

# VOICE OF VIDYA

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## INTRODUCTION

The bygone year has struck us hard; it has left us in shock, pain, loss, fear, with so many challenges, desperation and despondency. However, human life has time and again reflected the spirit of survival despite the unending string of opposing forces fighting against it. So here we are .....

Beginning the New Year with smiles of hope!

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# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

## @VIDYA Mali Foundation

The low-key X - Mas celebrations began with the ceremonious carols and "Secret Santa" sharing gifts for their chosen ones. Our Founder and President Ms. Rashmi Misra motivated everyone to join the students on the dance floor. It was a cheerful happy closure to the pandemic year and a delightful, hopeful beginning to the New Year.

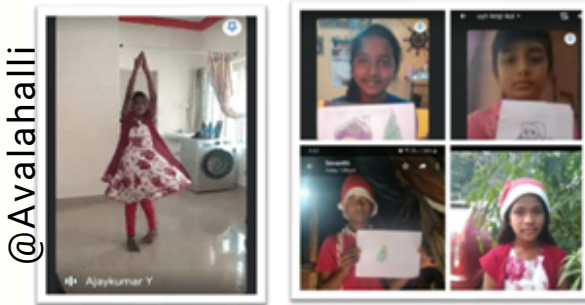


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## Online Celebrations @Avalahalli and Siddhapura Govt Schools



@Avalahalli

The children celebrated online but got gifts offline.



@ Vimanapura



## VIDYA Shakti programmes in Avalahalli, Whitefield, South Bangalore and Weavers Colony

Christmas and New Year was celebrated with carol singing, dancing, nativity play, storytelling and cakes. True to the expression "the proof of the pudding is in the eating", women learnt to bake plum cakes and ate them too.

The children who had come back to school after 8 months of closure were thrilled to celebrate X-mas with social distancing and Covid protocols in place. Two days before Christmas, VIDYA distributed cakes, biscuits and chocolates much to the delight of the children. Students who needed stationery were gifted writing kits. The joy and happiness on their faces was the best gift for us. It was a day of fun and cheer for teachers and students.



Shakti





## @VIDYA Centre Of Excellence

Heralding the spirit of the season with nativity play, songs, storytelling and sharing of experiences, the VIDYA Centre of Excellence was engulfed in love.

The VIDYA Santa gifted each one loads of goodies. Later on, Rotary Club also celebrated & gave gifts to children.

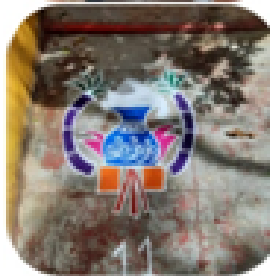


## SANKRANTI CELEBRATIONS

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**A note of thankfulness together with prayers and hope for prosperity, good rains and harvests ahead.**

The day was celebrated with pomp and splendour. Bright, colourful rangolis adorned the premises and students essayed how the festival is celebrated across India. The traditional pop corns popped up the spirit and drove the participants into a festive mood reiterating that festivities surpass all discrimination.



## @ Vimanapura, Nellorepura and Vibhutipura Govt Schools

The schools celebrated Makar Sankranti with a lot of enthusiasm and zest. Significance of the festival as celebrated with different names in all parts of India, the rituals that are followed, the science behind it and the different type of food that is prepared, was discussed at length. The children were very happy with the craftwork that was taught to them on the occasion.



## @ VIDYA Centre of Excellence

VIDYA CoE celebrated the festival in true spirit with colourful decorations, singing and rangoli making competition.

Computer beneficiaries did beautiful artwork on MS-Paint and spoken English beneficiaries did vibrant drawings and also wrote about the festival.

To be grateful for the land on which our food grows and to unite and rejoice is the essence of Makar Sankranti. So, we made yummy payasam in earthen pot and relished it to our hearts' content.



## @ VIDYA South Bangalore

The harvest festival of Sankranti was celebrated with rangoli decoration, kite flying and traditional Sankranti food. Students also participated in making Pongal, Eellu Bella and a recipe writing activity.



## @ VIDYA Shakti

Sankranti and Republic Day were celebrated with a lot of fun fare. Rangoli and cookery competitions were held and the winners walked away with very interesting gifts.



## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

### @VIDYA Mali Foundation

Celebrating the grand Republic of India gives us immeasurable pride and VIDYA Mali Foundation presented the flavours of the day in words, music and tri - colour cuisine.



