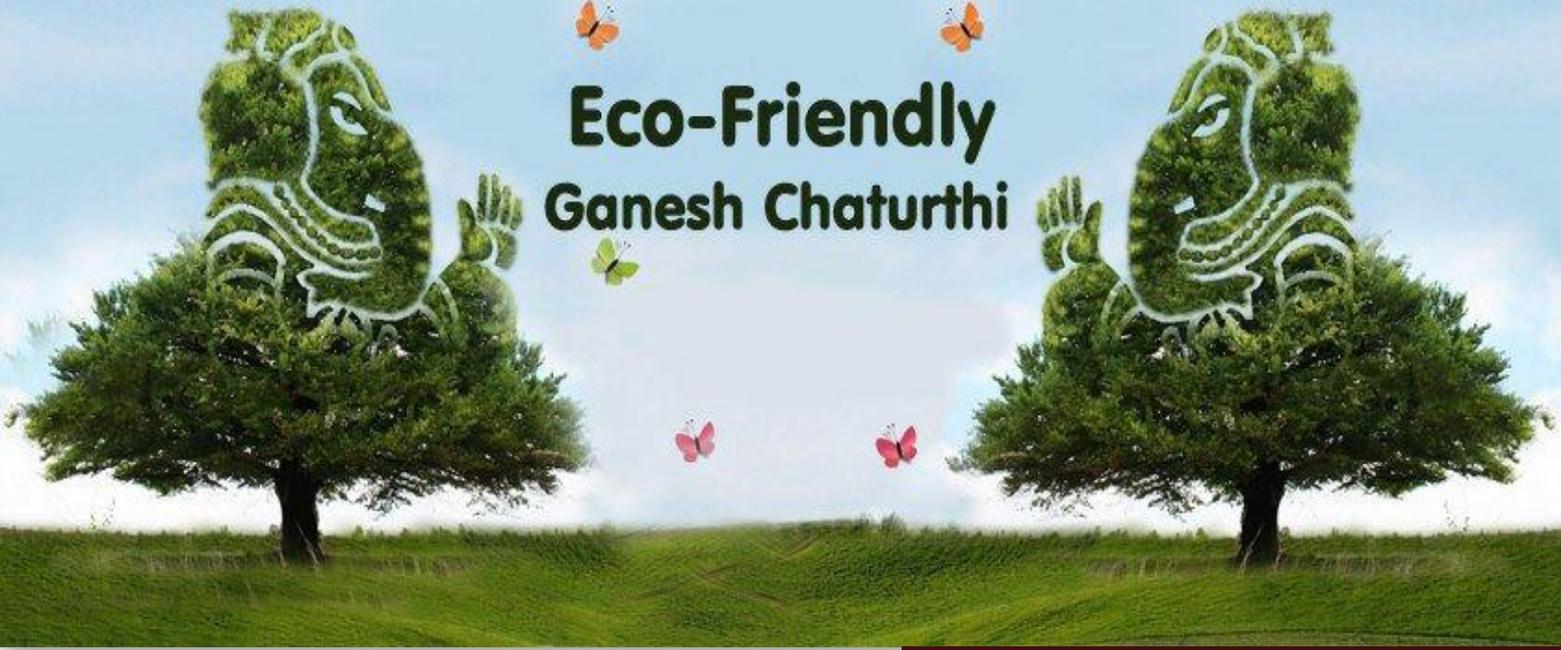




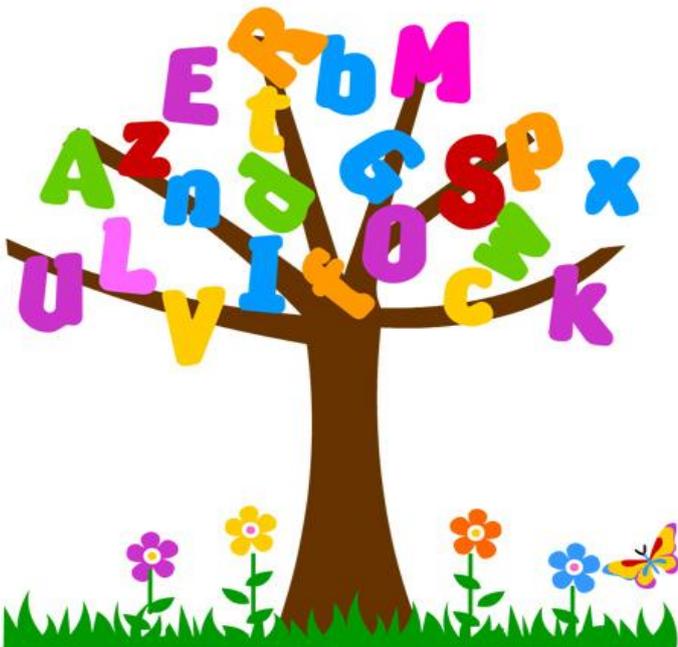
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VIDYA BANGALORE  
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Eco-Friendly  
Ganesh Chaturthi



Happy Teacher's Day



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## **VIDYA Mali Foundation- The Bhagini Programme**

We would like to begin, with our deepest appreciation to Mrs. Rekha Rao, Mali foundation and Semikron for their continued patronage in all our endeavors.

We sincerely appreciate R.C.I for their efforts towards supporting and promoting our cause.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Society Generale for their continuous encouragement to the mission and programs of VIDYA.

### **Save our Earth - Eco friendly Ganesha:**

Our benevolent mother earth has raised and nurtured myriad lives in its millions of years of existence, but now it is dying a definite death. The human inability to protect our planet has cost us climate changes, drought, extreme weather, unseasonal rain, among many others. Being aware of the fact that we don't have another earth to shift to, and to join hands and thoughts to make this world a liveable place for the generation next, VIDYA endorses the use of eco-friendly products. Keeping to the theme Ganesh Chaturthi, a workshop was organised on making Ganeshas with potter's clay.



Even though the objective was to bring awareness on nature, nature friendly ways of living and to inculcate the multidimensional characteristics that India represents, the workshop led the students to imbibe many more vital values of life. The students were all smiles and laughter at the beginning of the session, but as they started facing difficulties in getting the desired shape, a few did lose interest and almost gave up, but many others continued to try which inspired the whole lot to complete the project. A true life's lesson learnt - There may be breaks and stops in the road to success, yet the successful is the one who never gives up and inspires others to achieve their goal.

