

Vidyodaya Girls' Higher Secondary School



e-Soochna Patrika

Half Yearly Newsletter

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From the Editorial Desk...

Dear reader,

You will be surprised to receive this edition of the newsletter in your in-box today.

This is in keeping with the peculiar nature of our times for which we at Vidyodaya Girls' Higher Secondary School are constantly striving to keep pace with, even though it often leads us along new paths and out of comfort zones.

Before the year 2020 closes, it was decided by the Management of Vidyodaya Schools, that a newsletter of this kind, that highlights various activities of the school in general and in specifics, would be brought out for you our well-wishers, to know in a nut shell, how things are at Vidyodaya Girls Higher Secondary School today.

Since this our first half yearly newsletter, we are sure in the days ahead there will be more additions and exciting matters to catch up with .

It is our privilege to draw from the inputs of both teachers and students in putting together this newsletter.

We hereby present to you **e-SoochnaPatrika....**

THE EDITORS

Report in a Nutshell

Term I & II



Mrs.V.Shanthi - Headmistress V.G.H.S.S.

Dear well-wishers,

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the activities of the first two terms. The current Pandemic situation has brought about an immense change in the School Curriculum with the introduction of Online study.

The resilience and the adaptability of the staff and students as they follow the Online Teaching and Learning process is so encouraging. Beyond Academics the students are encouraged to pursue their interests in Extra-curricular activities with new initiatives. Interactive lessons are conducted through Google classroom. Classes for Std XII began in the month of May and for Std III to X from the beginning of June.

Std XII results were published and we are proud to place on record, that our students performed exemplarily well, with many of them scoring distinction in various subjects. Students of Std X and XI and Std I to IX were promoted to the next class, as per the directive of the Tamil Nadu Government due to the Corona Virus outbreak.

The Management taking into consideration

the Pandemic and its effect on the income of the parents, revised the fee structure and each of the four Alayas too contributed a sum of Rs 25000/- as Merit cum Means Scholarship for two deserving students from Std III to XII to help reduce the burden of the parents. The Management has also assigned the School Counsellor, Ms. Sridevi to assist students to overcome the stress and anxiety due to the impact of Covid 19.

Term I

TEACHERS ONLINE WEBINAR

Though schools remain closed Teachers had to undergo On-line training programme to hone their computer and teaching skills to make the teaching learning process interesting and effective.

- **Classle Skill Net conducted a Webinar on Virtual Class Room Teaching and an e certificate was presented to all teachers who participated.**

- *A Zoom Webinar was also organised for the teachers on the topic "Education during and Post Covid" on 30th May 2020.*
- *Teachers downloaded the Diksha app, Nishtha App and You Tube links, as a result visual activities and quiz programmes gained more prominence especially for the junior and senior classes.*
- *PG Teachers completed an Online test on 21st July 2020 conducted by the Tamil Nadu School Education Department on "Transacting Digital contents to students Laptops through Hi-tech lab."*
- *tGELF Skilled Teacher Workshop for classes V to IX was organised by Dinee Raheja from 18th to 21st August 2020. Teachers handling class V to IX attended the Zoom meeting.*
- *Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu in association with National Institute of Disaster Management organised a three day "Free Online Training Programme on Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction" from 24th to 26th August 2020. e- certificate was presented to the participants.*
- *Sri Aurobindo Society conducted a Google Meet on the Topic ZIIIEI /Tamil Nadu/Chennai/ Triplicane and*

Egmore /Primary Teachers Meet on 1st October 2020.

- **The Management felicitated the teachers on Teacher's Day with a cash award.**

ACADEMICS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **The Government from its part introduced Kalvi TV for students from 16th of July 2020 for all classes.**
- **Regular Online classes went on and tests were conducted to assess the knowledge and understanding of the students. The marks of which are recorded in the Mark Registers.**
- **Free text books and bags were distributed to students from Std VI to XII in line with the Government norms.**
- **IQAC and Mathematics wing of Sri Kanyaka Parameswari Arts and Science College for Women,organised a National level Poster Making Competition from 20th to 27th July 2020 and E.Suryalakshmi secured the first prize.**

CONTRIBUTION OF THE LIBRARIAN

- Mrs Sylvia, Librarian of Vidyodaya Schools sent You tube links and Online moral stories for children based on Indian, English and Japanese Folks Tales. It was a diversion from the routine and it was appreciated by the teachers and students alike.



The list of fun- filled activities were assigned to the students of Std IV to IX and they are as follows:

IV and V --- Poetry Recitation/ Story writing.

VI and IX --- Design a Book Cover/ Character wheel / Tell-A-Tale.

VIII and IX --- Design a Newsletter / Book Talk / Create a Storyboard.

OBSERVANCES

- Kamarajar Day (Kalvi Valarchi Naal) was observed on 15th of July 2020 at the V.G.H.S.S. Multipurpose Room.



- Teachers of V.G.H.S.S. and V.M.A. celebrated Independence day at the School Campus. Dr. Mahalakshmi, Medical officer, a 'Covid Health Warrior' of Zone 7 unfurled the tricolour.



Term I came to an end, with our Quarterly break from the 21st to 25th September 2020 as directed by the Government and the Management.