### @VIDYA South Bangalore

The day was celebrated with a motivating talk about the strengths of our nation and the resilience of our people in the way they have handled the year gone by. The students put up a small programme with dances, songs and informative speeches.



### @Vimanapura, Nellorepura and Vibhutipura Govt Schools

The Indian Flag was hoisted by 9 a.m. with children of VI & VII in attendance. Keeping in mind the COVID-19 protocol, the activities were kept short with a few speeches, singing of National Anthem and distribution of sweets.

As a prelude to this, VIDYA teachers conducted week-long activities teaching children about the Indian Constitution, the preamble of the Indian Constitution and the evergreen 'Sare Jahan Se Achaha!!' Some art activities were also conducted for them.



### Online Celebrations @Avalahalli and Siddhapura Govt Schools





## @ VIDYA Centre of Excellence



Students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity. The programme began with Flag hoisting and National Anthem, followed by state song and VIDYA Geet

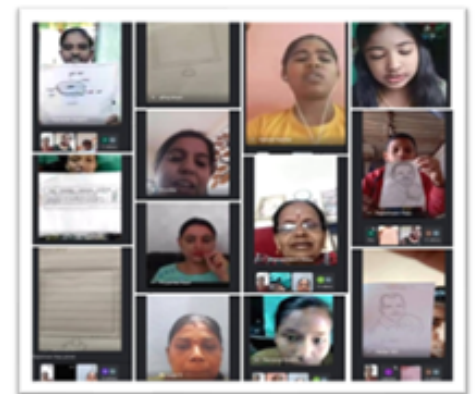
The Songs 'Look at the flag' & 'Hum Honge Kaamyab' were also sung by all, after which computer drawings on Republic Day done by VIDYA computer beneficiaries were shown on screen. At the end of the programme, Dr. Deepa addressed the gathering.



## WORLD COMPUTER LITERACY DAY

In the new age world where we live in, education is incomplete without the knowledge of computing skills. In the prevailing pandemic, the need for Computer literacy became more evident surging past global boundaries.

A wide range of activities were carried out across age groups and programmes in VIDYA Bangalore, in view of World Computer Literacy Day. Students created posters and presented write-ups on the importance of computers in our life. They remembered the lifetime achievements of Late Mr. F C Kohli, also known as 'Father of the Indian IT Industry', and showcased hand-drawn portraits of him.



## An Evening of cheer and carols with VIDYA

Though everyone felt the crippling effects of the year 2020, yet if we look through positive sight, it got us closer to our family, infused thoughts of gratitude for all that we are blessed with, experiences of joy in sharing and giving , mindfulness for others, and many more.

Reserve the best for the Last....

The last webinar of the year "Cheer and Carols" reinforced our trust in future and humanity.

The jingling carols of Susan Fernandes, the Nativity scene by VIDYA CoE children, the message by Rev. Jhonson, the carol by Ms. Rashmi Misra and Mr. Jhoncey George filled us with excitement for the New Year.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0qOVIA8cd0>

## Celebrating India in 2021 and looking ahead ...

The enlightening webinar with Mr. Tushar Gandhi was held to observe Martyrs' Day; it also celebrated the great leadership of Gandhiji, urging us to keep his lessons and principles in mind as we enter 2021 amidst the pandemic.

"Women do not need favours ; they need respect" as stated by Mr. Tushar Gandhi is a demand of the day and the society ought to change the way it looks at its women, sans stereotypes.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efFk8pNWGP8&feature=youtu.be>



## TEACHERS TRAINING

VIDYA teachers attended a Talk on Borderline Personality Disorder By Ms Meena Gupta and learnt about signs to note for a disorder, whom to approach and ways to work on improvement.

Very informative training sessions by Mudita foundation continue to be held every Friday for the senior teachers.

## WORKSHOPS

BY STONE SOUP on reusable sanitary napkin.



On preparation of masala powders by our Aahar Alumni Student & Entrepreneur



Candle making workshop



On making 5 types of chocolates.



Paper bag making workshop



Patch work session was held in which students learnt to use old Sarees for making new products like silk cushions and runners.





**Life is a gift. Living life to the fullest comes with various shades of learning. Surviving the ebb and flow of life is not a cakewalk.**

Life skills trainer, Ms. Gunashree instilled positivity and hope in the pandemic hit minds of the attendees and also ingrained the need for certain attributes that sow the seeds to the growth of a better self-image.



