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The Bhagini Programme

A new year, new spring, new students, new ideas, new challenges AND NEWER WAYS to overcome the hurdles; that's the order of new beginnings. The first month of the last quarter of the academic year 2017-18 is still seeing students' queuing up for enrolling in courses to enhance their knowledge, better their lives, life styles and comforts. We are very happy and satisfied to have reached and touched many lives incessantly with the sole intension of educating, empowering and transforming lives.

Let's begin the documented version of the month's events with words of gratitude to all who have continuously made valuable contribution to the VIDYA cause. Rekha Rao, Mali Foundation and Semikron have been the means of our sheer presence in Bangalore East, thanks for the infrastructure.

Our heartiest regards to Societe Generale, AIG, Synergy, Broadcom LDSG & KKS for their support to our mission.

ACADEMIC COURSES: Spoken English, Computer Literacy, NIOS & NTT:

The means to reach out to society is through effective communication. Not only in a multi lingual society like Bangalore, English is the mode of common understanding, but it is also the road to learning other academic courses.

97 students of Spoken English classes have completed their respective levels and are heading ahead with a confident attitude towards a bright, shining future. The NIOS students have successfully completed their assignments and are gearing up for their board exams with extended preparations and practice.



16 of our NIIT Intel computer students will be appearing for their certificate exams in February and are bridging the gap between their understanding and doubts with their trainers.



The final exams for the NTT candidates are in the offing and all 5 are shuttling between the study centre and classes for completion of assignments and other submissions required for the programme.

VOCATIONAL COURSES: VIDYA Vividha, Vastra , Varna, Vahaan & Aahar:

VIDYA looks forward to create entrepreneurs and make students employable after they complete the academic and Vocational courses.

Our vocational students are nearing the completion of their courses and are busily perfecting the skill with tiny yet essential nuances of their art.



A demo of new model Singer machine was given to the Vastra students which gave them a firsthand knowledge of the parts, its workings and its operations.

BUILDING ENTREPRENEURS:



The stage is all set for our future entrepreneurs to venture into the realm of entrepreneurship; thanks to Mrs. Harmeet, who aids the students' understanding in handling of small time business by preparing and guiding them with her expertise.

One of her sessions held at VIDYA Bhagini introduced the concept of entrepreneurship and detailed the dos and don'ts of it. The prime purpose of becoming an entrepreneur, the ways one should navigate in the novel trial, together with the impact of the same on the individual, family and society at large was also highlighted. The classes help students in converting their current skill into a profit making start up.



SUNSHINE AT VIDYA AAHAR



A consolidated, comprehensive, combined jam making sessions by Sunshine group from France and VIDYA Aahar began with tempting flavors of strawberry jam seeping through the air and just a whiff of it was enough to tickle our taste buds.

The course comprising a variety of seasonal jams is a 3 day workshop a month, spanning through 6 months. It imparts a collective knowledge of personal hygiene and jam making techniques - 'Jam making in the cleanest ambience'.



The session begins with sterilization of vessels followed by preparation and filling and finally packaging of products together with marketing strategies for retail sales.

WEAVE A STORY OF YOUR OWN:

It's the first week of the year and a fresh start to it too! Thanks to a new session of storytelling by Mrs. Palash.

Mrs. Palash is a story teller, a motivational speaker, a healer, a therapist; a counselor.... the list just goes on!

A practitioner of Magnified Healing, she was at VIDYA to help students handle varied issues that they encounter in their lives. She interacted through stories woven out of vocabulary straight from the students. Of course there are flip sides to a coin and one cannot succeed without tasting defeat and one can't experience happiness in the absence of adversity.

Certain problems can be solved and some others don't have solutions, but there is definitely a means to live with it. She instilled exactly these views in the minds of the audience in her first session at VIDYA Mali Foundation, Bangalore. A philosophy one needs in all stages and facets of life!



THE SPIRIT OF REPUBLIC AND NATION HOOD:

Love for our nation and respect for our constitution is of utmost importance to all Indians. Celebrating national festivals kindles our spirit and gives us an opportunity to express our thoughts and feelings for our beloved country. The students of VIDYA Mali Foundation, did exactly this by featuring their vision and views in posters and in their speeches - competitions held as part of our Republic Day celebrations.



Dr. Deepa Srivastava, Director Operations VIDYA Bangalore, detailed all the national festivals and what each festival symbolizes, together with insisting on the need to follow our constitution to make a better India.

Mr. Ashok Misra, former Director - IIT Mumbai, enlightened the students on the various options available for enhancing their knowledge and pursuing professional courses. He very meticulously judged the competitions along with Mrs. Misra. Mrs. Rashmi Misra, as always, inspired the VIDYA family with her resonating words of motivation and encouragement with living instances of VIDYA leaders from across the length and breadth of our country.

The programme culminated with the distribution of prizes to the winners of competitions and a brunch.

SGGSC CSR team visit: The SGGSC CSR team from France visited VIDYA Mali Foundation and showed by appreciative words, their satisfaction with our services and how we bring a change in the lives of many.