### **Life Skill and Soft Skill Session:**

A motivational talk was conducted by Mrs. Nancy, an entrepreneur running the 'Trendz Saloon' . She shared her story of fighting all odds since her early childhood ,starting her career as a domestic help and reaching the pinnacle of success by her hard work. She is institutional in raising the standards of other orphaned girls by offering them employable training at her salon together with supporting many orphanages across India both in principle and in operations.



Her speech emphasised 'dignity of labour' in the most convincing manner.

Once inspired and developed the skills required for a particular field of work, then lies the biggest task- to sustain quality. Hence a session was held by Mrs. Babita Saxena, a soft skill trainer, who threw light on work ethics and the formula for being a successful entrepreneur.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Nina Menon who was the guiding force behind these sessions.

### **Teacher's day celebrations :**

Education being our mission, Teacher's day is ideally the Diwali for the VIDYA family. The teacher's day celebration organised solely by the students was a show, showcasing their love, affection, and devotion to their teachers .

The warm welcome, the short introduction about the day, the long speech on teachers and their vital role in shaping the student and the society at large, the funny imitations of the class room scene, the roses bonding all with love, the cultural show to entertain, followed by cake cutting, all revealed the students' sentiments and the Programme was a true exhibit of their talents.



### **A surprise visitor:**

The corporator of Doddanekundi, Mrs. Shwetha Vijay kumar's visit to VIDYA gave us an opportunity to showcase our projects and products made by the students to the representative of the BBMP.



She was excited to learn about VIDYA and got a good perspective of the courses offered, our vision, nuances of the projects and how it benefits the beneficiaries. She was amazed and very appreciative of the exemplary "team work" that she witnessed at the centre.

