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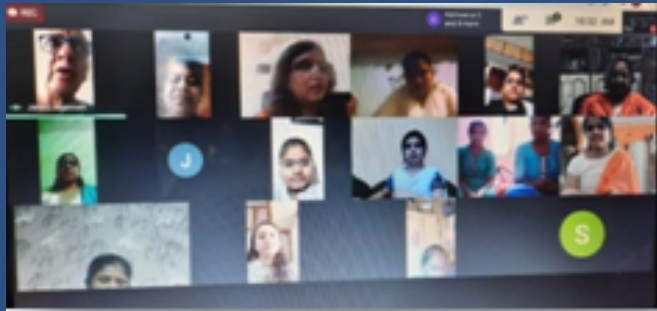
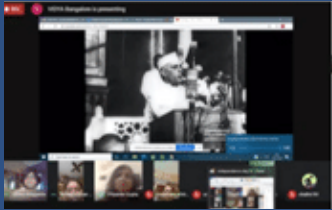
From music that drives the blues and keeps the COVID blues at bay , to Teacher's Day celebrations and students' achievements; Independence Day activities and Shakti series that lay the way to freedom from many constraints.....

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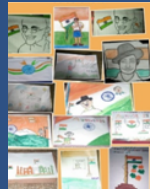
Independence day

EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS



The sound of 15th August is magical, the day the sub-continent gained its freedom from the British Raj. It is dedicated to every Indian and marks the culmination of the supreme sacrifices of our freedom fighters. This year, together with our great leaders, freedom fighters and soldiers, we also celebrate the COVID warriors, who have been relentlessly fighting the pandemic. Salutations to the heroes!!

The day was celebrated virtually by the VIDYA Bangalore team, with no less spirit in its festivities. The air was filled with the rhythm and tunes of patriotic hymns, speeches reflecting the precious nature of independence, PPT and movie on the history of Independence and drawings on the topic of "Patriotism".

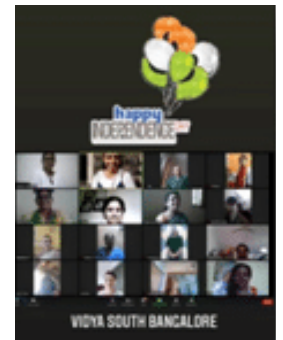


Dr. Deepa Srivastava, Director-operations, encouraged the team to be free of negativity in these troubled times ; to stay organised & confident and make the best use of the available time.



@ VIDYA Shakti

Ms Rekha Srinivasan CEO and Ms Jyoti Khare shared their positive thoughts and sent out a strong message of motivation to all. The teachers participated in the "Know Your India" quiz, and Ms Nagmani bagged the first prize, having the highest number of correct answers.



Teacher's day

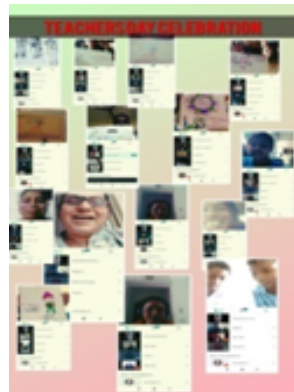
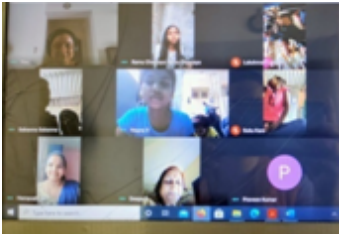
@ Nellorpura Govt. School

On September 5th - Teachers Day, an art session was held where greeting cards were made for the teachers.



@ Avalahalli and Siddapura Govt School

In the online celebrations, students showcased their beautiful drawings, sang songs and gave heartfelt thanks to their teachers to make them feel cherished.



Felicitation of VIDYA Corona warriors

Time to celebrate the Braveheart of VIDYA!!

