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Togetherness- the essence of celebration!

Dear Friends,

Greetings from VIDYA!

We are delighted to reconnect with you and share all the exciting events that took place at VIDYA Delhi/NCR in the previous months. September and October mark the beginning of the festive season, illuminated with positivity and enthusiasm. In Delhi, it is also the time to welcome the winter.

This edition of ***VIDYA Varta***, brings you all the updates for September and October. From Teachers' Day celebrations to Shri Jayant Sihna's visit and the Joy of giving week, the months witnessed the entire VIDYA family coming together to celebrate compassion and humanity.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Teachers' Day & Open House
- Shri Jayant Sinha visits the VIDYA School
- Celebrating the joy of giving #DaanUtsav'18
- VIDYA Leaders' Conclave '18
- Welcoming the festive season

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TEACHERS' DAY & OPEN HOUSE







On Teachers' day, the students of the VIDYA School, Gurugram surprised their teachers with colorful performances and hosted an Open House Day for all the friends of VIDYA. Some of the special guests at the event were General VN Sharma, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, Former Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army, Ms Vinita Bali,Former MD, Britania Industries Ltd, Ms Nelofar Currimbhoy, President Shehnaaz Herbals and Ms Shiwani Wazir, Former Miss India, who inspired the students by sharing their



personal and professional experiences with them. The famous Buddhist Monk, Mr Kabir Saxena also joined us for the interactive session and spent some quality time with our students and teachers.

Ms Nelofar Currimbhoy, who is also our mentor for the Shringaar project at the **Mandira Margam Program,Gurugram**, met our women students and handed over their diplomas to them.
She inspired them with her speech and also promised to introduce an advanced diploma course in Cosmetology.



SHRI JAYANT SINHA VISITS THE VIDYA SCHOOL, GURUGRAM



On September 6, 2018, the VIDYA School, Gurugram had the honor and privilege of hosting Shri Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Civil Aviation at the VIDYA School.

Mr Sinha addressed the students and his reference to the three C's of 'competence, character and compassion' left everyone in the audience inspired. Students were motivated to dream bigger and work harder.

We thank Mr Sinha for obliging us with his presence and making the evening so memorable.





Giving is the greatest act of grace !



NIOS, Gurugram students organized an awareness rally in the community

The secret of living is giving!
It is important for all of us to be grateful for our privileges and blessings.
This ***Daan Utsav - Joy of Giving Week (October 2nd-8th)***, the VIDYA children, youth, women and team members decided to do their bit for society and thanked everybody through simple acts of giving.



At Bal Vihar and SDMC schools, our children thanked the support staff team by making greeting cards for them



The VIDYA School, Gurugram children visited a nearby police station to thank the officers for keeping them protected and safe



At IIT community development project, youth and women students made paper bags to distribute in the community



At Pappankalan community, teachers organized a special lunch for the support staff members



In a touching gesture, Ms Hardeep Vilkhu from Federal-Mogul took our women from the Usha Silai centre, Gurugram to watch the film SuiDhaga at PVR Cinemas on the occasion of DaanUtsav. Inspired by her kind gesture, PVR Pictures also treated all the women students with extra burgers and snacks. For many it was their first ever visit to a cinema hall. They were truly inspired by the enterprising story of SuiDhaaga

The VIDYA family enjoyed celebrating and experiencing the joy of giving during DaanUtsav. Through this festival they got an opportunity to give back to society and also learnt that every act of kindness, no matter how small or big, has the potential to create a positive impact in someone's life.



At Okhla Community, VIDYA students organized a puppet show and dance performance for the children of Kushi shelter home







CELEBRATING THE VICTORY OF GOOD OVER EVIL AND EMBRACING THE POSITIVITY OF LIGHT!





- The festive season was welcomed with great fervour by all. On Dussehra, the students of Okhla community project created an effigy of Ravana tagging social evils on it and burnt it, promising each other to create a safe space for all.
- Students across all VIDYA projects in Delhi had a great time making rangolis and decorating the centres.
- The entire Delhi and Gurugram team also gathered at Bal Vihar for Diwali puja and lunch.



VIDYA LEADERS' CONCLAVE'18

October 2018 ended on a wonderful note with a successful Leaders' Conclave which was held from October 29th to 31st, wherein all the leaders got an opportunity to interact with each other from across the country and learn from their respective experiences.

The Conclave 2018 witnessed a dynamic fusion of visions and experiences to create a clear path and vision for VIDYA for the next 5 years. We asked ourselves the why's, who's, where's and how's of what we do, and left only after we had a clear set of actionable steps for continuous improvement in the way each project serves our beneficiaries.

As the three-day conclave came to an end, we were all left with an even greater enthusiasm to get back to work with renewed vigour, and educate, empower and transform many more lives, in more meaningful and significant ways.

"All social change begins with a conversation"--Margaret J. Wheatley



Our students love to make new friends and they would be more than delighted if you could visit them sometime. You could play with them, teach, mentor or volunteer to help them. You can also support them by contributing towards our programs.
Every effort counts!

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