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**VIDYA**

**BANGALORE**

**January**

**2020**
Beginning the year on a positive note, integrating sessions for a holistic learning, inducting more programmes to enrich the lives of many more, better planning through team and coordinator meets for the year to be even more successful and eventful! A glimpse into VIDYA, Bangalore January Newsletter!!!

**CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN & DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**Budding programmes blooming in the joy of spring:** An ardent desire to touch more and more lives drives us to sow the seeds of VIDYA by extending our presence to different communities. Thanks to the philanthropic hearts that make possible every programme of ours. Our regards and appreciation to Statestreet for sponsoring the new programmes for VIDYA Bangalore.

**CBP for Women @ Whitefield and Dairy Circle**
Colony

CELEBRATIONS


Sankranti Celebration @ VIDYA School

Celebrating the harvest festival with traditional cooking, Rangoli and kite flying. Chikkaballapur, VIDYA School enjoying the flavours of Pongal!

@ Shakti Weavers Colony & CBP @ Dairy Circle
Students celebrated Makar Shankranti with great enthusiasm. The teachers spoke to them about the importance of this celebration. Students participated in Rangoli making, kite flying, made sweet Pongal and distributed Ellu Bella to all, to mark the celebrations.

Sankranti in Beyond School Program

Students of Champakadhama High School celebrated Makar Sankranti by knowing the importance of this day. They distributed Til and Gur to their friends. A student Madesh from a
village in Mandya spoke enthusiastically about the production of Jaggery from Sugarcane. It was good learning for the others too.

@ Vimanapura, Vibhutiputipura & Nellorepura Govt School
Kites, Torans, Pongal pots, Sugarcane ... Broadcom School students' artistic creations to welcome Sankranti

Republic Day Celebrations

VIDYA School
Planting the seeds of patriotism at a tender age.

VIDYA Mali Foundation & VIDYA South Bangalore
Celebrating the Constitution of India
English speech competitions and Poster making competition in Computers held to commemorate the 71st Republic Day Celebrations @ VIDYA, Mali Foundation.

Mrs Harini, a friend of VIDYA, and her mother Mrs Ranga Gopalswami, were the chief guests at the celebrations. Mrs Ranga Gopalawamy, shared her experiences with Gandhi and gave a simple message of giving back to our land, and to love one and all unconditionally.
Beyond School Programme

Siddhapura Govt School

The pride in unfurling the tricolour flag is immense @ Siddhapura Govt. School

Ejipura Community Computer Centre

Poster making competitions make a mark in the celebrations at Ejipura

VIDYA Shakti
Celebrated the day with patriotic song and speech.

**Capacity Building Programme for Women**
Teachers explained to students the relevance of this day; students performed patriotic dance and decorated their centre in tri colours.

**Scholarship Programme**
Students attended the Republic Day celebrations at South Bangalore Centre. Volunteer Piyush Gupta received a certificate of appreciation from VIDYA for his dedicated volunteering services and he gave a motivational speech.

**Workshop/Events/Visit**

**VIDYA Tech fest**
Eager and enthusiastic participation by trainers for the pan India, VIDYA Tech fest. VIDYA Bangalore won the 2nd Prize.
Sports day at BEET force - Delighted to be a part of the Sports Day Celebrations at BEET force.

Celebrating the Girl child @ VIDYA Mali Foundation and VIDYA South Bangalore
A session by Soroptomist to commemorate National Girl Child Day brought light, to good eating habits that is also affordable on all counts.

As part of the National Girl Child Day, students were educated about the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.

Knowing Gandhi- In collaboration with Habba, the session on remembering Gandhi. In this, they learnt about the Swadeshi Movement, Indian cotton vs Genetically
Modified Cotton.

Visitors @Mali

The Bangalore Leaders met to accelerate VIDYA programmes to higher altitudes by sharing ideas, voicing views and coping with strategies to overcome challenges. Also, a short motivational workshop was conducted by Hart Singh, the VIDYA Advisory Board member.

Another addition to the scores of NIIT courses offered to our students—JRT (Job Readiness Training) starting soon.

Ms. Snigdha`s rendezvous with the students and her encouraging words reverberates... She opined that, to be empowered one needs to instill the need to invoke and kindle the natural powerhouse of energy that lays dormant in each individual and utilize the optimized energy to enhance one’s life and lifestyle.

Ms. Susuma Biswanath interacting with the students.

Visitor @ SB
VIDYA Scholarship

The month witnessed one of the best sessions in VIDYA scholarship programme. Rohith Saraswati, an eminent motivational speaker inspired and kindled the spirit of students and parents with his mind-blowing speech. The session
gave some of the most important lessons in life. **Chase your Dreams** - his project will definitely keep helping our students to chase and execute their dreams.

**Children's Day out for Vimanapura, Vibhutipura and Nellorepura children**
The children had a fun learning trip to Iskcon Kitchens, Pyramid Valley, Bannerghatta zoo and Champakdham temple.