When the world is trying to keep inside, being out in the community, distributing essentials, nutrition kits, medicines, ppe kits and other personal hygiene products is no cake walk. With relevant permissions from the authorities, VIDYA COVID warriors did all the above, bringing hope, cheer, smiles and awareness in many a lives.

The team was felicitated for the selfless services and undying spirit to reach out to more than 6000 needy beings.

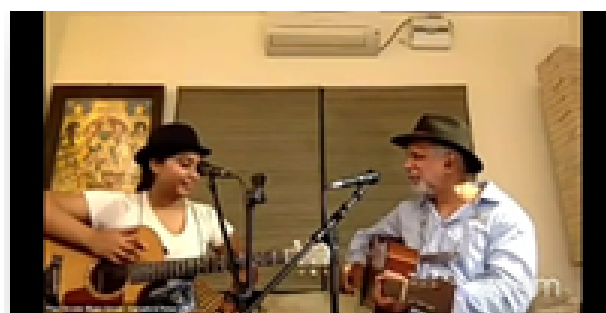
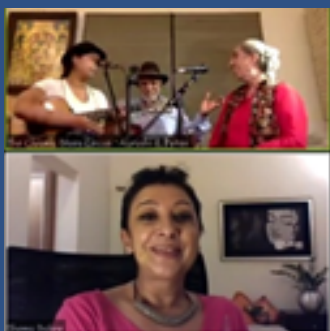




Driving away the blues with " The Chronic Blue Circus"

A dreary Saturday evening, illuminated by Aarushi and Peter of " Off the Beaten Track - The Chronic Blue Circus " absolutely took the blues away through their rendition of contemporary tales as mesmerizing music.

The icing of the cake was the surprise element at the closing of the show, "we shall overcome " joined in by our Founder and President Mrs. Rashmi Misra.

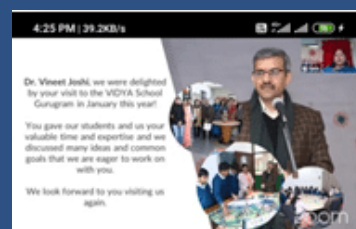


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBb0MBeZifw>

Progressive Education for Harnessing India's Talent

Yet another webinar by VIDYA Knowledge series, threw light on all the aspects of NEP.

Dr. Vineet Joshi, Director General of NTA, brought to light the paradigm shift that has occurred in the attitude of both educators and students. Thanks to COVID, online learning has become the new normal, opening new vistas and making the world open to the larger canvas of aspects of education that remained unexplored till now by traditional educational patterns. The session was very ably moderated by Prof. Ashok Misra.



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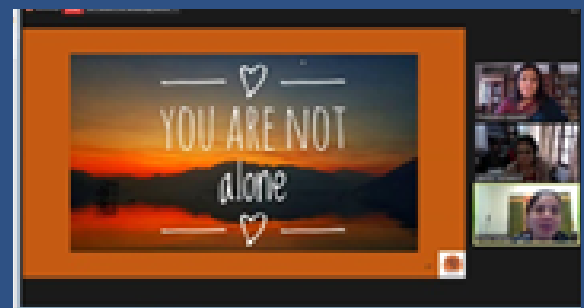
You are not alone!!

VIDYA Shakti Series, aspiring to empower women, narrated tales of the patriarchal society that we live in.

Ms. Prarthana and Ms. Rekha elaborated the support system available with organizations like Bembla. Details of PEDVA, the law that offers all possible protection and options to women to overcome the violence, was shared.

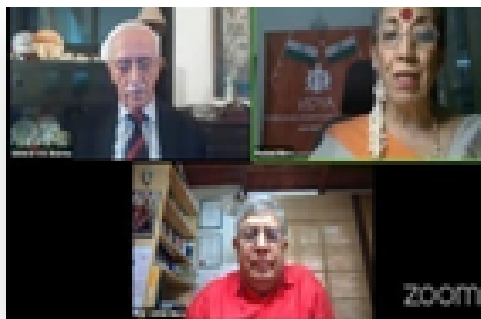
The session also brought awareness and guidelines on how the teachers of VIDYA can handle, perceive, support, stand and be with the victim and make her feel that " She is not alone."