### **An ode to health:**

Does anyone have another body to live? 'Absolutely, no'. Hence it is imperative to celebrate the health that we are blessed with and take measures to live a healthy life. In India there is an unwritten rule that women's health is the least important in the family and women themselves

care less about it. VIDYA's motto aims to offer a holistic education, and health education is one aspect of it.



VIDYA in association with Inner Wheel IT Corridor Bangalore, The Indian Cancer Institute & Ramaiah Dental College, organised a health camp on oral hygiene, women's health and screening test for cervical cancer for the students of VIDYA. The students were made aware of the needs of the same and they willingly participated in the camp, voicing their health concerns, which were duly addressed by the doctors. The dental check-up will be followed by free treatments at M.S. Ramaiah hospital at any day of convenience to the students. 77 women and girls benefited from the wellness program. Medicines prescribed by the doctors were also distributed to the women by VIDYA. Thanks to the donors for sponsoring our women wellness program.

### **Computer courses:**

We are thankful to Mr. Sharath Chandra from NIIT for ably conducting the exams and bringing many cheers and smiles for our women. It is indeed a matter of pride for VIDYA Bhagini, as another batch of students appeared for CCIP, CCIB and H&N computer courses on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2016.



## Communicative English:

Want to know what's cooking up in the English workshop? It's a session on narrating recipes in English. Close on the heels of the story telling workshop, Mrs. Malathi came up with another exciting and enjoyable activity-narrating a recipe in two tenses. The students were delighted to share their recipes which was a great exercise in enhancing vocabulary and brushing up their knowledge of tenses and its uses in a fun way.



Mrs. Praneeta's advanced English classes started with the revision of the basic component of English - nouns. An interactive, elaborative question and answer session on the topic was ably led by her. A story titled 'Mini and her Hair' was read out to hone the students' listening skills together with revising and locating the nouns from the story. The class was wrapped up with students retelling the story in their own words as they understood it.



## Varna:

Free style embroidery VIDYA Varna is heading into a realm of delightful designs of moving strands. A splendid sight of cheerful climbers decked on beaming buds; laughing flowers scattered amidst slender spikes; creepy clusters feasting the dreamy eyes in its freestyle form and kantha from Kolkata. Our students are getting ready to handle orders on request.

Will it not be a delight to wear a piece of art?



## Vividha:

Mesmerising Madhubani from VIDYA Vividha A Colourful art of dashing designs and shades straight from nature, Madhubani imprints and lessons for VIDYA Vividha. Our own buddy counsellor, Mrs. Raj Mathur is here again to captivate the students and delight them with designs from tribal lands of North India and free style drawings and paintings.



Vidya is all set to launch a whole new series of cards and gift covers decked with Madhubani, Warli art and free style designs.

Booties & Pretty frocks for your teensy - weensy bundle of joy from the crochet corner of VIDYA Vividha. Lock your lock of hair in place, hair bands from the crochet corner of VIDYA Vividha. Flaunt your danglers! A holder for your hoop and hook ear rings from VIDYA Vividha.



### **VASTRAA:**

The girls engaged in tailoring went about busily cutting , drafting, stitching , opening ,re-stitching, trying to perfect different garments as per their Singer syllabus. Practice makes perfect, and hence they also practiced to stitch simple bags in a neat and orderly manner which they can sell and earn as they learn.

### **NTT:**

The students of NTT course are indeed blessed to have as their mentor, Mrs. Mehar Choudhary, a teacher of substance and ex vice principal with more than 22 years of teaching experience. Her energy and enthusiasm will go a long way in inspiring the budding teachers who can emulate the passion and perseverance which she exudes.



### **Aahar:**

An elaborate meal beginning with appetising soup and starters, gliding to the sumptuous main course is sure to satiate you. Yet, your palate seeks more, a little of something, yes, something sweet, a dessert to complete the course.

A workshop by Ms. Sudha, who is passionate about trying and sharing her culinary art and recipes, did exactly that. She held a session on ethnic Indian sweets, Thanks to the workshop, Aahar students are well prepared to welcome the festive season and handle the festival orders.



### **Student of the Month:**

Another shining star from the galaxy of VIDYA- Sujini, our 2015 batch English and Computer student has realised her long cherished dream of being a teacher. She is a teacher at Samridhdhi Trust now.



