Freedom in thought and expression through education and empowerment, is emphasized in the month that celebrates freedom in all forms.

**CELEBRATIONS**

**VIDYA School @ Drik Viveka campus**

**Independence Day celebrations @ VIDYA Bhagini Centres**

At VIDYA Mali Foundation, Dr. Deepa Srivastava enlightened the gathering on the qualities that the 24 spokes in the Ashoka Chakra signify; the guest Mr. Sathya, motivated students, promised his support to train and drive a business module, lend his hand in creating entrepreneurs, building careers and guiding students to become self-reliant.
At VIDYA South Bangalore, the day was marked by an inspiring and informative talk by Ms Rekha Srinivasan. Students understood the importance of this day and gave a good speech on how this Independence Day was different with Kashmir now being part of us. They performed a dance on a medley of patriotic songs.

The VIDYA Beyond School programme in Govt schools

Independence Day was celebrated with Flag hoisting, Parade, speeches and dance performances; explaining the meaning of tricolor and 24 spokes of Ashoka Chakra were a few activities on the special day. Boys made pyramids also.

Students were taught to make National flag with computer in MS Paint.

The Avalahalli School
The Nellorepura & Vibhutipura schools

The Siddhapura school

The Arekere & Divya Jyoti Schools
VIDYA SHAKTI

A tri colour themed cuisine together with art and craft for the women in our community Livelihood programme.

Ganesh Chaturthi - Welcoming the Lord of all beginnings.

Students dressed up in ethnic attire to welcome the ‘Destroyer of obstacles;’ Premises decked up to the festive mood; Ganesha themed cooking competition also doubled as offerings to the God of all beginnings; a festive spirit spreading the flavours of Ganesha Chathurdhi - enlightening the mind, soul and heart.

Cooking session was held; students learnt to make three types of sweet – Badampuri, 7 cup Burfi, and Kaju burfi.
Embracing nature in festivities
Environment friendly 'Ganesha making' workshop @ VIDYA Centres by Ms. Sukeshi Mistry

Janmashtami celebration @ VIDYA School
Krishna stories... videos & dressed up little Krishnas & Radhas.

Inauguration of Library @ AIG Community Computer Learning centre, Rajendranagaram.
VISITS

Meeting with ED of VIDYA
“Optimize your potential!”
"Make bold steps and fear not"
"Value self-esteem!"

The voice of Ms. Dilruba Kalsi, E.D. VIDYA, in her interaction with students is still ringing and will continue to inspire for a long time.

The coordinators’ meet with Mrs. Dilruba was equally informative, as the challenges faced were discussed and the solutions to them were charted out.

Ms Shivani Wazeer inspired all with her motivational talk.
Ms Kathryn, a dear friend of VIDYA visited the VIDYA Shakti Centres. She spoke to the women on how she could help them build themselves into stronger personalities.

An entrepreneur carves her own path.

Alumni from VIDYA vocational programmes had a rendezvous with WeOnGo (Women entrepreneurs on go), a platform that offers products for sale and a wide range of services, all rendered only by women entrepreneurs. VIDYA is very delighted that one of its alumni, Ashwathy is already on boarded and many more will follow suit and journey

Be aware of the opportunities.
The most significant aspect of pursuing a course is to understand its market value in the job arena. The visit by NIIT Computer students to Printo Document Services Pvt. Ltd. served as an eye opener to the career opportunities on different disciplines. In addition, the students were treated to a motivational talk by Ms. Savitha, who is part of another NGO and works as a printing consultant at the firm.

WELLNESS

Donate eyes, live beyond your lifetime....
When you leave the world, leave your eyes back to light the world of sightless.
That's the message a team from Sankara Eye hospital passed on to the students together with an eye checkup camp. Some staff and students immediately pledged their eyes.

A pat on the back to the students, who have completed different NIIT courses in the VIDYA Computers and Communicative English Programmes

LOOKING FORWARD TO YET ANOTHER EXCITING MONTH!!

A brief look at our Projects:

I. Beyond School Programme in 12 Government Schools
II. Scholarship Programme for Boys and girls, to pursue higher education
III. VIDYA Shakti – Livelihood programme for women in the community
IV. CLRC computer programme for children & residents of the community
V. VIDYA School @ DRIK Viveka Campus
VI. Bhagini- Women’s Programme @ VIDYA Centres:

Academic:
1. Communicative English- Basic, Advance & NIIT certified SEPD
2. Computer Literacy- Basic, Advance, Web design, Tally, Java …. 
3. NIOS – X and XII
4. NTT- Nursery teacher Training

Vocational:
1. VIDYA Vastra- Diploma in Tailoring from Singer.
2. VIDYA Varna- Madura Coats certified Embroidery and block printing course
3. VIDYA Vividha- Product making in Art and Craft
4. VIDYA Vaahan – Driving for women
5. VIDYA Aahaar- Catering and Cooking
6. VIDYA Shringar – Beautician Course powered by Shahnaz Hussain

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FOCUS ON YOUR GOAL.

DON’T LOOK IN ANY DIRECTION…. BUT AHEAD.