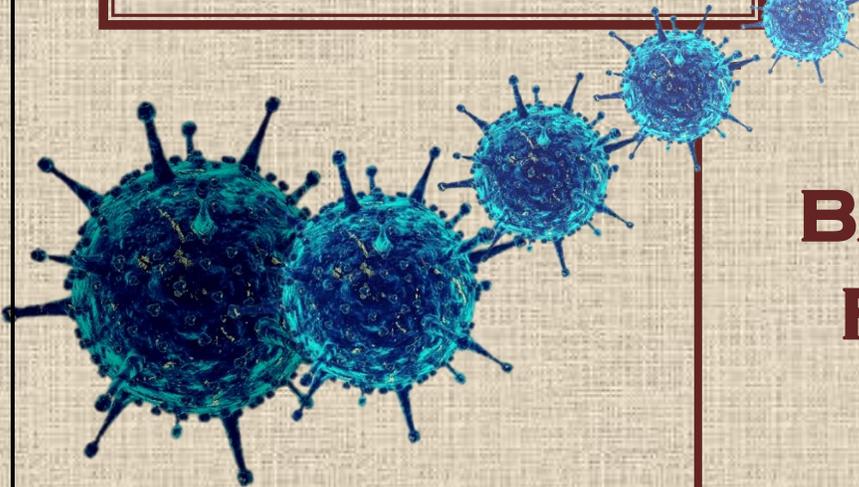


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**VIDYA
BANGALORE
FEBRUARY &
MARCH
2020**

Life has been beautiful and zooming at a fast pace, aimed at concentrating on self-roles and goals; the gifts of science and technology make it easier, faster and ensures almost everything made available at the click of buttons, **Until the advent of COVID 19.**

THE CORONA – LOCK DOWN IN MARCH

Corona, the pandemic strike of the era has left every citizen of the world, rich and poor, educated and illiterate, young and old in lurch and fear, desperately in need of help. March 3rd 2020 was the day when the news of the first case of COVID-19 emerged in Bangalore, bringing life to a stagger and slowly to near standstill. Today, the whole nation strives to drive COVID 19 out of their lives. Social distancing being the order of the day, it is the primary duty of organizations like VIDYA to reach out to the needy, helpless and voiceless, to bring in awareness and supplies, driving home to them the policies of the government and its measures related to financial and material aids. The teachers of VIDYA were armed and were ready to inform and prepare the students for the impending epidemic.

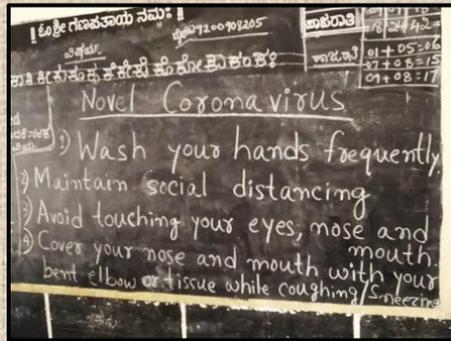
In all the government schools and communities that we work with, students were shown instructional videos and demonstrations on preventive measures to be carried out. Significance of maintaining good health and hygiene, making masks at home and the importance of social distancing were taught. We shared emergency calling numbers with them and shared the new insurance policy released by the government in lieu of the prevailing virus.

@ The Shakti and Capacity Building Programmes



@ Beyond school Programme in Government schools

The children were advised to take this time to improve on their reading skills, help family with household chores and help their siblings in studies.

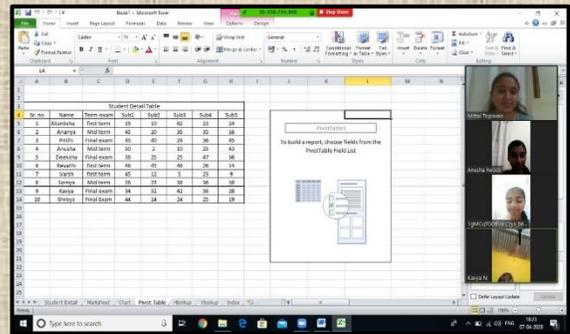


WORK FROM HOME

With the VIDYA Centres closed since March 16, the work continues from home. Thanks to technology, the teachers are using innovative methods of teaching.