**Vastra Exposure visit**
2020 Vastra Exposure visit was a memorable experience for the students. It was a day filled with inspiration and ideas. The visit to Cotton Fab 2020 by vocational students of VIDYA was a memorable experience. It was a day filled with inspiration and ideas. The visit to Cotton Fab 2020 by vocational students of VIDYA was a memorable experience. It was a day filled with inspiration and ideas.

**VIDYA Aahar workshop:** Getting the flavor of the multi cuisines.
VIDYA Vividha Workshop

Designs, colours, paintings and hues on glass- a workshop on glass painting.

As part of our MARGAM Initiative and in partnership with FICCI FLO and the DCP South East Bangalore, the Alumni of VIDYA took upon themselves the onus of Empowering deserving and interested women from the communities of LR Nagar and RR Nagar. They conducted a 5-day training workshop on designing and making marketable products.

VIDYA Shringar
In partnership with FICCI FLO, a five-day workshop was conducted on Professional Mehndi by the famous Mehndi artist of Karnataka, Naresh.

Achievements
Leelavathi
Congratulations Leelavathi!, our VIDYA alumini on bagging a job as Admin Executive at IFB. Good luck on all your ventures.

Rani U,
Many congratulations to Rani U, on being role model to others by securing a job at Pragati Mahila Sahakara Sangh Niyamita, Munnekolala. Wishing you all luck and success.

Swapna J
Wishing all the best to Sapna J, as she makes a career out of her job as…… Accounts assistant in Jeevanadhi

Mahalakshmi.
Take a glimpse into Mahalakshmi's creative touch for a private order.
We are extremely proud to announce that Mahalakshmi has been featured in the Jan-March issue of Anchor Needle and Thread magazine.

Student Champaka has got job with Sharda Vidhya Mandir as a teacher. Student Manuvitha has joined Lord’s School as a teacher. Student Shobha has got a job with Manish Medi Innovation as a Store Assistant. We are very proud of our star students.
Sewing pieces of hues and beginning a new journey.
Proud of VIDYA, Vastra students, who successfully completed their Singer certification.

NIIT Exam

Our dream of imparting Computer literacy achieved. Good wishes to the students, who successfully completed their Computer courses and also the 12 students of English who completed their SEPD examination with a good percentage.

VIDYA Shakti (Weavers Colony) Graduation Day ceremony was conducted with the State Street team inaugurating the event. Certificates were given to the batch of 25 students.

Graduation Day was held for VIDYA Shakti (Dairy Circle) students. We were happy to have
Lohith from AIG to be part of the event. 42 women from the community benefited from this programme and were certified.

**Award of Bicycles donated by NUTANIX**

**Beyond School Programme**
Ganesh, student of Puttenhalli Primary school, Imanual, student of Divya Jyothi School, Shahid of Arekere school, Rahul M from Siddhapura school, Imroz from Avalahalli and Arvind from Nellorepura Telugu school received cycles for their outstanding performance. The State Street team was present to do the honours at Puttenehalli and Divya Jyoti.

Prathima, the **VIDYA Scholarship** student got the bicycle for being a responsible and earnest student.

**Community Mobilization**
Spreading the VIDYA message across and yearning to touch many more….

**Community mobilization drive @ Ramagondanahalli**

At Whitefield Gandipura School, together with leaders from Help Groups, Vijayanagara, Ambedkar nagara and Gandhi nagara.
A two-day MIND BODY WELLNESS workshop was conducted by Indians for Collective Action which is a 50-year-old organization located in San Francisco. Sessions on Mental and Physical Wellness which included, Hygiene, Nutrition, General Health, and Positive Attitude was taken up by Dr Rekha. Guided Vision, Goal Setting and Decision Making was taught by Ms Kalandi Bhatt. The sessions continued with deep discussions on Resilience and Self Esteem.

The teachers and Alumni of VIDYA attended a workshop on Women Safety and Crime Awareness organized by Bangalore City Police- South East Division. It was a very informative session which showcased the new app SUBHAHU, HELLO NEIGHBOUR and SURAKSHA. The police department displayed self-defence techniques for women and enacted a street play on drug abuse.

A 2-day workshop was held on Health and Nutrition by The Ministry of Women and Child Welfare for the benefit of women.
Bringing the beautiful smile in you!

**Dental camp** for VIDYA Mali Foundation Students

A health drive was conducted at VIDYA South Bangalore in partnership with Humain Health; blood tests were done for TSH, RBS, Hemoglobin. Blood pressure and weight was also checked

**Health checkups envisions a clear vision!**

Eye camp @ Avalahalli school

A similar **health drive** in Blood checks and others was conducted for women of Shakti Weavers Colony and Capacity Building Program @ Dairy circle.
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. CBP for women in the communities & VIDYA Centres
VII. DEP for children and youth.
VIII. 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- Singer certified Tailoring Course
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

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Quality is not an act
it is a habit .......