Despite getting selected for the post of teacher, she was unable to take up the full time job as she had commitments towards her young son. Yet, charmed by her passion and commitment,

the employer offered her part-time assignment for now and to go ahead with the full time position from next year. Such stars are the beacon of hope and light for others sailing in the same boat and they motivate their fellow mates to deftly sail the tides and achieve their dreams.

## **Bhagini South Bengaluru**

The Bhagini programme is in full swing with operations buzzing at the centre. As the good work of VIDYA is spreading in the neighborhood more interested women are joining the VIDYA programmes. The classes are progressing well and with the addition of tailoring machines to the class it is making all our students very enthusiastic about using the machines and finishing their work on time. The computer students are proficient in the use of making new folders, cut, copy, paste using the editing options in Notepad. The spoken English classes are progressing in a steady and effective manner with more students enrolling for the program and using English as a medium of communication with their family members and VIDYA staff. Needless to say that the women are now gaining confidence to attend the school meetings at their children's schools.



The thrill of creativity and the excitement of crafting beautiful things with their hands continues with the Saturday workshop on creative crafts. The ladies have created lovely haldi-kumkum cases, painted colourful diyas and are now learning to design jewellery using silk thread and clay.

A beautiful array of smart A line frocks for little girls by the VIDYA Vastra is very eye catching and drawing everyone's attention; it brings back the nostalgic memories of our childhood .

Embroidery classes are going on well and some of our quick learners are ready to start with their level one kits and make up their portfolios.



The students of the Bhagini program surprised their teachers with a fantastic Teachers Day celebration on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. The teachers were overwhelmed by the love and affection shown to them by lovely songs sung for them & beautiful handmade cards and flowers given as gifts. A skit by the women on classroom discipline was par excellence. The students prepared a sumptuous and mouth watering Bhelpuri complimented with fresh lime juice. Games and quizzes for the teachers and students progressed through the day. This gesture of the students has touched the hearts of teachers and the students are dearer to us than ever before. HEALTH IS WEALTH and yoga is the path. Volunteers from Total Yoga are guiding the South Bangalore women to adopt yoga into their daily lives and attain physical and mental strength.



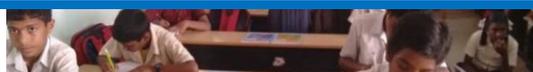
Continuing our focus on women's health issues, the South Bangalore women participated in the health camp organised at the VIDYA Mali centre. The women were able to gain better insight into their health status - prevention and cure.



### **Beyond School Programs.**

Our schools celebrated Teachers day with great fervour and enthusiasm. The children conducted a short programme as a mark of respect for their teachers. VIDYA saluted the teachers of the government schools and acknowledged their dedication on this day with a box of sweet We are grateful to SYNERGY for standing by us in this appreciation.

VIDYA's Beyond School programme in the new schools has settled with the remedial classes progressing in a methodical and systematic way at all the three Govt. schools - Jayanagar East End, Arekere primary school and Champakadhama Govt. school .



The high school students have started with their mid-term examinations. Assessment tests and oral evaluation are being conducted in all other VIDYA classes to assess the learning, comprehension, and conversation skills picked up by the children over the last three months.



The Arekere school science lab has been set up by VIDYA with the help of generous well-wishers. This is enabling students to understand the concepts in a better manner. The science lessons are now accompanied with experiments and practicals.

### **Scholarship / Buddy Program:**

The scholarship program is proceeding well with students attending the weekend classes regularly. VIDYA staff has been volunteering their time to work with the scholarship students and help them in clearing their doubts in various subjects and also mentoring with the recent updates in the field of employment opportunities. Their academic performance is being tracked and monitored regularly.



Our scholarship students had a wonderful opportunity to interact with the employees of AIG, who instantly set up a great rapport with our students, through team building games, motivational talks, and discussions about the vast array of opportunities in the world. The dedicated VIDYA staff regularly visits the homes of the scholarship students to connect with the parents, making them aware of their ward's performance, and also counselling the family on the role of the parent that would help the child achieve their dreams.