Teaching English and computer is a challenge the teachers have taken up, especially when the students do not have computer at their disposal. One on One session is conducted via WhatsApp call. The teacher shows her screen and teaches them. Groups are taught on Zoom. Not only

students, the VIDYA teachers are also attending sessions and honing their English Communicative skills as well as computer basics and advanced skills



They are also lending their hand to help people in this crisis.

Susama, Indumathi and Tanuja have been making masks at home and have distributed around 100 masks each in their neighbourhood.





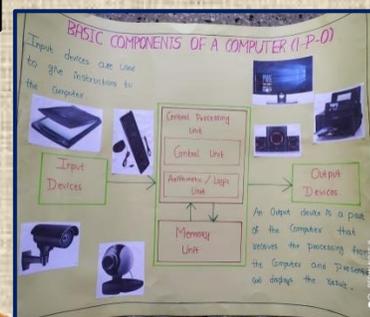
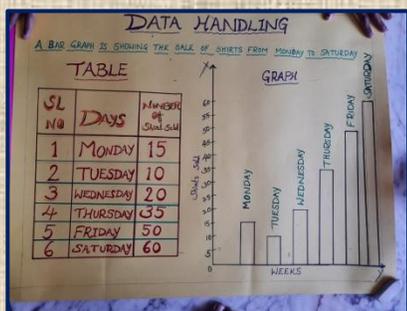
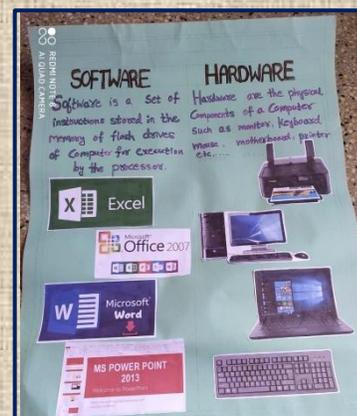
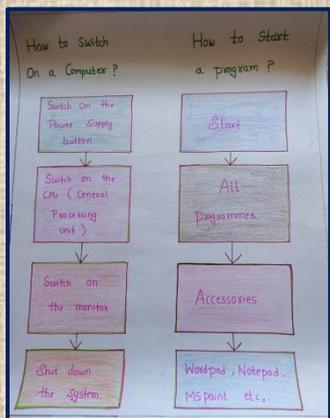
One of our teachers has gone out of her way to buy the provisions with the help of the funds given by a VIDYA partner and has supplied the material to the needy near her house.



WhatsApp groups have been made and the teachers are in touch with the students giving them information about coronavirus, the dos and don'ts, urging them to stay indoors and giving them encouragement to practice the craft & skills they have learnt so far.

VIDYA teachers have joined online workshops on effective teaching practices, skills in craft and so on...Working from home, they remain productive by planning for current and next academic year with new content for the entire spectrum of subjects and classes and also creating their own teaching aids . All the rich source of documentation for present and future are being uploaded on

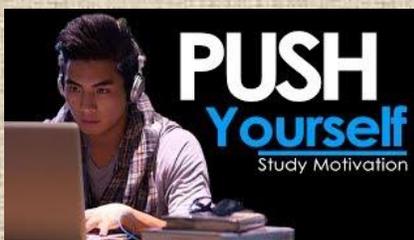
Google Drives. The unavailability of computer systems in their homes is not making them stop, they are working on their mobiles and trying to make the most productive use of this Lockdown



We are proud of our VIDYA Family of facilitators!!!



Motivational videos



ROLE PLAY



In this uncertain time, VIDYA stands by its beneficiaries, ready to share their anxiety and worries and continue to Educate, Empower and Transform.

We take this opportunity to thank all our donors for their trust in us and it is their support which is enabling us to deliver our best!

When this pandemic comes to an end, AND IT WILL, every child, youth and women will be back in VIDYA and be the leaders of change that VIDYA envisions!

For now..

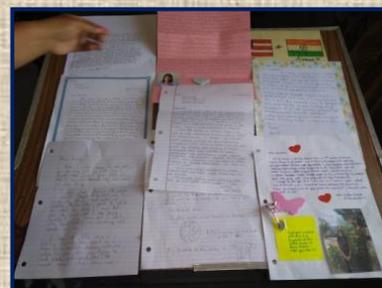
Stay home, stay safe!