<https://youtu.be/tEN2-UF-wB8>



Saluting the spirit of the Indian army!!

What better way to celebrate the eve of Independence day than a highly inspirational webinar with Gen. V.N. Sharma. The vision of the army, " you are only defeated , only if your mind says so" is true to life too.



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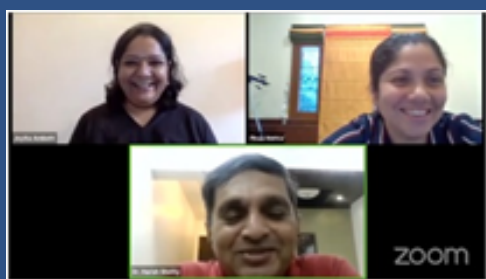


Cyber Security: Another enlightening session in the Shakti series , by Mudita Foundation

With the new normal of everything online, we need to adapt and look out for practical safety measures for our youngsters. As per Dr Harish Shetty, we need to keep communication open with our students to know if they're facing any threats or undue harassment online. Victims of cybercrime can seek legal recourse by lodging complaint under the Indian Cyber laws.



<https://youtu.be/u8YwELIXY-M>



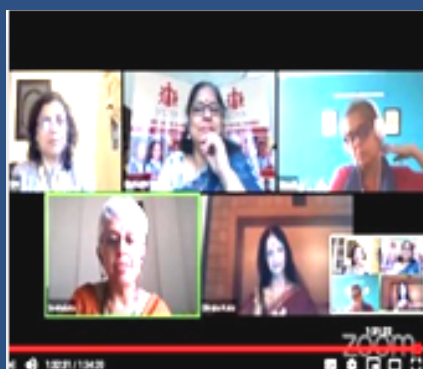
Unravelling NEP together

NEP demystified, core aspects highlighted, challenges sighted and clarity achieved - all in VIDYA webinar, about 'Unravelling NEP together.'

The panelists Ms. Nivedita Mukherjee, Ms. Dilruba Kalsi and Ms. Uma R. expounded the holistic approach and the critical reforms as cited in NEP through its integrative pedagogy, experiential learning and competency-based evaluation among many others.

The focus on foundational literacy in NEP as adapted by VIDYA all these years, resonated through the session.

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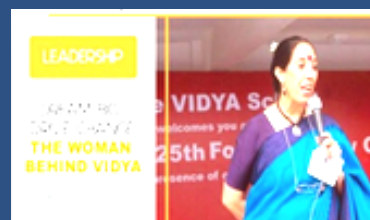
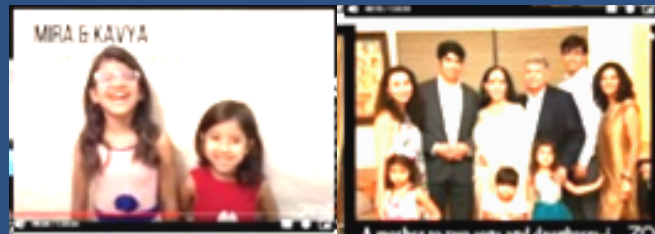
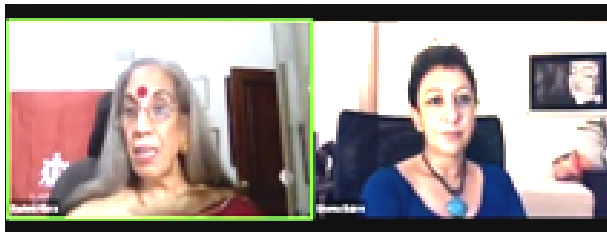


There is so much to be done, why waste time sleeping !!

Dream Big, Drive Change; The Woman behind VIDYA. Our Teacher's Day exclusive webinar presented Ms Rashmi Misra and her 35 years long journey towards the noble cause.