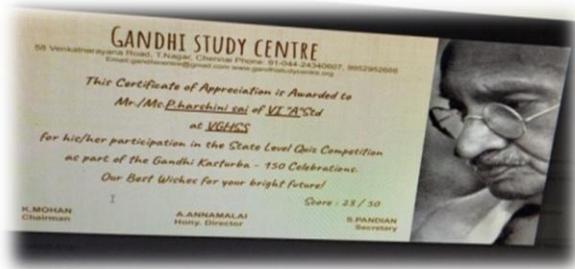
Term II

All activities for Term II began with the same gusto and enthusiasm.

STUDENT PROGRAMME

- The Ministry of Education collaborated with NCERT to commemorate the 150th Birth

Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by organising a Quiz and Essay writing Competition for students from Std III to XII. The Quiz was designed to assess the knowledge, the life, work and values of the Mahatma.



Many students participated enthusiastically. First three prizes and consolation prizes were announced.

The handiwork of the students are on display in the office corridor.

- *Science Olympiad Foundation conducted an online test in G.K, English, Science and Maths for the Primary students.*
- *To commemorate the 'International Day of Girl Child', Mrs Jeeva Raghunath, a renowned story teller conducted a story telling session on the topic 'Empowering Girls through American Stories' for Std V, on 16th October 2020. This event was sponsored by the U.S. Consulate General, Chennai*
- *U.N. Day has been a highlight of the year's activities of our school. Based on the theme, "Plant a Tree save lives". A Poster painting Competition was organised for the Juniors (Std VI to VII), and Essay writing Competition for the Seniors (Std IX and X) and a Collage making Competition for the Super Seniors (Std XI and XII).*
- *Vigilance Awareness Week was observed from 27th October to 2nd November 2020 ,students from Std VI to VII participated in the Poster painting Competition, and students from Std XII participated in an online Essay writing Competition on the Topic 'Vigilant India, Prosperous India'.*
- *V.G.H.S.S. is a member of the Rotary Interact Club. The Rotary Club of Madras scheduled a Zoom meeting for the newly Inducted office bearers of Std IX and XI on 13th November 2020. They received their badges of office from the Headmistress and also participated in an Online Fun Quiz Competition conducted by Rotary Club of Madras ,Namaste, RYLA.*



- *Children's day was marked with a variety of Competitions like fancy dress, story telling, drawing ,craft and solo dance, for the students of Std I to V.*



- *Sowrnalakshmi.C of XI B participated in an Online Quiz Wizard Competition conducted by Anita Mat. Hr.Sec. School on 16th of November 2020. 83 schools participated in the Competition and she was placed 6th.*

- *Ms Sridevi, School Counsellor, conducted regular sessions for students of Std V to XII, on topics such as, 'Bullying', Procrastination', 'Self Love', 'Communication Skills', 'Negative thinking Styles' and 'Stress Management' .:*

HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR

K.DEEPIKA OF STD XII A PARTICIPATED IN KHELO INDIA NATIONAL LEVEL BASKET BALL

TOURNAMENT (2020) AND SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE WINNING TEAM WHICH WON THE GOLD MEDAL.



MAKKAL TV INTERACTED WITH THE ASPIRING SPORTS PLAYERS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS AND DEEPIKA OF XII A WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE TV HOST. THE PROGRAMME WAS TELEVISED ON 31ST OF OCTOBER 2020.



Students from Std VI to XII are preparing their Alaya Magazine on various topics

Premalaya : Sociopedia

**Sathyalaya : Sonnenseite -
The Sunny side**

Sevalaya : 'Kräuter'-'Herbals'

**Thyagalaya: UnRe'volution-
Portable**

- **Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Sathyamangalam, Erode has conducted free Webinars for school teachers across the state from 18th to 23rd of November 2020.**

DATE & TOPIC

18/11/20 --- Effective Utilization of Zoom video Conferencing.

19/11/20 --- Effective Utilization of Google classroom.

20/11/20 --- How to create an effective presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint for online teaching.

21/11/2020 --- How to present Analytical subjects using online Board.

22/11/2020 --- How to conduct an assessment through Google Forms.

23/11/2020 --- Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality Tools.

e-certificates were presented to the teachers at the end of every session.

- *Career Guidance Programme was organised by the Student Counsellor Ms.Sridevi on Google Meet for one hour, on all Saturdays beginning from 28/11/2020 for students of Std XII. The topics covered were a wide range from Teaching and Human Resources, Public Relation and Communication, Law and Agri-Tech and Psychiatry.*

STAFF ONLINE PROGRAMME

- *Mrs. Anitha George is conducting a workshop on the nitigrities of the English language on a regular basis for teachers handling Primary section of V.G.H.S.S. and V.M.A based on the recommendations of Mrs. Bhavani Raghunathan - Executive Head of the Education Committee of Vidyodaya Schools.*

PTA MEETING

The school conducted a meeting for parents of Std IX to XII on the 9th of November 2020 (as directed by the Government) to get a feedback about their willingness to reopen the school which is reeling under the Pandemic effect.



This newsletter is a maiden attempt to keep the Management, parents, students and the faculty updated about the activities of the current Academic year during the lockdown. We as a school pledge to work hard and stay committed to the cause of Education and the upliftment of our students, despite all odds and challenges, thus living up to the vision of our Founders and the motto of our School - 'SERVICE AND SACRIFICE.'