COMPOSTING BIO WASTE:

It's a time that not only lakes, ponds and rivers, but even our cities are drying due to lack of water and the air becoming unfit to breathe. Hence saving our precious earth for the next generation is the utmost need, and we at VIDYA are very keen on making our little step count, in saving the environment. One such Endeavour is to compost our daily generated bio waste. Here is the beginning!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

Ningamma, a 17 year old migrant labourer's daughter had no idea about what a school is. Having not been to a school ever in her life, she and her sister Deepa joined VIDYA in June and have been part of English and Vocational courses. Ningamma successfully completed her Vastra course and has completed Level I – Spoken English. The change in her attitude is such that she, one day, came to us to announce her joining Computer course. Delighted by her decision and thrilled by our efforts for having made a big difference in her small life, we are all the more motivated to touch and change the lives of many more.



THE BEYOND SCHOOL PROGRAMME – East :

Our beyond school students took a break from their studies to celebrate Republic day with fervor and happiness. Our VIDYA teachers helped them prepare a skit in English on “Unity in Strength”, which they proudly and perfectly presented to the audience.

It was a great exposure to the students when the Broadcom employees organized a science exhibition for them and they displayed their understanding of science with small models and experiments. **We are ever grateful to**



the Lotus team of Broadcom and the employees of AIG for being part of the student's life skills classes being conducted by VIDYA on alternate Saturdays in the govt. schools that they support.

VIDYA SOUTH BENGALURU

The Bhagini Programme

The year started with a bang; students ushered the New Year with much enthusiasm. This month they have been busy with a lot of practice, eagerly looking forward to the VIDYA Annual event of 7th February. The South Bangalore program is expanding and we have taken up additional space to conduct the same.

Our student Hemavathi made us proud when she took up a job at Hypercity. She is earning a handsome salary and is able to realise her dream of being a support to her mother.



On the 26th of January, students celebrated Republic Day with Fervour.





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scholarship students Pavithra and Devraj were felicitated by the Oswaal books round table dialogue on Future of School education in Karnataka . VIDYA teachers Ms Nandini Natarajan and Ms Rashmitha received the excellence in teaching award from the honourable Education minister of State Karnataka. This is a moment of pride for the entire VIDYA family and students



English – Advanced English students are enjoying learning Direct and Indirect speech. The Basic English batch of students is working towards finishing their course by March.



Computers –9 Students have completed their NIIT exam this month and 11 are ready for the next exam in February. The Tally students are finding their course very interesting and are enjoying their classes.



VIDYA Vastra Varna & Vividha – Next batch of Varna students are getting ready for their final exam by the end of January, while others are close to completion. Vividha students are leaning to make small toys by crochet. They are now taking small orders for tailoring & crochet work that they can do from home and also forming like minded groups to take orders from individuals and export groups.



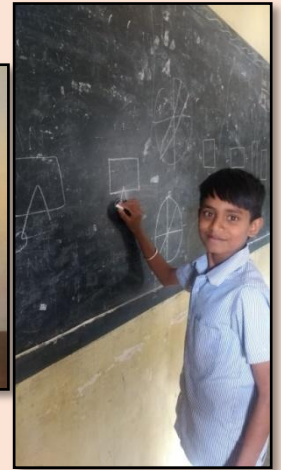
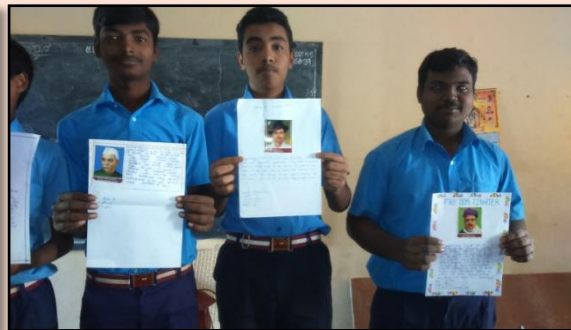
Beyond School Program – South Bangalore.



Our 10th grade students at Puttenhalli had a very interesting Career guidance session which made them aware of the vast opportunities that are available to them. The champakadhama and



Puttenhalli students of class 10th are working towards their upcoming pre boards. Many practice sessions are being held for the students. 8th and 9th grade students, who are close to completing their portions and will get started with the revisions soon.



The young students of Arekere indulged in art work; their beautiful thoughts on paper came alive on our VIDYA brochere.



Scholarship/ Buddy Program:

The month of January has witnessed a lot of budding activities with the scholarship students studying feverishly for exams. A valuable such session was conducted by the team of AIG employees. It gave an insight on the ways and means to approach a group discussion towards placements in colleges.

Another moment of pride for our VIDYA.;yes, One of our outgoing students Ms Sumithra has secured a job in Concentrix, an IT firm. This will definitely boost her morale and confidence



Our scholarship students from Loyola PU College attended a NSS camp and got an excellent exposure of giving back to the society.

The first PUC and the second PUC board exams are fast approaching in the months of February and March and the students are preparing for the exams.

We hope that all our students will come out in flying colours. Wishing everyone best wishes for exams.



To conclude in the words of Abraham Lincoln:

THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT YOUR FUTURE IS TO CREATE ONE

Looking forward to connecting next month.....