She shared some valuable advice - focus on ethos, mission and vision, be fearless, learn continuously from mistakes, be open to failure, have the best practices, compete, cooperate and touch lives irrespective of the stress on NGOs to be run professionally.

VIDYA Annual report 2019-20 was launched

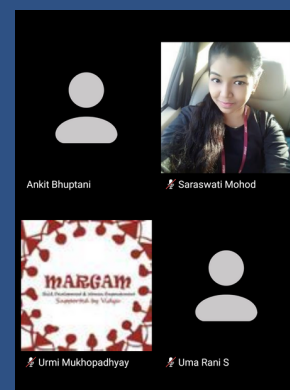
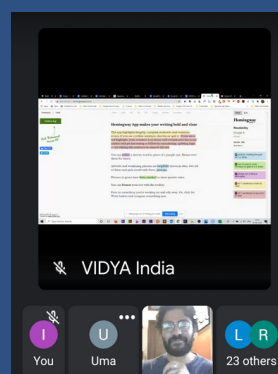


VIDYA was thrilled and excited to hear our dear Founder & President Rashmi Misra share the story of VIDYA with the Silicon city of India Namma Bengaluru, aired on 94.3 FM



Social media training

A week long training on Social media and its intricacies to the VIDYA team across borders, enriched the skills of the team, updated and prepared them to be ahead of the curve. Held by our webmaster, Varun Sudarshan, the sessions broke new grounds for those leading the communication activities.





Beyond School Programme in Govt Schools

Masks were distributed to school children to facilitate them to attend Vidyagama classes initiated by the govt and taken forward by the VIDYA teachers; also to collect & submit worksheets being given by VIDYA twice a week for keeping them in touch with learning.

Community Outreach through Distribution of biscuits and tea

Extending COVID relief solidarity to a larger geographical canvas through distribution of biscuits and tea bags in the communities, to the homeless and to old age homes Asha Jeevan & Holy Spirit.



Societe` Generale world solidarity programme

A gratifying experience indeed!!!

Reaching out and reaching beyond the VIDYA beneficiaries, with Nutrition kits, essential kits, PPE kits, Medicines , Sanitizer Stands, Sanitizers and N95 Masks.

Support provided with nutrition kits to 1500 migrants travelling to Bihar by Sangha Mitra express.

Distribution of grocery kits in the communities & to 200 out of job folk artists in Ramanagaram



Sanitizer stands , PPE kits , masks & gloves and medicines for police stations, govt. hospitals, garbage workers and fever clinics

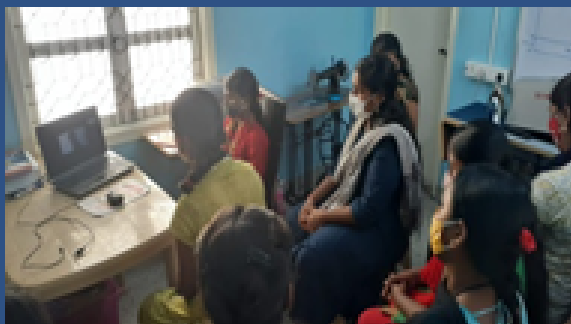


Counseling for mental well being

VIDYA Teachers regularly call students to enquire about their welfare and encourage them to remain positive; guiding them accordingly. Our counsellors continue to counsel students who require more support.

Facts on covid 19

Dr Ananya conducted a very informative & interactive session on Covid- Myth and Facts and how to boost ones immunity to stay fit in these times.

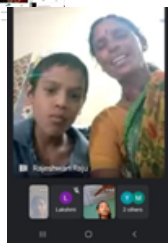
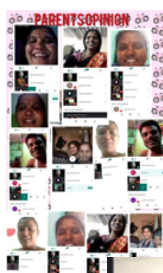


Online classes & classes with social distancing

The VIDYA team is committed to the cause of education & empowerment. Our teachers continue to work with their respective groups to engage the members of the community with educational and other learning activities like art & craft sessions, tailoring, embroidery, crocheting and music.

