. It is a handicraft of Kashmir that was brought by a Muslim Saint in the 14th century. It is based, primarily on paper pulp, many people buy this for their homes as they are stunning. It is beautifully decorated and brightly coloured. Millions of people come to visit and enjoy their time in Kashmir.



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Vidya Vaani is the alumni-led initiative, which aims to connect Vidya School to the outer world. We put forth this e-newsletter with a desire to allow you a sneak peek into the day to day affairs of the school, thereby also, creating a space for the students to exhibit their talents in terms of artistic or poetic expression.



We welcome you to our second edition of the series and hope to keep you engaged. Venga! Board the train to Vidya Land and let Vidya Vaani echo unsung vignettes of inspiration into your ears.

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