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/VISITS/WORKSHOPS

Companionship and love spreading across boundaries with visitors from overseas and love penned in letters from various countries to the school children have been the highlight in the month of February

Pen pal Activity

The excitement of students on receiving replies from their Pen pal in the United States of America.



Vowel activity

Teaching the students words associated with short vowels.



Library Book Donation in Puttenhalli Primary School

Saraswati Puja was conducted on 11th March at Siddapura school.



Workshop for students of
Capacity Building Programme



Training workshop on Lippan Art and terracotta Jewelry at kalavriddhi Art nest.for vocational trainers to upgrade their skill



Awakening the leader in you!

It was a truly remarkable session on "Leadership" by our Advisory board member, Coach Johncey George.

An eye-opening session, it is surely going to have a great impact in the professional and personal lives of the participants.

The session aimed to build responsible leaders, who can take 'massive action' to achieve the desired results. Since the session was held at Mount Palazzo resort at Nandi hills, the teachers enjoyed the break from their daily routine and scene of work



JRT (Job Readiness Training)

VIDYA empowers and help students get a job through JRT course, an employability enhancement initiative of NIIT. It is a certified course that offers foundational knowledge and skills on varied areas to enhance employability of the participants. Most of the students from this course found employment as per their choice.



Science workshop for students of Vimanapura, Nellorepura & Vibhutipura govt schools



Flavours of culinary art in Spoken English Programme

Exposure visit to Star Extra for the students of Spoken English meant to aid them in their conversation in general and during oral exercises held in class on 'narration of recipe' in particular. The participants had a nice time together with an enlightening exposure, as they could see, feel the spices, cereals etc. and relate to their personal cooking experience.



A workshop in communicative English with food & Recipes:

As a sequel to a series of sessions on 'narrating a recipe,' demos of delectable dishes were presented by a group of students @ VIDYA Aahaar kitchen. **A workshop for the students, held and organized to perfection by the students!**



VIDYA Aahaar workshop

Workshop on Italian Cuisine - Cream of Tomato Soup with Croutons and Pizza Varieties. Summer cooler and some cookies as well for the sweet tooth.



Shakti Students did a comprehensive session on Fruit and Vegetable preservation by the **Food and Nutrition Board- Ministry of women and Child Development**. During the 5 day workshop, students learnt – Pineapple Squash, Mixed Fruit jam, Groundnut and Poha laddu, Tomato Sauce, Tomato chutney, Spinach Dosa, Onion Chutney, Broken Wheat Vegetable Kichdi and Chilli Pickle. During this session they also learnt the use of preservatives and packaging.



VIDYA Vastra workshops

Students getting hands on knowledge on cutting and sewing straight pants & designer blouses for the readymade market.

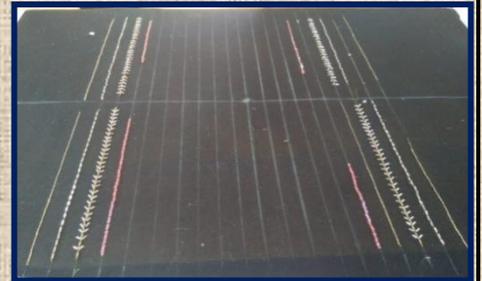


A work shop was also conducted on making Kali Salwar and Churidhar. Techniques of taking measurements and cutting the cloth to the client's measurements were demonstrated

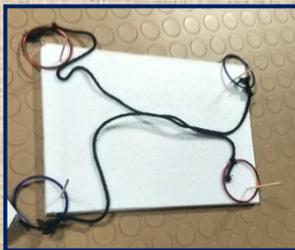


VIDYA Varna Workshop - The art of Aari flowing all the way!

Have you ever fallen in love with those beautiful, lovely, colourful designer blouses with beads beaded and woven into beautiful motifs? Come fall in love again.



Visit to a startup and Graduation Day for the students of **Ejipura Community Computer learning Centre**



VIDYA Shringar Oriflame Workshop demonstrated techniques and products for shampooing conditioning, and hair fall treatment.



A Visit to Natural to Miracle salon, enabled the students to see a professional set up and hands on training on Hair Straightening, Perming, and Smoothing.