Feedback from the parents of govt school children of Siddapura and Arekere.

The parents of our students appreciated VIDYA teachers for all their efforts. They were glad that their children were able to learn everyday through online classes and expressed their gratitude for the personalized attention that the children were getting. It was a humbling experience indeed, as it validated all our efforts to keep the teaching-learning going on, despite facing challenges on a day to day basis.



Practical Digital Literacy classes for Arekere and Weavers Colony Govt School children

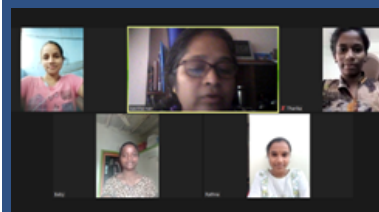


Scholarship Programme

The VIDYA MITR online mentoring is helping students in all possible ways. Our Engineering students Ramkumar and Devraj completed their month long internship program on CATIA V5 Basic part design conducted by "The Focus Path" through their college.

Vidyagama at Nellorepura, Vibhutipura and Vimanapura Govt Schools

Vidyagama, initiated by the Education Department of Karnataka is a continuous learning plan that promotes self-learning amongst school children. Children are guided to continue their self-learning at home, making use of the learning materials provided. Teachers hold classes in community centres, religious places, under the shade of any big tree, appropriately following the norms of social distancing strictly.



THE PANDEMIC CANNOT DETER US!!

On that note, we are happy and proud of our VIDYA Vastra students for completing their Singer Diploma Certification exam with flying colors..



- Results of NIOS students who appeared for exams in April were announced. They made us proud by achieving percentages of 76.4, 75.6, 63.6, 59.4.....

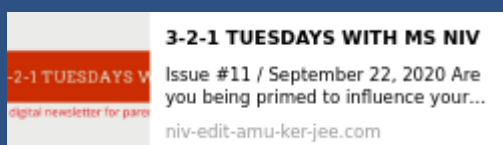


- NIIT Certificates received by our students on successful completion of the course.



Total of 39 students cleared various courses....
Completed basic computers with highest of 98%,
Cleared Java and Web designing with highest of 94%

- Sky is the limit to the one who has a passion; we are delighted to share the articles of our VIDYA team, published on various platforms.
 - Ms. Nandini's article



- Ms. Uma's publication
 - <https://parenting.firstcry.com/articles/contribution-two-lines-two-pink-lines-just-spotted-life-there-on/>
 - <https://parenting.firstcry.com/articles/contribution-want-to-announcing-your-pregnancy-subtle-and-aloud-go-on/>
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 - <https://www.induswomanwriting.com/the-spectrum-of-success.html>
 - <https://parenting.firstcry.com/articles/contribution-the-delight-of-going-to-school-post-covid-lock-down-reunion/>



A brief look at our Projects

- VIDYA Beyond School Programme in 10 Government Schools
- VIDYA Scholarship Programme for Boys and girls, to pursue higher education
- VIDYA Shakti - Livelihood programme for women in the community
- Digital Empowerment Programme for children, youth & residents of the community
- VIDYA Centre of Excellence @ Dunmore House.
- VIDYA Capacity Building Programme for Women @ various locations
- VIDYA Bhagini - Women Empowerment Programme @ VIDYA Centres
- VIDYA Margam - an initiative for the alumni of VIDYA to showcase their work and earn while they learn.

Academic:

- VIDYA Communicative English- Basic , Advance & NIIT certified SEPD
- VIDYA Computer Literacy- Basic, Advance, Web design, Tally, Java
- VIDYA NIOS – X and XII

Vocational:

- VIDYA Vastra- Singer Diploma In Tailoring
- VIDYA Varna- Madura Coats certified Embroidery and Block printing course
- VIDYA Vividha- Product making in Art and Craft
- VIDYA Shringar – Beautician Course

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***"Right attitude never takes you to wrong direction.
Believe! What's coming will always be better than what's gone."***



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