**A dutiful, focussed planning and schedule for the day makes a big difference in our attitude by promoting successful achievement of our goals.**



**Be in the present...break the chain of stress....**

Rachna Muralidar of Mpower stressed on creative methods of handling stress by focussing on 5 sights, 4 sounds, 3 sensations, 2 smells and one taste that is felt at that moment. Try this; Be aware; Be conscious; Switch to the present mode; Switch off stress...

Mpower also held sessions on Relationship Management, Social Media and Mental health.



A virtual Life skill session with the students was held, on Introduction of Thinking Skills- how the thought process works, why we think what we think. The trainer also visited the centre to meet the students.





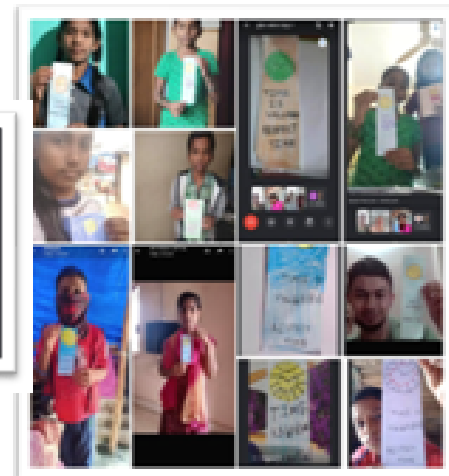
Students of Communicative English and Computers are progressing well with classes being conducted online and offline. Worksheets are given to all, for practice.



Vidyagama classes have started at Arekere Govt. School. All precautions were taken to begin the classes on campus. Masks and sanitizers were distributed to ensure safety for all. Children are happy to attend school after a long gap.



At Avalahalli Govt School, students attended a session on "The Importance of Discipline in our life" as a part of the life skills activity. They watched PPTs and videos; a DIY book-mark making activity was conducted.



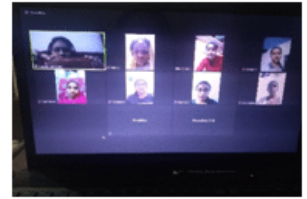
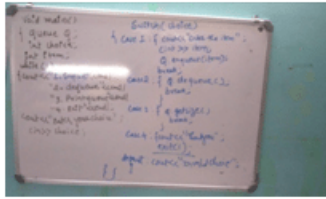
The VIDYA Bhagini & VIDYA Shakti women's programmes

VIDYA Bhagini Students are attending regular classes in Vastra, Varna, Vividha Courses. The Shakti programme is being conducted successfully in the VIDYA Centres and also in 3 communities.



## VIDYA Scholarship Programme

The month of December was filled with online classes and internal exams at college. Students of II PUC have started attending regular college classes. College visits were made by the VIDYA coordinators to keep track of the academic performance of students.



The VIDYA online mentoring classes in Communicative English, remedial classes for English, Physics, Chemistry and Computer science together with Lifeskill counselling is reaching out well across the students for various streams.

Monthly mentoring sessions are also held on topics related to job readiness. An interactive session on practices of finance and economics was welcomed by the students.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Rani, our Alumni from the Shakti Programme has taken a big step of taking a loan and setting up her own shop in the Weavers colony community where she takes up blouse stitching orders and Saree kucch work. We wish her all the best.



The UG students at Loyola Degree College have made VIDYA scholarship programme proud, by their stupendous performance in the semester exams conducted by Bangalore university. 21 students have secured exemplary, distinction performance.



Shivaji, our scholarship student of B.Com from Loyola Degree College has been winning laurels in national level Kabbadi competitions conducted state wise. Shivaji has been representing the state of Karnataka as a coach and as an extraordinary player. He has secured first position in the 1st Goa National Championship conducted at Goa.





## **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**
- **VIDYA Centre of Excellence @ Dunmore House.**
- **VIDYA Margam - an initiative for the alumni of VIDYA to showcase their work and earn while they learn.**
- **VIDYA Bhagini - Women Empowerment Programme @ VIDYA Mali Foundation & VIDYA South Bangalore**

### **Academic:**

- **VIDYA Communicative English- Basic, Advance & NIITcertified SEP**
- **VIDYA Computer Literacy- Basic, Advance, Web design, Tally, Java**
- **VIDYA Gyanarthi Programme for OBE & NIOS – I to XII**
- **VIDYA GyanVardhan Programme for I to X**

### **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**

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***"You don't need to see the whole staircase,  
just take the first step"***



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