Exposure visit for computer students:

Exposure visit to 4 MirrorTech Innovative Pvt. Ltd by VIDYA Computer students gave them a great experience getting firsthand knowledge about various topics including IOT, its operations, and areas of usage...



VIDYA Scholarships

The SG GSC team visited the VIDYA South Bangalore Centre for an employee engagement program with the students. A great learning experience for both!



Advisory Board meeting

Brain storming and working towards a bright future! VIDYA advisory board meeting discussed a whole lot of actions to be taken for achieving our vision.



Co-ordinator's meeting

Getting ready for big annual events



Visitors from Japan

Entrepreneurs, corporate employees, techies, all pursuing M.B.A. at ICS Hitotsubashi, were here with VIDYA, Mali Foundation students, interacting and passing on the message of hard work, and perseverance that drives them on towards higher pursuits.

They were truly amazed by the spirit that each and every VIDYA student exudes in their persistent path to achieve their goals, dreams and desires.





THANK YOU CHETANA FOUNDATION for the 5 new CPUs at the Siddapura School
The students are quite thrilled to use the latest software.



VIDYA Logo on the walls of our Centres





CELEBRATIONS

Women's Day Celebration

In line with the mission of VIDYA i.e. holistic approach to education, the weeklong celebrations to commemorate International Women's Day at VIDYA comprised a complete package of learning experience.

@ VIDYA Mali foundation and VIDYA South Bangalore:

The week started with blood check-up camps, followed by doctor consultations that brought in the significance of female health and its vital parameters.

A series of documentary videos were played and the consequent discussions on them gave an insight on the need to "equal rights."

Speech competitions focusing on what equality means to each one of the students, challenges faced, ways and means to overcome the challenges not only provided space for the beneficiaries to voice their views, concerns and thoughts, but also brought light on the status of women with reference to the society we live in.

The Celebrations closed on a positive note with a skit presented by the team on "Each for Equal", distributions of certificates, team sport events and a grand feast prepared by the staff and students. The students also participated in Cooking without Fire, Mad Ads, Mehndi and Rangoli Competition. The centers were abuzz with activity, all dressed in shades of pink and purple.





The Shakti & Capacity Building in the community

Women’s Day was celebrated with much enthusiasm. Women participated in cooking without fire & Rangoli competitions. They sang a Women Empowerment song which talked about all the strong women in our country including our Founder Chairperson Ms Rashmi Misra. They also shared some relaxing moments playing Tambola .



WELLNESS

A holistic approach to knowledge begins with self-realization and self-care.

Health and wellness go hand in hand and VIDYA aspires to ensure a healthy living and awareness of health through 'Health camps and talks'

To commemorate International Women's Day, a blood checkup was organized for the students in all VIDYA centres to ensure Women's health, bringing cheers to the beneficiaries.

Dr Rekha a Friend of VIDYA conducted a gynecological check for all the women and advised them on the Medications required, care and course of action for those who had problems.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Meet our strong ladies, who have worked hard to achieve their goals.



Navaneetha, a typist now, enjoys the feeling of empowerment



Aarthi is a part time Accounts Assistant at Tarnish Consultants Jayanagar.



Bhunashwari has started her tailoring work from home and is supplementing the family income with her earnings.

NIIT Computer and English Exam –

Congratulations to students for having completed their courses with flying colours



Students are busy fulfilling orders of vegetable bags. Alumni students have also taken up small catering orders. Arshiya is taking painting orders for bags at Canvas2 Crafts.



Intra School competition ---VIDYA School

Dwelling in the spirit of competitions, victory and prizes. Rhymes, colours and poems filled the space of silence. Competitions at VIDYA School Bangalore.



Digital empowerment of youth. Welcoming the new set of students at Egipura Community computer Centre.



Siddapura school: 25 students received certificates issued by VIDYA for their excellent performance in learning fundamentals of Computers.



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. Bhagini- Women’s Programme @ VIDYA Centres:
- VII. Capacity building programme @ various locations
- VIII. Digital Empowerment programme for Youth in the community Centre

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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NOTHING IN LIFE IS TO BE FEARED, IT IS ONLY TO BE UNDERSTOOD.

NOW IS THE TIME TO UNDERSTAND MORE, SO THAT WE MAY FEAR LESS.